Toward the Future

Suzi Greenman and Scott McCartney lead Temple’s 150th milestone year

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I have, for the longest time, had a quote taped to the wall near my desk at home, an old advertisement from the New York Times Book Review. It’s attributed to French philosopher Montesquieu, and at one point the paper became so yellowed and brittle that I had the scrap laminated so it would last: “I have never known any distress that an hour’s reading did not relieve.”

The words remind me how to return to my focus, relax, find new insight and perspective when anything — work, family, the world — is a source of stress or pain. During these past 18 months these words have become a sort of mantra to me. I have dabbled in challah baking and puzzle-solving, I have spent time on the phone and on Zoom with friends and family. I am not a binge watcher of TV. More than anything I found solace in books; an hour spent reading, more often than not, has returned me back to whatever awaited — relieved, revived, even rested, ready and steady in our ever-changing Covid-filled world.

Summer is often the season associated with reading. Many fantasize about perfect light at the beach to fall into a paperback novel, a hammock for immersing in a classic piece of literature, extended daylight and quiet to catch up on a best seller. But I think the month of October, this year, is the perfect time to take up the challenge presented by the medieval Jewish adventurer, Judah Ibn Tibbon: “Make your books your companions, let your cases and shelves be your pleasure grounds and gardens.” Why October this year? Not only is it National Book Month, but on October 5, the Hebrew month of Cheshvan begins. Cheshvan is a wonderful time in the Hebrew calendar, a month free of any holidays — nothing scheduled (except Shabbat!) between Simchat Torah and Hanukkah, and in this space we have the opportunity to explore the pleasure grounds and gardens of books.

Here are three of my favorites from the past year. Each brought me to a place I’d never been before, cast a new light on history, changed my perspective and energized me to engage in the world at a difficult time. None of these are by Jewish authors or on specific Jewish topics but these are Jewish books in that they express our shared values and stories. Enjoy!

“Caste”
by Isabel Wilkerson
I heard Isabel Wilkerson speak at the Central Conference of American Rabbis convention in March and was stunned by what I had never known about my own history as an American. My Facing Our Truths Group (like all the groups) was assigned a portion of the book to read this spring and I found it so compelling, so perspective shifting, I had to read the whole thing.

“Braiding Sweetgrass”
by Robin Wall Kimmerer
Rabbis David Stern and Nancy Kasten recommended this to me. It’s about the wisdom of plants, serious biology and Indigenous American culture, and I found myself turning down corners, scribbling in margins, over and again, how an insight or image spoke to Jewish life, expressed something in my life or urged me on to pay more attention to God’s creation around me.

“The Book of Longings”
by Sue Monk Kidd
I love this novel. It is the fictional imagining (midrash) of the wife of Jesus and the circle of strong, smart, spiritual women that filled his life and influenced his choices. It reminds me a lot of “The Red Tent” by Anita Diamant, but set at the time when Christianity was born and core stories of faith and doubt were being set down in writing.
BECOMING AN ANTIRACIST CONGREGATION

Temple Emanu-El continues its work in eliminating racism and promoting awareness and education throughout our congregation, our city and our world. This month, we explore an excerpt of a research study from the Jews of Color Initiative. Entitled “Beyond the Count: Perspectives and Lived Experiences of Jews of Color,” this is the first-ever study of this scale on Jews of Color in the United States. To read the entire study, visit jewsofcolorinitiative.org.

EXPRESSIONS OF JEWISH IDENTITY

In the study, the five most popular expressions of Jewish identity are focused on collective memory and values: working for justice and equality (tikkun olam), passing on Jewish identity to the next generation; honoring parents, grandparents or ancestors; remembering the Holocaust and celebrating Jewish holidays. As the study states: “Most respondents think of being Jewish as belonging to a culture or a people.” However more than half reported racial discrimination within their Jewish communities. When Jews of Color feel excluded from a community and experience discrimination, it is no wonder that their lived experiences catapult values of tikkun olam and working for justice to the top of their Jewish priorities while cooking/eating Jewish foods or wearing Jewish symbols remains a lower priority.

As Ariana Cook, chair of the Within Our Walls and Beyond Task Force, notes: “I can relate to this. Some of the foods I cook for Jewish holidays are not Ashkenazi foods, but does that make my celebration any less Jewish? Cooking Jewish foods or wearing Jewish symbols may be lower on the priority list because we associate them with Ashkenazi Jewish culture and it doesn’t always feel genuine to who we are at the core of our complex intersectional identity.”

The study underscores this experience: “Many respondents described how they actively embrace the complexities of their identities. More than half (61%) agreed they have been able to find ways to connect to their Jewish identity that also honor their racial/ethnic identities. They integrate customs and traditions from various aspects of their racial, ethnic, and religious heritages.”

Questions for Consideration
1. What does it look like to be Jewish?
2. How can we, as a community, expand the boundaries of Jewish culture and embrace different ways to be Jewish?

In the tradition of Rabbi Levi A. Olan of blessed memory, the event that bears his name engages the congregation and the community in intellectual, moral and theological dialogue. We are pleased to be partnering with Faith Commons of Dallas, which promotes public discourse rooted in common values of multiple faiths.

