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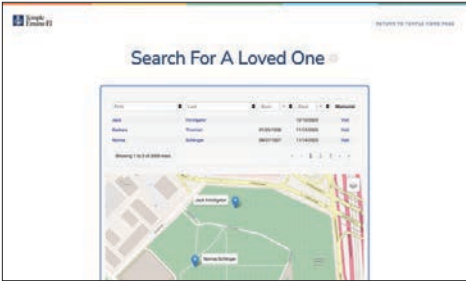
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About the Cover: Sapir Matiteyahu and her dad, Gillad, enjoy the Israeli musical beat at the Yemen Blues service and concert for Yom HaAtzmaut.



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Tu BiSh'vat

Seeing the Forest and the Trees



Rabbi David Stern

For most of my life, the holiday of Tu BiSh'vat has not been high on my list of meaningful Jewish celebrations. The holiday's name simply comes from its date on the calendar: Tu BiSh'vat literally means "The Fifteenth of Shevat," (not unlike calling Independence Day "The Fourth of July,") and it will fall this year on January 25.

Like Hanukkah, Tu BiSh'vat is a post-Biblical observance: it doesn't appear in the Hebrew Bible at all, and when its origins first appear in the Mishnah, it appears as an important administrative date on the calendar, but not as a celebration. The fifteenth of Shevat, according to Mishnah Rosh Hashanah 1:1, is the new year of trees, established to determine the beginning of the fiscal year for tithing the produce of fruit trees: if fruit came before the fifteenth of Shevat, it would be taxed in one fiscal year, if after the fifteenth of Shevat, it would be taxed in the next. The date was also important in calculating when the fruits of a tree could first be used after they have been prohibited from use for the first three years of the tree's life, a practice known as *orlah*.

Like other Jewish observances, Tu BiSh'vat has evolved over time. In the 16th century, the kabbalist Rabbi Yitzchak Luria of Safed instituted a Tu BiSh'vat seder, an opportunity to celebrate the new year of trees by eating produce of the trees of the land of Israel, foods which were given symbolic meaning as part of an observance intended to help participants deepen their spiritual awareness.

By the early 20th century, Tu BiSh'vat takes on particular Zionist significance as an opportunity to plant trees in Israel to help cultivate the land. As the Israeli "Arbor Day," Tu BiSh'vat remains a prominent celebration for secular and religious Israelis alike. And here in the Diaspora, as the environmentalist movement has grown, and as the dangers of climate change

become more apparent each day, Tu BiSh'vat has emerged as an organic opportunity to emphasize and activate the Jewish tradition's millennia-old commitment to celebrating and protecting the wonders of God's creation.

In addition to all these good reasons to pay attention to this relatively minor holiday, two have become particularly important to me. The first is that Jewish climate concerns focus not only on damage to the environment, but damage to its most vulnerable human inhabitants. To state a potentially politically incorrect view, I actually care more about people than I do about birds and trees. But time and again we have seen that the ravages of climate change — from floods to fires to other natural disasters, have disproportionate effect on the most vulnerable human inhabitants of the planet — the people who cannot afford to live on higher ground, with decent housing stock and clean water, with financial security, out of harm's way.

My second reason is more explicitly spiritual: concern for the environment is a fundamental act of humility, a re-seeing of the world that nudges my own human needs and prerogatives off center stage. As Dr. Jeremy Benstein writes in an essay on Jewish ethics and the environment, "A religious conviction that affirms the divine character of the human spirit should require us to...assume a God's eye view of the world and its ongoing functioning...to assume the point of view of the whole system, which may demand different conclusions than those concerned solely with the benefit of [my] single species."

In other words, a sense of stewardship for the environment is not just about flora and fauna — it is about a fundamentally spiritual recognition that I am part of something greater than myself, that I participate in an ongoing, vital reality which both depends upon my choices and transcends my particular desires. To celebrate Tu BiSh'vat and its call for environmental awareness is ultimately to celebrate both the wonder of creation and the Oneness of All Being. *Chag Tu BiSh'vat Sameach!*

In the Torah

Weekly Torah Readings for January/February 2024

The Exodus Torah portions we read in January and February begin with the enslavement of the Israelites and end with the commandment to bring pure olive oil for the *ner tamid*. Our Shabbat celebrations follow this trajectory as well, from explorations of the narrow places in ourselves and society to the efforts we make to keep the lights of Judaism burning strong.

