A Warm Welcome

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On the Journey Toward Answers, Honor the Questions

Rabbi David Stern

This year, March comes in like a lion, and goes out like a… seder. Passover arrives on Saturday night, March 27 and will mark our second consecutive seder celebrated in this pandemic. Once again, we will all try to figure out who can gather safely, how to connect with each other on Zoom, and how to benefit from the resources that Temple will provide. (Please see pp. 10-12 for more information on Temple’s online congregational seder and other Passover activities.)

But for all the adjustments we have made to our seders for last year and this, certain themes remain constant: the passage from slavery to freedom and degradation to dignity, the awareness of contemporary slaveries and today’s immigrant journeys and crossings.

And of course, fundamental to our seders this year as in every other, the deep Jewish valuing of questions. The sages of the Talmud explained certain unusual seder practices not only by virtue of their spiritual symbolism, but kedzy sheyakiru tinokot v’yishaltu “so that the children will notice and ask.” In other words, certain seder practices are simply designed to provoke curiosity, to promote questioning. The Four Questions we know so well are actually a “Plan B,” a set of backup questions in case the children are not naturally provoked to ask questions of their own.

In my favorite passage about the centrality of questions – any questions – at the seder, the Talmud (Babylonian Talmud Tractate Pesachim 116a) teaches: “If the leader’s child is wise and knows how to inquire, the child asks. But if the child does not ask, the leader’s wife asks. And if even his wife does not ask, the leader should ask himself!” The presence of questions at the seder is so important the leader of the seder should ask him or herself if nobody else rises to the occasion.

But as the Haggadah teaches us, there are questions and there are questions. If you take a good look at the scriptural verses which form the basis for the questions asked by the Four Children, there really isn’t much difference between the content of the wise child’s question (“What mean the decrees, laws, and rules that the Lord our God has commanded you?”) and the wicked child’s question (“What do you mean by this service?”). The contrast comes in how the rabbis characterize them — they attribute to the wise child the best of motives, claiming that her question is asked out of genuine curiosity and respect. In contrast, the rabbis read the wicked child’s question as an expression of derision and dismissal.

Why does the Haggadah create these questioning characters, and their contrasting motivations, out of whole cloth? To demonstrate that questions, even if they contain almost the same words, can be instruments of either empathy or attack. Because sometimes, in both our personal and our national lives, we ask a question with genuine curiosity about the response of the other, and sometimes we use the question as a weapon to diminish or dismiss the one to whom we direct it. In this way, when we come to the Four Children at our seders this year, we will also arrive at some ancient wisdom for our present society, a contemporary culture trying to heal its way back from a discourse-crippling tone of toxic polarization. Our goal should not be some cotton candy fantasy of easy harmony or unanimity of perspective, but instead to return to a place where questions can be curious again, where we can demonstrate interest and humility, and not just fear or scorn, when we encounter difference.

This year, March comes in like a lion, and goes out like a… question. May the questions we ask at our seders and throughout the year ahead be motivated by ethical compass and empathy, humility and genuine curiosity. May our great Jewish tradition of questioning be a source of blessing in our lives and in the world.
Temple Emanu-El is committed to becoming an antiracist congregation. Over the next several months, we are sharing a glossary of terms studied in our Facing Our Truths groups, as well as framing questions on the topics.

Color Blindness: A color-blind society, in sociology, is one in which racial classification does not affect a person’s opportunities. Such societies are free from differential legal or social treatment based on their race or color.

Color Consciousness: A theory stating that equality under the law is not enough. It rejects the concept of fundamental racial differences, but holds that physical differences such as skin color can and do negatively impact some people’s life opportunities.

Questions for Reflection:
- Does color blindness as a practice protect people of color from discrimination? Why or why not?
- How does your race impact you? What are the benefits to naming these dynamics?
- How can implicit bias and color consciousness work together to combat racism?

For more information, contact Alexandra Horn, ahorn@tedallas.org.

