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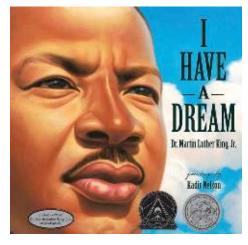
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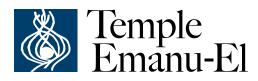
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PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY

A Truth-to-Power Moment for Esther — and All of Us

E sther had every reason to stay out of it. She was Queen of Persia, with all the attendant power and privilege. But she also knew, thanks to Vashti, that her favored status was tenuous, easily revocable upon the whim of King Ahashuerus. So when Mordechai asked her to intervene with the king to halt the planned destruction of the Jews of Shushan, Esther's first response is to decline: after all, to enter the king's inner court without having been summoned first was a capital crime. Who can blame her: better to play it safe amidst her embroidered pillows and fine perfumes.

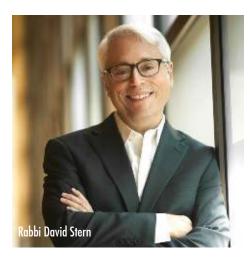
But Mordechai pushes back: "Do not imagine that you, of all the Jews, will escape with your life by being in the king's palace." Then he adds the decisive question: "*U'mi yodea* — And who knows, perhaps you have attained to royal position for just such a crisis." And then Esther's second response: motivated by that question, and revealing the essence of courage, Esther risks her life to speak to the king about the threat to her people.

The Book of Esther is a lot of things: low comedy, bawdy burlesque, improbable political satire, the basis for all our welcome Purim silliness, and a strikingly accurate psychological portrayal of antisemitism. But it's also about moral courage. It's about that haunting prod from Mordechai in Esther 4:14: "And who knows," and the lesson of Esther's two responses.

There is nothing in the story until the moment of Esther's courageous decision that would have predicted it. It was true in the palace of Persia, and it is true for us. Everything tips us towards inertia in the face of injustice: We don't know all the facts, people offer conflicting perspectives, my deeds won't make a difference, I don't have the bandwidth, why this issue over others, it's complicated, I'm overwhelmed. I do not place any judgement on those statements — at one time or another every social justice hero I know has made them.

Made them, and then moved past them. Because that is how we give Esther her due: to hear Mordechai's question as a challenge to us amidst our own comforts, and to brave the path to Esther's example.

When we look at the struggles of the hungry; the systemic obstacles poor people face to accessing health care and legal systems; the plight of Afghan refugees; the stubborn blight of sexism and racism; and the easy spread of fatal hatred towards Jews, Muslims and so many others; we might well understand Esther's first answer: "It's too much, it's futile, it's not worth the risk." But to honor Esther is not to stop there, and



instead to emulate what she does next: to speak truth to power, and move power to confront suffering. Yes, to sometimes feel frustration and inadequacy, but not to give them the last word. In the words of Jewish human rights activist Ruth Messinger: "Despair is not a strategy we cannot retreat to the convenience of being overwhelmed."

It's easy to stay quiet as white nationalism spreads its toxic messages of antisemitism and racism. It's easy to stay quiet as the refugees are turned away. It's easy to convince ourselves that the playing field is level, that all of my prerogatives have been earned and deserve to remain undisturbed. It's our first response, just as it was Esther's. But the Purim story wouldn't be worth much if it stopped there. And neither is ours.

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IT'S GOOD TO BE QUEEN

Curious about Queen Esther? Learn more of her story as well as modern Jewish history with this reading list compiled by Anjelica Ruiz, Director of Libraries and Archives. All of the books are available to check out from Temple by contacting Anjelica at aruiz@tedallas.org.

- The Seventh Handmaiden, by Judith Pransky
- The Girl from the Garden, by Parnaz Fortouan
- Man of My Time, by Dalia Sofer
- My Iran: Memories, Mysteries & Myths, by Isaac Yomtovian
- Concealed: Memoir of a Jewish-Iranian Daughter Caught Between the Chador and America, by Esther Amini
- Esther's Children : A Portrait of Iranian Jews, by Houman Sarshar
- Queen Esther: Star in Judea's Crown A Dramatic Retelling of the Book of Esther, by Laura Long





Restauce the first Shabbat of March with a biblical punch list of instructions to complete the mishkan, the movable sanctuary of the Jewish people. Leviticus arrives with its rituals and practices to bring order in a portable world.

Tightly closed buds open to profusion of blooms and trees burst into a blaze of green. In Jewish time, along comes Purim joy and triumph over persecution and the archetypal, up-from-slavery Passover story.

We move from Purim revelry to the strength and blessing of community in the Healing Service on March 18, an anchor, like Leviticus, in a world that can sometimes feel unstable.

We'll welcome Rabbi Philip Nadel of Congregation Yozma in Modi'in, Israel on March 26 and honor Temple's leadership during Board Installation Shabbat on April 8. At Passover, this year's theme of "heart to table" embodies Temple's legacy of letting all who are hungry find nourishment. And, we move from somber to joyous again at Yom HaZikaron and Yom HaAtzmaut.



Whether it's a complex legal tangle in the Torah, a tumultuous Texas spring storm, a photo op in a glorious patch of wildflowers, or a longed-for settling in your heart, may all your journeys bring blessing.

Weekly Torah Readings March/April 2022

All services are archived at live.tedallas.org.

March 4-5: P'kudei, Exodus 38:21-40:38

March 11-12: Shabbat Zachor (the second of five special Shabbatot before Pesach), Vayikra, Leviticus 1:1-5:26

March 18-19: Tzav, Leviticus 6:1-8:36

March 25-26: Shabbat Parah (the third of five special Shabbatot before Pesach), Sh'mini, Leviticus 9:1-11:47

April 1-2: Tazria, Leviticus 12:1-13:59

April 8-9: Shabbat HaGadol (the last of five special Shabbatot before Pesach), M'tzora, Leviticus 14:1-15:33

April 15-16: Pesach First Day, Exodus 12:21-12:51

April 22-23: Pesach VIII, Deuteronomy 14:22-16:17, Numbers 28:19-25

April 29-30: Acharei Mot, Leviticus 17:1-18:30

ADULTS-ONLY CELEBRATION

Wednesday, March 16 | 7PM | In person at Temple Break out those 90s costumes and come party at Temple with drinks, snacks, music, and a Megillah reading complete with a mini-spiel written by our young adults! Cost: \$18/person Register: participate.tedallas.org/purimparty

Clergy message continued

Rabbi Aryeh Cohen describes the moment we move from critique to action as the *hineni* moment, when, like Esther, we not only declare what's wrong, but we declare ourselves. To paraphrase Rabbi Cohen's teaching, "The *hineni* moment is the move from "Wow, this is terrible, somebody should do something," to "I am one of the people who have to do something."

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It is the something that Magda Trocme, the Christian wife of a Christian pastor, did in southern France in 1940 when she first opened her door to a Jewish woman in need and began an organized effort that saved over 2,000 French Jewish lives during the Shoah. It is the something that Laymah Gbowee did in Liberia in 2002 when she began to organize thousands of women to create a peace movement that helped to end the Liberian civil war. It is the something that Golda Meir did when she led the State of Israel through perilous circumstances day after day.

We will all have our own something. The something could be making a donation, or attending a meeting, or clicking on a petition, or showing up in an elected official's office to advocate, or joining with others in organized concern: to fight for Jewish freedoms, for women's freedoms, for voting rights, for civil rights.

Rabbi Cohen calls it a *hineni* moment. We might call it the Esther moment, and the honor she deserves.

A Fond Farewell from Rabbi Daniel Utley

'Thank you for inviting us to grow with you.'

uring our first year in Dallas, I quickly learned that Texas summer is incredibly hot. The leaves fall during winter (not fall!) and spring arrives in March practically before you blink. I've followed the progress of our family's life here through the changes in our majestic red oak tree in the center of our back yard: new buds in February, the drying leaves in August, and the lighter tones that appear in the bark in December as the trunk expands. Its steady presence reminds me that time and growth move ever forward.

Over the past six years, we've all grown: Our family of three became a family of five; relationships and connections have developed and intertwined; our Temple community and staff have created new programs, re-engaged our young people, welcomed new members, grown through diversity, and met challenges with deeper intention. And I've matured into a rabbi through your support, care and confidence in me. I will carry that with me as I embark on an exciting new chapter as Director of Mandel JCC's Camp Wise in Cleveland.

I am ever grateful for having had the opportunity to begin my rabbinate here in Dallas. Each day presents an opportunity for profound learning and joyful meaning while working alongside the unparalleled team of clergy, staff, and lay leadership at Temple. The roots of our work together represent a relationship committed to mutual growth. I've become a better teacher, preacher, caregiver and steward of this congregation by experiencing the Torah we've shared: our conversations, debates, and quest to understand Jewish text, but more importantly, our study of life. We'll never forget how the Temple family embraced



Rabbi Daniel Utley and Cohen Preble.

us as we welcomed new babies and weathered the pandemic's challenges. Our community has also become fertile ground for Rachel's creative innovations as a Jewish educator for families and as an organizer of ideas and spaces.

Life has changed and we have changed over six years. Kids run through Temple's hallways who once peered out at me from their infant carrier as we approached the open ark for a naming blessing. High school graduates whose b'nai mitzvah I had the honor of supporting will head to college this fall. Each Shabbat, as we remember loved ones, the sacred names we read now represent stories and memories for me as well. We've listened to each other, cried together, and sometimes just sat still in silent presence, holding the reality of our troubled world. We've transformed our pathways to congregational prayer and connection through the challenges of the pandemic and arrived at the spring of 2022 with far greater tools at our disposal than we ever could have imagined. Each of these moments represents the result of steady dedication, learning, mentorship and openness to what lies ahead.

