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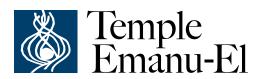
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# **ISRAEL**

Aya Margalit: Our New Israel Ambassador

On the front cover: Mila Mazur, held by Claudia Simpson, accepts a nuzzle from her new llama pal.

On the back cover: Steve and Tina Israel (right) enjoy greeting others at 50+ Shabbat.



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# Ancient Text Helps Open our Eyes to the Unseen



n our cycle of Torah readings, summer offers us one of the great extended comic passages in the Hebrew Bible: Parashat Balak, which in Numbers chapters 22-24 brings us the story of King Balak of Moab and the prophet Balaam.

Balak is worried that the Israelite population (so great that they "hide the earth from view") poses a threat to his kingdom, so he summons Balaam, a diviner renowned

for the effectiveness of his blessings and curses. The king's goal is simple: bring in the most powerful wizard to cast the most powerful curse to doom the Israelites and protect his kingdom.

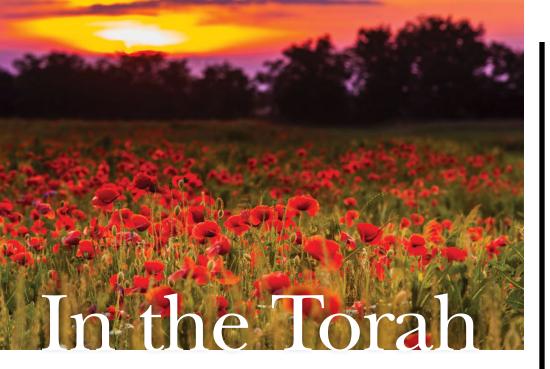
But this is the Torah, so God is in charge. Balaam opens his mouth to pronounce a curse, but only words of blessing come out. The king gets angry. The prophet tries again. And again, Balaam can speak only blessings over Israel. With increasing intensity and hilarity, the pattern recurs four times in quick succession: Balaam opens his mouth to curse the Israelites, but all he can do is praise Israel and condemn Israel's enemies. The hired gun misfires, and the message is clear: God protects Israel, wizardry and enchantment are folly, and Israel is destined for blessing.

But don't forget the talking ass. At the beginning of the story, before the great set piece of the four oracles, Balak's in-house team of executive diviners goes to Balaam to offer him the cursing commission. Balaam at first demurs, but upon second invitation (and a promise of riches) he accepts, to God's apparent chagrin. Balaam eagerly mounts his trusty ass to make the journey to Moab, but the ass sees an angel of God blocking their path, drawn sword in hand. The ass swerves off the road to avoid the obstacle, but Balaam, the great seer, does not see the angel, so he beats the donkey. Again they proceed, again the angel blocks the way, so the ass presses against a wall, hurting the foot of the unseeing seer, who beats the donkey again.

Finally, the angel blocks the way so the donkey can only set down and stop. After Balaam beats the ass furiously a third time, God opens the ass's mouth, and the ass describes the angel to Balaam. Balaam does not believe the talking donkey until God opens Balaam's eyes, and the prophet finally sees.

Even before Balaam stands to curse the Israelites, this Aesoplike set-up already calls Balaam's effectiveness into comic question. (In the words of Rabbi Harold Kushner, "The world's most powerful wizard can't find his way out of his own neighborhood.") But the message reaches beyond the satire to our own human reality: we are sometimes blind to the sacred standing before us. For all of our vaunted expertise, our degrees and achievements ("the world's most powerful wizard,"), we get so tied up in the mission of the moment that we fail to see deeper presences in our lives. Perhaps an angel trying to show us a different way. Perhaps a spouse in need or a child in pain or a simple sunlit day, but our blinders obscure our view.

And in an age of justifiable anxiety about the environment, and our detached disregard for the world of nature which makes our lives possible, the talking ass tells us another story. The story of a natural world that awaits us with revelations. Because the truth is, the world of God's creation is speaking to us all the time: in the burbling of brooks and the swaying of branches; in the vision of hawks far more acute than our own; in night frogs and bird calls; in the ways that the dizzying manifestations of plant life communicate with each other in collaboration and coexistence. In early summer, Parashat Balak reminds us: it is not the professional seers that matter, it is the sacred seeing — of the people we love, of a society in need, of nature's splendor — that matters most.



The Shema prayer debuts in Deuteronomy, a proclamation packed into a very full Torah portion. In Va-et'chanan, Moses pleads with God, unsuccessfully, to let him enter the Promised Land. He recalls the Ten Commandments and then repeats his entreaties to the Israelites to follow God's laws. It's a loaded summer reading assignment, with plenty of paths toward Jewish wisdom and practice. This summer, as you embark on hopefully restful and fun vacations and staycations, we encourage you to think about the "hear, O Israel" moments happening at Temple. You'll be invited to share in the TE150 Listening Campaign, in which organizers hope to reach 1,500 congregants in conversations about the future of Temple, p. 6. Your comments will help form the sparks of discussion about our future that will be explored more fully in the TE150 Rededication events from Oct. 15-Nov. 3. Also, check out p. 11 for the relaunching of Sh'ma Emanu-El, Temple's small group initiative to bring people together in sustainable, meaningful ways. Let it be a summer of listening to and hearing one another, along with plenty of light, sunscreen and happy trails.

# Weekly Torah Readings: July/August 2023

**June 30 – July 1:** Chukat/Balak, Numbers 19:1 – 22:1, 22:2 – 25:9

July 7 – 8: Pinchas, Numbers 25:10 – 30:1

**July 14 – 15:** Matot/Masei, Numbers 30:2 – 36:13

**July 21 – 22:** D'varim, Deuteronomy 1:1 – 3:12

July 26: Tishah B'Av

**July 28 – 29:** Va-et'chanan, Deuteronomy 7:12 – 11:25

**August 4 – 5:** Eikev, Deuteronomy 7:12 – 11:25

August 11 - 12: Re'eh, Deuteronomy 11:26 - 16:17

**August 18 – 19:** Shof'tim, Deuteronomy 16:18 – 21:9 All-In Shabbat, Congregational Dinner and New Member Welcome

**August 25 – 26:** Ki Teitzei, Deuteronomy 21:10 – 25:19 *Tot Shabbat and New Member Welcome* 

## **HELP US GET BACK HOME!**

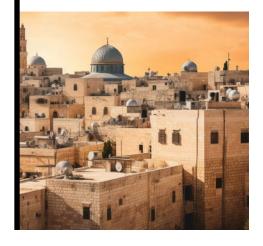
During the pandemic, we lent out our prayer books for members to use at home. If you borrowed a copy of Mishkan T'Filah, the Shabbat prayer book, or Mishkan HaNefesh, the two-volume High Holy Days books, and are no longer using them, we'd be so grateful if you returned them to Temple. They are available to purchase at Judaic Treasures or ccarpress.org.



For more information or questions, contact Anjelica Ruiz, Director of Libraries and Archives, aruiz@tedallas.org.

# TISHAH B'AV July 26 | 7pm

Tishah B'Av, the ninth day of the Hebrew month of Av, commemorates the destruction of both ancient temples of Jerusalem. This year's service will explore the connction between Tishah B'Av and environmental destruction, as well as repair, led by Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen, Cantor Leslie Niren and Hallie Weiner, Cantoral Intern.



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# HIGH HOLY DAYS 2023/5784 REDEDICATE THE HEART

# **ELUL**

#### **BEGINS AUGUST 18**

This month of spiritual preparation is the opportunity to rededicate ourselves to the values, actions and commitments that will shape our lives in the year to come. Each Shabbat will move us closer to the sacred work of *t'shuvah*, turning toward our best selves. Friday nights include the sound of the shofar and the beautiful words of Mishkan HaLev (our prayer book at this season) while Saturday mornings celebrate the timeless messages of Torah and the call to sacred living from the prophet Isaiah.

# SELICHOT

#### SEPTEMBER 8-9

We gather to engage in the essential life-changing work of *teshuvah*, restoration and renewal, which we are encouraged to do during the holiest days of the year. Natanel Goldberg, a gifted musician and prayer leader, will join us this year to rededicate our hearts to holiness with music, learning and deep reflection.

# ROSH HASHANAH SEPTEMBER 15-16

#### **EREV ROSH HASHANAH**

Rosh Hashanah will feature only one evening service at 6PM. Please make a note as you plan your holiday celebrations.