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IN MEMORIAM

Lillian Bierner
Mother of Dr. Samuel Bierner and Sally Wells
Dr. Ronald Hyman Blum
Father of Greg Blum and Kyle Blum
Brother of Jerold Blum

Beth Goldsmith Brown
Wife of Steve Brown
Mother of Stephen Brown and Lauren Zeitman
Sister of Harry Goldsmith, Peggy Fineman and Jane Butler

Alan Holland
Father of Eri Holland
Father of Jason Holland, Lannette Pleasant and Clifford Holland

Martin Greenberg
Husband of Elin Greenberg
Sister of Susan Jacobs and Dennis Jacobs

Irene Jacobs
Sister of Larry Ginsburg
Son of Dr. Michael and Iris Podolsky

Armin Selman
Father of Gustavo Subran

Martin Shosid
Husband of Rosalyn Shosid
Father of Larry Shosid, Karen Weinreb and Susan Bendalin

Brother of Wendy Carson

Klara Zadernovskaya
Mother of Alla Tsurkan
Brother of Marlene Franklin

BABY NAMINGS

Evelyn Elise and Amelia June Lavey
daughters of Laura and Michael Lavey

Arthur “Artie” Saul Lipschitz
son of Christine and Warren Lipschitz

TEMPLE CARES

GRIEF SUPPORT
Tuesdays, March 9 and 23, 11:30AM-1PM on Zoom
Contact Meredith Pryzant at mpryzant@tedallas.org for more information about group and/or Zoom link.

PANDEMIC RELATED ONGOING SUPPORT
We are grateful that Jewish Family Services continues to provide ongoing opportunities for group support related to the pandemic. For more information, see tedallas.org/community/mental-health-resources.

NO BARRIERS
Finances should never be a barrier to participation in Temple life. Confidential financial assistance is available for most Temple events, tuition and dues.

COMMUNITY

Tikkun Olam: Jewish Family Service
Sandler Fitzgerald | March 20
Daughter of Ragan and Patrick Fitzgerald
Haggard Middle School
Tikkun Olam: Led a Hanukkah crafting party with CHAI Dallas and Lemonaide Society

OUR COMMUNITY

BECOMING B’NAI MITZVAH

Jeffrey Rubenstein | March 6
Son of Melissa and Jonathan Rubenstein
Highland Park Middle School
Tikkun Olam: Jewish Family Service

CONVERSION

Chiara Bloom Meyer
Gary Clay

Sandler Fitzgerald | March 20
Daughter of Ragan and Patrick Fitzgerald
Haggard Middle School
Tikkun Olam: Led a Hanukkah crafting party with CHAI Dallas and Lemonaide Society

WEDDINGS

Irene Sibaja and Hal Karp
Madeleine Rosuck and Ryan Kline
Jackie Schornstein and Jeff Capiluto
Kristy Weinstein and Gary Goltz

BABY NAMINGS

Evelyn Elise and Amelia June Lavey
daughters of Laura and Michael Lavey
Arthur “Artie” Saul Lipschitz
son of Christine and Warren Lipschitz

NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

Sharon, Roberto and Julian Aguilar
Amy Berger, Andrew Oshman, and Nola Berger Oshman
Staci Bloom, Dylan and Brayden Passes
Molly Bruder, Mark and William Schachter
Emma Rosen, Nick and William Culluzzo
Brad, Kelly and Maren Geminder
Greta Goldberg, Jeff and Drew Diamant
Brett, Farrell and Emerson Lacher
Greer Lienman and Josh Rosen
Alla Pertsovskaya and Valeriy Pertsovskiy

SHINE THE LIGHT ON MENTAL-WELLBEING

YOGA EMANU-EL

Yoga Through a Jewish Lens
Join certified instructor Debbi K. Levy for this weekly yoga practice through a Jewish lens.
Online live session on Facebook.

Tuesdays at 4PM | March 2, 9, 16, 23

Contact: Rachel Tucker, rtucker@tedallas.org

To Cynthia Schneidler and James Brodsky on the birth of their granddaughter, Ruth Ada Brodsky, daughter of Max and Claudia Brodsky.
Need a copy of Mishkan T’Filah?

Temple is thrilled that so many in our community join us for online services on Zoom and Facebook Live. If you do not have a copy of Mishkan T’Filah, the Shabbat and Festival prayer book of the Reform Movement, Temple is happy to lend out copies.

To borrow your copy, contact Anjelica Ruiz, Director of Libraries and Archives, aruiz@tedallas.org.

Temple Book Club

The Temple Book Club meets virtually on the first Monday of the month at 2 PM. To sign up and receive Zoom links, contact Anjelica Ruiz at aruiz@tedallas.org.

