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TE150 concludes with a weekend of joy and hope for the future.

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Book Launch for Rabbi Robbins

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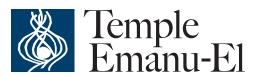
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In War's Uncertainty, We Search for Light



write this column five days after the unspeakable terrorist attack of Hamas on Israel that took place on Shabbat and Simchat Torah on October 7. I write it amid the soul-searing reports, the nauseating videos, the anxious posts about missing loved ones, the wailing sense of loss for those who have perished. I write as war has begun. And I write in anticipation of...what? We do not know where this conflict

will be when this column appears in print. It is too soon for predictions. We are too broken for insights. We are in mourning.

In his poem "A Man Doesn't Have Time," the late great Israeli poet Yehudah Amichai wrote a rebuttal to Ecclesiastes Chapter 3, a retort to the symmetrical poetry of "A time to be born and a time to die/A time to plant and a time to uproot what is planted."

A man doesn't have time in his life to have time for everything. He doesn't have seasons enough to have a season for every purpose. Ecclesiastes Was wrong about that.

A man needs to love and to hate at the same moment, to laugh and cry with the same eyes, with the same hands to throw stones and to gather them, to make love in war and war in love.

Amichai's insight rings true: we don't experience life one dimension at a time. At a funeral, we experience grief at loss and gratitude for a life shared. At a wedding, a parent holds close and lets go. Relief and mourning, joy and sadness, we "laugh and cry with the same eyes." And so next month Hanukkah comes, stubbornly, despite the carnage.

Our tradition teaches that the rededication which gives birth to our Hanukkah observance came to a Temple desecrated by pagan sacrifice. But that desecration pales in comparison to the desecration of human life we saw on that horrible Shabbat and Simchat Torah day. And still Hanukkah comes.

It may well be that to consider a Festival of Lights amid this overwhelming darkness is insensitive to the pain that so many are suffering, a callous sacrilege. Or, the stubborn Jewish calendar whispers, it may well be sacred.

It may be sacred to remember that the miracle of the first Hanukkah light, for which there was enough oil, is the courage it took to kindle it amid the Temple's devastation.

To strike a spark of hope in the darkness.

To believe that a single cruse of oil, or one moment of human resilience or compassion or resolve, might last longer than we think. To refuse to yield after defeat. To believe that the desecrated can be dedicated again, that death can yield to life. To know that during this war, children will be born. To know that during this war, rain will fall in its season and the land will be revived. To pray that the violence of this war will eradicate some evil, protect the next child, open our hearts anew to the ongoing struggle of two peoples, Palestinians and Israelis, for dignity, land and peace. To be humbled before the inexorable passage of time, even when each moment may feel like an eternity.

Hanukkah comes at the darkest time of year, when the days are shortest, and bids us kindle light. And Hanukkah comes in every moment when we dare to resist the shadows. When we speak of light in a time of war. When we speak of hope in a time of devastation. When we act with strength and commitment, even when the ground is unsteady beneath our feet. When we insist on Jewish joy, Jewish song, Jewish community, and a vibrant Jewish future, even as the words of Kaddish still echo in our hearts. I write this in a time of war. May we read it, someday, in a season of hope and peace for Eretz Yisrael, Am Yisrael and all of God's world.



Weekly Torah Readings: November/December 2023

November 3 – 4: Vayeira, Genesis 18:1 – 22:24

November 10 – 11: Chayei Sarah, Genesis 23:1 – 25:18

November 17 – 18: Tol'dot, Genesis 25:19 – 28:9

November 24 – 25: Vayeitzei, Genesis 28:10 – 32:3

December 1 – 2: Vayishlach, Genesis 32:4 – 36:43

December 8 – 9: Vayeishev, Genesis 37:1 – 40:23

December 15 – 16: Mikeitz, Genesis 41:1 – 44:17

December 22 – 23: Vayigash, Genesis 44:18 – 47:27

December 29 – 30: Va-y'chi, Genesis 47:28 – 50:26

VOICES OF TORAH

Our TE150 Voices of Torah Shabbat was a beautiful tribute to the way the Shabbat morning service has evolved over the years at Temple and the lay participants that have been a part of it. During the service, congregants Peggy Kaufman, Allan Kogan and Jean Maza were invited to share teachings. Scan the QR code to hear each of their teachings.



- The Text of Lefkowitz Chapel | Peggy Kaufman
- Freedom Abides | Allan Kogan
- The Joy of Shabbat | Jean Maza



TEMPLE EMANU-EL CHOIR REACHES A MELODIC MILESTONE

The Choir celebrates its 70th anniversary at 6:15pm on Nov. 17, in a beautiful service that will feature the Union Prayer Book.

Since 1953, the Temple Emanu-El choir has inspired us during worship services and performances. The choir's history includes participation in interfaith symposiums, national conferences, and symphonic performances of masterpieces of Jewish choral tradition. Today's choir is led by Director Chris Crook.



