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Until the late 19th century, the final character in the English alphabet was not the letter Z, but the symbol “&,” known as an ampersand, and pronounced as a word: “and.” (The ampersand was a mashing up of the two Latin letters which spell “et,” the Latin word for “and.”) So the alphabet that school children learned looked like this:

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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z &
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As journalist Kathryn Schultz writes, “It is not clear when ‘and’ migrated out of the alphabet … Today, typesetters and font designers regard the ampersand not as a letter but as punctuation, and the rest of us regard ‘and’ as only a word. Yet there is something apt about its former status as part of the alphabet.”

Our 19th century forebears were onto something — the conjunction “and” is as fundamental to our experience as the letters of the alphabet itself. We live in an “and” world. Sometimes it is the “and” of overwhelm. Think of our to-do lists: I have to do this and this and this and this. Sometimes it is the “and” of complexity: the same person can be gentle and harsh, loving and impatient, wise and foolish — and that person is often us.

But this most simple conjunction also holds a spiritual key for these next two months. In November, we will celebrate Thanksgiving, the American secular holiday which, much like the Sukkot festival we observed last month, invites us to pause to offer gratitude for abundance in our lives. At Thanksgiving, we might identify that abundance with turkey, cranberry sauce and pecan pie, but when we’re at our best, we recognize that food is just one (delicious) symbol of other instances of abundance that we might be privileged to experience: family, friendship, love, beauty, laughter, trust. Thanksgiving is about recognizing that our blessings sometimes mount up just like our to-do lists: and, and, and.

We live in a world in which hostility and distrust emerge from a sense of scarcity — the feeling that there will not be enough power to go around, enough wealth, enough physical security, enough jobs, enough love. So we build fences, literally and physically, to protect what we deem to be ours. The subjective conviction of scarcity morphs into a defining truth, and we use it to justify behaviors that inhibit and fracture community and the common good.

But a month after Thanksgiving, Hanukkah will come along on December 18 to offer a spiritual rebuttal to our sense of scarcity: we have more than we think. What looks like enough oil for one night can last for eight. What looks like the necessary income for my family can become some funds for tzedakah for someone in greater need. What looks like the money I get to keep because I worked hard for it can be used to lift my community. What looks like my precious time can make room to listen to a friend who needs me, to volunteer for a cause that will make a healing difference. We spend so much of our days convinced that we are short on time, short on funds, short on emotional resources like patience and compassion. But Hanukkah insists on abundance over scarcity, hope over fear. Because there is one night, and then another, and then another. And, and, and.

We’re not exactly sure how or when “&” came off the end of the alphabet — it might even have been because it doesn’t fit into the Mozart-based melody we use to remember the letters. But in these next two months, we might remember that our 19th century alphabet ended not with a letter, but with a word of possibility. That made it what we can surely use today: an alphabet of abundance, and an alphabet of hope.

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The Torah readings through November and December dwell on the patriarchs and matriarchs of the Jewish people — their struggles and rewards, deceptions and loyalty, betrayals and forgiveness. We encounter Abram/Abraham when God tells him to “go forth” in Lech L’cha. We end 2022 on the brink of Exodus, when Joseph has reunited with his brothers and his father, Jacob, and the family settles comfortably in Egypt. Yes, we know that part of the story turns south with a few twists of the scrolls, but for now we breathe a sigh of relief at the human heart’s capacity for reconciliation.

As our diverse Temple community gathers for religious and secular holidays alike over the next two months, our thoughts turn especially to families, the ones we were born into and the ones we choose. May they be sources of light and hope on dark days, and may we go forth into 2023 in comfort and love.

**Weekly Torah Readings November/December 2022**

- **November 4-5:** Lech L’cha, Genesis 12:1 – 17:27
- **November 11-12:** Vayeira, Genesis 18:1 – 22:24
- **November 18-19:** Chayei Sarah, Genesis 23:1 – 25:18
- **November 25-26:** Tol’dot, Genesis 25:19 – 28:9
- **December 2-3:** Vayei’zei, Genesis 28:10 – 32:3
- **December 9-10:** Vayishlach, Genesis 32:1 – 36:43
- **December 16-17:** Vayeishev, Genesis 37:1 – 40:23
- **December 23-24:** Mikeitz, Genesis 41:1 – 44:17
- **December 30-31:** Vayigash, Genesis 44:18 – 47:27
Prayers of the Generations

**TE 150 SHABBAT**

December 9, 2022 | 6:15 PM | Olan Sanctuary

**FEATURING GUEST SCHOLAR**

Dr. Andrew Rehfeld  
President, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion  
The Temple Emanu-El Choir

Experience a journey through prayer at Temple Emanu-El, from Classical Reform to today’s participatory worship style. A commemorative prayer booklet will showcase the expression of our liturgy in prayer books dating back to the era of Temple’s beginnings. Fourth and fifth-generation families will be honored at the service.

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**SOUL TIDE SUCCESS**

By Livia Bernstein

Temple welcomes Rabbi Josh Warshawsky and Coleen Dieker for a weekend of soul-lifting music and joy on Nov. 11-13. Josh is a nationally touring Jewish musician, songleader, composer, and teacher of Torah. Coleen Dieker is a talented multi-instrumentalist and accomplished composer and arranger.