January 5–6: Sh'mot, Exodus 1:1–6:1

January 12–13: Va-eira, Exodus 6:2–9:35

MLK Shabbat with guest speaker Michael Sorrell of Paul Quinn College

January 19–20: Bo, Exodus 10:1–13:16

January 26–27: B'shalach, Exodus 13:17–17:16

Jazz Shabbat with José Bowen

February 2–3: Yitro, Exodus 18:1–20:23

February 9–10: Mishpatim, Exodus 21:1–24:18

February 16–17: T'rumah, Exodus 25:1–27:19

All-In Shabbat and Congregational Dinner

February 23–24: T'tzaveh, Exodus 27:20–30:10

Refugee Shabbat in partnership with HIAS, including the Temple Emanu-El Choir



SOUL SINGING

January 18 | 7:30PM | Register: tedallas.org/events

Find solace and meaning in community and music amid the sadness of the Israel Hamas war and our grief over the Oct. 7 attacks. Led by Cantors Vicky Glikin and Leslie Niren, this session will offer Israel-focused music and reflections as we tap into our souls and make space for hope and healing.



SAVE THE DATE

50+ SHABBAT

Friday, March 8 | 6:15PM

Enjoy a special Shabbat service honoring all who are or would have been married for 50+ years as well as those who have been adult members for 50+ years.



Bringing the Band Back Together Again

JOSÉ BOWEN AND JAZZ SHABBAT

The power of musical prayer is not in how we sing it, says Temple member and Jazz Shabbat creator José Bowen, but in how we feel it.

“The idea is to create an emotional connection to the liturgy, and there are lots of ways to present that musically,” he says.

Jazz Shabbat was first performed in 1989 at Congregation Beth Am in Los Altos Hills, California, while José was a graduate student at Stanford University. Since then, he says, he’s performed at approximately 100 synagogues worldwide, including six times at Temple from 2010 to 2019.

It’s our turn to feel the magic again when Jazz Shabbat returns to Temple Emanu-El on January 26 for Shabbat Shirah, which commemorates the Torah reading of song sung by Israel after the splitting of the Red Sea.

“I thought about what I could do to unite the liturgy and the music,” says José.

“The *Mi Chamochah* becomes a fiery, hot, exuberant Latin beat. And ‘Shalom Rav’ is upbeat, I’ve composed that as bossa nova.”

Of the *V’ahavta*, he says: “I wrote the music to make it sound more like a love song, more like ‘you will love God’ than ‘you shall love God.’ I hope this is the way people will feel it every week, and when you go back to the old *V’ahavta*, you’ll still remember it’s a love song.”



JANUARY 26, 2024
Shabbat Shirah | 6:15PM
Jazz Shabbat with José Bowen

Over the years, the melodies have changed, and José has adapted the music accordingly. “For instance, the ‘Hinei Mah Tov’ that the congregation now knows and sings [by Elana Arian] — we’ve made it a little uptown funk.”

He’s also working on a musical surprise — adapting a jazz piece by renowned songwriter Jule Styne to the words of the *V’shamru* prayer. José looks forward to performing for the first time in Stern Chapel. “Stern is an amazing acoustic space. It actually feels like a jazz club, it has that intimate vibe to it.”

In addition to his accomplishments as a jazz musician, José’s career has also taken him to the academy as a professor and administrator. He has served as dean of SMU’s Meadows School of the Arts and as president of Goucher College in Baltimore. Since his return to Dallas, he has been writing, consulting and teaching.

And of course, dreaming about and playing music. “Part of my mission in Dallas is to play more music and put together a band.” We can’t wait!

Sephardic Surround Sound

Renowned Sephardic musician Galeet Dardashti will return to Temple on March 1-3 as our visiting artist for Music Arts and Culture. Galeet, who lives in White Plains, New York, shared a sneak preview on the exciting musical weekend.

Welcome back to Temple Emanu-El! Your last visit with us was during Selichot in 2017, when you performed the powerful “Monajat.” Can you share a bit about what’s in store for us in March?

I’m very excited to be returning to Temple Emanu-El! During this visit I’ll be joining for Shabbat services with your clergy, teaching Saturday morning on Israeli music, and then back for a full concert with my all-woman powerhouse Sephardi/Mizrahi ensemble, Divahn, on Sunday night!

Your Middle Eastern heritage is an important part of your musical story. At the same time, our congregation has traveled to Spain and will travel to Morocco this spring. We have also had visiting Sephardic musicians. How might we experience that Sephardic culture anew on your visit?

During my lecture on Saturday morning, I’ll be presenting a lecture entitled “Israeli Music Goes Mizrahi” in which I share how Israeli culture has shifted in the past couple of decades to a culture that underscores the music of Sephardi/Mizrahi Jews. This includes Moroccan music, especially since Moroccan Jews were the largest immigrant community to Israel from the Islamic world. So that talk will be a great introduction for folks at Temple Eman-El.

Divahn’s performance on Sunday night will include significant Sephardic and Moroccan material in Ladino and Hebrew. We are excited to share this music with your community!

Tell us about Divahn, as we haven’t met your ensemble yet!