April 5: “Strangers and Cousins,” by Leah Hager Cohen

June 7: “Rachel’s Legacy,” by Julie Thomas
Talk to Us!

Join the Temple members who have been interviewed via Zoom and share your wonderful memories of Temple in the oral history interview project for the Archives.

The interviews are being conducted online by staff and volunteers, and are by invitation only at this point. Interviewees include multigenerational families, older members, past presidents, clergy who have gone to other congregations, lay leadership and more. The project is ongoing and will be included as part of Temple’s sesquicentennial celebration.

“This is a wonderful way for us to create a vibrant history of Temple from the people who have made it the place it is today. The interviews are easy to do and are being held from the safety of people’s homes, via Zoom,” said May Sebel, chair of the Archives Committee.

If you have suggestions of people to be interviewed or would like to participate as an interviewer, contact Anjelica Ruiz, Director of Libraries and Archives, aruiz@tedallas.org.

WRJ Events

All events are online and Zoom Links can be found at tesisterhood.org

March Daughters of Abraham
Thursday, March 18, 7-8:30PM
Topic: Objects of Our Faith
This interfaith group of Jewish, Muslim and Christian women meets monthly on topics of shared importance.

Lilith Salon
Sunday, March 21, 3-5PM
This group reads and discusses selected articles from Lilith Magazine.

Meditation with Roz Katz
Sunday, March 21, 8PM

Passover Cooking with Alex Smith
Monday, March 22, 7:30PM

Peaceful Prayers in PJs (national event)
Wednesday, March 24, 8PM

Meet other parents-to-be and learn about building your own traditions as a Jewish family in this popular course taught by educator Rachel Utley.

April 11, 18, 25 and May 2, 9-10:15AM on Zoom

Register: participate.tedallas.org/deliveryroomspring21
Contact: Erika Purdy-Patrick, epurdy-patrick@tedallas.org
The Nominating Committee consisted of Macki Ellenbogen, Chair; Liz Chalfant, Jeana Foxman, Barbara Hyman, Mark Kleinman, Harold Kolni, Lottye Lyle, Peggy Papert and Fran Toubin. Serving as ex-officio to this committee were Chris Chenine, President, and Beth Gold, First Vice President. In accordance with Article VI, Section 10 of the by-laws of Congregation Temple Emanu-El, the Nominating Committee submits the following nominations for officers and trustees:

**NEW SLATE**
The following people are being proposed to serve as officers for a one-year term:
- **President**
  - Beth Gold

- **First Vice President**
  - Bob Krakow

- **Vice President**
  - Sara Albert
  - Debbie Andres
  - Jeana Foxman
  - Sara Frankfurt Gail
  - Barry Greenberg
  - Jon Rollins

- **Secretary**
  - Rachelle Weiss Crane

- **Treasurer**
  - Greg Gerstenhaber

The following people are being proposed to serve for a first two-year term:
- **President**
  - Rachel Elkin
  - Macki Ellenbogen
  - Ann Zimmerman Gallant
  - Ladd Hirsch
  - Gary Kahn
  - Foyya Mondall
  - Brad Sham

- **First Vice President**
  - Bob Krakow

- **Vice President**
  - Sara Albert
  - Debbie Andres
  - Jeana Foxman
  - Sara Frankfurt Gail
  - Barry Greenberg
  - Jon Rollins

- **Secretary**
  - Rachelle Weiss Crane

- **Treasurer**
  - Greg Gerstenhaber

The following people are being proposed to serve for a second two-year term:
- **President**
  - Nikki Gibson
  - Gayle Johansen
  - Josh Kahn
  - Hanne Klein
  - Ito Perl
  - Randy Ratner
  - Paige Sachs
  - Matthew Swerdlow
  - Diana Telecco
  - Tina Wasserman

**CONTINUING BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
The people listed below are not part of the slate because they are in the middle of their term. Their names are listed for your information only, and in order that you may get a full picture of the proposed board.