Temple is no stranger to the music of Rabbi Warshawsky, as we sing many of his prayers in our services every week.

Here are a few of Rabbi Warshawsky’s prayer settings that are party of our services.

1. Hameirah  
2. L’Cha Dodi  
3. Anim Z’mirot

If you miss their visit, be sure to watch the archived services or use the QR code to enjoy our visiting artists’ rendition of L’cha Dodi.

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**THE CHALLAH ANGELS AMONG US**

By Ilana Josephson

Since its creation in 2008, Challah Angels (the baking branch) has provided weekly homemade challahs (pictured right) for both Friday night and Saturday morning services at Temple. After a hiatus when Temple wasn’t open to in-person services and events due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Challah Angels resumed bringing their homemade challahs to Temple early this year. We offer special thanks to Ruth Andres, Laurie Drazner, Jo-Sandra Greenberg, Gayle Johansen, Rebecca Masinter, Irene Raden, Evelyn Rosemore, Lynn Salzberger, Ettie Weinberg and Eli Cohn-Wein for their efforts, both individual and collective, to make certain that this important mitzvah continues.

Want to get involved? We need you! Please contact Jo-Sandra Greenberg at josandrai@gmail.com or at 972.814.0777.
Saturday, December 13 | 6PM | NorthPark Center
LIGHT THE NIGHT AT NORTHPARK

Experience the joy of Hanukkah in this festive annual concert featuring Cantors Vicky Glikin and Leslie Niren, the Temple Emanu-El Choir, and Kol Shir Youth Choir. Let’s dance, sing, and celebrate in this fun concert for all ages!

Friday, December 23 | 6PM | Stern Chapel
ALL-IN SHABBAT WITH DINNER TO FOLLOW

Bring your hanukkiyot and get ready to light up the night. Celebrate the sixth night of Hanukkah with your Temple community. Watch for details in Temple communications.

Questions? Contact Beri Schwitzer, bschwitzer@tedallas.org
Thank You to our Volunteers!

We couldn’t do it without you!

The clergy, staff and High Holy Days Committee thank you for the endless hours, the love and support, and the spirit in which everyone in our community came together for beautiful and meaningful holidays. You created a warm, welcoming environment; enlightened us with your leading and teaching; fed the hungry, made Temple more beautiful and helped Temple staff with numerous projects. Kol ha kavod!

CONNECT EMANU-EL BY THE NUMBERS

1 outstanding leader: Ann Rosenzweig
64 hard-working volunteers
1,245 calls made to congregants over the age of 70 to help prepare for the High Holy Days

THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS!
Planet Simchah

From the holidays that just concluded to the ones that will end 2022, our Temple family has plenty to celebrate. Perhaps it was the joy of returning to a crowded Olan Sanctuary, the connections created by online worship, the gratitude of a beautiful night to kick off a most special celebration, or the thrill of dancing with a Torah in your hands — these moments brought in 5783 on a high note.

And as we look ahead to Thanksgiving and Hanukkah, we tap into that holiday muscle memory. Reflect on all that makes you grateful and get ready to celebrate a win for religious freedom. On the pages that follow, you’ll find plenty of smiles and stories about all the ways we bring sweetness and light to these short days.
Use the compilation of poems from contemporary and classical American poets, to enhance your holiday celebrations.

THANKSGIVING

A Thanksgiving Prayer
By Rabbi Naomi Levy

For the laughter of the children,
For my own life breath,
For the abundance of food on this table,
For the ones who prepared this sumptuous feast,
For the roof over our heads,
The clothes on our backs,
For our health,
And our wealth of blessings,
For this opportunity to celebrate with family and friends,
For the freedom to pray these words Without fear,
In any language,
In any faith,
In this great country,
Whose landscape is as vast and beautiful as her inhabitants.
Thank You, God, for giving us all these.
Amen.

From Talking to God: Personal Prayers for Times of Joy, Sadness, Struggle, and Celebration

See next page for two poems relating to Hanukkah themes.

Photos are from Tashlich and ATiD reception at Rosh Hashanah, TE150 Sukkot Shabbat service with Elana Arian and dinner, and TE150 Challah Braiding.
HANUKKAH

The Feast of Lights (excerpt)
By Emma Lazarus

Kindle the taper like the steadfast star
Ablaze on evening’s forehead o’er the earth,
And add each night a lustre till afar
An eightfold splendor shine above thy hearth.
Clash, Israel, the cymbals, touch the lyre,
Blow the brass trumpet and the harsh-tongued horn;
Chant psalms of victory till the heart takes fire,
The Maccabean spirit leap new-born.

Miracles (excerpt)
By Walt Whitman

Why, who makes much of a miracle?
As to me I know of nothing else but miracles,
Whether I walk the streets of Manhattan,
Or dart my sight over the roofs of houses toward the sky,
Or wade with naked feet along the beach just in the edge of the water,
Or stand under trees in the woods…
These with the rest, one and all, are to me miracles,
The whole referring, yet each distinct and in its place.
To me every hour of the light and dark is a miracle,
Every cubic inch of space is a miracle,
Every square yard of the surface of the earth is spread with the same,
Every foot of the interior swarms with the same.
To me the sea is a continual miracle,
The fishes that swim—the rocks—the motion of the waves—the ships with men in them,
What stranger miracles are there?