**About the Olan Lecture Series**
The Rabbi Levi A. Olan Lectureship was established in 1973 to honor the legacy of its namesake — rabbi, activist, scholar and community leader whose radio sermons in the 1960s added to the city’s moral discourse. In 1994 the Hochman Fund was created to endow the Olan Lecture Series.

“I hope that this effort to explore what the text means for us today inspires your own journey to look at Scripture with new eyes and discern what you are being called to do and say in this moment in history.”

**Registration:**
participate.tedallas.org/
2021olanlecture

**Book purchases:**
faithinpubliclife.org/
profiles/rev-jennifer-butler
or at the event

In Gratitude: The Olan Lecture Series is made possible by an endowment gift from Hannah Hochman in memory of Yetta Hochman.
Adult Learning

Tel Aviv is known as the “White City” due to the large number of Bauhaus style buildings in the city, built primarily by German Jewish immigrants to the country in the 1930s. In 2003, the distinctive architecture received UNESCO World Heritage status as an outstanding example of synthesizing architectural trends with local conditions. This honor has led to the preservation of a large number of the buildings. This session will look at the distinctive nature of the different architectural styles that developed in Tel Aviv and how they reflect the social and cultural tensions in the city. It will be recorded for viewing after the event.

To register: participate.tedallas.org/loveofisraeloct3

New Book Club: Everyone’s Included

The Inclusion Working Group is offering a new book club for adults with disabilities. Previously serving residents at CHAI, the book club is now serving the Temple community as well as the Dallas community. It provides social connections, intellectual stimulation through great discussions and the opportunity to explore life experiences through the books we read.

To join this open, friendly and accepting group, contact Lorraine Friedman, Director of Inclusion, at lfriedman@tedallas.org.

Save the Date | Schlinger Ethics Symposium

Pandemic Perspectives from Educators, Teens and Medical Professionals, moderated by Rabbi David Stern

Thursday, Nov. 4 at 7PM on Zoom
Register: participate.tedallas.org/2021schlingersymposium

Shir Shel Yom: A psalm for each day

In her new class, Rabbi Debra Robbins will teach the practice of shir shel yom, reading a specific psalm for Sunday through Friday each week. Over six weeks, we will explore one each week and consider how our lives connect to the ancient words and how the words can help us navigate our way from Shabbat to Shabbat.

Online only, Wednesdays, 9-10AM, on Zoom.
November 3, 10, 17
December 1, 8, 15
Register: participate.tedallas.org/psalmsfall2021

New Space for Outdoor Learning

The Intro to Judaism class welcomed 30 participants in all stages of their Jewish journeys to Temple’s new al fresco adult classroom in the Celebration Garden.

As Rabbi Daniel Utley shared: “One couple was an interfaith couple with Temple roots who joined Temple during the pandemic and wanted to meet other members. The class cohort is an amazingly diverse mix of folks from multiple ethnic, racial and faith backgrounds and LGBTQ identification.”

The outdoor classroom has shade, fans, lighting and full A/V capability and is available for use as cooler weather arrives. The space has been set up so that participants can remove their masks.

For information on the outdoor space, contact Alexandra Horn, Director of Congregational Engagement, ahorn@tedallas.org.
**BECOMING B’NAI MITZVAH**

- **Benjamin Goldman | Oct. 2**  
  Son of Caroline and Mark Goldman  
  Highland Park Middle School  
  Tikkun Olam: Together We Rise

- **Mia Alix Stern | Oct. 9**  
  Daughter of Megan and Michael Stern  
  Parish Episcopal School  
  Tikkun Olam: Snack bags for Family Gateway

- **Ruby Rosenberg | Oct. 23**  
  Daughter of Valerie and Daniel Rosenberg  
  Frankford Middle School  
  Tikkun Olam: Family Gateway

- **Asher Yoffe | Oct. 2**  
  Son of Danielle and Amir Yoffe  
  St. Mark’s School of Texas  
  Tikkun Olam: North Dallas Shared Ministries

- **Gregory Cunningham | Oct. 9**  
  Son of Bennett and Michael Cunningham  
  St. Mark’s School of Texas  
  Tikkun Olam: Snack bags for Family Gateway

- **Elaine Carte-Engel | Oct. 16**  
  Daughter of Kate and Jeffrey Engel  
  Highland Park Middle School  
  Tikkun Olam: VNA Meals on Wheels for Pets

- **Allison Rench | Oct. 30**  
  Daughter of Messy and David Rench  
  Parkhill Junior High School  
  Tikkun Olam: Genesis Women’s Shelter

- **Mason Pedroza | Oct. 16**  
  Son of Karin Matz and Gerardo Pedroza  
  Lakehill Preparatory School  
  Tikkun Olam: VNA Meals on Wheels for Pets

- **Briana Solomon | Oct. 30**  
  Daughter of Lisa and Gary Solomon  
  Greenhill School  
  Tikkun Olam: Operation Kindness

- **Liliana Cunningham | Oct. 9**  
  Daughter of Bennett and Michael Cunningham  
  Hockaday School  
  Tikkun Olam: Snack bags for Family Gateway

- **Amelia Shanks | Oct. 16**  
  Daughter of Nancy and Jason Shanks  
  Forest Meadow Junior High  
  Tikkun Olam: Clean Up Lake Highlands, Chew Animal Clinic