You will fall in love with the Divahn ladies. We perform eclectic renditions of a wide range of Jewish music from the Middle East and North Africa featuring tabla, cello, rabel, violin, congas, cajon and more, plus vocals in Hebrew, Ladino, Persian, Arabic and Aramaic. As you will see, each of the four musicians performing with me (Megan Gould, Eleanor Norton, Sejal Kukadia and Elizabeth Pupo-Walker) is a powerhouse in her own right, in Arab, Latin, Indian and/or western classical music. You’ve likely seen some of them on stage with Natalie Merchant, Adele, Alan Cumming, John Legend, David Byrne, or the late Sharon Jones and the Dap-Kings, to name only a few.

Divan, l-r: Sejal Kukadia, Elizabeth Pupo-Walker, Galeet Dardashti, Megan Gould, Eleanor Norton



MARCH 1-3, 2024

Galeet Dardashti & Divahn





Community Solidarity Gathering, photo courtesy of Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas

Israel Around Emanu-El

Temple has shown the love to Israel in a variety of ways over the past several weeks. From a clothing drive to support Nir Yitzhak to an interactive resource table to online learning to handwritten letters of support, Israel is always on our minds.

Stay tuned for further opportunities to engage with Israel in the months ahead.

Kibbutz Nir Yitzhak's thank you to Temple Emanu-El for the Hanukkah gifts:
 "Thank you for the sweet delivery and the lovely drawings of the children.
 Thank you for lighting a candle in our hearts. Happy Hanukkah!!"

To Temple emanu-El Dallas
 Thank you for the sweet delivery
 and the lovely drawings of the
 children. Thank you for lighting
 a candle in our hearts.
 Happy Hanukkah!!



Kibbutz Nir Yitzhak



1. Clothing collection for Nir Yitzhak: Fran Berry and Maggie Glazier
2. Israel-focused memorabilia for the TE150 time capsule
3. Musical ensemble for Songs and Spirit of Israel performance
4. Israel resource table in Tycher Gathering Space
5. Students in YL+E's Israel social justice elective create banners for YL+E Hanukkah celebration.
6. Eve (holding flag) and her mom, Orly Mazur, get in the Israel spirit





Cantor in the Kitch

A Tu BiSh'vat Taste of Israel



As we look forward to the holiday of Tu BiSh'vat, known as the birthday of the trees, we invite you

to a special edition of Cantor in the Kitch, sponsored by Women of Reform Judaism. Cantor Leslie Niren will be joined by chef Alex Spitzer, Seth Brammer of Lenore's Bagels and home cook Ilanit Zucker. Enjoy a cooking panel demonstrating four different dishes that collectively include each of the seven species that are native to Israel, and stay afterward for a chance to taste each of the dishes!



ALEX SPITZER

Alex has worked at some of the most famous restaurants in London, and moved to Israel six years ago,

where he worked at a small farming community restaurant and in some of Tel Aviv's hottest kitchens. Alex recently moved back to Dallas.



SETH BRAMMER

Seth is co-founder of Lenore's Bagels; his career has spanned various roles from cooking

to bartending, teaching and consulting.



ILANIT ZUCKER

Native Israeli Ilanit Sharoni Zucker is a Farm to Table Atelierista at the Early Childhood Education Center.

Ilanit has been exposed to many food cultures in her travels to 19 countries and is a Dallas County Master Gardener.

January 17 | 7PM

Cost: WRJ members \$18,
Non-WRJ members \$25

Register: tedallas.org/events



Unraveling Israel's Story through "Beauty Queen of Jerusalem"

January 11 and 31, February 15 and March 14

7PM | In person

Register: tedallas.org/events

Join Cantor Leslie Niren and Rabbi Michael Lewis in a four-part adult learning series about bestselling novel turned hit TV show, "The Beauty Queen of Jerusalem." This period drama tells the story of three generations of a Sephardic family in Jerusalem against the backdrop of resistance to the Ottoman regime and later to the British Mandate in pre-State Israel. Together we will explore historic Israeli milestones and narratives, the Ladino language, culture and history, Sephardic-Ashkenazi relations, Arab-Jewish relations and pre-State Jewish underground defense organizations.

The series is available to watch on Netflix. If you have not seen the series and would like to watch beforehand, below is a guide to the episodes that will be covered during the series.

Jan. 11: Season 1, episodes 1–10

Jan. 31: Season 1, episodes 11–20

Feb. 15: Season 2, episodes 1–8

March 14: Season 2, episodes 9–16

Celebration and Remembrance

Compiled by Ilana Paikoff

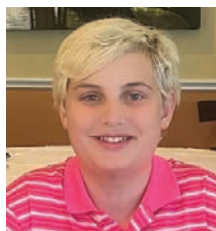
BECOMING B'NAI MITZVAH



Abigail Gross
January 6
Daughter of Katrina and
Geoffrey Gross
Parish Episcopal School
Tikkun Olam: Operation
Kindness