As Rachel, Eitan, Judah, Benji and I move to Cleveland at the end of May, we take so much with us in the form of memories, laughter, deep friendships, life and professional lessons, and a genuine sense of home in Dallas and at Temple that will endure.

Thank you for inviting us to grow with you. May we all go from strength to strength.



emple welcomed Rabbi Rachel Mikva earlier this month for the Rabbi David Lefkowitz Memorial Lecture and a weekend of Shabbat learning.

Discussions centered around "Dangerous Religious Ideas," the title of a course she's taught for several years, the name of her book and a reality she's encountered in a rich career in the rabbinate and in academic life: No matter how much potential a religious idea has for good, it can also cause harm.

We caught up with her before her visit to explore the landscape of religious ideas and a way to deal with the volatility that sometimes accompanies them.

Explain the nature of a dangerous religious idea.

Religion is very powerful. I compare it to electricity, something we can't imagine our world without. So much of the way it's used is for good, but in every form, you can name examples of where it has caused harm.

How to mitigate the harm?

The subtitle of the book is "The Deep Roots of Self-Critical Faith in Judaism, Christianity and Islam." Even our most closely held religious ideas have dangerous power. The more we can be aware of that power and reframe the discussion around them, the more we can make them a source of blessing. Deeply rooted in all the traditions is an intellectual humility, the fact that we are instructed to apply that to our faith.

Out of the Danger Zone

HOW TO HARNESS RELIGION FOR GOOD OVER HARM

In conservative theological settings, people can be suspicious of self-critical faith because they think it's a violation of faith. In more progressive settings, they assume their ideas aren't dangerous, that they've done all the work. Progressives often don't realize the importance of those tools until you recognize your religious ideas can be dangerous.

Examples in progressive Judaism?

I think there is a tendency in Reform congregations to engage in Orthodox bashing. It's almost a sport, a rejection of what they consider parochial attitudes, oppression of women, and more. That is a harmful rejection of traditional theologies. How do we not look down our nose about those who feel they understand God's truth? How do we see our religious differences without contempt?

Another idea: It's very important to protect freedom of religion. At the same time, we recognize that today, people are using this claim to justify discrimination. We have to realize this value we hold dear can nonetheless be used for harm.

Are dangerous religious ideas here to stay, even with the tools of self-critical faith?

You can't permanently remove all the dangers. You're always having to deploy your tools, The power to do good and harm are totally wrapped up together. The question is, how can faith still animate your being, your spirit and life? That's the shape of the challenge. We're always on the path of being cognizant of the impact of our religious ideas and thoughts on other people.

A CENTURY OF BAT MITZVAH

The bat mitzvah turns 100 this month, commemorating the groundbreaking achievement of Judith Kaplan, the first American girl to have a bat mitzvah ceremony, on March 18, 1922. Judith was the daughter of Rabbi Mordechai Kaplan, the founder of Reconstructive Judaism.

Temple Emanu-El's first bat mitzvah was Janice Brin, whose celebration was on March 27, 1965, at the Sisterhood Mother and Daughter Shabbat, according to "A Light in the Prairie," a history of Temple Emanu-El by former archivist Gerry Cristol.

Today, the lives of both young men and young women, as well as adults who choose to engage in the ritual in adulthood, are enriched by Temple's wonderful journey toward Bnai Mitzvah. (See the current celebrants on p. 12)

Does the young woman in the photo look familiar? Of course she does! A young Debra Robbins became bat mitzvah on Dec. 6, 1975, with Rabbi Paul Citrin at Temple Israel in Boston.



<u>LEARNING</u>

Choose Your Adventure at YL+E

By Shira Stevenson, Director of Youth Engagement

Lectives are an opportunity for our students to see that things that we do every day can be viewed through a Jewish lens. We offer electives like cooking, nature, theater and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math).

We have 325 students in 16 different electives spanning grades 3-9. Some of our newest electives are Krav Maga, a self defense system designed by the Israeli army, and Teva, a Jewish environmental education program. Some of our most popular repeat courses are art, theater, food, film and escape room.

THE BEST KIND OF POP QUIZ

Our students can answer these questions and more thanks to our electives.

Jewish Food: History and Culture (grades 7-9)

How might the popular Middle Eastern hummus be swept up in politics?

Hummus is seen as indigenous to the Middle East and is historically Mizrachi, or descended from Jews of North Africa and the Middle East. In a longstanding lawsuit, Lebanon claims that only hummus made in Lebanon can be called hummus. There has been no action on the lawsuit.

Theater (grades 3-6)

What might you say in a monologue if you were Abraham right after being asked to sacrifice Isaac?

(Excerpted from a student's response) OMG, I just had the strangest day ever. So, I had just gotten back from Target and God is, like, 'sacrifice to me.' OK, I tell him. You want a sheep again or like a Chick-fil-A sandwich. And he is like 'what, no! I want your fav son.' I CAN'T JUST DO THAT!

Escape Room (grades 5-9)

What Temple history tidbits do you learn while planning your exit from a Jewish escape room?

Temple's previous locations and the years we moved, how our rabbis have been involved in history, which Confirmation class gifted the Czech Torah scroll to Temple and more!







The SHELLY Chronicles

The ECEC's indomitable leader reflects on 15 wonderful years

his year marks Shelly Sender's 15th year at the helm of the Early Childhood Education Center. Under her leadership, ferrets, rabbits, chickens and fish are all in the family and nature infuses every minute of learning.

The school has grown from 118 to 334 children enrolled, and from around 30 to 100 educators. At least five educators have served for more than 18 years, while four, including Alla Feynberg of blessed memory, for more than 30 years.

At the heart of the transformation that has made Temple one of the city's most sought after early childhood destinations is Shelly's commitment to putting children at the center of everything she does.

"My passion for children comes when you value children and see them for who they are," she says. "Children are such capable beings. They really feel so valued when you respect them and meet them where they're at."

Temple's Senior Director of Early Childhood Education recently reflected on 15 years of innovation and excitement and, most importantly, hugs and smiles far too numerous to count.

What do you remember most about that summer of 2007?

When I arrived, everything was red, blue, yellow and green and covered in Con-Tact paper. I remember scraping furniture to see what was underneath. We put everything in the hallway as we decluttered. It looked like a garage sale! It was four years before we were able to cultivate more intelligent materials. During that time, we donated all plastic toys and started creating different Parents' Association committees to enhance fundraising efforts so we could raise money for new spaces.



What's different now?

Fall Festival, Havdalah on Monday mornings to bring the school together, the Nature Playscape, Bauer Garden outside Pollman Hall, the Family Engagement Space, the big fish tank, the chicken hutch and nature room, a living science lab.

We redesigned every classroom space and transformed them into gorgeous, natural and home-like environments. We hired a school nurse, are on the third cycle of NAEYC accreditation (National Association for the Education of Young Children). We brought back the kindergarten program and now have two classes.

What wonderful innovations for our children. How do you see these relationships growing?

There's a strong need for deep family engagement and involvement. We are a haven for people to come through with young children. I always say children are going to make their best friends in preschool. It's a beautiful thing to see the families coming out of our school having bar and bat mitzvahs together. By involving parents more deeply, we've also cultivated more Temple leadership.

Parents of young children have been through a tough time with Covid. What are you seeing?

With Covid, parents needed an outlet. They need assistance. They need support, they need education. They are so hungry for it. We're thinking of starting a parenting center, not only for our ECEC families but for all of Temple.

We started Together Time (an hour-long session of play and connection three times a week for families) and 55 families registered! There's such a need and a thirst for it.

What are some priorities for helping your staff develop?

We've provided a lot of professional development opportunities to staff to help them become deeper-thinking educators. They've been to Italy to learn about the Reggio Emilia method we teach. I led a 40-educator trip to Israel three years ago with Early Childhood Educators of Reform Judaism so that we could teach about Israel and Judaism through an early childhood lens. Our educators have also been to Oklahoma, Colorado and California. We are opening their eyes to see the level we want to get to. It has been very inspiring. When you invest in your educators, they tend to stay longer.

What does it mean to be child-centered?

We don't solve problems or give them the answers. They become young researchers.

In the old days, kids would get a paper plate and decorate a lion. Now, it's much more individualized. Instead of giving them a toy that has a specific cause and effect, everything is openended. Five children can use the same toy and play with it in a different way.

You are in the exciting process to become an IB (International Baccalaureate) preschool. Why is that a game changer?

IB aligns with our Reggio and Jewish philosophy. It's very community centric, and so much of what we've created fits with IB. It's the perfect next step for us.



Nature seems to be where everything comes together for you.

We've always been nature-based, with lots of gardening, composting, digging in the dirt. Now we spend a lot of time outside. Covid pushed us to realize one of my dreams. Now we'll never go back!

I see that we'll continue to cultivate outside spaces in what are right now just open fields. We'll create more havens for everybody to enjoy. The journey never ends. We've been on a wonderful 15-year journey, but there's still so much more to do.