**6PM: Congregational Evening Service,** Olan Sanctuary and online

**8pm: ATiD Service,** Stern Chapel and online For 20s and 30s, oneg reception following

#### **ROSH HASHANAH DAY**

**9**AM: Family Service, Stern Chapel and online Geared to families with children in grades K-5 and siblings of any age are welcome.

9:30AM: First Service, Olan Sanctuary and online

**1PM: Second Service,** Stern Chapel and online A new spiritual experience of awakening on Rosh Hashanah through shofar sounds, Torah readings, music, reflection and silence.

**4PM:** Tots and Their Families Service, Stern Chapel and online Ages birth-kindergarten, including a blessing for all children born since last Rosh Hashanah.

#### **TASHLICH**

Tashlich is the ritual tossing of sins and regrets into flowing water. We will host multiple observances throughout Dallas and while some are designed for certain groups all are open to everyone. Reservations are requested so our lay facilitators will have enough materials for everyone. New this year: Teen Tashlich! Watch for details.

# KEVER AVOT

## SEPTEMBER 17

**10:30**AM: Temple Emanu-El Cemetery and Mausoleum, in person only

Join the clergy and other members for the service, visits to graves and crypts, and linger to share memories over cold drinks and sweet treats.

# Shabbat Shuvah

#### SEPTEMBER 22-23

The Shabbat of Return, between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, features inspirational music, reflection, silence and study.

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# YOM KIPPUR

SEPTEMBER 24-25

**KOL NIDRE** 

6PM: First Service, Olan Sanctuary and online

**9PM: Second Service,** Olan Sanctuary, in person only

YOM KIPPUR DAY

**9**AM: Family Service, Stern Chapel and online

**10**AM: First Service, Olan Sanctuary and online

1PM: Second Service, Olan Sanctuary, in person only

1-2:30PM: Afternoon Experiences

**TE150 Listening Campaign:** The future is calling and we invite YOU to answer. This year's afternoon sessions will explore Temple's future and include gatherings of adults in person and online, as well as a teen-only session.

**Music in Stern Chapel:** Spend a few minutes reflecting on the day while listening to classical music. Stern Chapel and online

**3:30**PM\*: Prayer and Music of the Heart, Olan Sanctuary and online

**4PM: Tots and Their Families,** Stern Chapel and online Ages birth through kindergarten

5PM: Yizkor, Olan Sanctuary and online

**6PM:** N'ilah and Havdalah, Olan Sanctuary and online, followed by a congregational break-the-fast

\*Times for the afternoon services in Olan Sanctuary are approximate.

# SUKKOT

SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 6

#### **SEPTEMBER 29**

**6:15PM: Shabbat Evening and Festival Service, Stern Chapel** and online

#### SEPTEMBER 30

**10:30**AM: Morning and Festival Service, Stern Chapel and online

With kiddush, motzi and lulav and etrog blessing to follow in Temple sukkah

# SIMCHAT TORAH

OCTOBER 6-7

#### **OCTOBER 6**

**6PM: Shabbat Evening and Festival Service, Stern Chapel** and online

This joyful, energetic service and dinner will feature Music, Art and Culture (MAC) Artist in Residence Sheldon Low, Consecration, Torah readings and presentation of prayer books to our b'nei mitzvah students.

#### OCTOBER 7

10:30AM: Shabbat Morning and Festival Service with Yizkor, Stern Chapel and online

# HIGH HOLY DAYS REGISTRATION Begins July 18

All registration for High Holy Days services will be conducted online only. Admissions cards will be sent via email and Temple staff and lay leadership will be available to help anyone who needs technical assistance (hhd@tedallas.org). We look forward to a pleasant and seamless registration experience.

### **ABOUT THE LIVESTREAM**

If you choose to attend Temple's beautiful online services, it's easy to find the livestream. Please visit the homepage of tedallas.org, and you'll find prominent links to the High Holy Days services. If you want to watch at a later time, the recordings will be available shortly after the conclusion of the service.

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# BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

# Submissions accepted between July 18 and August 22

Temple will offer the Book of Remembrance for Yom Kippur Yizkor in print and online this year. Please submit names of the loved ones whose names you'd like to include by scanning the QR code below and filling out the form beginning on July 18 or by contacting Mindy Butler at 214.706.0000 or mbutler@tedallas.org. It is customary to remember your loved ones at this time of year and many choose to honor them with a *nedavah*, or gift, to Temple in their memories.



# hunger relief

The High Holy Days Hunger Relief Drive will resume in our annual effort to remember those in need at this sacred time of year. We welcome donations of nonperishable items to our collection truck from Sept. 15-Oct. 7. The food will then be distributed to North Dallas Shared Ministries. Cash donations are also accepted at tedallas.org/hungerrelief or by mailing a check to Temple indicating the Hunger Relief Fund as the recipient.

# ELUL LEARNING WITH OUR CLERGY

# SOUL SINGING WITH CANTORS VICKY GLIKIN AND LESLIE NIREN Thursday, August 17, Stern Chapel, 7:30PM



Begin Elul by exploring your connection through music, breath, meditation and community. Come curious, leave with an enriched soul and an expanded heart. Register at tedallas.org/events.

# OPENING YOUR HEART WITH PSALM 27 WITH RABBI DEBRA ROBBINS

Wednesdays, August 23 to October 4, on Zoom, 9-9:45AM



Explore Psalm 27, the timeless words that express our doubt and fear and offer confidence and hope for the seven weeks surrounding Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The text of the psalm, combined with our own experiences, brings light into our lives and our world as we explore

them together. This seven-week class will use Rabbi Robbins' book, "Opening Your Heart with Psalm 27: A Spiritual Practice for the Jewish New Year." Purchase the book at Judaic Treasures or on Amazon, or download the app in the App Store or on Google Play. Register at tedallas.org/events.

# BABAYIT, WITH RABBI MICHAEL LEWIS

Tuesday, September 12, on Zoom, 5PM



Learn how to create sacred spaces and engage spiritually in online prayer at home in this Zoom class with Rabbi Lewis, designed for those who are participating in the High Holy Days services from home. He will also offer technology tips to enhance the experience. Register at tedallas.org/events.

# THREE SUMMER FRIDAYS, THREE WAYS TO CONNECT WITH NEW MEMBERS

Temple clergy and lay leadership are excited to present three consecutive weeks of Shabbat prayer experiences to welcome those new to Temple. Try one or all three services — each one an expression of Temple's commitment to inclusive, uplifting and musical prayer.

**All-In Shabbat** | August 18 | 6PM | Outdoors, weather permitting

An all-ages-friendly service with a relaxed vibe followed by a festive, congregational dinner.

**Tot Shabbat** | August 25 | 6PM | Haas Amphitheater and Ratner Courtyard For families with children up to age 5, a short joyous, lively service geared for our youngest members. Stay to enjoy a picnic dinner after the service.

# New Member Shabbat Evening Service |

September 1 | 6:15pm | Stern Chapel
Our weekly coming together as a congregation in
Stern Chapel, geared toward adults and welcoming
to all.

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# Celebration and Remembrance

Compiled by Ilana Paikoff

## **BECOMING B'NAI MITZVAH**



Harrison Gabriele, August 10 Son of Robin and Jason Gabriele Coppell Middle School East Tikkun Olam: Thanksgiving turkey drive at the West Dallas Multipurpose Center



Taylor Ramo, August 12 Daughter of Stacie and Brandon Ramo Highland Park Middle School Tikkun Olam: To Be Like Me volunteer



Teddy Levy, August 19 Son of Lissa and Eric Levy Schimelpfenig Middle School Tikkun Olam: Project Charity, an organization Teddy created with profits from concession sales going to customers' preferred charities.