Taco Loeb
January 6
Son of Quyen Nguyen and
Benjamin Loeb
St. Mark's School of Texas
Tikkun Olam: Support the
Alzheimer's Association
of America



Levi Marrone
January 20
Son of Amanda and
Michael Marrone
Parkhill Junior High
Tikkun Olam: Soles4Soles



Hannah and Hunter Prager
January 27
Children of Annette and Sam Prager
Parish Episcopal School
Tikkun Olam: North Texas Food Bank (Hunter)
Lemon Aide Society and North Texas Food Bank (Hannah)



Lila Fishman
January 27
Daughter of Teresa and
Tom Fishman
Highland Park Middle
School
Tikkun Olam: Equest



Brinley Silverstein
February 3
Daughter of Lauren and
Brian Silverstein
Frankford Middle School
Tikkun Olam: Making
comfort bags for people
undergoing cancer treatment



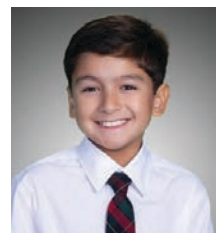
Natalie Kornman
February 10
Daughter of Valerie and
Grant Kornman
The Hockaday School
Tikkun Olam: Jill Stone
Community Garden



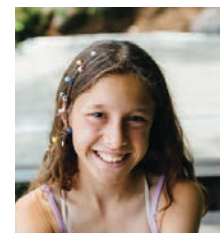
Hannah Sobel Blum
February 17
Daughter of Elizabeth and
Stephen Blum
Shelton School
Tikkun Olam: Jill Stone
Community Garden



Finton Fedro
February 17
Son of Brooke and
Scott Fedro
Sudie L. Williams
TAG Academy
Tikkun Olam: SPCA of Texas



Sebastian Nocerini
February 24
Son of Jennifer and
Rob Nocerini
Parish Episcopal School
Tikkun Olam: Magen
David Adom



Olivia Medland
February 24
Daughter of Jeanne and
Andrew Medland
Greenhill School
Tikkun Olam: Juniper Island
Children's Association

Temple Board Nominations Open

Temple Emanu-El is so grateful for the wisdom, time, energy and commitment of the Board of Trustees.

Do you know someone who would make a great Board member?

Nominations are open for the upcoming term. Please scan the QR code and fill out the form, which also includes a job description.

Nominations are due Jan. 9.



CONVERSIONS



Jose Aguayo



Spencer Martin



Aaron Molina



Haim Pershtein, Eliran Zino and Neil Yanai
L-r: Rabbi Michael Lewis, Cantor Vicky Glikin, Haim Pershtein,
Eliran Zino holding Neil Yanai, and Aya Margalit



Kristina Duan



Mike Kunen

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Karen, Robin, and Emmie Abels

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Robert, Allison and Reeves Zale

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

By Ilana Paikoff

Thirty-three new member households joined the Temple family in November and December. Our new member spotlight subjects, Sally Shashoua and Sam Delagi, are getting married in 2024 and are looking forward to exploring all the opportunities Temple has in store. *B'ruchim habaim*, welcome y'all!

Meet Sally Shashoua and Sam Delagi



Tell us how you got to Dallas!

Sam: I was born in California but moved to Houston when I was very young. I had my bar mitzvah at Congregation Emanu El in Houston.

Sally: I am originally from Austin. In 2018, I moved to Dallas after finishing college at UT Austin.

When you're not planning your wedding, what do you do for work?

Sally: I work at Uber in Strategy and Operations.

Sam: I work for Texas Instruments and semiconductor manufacturing.

Please share some highlights of your Temple journey.

Sam: When my family was living in Houston, I went to Greene Family Camp and loved it. We moved to Dallas in 2006 and joined Temple Emanu-El almost immediately. Through high school, I was a part of the Madrichim program. My siblings had their b'nai mitzvahs here as well and when they were younger, my mom used to work at ECEC.

Sally: I grew up going to a conservative synagogue in Austin. While living in Dallas, I would visit home for the holidays instead of joining a synagogue on my own. After Sam and I got engaged over the summer, we decided it was time to join Temple as a couple.

Are there some specific paths you'd like to pursue as new members?

Sally: We are really excited to start the Goin' To the Chuppah classes with Rabbi Michael Lewis. We also would love to become a part of ATiD 20s and 30s. Since we are still new to Temple as a couple, we feel like there are endless opportunities ahead.

