In B’midbar, the book of Numbers, the Israelites make their way through the wilderness, from Mount Sinai to the Promised Land, encountering all types of challenges along the journey. Often described as a people wandering through a desert of both geography and spirit, the Israelites were searching for a new normal.

After experiencing such grand events as crossing the Sea of Reeds and receiving Torah at Mount Sinai, how did the Israelites transition to the daily routine of living in the wilderness? My guess is one step at a time.

Similar to the Israelites, we are living in a time of transition, searching for our own new normal. Like the Israelites, we have crossed the sea and made it to the other side of the Covid-19 pandemic that turned our lives inside out, but we have not yet made it to the Promised Land. How do we move forward? What are the ways in which we each need to be intentional about our transition?

Though the Torah does not tell us the specific steps the Israelites took or how they coped, we have to imagine that, after experiencing these big, life-changing events, it wasn’t easy. It took time and struggle and trial and error to move forward. Without a guidebook to lead us, our spiritual charge is to figure out how to make the transition in a way that feels whole.

We’re slowly peeking our heads out into the world to see what feels right. For each of us, it will be different. Whether it’s gathering with our extended family, sending our kids to summer camp, going out to eat in a restaurant, finally traveling to a new destination or removing our masks in a small group for the first time, each experience feels like a milestone.

What if we created some space to celebrate and honor these firsts with a moment of gratitude? It could be a quiet moment of personal acknowledgment, a voiced spontaneous prayer, or reciting a favorite prayer of gratitude from our liturgy: For example, modim anachnu lach: “We acknowledge with thanks” for this moment of re-engagement. For others, perhaps it’s more meaningful to keep a written journal of firsts, create an old-fashioned photo album or make a collage of items representing milestone moments.

As these pivotal experiences give way to rediscovered routines, it’s important to recognize them and mark them in a way that honors this sacred journey. How do we get there? Just like the Israelites: step by step, week by week, Shabbat by Shabbat.

Each Shabbat, as we’ve welcomed you back into our prayer spaces at Temple, our place of sacred gathering, our spiritual home, we’ve marked this joyful transition by singing shehecheyanu. In what will surely be a year of firsts, there will be many opportunities to pause, breathe and express our unending gratitude for these sacred moments.

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha’olam, shehecheyanu v’kiy’manu v’higianu la’z’man hazeh.

Praise to You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, for giving us life, sustaining us, and enabling us to reach this season.
BECOMING AN ANTIRACIST CONGREGATION

Temple Emanu-El continues its work in eliminating racism and promoting awareness and education throughout our congregation, our city and our world. We are sharing terms studied in our Facing Our Truths small groups, and framing questions for the topics that are introduced.

MICROAGGRESSIONS

Microagressions are defined as the everyday, subtle, intentional — and often unintentional — interactions or behaviors that communicate some sort of bias toward historically marginalized groups. These are the thinly veiled, everyday instances of racism, homophobia, sexism (and more) that you see in the world. The difference between microaggressions and overt discrimination or macroaggressions, is that people who commit microaggressions might not even be aware of them. Kevin Nadal, expert on effects of microaggressions on racial/ethnic minorities and LGBTQ people

Examples:

• Someone commenting on how well an Asian American speaks English, which presumes the Asian American was not born here.
• Being followed around in stores or getting on an elevator and having people move away and grab their purses or their wallets, a feeling commonly experienced by black men.
• Comments such as “You’re a credit to your race” or “Can I touch your hair?” expressions or requests that point out differences in people.

Questions for Reflection:

• What are other examples of microaggressions, racial or otherwise?
• What are some ways you can intervene when you hear a microaggression?
• Look up common microaggressions on the internet. Have you personally made any of those comments? What unconscious underlying message did you send in that moment?

Enhanced Billing and Payment Procedures to Begin

Members will have easier online options for paying Temple financial commitments beginning July 1.