PRE-SCHOOL	ECEC
Bright colors	Neutral tones
Plastic toys	Wooden materials and loose parts
Teachers	Educators
Specialists	Atelieristas
Yearlong road maps	Following the children's interests
Processed snacks	Whole food snacks
Teacher-planned lessons	Invitations to explore
Playground	Nature Playscape
Stagnant indoor spaces	Free outdoor experiences
Events	Family engagement opportunities
Art room	Atelier
Pollman hallway	Piazza
Blank spaces	Family Engagement Space, Bauer Garden, Gan Shalom
No nature program	Nature room, chicken shade garden, two farm-to-table outdoor classrooms
Staff meetings	Staff development opportunities for growth



William's Happy Place

hen Joan Weyser toured Temple's religious school to find a place for her son, William, who has autism, she didn't find the right class. The right class found her.

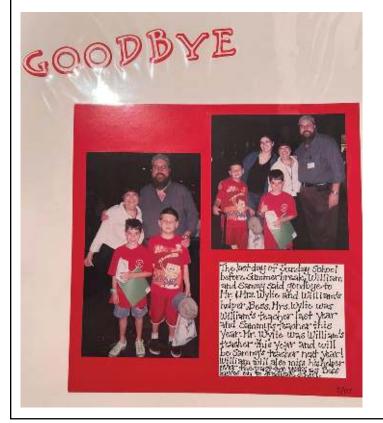
"I had read in the Texas Jewish Post that Temple was starting a program for special needs, and I met with Eileen Kreisler, founding director of Temple's Lomdim program." We toured the third-grade classes, and one of them was Shelly Wylie's class. Eileen explained that we were just looking at different classes, and Shelly said, 'I hope she chooses mine.'

"That was so sweet and so kind. As it turned out, that's the class I picked," she says.



William achieved full participation in religious school and had the benefit of helpers as he moved through the program. "They customized his bar mitzvah, made sure it was short and that he was able to read his portion," Joan says. Ultimately William became an assistant teacher in first grade.

When it came time for Confirmation, Rabbi Amy Rossel offered an alternative experience for William. "She said she had given it some thought and had decided to do a special ceremony with him and the community he had created in the first-grade classroom where he assisted. That was so much more meaningful for him. And once he was confirmed officially, they officially hired him and started to pay him."



Joan was so pleased with the program that she decided to teach in Religious School, now Youth Learning + Engagement, when she retired from DISD 10 years ago. "I wanted to give back to the program, so I became a Lomdim teacher too."

Now 25, William has come full circle. He's an assistant teacher in Shelly Wylie's third grade class.

LOMDIM, named after the Hebrew word for learners, follows the mainstream curriculum, including Hebrew, and is designed to meet the learning styles of all children. Our program includes children with dyslexia, processing differences, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), autism, and other special needs. **Contact:** Colleen Kravulski, ckravulski@tedallas.org

A scrapbook page from the YL+E years in Shelly Wylie's class.

TRIBE VIBE Seder-ific!

Amber Pierce is a Youth Learning+Engagement parent known for her creative and beautiful holiday celebrations with her family. Watch this space for ideas on how to put your own family's stamp on the holidays!



Amber Pierce with husband Sam Johnson, and sons Banner, Quinn and Knox Johnson

ver the last two years, our Passover traditions have looked a little different. In lieu of the large get-togethers with extended family, we have been forced to create new ways of celebrating. Typically, our seder has always been relatively predictable, which I love because it makes the memories that much more special.

My Uncle Barry, for instance, could always be counted on for a special way of engaging the story of Passover. I think the kids' favorite part was when he first startled us with "hail" (mini Styrofoam balls) being flung across the room during the recitation of the 10 plagues. With the pull of a near-invisible fishing line tied to boxes hidden in the recessed part of the ceiling, a new tradition was born!

Since then, we never knew what spectacles would take place. Aunt Jacque added in snacks on the seder table one year, Mom added in costumes and puppets another year, and we've played a charades game to guess the plagues. Even during these past two years of being away from family on this special holiday, the fun continued in a new way. Here are a few things to try out this year.

Assign various roles or parts of the Passover story to different guests at your seder table or on screen. They can either act out their parts during seder, or they can play a pre-recorded video.

Engage everyone in conversation by bringing Passover-inspired themes to modern times. For instance, discuss what plagues us now. If you're leading a virtual seder, go to padlet.com and create a user-friendly board for all to access. We got some pretty deep and creative answers last year.

Most elementary-aged kids and older are familiar with (very easyto-create) Kahoot games. Create a Passover Kahoot game for everyone to participate in. These are easily shareable virtually or in-person. I'm happy to send you the link to our game last year and to our family video! Just email me: amber. pierce6@gmail.com

Put a new spin on the afikomen search! Make an adults-only search outdoors. Instead of awarding a prize to the person who finds it, consider a charitable donation in the winner's name.



At our house we love matzah pizza night! Try adding other unique variations of traditional foods to your seder or throughout the week. For instance, try a s'mores board with kosherfor-Passover ingredients using matzo instead of graham crackers. Or, try out Rebekah Lowin's recipe for Mini Matzo Ball Soup Shooters at rebeccalowin.com.

COMMUNITY

Celebration and Remembrance

BECOMING B'NAI MITZVAH



Spotlight: Rebekah Cooper

There was so much joy on Shabbat morning as Rebekah Cooper became bat mitzvah. Her friends from ECEC, pictured from left, Sadie Werner, Kendelyn Bassman, Allison Rench, Brielle Kommer, Lorelei and Nathan Pass, joined her to lead the motzi and the kiddush. "What a moment of pride, not only for the four generations of her family who were present but for our congregation and staff that a young person has built such strong connections in our community," says Rabbi Debra Robbins.



Nathan Eli Pass, March 5 Son of Amy and Steven Pass Parkhill Junior High Tikkun Olam: VNA Meals on Wheels for Pets



Lorelei Abigail Pass, March 5 Daughter of Amy and Steven Pass Parkhill Junior High Tikkun Olam: Social justice projects at the Aaron Family Jewish Community Center

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Etella Dinaburg, March 12 Daughter of Elena and Simon Dinaburg Lakehill Preparatory School Tikkun Olam: Jewish Family Service, craft kits for kids



Mia Jade Jacobson, March 19 Daughter of Cynthia Huang and David Jacobson Alcuin School Tikkun Olam: Jewish Family Service, craft kits for kids



Grace Alason Helms, March 12 Daughter of Jennifer and John Helms **Greenhill School** Tikkun Olam: CHAI Community Homes for Adults



Gabe Frydman, March 26 Son of Regina and Aaron Frydman Ann and Nate Levine Academy Tikkun Olam: Collecting toys and games for Children's Medical Center



Henry Orlowski, March 26 Son of Tina and Marcus Orlowski Ann and Nate Levine Academy Tikkun Olam: Collecting games and stuffed animals for Children's Hospital



Benjamin David Lachar, March 26 Son of Whitney and Greg Lachar Greenhill School Tikkun Olam: Music and Memory, an organization that develops music therapy programs





Ella Levin, April 23 Daughter of Lori and Matt Levin Highland Park Middle School Tikkun Olam: SPCA

Eli Jolly Jones, April 23

Good Shepherd Episcopal

Son of Jessica and Tyler Jones



Sadie Nerenberg, April 30 Daughter of Amy and Rory Nerenberg Highland Park Middle School Tikkun Olam: Operation Kindness



Saul Rosen, April 2 Son of Yuh Min Chook and Michael Rosen Lakehill Preparatory School Tikkun Olam: Jewish Family Service

Tikkun Olam: The Family

Place and Crossroads

Community Services

Griffin Green, April 9

Jeffrey Green

Son of Ashley Greene and





Lane Kommer Parkhill Junior High Tikkun Olam: Ronald McDonald House

Brielle Avery Kommer, April 9 Dauahter of Neille and



School

BABY NAMINGS



Emmitt Emmanuel Betancourt Son of Andrea and Anthony Betancourt

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Genevieve Lukoff and Patrick Kline



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Averie Rose Preble Daughter of Kellie and Jake Preble Sister of Cohen Preble

NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS

Bennett and Amanda Aaron Ken, Brittney and Joey Annino Robert Austein Robert, Michael, Alexander Kaplan, and Karen Belgiovine Scott, Hayden and Hannah Bender Ally, Max and Zoe Benson Nolan, Savanna and Hunter Borden Tim, Hannah and Theodore Cassedy Melanie, Daniel and Cole Crable Samantha, Andrew and Emilia Frank Elliot, Jamie and Dan Gerson Lorraine Friedman, Jared and Cameron Goldstein Brooke, Paul and Isabel Guerror Alex, Alex and Meyer Korngut Max Jaffe Maddie Giese and Christopher Wolf

Sharon Kagan Debra Kress Victoria Rose Samantha, William, Audrey and James Sheehan

IN MEMORIAM

Nurit Amit Mother of Roni Amit and Ohad Amit Arnold Aronson Father of Scott Aronson Harrison Ball Grandson of Kitzi Ball Leni Bendorf

Mother of Fanny Watts, Robi Bendorf and Allen Bendorf

Sharon Wildstein Bindler Wife of Donn Bindler Mother of Jill Bindler and Robb Bindler

Joan Byerhoff Mother of Anne Besser

Gordon Alan Cizon Husband of Deidra Cizon Stepfather of Todd Negley, Brian Bihari and Ethan Klos Charles Davidoff

Husband of Eileen Davidoff Father of Bill Davidoff Brother of Mark Davidoff and Ronnie Davidoff **Stanley Engman** Father of Kim Chapman

James Faulkner Father of David Faulkner

Richard Furst Son of Margaret Furst Father of Augie Furst and Manie Furst Brother of Robin Furst Jean Garfield

Mother of Larry Garfield and Raymond Garfield, Jr.