Ryan Reynolds, August 19 Son of Michelle Myszka and John Reynolds Parkhill Junior High Tikkun Olam: North Texas Food Bank



Tim Strauss, August 26 Son of Whitney and Rob Strauss St. Mark's School of Texas Tikkun Olam Project: Crossroads Community Services-Community Market at Red Bird Mall



Logan and Landon Hernandez. August 26 Sons of Rochelle Ringler Hernandez Shelton School Tikkun Olam Project: Ronald McDonald House of Dallas

## **CONVERSIONS**



Hannah Ferris



Andrea Luttrell

Adrian Jagush (see story on page 10)

## WEDDINGS



Michele Galen and Andy Block



Laura and Frank Zaber



Lauren Robinowitz and Kenny Rubinsztein

Not pictured: Tobey Finegold and Jeffrey Jacobson

# Not pictured:

**Logan Kate Chapman**Daughter of Taylor and Billy Chapman Granddaughter of Kimberly and Jeff Chapman

## Cameron Jack Temkin

Son of Dr. Jenna and Ricky Temkin Grandson of Barbara and David Repp

Taylor Jewel Tobolowsky
Daughter of Lindsay and
Jonathan Tobolowsky



Madeleine, Anna and Samuel Cheek Children of Elizabeth and Jeff Cheek



Eliana Friedensohn Daughter of Melissa and Lance Friedensohn Baby sister of David



Elliott Jacob Horn Son of Alexandra and Alex Horn



Jack Judson Son of Vivien and Scott Judson Grandson of Jeff Eliasoph



Charlie David New Son of Lauren and Seth New Baby brother of Judah



Nicole Reichman Daughter of Becky and Jeremy Reichman Sister of Natalie Reichman



Lev Michael Reutter Son of Janine and Scott Reutter



Jonathan Wayne Sowards Son of Brittany and Matthew Sowards

# Welcoming Our New Members

Seventeen new member households joined the Temple family in April & May. Our new member spotlight subject, Adrian Jagush, joined because of Temple's inclusiveness and because he converted at Temple. B'ruchim habaim, welcome y'all!

# New Member Spotlight: Adrian Jagush



Adrian Jagush, 29, who works in software sales, grew up in Houston and moved to Dallas 10 years ago.

## What brought you to Temple?

Almost exactly two years ago, a dear friend of mine opened up my eyes to Judaism. I had been church shopping for a while and couldn't find a community that felt like home. My friend asked

me about my beliefs, and I told him that I believe God is a God of love and that as God's people, our job is to make the world a better place. With that, he responded: "Honey, you're a Jew."

## How have you gotten involved?

I was hesitant at first but decided to try out a Shabbat service. I attended the first in-person Shabbat since the Covid shut down and boy was I nervous. One by one, people started walking in, and soon the sanctuary was filled with excitement, joy, acceptance and love. Despite not understanding half of the service, it didn't take me long to realize I found my home. Soon after, I started attending Shabbat every Friday night, waking up early for Shabbat morning services and becoming very involved in the community. I found myself sitting in a seat in Intro to Judaism, which led me to the conversion process.

#### Tell us about your conversion journey.

Converting to Judaism is easily one of the easiest choices I've ever made; every step of the way, I was treated with love and understanding. While I haven't been alone throughout this process (I have an amazing network of friends and family holding my hand through this), my journey to Judaism has given me the opportunity to adopt new people, but more importantly to be adopted, accepted and loved into a new tribe.

## **NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS**

## Fredda Ackerman

Russ, Sheryl, Shayna and Shoshana Ambers

Barton, Marketa and Grace David

Jeff Eliasoph

Zach and Kiandra Geld

Les. Lauren, Levi and Rhett Harrison

Aimee Israel

Adrian Jagush

Jessica Kruger and Neil Kaufman

Adam Lamont

Alex, Liza, Michael and Emily Nunez

**Earl and Rosemary Pachter** 

**Jamie Potter** 

Ronald and Alice Ribman

Jonathan, Vicky, Jordan and Laura Rosen

Nick, Terri Anne, Emily and Mason Schanbaum

Michael, Deniz and Aiden Weinberg

#### IN MEMORIAM

#### Benjamin Adamcik

Father of Stephanie Fine

### Ruth Rosenberg Andres

Mother of Jill Andres, Roger Andres, Marc Andres and Rachel Andres

#### Jack Belzacki Bell

Husband of Louise Magrish Bell Father of Catherine Klein and Paulette

Brother of David Bell and Harold Bell

#### Ted Bernstein

Husband of Cathy Bernstein Father of Michael Thornton, Stephanie Thornton and Jeff Rose

### David R. Bonnheim

Husband of Shirley Bonnheim Brother of Malcolm Bonnheim and Bruce **Bonnheim** 

### Morris Dickson

Former Temple Emanu-El staff

#### Scott Friedman

Father of Nickie Friedman Brother of Jeff Friedman, Jane Etezadi, Joni Friedman and Lauren Barons

### Harriet "Gigi" Gabay

Mother of Matthew Gabay and Alexis Gabay

### Herman Goldsmith

Husband of Barbara Goldsmith Father of Dana Lawrence, Jemmis Lawrence-Plant and Geoffrey Goldsmith

#### Leah Sakowitz Nathan Goren

Mother of John Alan Goren, Joan Brannon and Robert N. Goren

#### **Shirley Jones**

Mother of Roslyn Goldfarb (Dr. Gary Bloomgarden)

#### Ming Lai

Husband of Liyun Lai

Father of Alice Platt and Albert Lai

#### Annelyse Benard Linsky

Mother of Karen Cohen

Sister of Rodger Benard and Molly Siegel

#### Julia Miller

Mother of Scott L. Miller and Geoffrey Miller

#### Phyllis Mills

Wife of Martin Mills

Mother of Evelyn Kirschner, Andrew Mills and Joshua Mills

Sister of Carol Kurt

## Dolores (Dot) Krasne Neustadt

Mother of Susan Schwartz, Nancy Barcelo and Kathy Neustadt

## Morton David Prager

Father of Karen Prager-Eaves, David Prager, Neal Prager, Brian Prager and Harry Budow

Brother of Jerome L. Prager

#### Charles (Chuck) Edward Reed

Husband of Lori Reed

Father of Lindsey Reed, Ashley Reed, Elizabeth Reed and Katev Reed

Brother of Martha Reed

# Renee Stanley

Mother of Marc Stanley and David Stanley Sister of Martin Litchman

#### Anthony "Tony" Thomas

Former Temple Emanu-El staff

## Melvyn Ezriel Traub

Husband of Bervl Traub

Father of Caron Hoffer and Jonathan Traub

## **Daniel Wakser**

Brother of Kerri Rosenberg

#### **Judy Wessel**

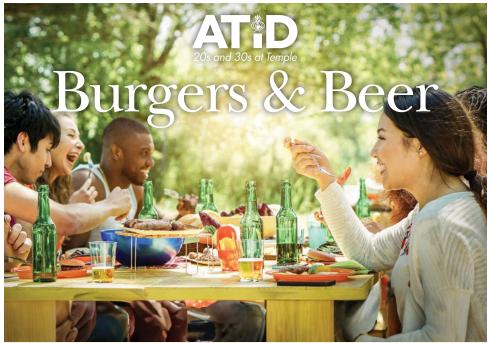
Mother of Scott Wessel, Michael Wessel and Sherry Jacobson

Sister of Dr. Shelby Wyll

# Sh'ma Emanu-El: Right Where You Belong

h'ma Emanu-El, the small-groups initiative that Temple launched in 2013, is relaunching this fall with some exciting changes and a fun way to create groups online. Do you have an idea for a group or want to get involved? Contact Shira Stevenson, Director of Small Groups and Diversity, sstevenson@tedallas.org





# August 27 | 6–8PM | Hersh Family Courtyard

ATiD, our 20s and 30s community, invites you to enjoy a tailgate-themed barbecue with great food and even better company. Vegetarian and gluten-free options will be available.

Register: tedallas.org/events

Contact: Erica Strauss, estrauss@tedallas.org

# 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, 12-1PM: July 11, Aug. 1

# **Grief Support In-Person**

Last Tuesday of each month, 12-1PM: July 25, Aug. 29

Temple has resumed an in-person grief support group. Meredith Pryzant, MSW, facilitates the group using Jewish grief and mourning resources, to help participants learn coping skills and reconnect to Temple life after the loss of a loved one.

# **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 ifsdallas.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 more information and Zoom link: Freda Heald, fredaheald@yahoo.com

## HERE FOR YOU

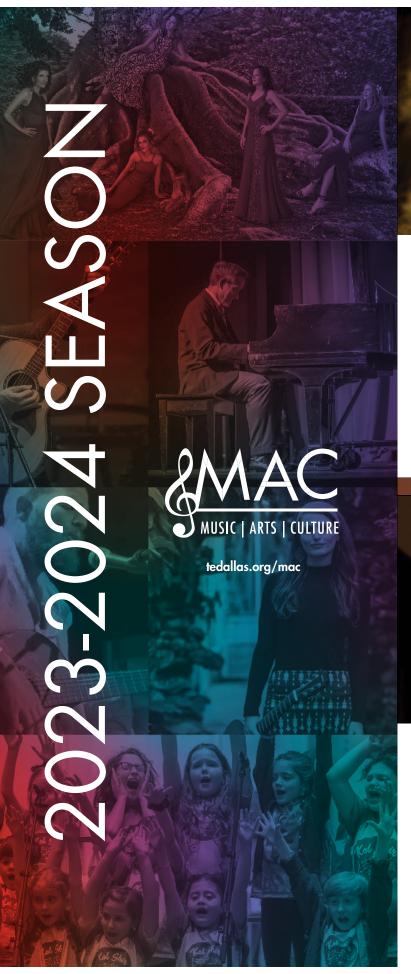
Temple clergy and staff are available to support our community members navigating mental and physical health issues. Please reach out to us for help if you, a friend or family member is experiencing a crisis or an ongoing issue.