Photos are from Tashlich, Sukkot, TE150 Kickoff celebrations and Simchat Torah.
Grateful for America

Thanksgiving in our extended family is a collaborative effort that brings everyone together to the table. We spend the day cooking Jewish Ukrainian food and filling every inch of our dining table with something delicious. Kids sing songs, play and dance while we all help prepare the food. A meal in our family comes with many toasts and prayers. Blessings focus on family, to the hands that have prepared the food, to all of the things we are thankful for, and to those who are no longer with us. Thanksgiving is special for us because most of our family comes from Ukraine (Soviet Union at the time) and this is a new tradition. We all moved to Dallas to be together, hence Thanksgiving is just another reminder of how lucky we are to be in America and how grateful we are to the Jewish communities that made it possible. And during Hanukkah, we always try to celebrate the first and last nights together with the extended Berman mishpacha. Hanukkah is a very special time for our family to reflect on our heritage and what has made our family special. Our boys love lighting the candles and as they grow it has been meaningful to start new traditions that they can then pass down to their children. We celebrate with small gifts, candle lighting and lots of Ukrainian borscht!
Cynthia Eskenazi

Mexican Flair

Growing up in Mexico, my family never celebrated Thanksgiving. When I moved to America 29 years ago, Thanksgiving was just another day off work; I never understood the meaning behind the holiday. I had to reach out to my new friends for an in-depth explanation behind the day. After marrying my husband in America, I adapted to some of my in-laws’ Thanksgiving traditions. In addition to the regular turkey and cranberry sauce, my in-laws’ Cuban backgrounds inspired them to add black beans, white rice and plantains.

Mexicans celebrate Hanukkah very similarly to how Americans celebrate it. There are the jelly doughnuts, potato latkes, dreidels, chocolate gelt, etc. However, we would make sure to add a Mexican flair to the meal with chicken flautas, breaded steak, Mexican rice and pico de gallo. Additionally, all the parents give their children a present for each of the eight days of the holiday to make sure they have something to look forward to. This season not only inspires my Mexican holiday cuisine but also provides an opportunity to grow closer with my family and enjoy each other’s company.

Natasha Zusman

Sweet Touches

Thanksgiving reminds me of many Jewish holidays. It is a time to express our thanks and joy and then come together as a family and eat!

One of our family Hanukkah traditions is that we have a little box with eight tiny drawers. Prior to the holiday, we put a special candy inside each drawer. On each night after we light the menorah, we go to the little box and pick out a piece of candy. It’s a fun way to add just a little bit of extra joy to the already joyous holiday.

Due to my Ukrainian background, we also celebrate New Year’s in a similar fashion to how Americans celebrate Christmas. We set up Ukrainian-style decorations and cook a delicious Ukrainian meal. My favorite tradition is to use the recipes that my grandmother once used when I was little.
Celebration and Remembrance

**BECOMING B’NAI MITZVAH**

- **Garrett Jones,** November 5  
  Son of Amy and Jason Jones  
  Parkhill Junior High  
  Tikkun Olam: Delivering Meals on Wheels and pet food for VNA

- **Sydney Bryn Ingerto,** November 12  
  Daughter of Rachel and Craig Ingerto  
  Tikkun Olam: Lemon Aide Society

- **Jack Gerstenhaber,** November 19  
  Son of Courtney and Greg Gerstenhaber  
  Highland Park Middle School  
  Tikkun Olam: Back-to-school cereal box drive benefiting North Texas Food Bank

- **Harley Silberman,** November 19  
  Daughter of Melanie and Michael Silberman  
  Greenhill School  
  Tikkun Olam: Project Linus Blankets (provided blankets for critically or traumatized children)

- **Bailey Fisher,** December 10  
  Daughter Jack and Jenny Fisher  
  Greenhill School  
  Tikkun Olam: Austin Street Center

- **Cooper Savariego,** December 10  
  Son of Lauren and Joseph Savariego  
  Levine Academy  
  Tikkun Olam: Shoes That Fit (an organization that helps children in poverty purchase shoes)

**WEDDINGS**

- Danny Weiner and Jay Factor; Danny is the son of Sue and Marcel Weiner.

**COMMUNITY**

**TAX-FREE SUNDAY ON DECEMBER 4**

Just in time for Hanukkah, Judaic Treasures will be having extended hours and a tax-free day. If you are not yet a member, you can join that day for an additional discount. The shop will be open from 9am–1:30pm. Temple’s gift shop is run entirely by volunteers and all proceeds directly support Temple activities.

**JUDAIC TREASURES bringing Temple home**

**SHINE the LIGHT on MENTAL WELL-BEING**

**SUPPORT AND RESOURCES FOR SPIRITUAL AND MENTAL WELL-BEING**

- **Grief Support on Zoom**  
  First Tuesday of the month: Dec. 6 and Jan. 3  
  For Zoom link, contact Meredith Pryzant, Director of Member Support, mpryzant@tedallas.org or 214.706.0000.