IN MEMORIAM

Natalie Barath

Mother of Jacob Barath and Freida Donzis

Martin "Marty" William Baron

Husband of Lynne Baron

Father of Steve Baron and Laura Getter

Irving Beckman

Father of Joshua Beckman and Mark Beckman

Selma Engelberg Chambers

Mother of Cynthia Schwartz

Former mother-in-law of Derek Schwartz

Steve Dropkin

Husband of Emily Dropkin

Father of Andy Dropkin and Marty Dropkin

Peter Elieff

Brother of Tom Elieff

Husband of Paula Elieff

Father of Nicole Elieff and Allison Sunderland

John Glover

Father of Julie Glover, Susan Halter and Stephen Glover

Greta Herskowitz

Wife of Howard Herskowitz

Mother of Julie Schulman and Nicole Herskowitz

Marilyn Brown Horne

Mother of Laurie Drazner and Linda Burka

Zelma "Zel" Eatenson Kahn

Mother of Bob Kahn, Ted Kahn and Patti Kahn

Margie Levin

Mother of Steven Levin and Denise Gasc

Peter Levy

Husband of Barbara Levy

Father of Nancy Shanks and Michael Levy

Brother of Tony Levy

Mac McGregor

Stepfather of Sam Goldstucker

Diane Miller

Mother of Joseph Arndorfer

Joseph Pinson, Jr.

Father of Joseph Pinson, III and Martha Blair

Michael Podolsky

Husband of Iris Podolsky

Father of Shira Podolsky and Brett Podolsky

Sharon Roth

Mother of Ladd Hirsch

Former mother-in-law of Cindy Hirsch

Rebecca Ruskin

Mother of Marcy Gutow

Gwen Samel

Mother of Kelli Alhadeff, Shelli Goldberg and Sherri Hurst

Norma Schlenger

Mother of Paula Schlenger, Henry D. "Hank" Schlenger and

Barney A. Schlenger

Melinda Shapiro

Daughter of Fred Shapiro & Dr. Karen Bradshaw

Barbara Thorman

Mother of Karen Walters, Joel Thorman and Julie Shapiro

Beverly Tobian

Mother of Julie Cohn, Susan Palmer, Laurie Tobian and Louis Tobian, II

Sister of Robert Zlotky

Max Edward Tonkon

Father of I. Edward Tonkon, II and Charles G. Tonkon

Stepfather of Laura Rolnick Hightower, Jennifer Rolnick Morrow and Michael Rolnick

Marlene Wall

Wife of Ronnie Wall

Mother of Kyle Wall, Lori Aron and Tina Schnair

Sister of Helaine Kramsky

Marcia Wagschal

Wife of Rob Wagschal

Mother of Gabi, Elliott, Julie and Josh

Sister of Buddy Raden and Beth Raden

Sarah R. Weiner

Sister of Howard Weiner

Daughter of Penina "Penny" and David Weiner of blessed memory

George Marion Williams

Husband of Mary Janice Williams

Father of George Williams, Amylia Williams and Jason Williams

Brother of Randy Williams, Mike Williams, Alvin Williams, Mark Williams and Joe Williams

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, 12-1 PM:

Jan. 2, Feb. 6, March 5

In-Person Grief Support

Last Tuesday of each month, 12-1 PM:

Jan. 30, Feb. 27

Jewish Family Service Support Groups

Our community partner, Jewish Family Service, helps adults, children and families navigate mental health challenges and coping skills through a variety of support groups. To learn more, please visit jfsdallas.org and search for support groups for children, teens and adults.

**Substance Abuse Support for Friends
and Families**

Thursdays every week from 5:30-6:30 PM
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.

BABY NAMINGS



Elliot Siegel

Son of Elaine & Jeff Siegel

Brother of Leo Siegel

L-r: Elaine with Elliot Siegel, Cantor Glikin, Jeff Siegel with Leo Siegel



Rose Hedderich

Daughter of Erica and Josh Hedderich

Sister of Piper Hedderich

L-r: Josh, Pipe, Erica and Rose Hedderich, Rabbi Amy Rossel



Amelia and Arie Gaspard

Daughters of Lauren and Chris Gaspard

L-r: Chris Gaspard with Arie Gaspard, Lauren Gaspard with Amelia Gaspard, Cantor Leslie Niren



Neil Yanai

Son of Haim Pershtein (left) and Eliran Zino (center)

L-r: Haim Pershtein with Neil Yanai, Eliran Zino, Cantor Vicky Glikin



Michael Frederick Perry

Son of Casey and Carolyn Perry



Remi Sophia Stern

Daughter of Natalie and Lauren Stern

Great-Granddaughter of Joel Stern



Ruby Drew Goldman

Daughter of Carly and Scott Goldman

Sister of Beau Goldman

Granddaughter of Susan and Joel Litman



Laura and Jordan Rosen

Children of Vicky and Jonathan Rosen



Harvey Ellis Barrer

Son of Melissa and Ben Barrer

WEDDINGS



Livia Bernstein and Shira Stevenson



Erica Strauss and Andrew Matsil



Rachel Kornhurst and Rachael Hunt



Jonathan Fine and Clara Seddelmeyer



Kate Kreidler and Steve Buchalter



Michael Toppel and Amanda Facher



Whitney Rogers and Barrett Gold



Katie Broder and Kyle Richless

Speak ‘n’ Schmooze

An Honest Conversation about Teen Mental Well-Being

This program, organized by Temple’s Shine the Light initiative on mental health and well-being, is geared to parents of teens in high school and beyond.