Lawrence Hermele Father of Karen Levy Elton Stanley Lipnick Father of David Lipnick Donald Lipp

Brother of Howard Lipp Gary Mann Father of David Mann Robert Gerard Pollock Father of Wendy Pollock and Robert Pollock, Jr.

Don Rapport Father of Kathy Rapport

and Robin Rapport Joel Rubin

Brother of Joyce Maysall

Jolyn Rudelson Mother of Justin Rudelson

Jessie Sackler Mother of Dr. Marian Sackler

Sister of Deborah Anderson

Jerry Sandberg Brother of Jeff Sandberg Marilyn Schechter Mother of David Schechter

Mona Schlachter

Mother of Shari Schlachter and Marc Schlachter

Shirley Schnitzer Mother of Gary Schnitzer, Julie Schnitzer and Jeff Schnitzer

Jerry Skibell Husband of Joan Skibell Father of Jeff Skibell and Mandy Hanu Brother of Charles Skibell and Sammy Skibell

Herschel Wilonsky Husband of Margaret Wilonsky Father of Robert Wilonsky and Michael Wilonsky

Barbara Zale Wife of Donald Zale Mother of Julie Zale Tobolowsky, Barry Zale and Dana Zale Gerard Sister of Sue Ring

All About Alexes

Every seven out of 19 years, an extra month is added to the Jewish calendar, a second month of Adar. It is said that joy increases in Adar, and when there's an Adar II, even more so!

At Temple, our joys are increased this month, by not one, but two couples with both partners having the same first name. The Alexes Horn and Korngut share what life is like on the double A-List.



Alex and Alex Korngut

Married two years, Temple members since December

Favorite moment of having a spouse with the same name:

When we are introduced to new people, it's always fun to see their reactions when they realize that both of us are Alex.

Any mixups?

Airport TSA agents always seem to double check our IDs.

Alex and Alex Horn

Married $4\frac{1}{2}$ years, Temple members since 2016

The best part about Double A:

When people ask us what we call each other — and the ongoing nicknames that people come up with!

Any uh-ohs?

Temple clergy and lay leadership mix us up a lot when it comes to sending emails. We also had a funny moment at the dentist when the other Alex's files were pulled.



SHINE THE LIGHT ON MENTAL WELL-BEING

SUPPORT AND RESOURCES FOR SPIRITUAL AND MENTAL WELL-BEING

Grief Support on Zoom

March 8 and April 12 from 11:30_{AM} to 1_{PM} For Zoom link, contact Meredith Pryzant, Director of Member Support, mpryzant@tedallas.org or 214.706.0000, ext. 122.

Jewish Family Service Support Groups

Our community partner, Jewish Family Service, helps adults, children and families navigate mental health challenges and coping skills through a variety of support groups. To learn more please visit these web pages: jfsdallas.org/services/children-teens/support-groups/ jfsdallas.org/services/adults/support-groups/

Substance Abuse Support for Friends and Families

Thursdays every week from 5:30-6:30pm on Zoom Contact for info and Zoom link: Freda Heald, fredaheald@yahoo.com

HERE FOR YOU

Temple clergy and staff are available to support our community members navigating mental and physical health issues. Please reach out to us for help if you, a friend or family member is experiencing a crisis or an ongoing issue.

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. For more information, contact Meredith Pryzant, Director of Member Support, mpryzant@tedallas.org or 214.706.0000, ext. 122.

MARC STANLEY NAMED AMBASSADOR TO ARGENTINA



Temple member and longtime Jewish leader Marc Stanley was confirmed in January as the U.S. Ambassador to Argentina. Mazel tov to the entire Stanley family from your Temple family!

2022 ADL WALK AGAINST HATE

Sunday, April 3 at 9AM, PNC Plaza at American Airlines Temple Team Captain: Erica Strauss, Director of Social Justice and Special Projects, estrauss@tedallas.org. Register at walkagainsthate. org/dallas



150TH ANNUAL MEETING OF TEMPLE EMANU-EL

APRIL 6, 2022

Official Information and Nominations for Officers and Board of Trustees

The Nominating Committee consisted of Risa Gross, Chair; Macki Ellenbogen, Sara Gail, Jeff Kitner, Brandon Poland, Mike Rosen, Scott Rosuck, Rick Rosenberg, and Julie Weinberg. Serving as exofficio to this committee were Beth Gold, President, and Bob Krakow, 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:

Eli Cohn-Wein Ariana Cook Betsy Kleinman Josh Nichols Jená Prystowsky Steven Hicks-Safra LE Wolovits The following people are being proposed to serve for a second two-year term:

Nikki Gibson Gayle Johansen Josh Kahn Hanne Klein Allison Levy Randy Ratner Paige Sachs Matthew Swerdlow 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 second two-year term:

Rachel Elkin Macki Ellenbogen Ann Zimmerman Gallant Ladd Hirsch Gary Kahn Fonya Mondell Brad Sham The following people have served the first year of their first two-year term:

Alice Barnett Lauryn Bloom Mary Lee Broder Liz Chalfant **Deidre Cizon** Katrina Gross Nancy Rivin Mike Rosen Sally Rosenberg Scott Rosuck Linda Sheff David Steinfield Julie Weinberg Peter Weinstock Michelle Whitman Linda Wimberly Randy Winski

The following past presidents serve on the Board of Trustees:

Ronald Mankoff

Scott McCartney

Stanlev Rabin

Bernard Raden

Herbert Rosenthal

Mark Zilbermann

Frank Risch

Mike Sims

Chris Cheniae Robert Cohan Bert Fischel Larry Ginsburg Suzi Greenman Harold Kleinman Robin Kosberg

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 Xico R. Baruch Garcia

WRJ Co-Presidents Sarith Abramowitz Celia Saunders

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:

Rhoni Golden Paul Michaels Elise Plaksen Peggy Papert Barbara Solomon Diana Telesca Rachel Wilson

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

TEMPLE TIE-IN AT THE DALLAS MUSEUM OF ART

The Dallas Museum of Art is featuring the work of Mexican American sculptor Octavio Medellin in an exhibit that will run through January 2023. His work at Temple includes "The Promised Land," pictured rar right, a brass and copper sculpture, installed on the exterior wall east of Linz Hall and as you approach the doors to the Olan Sanctuary entrance. Medellin also fabricated the shining silver gold, blue, green and blue mosaics that form the candelabra on the Olan Sanctuary ark wall.





At left: "Spirit and Form," Genoveva of Brabante, 1949, direct carving in Honduras red mahogany, Courtesy of Dallas Museum of Art

Heart to Jable

PASSOVER 2022/5782 | FIRST SEDER APRIL 15

s we retell the story from enslavement to freedom, we embrace the diverse voices of our community, enjoy the tastes of the season, check in with one another on our well-being and renew our commitment to hunger relief. We who were once strangers reach out to those escaping persecution, and lift our voices in prayer and song.

Prepare and Connect

Passover Connection Lunch Saturday, March 26 | 12-1:30рм

Following Shabbat Services, we'll have a chance to share a light lunch. In anticipation of Passover, we encourage you to make new connections and touch base to make sure everyone gathered has a place to go for seder. JCRC Interfaith Seder: Sharing Universal Values Tuesday, March 29 | 6:30PM Shearith Israel, 9401 Douglas Ave. The eighth annual interfaith seder will feature Rabbi Andrew Paley of Temple Shalom and Pastor Bryan Carter of Concord Church.

Dayenu & Delicious: A Passover exploration of food, with Cantor in the Kitch Leslie Niren Wednesday, March 30

Savor a multicultural Passover exploration of food, ritual and customs around the table, led by Cantor in the Kitch Leslie Niren. This special event will feature conversation about Passover traditions, story-sharing and recipes from a variety of countries and cultures that represent our congregation. Guaranteed to get your creative seder juices flowing!

Prayer

Friday, April 15 | 5рм on Zoom We welcome Shabbat before the Passover seder with Cantor Leslie Niren.

Saturday, April 16 Chever Torah | 9Ам on Zoom

Shabbat and Festival service | 10:30AM Lefkowitz Chapel and online

Friday, April 22 Festival service with *yizkor* | 10:30AM Stern Chapel, TE Live and Facebook Live

Mental Well-Being

Just as we celebrate freedom from physical bondage, Passover is also a time to reflect on the mental and emotional grip of loneliness and depression. The Blue Dove Foundation offers wonderful resources for Jewish mental wellness. thebluedovefoundation.org

Register for all events at tedallas.org/passover

Links for online services will be distributed in the Thursday email before the holiday.

LET ALL WHO ARE HUNGRY COME AND EAT

Here are three ways to help our neighbors this season. Please donate funds, non-perishable foods and items needed for resettlement to the efforts below.

Passover Hunger Relief Financial donations are accepted at participate.tedallas.org/hunger-relief-donation



Donate to Vickery Meadow Food Pantry We will be collecting items from March 28 to April 24 to give to the Vickery Meadow Food Pantry. You may drop off

your items at Temple. The most needed items are: cooking oil, flour, coffee, sugar, chicken ramen noodle soup, orange juice in plastic bottles, Covid face masks, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, hand sanitizer, liquid and bar soap

Afghan Refugee Needs

Send a check to Temple's Disaster Relief Fund and mark it for Afghan Resettlement or fill out this form: participate. tedallas.org/afghan-refugee-volunteer-form



NEFESH MOUNTAIN • MAY 6-7





American Bluegrass with a Jewish perspective!



"Refreshingly eclectic. A master class in string music. Nefesh Mountain preaches peace, understanding, and acceptance with musical muscle."