You’ll be able to access your billing account, which will include a history of past payments and current commitments. In addition, you will be able to set up an automatic bank draft. Currently, members who pay online are charged a credit card fee; the direct bank draft will not include that fee.

Members will continue to get monthly mailed notifications, and will have an opt-out option of snail mail in favor of email reminders.

“We are so pleased to offer this enhanced service to our members,” said Executive Director Meredith Fried. “We are confident it will provide more comprehensive information about member accounts and make it easier to see the whole picture of financial commitment to Temple.”

More details will be shared in coming months. For questions, contact staff accountant Elizabeth Bera, ebera@tedallas.org

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CELEBRATION AND REMEMBRANCE

BECOMING B’NAI MITZVAH

Samantha Ilana Travis | June 5
Daughter of Terry and Ryan Travis
Great Hearts Irving
Tikkun Olam: Heart House

Coco Cohen | June 12
Daughter of Jenny and Howard Cohen
Greenhill School
Tikkun Olam: Dallas SPA

Noah Riley Whitman | June 19
Son of Michelle and Craig Whitman
Parish Episcopal School
Tikkun Olam: Shoes that Fit

BABY NAMINGS

Elliot Ryan Chiu
Son of Lindsay and Scott Chiu, grandson of Alisa and Brian Sunack

Liam Edward Deporte
Son of Laura and Michael Deporte

Mango Gerhardt
Daughter of Isabel and David Gerhardt, great-granddaughter of Nanomi Schlinger

Nolo Jane Berger Oshman
Daughter of Amy Berger and Andrew Oshman

Henry Mitchell
Son of Allison and Ryan Mitchell

Jackson Reid Passes
Son of Staci Bloom and Dylan Passes

NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

Jonathan, Lauren, & Alma Berk
Rebecca, Kealey and Eleanor Birnbell
Stacy, Eric, Joseph and Liam Galder
Zee Herrera and Eva Fisher
Jacinta Kaplan and David Wheeler
Kevin Katamarti
Brian, Heather and Cara Post
Suzanne Sarbofsky
Peter, Stephanie, Penelope and Lorelei Stone
Julie Wolf-Beshar, Mark and Spencer Beshar, and Asher Wolf

IN MEMORIAM

Lawrence “Larry” Albert
Father of Jim Albert

Susan Betz
Mother of Alan Betz, Diana Betz and Elsha McDonald

Jacqueline Budow-Prager
Wife of Dr. Martin Prager

Mother of Henry Budow and Larry Budow

Barry Lippman Cohen
Father of Josh Cohen, Shana Cohen, Collin Cohen and Shaun Cohen

Bob Cooper
Father of Kevin Cooper

Abraham Goldfarb
Husband of Barbara Goldfarb

Father of Gil Ahl, June Penciuc and Mark Goldfarb

Rita Goldfarb
Mother of Janet Goldfarb and Debby Goldfarb

Fred Greene

Libby Ann Aronstein Cohn Greene
Father and Mother of Ellen Heller, Shelly Gopin and Jamie Couchman

Sandra Holland
Mother of Amy Bouton and Ian Holland

Jerome Kosten
Father of Jenny Cohen

Rose Kolni
Sister of Harold Kolni

MAZEL TOV

To Karen Weinreb and David Weinreb on the marriage of their daughter, Carly, to A.J. Finer

WEDDINGS

Raven Gates and Adam Gottschalk
Marissa Shiller and Josh Bethke

CONVERSION

Kyle Oholendt
Dr. George Williams
L. E. Wolovits

HERE FOR YOU

Temple clergy and staff are available to support members of our community dealing with mental and physical issues. Please reach out to us if you or a friend or family member is dealing with issues related to the pandemic, depression, addiction, grief, cancer, chronic conditions, infertility, mobility issues, housing transition, job loss or other conditions.

Contact: Meredith Pryzant, Director of Member Support, mpryzant@tedallas.org or 214.706.000, ext. 122.