- **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 jfsdallas.org and search for support groups for children, teens and adults.

- **Substance Abuse Support for Friends and Families**  
  Thursdays every week from 5:30–6:30pm in person and 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.
BABY NAMINGS

Arthur Edwin Diamonstein
Son of Callie and Eric Diamonstein
Brother of Riley Brooks

Oliver Gil Feingold
Son of Bailey and Billy Feingold
Grandson of Sue and Richard Feingold

Aiden Henry Wantoch
Son of Jessica & Andy Wantoch

CONVERSION

Chara Jefferson

NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS

Daniel, Angela, Joyden and Cooper Androphy
Joshua, Lauren, Benjamin, and Hannah Backman
Amanda Bino
Becca, James, William, and Claire Bishop
Erika Bloom Foland and Ari Foland
Elena and Gregory Fainshtein
Aaron, Jessie, Amelia and Eli Farberg

Wes and Natasha Field
Rebecca Fine and Erik Kogut
Erie, Ross, and Brooks Frankurft
Rochelle, David, Colette, Claire and Colton Fredston

Jerry and Shelley Galant
Carly, Scott, and Beau Goldman

Ben Harris
Andrew, Brettne, Myca, Harrison Henley
Aeron and Sam Hunter
Alexis and Logan Hurst
Mollie Imlach and Cody Strull
Colleen Kravulski
Alison, Kory, and Rudy Krieser

Jason, Erin and Oscar Kurtz
Alan Laves, Amy and Rachel Bauman
Israel Lax
David, Leslie, Elizabeth and Matthew Marcus
Jane Margolin and Ryan Horn
Kiki and John Mariotti & Noah and Aspen Riley
Zach Markson
Dr. Adam, Emily, Natalia, and Nico Miller
Sheridan and Briggs Montgomery
Savannah Nevelow and Norah Lewis
Noah Palmer and Ana Gonzalez
David, Ros, and Courtney Rawitscher
Spencer Riley
Steven Schulman and Anna Whitener & Benjamin and Elieh Schulman
Aly Shinderson and Josh Treisman
Zach Shor and Jessica White
Lucas and Sara Tesoriero
Cheryl Visosky
Jerry and Diane Weil
Natalie Weltman and Colin Cook

IN MEMORIAM

Donald Bindler
Father of Jill Bindler and Robb Bindler

Vera Block
Wife of Michael Block
Mother of Donna Olschwanger and Karen Pizette
Sister of Lydia Frank

Dale Cohen
Mother of Gary Cohen

Frances Coleman
Mother of Andrea Borsky
Sister of Ethel Zale

Margarita Achar Contreras
Mother of Sandra Singer

Stanley Martin Dayton

Bob Haney
Husband of Karen Haney
Father of Toni Seigel and Christina Haney
Son of Marshall Haney, Sr. and Gloria Ann Haney
Brother of Marshall Haney, Jr., Ronald Haney and Brenda Haney

Harold Kleinman
Father of Bill Kleinman, Lee Kleinman, Mark Kleinman, Jay Kleinman and Max Kleinman

Rochelle Hoffman Levit
Twin sister of Dr. Adele Hoffman Hurst

Susan Levy
Mother of Eric Levy

Linda Lieberman
Mother of Marc Lieberman

Kurt Plaut

Victor Shidlofsky
Father of Mark Shidlofsky

Sara Shipper
Mother of Barbara Shlesinger
Sister of Ruth Lithwin

Albert Foster Thalheimer
Brother of Jonathan Thalheimer

Marilyn Tonkon
Wife of Max Tonkon
Mother of Jennifer Morrow, Michael Rolnick and Laura Hightower
Stepmother of Ed Tonkon and Charles Tonkon
Sister of Lois Wolf

Roberta Weiss
Mother of Rochelle Weiss Crane

Ryan Wilner
Brother of Suzanne Wilner-Minc

Elizabeth Wolff
Mother of Bob Wolff and Janice Wolff

Jeffrey Yoharsz
Son of Alice Yoharsz
Brother of Amy Delbarre
Circle of Support

Over the coming months, Temple will welcome the Veremiov family into our community in an exciting resettlement initiative known as the HIAS Welcome Circles. Temple is one of nearly 23 U.S. congregations to sponsor a family as part of the program that started with Afghan refugees and has expanded to include Ukrainian refugees.

Dmytro, 34, and his wife Inna, and their three children, Yuliia, 17; Mark, 6; and Emily, 2; are from Dnipro, Ukraine, and fled to Poland with their two cats at the start of the war. They are eager to move to Dallas and get a fresh start. Before the war, Dimytro had been working as a real estate agent and Inna as a flower trader and store clerk. “In the US, we are going to continue our work after we get permission. We can also work in different jobs, we are very responsible and ready for new challenges.”

The Temple committee organizing the response consists of Sarith Abramowitz, Eugene Berman, Megan Berman, Risa Gross, Heather Kupersztoch, Nancy Lubar, Nancy Rivin, Lauren Savariego, Barb Selz, Sheila Stieglitz, Sue Weiner and Linda Winski. We also extend our gratitude to past president Frank Risch, who has been involved with this effort as a Temple member and a member of the national HIAS Board of Directors.