Temple Emanu-El Choir, 2022

Be sure to join this service to learn more about the choir's history, experience the magic of choral sound and express your appreciation for 70 years of beautiful music created by our dedicated volunteers. In addition to this beautiful service, here are two other opportunities to hear the choir next month:

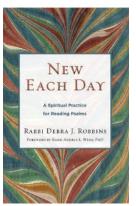
Hanukkah Concert at NorthPark: Dec. 12, 6PM, NorthPark Center

Caroling in the Arts District: Dec. 14, 12:30pm, Moody Performance Hall (and on WRR 101.1 FM)

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Rabbi Robbins' New Book Gives Life to an Ancient Practice

e are excited to celebrate the launch of "New Each Day: A Spiritual Practice for Reading Psalms" by Rabbi Debra Robbins. She



will be teaching from the book at the Shabbat evening service at 6:15PM on Dec. 1. Books will be available for purchase before the service by Women of Reform Judaism, and Rabbi

Robbins will sign them after the service. You may preorder here: bit.ly/neweachday

Tell us about the intriguing title. How are psalms a spiritual practice?

"New each day" is a reference to the *yotzer* or prayer we offer each morning, giving thanks that the sun has risen, the world is renewed, and that we too have a fresh start, a different perspective, a new day to make holy with our words and actions. The idea of reading the same seven psalms, over and over again for the whole year could be monotonous, but recognizing each day that the world is new invites us to see the psalmists words in new ways. The seven *niggunim* (wordless melodies) composed by Cantor Richard Cohn (one for each day) combined with the blessing for the practice that encourages the reader to name each day of the week in a fixed formula, are prompts to help us embrace this empowering approach to life.

What are Shir Shel Yom, Psalms of the Day?

These are specific psalms identified by the rabbis of the Mishnah nearly 2,000 years ago. They selected one of the 150 psalms, for each day of the week, laying out a trajectory of praise culminating with Shabbat. In New Each Day, each psalm is accompanied by four Reflections for Focus, one for each week of the month. The rabbis also identified a psalm for the start of each month (for Rosh Chodesh) and New Each Day includes a Reflection for Focus on the holiday or theme for each of the twelve Hebrew months. (And yes, there is a chart and a perpetual calendar to help the reader navigate the path!)

What is the relationship between New Each Day and your first book?

When "Opening Your Heart with Psalm 27" was published in the fall of 2019, our members and other readers around the world used it daily or weekly for seven weeks, reading Psalm 27 and a corresponding Reflection for Focus on each day. People offered a blessing, sang, wrote, sat and reflected on their lives and the sacred season. Students said to me, "We have a healthy spiritual habit of reading psalms, what do we do now?" The response was so positive I was inspired to try to use a similar format for use during the rest of the year. "New Each Day" utilizes the same practices but uses the seven Shir Shel Yom as the core texts in addition to the Psalm assigned for reading at the start of each new Hebrew month. The book also benefits from the wisdom, experiences and feedback of my students and readers.

What has surprised you about the Psalms journey?

The biggest blessing of this Psalms journey has been the online community that has developed. When Elul 2020 came around, I was so disappointed that we would not be able to study weekly in person. Our only option was to meet in a Zoom classroom and try to work the practice in a way that would be physically safe but spiritually connective. The first surprise was that it actually worked! The online group grew, students found us from around the country, and while the class was only 45 minutes long, once a week, the words of psalms and the hearts of the students became a lifeline for many. The second surprise was that the model was so accessible the students became the teachers and have continued to meet, weekly, in that same Zoom room, exploring the texts that are their lives, alongside the ancient words of the psalmist.

What's next?

First, of course, a lot of gratitude. I am so appreciative of the leadership and members of Temple Emanu-El who have valued this work and blessed me with the freedom and resources to do it as part of my rabbinate. Next, I hope to do a lot of teaching. I am super excited to share this book with my students and readers and to continue to teach how these psalms, and the others, can enrich our spiritual lives and help us navigate our way in our increasingly challenging world. I'm also hopeful that we may be able to develop an app to go along with the book, similar to the one for "Opening Your Heart" because it really enriches the experience.

See pg. 26 for a QR code to a Hanukkah reflection from "New Each Day"

Rabbi Robbins will teach monthly at the online Psalms class on the following dates in 2024. All classes meet at 9AM Wednesdays on Zoom.

January 10 | February 14 | March 6 | April 3 | May 1 | June 5







HANUKKAH AT NORTHPARK

Tuesday, Dec. 12 | 6PM

Get ready to sing, dance and experience the joy of Hanukkah at a festive concert for all ages! This annual concert at NorthPark features Cantors Vicky Glikin and Leslie Niren



along with the Temple Emanu-El Choir and Kol Shir Youth Choir.

WEINER-SANDFIELD LIGHTING

Thursday, Dec. 14 | 5:15PM

Celebrate Hanukkah with the family of Temple's architect Max Sandfield, who with Howard Meyer designed the current building. The family invites you to a candlelighting of the *hanukkiyah* created by Sandfield and a short reception following. With Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen.



ALL-IN SHABBAT

Friday, Dec. 8 | 6PM

Experience the warmth of community as we come together to celebrate the second night of Hanukkah. Enjoy a festive service for all ages with Rabbi David Stern, Cantor Vicky Glikin and the Kol Shir youth choir. Bring your hanukkiyah and candles to light as a congregation followed by a Hanukah dinner complete with latkes and activities for kids.

FAMILY MEET-UPS: HANUKKAH IN THE HOOD

Temple families are invited to share in the joy of Hanukkah together in small home-hosted settings and meet other families who live near you!