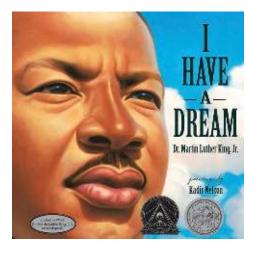
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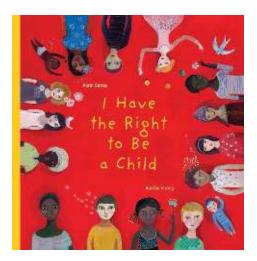
And Justice For All

Five children's books shed light on peaceful protests, individual rights and civic engagement. Compiled by Jeanne Zamutt, librarian for the ECEC and YL+E.



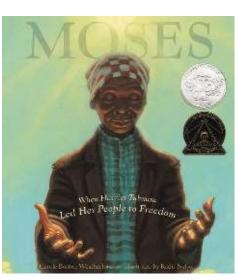
I Have a Dream by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Read Dr. King's timeless "I Have a Dream" speech for his inspiring message of freedom, equality, and peace.



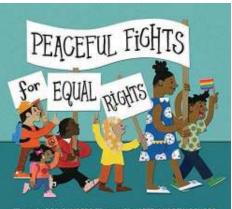
I Have the Right to Be a Child by Alain Serres

This book describes what it means to be a child with rights — from the right to food, water and shelter, to the right to go to school, to the right to be free from violence, to the right to breathe clean air, and much more.



Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom by Carole Boston Weatherford

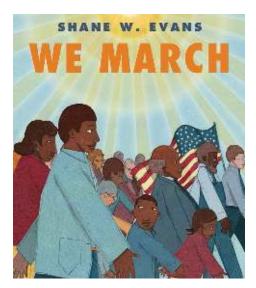
Learn the story of Harriet Tubman, a courageous woman who was born into slavery and escaped. She earned the name Moses for her heroic role in freeing enslaved people through the Underground Railroad.



Written by ROB SANDERS Illustrated by JARED ANDREW SCHORR

Peaceful Fights for Equal Rights by Rob Sanders

Explore the ideas of resistance and activism in this introduction to civic engagement and peaceful protest.



We March by Shane W. Evans

An award-winning illustrator and author paints a vivid picture of the March on Washington in 1963, the day Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered the "I Have a Dream" speech.

Here to Listen

emple Emanu-El has launched a listening campaign on mental well-being, in partnership with Dallas Area Interfaith.

Groups of eight to 10 people will come together in person or online to ask questions that we hope will spark meaningful and empowering conversations as we move toward building collective action. The stories we share and questions we ask will help shape not only our Temple story, but that of the faith community in Dallas. The campaign will continue through May 25.

"This is a way to respond to the brokenness of our world," says Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen. "At every turn, there are levels of uncertainty and anxiety. Where is our heart center in the fire, the spark that can bring us together to affect change within ourselves and beyond ourselves."

Rabbi Herzog Cohen says the group hopes to reach at least 200 people in a variety of settings, from an open call at Temple to individual house meetings.

For more information or to attend a listening campaign meeting, contact Erica Strauss, Director of Social Justice and Special Projects, at estrauss@tedallas.org.



The Questions

- 1. Where/when are you feeling the most pressure and stress right now in your life?
- 2. Do you feel supported by others, by community?
- 3. Where do you find strength?



2022 RACIAL EQUITY NOW COHORT

Temple Emanu-El has been selected as one of 10 nonprofit organizations to participate in the 2022 Racial Equity NOW cohort.

The cohort is a 10-month experience that provides racial equity training, coaching, case study presentations, policy review and development and a community history tour. Temple joins the Dallas Museum of Art, Promise House and Big Brothers Big Sisters, among others, in the cohort.

"This exciting partnership will help infuse our internal antiracism accountability and action work in the coming months," said Alexandra Horn, Director of Congregational Engagement.

ISRAEL

Welcome back, Rabbi Philip Nadel



Our friend from Congregation YOZMA in Modi'in will return to Temple Emanu-El on March 25-26 for a variety of exciting learning and worship experiences.

Shabbat Evening Service

March 25 at 6:15PM, Stern Chapel

Rabbi Nadel will deliver the sermon and introduce us to the new prayer book of the Israel Reform Movement, Tfilat Haadam, a prayer for humanity.

Connections and Culture: A Conversation Among Friends

Chever Torah March 26 at 9AM, online

On Shabbat morning, we will be sharing in a new model of relationship building in Israel. At Chever Torah from 9 to 10AM, members of Temple and members of Congregation YOZMA will learn online together. Rabbi Nadel will facilitate a conversation around traditional and modern approaches to family and marriage in Israeli society through the short Moroccan film, "Blessed." Afterward, our congregations will join together in Zoom breakout rooms for conversation and connection about the film.





SAVE THE DATES

Save the dates for the annual observances of Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Memorial Day; Yom HaZikaron, Israel Remembrance Day and Yom HaAtzmaut.

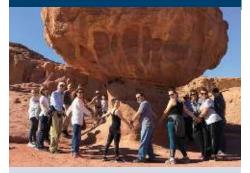
Watch for details of Temple and community commemorations for Yom HaShoah and Yom HaZikaron and will infuse aspects of Israeli culture, food and art into its events at Yom HaAtzmaut. **Yom HaShoah** April 27-28

Yom HaZikaron May 3-4

Yom HaAtzmaut May 4-5



Israel June 15-26, 2022



Multigenerational Trip led by Rabbi David Stern

For all ages and stages **Contact:** Rabbi Amy Rossel, arossel@tedallas.org **Register:** www.tfaforms.com/4961489



Food, Culture and Art led by Cantor Leslie Niren

Contact: lniren@tedallas.org Register: viasabra.com/trip/ leslie-niren-temple-emanu-eldallas-june-2022



THE FUTURE

Gifts of Memory, Honor and Gratitude

OUR CONGREGATION

Dora Aronson Helping Hands Fund Distributions by Rabbi David

Stern to individuals in need of financial assistance, particularly in dire situations Memory of William Byron Branscum by Howard Freed Memory of Bernard W. Fischman by Lawrence Fischman Memory of Irwin Grossman by Irma Grossman by Julie & David Kronick Memory of Stanley H. Litman by Susan & Joel Litman & Family Memory of Art Pay by Debbie & Alan Postel Memory of Barbara Zale by Nancy & Len Berry by Artyce Colen by Betty "Bootsie" Golden by Marilyn C. Golman by Irma Grossman by Gayle Johansen by Sister & Joel Steinberg by Sandy Tobias Appreciation of Rabbi David Stern by Kathy Rapport Susan Salom Clergy Good

Works Fund Distributions to charitable organizations, individuals in need or community causes by Temple's clergy Memory of Gerald Barnes by Lisa & Steve Lieberman Memory of Ronald Blum by The Blum Family Memory of Andrew Bramley by Ruth Andres Memory of Madaline Broude by Mike, Rachel, Mara & Tobin Levy and Jean & Suzanne Karotkin Memory of Julius Buxbaum by The Alexis Family Memory of Irene Cohen by Marilyn Fiedelman

Memory of Jerry Ely by Richard Ely Memory of Ron Fiedelman by Marilyn Fiedelman Memory of Marcia Fitzmaurice by Melinda Raso Kirstein & Phil Kirstein by Bobbi & Jerry Wells Memory of Judith Frank by Terry & Jeff Levinger Memory of Sheldon Frankel by Ettie & Melvin Weinberg by Regina, Micah, & Shira Ziegler Memory of Debbie Freed by Joy & Jeff Phillips **Memory of Will Friedman** by Lotty & Peter Casillas Memory of Jean Garfield by Julie & Michael Lowenberg Memory of Charles Gartner by Gigi Gartner Memory of Louise Gartner by Giai Gartner Memory of Gail Goldstein by The Roff Family Memory of Claire Greenberg by Marilyn Fiedelman Memory of Sondra Hollander by Marilyn Fiedelman Memory of Beth F. Kahn by Gary Kahn Memory of Florence Levy by Mike, Rachel, Mara & Tobin Levy and Jean & Suzanne Karotkin Memory of Harry Levy by Mike, Rachel, Mara & Tobin Levy and Jean & Suzanne Karotkin Memory of Meyer Levy by Mike, Rachel, Mara & Tobin Levy and Jean & Suzanne Karotkin Memory of Donald Lipp by Lotty & Peter Casillas by Bobbie & David Repp Memory of Don Rapport by Ruth Andres Memory of Richard E. Rosenthal by Nancy Rosenthal Memory of Sondie Rosenthal by Nancy Rosenthal Memory of Marilyn Schechter by Gayle Johansen

Memory of Shirley Schnitzer by The Family of Shirley Schnitzer Memory of Louis Sonnentheil by Joanne & Steve Levy

Memory of Vic Trubitt by Sherilee & Richard Trubitt Memory of Nellie Waranch by The Alexis Family Memory of Sandra Stein Weil by Ruth Andres by Lynn & Bob Behrendt by Marilyn Fiedelman by Anita Yudin Memory of Herschel Wilonsky by Lotty & Peter Casillas by Mr. & Mrs. William Engelberg & Adrienne Svidlow by Frances & Alan Harris by Bobbi & Jerry Wells Memory of Barbara Zale by Joyce & Selly Belofsky by Jackie and Jerry Bendorf by Karen Bradshaw & Fred Shapiro by Eunice & Marvin Gerard by Cathey & Jim Greenfield by Gary Kahn by Hanne Klein by Leslie & Steven Levin by Elise Power & David Becker by Peachy Rudberg by Frada & Alan Sandler by Ashley & Jeff Skibell by Dotty & Lew Weinstein Appreciation of Cantor Vicky Glikin by Margaret Wilonsky Appreciation of Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen by The Leni Bendorf Family by Nancy & Ron Pope Appreciation of Sora Lei Newman by Ruth Andres Appreciation of Rabbi Debra Robbins by Carolyn Blum by Sarah & Michael Fisher Appreciation of Rabbi David Stern by Christell & Michael Baum by Bonnie & Monte Hurst by Margaret Wilonsky by The Young Presidents' Organization -**Dallas Chapter**