Join this conversation-style format between parents in Youth Learning + Engagement and Temple clergy, discussing how parents navigated mental health crises with their older teens and how they drew upon Temple resources to support their families.

The event includes a Q&A and introduces the Navigating Next Steps Mental Health Checklist, designed for teens turning 18, that offers instruction on how to create a mental health emergency plan and how to have the necessary information on hand in the event of a crisis.

Sunday, February 11

10:30AM-12PM

Register: tedallas.org/events



ESTHER'S STORY (TAYLOR'S VERSION)

YOU BELONG WITH US! PURIM AUDITIONS

January 14 | 11:30AM | Olan Sanctuary

It's time to channel your inner Swiftie and audition your heart out for the annual Purim spiel, which this year takes us to the world of pop music with "Esther's Story (Taylor's Version)." We want YOU to be a part of the spiel. Auditions are open to all adults and students from fourth grade and above. The 2024 spiel will be performed on March 23-24.

Contact Cantor Leslie Niren to begin your pop star journey, Purim style!
lniren@tedallas.org



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 Riva Bursten
by Susie & Joel Litman, Hillary & Clay Freed, Carly & Scott Goldman

Memory of Bill Colen

by Artyce Colen

Memory of Marilyn Horne

by Irma Grossman

Memory of Jack Kasten

by Adele Hurst

Memory of Jack Kasten

by Evey & Chip Fagadau/

Flauren & Jason Bender
Memory of Morton "Morty" Rudberg

by Joel & Sister Steinberg

Memory of Melinda Shapiro

by Irma Grossman

by Gayle Johansen

Memory of Max Edward Tonkon

by Cheryl & Randy Colen

by Rita Sue & Alan Gold

by Irma Grossman

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Memory of Annette Alper

by Diane & Murray Colton

Memory of Martin Baron

by Gilian & Steve Baron

Memory of Lilly Berman Bluestein

by Susie Litman

Memory of Abe R. Cohen

by Marilyn Fiedelman

Memory of Ellen Glikin

by Marilyn Fiedelman

by Emily Atlas

Memory of JoAnn Hiller

by Ettie & Melvin Weinberg

Memory of Marilyn Horne

by Linda & Neil Burka

Memory of Jack Kasten

by Betsy & Todd Teitell

Memory of Lucy Kissner

by Ettie & Melvin Weinberg

Memory of Helen Lansburgh

by Henry Michael Zeve

Memory of Jules Novick

by Michael L. Novick

Memory of Wolf Ozarow

by Beth & Jim Gold

Memory of Michael Podolsky

by Iris Podolsky

by Dotty & Lew Weinstein

Memory of Harriet Robbins

by Marilyn Fiedelman

Memory of Irwin Rose

by Marilyn Fiedelman

by Tobi Gellman

by Kim & Avrum Schonwald

by Ynette & Jim Hogue

Memory of Jill Rose

by Marilyn Fiedelman

Memory of Sharon Roth

by Natalie Frankel

Memory of Melinda Shapiro

by Lynn & Mark Bernstein

by Joe Goldman

by Joanne & Steve Levy

by Adrienne & Tom Rosen

by Lynn Staub

Memory of Ann Logie Smallwood

by Jan & Tom Timmons

Memory of Ben Stromberg

by Rosie Stromberg

Memory of Pauline Stromberg

by Rosie Stromberg

Memory of Sol Stromberg

by Rosie Stromberg

Memory of Max Edward Tonkon

by Frada Sandler

by Lynn & Jay Staub

by Tonkin Family

Memory of Marcia Wagschal

by Carie & Steve Chatman

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Memory of Marcia Wagschal