“Through the generosity of our congregation, we have been able to offer many kinds of support for Ukrainian refugees,” says Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen. “Beginning with Cantor Vicky Glikin’s Passover trip to Warsaw and direct contributions to on-the-ground volunteers, we are now expanding the circle of impact. This is a continuation of Temple’s ongoing social justice work, in honor of our 150th year, as well as ensuring our legacy of tikkun olam for our future.”

Dmytro expresses his family’s deepest hopes: “We really hope to find truly kind people who will help us start a new life in the USA.”

For more information or to get involved with the committee, contact Erica Strauss, estrauss@tedallas.org.

SAVE THE DATE
HIAS Refugee Shabbat, Feb. 3-4, 2023
Ask Jewish kids what their favorite holiday is, and with a fair amount of confidence, I’m going to bet the majority of them will say Hanukkah. What’s not to like? The latkes, the gelt, the glowing candles, the music, the story of a miracle. But let’s be real; the kids want the gifts! I don’t blame them, but I also don’t want my kids to only think about this part of the holiday. I want them to create beautiful memories while learning Jewish values for years to come.

If you’ve been following the Tribe Vibe this year, you know I enjoy a chance to be creative. As a parent to three young boys, I also greatly appreciate an opportunity to instill values in my kids. Hanukkah can be a beautiful time to pair creativity with teaching. I also really like ideas that are easy to plan and easy to implement. Many years ago, I created a structure for our Hanukkah celebration that we’ve continued to follow as our kids have gotten older. Having a plan for each year helps me make the most of our holiday in ways that help make our kids more well-rounded. Here’s a breakdown, in no particular order, of how we organize our celebration:

** Tribe Vibe by Amber Pierce **

** Living the Theme **

Keep Hanukkah meaningful and fun by planning different activities for each night.

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** PSALMS CLASS TO RESUME WEEKLY **

Explore how the psalms guide us with wisdom and Jewish tradition. All classes are held via Zoom from 9-9:45am. The class will be led by Rabbi Debra Robbins on the dates listed below, and by group members on the other weeks. Watch Temple communications for the Zoom link.

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Night 1: Gift of Giving
On this day/night, we share the gift of mitzvot. Whether it’s asking which charity our children want us to donate to in their name or taking them to the grocery store to buy items for various food pantries, this night is about the good feelings that come with giving to others.

Night 2: I’ve Always Wanted That!
This night is a highlight because our boys are surprised with a gift they’ve been wanting for a while. Throughout the year, when they inevitably have items they wish they could have right then and there, we ask them to put it on their Hanukkah list. Delayed gratification can be difficult, but they learn it’s worth the wait.

Night 3: Brother Exchange
Leading up to this night, each brother gets an opportunity to shop with Mom or Dad to buy a gift his brother would want. This is especially difficult for young children who see a gift that they want to buy for themselves. Trying to shift the focus to thinking of others is tough, but once they get the hang of it, it’s so rewarding to watch that brother open a thoughtful gift.

Night 4: Experience
This day/night is all about doing something together as a family. Throughout the years, we’ve enjoyed Medieval Times, took advantage of photo ops at the Museum of Illusions, did a family splatter paint project at Pipe & Palette, and rented out a movie theater (during the pandemic) with a few close friends.

Night 5: Family Gift
Our family gift is something (big or small) from which we can all benefit. Some examples are: a remote control finder, a telescope, a Roomba, a new dishwasher, or a 6-piece set of walkie-talkies.

Night 6: Coupon Books
(aka: “Couponakkah!”)
Another highlight the boys look forward to is getting a book of coupons to cash in throughout the year. The privileges range from getting to stay up late to one “Mental Health Day” off from school. Best of all, these don’t cost a thing! (Want the whole list? Please email me: amber.pierce6@gmail.com)

Night 7: Family Party
On our annual family party night, our kids get to play dreidel, enjoy latkes, exchange gifts, and be silly with grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. The quality time they get with extended family warms everyone’s heart.

Night 8: Choose Your Own Gift
On this very exciting night, Sam and I give the boys cash and take them to a specific store where they are allowed to spend up to the amount given (or choose to keep it for another time). It’s a challenge for the boys to make decisions about what they really want. They could get one item that uses up all of their allotment, or they could choose many items of lesser value each. It’s a really fun thing for us to be able to watch as they have gotten older and learned how to spend more wisely.
CREATIONS

Temple is moving into the next phase of its 15-month celebration of the 150th year. Coming up: Three exciting events for the Creations phase, devoted to the arts and their power to promote understanding through shared experiences.

DECEMBER 6, 2022
Lunch and Private Tour of ‘Dali/Vermeer: A Dialogue’
11AM-1PM, Meadows Museum of Art
Connect with Temple members and art lovers to view this special exhibit of two paintings, both on loan, in an artistic conversation. For the first time ever, see Johannes Vermeer’s “Woman Reading a Letter” (1663) juxtaposed with Salvador Dalí’s “The Image Disappears,” (1938), pictured top left and right. You’ll also see a selection of Dalí’s “Aliyah” series from the Meadows’ collection, and Dalí’s “L’Homme Poisson,” the only painting by Dalí in a public collection in Texas. The tour will be led by Temple member and art historian Nancy Cohen Israel, Manager of Docent Programs at the Meadows Museum.