- Saturday, Dec. 9 | 10AM | East Dallas
 Enjoy a Hanukkah-themed brunch complete with a family scavenger hunt and dreidel spinning.
- Monday, Dec. 11 | 5PM | McKinney, Allen, Frisco and Plano Gather for a Hanukkah pizza party complete with dreidel spinning and hanukkiyah lighting.

Contact: Karin Lester, klester@tedallas.org



ATID HOME-HOSTED HANUKKAH

Thursday, Dec. 14 | 7PM

Join your ATiD 20s and 30s community for a Hanukkah celebration. Enjoy latkes, candle lighting and the warmth of coming together.

Contact: Erica Strauss, estrauss@tedallas.org

COAT DRIVE

Help keep our Dallas neighbors warm this winter by bringing your new and gently used coats of all sizes to Temple from Dec. 1-14.

Register for events at tedallas.org/events

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Celebration and Remembrance

Compiled by Ilana Paikoff

BECOMING B'NAI MITZVAH



Ellie Palmer November 4 Daughter of Dana and Scotty Palmer Parish Episcopal School Tikkun Ölam: Jewish Family Service



Elliott Lipnik November 11 Son of Yael and Steve Lipnik Lakehill Preparatory School Tikkun Olam: East Lake Pet Orphanage



Hailey Assa November 18 Daughter of Yedida and Kerry Assa Wilson Middle School Tikkun Olam: Cheerleadina group for children with special needs



Andrew Ostroff November 18 Son of Lisa Rapfogel and Dave Ostroff The Winston School Tikkun Olam: Voqel Alcove



Andrea Luttrell and Mark Rosen

WEDDINGS



Ted Levy December 2 Son of Alan and Allison Levy St. Mark's School of Texas Tikkun Olam: Education and Support for Israel Defense Force (IDF)

Not picutred:

Jacob Bassman December 2



Daniella Antypas December 9 Daughter of Nofar Gal and Evangelos Antypas The Greenhill School Tikkun Olam: Vogel Alcove



Kate Blum December 9 Daughter of Tasha and Greg Blum The Episcopal School of Dallas



December 16 Son of Bobbie and Mitchell Berenson Ann and Nate Levine Academy Tikkun Olam: Boys and Girls Club Special Programing



Sara Plotkin and Adam Leightman

Evan Yoffe December 16 Son of Daphna and Amir Yoffe St. Mark's School of Texas Tikkun Olam: United Hatzalah of Israel



Blake Rieter December 23 Son of Pamela and Brian Rieter Ann and Nate Levine Academy Tikkun Olam: Leaders in Training, Mission Waco and VNA Meals on Wheels

CONVERSIONS



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Aerianna Ware

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Sister of Liam DePorte
Grandniece of Tobe and Arnin Goldberg



Jack Elijah Simon
Son of Navith and Max Simon



Noa Ariel Falkin Daughter of Leora and Daniel Falkin



Scarlette Rose Kahn Daughter of Melanie Kreiter-Kahn and Aaron Kahn

Miriam Lyn Hurwitz (not pictured) Daughter of Whitney and Brandon Hurwitz

Henry Grant Donosky (not pictured)
Son of Karen and Drew Donosky
Grandson of Bette and Dr. Gary Morchower

Rori Anne Marx (not pictured)
Daughter of Becca and Dustin Marx

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Sister of Dr. Robert Halpin

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Mother of Ingrid Roskos and Nicole Roskos

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Barbara Gleason Zaber

Mother of Frank Zaber, Teresa Kassela, Suzanne Keith and Tamara Zaber

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

By Ilana Paikoff

Fifty-two new member households joined the Temple family in September and October. Our new member spotlight subjects, Stacey and Sandy Silverman, joined with excitement and the anticipation of finding a new spiritual home and getting involved with the local Jewish community. *B'ruchim habaim*, welcome y'all!

Meet Stacey and Sandy Silverman



L-r: Stacey and Sandy Silverman

Tell us about your Temple journey. What drew you to us?

Stacey: My 21-year-old daughter, my mother and I attended a Shabbat service at Temple over the summer and just loved it. We met Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen, Cantor Leslie Niren and Rabbi Michael Lewis that night. They were lovely and welcoming at the oneg. We went again a few weeks later and met Rabbi David Stern and Cantor Vicky Glikin and loved them as well.

Sandy: Upon entering Stern Chapel, we were greeted by Temple member Harriet Silverman (no relation). She introduced us to a few other Temple members who made us feel at home. I love the music at the service — it adds such depth.

What made you two join Temple together?

Stacey: My mother and I are very close and had both left our former synagogue at the same time. We were ready to find a

new community after our beloved Rabbi Charlie Cytron-Walker was not renewed at Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville.

Sandy: My daughter mentioned that she wanted to check out Temple, and I was ready to look for a new spiritual home as well, so we decided to visit together. We quickly found that we loved Temple's services so we scheduled a meeting to inquire about membership.

Are there any programs you are interested in getting involved with?

Stacey: Yes, I'm excited to get involved in various programs such as the Sh'ma groups and Women of Reform Judaism and I'm eager to learn about the various volunteer opportunities as well. I attended the Cinema Emanu-El movie nights over the summer and loved them!

Sandy: I am interested in senior programming and social action.

NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS

Debbie and Robert Barrer
Benjamin and Melissa Barrer
Andy, Stacey and Aiden Behrendt
Hilary, Philip, Asher and Sammy Bierman
Emily, Barrett, Reiss, Isla June and
Marilee Bisignano
David, Charlotte and Gideon Bogart
Tammy Cancela
Tracey, Zane, Ian and Brayden Crownover
Genevieve, Chris, Emmeline, Juliette
and Andrew Davis
Scott Eisen
Daniel and Leora Falkin
Ava and Larry Field
Jason, Hayley, Riley and Molly Fontaine

Lance, Melissa, David and Eliana
Friedensohn
Meagan, Brayden and Oliver Friedman
Matt Gabay
Drew Goldblatt and Elizabeth Bodzy
Jerald, Jen, Ryan and Ben Goldstein
Zachary Gopin and Ekaterina Katsounas
Stew and Jody Gross
Lynn Harris
April, Lee, Nathan and Sydney Haspel
Gary, Julie, Izzie, Kaya and Eli Haymann
Hayden and Jeanette Hoffman
Joseph, Hannah and Madeline Hokin
Matthew and Hannah Kaye

Joyce E. Kelly

Mia Klein
Zach, Jess, Zoe and Harvey Krochtengel
Paul and Catherine Lake
Erez, Aya, Yuval, Danielle and
Roni Margalit
Tyler Margaretten and Delaney Patterson
Kimberly and Rowan Mason
Jessica and Max McPhaul
Ben, Jennifer, Noah, Ellis Miron
Aaron, Pam, Tara and Chandler Pinkus
Karen, Oliver, Alice and Henry Rosensteel
Eric, Kelly, Asa, Romi and Jonah Ruben
Adam Rymer, Chantal Payette and
Wolfe Rymer

Jason, Juliana, Olivia, Alissia and

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Our TE150 year of celebration has come to an end and, WOW, what a celebration it has been. We have embraced every step of this journey, from Harvest to Creations to our awesome Rededication events.

And now, we're off to the future!



COMMUNITY



The Temple Emanu-El Choir at Rededication Shabbat



Stories From Our Cemetery burial of sacred books



Ribbon-cutting with the Zale, Pollock, Pluss and Levy families at the Barbara Zale Center for Living History



Passing of the Torah by past presidents at Rededication Shabbat



Futurescaping workshop with Faith Leener



Futurescaping panelists (I-r) Rabbi Ana Bonnheim, Faith Leener, Rabbi Vanessa Harper, Dan Libenson and Dr. Steven Windmueller



YL+E students get in the TE150 spirit



Prayer wall for Israel at Rededication Shabbat

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Workshop with Dan Libenson at Futurescaping



Hands-on with Torah by Rabbi Vanessa Harper



The Pamela and Steven Pluss Gallery's first exhibit, Rediscoveries, brings together seven special artworks with ties to Temple history.



OriAnn Phillips shares family memories at Stories From Our Cemetery



Eric Goldberg, grandson of Rabbi Gerald Klein, z''l, at Rabbis Row in Stories From Our Cemetery.



"That's me!" Reliving Temple memories on the Pollock Family Media Wall



It's a full house at the delicious Rededication Shabbat dinner catered by Spice of Life.

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

The High Holy Days wouldn't be the same 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!

Rich Abramowitz Sarith Abramowitz Kathy Aferiat Sara Albert Jaclyn Altman **Debbie Andres** Louise Applebome Iamie Asch Marcy Babcox Mirjana Barron Jeff Becker Joan Becker Shellev Becker Michael Bennett Amy Berger Eugene Berman Peyton Berman Daisy Bernal de Castro Jo Bernal de Castro Ori Birk Andy Block Jenifer Blum **Brad Blumenthal** Allison Braley Mary Lee Broder Tammy Cancela Pam Carranza Jennifer Cassell Liz Chalfant **Beverly Charles** Chris Cheniae Deidra Cizon Cory Clay Chelsea Coben **Beverly Cohen** Harriet Cohen Ariana Cook **Graham Coombs** Susan Cooper Evie Danielson

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Elise Plaksen

Reflections for Gratitude and Miracles

As you gather around your Thanksgiving and Hanukkah tables this year, here are several readings that reflect our gratitude for our many blessings and prayers for peace.

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

Prayer of Gratitude

By Alden Solovoy

Today is a gift, Oh my G-d,

To know Your world,

To receive Your blessings.

Rock of Ages,

Your works surround us,

Daily signs of awe and wonder,

Daily guides to joy and service.

Bless me with hands of strength,

A heart of courage,

A mind of understanding.

Bless me with a voice of praises,

A life of gratitude,

Days filled with hope and love.

A Hanukkah Prayer for a Time of Darkness

By Marla Baker

Creator of All,

In the beginning You made the night sky luminous with the light

of the moon and the stars and

You made the daytime bright with the light of the sun and

Saw that it was good.

And You created human beings in Your own image, with capacity

To distinguish dark from light, with capacity

To create holy sparks, see into the shadows and

Shine light where it is dark.

And You saw that it was very good.

Creator of All and Rock of Ages,

In the time of the Maccabees once more You worked a miracle

of light,

Permitting our ancestors to rededicate holy space.

And it lasted eight days and eight nights.