## **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.

Please contact Meredith Pryzant, Director of Member Support, for information, Zoom links and all support needs except where noted. mpryzant@tedallas.org | 214-706-0000, ext. 3802

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SEPTEMBER 8-9, 2023 Selichot

# **Netanel Goldberg**

Prepare to enter the Season of Awe by immersing in the meditative music of Netanel Goldberg. An Israeli artist from a family of singers and prayer leaders, Netanel's soothing melodies and magical voice create space for community and paths toward healing.



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Simchat Torah

# **Sheldon Low**

One of the most popular young stars of Jewish music today, Sheldon Low captivates audiences with his singable, energetic music. With five studio albums, Sheldon is sure to make our Simchat Torah celebration extra special this year!

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DECEMBER 12, 2023 | 6PM

# Hanukkah 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!



MARCH 1-3, 2024

# Galeet Dardashti & Divahn

Galeet Dardashti continues her family's tradition of distinguished Persian and Jewish musicianship as a vocalist and composer. She has earned a reputation as one of today's most innovative performers of Middle Eastern and Jewish music. Galeet's all-female powerhouse ensemble, Divahn, welcomes audiences into the beautiful shared heritage of the intertwined Abrahamic peoples of the Middle East.



JANUARY 26, 2024 | 6:15<sub>PM</sub> Shabbat Shira

# Jazz Shabbat with José Bowen

Back by popular demand is José Bowen and his inimitable Jazz Shabbat Service featuring Cantors Vicky Glikin and Leslie Niren, the Temple Emanu-El Choir and guest instrumentalists. No stranger to Temple Emanu-El, José is an accomplished jazz musician, composer, pianist, academic and educator.



APRIL 12-14, 2024

# Rabbi Deborah Sacks Mintz

Step into the soulful spirituality of Rabbi Deborah Sacks Mintz, a performer, composer, educator and leader in building community through singing. In workshops, song circles and prayer experiences, Deborah helps communities and individuals connect to their deepest selves. She has collaborated on more than two dozen recordings and has released two solo albums.

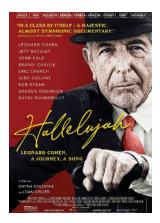
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Four consecutive Tuesdays
beginning July 11 at 7PM
Tobian Auditorium
\$5 PER FILM OR \$18 SERIES PASS

Register: tedallas.org/events

Contact: Beri Schwitzer, bschwitzer@tedallas.org



# JULY 11 | Hallelujah: Leonard Cohen, A Journey, A Song

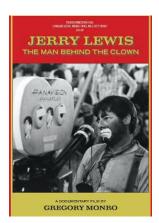
Explore the fascinating story of singer-songwriter Leonard Cohen's internationally renowned hymn, "Hallelujah." The film draws on archival materials including notebooks, journals, photographs, performance footage and rare audio recordings and interviews.



Talk Back with Hallie Weiner, Cantorial Intern



SCAN TO WATCH THE TRAILER



# JULY 18 | Jerry Lewis: The Man Behind the Clown

Jerry Lewis made 'em laugh with his visual gags, pantomime sketches and signature slapstick humor. Yet Lewis' talent was more than about being a clown. He was a groundbreaking filmmaker and driving force in Hollywood.



Talk Back with Beri Kaplan Schwitzer, Director of Adult Education & Engagement



SCAN TO WATCH THE TRAILER



# JULY 25 | Our (almost completely true) Story

Mariette Hartley's film, co-starring, written and produced with husband Jerry Sroka, is a charming account of mature love. The semi-fictitious film is about an unlikely but perfect pairing of opposites: he's short; she's tall. He's Jewish; she is not. He's gregarious; she's reserved. Prepare to find out if opposites really do attract.



Talk Back with
Meredith Pryzant, Director of Member Support,
OriAnn Phillips and Scott McCartney,
Michele and Andy Block,
Barbara and Marty Mintz



SCAN TO WATCH THE TRAILER



# **AUGUST 1** | Kinderland

This documentary chronicles the nearly 100-year-old rivalry of two Jewish summer camps in upstate New York. One was founded by communist Jews and the other by socialist Jews, both from the working-class immigrant Jewish community in New York City. Director Amy Grappell interviews campers of all ages to show what has changed and what remains the same.



Talk Back with film director Amy Grappell



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# Three Cheers for the Co-Chairs!

Meet the leaders of the Rededication season of TE150

Three women with remarkable Temple journeys are coming together for one exciting purpose — to lead the Rededication session of TE150. Debbie Andres, Joni Cohan and Lauren Savariego have happily stepped into the roles of co-chairs of Rededication, the three-week culmination of TE150 celebrations.

hese dynamic leaders will oversee a myriad of events during Oct. 15-Nov. 3, including the Futurescape weekend of dreams and ideas for Temple; a tree planting that resonates with Temple's social justice footprint in Dallas; planting of a time capsule; an interactive tour of Temple's cemetery, opening of the Center for Living History and an all-Temple Shabbat service and dinner with something for everyone.

"The idea of rededication implies moving from the cherished and understood values of the past into a future of new ideas and commitment," Joni says. "We cannot see the paths that the future will bring, but we will come to them with strength and hope."

The women have brought their experiences from different stages of life to the planning, for what is sure to be an unforgettable conclusion to TE150.

Debbie and her husband Marc have been members since 1994. She is serving her second term on the Board of Trustees; has been a co-chair of the Annual Fund and most recently served as the vice president overseeing membership, High Holy Days and Sh'ma Emanu-El. She is the mother of three children.

Joni grew up in Houston and moved to Dallas from Washington, D.C. in 1978 with her husband, Bob, a past president who grew up at Temple. Her favorite volunteer activity was working on the (now defunct) Nasher Forum when David Halberstam came to speak at Temple. She is the mother of three adult children and grandmother of seven.

Lauren and her husband, Joseph, a lifelong Temple member, knew when they married that Temple would be their faith home. She first got involved in the Early Childhood Education Center, where she was very involved in the Parents Association. She has also served on the Board of Trustees. She is the mother of two.

In between meetings, phone calls and emails for all the thousands of details they will decide, Debbie, Joni and Lauren shared their reflections on the Rededication events and their dreams for the conclusion of TE150.

# How does the idea of rededication serve as a fitting conclusion to TE150?

**DA:** The celebration will give us a chance to show our continued gratitude for those who came before us and built not only our physical structure, but our spiritual one as well — the dedicated lay leaders, the congregants who shared resources both in time and funding, and our wonderful staff and clergy. Now, it is our turn to rededicate ourselves to the foundations we hold dear: Prayer and spirituality, Torah and learning, social justice, community and Israel.

**LS:** This will be a time for the congregation to rededicate ourselves to the endowment and to our core values. These are things that we often lose sight of as we go through our daily routines. We hope to take pieces from all the other seasons and events [Harvest and Creations] and tie them together to allow for that rededication.

# Why did you say yes to the role of rededication chairs?

JC: I wanted to bring whatever experience and ideas I have to assist in the next phase of the TE150 Celebration. I looked forward to working with Debbie and Lauren and the Temple staff and clergy. It was an added bonus to work with Nina Cortell.

**DA:** This was an unique opportunity to be a part of something very special at Temple and to work with the many wonderful lay leaders and our dedicated staff and clergy. While we are joining the leadership team toward the end, it is our honor to be celebrating the culmination of a year full of incredible events, programming, and meaningful spiritual moments.

**LS:** I wanted to work with this dynamic group of people and serving the Temple community is something I am so passionate about. Truth be told, it has morphed into much more than I signed up for, but that is ok.

# What are you looking forward to in the months ahead as all the plans come together?

**JC:** I look forward to something creative and thoughtprovoking. TE150 has been such a success so far, the pressure is on to continue on the roll.