WELL-BEING

Yoga Emanu-El with Debbi K. Levy
Tuesday, July 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 4pm on Facebook

Temple Cares

GRIEF SUPPORT

Temple Emanu-El
Tuesday, July 6 at 11:30AM-1PM on Zoom
Contact Meredith Pryzant at mpryzant@tedallas.org for more information about group and/or Zoom link.

Jewish Family Service
Tuesday, July 20 at 12-1PM on Zoom
For more information and Zoom link, contact Deborah Leibensberger at 972.437.9950 or dleibensberger@jfsdallas.org

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Numbers 25:1-10

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Saturday, July 3
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Shira Stevenson

D’varim
Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22

Friday, July 9
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Saturday, July 10
10:30am
Rabbi Daniel Utley
Hallie Weiner, Cantorial Intern

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Deuteronomy 7:12-11:2

Friday, July 16
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Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen
Cantor Leslie Niren

Saturday, July 17
10:30am
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Matot–Mas’ei
Numbers 30:2-36:13

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Saturday, July 24
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Va-et’chanan
Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11

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The Pandemic Pivot

Youth Learning + Engagement reflects on a year of discovery and innovation, celebrates new leadership and introduces exciting changes for Sunday mornings.

Where We’ve Been: The 2020-2021 Year

With two groups of eight students, I was able to get to know my kids better than ever before and really incorporate each of their interests. Each child had a chance to shine, shape the mode of learning, and build deeper friendships with one another. Despite all of the challenges of a Covid year, the class felt more cohesive and we explored in greater depth than ever before.

—Mogan Tobey, 2nd grade teacher

We were pleasantly surprised at how engaged our daughter was all year. After just a few short weeks, Reva was logging in early to talk to her teacher. Mrs. Wylie was engaging, fun and clearly loves teaching our kiddos about Judaism in a way they could easily relate. We had an awesome year.

—Wendy Hatchell, 3rd grade and kindergarten parent, with Reva

This year was a lot of fun. I loved having a few people to learn with. We learned more and I was friends with everyone.

—Ella Bogdanow, 2nd grade

Having two great teachers that took a small-group approach really helped me. The other teens in my group were nice, and learning with them and hearing their perspective assisted me on my own personal journey. It was an experience I’ll never forget.

—Maiya Norris, incoming 10th grader
Where We’re Going

Temple is pleased to welcome Andrew Paull as the Director of Youth Education. Andrew has moved to Dallas from New York City, where he served as Director of Teen Engagement and Special Projects at Shaaray Tefila in New York. We caught up with him to share some insights on his own Jewish journey.

When it clicked: Best religious school moment
My favorite was our 10th grade Confirmation trip to Washington D.C. for the Religious Action Center’s L’Taken Social Justice Seminar. (I’m a big proponent of immersive experiences as part of religious school education.) L’Taken was such a fun and meaningful weekend, and the opportunity to lobby on Capitol Hill taught me about the importance of social justice and Reform Judaism.

Why youth group mattered
Growing up in rural Washington state, there were only four other Jewish students at my high school, including my sister. My temple youth group and NFTY were the places I felt like part of a vibrant and welcoming Jewish community. It was also where I learned to be a leader among my peers, even as a teenager.

Camp is life
As a Jewish kid in the Pacific Northwest, I didn’t have a Union for Reform Judaism summer camp like Greene Family Camp to go to when I was younger. Starting in 7th grade, my temple ran its own 10-day summer camp, where I moved from camper to counselor over five summers. In 2007, URJ Camp Kalsman opened in Arlington, Washington, and there I served on the inaugural staff and continued through the end of college. In total, I’ve spent 15 summers at Jewish summer camp!

I have special memories of the Saturday night Havdalah service, sitting around the campfire and singing songs with my camp friends. I would love to see that same sort of energy during music and t’filah at YL+E.