Creator of All and Rock of Ages,

In the dark of night, at the darkest time of year

We light candles in remembrance of the miracle,

One more each night until there are eight.

Creator of All and Rock of Ages,

Too many lights have been extinguished.

The world has grown too dark.

Creator of Light and Dark,

Teach us once more to see into the shadows,

To shed our light in all the dark corners and to

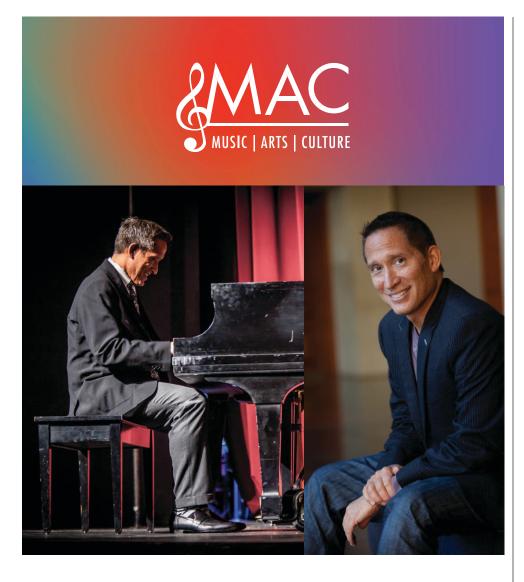
Create holy sparks for all humankind

So that once more we can say

It is very good.



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JANUARY 26, 2024 Shabbat Shirah | 6:15_{PM}

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.

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: Dec. 5, Jan. 7

Grief Support In-Person

Last Tuesday of each month, 12-1PM: Nov. 28, Dec. 26, Jan. 30

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.

For information or Zoom link, please contact Meredith Pryzant, Director of Member Support, for all support needs except where noted. mpryzant@tedallas.org 214.706.0000, ext. 3802.

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Telling Our Stories

The four co-chairs of TE150's Documenting Our History Committee bring the past alive



Robin Sachs, Risa Gross, Nancy Rivin, Ann Zimmerman Gallant

hey came together $2 \frac{1}{2}$ years ago as four acquaintances with deep ties to Dallas and professional skills in research, photography and storytelling. And because they had a hard time saying no to TE150 Celebrations co-chair Nina Cortell!

In July 2021, the Documenting Our History Committee of Ann Zimmerman Gallant, Risa Gross, Nancy Rivin and Robin Sachs got to work. While all contributed to the overall vision, they each took on a special task: Robin collecting the visuals, Ann organizing the 24 essays on Temple topics, Risa researching Temple's influence for an interactive map and Nancy participating in research and a photo essay about the Jill Stone Community Garden.

Today, their efforts yield an impressive body of Temple's history that you'll see reflected on the new Pollock Family Media Wall and in a compendium of essays available in the Karen and Walter Levy Living History Office.

Most importantly, they are dear friends. Let's hear about their journey, in their words.

How did your Temple histories align with your professional and personal passions for this work?

Risa Gross (RG): I grew up at Temple and have been a member most of my life. Ways I've been involved including the DOH Committee are the Board (third term now), antiracism work, Nominating Committee (three times, including as chair), Engagement Task Force, Rabbinic search committee (Rabbi Utley's) and the Nasheem Sh'ma group.

Robin Sachs (RS): As a third generation Temple member, I have a deep historical connection to Temple. My journalism education, love of history and my professional life as a commercial photographer made this project a particularly good fit for me.

Nancy Rivin (NR): I've been a Temple member since 2000, when I started working as the Temple librarian. I ultimately directed all the adult Jewish Learning classes and lectures until I retired in 2013. As a Temple volunteer, I've been involved for many years with the Jill Stone Community Garden along with many other social justice activities. I'm honored to now serve on the Temple Board.

Ann Zimmerman Gallant (AG): I have only been a member for five years, yet somehow I felt I always belonged. It is such a warm and welcoming, spiritually nourishing place that aligns with my longtime commitment to social justice and advocacy. Perhaps what turbo-charged my comfort level with Temple was spending four years as a Board member getting to see the committed leadership in action.

I spent my entire career as a journalist, most recently at The Wall Street Journal, and relied on my skills of researching, reporting and storytelling to help convey the rich and important history of Temple Emanu-El.

Why did you say "yes" to the Documenting Our History project?

NR: Although I had no idea how extensive our work would be, I knew that I wanted to be involved in the celebration of TE150 in some way.

AG: I thought it was an honor and a challenge to share the sacred story of this institution and its extraordinary members who have had such a profound impact on the city. It's an institution that continues to evolve and meet the needs of both its members and surrounding community and is committed so strongly to its core values.

RG: Even before I started this work, I knew enough about our history to know it was rich and deep. Another reason: though I didn't know my co-chairs well at that point, I knew them well enough to know that I would enjoy working with them.

RS: I previously co-chaired the committee for the 100-year history of the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas and researched and created displays for their anniversary events. So I was ready to delve deeper into another Jewish Dallas history project. My lifelong connection to Temple made this particularly enticing.

Tell us about the most meaningful part of the work for you.