**IN MEMORIAM**

- **Erica Brunder**  
  Sister of Robert Denenberg  
  Mother of John Cohen, Richard Cohen and Renee Holland

- **Ashley Cooper**  
  Daughter of Midge Cooper  
  Mother of Aurora Cooper and Gillian Wise

- **Michael Donnenfield**  
  Father of Jonah Donnenfield, Regan Donnenfield and Noah Donnenfield

- **Louise Eiseman**  
  Mother of Richard Eiseman

- **Moses Eskenazi**  
  Father of Sammy Eskenazi

- **William Friedman**  
  Twin brother of Marvin Friedman

- **Jennifer Friedman-Ackerman**  
  Wife of Jon Ackerman  
  Daughter of Cathy Hirsh  
  Daughter of Michael Friedman  
  Sister of Jared Friedman, Holly Biederman

- **Frederick Lee Harris**  
  Brother and sister of Dr. William J. Harris

- **Richard Hegmann**  
  Father of Rachel Biederman

- **Anna Lee Kahn**  
  Mother of Lisa Bettes and Isabel Kahn

- **Marilyn Klepak**  
  Mother of Joe Fogelman and Evan Fogelman  
  Sister of Ray H. Man and Sharon Man Brown

- **Richard Howard Parker**  
  Father of Alison Schwartz

- **Nancy Peters**  
  Mother of Diana Crowder

- **Irwin Rothbard Rose**  
  Father of June Rose

- **Barbara Rose Schendle**  
  Wife of Andrew Schendle  
  Mother of Andrew Schendle, Jason Schendle and Matthew Schendle

- **Peggy Thornton**  
  Mother of Vicki Redden

- **Marilyn Willey**  
  Mother of Alaka Willey

- **Richard Zoblotsky**  
  Father of Adam Zoblotsky

**WEDDINGS**

- **Vivien Eliasoff and Scott Judson**

- **Adrienne Feltman and Adam Chernoff**

- **Jayme Kravit and Cameron Burk**

- **Rebecca Wechsler and Dustin Marx**

**CONVERSION**

- **Suzanne Cooke**

**MAZEL TOV**

- **To Richard Furst on the birth of his granddaughter, Blakelee Jewel Furst, daughter of Shannon and Marie Furst.**

- **To Sylvia Frank on the bat mitzvah of her great-granddaughter, Halle Rabekah Jacobs, daughter of Cantor Francine Davis Jacobs and Kevin Jacobs.**
October is, as Rabbi Debra Robbins notes in her message on page 2, is a great time for a new book. And this year, the beginning of Torah coincides with the secular month as we pick up the creation story in B’reishit and start exploring the foundational stories of our people’s history through the book of Genesis. Some Shabbat highlights include a service for healing on Oct. 15, a family experience on Oct. 15 and camp reflections on Oct. 29.

Temple is dedicated to being a multi-access community of prayer. We are holding in-person services on Friday nights and Saturday mornings and are continuing to offer our warm and welcoming online experience. More details are available on tedallas.org and in the Thursday Guide to Shabbat email.

### NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

Andrew, Jaime, Cassidy & Samantha Aronson  
Daniel, Adi, Ariel & Elana Beltzman  
Michael, Christine, Isaiah, Maiya & Alissa Norris  
& Kailyn Clay  
Drew Franklin  
Noel, Amy, Benjamin & Charlotte Hartley  
David Jacobson, Ching Hui Huang, Frank Kuo, & Mia Jacobson  
Susan D. Kaminsky  
Adam & Layne Katz  
Ira Levy & Sara Wood-Levy  
Evan, Jennifer, Hudson, Noah & Lily Lipp

### BABY NAMINGS

Palmer Reese Albert  
Daughter of Mandi and Chad Albert  
Alma Berk and Elias Heller Berk  
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Liliana Odette Crowley  
Daughter of Sophia and Dash Crowley  
Granddaughter of Barbara and Geoff Crowley

Eric Dreyfuss  
Son of Joanna and Zachary Dreyfuss  
Brandon Iodice  
Son of Julie and Matt Iodice  
Lilah Rae Rosenfeld  
Daughter of Caitlin and Louis Rosenfeld

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### Hebrew Content

**B’reishit**  
Genesis 1:1-6:8

**Lech L’Cha**  
Genesis 12:1-17:27

**Vayeira**  
Genesis 18:1-22:24

**Chayei Sarah**  
Genesis 23:1-25:18

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The Path Toward Justice
Civil Rights Trip for
Students in Grades 8-9
January 13-16, 2022

Teen Emanu-El presents an awesome opportunity to study the Jewish role in the Civil Rights Movement. The trip, led by youth engagement staff and clergy, will visit several cities and landmarks, including:

ATLANTA, GEORGIA
Framing the identity of Jews in the South since the 1915 lynching of Leo Frank, a New York Jew who moved to Atlanta and was falsely convicted of murder

Visits to
• The King Center
• Auburn Street historic neighborhood where Martin Luther King, Jr. was born, preached and is buried
• Ebenezer Baptist Church, Dr. King’s historic church

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA:
Where the Civil Rights Movement began

Visits to
• Rosa Parks Museum: Learn about the Montgomery Bus Boycott Lunch
• Equal Justice Initiative’s Legacy Museum & Lynching Memorial: First national memorial for victims of lynching
• Selma, Alabama and The Edmund Pettus Bridge: Meet a victim who survived a beating on the historic march from Montgomery to Selma, as well as about Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel’s powerful voice during the Civil Rights Movement

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
Hear a first-hand account from a civil rights worker who was arrested, and the historic church where four girls died in a bombing

Visits to
• Birmingham Civil Rights Institute
• Walking tour of Freedom Park & 16th Street Baptist Church

For many of us the march from Selma to Montgomery was about protest and prayer. Legs are not lips and walking is not kneeling. And yet our legs uttered songs. Even without words, our march was worship. I felt my legs were praying.

—Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel

Cost: $800, includes flights, hotel, transportation and most meals; Confidential financial assistance is available. A pre-registration deposit of $100 due on Oct. 11.

For information and to register: Contact Shira Stevenson, Director of Teen Engagement, sstevenson@tedallas.org.
The Shine the Light initiative was launched in December 2020 to focus increased attention on spiritual and mental well-being. We are pleased to announce the formation of a steering committee, which met for the first time over the summer, and an advisory board, which meets this month.

We express our gratitude to the members who have dedicated so much of their time and expertise toward making Temple a haven for facing difficult topics.

**Steering Committee**

Chairs: Amy Roseman and Fran Toubin
Members: Lori Gerard, Jennifer Helms, Laurie Miller, Alyson Ray, Nancy Shosid, Phyllis Stoup, Sara Albert (Executive Committee liaison), Rabbi Amy Ross (clergy liaison), Meredith Pryzant (staff liaison)

**Mental Well-being Advisory Board**

Chair: Nancy Shosid
Members: Beverly Bonnheim, Harriet Cohen, Jessica George, Amber Pierce, Charles Pryzant

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**the conversation project  Let’s Talk Turkey**

**Wednesday, Oct. 27 at 7-8pm, online**
participate.tedallas.org/conversationproject-zoom-10/27

**Thursday, Oct. 28 at 12-1pm, online**
participate.tedallas.org/the-conversation-project-lets-talk-turkey-10/28

The Conversation Project, a national initiative that Temple supports, returns for a special Zoom session, held two separate times. The event will address our current Covid-19 climate, our anguish related to decision-making and how having important conversations about end-of-life wishes can be beneficial to our spiritual and mental well-being. The timing allows families to plan to have conversations during intergenerational gatherings at Thanksgiving.

Each session will include a spiritual welcome from Temple’s clergy and a recorded message from Dr. Bob Fine, who helped launch The Conversation Project. Participants will engage in breakout sessions and a group learning session.

Please see bit.ly/cptecovid19 for a guide that will be used during the event.
Team 150 Captains

Sesquicentennial chairs Suzi Greenman and Scott McCartney are mindful of the past while focused on the future.

They are both past presidents who have already overseen major campaigns that have changed the course of Temple’s future for the better. And to the enormous gratitude of everyone who has the privilege to work with the skilled and visionary leaders, Suzi Greenman and Scott McCartney have said “yes” once again.

Suzi and Scott are co-chairing TE150, the endowment campaign and celebration for Temple’s sesquicentennial year, which kicks off at the High Holy Days next year. They have created a dream team of leaders who have already begun planning for a campaign to increase Temple’s endowment and to shape the milestone events of this very special birthday.

Both leaders have had successful professional careers and built a full Temple resume even before they became president. And as is natural in any working relationship, there are surprising and unexpected commonalities. Such as geography: Near and dear to their hearts is Wellesley, Massachusetts, where Scott grew up and where Suzi went to college.

As they plan for the exciting challenges ahead, Suzi and Scott took some time to share their perspectives on this moment at Temple: the endowment, the celebration, the future.

We’re all aware of Temple’s origin story—the 11 men who reacted to the urgent needs of their time by creating a burial site for a young man who had died. In 150 years, what do you hope tomorrow’s tricentennial chairs will say about us?

Suzi: I hope people will say that during a tumultuous era, Temple remained a place of sacred encounter and moral leadership.

Scott: This is not about us. This is about Temple. One hundred fifty years from now, we hope Temple continues to make a difference in peoples’ lives, just as it did 150 years ago. We hope the sesquicentennial makes that possible.

We live in a world where loyalty to institutions is shifting. Younger generations don’t think about synagogues the same way their parents did. Yet here’s Temple, 150 years strong. How do we ensure a future for a synagogue not necessarily defined by physical borders?

Suzi: There’s strong recognition that community is more important in our fast-paced world than it ever was in the past. I think we need to be there to enhance those personal, meaningful, spiritual connections.

Scott: We don’t know what the synagogue of the future is going to be like. What we’ve seen this year is that Temple’s excellence has enabled us to adapt to the current challenges. I hope Temple will always have that ability to adapt, no matter what the challenges are. I think it’s enormously important to the Jewish community, to the Jewish future, to our Jewish hearts that we do all we can to make sure the synagogue endures.

Please share a moment or two of the recent past when Temple touched you personally.

Suzi: Passover was special to me because I was able to be with my entire family across the country on Zoom. It started me thinking that the synagogue of the future may have less to do with geography and more to do with our providing multiple ways to experience community and connections.