LS: I am most looking forward to planning and learning more about the history of Temple. I have already heard several facts that I didn't know. I have also met new people, which is one of the main reasons I volunteer. I enjoy working on committees and meeting new people that play such an integral part of Temple's future.

# In 50 years, what do you hope the TE200 Chairs will say about the TE150?

**DA:** That they continued the sacred work of building a stronger, more vibrant community for our Temple families and that we've given them opportunities to pay it forward, as we've been given today.

**LS:** I can only assume the technology will be vastly different and possibly worship may also look different, but in 50 years, I hope the guiding principles of Temple Emanu-El and our core values continue to stay strong and vibrant!

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# And Now, a Word From Mr. Future

By Livia Bernstein

ike Sims, a.k.a. Future Chair of TE150, has spent the past several years dreaming about and planning for how our commemorative year will look toward the future. A past president of Temple and a longtime Confirmation teacher, he sat down with us to dream big and share his insights about what Temple might feel like in 50 years.

# What does coming to Temple look like?

There's no need for parking now that we have autonomous flying cars that can deliver you to Temple! Our former parking lot now can handle dozens of simultaneous landings and takeoffs to move congregants to and from Temple very quickly. Our buildings remain warm, welcoming spaces where screen and hologram-weary members gather for real conversations with real people.

# It's Sunday morning at 10AM. What's happening at Temple?

The building is still full of kids, and some of my former Confirmation students are now teaching Confirmation. Now that virtual connections have become so common during the week, we treasure the chance to meet face-to-face. The good news is that pick-up and drop offs are easier thanks to those autonomous flying cars!

# How do we pray?

Many things have changed, but prayer has been and remains a constant for us as Jews. While technology has perfected the virtual minyan and we have members all over the nation, our Dallas-area members still enjoy getting together in person.



# What is the last thing that Temple posted on social media?

After the 2028 elections, people figured out that social media delivered more harm than good, leading to the demise of all of today's social media platforms. Digital Communities of Interest (DCI), sponsored by organizations and governed by codes of civility, sprang up to fill the void. Of course, Temple Emanu-El led the way in the Reform Movement in creating our own DCI. Our last posting was: "See you Friday night for the kick-off of TE200!"

# How are we celebrating 200 years of TE?

First, we are opening the time capsule from TE150 and being amazed by what we found. Was technology really so crude 50 years ago?! We are still leading the way in working to make Dallas a more just place, but of course, our work is not done. Knowing Temple Emanu-El, most of the focus of TE200 is not our past, but instead creating our strategic plan for TE400.



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# TE15 Looking Ahead

ur celebratory year of TE150 started last October with a warm and wonderful dinner under the stars at Sukkot. The amazing vibes (and weather) continued for Creations events, including the wow-factor filled Light Years evening. Tying the two seasons together were the Foundations, the myriad of worship, learning and community events that showed Temple both at its best and in its everyday specialness.

This fall we will enter Rededication, the third phase of TE150 celebrations. While these will mark the formal conclusion of the celebration, the energy, possibility and excitement for the future has only just begun.

# **FOUNDATIONS**

# Music and Spirituality

# AUGUST 26 | 10:30AM | Lefkowitz Chapel

# Voices of Torah, a TE150 Shabbat

Rabbi Debra Robbins, Cantor Vicky Glikin, Hallie Weiner and Randy Pearlman lead a service honoring the power of lay voices as worship leaders. This will also be an opportunity to recognize the depth of community that has grown as the Saturday morning minyan embraces liturgical and musical innovation. Adult b'nai mitzvah alumni will also be recognized.

# REDEDICATION

This exciting conclusion to TE150 includes the launch of the reimagined archives as the Center for Living History, important social justice initiatives and a time capsule!

#### OCTOBER 15 | 9AM-12:30PM

# Temple Emanu-El Cemetery Tour

Travel with your Temple community by bus to experience the values of holiness, hope, and comfort expressed in a Jewish cemetery. Temple members will share personal family stories, revealing our 150-year congregational history as it intertwines with the history of Dallas. Interact with new software developed to identify burial sites at the Temple Emanu-El Cemetery. Participate in Jewish rituals of remembering our loved ones and honoring our sacred texts.



# OCTOBER 20 Shabbat with keynote speaker Steven Windmueller, Ph.D.

Dr. Windmueller is a foremost thinker on contemporary Judaism. He will launch a weekend of ideas and exploration on the future of Temple and its relationships beyond its walls.



# OCTOBER 22 Futurescaping

Today's most innovative and creative Jewish thinkers and practitioners come together to help us imagine the community of the future, informed by the conversations that Temple members have had in the TE150 Listening Campaign.

Moderated by Rabbi Ana Bonnheim

# In the Works

# DETAILS TO COME Tree Planting

## **NOVEMBER 3**

# Rededication Shabbat: Celebrating Our Past and Ensuring Our Future

It's time to celebrate our beloved Temple Emanu-El in this farewell casual TE150 Shabbat that salutes where we've been and joyously welcomes a bright, secure future.

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# TRIBUTES FOR SUSTAINING TEMPLE

# 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 Jack B. Bell

By Barbara & Dennis DuBois By Joan Skibell

Memory of David Genecov By Paul Radman

Memory of Eleanor Goodman By The Utay Family

Memory of Marvin Labovitz By Joan Skibell

Memory of Leon Rudberg

By Sister & Joel Steinberg Memory of Si Sherman

By Carla Sherman Memory of Stephen G.

Sherman By Carla Sherman

Memory of Diane

Morchower Siegel By The Fiedelmans

Appreciation of Rabbi Michael Lewis

By The Kronick Family **Appreciation of Mike Sims** 

By The Kronick Family Appreciation of Rabbi David Stern

By Joan Davidow

By The Kronick Family By Susie & Joel Litman

Birthday of Michael Grossfeld

By Joan Skibell Birthday of Freda Heald

By Cheryl Colen

Birthday of Betsy Kleinman

By Cheryl Colen Birthday of Karen Weinreb

By Cheryl Colen

## Susan Salom Clergy Good Works Fund

Distributions to charitable organizations, individuals in need or community causes by Temple's cleray Memory of Ruth Andres By Marcia Grossfeld Memory of Jack B. Bell By Betty Jo & David Bell Memory of Zachary

Benjamin Bell

By Betty Jo & David Bell Memory of Brenda Bennett By Betty Jo & David Bell Memory of Ted Bernstein By Cathy Kurtz Bernstein By The Bender Family Memory of Robert H. Broder By Gayle Johansen Memory of Morris Dickson By Sarith & Rich Abramowitz By Sheri & Larry Berk By Jan & Tom Timmons Memory of Julia Lewis Miller By The Miller Family Memory of Arnold Mandel By Betty Jo & David Bell Memory of Julius Palefsky By Kathy & Morris Palefsky

By Kerri & John Rosenberg 104th Birthday of Rhea Wolfram

Memory of Daniel Wakser

By Rita Sue & Alan Gold Appreciation of Cantor Vicky Glikin

By Andres, Emma, Erika & Matt Hall By Erin & Joe Zopolsky Appreciation of Roz Katz

By The Bender Family Appreciation of Michael Lewis

By Kerri & John Rosenberg By Brittanly & Matthew

Sowards: The Balzano Family

By Gail & Bob Weltman By Erin & Joe Zopolsky Appreciation of Cantor Leslie

Niren By The Bender Family By Cathy Kurtz Bernstein By Gail & Joel Rovinsky

By Amy & Jason Sandler Appreciation of Rabbi Debra Robbins

By Drs. Donald & Anita Levene By The Miller Family By Irene & Buddy Raden Appreciation of Rabbi David Stern

By The Andres Family By Betty Jo & David Bell By The Bender Family By Cathy Kurtz Bernstein By Janet & Jay Finegold By Bobbie & David Repp

By Gail & Joel Rovinsky By The Sandler Family As a Contribution By Marilyn & Donald Schaffer Bar Mitzvah of Jack Bender

By The Bender Family Bar Mitzvah of Chase Sandler By Gail & Joel Rovinsky By Amy & Jason Sandler

By The Sandler Family Bar Mitzvah of Jav Zopolsky By Erin & Joe Zopolsky Birthday of Leon Levin

Bv Ettie & Melvin Weinbera Bris of Andres Hall By Andres, Emma, Erika &

Matt Hall Bris of Jonathan Sowards

By Brittanly & Matthew Sowards: The Balzano Family

Engagement of OriAnn Philips & Scott McCartney

By Lottye & Bobby Lyle Honor of Beth Gold By Marcia Grossfeld

Honor of Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen By R. Goldstein

Honor of Bob Krakow By Marcia Grossfeld Marriage of Toby Finegold & Jeffrey Jacobson