RS: Creating *The ONE Project*, a photographic/interview series of 102 black and white portraits and edited conversations with a cross-section of Temple members. The intent was to explore the relationship of individual congregants to our Temple, as well as the profound ability of ONE person to make a difference in the lives of others and in our world. The stories that my co-creator, Linda Winski and I heard prior to photographing each individual, were intimate and moving and we were completely inspired by our subjects. We felt like we were part of something greater than ourselves. We are also grateful to Macki Ellenbogen, who did the hard work of scheduling and organizing our project.

AG: Getting to work with such smart, talented, kind and fun women, who have become dear (and in some cases dearer) friends.

RG: Developing relationships with the people involved – primarily with my co-chairs and Nina, but also with people who helped us along the way. Anjelica Ruiz in particular knows so much about Temple's history; it was helpful to be able to learn from her. And it was fun to work with and to get to know Nina as a peer —instead of as the mom of my oldest friend!

NR: I thought I knew a lot about Temple before; it turns out I knew nothing! The love and connection that people feel for this place is astounding. Learning the depth and breadth of our commitment and connection to our city has made me even prouder to call Temple home.

What were some surprises and insights along the way?

RG: The story of Edward Titche being asked—and declining—an invitation to join the KKK was gobsmacking. I thought that looking at Sisterhood in its various iterations throughout the years was fascinating, because in a way, the shift in women's roles in the congregation has mirrored the shift in society at large...It was fun to learn about our past anniversary celebrations (and how they only lasted a weekend!).

RS: There were *many* weird and wonderful facts that we unearthed. One small example from the early Sanger Brothers Department Store: One of the early salesmen was Frank James, brother of the legendary outlaw Jesse James.

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AG: One of our earliest spiritual leaders was a scam artist. And the sixth rabbi, who served in the late 1800s, went on to found a summer camp in Maine, where my two brothers, who grew up in New York, attended. Talk about six degrees of separation.

NR: There are so many schools named after Temple members! That was very fun to learn, along with learning how many social, educational and artistic organizations were started by our members.

How do you think future generations will look upon Temple's 150th year?

AG: With pride and appreciation for all that has been accomplished, for the strong but always evolving foundation on which to keep building.

NR: I hope they will build upon the 15 months of celebration and use that foundation to ensure Temple's importance to their families and community. I hope they see this celebration as a year of honoring who we are, how we got here and who we want to be.

RG: Just as we can look back at the Diamond Jubilee banquet at the Baker Hotel for Temple's 75th anniversary as a monumental event, they'll be able to look back on our Sukkot dinner last fall. Just as we can look at the Shabbat sermon on "Judaism in the World of Tomorrow" for Temple's 100th anniversary, they'll be able to look back on Futurescaping. And hopefully the media wall technology won't be obsolete, and future generations will still be engaging with that! That said, the most lasting impact coming out of the 150th is the endowment. That is going to be able to help support Temple for generations and generations to come — and will hopefully take some of the fundraising burden off future generations so that they can focus their efforts on the people at Temple, and not on its bottom line.

RS: I hope that through exploring the new Barbara Zale Living History Center, future generations will view us as a diverse and inclusive congregation, involved in community activism and *tikkun olam* and dedicated to the continuation of Reform Jewish traditions, education and spirituality. I hope these values that we have illustrated from the past 150 years have set the stage for future generations.

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The Future is Now

The TE150 celebration calendar wrapped up on the weekend of Nov. 3-5, but in many ways, the future imagined by 15 months of commemorations is already here. On these pages are the many ways you can get involved in fresh new activities to begin our exciting future.



Sh'ma Emanu-El: Right Where You Belong

Build on the excitement of all the TE150 programming by finding new ways to be in community. Sh'ma Emanu-El has introduced an easy way to form small groups to forge

deeper connections. Groups are forming now and events begin in December.

Join a group here: tedallas.org/connect/small-groups/current-shma-groups

Create a group or ask questions: Shira Stevenson, Director of Small Groups and Diversity, sstevenson@tedallas.org



Pursuing Justice

The United to Learn school gardens and Tzedek Emanu-El projects, led by TE150 Social Justice Chair Julie Weinberg and Temple staff members, continue Temple's historic role of tikkun olam, reaching outward in the community to make the world a better

place. We have begun working with two schools to build or enhance school gardens.

To get involved, contact: Erica Strauss, Director of Social Justice and Young Adult Engagement, estrauss@tedallas.org



Roots and Branches: Christy and Adam Blumenfeld and Family Tree Planting

In this exciting event planned during TE150, we'll plant 50 trees as part of Dallas' Branching Out program, in partnership with the

Blumenfeld family, Texas Trees Foundation and Dallas Parks and Recreation. All are invited. Children under 12 must be accompanied by parents.

February 24

9AM-12PM | Orbiter Park, 9100 Orbiter Circle

Contact: Erica Strauss, Director of Social Justice and Young

Adult Engagement, estrauss@tedallas.org

Barbara Zale Center for Living History

Our former archives has been reimagined for the future into a beautiful new space for intimate gatherings, learning and immersion into Temple Emanu-El's history.

Jon Rollins, a Temple vice president and Dallas architect, designed the new look for the room, which was originally a classroom when the building was new.

"When the Jacobus Archives was created as a space in about 1965, three classrooms were converted to the archives suite," said Jon at the groundbreaking for the Center. "One classroom became the actual storage room for the archives; the equivalent of half a classroom became the archives office, and the remaining one and a half classrooms became what until recently was the archives meeting room. The bookcase that used to divide this space actually marked where the original wall was located."