Scott: Temple has been enormously important over the past 15 months since the death of my wife. There can be a million different reasons that Temple is part of your Jewish and spiritual life. You might think, ‘oh, I don’t go to services,” and then your partner dies and you need Temple. It’s there when you need it.
About Suzi Greenman

**Hometown:** Dallas

**Age:** 78

**College:** Wellesley College

**Career highlights:** Residential real estate, nonprofit administration and development, public relations, advertising and marketing

**Early Temple memories:** All of my milestone events have been at Temple. I remember one as a young girl, Consecration at the Harwood Avenue Temple. I had my little Torah. It was such an exciting moment, and I still have my Torah today. I didn’t realize it then, but that day began a lifelong experience of Jewish learning.

My dad (Carl Flaxman) was president, and Temple was dinner table conversation every night. Another big moment was when they broke ground to build the Temple at this location.

**Favorite Temple job:** President: It was a unique opportunity to work with clergy and staff, and very moving.

**Favorite Temple accomplishments:**
1. Establishment of the endowment and Temple Foundation
2. Creation of an accessible bimah in the Olan Sanctuary
3. Launch of Jacob’s Ladder, a community service project that provided economically disadvantaged adults, primarily women, with the basic skills needed to enter the workforce

**Favorite Jewish food:** My grandmother’s matzoh ball recipe.

**People don’t know I...** I want to be a hoofer on Broadway! I studied dance from age 2 until adulthood.

**Top three Jewish words or phrases:** Simply to do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with God. (Micah 6:8)
What would you describe as the biggest agenda items of your terms as president — 2013-2015 for Scott, 1999-2001 for Suzi — and how did they inform your decision to agree to co-chair TE150?

Scott: For me it was Our Temple | Our Future (capital campaign of 2014-2016 that expanded Temple's campus). We created more spaces for our community and it had the desired effect we’d hoped for, by welcoming people into our spaces for worship, meetings and learning. The next step is truly ensuring the future of that community. That’s both through a celebration that is post-pandemic in terms of bringing the community back together and launching the community for the next era. We’ve done the bricks and mortar; now we need to do all the other work that goes with that.

Suzi: The biggest issue was that the Reform Jewish movement was going through a transition in worship styles. Many Temple members were upset at the idea of wearing a kippah or a tallit, and, most of all, having a cantor. For me as president, it gave me an appreciation for how much Temple meant to our members, that they could be so upset. It wasn’t a negative that so many cared so much, but it was something we definitely had to work through. How that experience informs why I said yes—time has shown that they could be so upset. It wasn’t a negative that so many cared so much, but it was something we definitely had to work through. How that experience informs why I said yes—time has shown how people still care, that although styles of worship may have changed, we are all still seeking the same sense of sacred encounter and moral leadership that is the heart of who we are. These are the important things that are worth fighting to preserve.

We also had our first major endowment campaign, led by Stan Rabin and Ron Steinhart. We established the Temple Emanu-El Foundation with that campaign, where we raised $17 million. Today we are in a much stronger position because we’ve had that experience.

Scott: With the initial $17 million and other donations that came afterward, we now have about $32 million in the Foundation. It has paid out $15 million to Temple over the years and has provided enormous support and strength.

Why endowment, why now?

Scott: More than buildings and physical spaces, endowment lasts forever. That’s the beauty and the strength of an endowment gift. It’s how we can all secure the future of Temple. As we’ve seen through the pandemic, that financial future can be challenged. We need to do our part now to strengthen Temple for future generations. It’s an expression of belief in the future. It’s how we can pay it forward.

Suzi: As Scott said, a gift to Temple’s Endowment Fund is the best way to ensure Temple’s future. A gift to general endowment is especially important because it enables future leaders of our congregation to allocate funds where they are most needed at the time. For those donors who want to ensure that one core area of Temple life, such as Jewish learning or social justice, will always have adequate financial support, at certain giving levels they can designate their gift to that area of Temple life.

Once we reach our endowment fundraising goal, (and we have no doubt that under your leadership we will!), how will that be a game changer for Temple?

Suzi: it will ensure our future in a way that we haven’t been able to yet. Every year, we work hard to raise enough money through dues, fees, the Annual Fund and the endowment distribution to meet our budget. If we can increase money coming from endowment, it will ease the pressure (but certainly not eliminate it) on generating other sources of revenue. A larger endowment will also help tide us over in challenging times such as we’ve just experienced.

Scott: I think it’s important to make certain that Jewish engagement is affordable. If you have children at Temple, with dues, tuition, the Annual Fund donation and fees for events and dinners, the cost of belonging can be significant. I think we need to do more to provide funding for our core values—social justice, worship, learning, engagement with Israel, community. Reaching our fundraising goal means we’ve put our money where our heart is.

Suzi: I’m also very aware that belonging to Temple for people who are older and living on fixed incomes is expensive. I’d like for a strong endowment to contribute more to the annual operating budget so that the basics of Temple life cost less.

Scott: What we don’t know is how many people aren’t ever joining or how many leave because they don’t want to ask for special treatment. Jewish engagement shouldn’t be a question of what does it cost. The Foundation covers 7.5 percent of Temple’s budget today. We want to double that. That doesn’t mean doing away with dues or tuition. We think that the money can not only make Temple more affordable but also provide millions of dollars every year to help Temple do the things Temple wants to do and needs to do.