JANUARY 10, 2023
Cocktail Reception and Private Tour of ‘Octavio Medellin: Spirit & Form’
6-8PM, Dallas Museum of Art
Learn about this important 20th century Mexican American sculptor whose work holds a prominent place in Temple’s history. Medellin created the mosaic sculpture “The Promised Land” hanging on the exterior wall east of Linz Hall (pictured center). He also created the shimmering silver, gold, blue and green mosaic tiles that form the candelabra on the Olan Sanctuary ark wall. You’ll enjoy cocktails and light bites as you hear from Mark Castro, the Jorge Baldor Curator of Latin American Art at the DMA and Katherine Brodbeck, Temple member and Hoffman Family Senior Curator of Contemporary Art at the DMA.

Register for all TE150 events at tedallas.org/events. The registration forms will appear under the calendar description of the event. Some events may not yet be open for registration, so keep checking for opportunities to register in upcoming Temple communications.
FOUNDATIONS

Prayer & Spirituality and Torah: In addition to the anchor events in December through March, we’ll be experiencing two special Shabbatot and an endowed lecture devoted to our Reform Jewish story.

DECEMBER 9, 2022

**Prayers of the Generations, a TE150 Shabbat**

An extraordinary journey through the evolution of prayer at Temple, including guest scholar Dr. Andrew Rehfeld, president of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. (See page 5)

JANUARY 13-14, 2023

**Dan Nichols: In the PRAYground, a TE150 Shabbat**

Experience the joy and wonder of contemporary prayer at Shabbat services and be mesmerized by Dan’s velvety vocals at a Saturday evening concert.

**JANUARY 27-28, 2023**

Our Reform Jewish Story

**Rabbi David Lefkowitz Lecture**

Rabbi Carole B. Balin, Ph.D., will contextualize our community’s past within the sweep of Reform Jewish history in America.
Tributes for Sustaining Temple

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Distributions by Rabbi David Stern to individuals in need of financial assistance, particularly in dire situations

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Birthday of Ben, Jack, George & Lucy Lieberman
By Janet & Jack Baum

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Distributions to charitable organizations, individuals in need or community causes by Temple’s clergy

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By The Binder Family

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By Mark & Madeline Geller
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By Leslie & Bob Knizak
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By Norma Quint
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Appreciation of Rabbi Debra Robbins
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By The Family of Sam J. Susser

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By Betsy & Mark Kleinman
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By Daren Rothchild & John Miller

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Birthday of Helaine Trachtenberg
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New Home of Ernest Richards
By Susan & Kenny Chazanow

Temple Emunah-El Cemetery Endowment Fund
Distribution from the Temple’s foundation supporting the maintenance and improvement of the cemetery grounds

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Memory of Lela Dale Barton
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Maintenance of the Klein Garden

Memory of Benjamin Barzun
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Purchases of Judaic books, publications and entertainment media

Memory of Joan Glauberman
By Lindsay, Dan & Shoshanna Ostrum

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By Arlene Leibowitz

Memory of Marcus Wells
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GENERAL

Temple Emunah-El General Operating Fund
Support of Temple’s general programs and events

Memory of Frances Coleman
By Fonda Glazer
By Jane Rose

Memory of Ida Freed
By Diane & Gary Freed

Memory of Jean Garfield
By Susan & Martin Garfield

Memory of George Gort
By Donna & Bill Gort

Memory of Larry Genender
By Michael Hurst
By Jane, Cameron & Sammy Larkin

Memory of Yvonne Hill
By Susan Kanarsky

Memory of Robert Hirsh
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Memory of Harold Kleinman
By Cheryl & Lane Weitz

Memory of Dorothy N. Levy
By Joanne & Steve Levy

Memory of Maryanne S. Rosenstein
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By Joanne & Donald Epstein  
Speedy Recovery of William Greenman  
By Christell & Michael Baum

Henry D. Schlinger Ethics  
Symposium Endowment Fund  
Support of the ethics  
symposium

Memory of Ruth Greenberg  
By Mary Sebel

Memory of Esther Schlinger  
By Norma Schlinger

As a Contribution  
By Norma Schlinger

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Hunger Relief Projects  
Collection of funds for hunger relief throughout the year,  
especially during High Holy Days and Passover

Memory of Jerry Abramowitz  
By Santh & Rich Abramowitz

Memory of Fred Jesse Bernbaum  
By The Bernbaum Family

Memory of Esther Cahn  
By Mary Ann Lustig

Memory of Jeffrey Scott Dorsky  
By Linda & Robin Dorsky; Jay & Matt Coit

Alina C. Rutland Prayer Book Fund  
Purchases of prayer books  
Memoriam of Sam Susser  
By Phyllis & Jerry Prager