Appreciation of Rabbi Daniel Utlev by Sara & Mark Albert As a Contribution by Pauline Graivier by Caroline Kaye by Suzanne & Bill Utley Honor of Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen by Stacey & Alex Duran by Jessica Maxa & Cameron McElvea Honor of Rabbi Debra Robbins by Arlene & Michael Glazer by Karen & James Reisman by Marcia & Arthur Rubinett Honor of Rabbi David Stern by Marcia & Arthur Rubinett Honor of Rabbi Daniel Utley by Joyce E. Kelly Marriage of Courtney **Reisman & Kevin Haines** by Karen & James Reisman Marriage of Lauren Glick & Nathan Levick by Marcia & Arthur Rubinett Naming of Sienna Duran by Stacey & Alex Duran Naming of Grayson Pope McElyea by Jessica Maxa & Cameron McElyea Naming of Bryce Steinberg by Judy & Robb Steinberg Speedy Recovery of Macki Ellenbogen by Marcia R. Grossfeld Anne & Sam Kesner Caring **Congregation Fund**

Assistance for Temple members through all phases of life including hospitalization, elder care, military service, mental health challenaes and arief Memory of Lois Bernstien by Paula & Norm Feldman Memory of Stanley Engman by Debbie & Marc Andres Memory of Harry Feldman by Paula & Norm Feldman Memory of Sidney Goldstein by Barbara Miller

Memory of Helen Grossfeld by Bonnie & Michael Grossfeld Memory of Gary Mann by Melissa & Matt Rubel Memory of Paul McIntosh by Ellen McIntosh Memory of Norma Skibell by Joan & Jerry Skibell, z"l Memory of Arthur H. Stern by Helen Stern Memory of Sandra Stein Weil by Myra & Bert Fischel by Lenora & Jerry Levin by Irene & Bernard Raden Memory of Barbara Zale by Debbie & Marc Andres by Carolyn Blum by Phyllis & Jerry Prager by Marilyn & Jack Rubin As a Contribution by Kathy & Randy Catoe Birthday of Ira Silverman by Bonnie & Michael Grossfeld



CEMETERY

Rose Marion and Lee H. Berg **Building Fund** Upkeep and maintenance of our historic buildina Memory of Gerald Barnes by Jeffrey Landsman Memory of Joan Beck by Jay Beck Memory of Lawrence Burk by Joan & Lawrence Katz Memory of Morris Cohen by Helaine Trachtenberg Memory of Neal Cowin by Marjorie Cowin Memory of Mel Crohn by Helgine Trachtenberg Memory of Charles Davidoff by Audrey & Stanton Unell Memory of Rose Friedman by Gigi Gartner Memory of Will Friedman by Linkie Seltzer, Robert Seltzer, Adrienne Lithman & Cathy Nearel Memory of Richard Furst by Rowena & Dave Galerston

Memory of Jean Garfield by Bobbi & Richard Massman Memory of Alvin Goodstein by Richard Rome Memory of Claire Greenberg by Cindee & Michael Gold Memory of Bette Katz by Sheri & William Cobb Memory of Ed Katz by Sheri & William Cobb Memory of Steve Katz by Sheri & William Cobb Memory of Adam Samuel Kleinman by Harold Kleinman Memory of Abraham Stanley Kochman by Shirley Kochman Memory of Becky Robinson by Carol & Barry Sobol Memory of Judy Rome by Richard Rome Memory of Erich Rosenbaum by Helaine Trachtenbera Memory of Esther Rosenbaum by Helaine Trachtenberg Memory of Jessie Sackler by Marian Sackler & Jerry Holzsweig Memory of Milton M. Toub by Beverly & Joe Goldman Memory of Joseph S. Trachtenberg by Helaine Trachtenberg Memory of Sandra Stein Weil by Connie Rudick Memory of Louette Weiser by Mary Crouter & David Weiser Memory of Fritz Wolff by Helga & Gerardo Weinstein Memory of Herta Wolff by Helga & Gerardo Weinstein Memory of Barbara Zale by Brenda & Lee Berg by Becky & Ken Bruder by Diane & Stuart Bumpas by Susan & Kenny Chazanow by Bess & Ted Enloe by Sherry & Ken Goldberg by Ynette & Jim Hogue by Debbie Koeppel & Vi Ganeles by The McCown Family by Cille & Mike McDonald by Cynthia & Lester Melnick by Sally & Bob Rosen by Sherwin Rubin by Adele Ryemon

by Howard, Andrew & Jaynie Schultz

by Ruth & Andrew Suzman by Helaine Trachtenberg by Audrey & Stanton Unell **As a Contribution** by Joyce & Ira Fritz by Felicia & David Morris **Birthday of Susan Chazanow** by Marti, Chad & Jackie Herman **Honor of Jean Eisenberg** by John Eisenberg

Temple Emanu-El Cemetery Endowment Fund Distribution from the Temple's foundation supporting the maintenance and improvement of the cemetery grounds Memory of Howard Moss by Terri Homberger Appreciation of Jeff Friedman

Rabbi Gerald J. Klein Memorial Cemetery Fund Beautification and improvements of the Temple Emanu-El Cemetery Memory of Hannah Trillo by The Trillo Family

by Janice Moss

Rabbi Gerald J. Klein Garden Fund Maintenance of the Klein Garden Memory of Minette Berman by Toni & Morey Silverman Memory of Max Drilling by Joan Essenfeld Memory of Mike Levy by Joanne & Steve Levy Memory of Lois Okon by Tricia & Matt Gold Memory of Arnold Rieter by Carol & Larry Tobias Memory of Dorothy Schlang by Mel Aver & Katie O'Halloran Memory of Shirley Schnitzer by Cynthia & Greg DeMars Memory of Marilyn Vogel by Marguerite Burtis & Peter Vogel Memory of Barbara Zale by Sandy & Dan Gorman

Alex F. Weisberg Library Fund Purchases of Judaic books, publications and entertainment media Memory of Jessie Sackler by Harriet Fein & Nancy

Riseman



GENERAL

Temple Emanu-El General **Operating Fund** Support of Temple's general programs and events Memory of Gerald Barnes by Tom Portwood Memory of James Edward Bartfield by Sarah & Steve Bartfield Memory of Libby Bender by Dianne & Michael Bender Memory of Lawrence Burk by Rita & Mitchell Rasansky by Penny Willhite Memory of Judith Frank by Jan & Tom Timmons Memory of Sheldon Frankel by Eunice & Marvin Gerard Memory of Richard E. Freed by Diane & Gary Freed Memory of Herman Friedman by Natalie Friedman Memory of Jean Garfield by David Steinhart by Phyllis & Ronald Steinhart Memory of Mollie Solomon Klein by Sister & Joel Steinberg Memory of Louis Malow by Barbara & Richard Toranto Memory of Gary Mann by Susan & Abbye Silver Memory of James Roth by Natalie Frankel Memory of Jolyn Rudelson by Jan & Tom Timmons Memory of Oscar J. Steinberg by Sister & Joel Steinberg Memory of Walter Steirn by Wendy & Stephen Lieman Memory of Roz Weiner by Vera & Larry Reinstein Memory of Herschel Wilonsky by Sheila & Richard Lerer Memory of Barbara Zale by Mary Lee & Michael Broder by Patsy Fagadau by Peter Fonberg by Helen & Jerry Frank by Shirley & Sonny Landsberg by Cameron, Jane & Sammy Larkin by Stephanie & Daniel Prescott by Judi & Randy Ratner by Andrea & Ben Statman by Phyllis & Ron Steinhart by Jackie & Steve Waldman Appreciation of Rabbi Debra Robbins by Nicole & Kevin Cooper

Birthday of Susan Chazanow by Gayle & Jeffrey Borovay

Temple Emanu-El Endowment Fund Distribution from the Temple's

foundation supporting Temple's programs Memory of Sheldon Frankel by Sharon Roth Memory of Lawrence Hermele by Sheryl & Gordon Bogen Memory of Barbara Rabin by Nancy & Hank Rothfeder Memory of Mona Schlacter by Lindsay & Jeffrey Steinberg Memory of Arnold Schwartz by Bobbi & Richard Massman Memory of Sandra Stein Weil by Leslve & Glenn Geller Memory of Barbara Zale by Becca & Allen Bodzy by William B. Marks by Lindsay & Jeffrey Steinberg **Appreciation of The Jill Stone Community Garden** by Sylvia & Marshall Engell Birthday of Mary Lee Broder by Sue & Bernie Apter Honor of Barbara Zale by Rose & Bill Lumry

MUSIC AND PRAYER

Music Fund

Enhancement of Temple music programs Memory of Jeffrey Blumenthal by Ginny & Mark Dameron Memory of Ron Fiedelman by Ellen & Arnie Marks Memory of Jennie D. Katz by Marlene Glasser Memory of Roslyn Meadow by Janet & Mitch Jacobs Memory of Sam Szor by Nancy & Jerry Szor Memory of Sandra Stein Weil by Gavle Johansen Appreciation of Cantor Vicky Glikin by Brad Blumenthal Appreciation of Cantor Leslie Niren by Brad Blumenthal by Sarah & Michael Fisher by Kathy Rapport As a Contribution by Kathy & Randy Catoe Bar Mitzvah of Jake Kerstine by The Kerstine Family