What are you two most excited about in the coming months of the endowment campaign and celebration planning?

Scott: I’m extremely excited about the major speakers and projects we can all pitch in on. And I’m enormously excited about the possibilities of having the Foundation offer financial security for Temple forever and ever.

Suzi: I’m very excited at the opportunity to celebrate our past and highlight that for our congregation. And I’m excited that the Sesquicentennial will give us an opportunity to share our history with the broader community. The Sesquicentennial also is positioned to serve as a springboard to the future. We don’t want to just look back, we want to look toward the future.
About Scott McCartney

Hometown: Wellesley, Massachusetts

Age: 61

College: Duke University

Career highlights: Created and built The Middle Seat, one of the most popular columns at the Wall Street Journal

Defining moment at Temple: My conversion, between my daughters’ bat mitzvahs, even though I felt Jewish long before I formally converted.

Early Temple memory: The first time I spoke from the bimah at Temple. I delivered a eulogy at my sister-in-law’s funeral. It was very impactful.

Favorite job at Temple: Social justice chair. I would also include outreach chair. I worked a lot on the interfaith marriage policy at Temple. It was very difficult but also extremely rewarding from an emotional standpoint.

Favorite Temple accomplishments: Our Temple | Our Future campaign; hosting President Obama at Temple speaking about health care [Nov. 2013]. I have a flag pin from the Secret Service. That was one of their code things. If you’ve got the pin, you’re ok.

Favorite Jewish food: Matzoh toffee

People don’t know I...hate gefilte fish. Why take a perfectly good fish and ruin it?

Top three Temple words: Loving, impactful, community
Do you love to bike? Join Cantor Leslie Niren on Oct. 17 for the first ride around Big D, with stops along the way to share moments of gratitude, praise and poetry. For intermediate-level cyclists.

Contact Cantor Niren at lniren@tedallas.org.

**Women of Reform Judaism Events**

For questions, to join and to learn more, see tesisterhood.org

**Drive-through Membership Appreciation**
**Wednesday, Oct. 13 at 4:30-6:30pm**
We appreciate our members. Drive up to Temple on the driveway near Olan Sanctuary and be greeted by a WRJ member and receive a small gift.

**Daughters of Abraham**
**Thursday, Oct. 21 at 7-8:30pm**
Women of Reform Judaism participates in this interfaith group for women of Jewish, Muslim and Christian faiths. The monthly discussions, when in person, are held at different faith homes. This month, the meeting will be on Zoom.

**Topic: Interfaith Journeys and Experiences**

**Contact for Zoom link:**
Leah Beth Kolni, leahbkolni@gmail.com
Goin’ to the Delivery Room Returns

We are pleased to welcome back this workshop for new and expectant Jewish families to gain resources and connections along their parenthood journey. The course is being led by educator Rachel Utley, with members of our clergy and guest speakers Shelly Sender, Director of Early Childhood Education, and Lauren New, nurse midwife.

October 17, 24, 31 and Nov 7 at 9:30-10:45am, on Zoom

Register: participate.tedallas.org/deliveryroom
Contact: Amy Hartley, ahartley@tedallas.org

Temple Cares

GRIEF SUPPORT
Temple Emanu-El | Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 11:30AM-1PM on Zoom
Contact Meredith Pryzant at mpryzant@tedallas.org for more information about group and/or Zoom link.

Jewish Family Service | Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 12-1PM on Zoom
For more information and Zoom link, contact Deborah Leibensberger at 972.437.9950 or dleibensberger@jfsdallas.org

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.

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

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

Yoga Emanu-El

Yoga through a Jewish lens
Tuesdays, October 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 4PM on Facebook Live
Join certified yoga instructor Debbi K. Levy for this weekly online live session.

Contact: Rachel Tucker rtucker@tedallas.org.

Calling All Readers

The Temple Book Club continues to introduce our community to great stories with Jewish content, along with a chance to deepen relationships around a love of reading. All sessions are at 2pm and online until further notice. Contact Anjelica Ruiz for Zoom links and questions, aruiz@tedallas.org.

October 4
The Others, Sarah Blau

December 6
The Color of Love, Marra Gad
GIFTS OF MEMORY, HONOR AND GRATITUDE
Tributes for Sustaining Temple

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 Sam Aronson
By Artyce Cohen
By Irme Grossman

Memory of Jack Corman
By Betty & Sam Alton

Memory of Michael Deutsch
By Cheryl & Randy Cohen

Memory of Ida Fox
By MG (USA) Rat Eugene Fox & Evelyn Fox

Memory of Jennifer Friedman-Ackerman
By Cheryl & Randy Cohen
By Irme Grossman

Memory of Marilyn Klapak
By Barbara & Donald Zale

Memory of Kim Cohen Koenigsberg
By Cheryl & Randy Cohen

Birthday of Rabbi David Stern
By Mandi & Chad Albert

SUSAN SALOM CLERGY GOOD WORKS FUND
Distributions to charitable organizations, individuals in need or community causes by Temple’s clergy