The following people have served the first year of their first two-year term:
- Rhoni Golden
- Paul Michaels
- Elise Flaksen
- Peggy Papert
- Barbara Solomon
- Rachel Wilson

The following people have served the first year of their second two-year term:
- Nikki Gibson
- Gayle Johansen
- Josh Kahn
- Hanne Klein
- Ito Perl
- Randy Ratner
- Paige Sachs
- Matthew Swerdlow
- Diana Telecco
- Tina Wasserman

The following past presidents serve on the Board of Trustees:
- Chris Chenine
- Robert Cohain
- Bert Fischel
- Larry Ginsburg
- Suzi Greenman
- Harold Kleinman
- Robin Rosberg
- Ronald Mankoff
- Scott McCartney
- Stanley Robin
- Bernard Roden
- Frank Risch
- Herbert Rosenthal
- Mike Sims
- Mark Zilbermann

**APPOINTMENTS AND DEPARTING BOARD MEMBERS**
The following appointments to the Board of Trustees have been made in accordance with Article IV, Section 1 of the by-laws by virtue of their congregational office**:

- **Brotherhood President**
  - Joel Batalsky

- **Brotherhood Executive Vice President**
  - Dr. Xico R. Baruch Garcia

- **WRJ Co-Presidents**
  - TBD

- **Cemetery Committee Chair**
  - Julie Bleicher

We thank the following members who so willingly and ably served the congregation and now depart the Board of Trustees:
- Doug Baer
- Jerry Frank
- Marcia Grossfeld
- Betsy Kleinman
- Harold Kolni
- Peter Lando
- Greg Leyden
- Jessica Marx
- Morris Palefsky
- Teresa Rosenfield
- Connie Rudick
- Jacqueline Schwartz
- Morgan Tobey
- Erin Zolpolsky

*Changes in Board members are subject to organizational elections or presidential appointments taking place later in the year.

**ANNUAL MEETING**

Tuesday, March 30, 6PM via Zoom*
Come together to have a say in Temple’s future, honor our current and departing leaders, and congratulate our new officers and trustees.

*A link to the meeting will be available in the Weekly on Monday, March 29.
Whenever we are discussing human connection and authentic relationships at Temple, Beth Gold is at the table. Temple’s incoming president has been at the forefront of the cultural shift of the past three decades toward making our synagogue warmer, more welcoming and more meaningful. From a seminal study of congregational education to chairing the membership committee to the dynamic engagement task force of recent years, relationships are part of Beth’s Temple DNA.

The 57-year-old longtime volunteer and former director of product development for Fossil leads the slate of officers to be elected on March 30 at Temple’s 149th annual meeting. She is Temple’s 70th president and the fifth woman in the role. A native of Manchester, Connecticut, Beth is an alumna of Tufts University. She is married to Jim, and the proud mother of Caroline, 26, and Matthew, 22. Her parents, Sue and Bernie Apter, moved to Dallas last year, and her in-laws, Rita Sue and Alan Gold, are also Dallas residents and longtime Temple members.

As she prepares to take the reins from outgoing president Chris Cheniae, Beth shared some thoughts on her Temple journey and the exciting paths ahead.

One of your favorite quotes is from “Relational Judaism” by Dr. Ron Wolfson: “Those who embrace the covenantal relationship discover how to live a life of meaning and purpose, belonging and blessing.” How has that happened for you at Temple?

When I look back at the things I’ve done at Temple, everything has been about engagement and connection. The Engagement Task Force that I chaired with Gayle Johansen was a natural fit. It was the most impactful project that I’ve worked on, and one I’m most proud of. We were entrusted by Rabbi David Stern and [then president] Scott McCartney to develop a plan to create a more engaged Temple. They challenged us to be disruptive, to generate new ideas, to secure our place as a strong and vibrant community. I believe we moved the needle. Together with our beautiful new spaces from the Our Temple | Our Future campaign, I think Temple feels like a connection point to a greater sense of community and belonging.

Yes, the sense of energy is palpable...

When I think about Tycher Gathering Space in particular, we created a space that feels like a big living room. You see people meeting for coffee, having lunch, talking together. There’s a feeling of ‘I belong here. This is my home.’

We definitely missed you for a few years (2004-2010) when you and your family moved to Westchester, New York. How exciting, though, to be a part of Westchester Reform Temple, with all its connections to our own congregation.

We had a wonderful experience in New York. It was so meaningful that WRT had been Rabbi Jack Stern’s congregation. When I was homesick for Dallas, I’d see photos of Rabbi David Stern’s confirmation and bar mitzvah hanging in the WRT hallways! That always made me smile. It was also an incredible time of growth for our family. We found a great community there. I was also able to take part in the Wexner Heritage Program for lay leadership, and later was able to work with Federation to bring that program to Dallas when I moved back. Everything just kind of came together for me in that time. I honed in on what my passions are when it comes to synagogue life — to create myriad entry points, to help people find the right path for themselves. The synagogue has the potential to create such a rich and meaningful Jewish connection. That really drives me.
Even before stepping into the role, you’ve been on the front lines as Temple navigates the pandemic. What challenges will you wake up to on March 31?