ADULT PROGRAMS <u>ATiD (Young Adults)</u> Support of Jewish engagement of young adults in their 20s and 30s Memory of Toby Lederman by Donna & Mike Winemiller, JoAnn, Robert, & Morgan

Henry D. Schlinger Ethics Symposium Endowment Fund Support for the ethics symposium Memory of Melvin S. Aronoff By Norma Schlinger

Tobev

Katherine F. Baum Adult

Education Fund Support for adult education programs Memory of Chick-Sung Chookk by Carol & Leonard Lebowitz Memory of Joseph A. Epstein by Joanne & Don Epstein Memory of Barbara Zale by Rita Kahn by Betsy & Jeff Robinson



SOCIAL JUSTICE

Hunger Relief Projects Collection of funds for hunger relief throughout the year, especially durina Hiah Holy Days and Passover Memory of Inge Bosse by Donna & Jeff Bosse Memory of Ann Singer Cohen by Harriet Cohen Memory of Warren Cohen by Joyce & Joe Rosenfield Memory of Charles Davidoff by Lisa & Jim Albert Memory of William E. Friedman by Karen & Shelby Wyll Memory of Dorothy & David Philip Kaufman by Terry & Jeff Levinger Memory of Leslie Kottwitz by Susan & Michael Kottwitz Memory of Toby Lederman by Susan & Daryl Beck Memory of Barbara Levy by Helen Feldman Memory of Marvin Meadow by Janet & Mitch Jacobs

Memory of Jolyn Rudelson by Dorothy Borschow by Faye & Howard Polakoff Memory of Irene Warshaw by Lynne Bogart Memory of Sandra Stein Weil by Joyce & Joe Rosenfield by May Sebel Memory of Herschel Wilonsky by Dorothy Borschow by Ann & Michael Gallant by Joyce & Joe Rosenfield by Lori Stahl Memory of Barbara Zale by Lisa & Jim Albert by May Sebel by The Teichman Family Anniversary of Bonnie & Michael Grossfeld by Sally Pian & Ira Silverman Appreciation of Evelyn Fox by Dorothy Borschow Appreciation of Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen by Sharon Kagan As a Contribution by Betty Jo & David Bell by Kathy & Randy Catoe by Roz Katz Speedy Recovery of **Ronnie Cohen** by Joyce & Joe Rosenfield Speedy Recovery of Macki Ellenboaen by Joyce & Joe Rosenfield Speedy Recovery of Nelda Golden by Mary Ann Lustig

<u>The Jill Stone Tikkun</u> Olam Fund

Support of Temple's social justice programs including initiatives, advocacy, projects and lectures Memory of Ron Fiedelman by Stacy & Stuart Simon Memory of Will Friedman by Sue Mintz & Jim Panipinto Memory of Arnold Leanse by Elaine & Robert Krasne Memory of Miles McInnis by Kay McInnis Memory of Janet & Morris P. Newberger by Carol & Jon Weinstein Memory of Ben B. Okon by Tricia & Matt Gold Memory of Dorothy Schlang by The Happy Bookers Club of Iowa Memory of Jill Ruth Feinstein Stone by Marvin Stone

by Rob, Melissa, Sabrina & Chelsea Stone Memory of Sandra Stein Weil by Suzi & Jack Greenman by Stacy & Stuart Simon Memory of Herschel Wilonsky by Suzi & Jack Greenman by Rosie Stromberg Memory of Barbara Zale by Annette Corman by Tricia & Matt Gold Anniversary of Bonnie & Michael Grossfeld by Marcia R. Grossfeld Appreciation of Ning Cortell & Bob Fine by Randi & Mike Smerud As a Contribution by Risa & Marc Kesselman Birthday of May Sebel by Jeri & Leland Dushkin

<u>Priscilla R. Stern Memorial</u> Literacy Fund

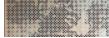
Support of literacy projects in the general and Jewish communities Memory of Ruth Albert by Nancy & Tony Kaufman Memory of Gerald W. Bernstien by Lynn & Mark Bernstien Memory of Lois Bernstien by Lynn & Mark Bernstien Memory of Stanley Engman by Ruthie & Alan Shor Memory of Will Friedman by The Richard Albert Family Memory of Claire Greenberg by Nancy & Tony Kaufman Memory of Anne Kaufman by Nancy & Tony Kaufman Memory of Louie Kissner by Ettie & Melvin Weinberg Memory of Esther Rosmarin by Suellen & A. J. Rosmarin Memory of Jolyn Rudelson by Ettie & Melvin Weinberg Memory of Sandra Stein Weil by Joni & Bob Cohan Memory of Barbara Zale by Lynn & Bob Behrendt & Michele Allman by Sherrie & Jeff Klein by OriAnn Phillips & Scott McCartney by Suellen & A. J. Rosmarin by Ruthie & Alan Shor Birthday of Marc Andres by Ruthie & Alan Shor Birthday of Jim Gold by Ruthie & Alan Shor Birthday of Michael Horowitz by Ruthie & Alan Shor

Birthday of Carol Levy by Ruthie & Alan Shor Birthday of Mark Masinter by Ruthie & Alan Shor Birthday of Lori Ordiway by Ruthie & Alan Shor

Social Justice Fund for Youth Education

Support of worthwhile educational causes for youth in need Memory of Myron Ball by Kitzi Ball Memory of Peggy Jane **Cohen Bennett** by Janet & Mitch Jacobs Memory of Claire Greenberg by Lottye Brodsky & Bobby Lyle Memory of Elizabeth Greenman by Suzi & Jack Greenman Memory of Sol Mondell by Cynthia & Allen Mondell Memory of Barbara Rabin by Lottye Brodsky & Bobby Lyle Memory of Jerry Sandberg by Susan Schv Memory of Sandra Stein Weil by Sharon & Irwin Kasser by Lottye Brodsky & Bobby Lyle

Memory of Barbara Zale by Shirley Tobolowsky Birthday of Frieda Hudspeth by Maddy & Mark Unterberg



YOUTH AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

 William P. Budner Youth

 Library Fund

 Purchases of Judaic books and

 publications for students

 Memory of Barbara Bubis

 by Jan Watson

 Memory of Miriam Dorfman

 by Roz & Art Kaplan

 Memory of Henry N. Meyer

 by Lynn & Bob Behrendt

Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC) Fund Support of ECEC programs Memory of Ronald Blum by Carolyn Blum Memory of Avelina Barbara Lipnick by Kathy & David Lipnick Memory of Gary Mann by Gayle Johansen

Memory of Eva H. Rosenstock by Toby Gruber Memory of Barbara Zale by Marcy & Michael Grossman by Alyson, Joe, Katie, Becca & Lexi Ray As a Contribution

by Joanna & Zachary Dreyfuss Bat Mitzvah of Talia Fisher by Sarah & Michael Fisher

Gina Rosenfield Levy Greene Family Camp Scholarship Fund Financial assistance to families for Greene Family Camp Memory of Arnold Aronson by Phyllis & Phil Stoup Memory of Rosalie **Brown Bloom** by Jacque & Freddy Roberts Memory of Jacob Herschel Bloom by Jacque & Freddy Roberts Memory of Annette Leff Rosenfield by Phyllis & Phil Stoup Memory of Mitzi Wells by Bobbi & Jerry Wells Memory of Herschel Wilonsky by Phyllis & Phil Stoup Speedy Recovery of Macki Ellenboaen

by Phyllis & Phil Stoup <u>Paul Lande Summer Camp</u> <u>Scholarship Fund</u> Scholarships for children to attend Jewish summer camp <u>Memory of Jolyn Rudelson</u> by Mindy & Rick Cohen

Metz Youth Fund

Scholarships for Jewish activities sponsored by Temple or other Jewish organizations Memory of David Mayerson by Bobbi & Jerry Wells Memory of Adam Steinberg by Karla & Larry Steinberg Memory of Mitzi Wells by Bobbi & Jerry Wells

David B. Shalom Religious Education Fund Financial assistance for religious education for Temple members Memory of Barbara Zale by Amy & Richard Blum

Martin and Charlotte Weiss <u>Religious School Fund</u> Scholarships for YL+E fees, books and additional expenses Memory of Amelia Cristol Andres by Carol & Robert Hirsh by Shelley & Richard Hirsh Memory of Betty Chaiken by Lynn & Jay Staub

Youth Scholarship Fund

Financial assistance to families for participation in youth programs Memory of James Faulkner by Robin Kosberg & Mark Washofsky Memory of Frances Porris by Mindy & Rick Cohen Memory of Eugenia Vulakh by Ella Borodyansky Memory of Sandra Stein Weil by Robin Kosberg & Mark Washofsky Conversion of Tina Orlowski by Robin Kosberg & Mark

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Freda Gail Stern Social Justice Fund Support of social action projects consistent with WRJ's mission As a Contribution by OriAnn Phillips

YES Fund of Sisterhood

Support of the Youth, Education and Service programs of Women of Reform Judaism Memory of Jerome G. Franklin by Marlene Franklin Memory of Sanford Franklin by Marlene Franklin Memory of Jolyn Rudelson by Miriam Cohen by Phyllis & Marty Mills Memory of Jessie Sackler by Phyllis & Marty Mills Memory of Eddie Segal by Phyllis & Marty Mills As a Contribution by OriAnn Phillips

Yolanda Clark Youth Scholarship Fund

Scholarsnip Fund Provision of scholarships for immersive Jewish youth learning experiences As a Contribution by Rachel Chaput by Deidra Cizon by Bette Morchower by OriAnn Phillips

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The Dream Big Team



Nina Cortell, Bob Fine and Leslie and Bob Krakow



TE150 celebration chairs Nina Cortell, Bob Fine and Leslie and Bob Krakow are building the blueprints for a magnificent 15 months of celebration and community. heir personal histories range from being a convert to Judaism and child of German Jewish parents who fled Nazi Germany to fourth-generation Temple member and native New Yorker.