Memory of Norma Cohen
By The Family of Norma Cohen
By Elisa Power

Bris of Liam DePorte
By David DePorte

Memory of Paula Elons
By Tam Schneider

Memory of Myron Fine
By Chito & Joshua Fine

Memory of Marsha S. Fischman
By Lawrence Fischman

Memory of Eugene Friedman
By Natalie Friedman

Memory of Jennifer Friedman-Ackerman
By Judy & Ron Foxman
By Linda Levine

Memory of Lestat Abraham Howell
By The Marguloff Family

Memory of Anna Lee Kahn
By Elisa Power

Memory of Ralph Khoudi
By Bobbie & David Rapp

Memory of Gloria G. Kohen
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Memory of Ada Lynn
By The Lynn Family

Memory of Joan Pollock
By Lynn & Bob Behrendt

Memory of Anita Rudy
By Howard Rudy

Memory of Susan Rene Sankary
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By Lett & Ina Kravitz

Naming of Palmer Albert
By Mandi & Chad Albert

Unveiling of Jannelle Sterry
By Milford Sterry

ANNE AND SAM KESNER CARING CONGREGATION FUND
Assistance for Temple members through 
of phases of life including hospitalization, elder care, military service, mental health challenges and grief

Memory of Antoinette Aaron
By Luzia, Kathy, Stephen Shwiff & Family

Memory of Jennifer Friedman-Ackerman
By Joan & Jerry Skibell

Memory of Joseph Barmach
By Sidney Cutler & Rhoda Schwartz

Memory of Marilyn Klapak
By Bobbie & David Rapp

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DOROTHY AND HENRY JACOBUS GARDEN FUND
Maintenance of the klein Garden
By Dr. & Mrs. Larry Barzun & Family

Memory of Hilda Burts
By Peter Vogel & Marguerite Burts

Memory of Rose Drilling
By Joan Essenfeld

Memory of Dickie Freedman
By Jackie & Steven Friedman

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Memory of Morty Freedman
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By Michael Kerber

Memory of Anna M. Weber
By Michael Weber and Family

Anniversary of Joyce & Las Horton
By Razi & Gary Seidman

MUSIC AND PRAYER

MUSIC FUND
Enhancement of Temple music programs

Memory of Rosalie Alexander
By Mrs. H.B. (Norma) Schlinger

Memory of Sandy Golfin
By Sandy & Dan Garamon & Family

Memory of Frank Goff
By Lutie Brodsky Lyle & Bobby Lyle

Memory of Beatrice Marks
By Marlene & Richard Marks

Memory of Nina Spitzer

ALEX F. WEISBERG LIBRARY FUND
Purchases of Judaic books, publications and entertainment media

Marriage of Poppy Sundeem & Steven Blum
By Arline Leibs

GENERAL

TEMPLE EMANU-EL GENERAL OPERATING FUND
Support of Temple’s general programs and events

RABBI GERALD J. KLEIN MEMORIAL CEMETARY FUND
Beautification and improvements of the Temple Emunu-El Cemetery

Memory of Barbara Hoffman
By Ronald Hoffman

Memory of Sylvia Rosenzweig Hoffman
By Arlene Lamark

Memory of Dorothy Penner Klein
By Joyce & Alan Goldberg

Memory of Raphael Adam Klein
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Memory of Sadie Freuman Leventhal
By Mildor Leventhal

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By Barbara & Will Friedman

Memory of Edwin Totolowski
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YOUTH AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER (ECEC) FUND
Support of ECEC programs
Memory of Louise Eisenman
By Frada & Alan Sandler
Memory of Yvette (DeeDee) Rose Friedman
By Lita Marashak
Memory of Jennifer Friedman-Ackerman
By Deborah & Larry Klein
Memory of Evelyn Koch
By Lita Marashak
Memory of Anita Rady
By Judy Schneider
Memory of Marlene Siegel
By Richard Polakoff
Memory of Helen Tracey
By Linde & Stuart Lieberman
As a Contribution
By Forrest C. Hicks
By Malenie Fogel
Birth of Samuel Lieberman
By Debbie & Marc Andres

JEANETTE AND RAYMOND ISRAEL TEACHER TRAINING FUND
Funds for continuing education for YL+E teachers
Memory of Paul Rosenberg
By Elizabeth & Hubert Helton

GINA ROSENFIELD LEVY GREENE FAMILY CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Financial assistance to families for Greene Family Camp
Memory of Jennifer Friedman-Ackerman
By Phyllis & Phil Stoup
Memory of Allen S. Klein
By Phyllis & Phil Stoup
Memory of Ed Lilly
By Phyllis & Phil Stoup
Memory of Jeff Mark
By Phyllis & Phil Stoup

Support of an open and inclusive community for YL+E children with special needs
Memory of Jennifer Beth Falk
By Sheryl & Gordon Bogon

METZ YOUTH FUND
Scholarships for Jewish activities sponsored by Temple or other Jewish organizations
Memory of Charles Rubenstein
By Mindy & Rick Cohen

MARTIN AND CHARLOTTE WEISS RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND
Scholarships for YL+E fees, books and additional expenses
Memory of Robert Stuart Chaiten
By Lynn & Jay Staub