The greatest challenge has been finding ways to keep people connected virtually. Clergy and staff are continually coming up with innovative and creative ways of making that happen. I’m also amazed and inspired by how quickly everyone embraced the new normal. On a Friday night during online services, there’s so much conversation appearing in the chat room, that it’s just like being in Stern Chapel! I love that.

If there’s one thing we’ve learned really quickly, it is that technology is here to stay. It has enabled so many members to join us and gather virtually. It has become another connection point and certainly a silver lining of this pandemic. A beautiful example of that is the ability to still be present when you can’t physically attend a funeral or a shiva minyan; and we’ve all been able to be there for our friends and family via Zoom.

Racial justice over the past year has taken a front row seat in Temple’s focus. The Within Our Walls and Beyond: Antiracism Task Force started in November. We’re working to make it a personal journey for the members who have agreed to take part. Right now we’re looking at departmental processes through a lens of racial reconciliation. The hope is that this critical work will result in new procedures and activities, that we as a congregation will be more mindful and more focused on dismantling racism within our community and beyond.

Your presidency coincides with a very special birthday for Temple. What can we expect as Temple turns 150 in 2022?

We are just beginning to get the creative juices flowing. We expect an entire year of celebration and commemoration, with a myriad of ways to honor the past, present and future through social justice projects, gatherings, speakers and worship. We’ll also be working on ensuring the vibrancy of Temple’s future through an endowment campaign.

And when you’re not at Temple? Yes, we let you leave sometimes!

I’ve joined the ranks of people perfecting their challah-baking skills. I love to cook and bake. I exercise to stay sane and I love spending time with my family. Matthew is a senior at the Kelly School of Business at Indiana University. Caroline is in graduate school at UT-Austin, pursuing a master’s degree in social work. And in June, Jim and I celebrate our 30th anniversary!
Looking Back on a Forward-Thinking Presidency

Chris Cheniae’s term as president of Temple Emanu-El comes to a close this month, after new officers and trustees are elected at the Annual Meeting on March 30. As he prepares for his next phase of Temple leadership, he took a few moments to reflect on the multitude of experiences, both public and personal, of the past two years. Thank you, Chris, for your service!

WHAT HE’LL MISS
The emails, notes, letters, and calls — whether they were messages of thanks, suggestion, or concern, the notes always had a similar theme: Temple remains a cherished and vital part of people’s lives.

AND WHAT HE WON’T MISS!
That one is easy: Having the responsibility to convene a crisis task force!

Through a lens of our Jewish values, Temple’s Coronavirus and Medical Advisory Task Force has helped help Temple leaders recognize the needs of our community and determine appropriate safety measures to limit any spread. The work has been tedious, stressful — and rewarding. Even though this group was formed because of a crisis, I am so grateful to everyone involved for their dedication.

ADVICE FOR THE NEXT PRESIDENT
I’ve been extremely fortunate to have Beth Gold in the First Vice President spot the past two years. Over the past 10 months, she has really been my co-president. Beth, before you become the sole president of Temple Emanu-El, take a vacation!

BEST ADVICE FROM PAST PRESIDENTS
When standing on the bimah in the Olan Sanctuary on Erev Rosh Hashanah, remember to pause, breathe and take in the view.

I have used that advice often, whether Temple is bursting at the seams with congregants or quiet and it seems I’m the only one there. I try to pause, breathe and see why a promise that began almost 150 years ago continues to anchor us today.

A promise that we will be there for one another. We promise to listen, share, and try new things. We will take time for one another, surprise one another, and remember to laugh and smile a lot!
Temple Emanu-El has reimagined the staff in an exciting new way, with four interconnected departments that support the vital role of Temple as a center of our members’ spiritual lives. The concept of “One Team” is the guiding philosophy. Clergy liaison relationships throughout the structure add support to all the individual departments.

**SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY**
Led by Rabbi David Stern
This department leads Temple in becoming a place of sacred encounter, where members can connect with God, themselves and the Jewish people. It includes all rabbis, cantors and clergy assistants.