Trending in Jewish youth education?
We are shifting toward experiential Jewish education, a pedagogy that engages the whole person and centers on learning through doing. Research shows that this is the sort of educational approach that leaves a lasting impact on students and families, and I am excited to help move in this direction with YL+E at Temple Emanu-El.

This is important: What New York food will you miss the most?
I will most certainly miss New York bagels, but I am excited about lots of quality breakfast taco options.

Saying ‘yes’ to Temple
I am excited to be part of a team that is thinking creatively about 21st century approaches to Jewish education, engagement, identity formation and community. During my interviews, it was clear that there’s something truly special about Temple Emanu-El, and I am very excited and honored to be part of the magic.

Who We Are

YL+E is an integral partner to parents in raising Jewish youth and inspiring them to grow into Jewishly connected mensches who bring chesed (kindness), rachamim (compassion), and tzedek (justice) into everything they do. At YL+E programs, youth and teens create relationships with one another and with adult role models (including Temple’s clergy and our phenomenal faculty) and use those connections to explore Jewish life. Youth and teens engage in meaning-making and personal exploration as they learn to see life through Jewish lenses and explore how Judaism intersects with their personal interests.

—Rabbi Amy Ross, Senior Director of Education and Engagement, shown with Briana and Leona at Conrad High School in Vickery Meadow
Sunday Mornings: The Year Ahead

Lots of exciting changes are in store for YL+E that build on the momentum of previous years, including small-group learning and diverse elective choices. The program this year will be held in person. Here’s a snapshot of how Sunday mornings will unfold for students. Parents will also have access to our “In the Know” parent education program and will be able to connect with other parents. Watch Temple communications for more details!

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More details on service times, admission process, holiday learning, hunger relief, cooking and gathering will be available in the coming weeks in Temple communications. We look forward to sharing the journey together!

**DATES**

**SELICHOT**
August 28

**ROSH HASHANAH**
September 6-7

**SHABBAT SHUVAH, SERVICE OF RETURN**
September 10-11

**KEVER AVOT, SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE**
September 12

**YOM KIPPUR**
September 15-16

**SUKKOT**
September 20-27

**SIMCHAT TORAH**
September 27-28

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**ELUL**

Elul, from Aug. 9-Sept. 6, is the month preceding Rosh Hashanah and dedicated to spiritual preparation for the Days of Awe. Our Elul observance this year include exciting speakers each Shabbat, Talmud classes with ATiD, our 20s and 30s community, and the return of Rabbi Debra Robbins class on Psalm 27, the traditional text recited every day during the month (with a new app!, see p. 5)

**MEMORIAL BOOKS**

Temple will offer the memorial book for Yom Kippur Yizkor in print and online this year. Please submit names of the loved ones whose names you’d like to include by July 23, by filling out the form at participate.tedallas.org/memorialbook or by calling Amy Hartley at 214.706.0000. It is customary to remember your loved ones at this time of year, and many choose to honor their loved ones with a nedavah, or gift, to Temple in their memories.
HIGH HOLY DAYS HUNGER RELIEF
We will be collecting non-perishable food items to help feed our neighbors. Items requested include canned meats, canned fruits and vegetables, canned and dried soup, rice and pasta. You may also make a cash donation to help support our social justice partners at participate.tedallas.org/hunger-relief-donation.

Drop off your items at Temple at the truck from North Dallas Shared Ministries on Sept. 6-8 and Sept. 15-17.

For more information, contact Erica Strauss, Director of Social Justice and Special Projects, estrauss@tedallas.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Here are two meaningful projects to help you connect to Temple through volunteering. We need your help!

- Temple will be hosting Connect Emanu-El, a calling campaign to reach out to our members about the High Holy Days. Contact: Holly Mapel, Member Care Coordinator, at hmapel@tedallas.org or 214.706.0000 ext. 270. Deadline to volunteer is July 23.