By Janet & Jay Finegold Speedy Recovery of Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen

By Lynn & Bob Behrendt By Sheila & Frost Gardner By Stanley Peskind

Speedy Recovery of Larry Schoenbrun

By Lottye & Bobby Lyle

Anne & Sam Kesner Caring Congregation Fund

Assistance for Temple members through all phases of life including hospitalization, elder care, military service, mental health challenges and grief Memory of Jack B. Bell By Irene & Buddy Raden By Joan Skibell Memory of Esther Brotkin **Bv Ellen Samuels** Memory of Ida Feldman By Paula & Norm Feldman Memory of Leah Goren By Irene & Buddy Raden Memory of Nancy Horowitz By Judy & Ron Foxman Memory of Ming Lai By Judy & Ron Foxman Memory of Julia Lewis Miller By Barbara Hyman & Robert Smithers

By Linda & Mike Sheff Memory of Barbara Mintz By Marty Mintz Memory of Helene Shalom

By Kaaren Shalom & Richard Gilligan Memory of Joseph Weinreich

By Ellen Samuels

# **OUR TEMPLE AND CFMFTFRY**

Rose Marion and Lee H. Berg **Building Fund** Upkeep and maintenance of our historic building Memory of Ruth Andres By Feltman-Rabinowitz Family By Karla & Larry Steinberg

Memory of Isaac Ballas Bv Freda Ballas

Memory of Jack B. Bell By Fredric & Sandra Silver

By Karla & Larry Steinbera Memory of Ted Bernstein By Lenora & Jerry Levin By Karla & Larry Steinbera **Memory of August Danburg** 

By Kerri & Steven Wolfson Memory of Morris Dickson By Sheryl & Gordon Bogen

By Jennifer Morin Cassell By Susan Kaminsky

Memory of Nickey Gilbert By Julius M. Gilbert Memory of Pearl Gilbert

By Julius M. Gilbert Memory of Harry S. Goldman

By Joe Goldman Memory of Emory Howell By Sharon Miller

Memory of Florence Levin Hvman

By Linda & Stephen Levine Memory of Helen Wolff Kessler

By Bobbi & Richard Massman Memory of Julia Lewis Miller By Betty Ann & Samuel Ablon By Ynette & Jim Hogue

By Karla & Larry Steinbera Memory of Jerold Dennis

Michaelson By Marcia Wallenstein Memory of Edgar A.

Robinson By Ruth Robinson Memory of Morris Schwartz

By Ruth Robinson Memory of Peggy Sham By Betsy & Todd Teitell Memory of Martin Erwin

**Shampaine Bv Richard Marcus** Memory of Daniel Wakser By Karla & Larry Steinbera Memory of James Wallenstein

By Elaine & Michael Lowenkron As a Contribution By Helen Lebowitz

Birthday of Michael Grossfeld By Arlene & Allen Feltman Honor of Debbi Rothschild By Karla & Larry Steinberg

Namina of Noa Fertia By Sherwin Rubin Speedy Recovery of Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen By Kerri & Steven Wolfson

Temple Emanu-El Cemetery **Endowment Fund** 

Distribution from the Temple's foundation supporting the maintenance and improvement of the cemetery grounds Memory of Jonathan Shalom By Kaaren Shalom & Richard

Gilliaan Memory of Herbert Weinstein By Gerardo Weinstein

Dorothy and Henry Jacobus

**Archives Fund** Support of special exhibits from our Archives

Memory of Abe Mark By Lois Mark

Memory of Jud Phillips By OriAnn Phillips, Micall

Sandler, Brandon Phillips & Kace Phillips

Memory of Elizabeth Rosas Ruiz

By Jan & Tom Timmons

Rabbi Gerald J. Klein **Memorial Cemetery Fund** 

Reautification and improvements of the Temple Emanu-El Cemeterv

Memory of Ruth Andres By OriAnn Phillips & Scott McCartney

Memory of Katherine F. Baum

By Peggy & Dave Millheiser Memory of Will Friedman

By Barbara Friedman, Lorraine Friedman, Louis Friedman & Patrice Friedman

Memory of Lewis Lamark By Arlene Lamark Memory of Ester Rousso

By Isaac Rousso

As a Contribution YL+E 5th Grade Tzedakah Rabbi Gerald J. Klein Garden Fund Maintenance of the Klein Garden Memory of Ruth Andres By Rosie Stromberg Memory of Harold Berman By Toni & Morey Silverman Memory of Milton Levy By Joanne & Steve Levy Memory of Harry S. Morchower By Bette & Gary Morchower Memory of Ben B. Okon By Tricia & Matt Gold

Alex F. Weisberg Library Fund Purchases of Judaic books. publications and entertainment media Memory of Elizabeth Rosas Ruiz By RAC Leadership Team Friends As a Contribution By Polly Weisberg 104th Birthday of Rhea Wolfram By Polly Weisberg & Alex H. (Sandy) Weisberg



### **GENERAL**

Temple Emanu-El General Operating Fund Support of Temple's general programs and events Memory of Ruth Andres By Barbara & Randy Rosenblatt By Kathy & Morris Palefsky By Kim & Jeff Chapman By Lee & Paul Michaels By Stephanie & Dan Prescott Memory of Jack B. Bell By Carl Weisbrod By Tricia & Jim Krohn Memory of Ted Bernstein By Bess Hoffman Memory of David R. Bonnheim By Jan & Tom Timmons Memory of Morris Dickson By OriAnn Phillps & Scott McCartney

Memory of Scott Friedman By OriAnn Phillips & Scott McCartney. Memory of Margery Karpel By Jan & Tom Timmons Memory of Ming Lai By Scott Price Memory of Julia Lewis Miller By Judy & Ron Foxman By Kim & Jeff Chapman By Susan Wisch & Sharon Wisch-Ray Memory of Annelyse Linsky By Michael Hurst Memory of Bess G. Lynn By Jay M. Beck, MD Memory of Joe Rosenstein By Joanne & Steve Levy Memory of Renee Stanley By Beth & Jim Gold By Cathy & Craig Glick

By Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas By Mary Lee & Michael Broder By Patricia & Bennett Goodman Appreciation of Lacey Laude By Linda & Stan Bernknopf Appreciation of Rabbi David Stern By Bonnie Glasgow, Olivia Sargon-Glasgow & Michael Blavnev Birthday of Zeck Lieberman By Cathy & Craig Glick

Conversion of Scott Peck By Jan & Tom Timmons Graduation of Alexandra **Blumenfeld** By Kate & John Stewart Speedy Recovery of Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen By Sister & Joel Steinberg

Temple Emanu-El **Endowment Fund** Distribution from the Temple's foundation supporting Temple's programs Memory of Susan Apter By Gayle Johansen Memory of Jack B. Bell By Deanne & Raymond Termini Memory of Ted Bernstein By Lindsay & Jeffrey Steinberg Memory of Joanne Blum By Cary Blum Memory of Leah Goren By Jonathan R. Childers Memory of Julia Lewis Miller By Deanne & Raymond Termini Memory of Dot Neustadt By Mary Lee & Michael Broder Memory of Sonia Philipson By Sharon & Karen Coston Appreciation of Michael Blum **By Spencer Riley** As a Contribution By Erika Bruce & Gary Moskowitz



## MUSIC AND PRAYER

Music Fund Enhancement of Temple music proarams Memory of Ellen Einsohn By Barbara & Marty Mintz Memory of Evelyn Goldstein By Barbara Miller Memory of Sidney Goldstein By Barbara Miller Memory of Harold A. Goodman By Ann Kahn Memory of Sarah Hurwitz By Dr. Richard & Marlene

Marks Memory of Phyllis Mills By Evelyn Fox By Mel & Ozzie Klein By Wendy Palmer By Sue Pickens Owens By Connie Rudick By May Sebel By Jan & Tom Timmons By Ettie & Melvin Weinberg Memory of Earl Morchower By Stacy & Stuart Simon Memory of Adolf Pomarantz By Dolores & Larry Barzune.