ADULT PROGRAMS

Katherine F. Baum Adult Education Fund  
Support for adult education programs

Memory of Betty Dreyfus  
By Christell & Michael Baum

Memory of Allan Neustadt  
By Rita Kahn

Memory of Carmen Schneider  
By Karen Glasserman

Memory of Marilyn Tonkon  
By Rita Kahn

Memory of Jeffrey Yuhasz  
By Brad Blumenthal

Appreciation of Rabbi Debra Robbins  
By Lisa & Charles Betrus

Appreciation of Peter Weinstock  
By Samith & Rich Abramowitz

Appreciation of Hilarie Weinstock  
By Samith & Rich Abramowitz

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By Cheryl Pollman  
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By Rhona Steit  
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Honor of Linda Kahalnik  
By Mary Sebel

Naming of Cole Crable  
By Julie Pott

By Elaine Weinberg

Naming of Wesley W. Crable  
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Speedy Recovery of Judy Foxman  
By Jackie & Steve Waldman

The Jill Stone Tikkun Olam Fund  
Support of Temple’s social justice programs including initiatives, advocacy, projects and lectures

Memory of Maurice H. Behrendt  
By Lynn & Bob Behrendt

Memory of Vera Block  
By Annette Cohen

Birthday of Ella Bogdanow  
By Ann & Alon Bogdanow

Memory of Larry Genender  
By Annette Cohen

Memory of Harriet Goldberg  
By Tricia & Matt Gold

Memory of Bob Haney  
By Ruby McCullum

Memory of Harold Kleinman  
By Barbara & Stuart Aaron

Memory of John Ira Kirk  
By Mary Ann Lustig

Memory of Harold Kleinman  
By Janis & Dan Gail

Memory of Arnold Rubenfield  
By Helen Feldman

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Memory of John Ira Kirk  
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By Rita Kahn

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By Karen Glasserman

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By Brad Blumenthal

Appreciation of Rabbi Debra Robbins  
By Lisa & Charles Betrus
We hope you received your copy of the 2021-2022 Impact Report and 2022-2023 Annual Fund solicitation letter and brochure in the mail. We invite you to join our Temple family in generously supporting the Annual Fund, Temple’s most important annual fundraising initiative.

Scan the QR code or visit tedallas.org/give/annual-fund to make your gift online. You can also text Gift2TEAnnual to 91999 to give by text message.