by Francine Sachs

Memory of Marcia Wagschal

by Judy & Ron Foxman

As a Contribution

by Phyllis & Phil Stoup

Appreciation of Rabbi

Kimberly Herzog Cohen

by Stacie & Brandom Ramo

Appreciation of Cantor Vicky Glikin

by Paige & Marc Sachs

by Diane & Murray Colton

by Whitney & Robert

by Sara & Adam Leightman,
Gail & Alex Plotkin, Alissa &
Michael Leightman

Appreciation of Rabbi Michael Lewis

by Mindy & Rick Cohen

by Laurie & Mark Drazner

Appreciation of Cantor

Leslie Niren

by Laura & Steven Wolens

by Dr. Donald R. Blum & Family

of Wendy Blum

by Stacie & Brandom Ramo

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Debra Robbins

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Family of Wendy Blum

by Brad Blumenthal

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Appreciation of Rabbi

David Stern

by Whitney & Robert

by Ellen & Jim Markus

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Speedy Recovery of Rabbi

Kimberly Herzog Cohen

by Betsy & Todd Teitell

by Emily Atlas

Speedy Recovery of

Sharon Kissner

by Ettie & Melvin Weinberg

Speedy Recovery of

Leon Levin

by Ettie & Melvin Weinberg

Bat Mitzvah of Ava Ramo

by Stacie & Brandom Ramo

Bat Mitzvah of Taylor Ramo

by Stacie & Brandom Ramo

Birthday of Alan Gold

by Gayle Johansen

Birthday of Larry Steinberg

by Jim & Tricia Krohn

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 Wendy Blum

by Irene & Buddy Raden

Memory of John Glover

by Sheri & Richard Allen

Memory of Abe Goldberg

by Julie & Michael Lowenberg

Memory of Glora S. Karp

by Judy & Ron Foxman

Memory of Esther Laufer

by Rozelle & Richard Gilman

Memory of Diane Pachman

by Jerry Pachman

by Jerrold Pachman & Lisa

Hudson

Memory of Melinda Shapiro

by Irene & Buddy Raden

by Joan Skibell

Memory of Marcia Wagschal

by Suzi & Jack Greenman

by Julie & Michael Lowenberg



OUR TEMPLE AND CEMETERY

Rose Marion and Lee H. Berg Building Fund

Upkeep and maintenance of our historic building

Memory of Betty Ablon

by Sam Ablon & Family

Memory of Leon Agranowitz

by Janie Dreyer

Memory of Anatoliy

Chernyavski

by Sofya Samsonova

Memory of David Eht

by Dorothy & Lew Weinstein

Memory of Jerry Fleischer

by Ruth & Norman Cohen &

Family

Memory of Jack Kasten

by Helaine Trachtenberg

Memory of Esther Laufer

by Jan & Harry Zarville

Memory of Diane Miller

by Kerry & James Vincent

Memory of Gerald "Jerry" Miller

by Ynette & Jim Hogue

Memory of Michael Podolsky

by Barbara & Stuart Aaron &

Family

by Bess Hoffman

by Barbara & Richard Toranto

Memory of Richard E.

Rosenthal

by Nancy & Bobby Rosenthal

Memory of Dorothy Cerf

Schlang

by Gail & Dana Lawrence

Memory of Melinda Shapiro

by Julie & Bob Herman

Memory of Pearl Solomon

Steinberg

by Frances & Joel Steinberg

Memory of Max Edward

Tonkon

by Tom Manson

by Meri-Kay Star

Memory of Jennie Yonet

by Phyllis & Ronald Steinhart

Honor of Maddy Unterberg

by Gail Nusinow

Honor of Mark Unterberg

by Gail Nusinow

Appreciation of Rabbi

Michael Lewis

by Sam Ablon & Family

Temple Emanu-El Cemetery Endowment Fund

Distribution from the Temple's foundation supporting the maintenance and improvement of the cemetery grounds