Memory of Helen Blyweiss Rosenberg By Dr. Richard & Marlene Marks Memory of Jerome J. Samuels **Bv Ellen Samuels** Memory of Albert Zeitzew By Marlene Z. Franklin Memory of Betty L. Zeitzew By Marlene Z. Franklin

90th Birthday of Syl

Benenson

By June Leib

By Bonnie Glasgow, Olivia Sargon-Glasgow & Michael **Appreciation of Cantor Vicky** Glikin By Bonnie Glasgow, Olivia Saraon-Glasaow & Michael Blavnev **Appreciation of Colleen Oates** By Bonnie Glasgow, Olivia Sargon-Glasgow & Michael Blavnev **Appreciation of Temple** Emanu-El Choir By Bonnie Glasgow, Olivia Sargon-Glasgow & Michael

90th Birthday of Donald Zale

**Appreciation of Chris Crook** 

By June Leib

Appreciation of Hallie Weiner

Blavnev

By Brad Blumenthal

# ADULT PROGRAMS Katherine F. Baum Adult

**Education Fund** Support for adult education proarams Memory of Leah Goren By Jane Chance, Paula Miller, Sally & Robert Nobleman Memory of Dot Neustadt Bv Rita Kahn **Memory of Nancy Todes** By Michael & Julie Lowenberg Birthday of Helen Feldman By Dana, Howard, Jonathan, Sam, Jeffrey, Helene &

Henry D. Schlinger Ethics **Symposium Endowment Fund** Support of the ethics symposium Memory of Jack B. Bell By Linda & Garry Kahalnik By Norma Schlinger Memory of Mary Aronoff Nathan



## **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

**Hunger Relief Projects** Collection of funds for hunger relief throughout the year, especially during High Holy Days and Passover Memory of Ruth Andres By Katherine Albert Bv May Sebel Memory of Herman Beck By Susan & Daryl Beck Memory of Jack B. Bell By Betsy & Todd Teitell **Memory of Trudy Bogart** By Lynne Boaart Memory of David R. Bonnheim

By Karen & Jim Reisman Memory of Charles Feldman Bv Helen Feldman Memory of Shaoul Israel By Nancy & Solomon Israel Memory of Sam Kimmel By Mindy & Ricky Cohen Memory of Marcus Niger By Toby Niger Memory of Robin Ray Peterson By Eileen Ray Memory of Morton Rachofsky By Helen Feldman Memory of Marshall David Rosenfeld By Ilene & Steve Sanders & Family Memory of Marilyn Taubman By Helen Feldman Memory of Lillian Tavensky By Mindy & Ricky Cohen **Conversion of Scott Peck** 

Speedy Recovery of Nelda Golden By Mary Ann Lustig Speedy Recovery of Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen By Fave & Howard Polakoff By May Sebel As a Contribution By YL+E 2nd Grade Tzedakah

The Jill Stone Tikkun Olam Fund Support of Temple's social justice programs including initiatives, advocacy, projects and lectures Memory of Ruth Andres By Leslie & Harold Bell By Annette Corman By Judi & Randy Ratner By Stacy & Stuart Simon Memory of Marjorie Cowin By Rebecca Bruder Memory of Raymond Edelman By Debbie Edelman & Rabbi Ioshua Taub Memory of Shirley Edelman Bv Debbie Edelman & Rabbi Joshua Taub Memory of David Genecov By Rebecca Bruder Memory of Leah Goren Bv Suzi & Jack Greenman Memory of Helene Greenwald By The Eickmeyer Family Memory of Margery Karpel By Tricia & Matt Gold Memory of Milton P. Levy, Jr. By Nancy & Jerry Szor Memory of Nicole Lidji By Lottye & Bobby Lyle Memory of Dot Neustadt By Leslie & Harold Bell Memory of Sonia Philipson By Rebecca Bruder By Lottye & Bobby Lyle Memory of Charles Edward Reed By Beverly & Malcolm **Bonnheim Memory of Ernst Sommer** By Helen & John Stettler Memory of Ben Zale By Rebecca Bruder By Tricia & Matt Gold Appreciation of Randy

Pearlman

By The Andres Family

Michael Feldman Memory of Elena Weinstein By Gerardo Weinstein Memory of Judy Wessel By Paula & Henry Zeitman As a Contribution By Cheryl Pollman Birthday of Syl Benenson Bv Marian & Ito Perl Birthday of Michael Grossfeld By Sally Pian & Ira Silverman Birthday of Melanie Rubin By Norma Schlinger By Jane Rose

By Nancy & Solomon Israel

By Brenda & Brian Ginsberg

Andy Block

Marriage of Michele Galen &

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## Appreciation of Rabbi David Stern

By Jeanne & Barry Miller Birth of Noa Fertig By Betsy & Todd Teitell Birth of Elliott Horn By Barbara Hyman & Robert Smithers

Birth of Gerald Kogan
By Debbie & Marc Andres
Birthday of Syl Benenson

By Lynn & Bob Behnrendt 104th Birthday of Rhea Wolfram By Amy & Michael Wolfram

Celebration of Syl Benenson By Michael & Julie Lowenberg Speedy Recovery of Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen

By Brad Blumenthal By Annette Corman By Toby Niger

By Sheila & Stephen Stieglitz

# Priscilla R. Stern Memorial Literacy Fund

Support of literacy projects in the general and Jewish communities

Memory of Lily Albert By Nancy & Tony Kaufman Memory of Richard Albert By Nancy & Tony Kaufman Memory of Ruth Andres

By Howard & Dana Feldman & Family

By Ruthie & Alan Shor Memory of Ted Bernstein By Ettie & Melvin Weinberg Memory of David R.

Bonnheim

By Gayle Johansen By Judi & Randy Ratner Memory of Marjorie Cowin By Gayle Johansen

Memory of Irwin Thomas Kaufman

By Nancy & Tony Kaufman Memory of Julia Lewis Miller

By Ruthie & Alan Shor Memory of Gloria Mindes Silber

By Suellen & A.J. Rosmarin Memory of Renee Stanley By Julie & Michael Lowenberg Memory of Daniel Wakser

By Ruthie & Alan Shor

Weinberg
By Ettie & Melvin Weinberg
Anniversary of Beth &
Jim Gold
By Ruthie & Alan Shor

Memory of Benjamin

Birthday of Debbie Andres By Ruthie & Alan Shor Birthday of Evan Bates By Ruthie & Alan Shor Birthday of Mary Lee Broder

Birthday of Mary Lee Brode By Ruthie & Alan Shor Birthday of Matthew Gold By Suellen & A.J. Rosmarin

Birthday of Michael Grossfeld By Suellen & A.J. Rosmarin Birthday of Donald Zale By Suellen & A.J. Rosmarin

By Rita Sue & Alan Gold By Marcia Grossfeld Honor of Bob Krakow

Honor of Beth Gold

By Marcia Grossfeld

Speedy Recovery of Rabbi
Kimberly Herzog Cohen

By Ettie & Melvin Weinberg

Social Justice Fund for Youth Education

Support of worthwhile educational causes for youth in need

Memory of Jack B. Bell By Marcia Grossfeld Memory of Zachary Benjamin Bell

Benjamin Beil
By Jennifer Saggi
Memory of Inge Bosse
By Jeff Bosse
Memory of Anna Kaplan
By Roz & Art Kaplan
Honor of Alexander Kaplan
By Peter Bennett
Honor of Michael Kaplan
By Peter Bennett

By Peter Bennett

Speedy Recovery of Rabbi
Kimberly Herzog Cohen

By Myra & Bert Fischel



# YOUTH AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Early Childhood Education
Center (ECEC) Fund
Support of ECEC programs
Memory of Ruth Andres
By Ethel Zale
Memory of Gloria (Goldie)
Bookstein

By Shelley & Richard Hirsh Memory of Honey Rose Gilbert By Shelley & Richard Hirsh

Memory of Margery Karpel
By Shelley & Richard Hirsh
Memory of Sonia Philipson
By Shelley & Richard Hirsh
Memory of Ben Zale
By Janice Sweet
Birthday of Suzi Greenman

Birthday of Suzi Greenman By Lottye & Bobby Lyle Birthday of Gayle Johansen By Lottye & Bobby Lyle 104th Birthday of Rhea Wolfram

By Lottye & Bobby Lyle Honor of Shelly Sender By Julie & David Kronick By Ethel Zale

Jeanette and Raymond Israel
Teacher Training Fund
Funds for continuing education

for YL+E teachers

Memory of Louis Polakoff

By Richard Polakoff

Appreciation of Tom Saar

Fishman
By Andrew Gilbert & Greg
Leyden

Speedy Recovery of Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen

By Andrew Gilbert & Greg Leyden

Gina Rosenfield Levy Greene
Family Camp Scholarship
Fund
Financial assistance to families

for Greene Family Camp
Memory of Louis Goldberg
By Mindy & Rick Cohen
Memory of Nicole Lidji
By Rosie Stromberg
Memory of Dot Neustadt
By Brenda Brand