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Over the years, the room stayed virtually unchanged while other renovations occurred. "Though we are right next to a main Temple thoroughfare and to our congregational living room, the space still felt isolated because of the brick wall and narrow opening that separated it from daily life at Temple," Jon said.

During the renovation, "it was important to keep what worked about the space as it was, but to make it function better with new air conditioning and lighting, eliminate the noise from downstairs, and make the space feel integrated with the rest of Temple both by opening up the room to make it visible and connected, and by bringing design elements from Tycher and the rest of Temple into the renovated space. The Levy office and the archives storage room were enhanced to make them function more effectively as well."

The new **Pollock Family Media Wall** brings Temple's core values to life in innovative ways. Watch Temple's history in the interactive timeline; experience Temple's influence across the city of Dallas; learn how Temple feeds its neighbors in the Bounty photo essay, and meet 100-plus members who have been beautifully photographed in The One Project.

The Pamela and Steven Pluss Gallery has opened with the Rediscoveries exhibit of seven special art pieces with connections to Temple's history. Also don't miss seeing the new Karen and Walter Levy Living History Office.

Below: Jon Rollins and Beverly Bonnheim close the time capsule of Temple artifacts, to be opened in the future! The box was placed in a spot in the wall, and a teak panel was reattached next to the media wall during the time capsule ritual ceremony led by Rabbi Debra Robbins.



ADD YOUR STORY TO THE WALL

We want to share your family's story. The new media wall has a section for congregants to share their family photos, Temple stories and list the generations of their family. Please scan the QR code and fill out the form to get started.



Contact: Connie Dufner, Senior Director of Communications, cdufner@tedallas.org.



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Gifts of Memory, Honor and Gratitude



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By Dr. & Mrs. Larry Barzune & Family

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By Sandy & Don Gorman Birth of Misha Bonnheim By Judi & Randy Ratner

Speedy Recovery of Miriam Cohen

By Ettie & Melvin Weinberg

Social Justice Fund for Youth Education Support of worthwhile educational causes for youth in need

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Birthday of Beth Gold



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The Solomon Squad: Maya, Shira and Anat Solomon

For two sisters and their mom, teaching at YL+E is not only a job but an opportunity for family bonding.

By Ilana Paikoff

This is so cool, that you all teach together. Tell us about how you got to Dallas.

Shira: For Maya and I, we grew up here.

Anat: Their father and I were born in Israel. We moved to California first in 1998 and then after five years, we moved to Plano.

What made you all start teaching?

Anat: For me, I studied at Tel Aviv University and got my teaching certification from there. Teaching is always something I have had a strong passion for. I started to teach in America once I got my citizenship. I have now been teaching Hebrew at Temple for 12 years. I also teach Hebrew in Plano during the week.

Shira: Our mom had been working at Temple for a year or two when she told me that there was the Madrichim program, where high schoolers assist teachers during class. I joined that looking for community service hours at first, and I found it incredibly rewarding. I began teaching all throughout high school and then I joined the 2nd grade team. I graduated college and then became the 2nd grade team lead at Temple and I also teach in Plano ISD. This is officially my ninth year teaching at Temple.

Maya: I used to teach gymnastics, pilates, yoga and dance, but I didn't teach at Temple. I saw how much my sister and mother enjoyed their teaching jobs at Temple and in April of this year, they told me that there was an open position to work on the Youth Learning + Engagement team. I started working at Temple in August and now I get to spend my Sunday mornings with them and I wouldn't have it any other way.



What is it like working together?

Shira: It's amazing. We save on gas! I really love seeing my family around the building – it makes me so happy. I like to send Maya funny supply requests to keep her on her toes such as "If you cannot access the lessons in Google Drive, we can just talk at home about it."

Maya: I love having my family around on Sunday. I call us the Solomon Squad. Shira's supply requests always make me giggle.

Anat: It is so fun to be a part of the community of the Temple. Shira and I also love subbing for each other because the students get to know both of us, and it feels like they are becoming part of the Solomon family.

Eight Nights of Light for Israel

Compiled by Livia Bernstein with contributions from Temple clergy

ur hearts are heavy this season as we think about our family, friends and community in Israel, and the ripple effects of the Israel-Gaza war here at home. Yet, Jewish tradition urges us to prioritize joy in these hard moments, so as we celebrate, we invite you add a light for Israel into your customs.

Choose to try something new each of the eight nights or choose something to add throughout the entire holiday, such as reciting the Prayer for the State of Israel (see below) to the end of your candle blessings.

1. Give Tzedakah



Scan this QR code for the Temple Responds: Israel blog, to review the relief projects by many Jewish organizations

such as organizations such as Jewish Federations of North America, Jewish National Fund and American Friends of Magen David Adom. In addition, Temple Emanu-El is working on donation and volunteer opportunities that will be available in the weeks to come.

2. Share Your Experiences

Israel is a special place whether you've been many times, once or never before. Relive great memories with family and friends of living in, traveling to, or connecting with Israel. You can even share your memories with us on social media using the hashtag #TEIsrael

3. Read a New Poem

In times of joy and distress, we often turn to poetry to speak the words that we can't find ourselves. Take this opportunity to find some Israeli poets whose words resonate with you and include them in your Hanukkah celebrations. This poem by Russian-Israeli poet Lea Goldberg is a great place to start.