Support of Temple’s social justice

OLAM FUND
Memory of Helen Tracey
By Carol & Robert Hirsh
Memory of Jennifer Friedman-Ackerman
By Carol & Robert Hirsh
By Hope & Alan Levine
By Janice & Stan Stalman
Memory of Bert Newman
By Carol & Robert Hirsh
By Hope & Alan Levine
Memory of Allen Schwartz
By Shelley & Richard Hirsh
Birthday of Ron Cohen
By Carol & Robert Hirsh
Birthday of Sandy Cohen
By Carol & Robert Hirsh
Birthday of Sonia Phillipson
By Shelley & Richard Hirsh

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Financial assistance to families for participation in youth programs
Memory of William Kimmel
By Mindy & Rick Cohen
Memory of Helen Tracey
By Marcia & Richard Wasserstrom

LOMDIM PROJECT
Support of a

FRED A. STERN FUND
Support of social action projects consistent with WRJ’s mission
Memory of Susan Rene Sankary
By Celia Saunders & Mirnette Klein

As a Contribution
By Emily Atlee
By Susan Cooper
By Donna Harris
By Pam Karpel
By Leah Beth Kalner
By Wendy Palmer
By Sally Rosenberg
By Lynn Swartz
By Condace Stone
By Jan Timmons
By Tina Wasserman
By Rachel Weiss Crane

YES FUND OF SISTERSHOOD
Support of the Youth, Education and Service program of Women of Reform Judaism
Memory of Helen Tracey
By Celia Saunders & Minnette Klein
Memory of Susan Rene Sankary
By Bernie & Marty Shirling

As a Contribution
By Emily Atlee
By Rachel Weiss Crane
By Evelyn Fox
By Jo-Sandra Greenberg
By Madeline Harford, M.D.
By Pam Karpel
By Condace Stone
By Lynn Swartz
By Jan Timmons
By Sharon Willey
By Elin Zospolsky

YOLANDA CLARK FUND
Provision of scholarships for immersive Jewish youth learning experiences
As a Contribution
By Emily Atlee
By Janet Coppinger
By Rachel Weiss Crane
By Evelyn Fox
By Roseella Gillman
By Madeline Harford, M.D.
By Danielle Harford, M.D.
By Bonnie Henis
By Ellen Jackowski
By Nancy Jeffink
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By Tina Wasserman
By Sharon Willey

WRJ

WRJ/SISTERSHOOD OF TEMPLE EMANU-EL
Support of Women of Reform Judaism
Memory of David Greenberg
By Jo-Sandra Greenberg
Memory of Rose Kolni
By Denise & Bernard Siegal
Memory of Susan Rene Sankary
By Denise & Bernard Siegal
By Fran, Jeff, Hollee & Dain Toubin
Honour of Sharen Willey
By Jo-Sandra Greenberg

The Window
The Outside Scoop
Youth Learning + Engagement kicks off 2021-2022 school year

530 students are registered for the current school year

300 cups of coffee were consumed by parents in the outdoor coffee bar on Opening Day

58 teachers provided outdoor instruction and fun

42 madrichim (7th through 12th grade teachers’ assistants) helped out in classes

35 outdoor classrooms were created using portable tents and chairs

3 outdoor prayer spaces:
Haas Amphitheater, Nasher-Haemisegger Family Atrium and the Wasserman Gan T’filah

1 shofar blown by Rabbi David Stern to welcome the new year
All That Jazz

NOVEMBER 14 | 5PM | 🎵
As the nights get cooler, the music heats up! Enjoy a lively evening of jazz with José Bowen, Cantors Vicky Glikin and Leslie Niren and friends.
With gratitude to the Leo and Rhea Fay Fruhman Foundation in memory of Leonard B. Fruhman.

Hanukkah at NorthPark

DECEMBER 2 | 6PM | 🎵
Temple Emanu-El rocks the house at the annual festive concert featuring Cantors Vicky Glikin and Leslie Niren alongside the adult and youth choirs.

The Cantor’s Quest

FEBRUARY 27 | 4PM | 🎵
Immerse yourself in the fascinating and often hilarious story of Cantor Jack Mendelson’s Brooklyn childhood and his passion to preserve the art of cantorial tradition in this musical theater feature. Music directed and accompanied by Cantor Jonathan Comisar.

Soul Tide Shabbat

JANUARY 7-9 | 🎵
You’ve hummed, tapped and clapped to their mesmerizing melodies. Now hear them live. Experience a weekend of stirring prayer with singer-songwriters Deborah Sacks Mintz and Rabbi Josh Warshawsky, accompanied by violinist extraordinaire Coleen Dieker.

Bluegrass on the Bimah

MAY 6-7 | 🎵
One of today’s formative boundary pushing Bluegrass/Americana bands, Nefesh Mountain returns for an unforgettable weekend of Jewish spirit and soul, combined with American roots music. Don’t miss Doni Zasloff, Eric Lindberg and their incredible band.
All in the Rabbis’ Family
This newspaper announcement, from April 9, 1937, reflects on the appointment of Rabbi David Lefkowitz Jr., joining his father, Rabbi David Lefkowitz Sr., as assistant rabbi for Temple. They were believed to be the first father and son serving the same congregation at the same time in the history of the American rabbinate. The younger Rabbi Lefkowitz served at Temple from 1937-1940, at which time he became the associate rabbi at B’nai Zion Temple in Shreveport. In 1943, he joined the U.S. army, where he served as a chaplain.