Scholarships for Jewish activities sponsored by Temple or other Jewish organizations

Celebration of Misty, Brian, Brady & Maren Bernknopf By Linda & Stan Bernknopf

David B. Shalom Religious Education Fund

Financial assistance for religious education for Temple members Memory of Annelyse Linsky By Amy & Richard Blum

Martin and Charlotte Weiss Religious School Fund Scholarships for YL+E fees, books and additional expenses Birthday of Leon Levin By Lynn & Jay Staub

Honor of 2022 Confirmation Teachers

By Steve, Elisa & Alex Reiter

Youth Scholarship Fund
Financial assistance to families
for participation in youth

programs

Memory of Ted Bernstein
By Carolyn Blum

Memory of Elizabeth Rosas Ruiz

By Robin Kosberg & Mark
Washofsky
Birthday of Rachel Ladin
By Gaylyn & Howard Lipp
Blessing of Cameron Temkin
By Gaylyn & Howard Lipp
Conversion of Andrea Luttrell
By Robin Kosberg
Conversion of Scott Peck

Conversion of Scott Peck
By Robin Kosberg
Honor of Shelly Sender & the
entire FCFC team

By Jackie & Steve Waldman



# WRJ

WRJ/Sisterhood of Temple Emanu-El

Support of Women of Reform Judaism

Memory of Herschal Sanford Baum

By Harriet Silverman



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# Fun in the Sun

School's out and children of all ages are enjoying the fun, sun and excitement that summer brings. From Camp Emanu-El to URJ Greene Family Camp, the good times and memories in the making are here!



Max and Casey Ashton



Asher Teplin



Edie Gerson and River Aini



Luka Paroo and Dean Mallace



Layla and Scott Wilson



Adam Villareal, Samantha Pope, Ben and Evie Villareal



Sam, Amber, Banner, Quinn and Knox Johnson



Asher Einstein and Jude Manaster



Josh, Lelia, Dinny and Cooper Nichols



Briana Ross, Rabbi Amy Rossel and Leona Ross



Micha Miller with a Greene Family Camp friend

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# Advocacy Committee Reports on Texas Legislature

emple advocated on four issues in the recently concluded 88th session of the Texas Legislature. The issues have approved policy statements by the Board of Trustees: reproductive health care for women; transgender health care for youth suffering from conflict over gender identity and sex at birth; gun violence prevention measures; and voting rights and election integrity.

"It was a legislative session rife with divisive issues and little compromise on many social justice issues," according to a report recapping the session by Temple Advocacy Committee co-chairs Alice Barnett and Mike Sims.

The group created sub-groups on each issue and drafted position papers on the bills they thought were most pressing, and shared them with nine North Texas senators. They met via Zoom with legislative aides, and also followed the work of special interest groups addressing the same issues. They also issued advocacy alerts to a network of Temple members who opted in to be kept informed of their efforts.

"We wish we could report that we had success in all the areas in which we advocated," says Alice and Mike in their recap. "The fact is that there was an uncompromising extreme agenda that precluded our ability with other like-minded organizations to move the needle on transgender health care for youth, common sense gun violence prevention, and reasonable exceptions to the abortion ban."





## Following is a summary of the group's work:

## **Reproductive Health Care**

**Medicaid Extension:** The advocacy group supported HB-12, which was approved and will provide pregnancy-related Medicaid to women for one year following their pregnancies.

**Abortion Exceptions:** Temple was in support of eight bills that would have created limited exceptions to the abortion ban. The group met with legislators, but no hearings were held or legislative action taken.

**Contraception:** The committee supported passage of HB916, which passed and will begin providing extended prescription coverage for contraceptives.

# Transgender Health Care for Children Under Age 18

Temple opposed SB 14, which was passed by both houses and signed by the governor on June 2. Effective September 1, 2023, the use of puberty-blocking drugs and other hormonal therapies for children diagnosed with gender dysphoria are banned.

## **Gun Violence Prevention**

The group reported that support for gun violence prevention was three-fold: to urge stricter mental health checks; to close background check loopholes for sales/transfer of firearms at gun shows or between private parties and to raise the age for purchase of an assault firearm from 18 to 21. The bills on expanded background checks and raising the age of purchase and possession of assault weapons did not advance beyond committee. A bill requiring courts to forward certain mental health information on youths 16-18 did pass.

## **Voter Rights and Election Integrity**

Temple's advocacy had a positive result in the passage of SB 477, which provides greater access to polling places for people with mobility disabilities. "Most of our advocacy focused on opposing several bills that would have placed greater restrictions on voting and make voting less accessible to voters," according to the advocacy recap. Those bills passed the Senate but died due to inaction in the House.

"Temple's advocacy in the above areas added our Jewish voices and Jewish values to the pros or cons of specific legislation," according to the report. "It allowed us to be active in non-partisan, issue oriented discourse on important social justice concerns we have in our state."

To get involved in Temple advocacy, please contact Erica Strauss at estrauss@tedallas.org. Also, be sure to sign up for Temple Responds, the rapid-response Facebook group for Temple.

## YL+E TZEDAKAH REPORT

We are so proud of our YL+E students for bringing tzedakah each week, for a total of \$3,185 for the year. Each grade selects a Jewish charitable organization that connects to their grade's curriculum. In addition, the bake sale benefitted the World Central Kitchen.



## Here are the selected organizations.

**Kindergarten:** Jewish Family Service of Greater Dallas

1st Grade: Vickery Meadow Food Pantry

2nd Grade: Temple Emanu-El Hunger Relief Program

3rd Grade: ADL Texoma Region

4th Grade: RAC-TX

5th Grade: Temple Emanu-El Cemetery Fund

6th Grade: Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum

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# She Came Back as Fast as She Could

Aya Margalit spent her first summer in Texas in 2003 and always planned to return.

By Livia Bernstein



Aya Margalit

ya Margalit is no stranger to Temple Emanu-El and the Texas Jewish community, and we are thrilled to be welcoming her and her family to Temple in August as our new sh'liacha, or Israel emissary. For the next two years, she will spend her summers working at URJ Greene Family Camp and the school year helping to implement Israel education programming for all ages at Temple.

Her program is known as the CLASP (Camp Leader and Synagogue Professional) Fellowship of the Union for Reform Judaism.

"Aya is already well known to many in our community through her work at camp, and now she will be able to bring her training as an educator and her special gifts of passion and purpose of Israel education to all of Temple," says Rabbi Amy Rossel, Senior Director of Education and Engagement. "We are also grateful to the URJ Greene Family Camp and the Jewish Agency for Israel for being our partners in this very promising project. I know you'll join the Temple clergy, staff and lay leadership in welcoming her warmly to Temple."

Aya and her husband, Erez, and their three children — Yuval, 14, Danielle, 12, and Roni, 4 — live on kibbutz Nir Yitzhak near the Gaza border.

Ironically enough, she says, it took coming to America to allow her to truly connect to her Judaism. "Growing up, my family was not very religious at all and being Jewish in Israel is easy, because it is the norm. Friday is Shabbat and holidays are easy to observe because everyone goes off of the Hebrew calendar. I truly discovered my Judaism for the first time when my family moved to Wisconsin for a year for my mother's job with the Weitzmann Institute of Science. America is where I really began to observe and celebrate, and after that I knew I wanted to come back to the U.S. as a sh'liacha."

In the summer of 2003, Aya did just that. She spent her first summer as a sh'liacha at Greene as a counselor and zookeeper. She was so excited to bring Israel to camp, but never could have imagined all the things that camp would give her in return. "Being at camp gave me so much connection: to my Judaism, to new people and to a community that I didn't have before." Since then, camp has become a family affair that is always the highlight of their summers.

"When I came to camp in 2003, I made it my goal to be able to come to the US as a long-term sh'liacha. I never imagined that that dream would come true 20 years later with my husband and children by my side."

Aya can't wait to jump into being part of the Temple Emanu-El community with her family and share Israel with us in a more personal, informal way. "I want people to have a face, a name, a family that they can think of when they hear about Israel in the news or on social media," she says. "Israel is the most incredible nation of people who care unconditionally. The people truly are what makes the place and I hope to be able to bring a little bit of our love of Israel to Dallas."



Aya and Erez Margalit with their children Danielle, Roni and Yuval at Greene Family Camp.





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