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By Macki & Paul Ellenbogen
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Support of literacy projects in the general and Jewish communities
Memory of Vera Block
By Suevlen & A.J. Rossmain
Memory of JoAnn Miller
By Ettie & Melvin Weinberg
Memory of Rabbi Jack Stern
By Stacy & Stuart Simon
Memory of John Simon
By Stacy & Stuart Simon
Memory of Gerald Paul Silber
By Lynn & Mark Bernstein
Memory of Ben Schneider
By Lynn & Mark Bernstein
Memory of Carmen Schneider
By Sheryl & Gordon Regen
By Joni & Bob Cohen
Memory of Gerald Paul Silber
By Suevlen & A.J. Rossmain
Memory of Clara Simon
By Stacy & Stuart Simon
Memory of John Simon
By Stacy & Stuart Simon
Memory of Rabbi Jack Stern
By Karen Glasserman
Memory of Priscilla Rudin Stern
By Karen Glasserman
Memory of Marilyn Tonkon
By Ken & Ann Schorwen
Anniversary of Debbie & Marc Andres
By Ruthie & Alan Shor
Anniversary of Mary Lee & Michael Broder
By Ruthie & Alan Shor
Anniversary of Julie & David Fields
By Ruthie & Alan Shor
Birthday of Elizabeth Asen
By Ruthie & Alan Shor
Birthday of Michelle Brown
By Ruthie & Alan Shor
Birthday of Julie Fields
By Ruthie & Alan Shor
Birthday of Beth Gold
By Ruthie & Alan Shor
Birthday of Donna Hayden
By Ruthie & Alan Shor
Birthday of Jamie Hayden
By Ruthie & Alan Shor
Birthday of Staci Mankoff
By Ruthie & Alan Shor
Social Justice Fund for Youth Education
Support of worthwhile educational causes for youth in need
Memory of Carl B. Flexman
By Peggy & Dave Miller
Memory of Edna K. Flexman
By Peggy & Dave Miller
Memory of Joe Funk
By Cathy & Ted Bernstein
Memory of Larry Genender
By Jacqui & Myron Schwartz
Memory of Bernice Linz Kahn
By Peggy & Dave Miller
Memory of Harold Kleinman
By Lori Glazer
Memory of Frieda Simon
By Evelyn & Eugene Fox
Memory of Harriet Simon
By Evelyn & Eugene Fox
Bar Mitzvah of Harlan Ray Simmons
By Julio & Michael Lowenberg
Celebration of Sheri Allen
By Laurie & Neil Dubin
YOUTH AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC) Fund
Support of ECEC programs
Memory of Charles S. Crystol
By Fred & John Hald
Memory of Laura B. Darwin
By Sherrill & Alan Darwin
Memory of Allen V. Drew
By Joel Ullman
Memory of Larry Genender
By Betty (Bootski) Golden
As a Contribution
By Michael Klein
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Teacher Training Fund
Funds for continuing education for YL-E teachers
Birthday of Nancy Cohen
By Sarah Abrahamowitz
Gina Rosenfield Levy
Greene Family Camp
Scholarship Fund
Financial assistance to families for Greene Family Camp
Memory of Robert Hirsh
By Phyllis & Phillip Stoup
Memory of Sam J. Rosenfield
By Phyllis & Phillip Stoup
Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Solka
By Phyllis & Phillip Stoup
Memory of Bess Meyer Stoup
By Phyllis & Phillip Stoup
Paul Lande Summer Camp
Scholarship Fund
Scholarships for children to attend Jewish summer camp
Memory of Lena Kimmel
By Mindy & Rick Cohen
Lomdim Project
Support of an open and inclusive community for YL-E children with special needs
Memory of Gerald W. Bernstein
By Paula & Norm Feldman
Memory of Carmen Schneider
By Gabriele Grosskus
By Dr. & Mrs. Mack Lancaster
By Mary & Jim Manning
By Ruthie & Mike Precker
By Judy & Randy Ratner
By Karen & Jim Rasmussen
By Ruth & Daniel Silverman
By Karen & Jim Wiley
By Edith Louisi Dukels
Metz Youth Fund
Scholarships for Jewish activities sponsored by Temple or other Jewish organizations
Memory of Libby Gold "By Mindy & Rick Cohen
David B. Shalom Religious Education Fund
Financial assistance for religious education for Temple members
Memory of Larry Genender
By Rosie Storberg
Martin and Charlotte Weiss
Religious School Fund
Scholarships for YL-E fees, books and additional expenses
Memory of Larry Genender
By Carol & Mark Wigrizer
Memory of Robert Hirsh
By Avo & Marvin Beleck
By Trudy & Howard Cohen
By Diane & Murray Colton
By Nicole & Kevin Cooper
By Joanna Hugel & Stephen Frank
By Lenore & Phil Garon
By Joyce & Alan Goldberg
By Julie & Bob Herman
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By Beverly & Bruce Laves
By Sonja & Nancy Petshick, the Kleinman, the Krakows, & the Borens
By Jane & Phyllis Prager
By Pat & Steve Silver
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By Oleg Strauss
By Jeannie Tolmas
Appreciation of Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen
By Carol Hirsh & Family
Appreciation of Cantor Leslie Niren
By Carol Hirsh & Family
Birthday of Crisy Hirsh
By Dwight, Sharon, Johanna & Gillian Hill
Birthday of Richard Hirsh
By Dwight, Sharon, Johanna & Gillian Hill
Honor of Robert Hirsh
By Nicole & Kevin Cooper
Youth Scholarship Fund
Financial assistance to families for participation in youth programs
Memory of William Kimmel
By Mindy & Rick Cohen
Memory of Charles Rubenstein
By Mindy & Rick Cohen
Memory of Carmen Schneider
By Robin KImber & Mark Washofsky
Appreciation of Peter Weinstock
By Robin KImber & Mark Washofsky
Appreciation of Hilary Weinstock
By Robin KImber & Mark Washofsky
Conversion of Chara Jefferson
By Robin KImber
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WRJ/Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel-El
Support of Women of Reform Judaism
Memory of Thomas Andrew Greer
By Lynn Salzberger
Memory of Roberto Weiss
By Temple Emanuel-El Sisterhood
Anniversary of Joan & Malcolm Stoufs
By Marcia B. Smith
As a Contribution
By Miriam Cohen
By Rachelle & Paul Crane
YES Fund of Sisterhood
Support of the Youth, Education and Service programs of Women of Reform Judaism
Memory of Larry Genender
By Celia Sanders & Minnette Klein
As a Contribution
By Denise Siegel
By Marla Bole
By Emily Arts
By Jan Timmons
By Erin Zapolsky
By Jo-Sandra Greenbrand
By Tami Greenspan
By Gail Abbe
By Miriam Vernon
By Evelyn Fox
By Leah Beth Kolni
By Harold Kallin
By Rachel Wats Crane
My Zadie told a story about what heaven must look like. He would say that God showed Moses two rooms: in the first, God showed a classroom where people argued, cursed, and screamed at one another. This, God tells Moses, for some people is the absolute hell. God then shows Moses a second identical classroom. There are the same chairs, books, tables, and people. Moses asks: “How can this be any different?” Vastly different, God explains, because for the people who love to learn this is heaven. What some see as arguing, cursing and screaming, others see as wrestling and challenging one another. Zadie imparted the wisdom that we are never too old to start learning and it was his greatest joy to pass on the love of Jewish learning to our family.

I could not help but think that I was in my grandfather’s version of heaven when I walked into The Pardes Institute in Jerusalem this summer. There, I was immediately surrounded by an inclusive, diverse, and intellectually challenging Jewish learning community who spent an entire month, eight hours a day, six days a week wrestling and questioning the text in inspiring chavrutim (study partners).

I am proud to represent Temple Emanu-El as part of the Pardes Senior Educator Leadership Fellowship, an exclusive 11-month cooperative designed to inspire congregational educators with ongoing Jewish learning and provide innovative approaches for how to engage learners with real-world challenges using Jewish texts. Upon returning from Israel this August, I have continued to study monthly with my cohort and develop new courses and projects for Temple.

Look for upcoming adult education programs and classes on Israel, Jewish history and Hebrew in the months to come!