Whatever important initiatives Temple has been involved in over the past four decades, chances are that Nina Cortell and Bob Fine, and Leslie and Bob Krakow have been involved.

They've taught in religious school, participated on clergy searches, cultivated new Temple leadership, served as Temple officers, raised money and planned major celebrations. Close to their hearts are their families' journeys through preschool, b'nai mitzvah and Confirmation, and, for Nina and Bob, being a multigenerational ECEC family! The two couples are chairing the celebrations for TE150, an exciting 15 months of special events and new initiatives that will launch this fall. They are working with an awesome group of co-chairs who will be introduced in later editions of the Window.

Temple is so grateful for the extraordinary and enduring leadership of Nina, Bob, Leslie and Bob. They shared their reflections on the months ahead with the Window, and we at Temple are eager to come together as a community to experience the exciting results of their planning and hard work.

About Nina and Bob

Nina is a lifelong member of Temple and the daughter of German Jewish parents who escaped Nazi Germany. Bob's Temple journey began when he converted to Judaism in 1976 with Rabbi Gerald Klein of blessed memory.

Nina, a former Temple officer, helped develop an alternative Shabbat service in the '90s and served on a team in the early 2000s that laid the foundation for envisioning the Temple building of today. Bob chaired the then-named Preschool Committee and oversaw the transformation of the school that planted the seeds for the prominence of the Early Childhood Education Center today. He also served on the search committee for Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman and has enjoyed seeing the embrace of Jews by Choice into the highest ranks of Temple leadership. He has been a leader in Temple's practice of The Conversation Project.

In their professional lives, Nina is Senior Counsel at Haynes and Boone, after having been a partner there for 40 years. Bob, who was born in Denver and grew up in several cities, including Dallas, is currently the Clinical Director of the Baylor Scott & White Healthcare Office of Clinical Ethics and Palliative Care, having practiced many years as an internist at Baylor.

Nina and Bob have three daughters and sons-in-law (Lauren and Ben, Rachel and Kyle, Rebecca and Erik), and four grandchildren (Audrey, Riley, Zoey and Anna) all proud graduates of the ECEC!

About Leslie and Bob

Leslie is a native Dallasite and fourthgenerational Temple member whose great-grandfather, Ludwig Philipson, was a Temple president. Bob grew up in suburban New York and moved to Dallas in 1981. Their volunteer commitment intensified about 10 years ago when they chaired the then-called Annual Campaign. Leslie served on the Nominating Committee and planned the celebration for the opening of Stern Chapel, and Bob served on the Engagement Task Force and is currently Temple's First Vice President.

In their professional lives, Leslie has worked for many years as both a volunteer and professional educator. Bob has been a practicing attorney for more than 40 years, nearly all of that time with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. Leslie and Bob were married by Rabbi David Stern in 1996, the same week that he became senior rabbi! They have two sons, Ben, 24, and Eli, 21.

What is the mission of the celebration and community experience of TE150?

The sesquicentennial celebration will encompass a 15-month long series of special events, projects and activities that will provide a joyous opportunity for us to celebrate our past, reflect the best of who we are, and inspire our future. Our planning is focused on our core values — social justice, community engagement, learning, worship, and Israel — with our goal being to enhance connections, honor our diversity, and make an impact in our community.

What can we expect to experience in each of the broad areas of the celebration portfolio?

Documenting Our History: This committee's goal is to both honor our history and inspire our future through the lessons and achievements of our remarkable past. The committee seeks to create a living archive that will include, among other things, a multimedia timeline; an interactive map that will show significant connections among the city of Dallas and Temple; a beautiful photo exhibit of members and staff; and a visual feature showing a year in the life of our community garden.

Torah and Worship: All of our celebrations will be illuminated with the richness of our sacred Torah and the power of communal prayer. Anchor Events: Although there will be special events and programming throughout the 15 months, a dedicated group of lay volunteers is busy planning three major anchor components of TE150. The first anchor, in October of this year, will be a celebration focused on Jewish values and justice related to food, including working to eradicate hunger and welcoming others to our tables. It will kick off with a very special Sukkot Shabbat service and dinner on Oct. 14. Beginning that night and continuing for the next several weeks, we will enjoy delicious food that reflects the great diversity of our rich Ashkenazi and Sephardic cultures. We also will have the opportunity to learn about and discuss many food-related issues, including health and nutrition, food insecurity, and sustainability. We will celebrate our own devoted gardeners and engage with the broader community beyond our walls.

The second major anchor is a celebration of the arts in the spring of 2023, and its power to build understanding among people, while also connecting us to the past. It will include partnerships with a number of leading local arts organizations in Dallas. We will of course celebrate our wonderful Temple Emanu-El music heritage and plans are under way for an immersive community art experience that will tell our story in an exciting and fresh way.

Our final anchor celebration will occur in the Fall of 2023, when we will rededicate ourselves to our core values and collectively envision the future of Temple.

Social Justice: Temple's legacy of social justice will infuse all our efforts, and be deeply embedded in the anchor events and the Documenting Our History project. We are also working on an exciting initiative that we'll be able to share more details on in the months to come.

Such an amazing start! Tell us briefly about the process of pulling together these fabulous ideas.

The planning has been a years-long process that has included brainstorming amongst a wide array of Temple members, clergy and staff. We were asked to "dream big," and we did! More recently, the programming has been guided by our magnificent committee chairs who have brought new ideas, creativity, and excitement to the process. Under their leadership, enhanced by the committee members they have engaged, we have gone from the drawing board to plans for implementation — it is an exciting time! We are eager to see all of the hard work of so many come to fruition in the months ahead and be enjoyed by our Temple community.

What has been your favorite part of the TE150 journey so far?

Nina and Bob: The opportunity to work with so many inspiring, talented Temple members in a joint mission to honor, and bring to life, Temple's rich history, so that we may inspire and ensure Temple's future.

Leslie and Bob: The TE150 planning reflects the very things that make Temple a magnificent congregation with such a rich history—highly committed and talented lay volunteers generously giving of their time and working in close collaboration with our incredible staff and clergy. It has been great to see the work progress, and we are beyond excited to see the celebration unfold.

A to Z Awesome

ELIZABETH ASEN AND SOPHIE ZUCKERMAN GIVE THUMBS UP TO THE TEMPLE EMANU-EL ANNUAL FUND

hey're both young moms with plenty of responsibilities in their lives. For Elizabeth Fields Asen and Sophie Levy Zuckerman, the commitment to Temple runs deep. The only answer that ever occurred to them when considering Temple leadership was an enthusiastic yes!

Elizabeth Fields Asen

'TEMPLE WAS ALWAYS A CONSTANT IN MY LIFE.'

Elizabeth grew up at Temple and moved back in 2020, after living in the northeast for 11 years. She and her husband, Josh, are the parents of Lily.

What is your connection to Temple?

I grew up at Temple. My parents, grandparents, and greatgrandparents all modeled the importance of giving back and playing an active role in the shaping and development of Temple.

Why did you say yes to the Annual Fund?

I moved back to Dallas in 2020 after living in the northeast for 11 years. Going to Temple has been like coming home. The programs and activities I do with my daughter at Temple have served as a way for us both to make friendships and feel a part of a community. We go to Temple one to two days a week to play, sing, worship, and socialize in the Together Time program. We both leave feeling energized and fulfilled. These feelings of excitement propel me to give back to the place that my family loves.

Why do you think it's so important for people in their 20s and 30s to support Temple Emanu-El?

When I reflect upon my childhood, Temple was always a constant in my life. I want my daughter to experience the same feelings of belonging and embrace that I felt and continue to feel when we participate in Temple programming. I think that young adulthood is a great time to start to dip your toes in supporting organizations.





Sophie Levy Zuckerman

'Now it's our turn...'

Sophie is a lifelong Temple member. She and her husband, Eric, are the parents of two sons. She works for her family business, NCH Corporation and shares seasonal recipes on her website (sophoodie.com)

How did you get involved at Temple?

Mary Lee [Broder] called me As a lifelong congregant, I grew up enjoying all that Temple had to offer and now I love being on the other side of things by helping.

What made you say yes to the Annual Fund?

I can be super shy when it comes to asking for money, but I realized this is a rewarding way to step out of my comfort zone. Also, who can say no to Mary Lee and Nikki Gibson?

Why do you think it's so important for people in their 20s and 30s to support Temple Emanu-El?

Most of us have grown up receiving so much love, care, and attention from Temple whether it be from religious school, attending children's services, or making memories on the annual Temple youth ski trip. As young adults, it's a place to find friends as we navigate young adulthood in our 20s and having a wonderful place to send our littlest ones. Now it's our turn to ensure that the ship keeps running smoothly.



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...and the youth shall see visions, And our hopes shall rise up to the sky. We must live for today; we must build for tomorrow. Give us time, give us strength, give us life.

Debbie Friedman