All the stars were hidden away The moon is wrapped in black From the North to Yemen in the South There is no ray of light

The morning is a faithful widower On its hips it wears a grey bag From the North to Yemen in the South There is no ray of light

Please light a white candle in my heart's black tent From the North to Yemen in the South The light will shine

4. Experience a Psalm

Since at least the year 750 CE, Jews have been reading Psalm 30 during Hanukkah. The opening verse, "a psalm for hanukat *Habayit* — for the dedication of the House" evokes the Maccabees' courage to light a single lamp and rededicate themselves to living Jewish life — and invites us to do the same. The ancient words resonate anew this year; sit with them and reflect, or discuss with a friend or maybe write in a journal:

This phrase/image/name of God resonates with me on this day/night of Hanukkah because...

Psalm 30, translation adapted from Rabbi Sam Feinsmith

¹A psalm of David. A song for the dedication of the House.

²I exalt You, Glorious One; You drew me up like water from a well and did not let my enemies rejoice over me.

³Dear One, my God, I cried out to You, and You healed me.

⁴Redeemer, You brought me up from Sheol, You saved me from my descent into the Pit.

⁵Sing to the Almighty, righteous ones, praise God's holy name.

⁶God's anger lasts a moment, but God's desire is life; one may lay down weeping at night fall, but sing for joy at dawn.

⁷When I was untroubled, I thought,

"I shall never be shaken".

⁸ Protector, when You were pleased, You made [me] mountain-strong, when You concealed Your face, I was terrified. ⁹I called to You, the Fount of Life; I appealed to my God.

¹⁰ "What is to be gained from my death, from my descent into the ground? Can dust praise You? Can it declare Your truth? 11 Hear, Hidden One, and have mercy on me; Advocate be my help!

¹²⁻¹³You turned my wailing into waltzing, untied my tatters, and wrapped me with joy, that my whole being might endlessly sing hymns to You; Holy One my God, I will praise You, forever.



Scan the QR code for a Hanukkah reflection from "New Each Day" by Rabbi Debra Robbins

5. Reach Out

Share a message of strength and support with Israeli students and educators with help from The Jewish Education Project. Find more information and links to send your letters at bit.ly/letterstoisrael.

6. Make Your Voice Heard

Use your voice to urge elected officials to speak out against Hamas and support Israel's right to self defense. The American Jewish Committee makes it easy with a simple one-click email. Send yours today at actnow.ajc.org

7. Say a Prayer

During our Shabbat and other prayer services we include a prayer for the State of Israel. This Hanukkah, try including this prayer, or one that resonates with you and your family, to your candle blessings.

A Prayer for Israel

By Rabbi Erica Asch

Sovereign of All the World–
Shield Israel beneath Your
protective presence.
May all the inhabitants of Israel know
physical safety.
May they find the comfort of
community as they grieve together.
May they experience a renewed love for
their country and its people.

Guide Israel's leaders as they balance the necessity of safety and security with the suffering of the innocent. May they act wisely, with determination and deliberation.

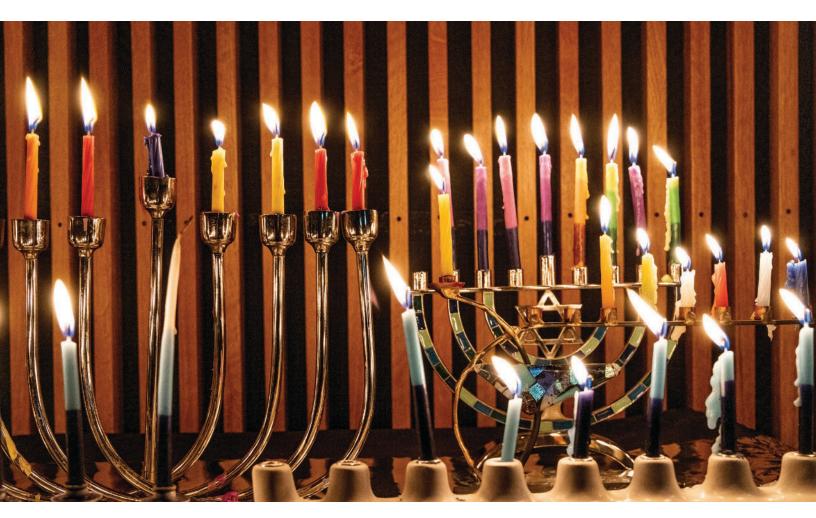
Implant within Israel's citizens compassion, strength, and resolve. May they be nourished by our love and support.

Our prayers are linked with the prayers of countless others as we remember Your ancient promise from the book of Second Samuel, "I will establish a home for my people Israel and will plant them firm so that they shall dwell secure and shall tremble no more...I will give you safety from your enemies." [1]

At this time of danger and grief, may we have the audacity to pray for peace, just as our ancestors have done each time they were threatened and terrorized. We pray that the people of Israel find wholeness and know tranquilly. We pray for shalom in the land we love.

8. Enjoy Hanukkah Music from Israel

Listen to Hanukkah music from new and familiar performers in this playlist by Cantor Leslie Niren spoti.fi/3MqFWoo



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