“This exciting new model puts our whole wonderful Temple staff in the position to be even more responsive to the spiritual, communal and educational needs of our congregation, while enhancing the sense of alignment and collaboration we feel with one another.”

**EDUCATION AND ENGAGEMENT**
Led by Rabbi Amy Ross, Senior Director
This team maximizes connections and creativity in the areas of Youth Learning, Family Education and Engagement, Youth Engagement, Congregational Engagement and Libraries and Archives.

“The new team name formalizes a practice we’ve been building to for some time: Education and engagement are seamless. Being an active, engaged member of a community creates many paths to learning, and learning, which is so much more than what happens in a classroom, creates many paths to engagement.”

**OPERATIONS**
Led by Meredith Fried, Executive Director
This team creates the environment for Temple to run smoothly and fulfill its core values, and includes the departments of Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC)*, Cemetery, Brand Marketing and Communications, Facilities and Operations and Finance.

“As we developed this new structure, we used the image of a flower as our inspiration. Each petal is beautiful and vital, and they are all nurtured from the core.”

*ECEC is an essential component of education and engagement at Temple and remains connected through the clergy liaison relationship with Rabbi Amy Ross.

**CONGREGATIONAL ADVANCEMENT**
Led by Sandy Diamond, Senior Director
This team focuses on relationships with all our members, and includes the departments of Development, Membership Services, Membership Support, Engagement Opportunities and Older Adults.

“Every congregant is part of our larger story, and we’re so excited to work together in new ways to build community and create opportunities for our members.”

**CONTACT US**
If you have a question and aren’t sure who to call, any member of Temple staff is always happy to help guide you. Call the main number at 214.706.0000 or email info@tedallas.org.
Passover 2021

Experience anew the timeless journey from oppression to freedom

Passover begins at sundown on Saturday, March 27 and ends at sundown on Saturday, April 3

CONNECT

HELP WRITE LETTERS TO EVERY CONGREGANT

March 2-16
Beginning Tuesday, March 2, volunteers will engage in a Passover letter-writing project for our entire congregation! Every Temple household will receive a handwritten note with a unique Passover supplement in the mail. Teens and children will also receive a letter. Families, teens and adults of all ages are encouraged to volunteer. Sign up: bit.ly/3oBV1F1

CELEBRATE

FIRST NIGHT CONGREGATIONAL SEDER

Saturday, March 27, 6PM on Zoom
An interactive seder for individuals and families of all ages, including conversations in small break-out rooms. Zoom links will be provided in the Weekly prior to the seder.
Contact: Erika Purdy-Patrick, epurdy-patrick@tedallas.org

Sunday, March 28, 6PM
SECOND NIGHT SEDER FOR ATID
Temple’s community of 20s and 30s young adults. Contact: Erika Purdy-Patrick, epurdy-patrick@tedallas.org

Need a Haggadah?
Borrow one from Temple!
Haggadot are available for you to borrow from the Temple Library. Contact Anjelica Ruiz, aruiz@tedallas.org
WELCOMING DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

In a few weeks, we’ll immerse ourselves in the Passover story, with its imperatives to welcome the stranger and to imagine ourselves as enslaved. Temple is fortunate to host two dynamic speakers this month to lead us in new ways of thinking about how fear and hate still resonate with us today, and how we can move forward from mitzrayim, the narrow spaces in our society and in our own lives.

HIAS REFUGEE SHABBAT

Friday, March 5, 6:15PM
Mark Hetfield, President and CEO of HIAS, will be in conversation with Rabbi David Stern at Shabbat services. His organization, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, is the modern-day equivalent of the organization that would have been on the other side of the Red Sea to onboard the Israelites!

ANTISEMITISM: THE CHANGING FACE OF HATE

Wednesday, March 17, 7PM on Zoom
A Conversation with Rabbi David Stern and Jonathan Greenblatt, CEO, Anti-Defamation League

Temple is partnering with ADL to hear these two dynamic leaders discuss the chillingly real threats of antisemitism today.
Register: participate.tedallas.org/greenblatt
Contact: Rachel Tucker, rtucker@tedallas.org
PSALMS FOR A PANDEMIC

**Thursdays in March, 9-9:45AM on Zoom**
As one-year anniversary of the pandemic arrives, the ancient words of Psalms give voice to our isolation and impatience, alongside our abiding hope for healing. Rabbi Debra Robbins will continue this online course using varied translations, music, heart opening questions, a writing practice, shared silence and small group conversation. Join us weekly or drop in when you can.