- Volunteers are also need to assemble and deliver gift bags to to members of our community who are unable to come to Temple for the High Holy Days. Contact: Debbie Fuqua at dfuqua@tedallas.org, 214.706.0000 ext. 128.

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Reach beyond — to the infinite and eternal.
Reach deep — with every quiet breath.
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By The Light Family

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By Marianne Morris &
By Audrey & Stanton Unell

Memory of Stephen G. Sherman
By Carlo Sherman

Memory of Arthur Weisstein
By Dotty & Lew Weisstein

Appreciation of Rabbi David Stern
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ECEC Passes Milestone on Road to International Baccalaureate Program

The Early Childhood Education Center has been approved for a significant second step in the road to becoming an International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (PYP) school.

In May, the ECEC received notification of being a candidate school for the PYP. The PYP is an inquiry-based, student-centered approach to education. The third and final stage is authorization.

“For us to have reached this phase this year is a huge step,” says Kelsey Winocour, ECEC consultant for the IB process. “In the coming year, we will work further to train staff, work with IB consultants, and implement the IB as well as integrate this into our school philosophy of being a Jewish, Reggio inspired, International Baccalaureate, nature-centered school.”
FOUR DYNAMIC FILMS
BEGINNING JULY 13

Enjoy great films and engaging talk-back discussions with our clergy and lay leaders. Temple is committed to a multi-access experience of our events and is pleased to offer in-person viewing, with limited capacity, at the first and last films. (Movie snacks will be provided to-go after the film.) The second and third films and discussions will be available online. (Enjoy snacks and adult beverages of your choice from the comfort of home!)

7PM | $5 per film, $18 for season pass

Register for in person and online: participate.tedallas.org/cinemaemanuel2021

Contact: Rachel Tucker at rtucker@tedallas.org

STAYING SAFE AT TEMPLE

We are delighted to offer two experiences of Cinema Emanu-El, both with movie snacks and great discussions! If you attend in-person, please fill out the health form within 24 hours of arrival, at participate.tedallas.org/selfhealthquestionnaire, which includes Our Brit: Covenant of Care, a commitment to ensuring the safety of the community.
JULY 13

Fiddler: Miracle of Miracles

In person, advance registration required
Facilitator: Randy Pearlman

Experience the origin story behind one of Broadway’s beloved musicals and its creative roots in early ’60s New York, an era of evolving changes in gender roles, race and religion.

JULY 20

Saul and Ruby

Online/Zoom
Facilitator: Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen

A story of courage, finding purpose and the transcendent power of music: Saul and Ruby moved to America after surviving the Holocaust. They started families and careers, grew old and retired to South Florida. Then another exciting chapter began when they started a klezmer band. You won’t want to miss this compelling story about finding meaning at any age.

JULY 27

Crescendo

Online/Zoom
Facilitator: Cantor Leslie Niren

A world-famous conductor uses his skill and emotional resources to overcome the discord as he creates an Israeli-Palestinian orchestra. See how he tries to create harmony over discord as the film rises to a tense and emotional finale.

AUGUST 3

’Til Kingdom Come

In person, advance registration required
Facilitators: Cantor Vicky Glikin and Katherine Carte, Temple member and professor of religious history at Southern Methodist University

This documentary traces the controversial bond between American evangelicals and the State of Israel.
Striking a Chord

The organ in the Olan Sanctuary is one of the largest in the country, with 2,852 pipes, 51 ranks, three manuals, 37 stop and 46 registers. The keyboard is in the choir loft, but the pipes have their own room on the east side of the sanctuary.

The organ was purchased in March 1956 for $5,066 (with an initial down payment of $506.60). It was supposed to take six months to build and be complete on September 1, 1956, but it took much longer. A letter to Louis Tobian, chair of the building committee, dated Jan. 11, 1957, stated that the organ structure was "virtually completed" and would be "shipped later this month." We don't know the exact date of completion, but when we hear the beautiful sound it makes, we know it has withstood the test of time.