- **March 4:** PSALM 81 FOR THURSDAYS
- **March 11, 18:** PSALM 130 IN ADVANCE OF PASSOVER
- **March 25:** PSALM 114 FOR THE SEDER

**Contact:** Rachel Tucker, rtucker@tedallas.org

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**JUDAIC TREASURES**

**Your one-stop shop for Passover**
Seder plates, children’s items, Haggadot and more! In person by appointment only, with Temple’s COVID-19 procedures. Online shopping and contactless pickup available.

[judaictreasures.com](http://judaictreasures.com) | 469.230.5195

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**PREPARE**

**Online Exhibit Beginning March 15**
Watch an online Archives exhibit dedicated to Passover: [tedallas.org/prayer/passover](http://tedallas.org/prayer/passover)

**Monday, March 22, 7PM**
**COOKING CLASS WITH ALEX SMITH**
Sponsored by Women of Reform Judaism
For Zoom link, visit tesisterhood.org.

**Visit Our Website**
Access dozens of ideas for all ages on our website, including online haggadot, music, recipes, family activities and more: [tedallas.org/prayer/passover](http://tedallas.org/prayer/passover)

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**GIVE**

**Passover Hunger Relief**
Help feed the hungry in our annual Passover Hunger Relief effort. Donate at [participate.tedallas.org](http://participate.tedallas.org) or contact Debbie Fuqua at dfuqua@tedallas.org

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**PRAY**

**Sunday, March 28, 10:30AM on Zoom**
**FESTIVAL SERVICE**

**Saturday, April 3, 10:30AM on Zoom**
**SHABBAT AND FESTIVAL SERVICE WITH YIZKOR**
Spotlight on Rachelle Weiss Crane

The Annual Fund is the highest fundraising priority at Temple. The funds raised help make Temple the vibrant place that it is, and provide resources for unwavering help and support for you and your loved ones. As Temple looks ahead to its 150th anniversary, we take time to share stories with you of today’s engaged leaders who are helping to assure a strong tomorrow.

Rachelle Weiss Crane, Secretary-elect, Temple Emanu-El Board of Trustees
Rachelle and her husband, Paul, joined Temple even before they arrived in Dallas in August of 2002. Their son, Ben, 24, is studying for his master’s degree in religion. Rachelle serves on the Executive Committee and is finishing up her term as Vice President for Adult Learning, Music, Arts and Culture. She is nominated to become Secretary of the new board. Rachelle also serves as Director of Israel Engagement & Jewish Living at the Aaron Family JCC.

Tell us about your connection to Temple.
Temple has been our spiritual home and a big piece of our identity as a family and individuals. Temple has been our place to pray, learn, engage with our community and raise a son with a strong Jewish identity. Social justice work is important to us and we have participated in many projects organized by Temple through the years.

Is there an experience over the past few months that Temple has made more meaningful?
Temple’s ability to respond to COVID-19 with online worship services, concerts, classes and programs has helped to keep us engaged during this challenging year. We miss the in-person experience and at the same time appreciate Temple’s focus on keeping everyone safe.

High Holy Days services and the Schlinger Ethics Symposium really resonated with Paul, and I am enjoying being part of Facing Our Truths. The work we are doing to understand and combat systemic racism is challenging and so very important.

I have enjoyed being part of Women of Reform Judaism and serving on the Temple Board. As VP for Adult Learning, Music Arts and Culture, I have been integrally involved in the planning of concerts, classes, lectures and more.

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Paul and I know what it takes to deliver quality online experiences and know that Temple’s expenses don’t go away just because we aren’t meeting in person very much. Temple and its clergy have been there for us through the years. We want other families to have the same opportunity for engagement and to be nurtured by the progressive Jewish environment that embodies Temple Emanu-El Dallas.

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In 1924, the Linz Award was established. It is given every year to a citizen of Dallas county “whose community and humanitarian efforts have created the greatest benefit to Dallas during the last decade.” Many Temple members have been recipients of the Linz Award, including Fred Florence, Julius Schepps, Annette Strauss and Stanley Marcus, all of blessed memory.