Memory of Emma Purvin

Coleman

by Marilyn C. Golman

Memory of Mamie Selber

Coleman

by Marilyn C. Golman

Memory of Shelley Coleman

by Marilyn C. Golman

Memory of Alvin Golman

by Marilyn C. Golman

Memory of Ronald Mankoff

by Marilyn C. Golman

Memory of Buddy Rosenthal

by Marilyn C. Golman

Memory of Max Edward

Tonkon

by Lynn & Bob Behrendt

by Julie Bleicher

by Mark Daniels

by Marilyn C. Golman

by Sheri & Jack Vine

Memory of Eugene Zale

by Ethel Zale

Dorothy and Henry Jacobus Archives Fund

Support of special exhibits from our Archives

Memory of Lippman Miller

by OriAnn Phillips & Scott

McCartney, Micall Sandler

& Family, Brandon Phillips

& Family, Kace Phillips &

Family

Memory of Tehila K. Miller

by OriAnn Phillips & Scott

McCartney, Micall Sandler

& Family, Brandon Phillips

& Family, Kace Phillips &

Family

Memory of Max Edward

Tonkon

by Gary Kahn

by Karen & Richard Pollock

by Nancy Rosenthal

by Nancy & Jerry Szor

Memory of Marcia Wagschal

by Michelle Litt & Laurence

Cibley

Honor of Nina Cortell

by Ann Zimmerman Gallant,

Risa Gross, Nancy Rivin,

Robin Sachs

Rabbi Gerald J. Klein

Memorial Cemetery Fund

Beautification and improvements of the Temple Emanu-El Cemetery

Memory of Jerry Fleischer

by Joan & Malcolm Shwartz

Memory of Max Edward

Tonkon

Appreciation of Jeffrey Friedman
by Brad Blumenthal

Rabbi Gerald J. Klein

Garden Fund

Maintenance of the Klein Garden

Memory of Albert Darver
by Alan & Sherri Darver



GENERAL

Temple Emanu-El General

Operating Fund

Support of Temple's general programs and events

Memory of Martin Baron
by Sandy Diamond

by Kay Ellen, Jake, Ryan & Ben Pollack

Memory of Joan Beck
by Jay Beck

Memory of Frank Belzacki Bell

by Betty Jo & David Bell

Memory of Greg Eaves
by Karen Prager-Eaves

Memory of Ronald Gaswirth
by Dana and Brad Gaswirth

Memory of John Glover
by Kim & Jeff Chapman

Memory of Margie Levin
by Kim & Jeff Chapman

Memory of Sharon Roth
by Jan and Tom Timmons

Memory of Melinda Shapiro
by Lois & Ross Finkelman

Memory of Minnie Solomonson

by Minnie Solomonson
Memorial Endowment Fund

Memory of Lilli Sommer
by Helen & John Stetler

Memory of Max Edward Tonkon

by Leslie & Mark Kaufman

by Lynda Kaufman & Mark Kutler

by Dore Selix-Gabby

by The Selix Family

Memory of David Alan Vogel
by Peter Vogel & Marguerite Burtis

Memory of Marcia Wagschal
by Peachy Rudberg

Appreciation of Maddy Unterberg

by Paula Asinof

Appreciation of Mark Unterberg

by Paula Asinof

Happy Holidays to Robert Cohan

by Daniel Cohan

Temple Emanu-El Endowment Fund

Distribution from the Temple's foundation supporting Temple's programs

Memory of Charles Bennett
by Janet & Mitch Jacoba

Memory of John Glover
by Jan & Tom Timmons

Memory of Sharon Roth
by Ray & Deanne Termini

Memory of Max Edward Tonkon

by Polly Weisberg

Memory of Marcia Wagschal
by Carl Weisbrod

As a Contribution Malcolm Bonnheim

by Beverly & Malcolm Bonnheim



MUSIC AND PRAYER

Music Fund

Enhancement of Temple music programs

Memory of Margie Levin
by Susan Hoffman

Memory of Dr. Joseph M. Redstone

by Sue & Marcel Weiner

Memory of Melinda Shapiro
by Louise, Cathy & Paulette Bell

Memory of Sarah Weiner
by Carl Weisbrod

Appreciation of Temple Emanu-El Choir

by Brad Blumenthal

Birthday of Benton Markey
by June Leib



ADULT PROGRAMS

Katherine F. Baum Adult Education Fund

Support for adult education programs

Memory of Edna K. Flaxman
by Peggy & Dave Millheiser

Memory of Max Edward Tonkon

by Rita Kahn



SOCIAL JUSTICE

Hunger Relief Projects

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

Memory of Maurice H. Behrendt

by Lynn & Bob Behrendt

Memory of Ivan Cohn
by Don & Judy Cohn

Memory of Clara Feldman
by Helen Feldman

Memory of Ida Freed
by Diane & Gary Freed

Memory of Jerry Harris
by Helen Feldman

Memory of Michael Podolsky
by Susan & Daryl Beck

Memory of Mary Raedisch
by Ian Schneiderman & Mary Rae

Memory of Lenore Schneiderman

by Ian Schneiderman & Mary Rae

Memory of Dr. Clifford Seidel
by Scott & Susan Seidel

Memory of Sybil Abovitz Seidel

by Scott & Susan Seidel

Memory of Max Edward Tonkon

by Joyce & Joe Rosenfield

As a Contribution
by Cindy & Bruce Bernbaum

by Jeffrey & Kate Carte Engel

by Harriet Cohen

by Ronnie & Dan Cohen

by Diane & Murray Colton

by Graham Coombs & Jordan Achtman

by Cindy Ely

by Arlene & Allen Feltman

by Andrew & Judith Finger

by Gerri Gordon

by Debbie & Howard Haile

by Julie & Bob Herman

by Betsy & Mark Kleinman

Philanthropic Fund

by Debbie & Peter Koeppel

by David & Cindie Kurtz

by Barbara & Mike Lynn

by Jean Maza

by Monica & Elliot Olschwang

by Dayna Oscherwitz

by Laurie Pierce

by Elise & Mitchell Plaksen

by Sally & Rick Rosenberg

by Dr. Louis D. Schultz

by Kaaren Shalom & Richard Gilligan

by Carol & Barry Sobol

by Frances & Joel Steinberg

by Karla & Larry Steinberg

by Phyllis & Phil Stoup

by Rhona Streit

by Barbara Toronto

by Debbie & Josh Taub

Birthday of Benton Markey

by Ira Silverman & Sally Pian

Speedy Recovery of Jack Greenman

by Joyce & Joe Rosenfield

Honor of Susan Soll-Rosenberg

by Mindy & Richard Wilensky

Honor of Temple Clergy
by May Sebel

Disaster Relief Fund

Assistance for those affected by dire circumstances

Honor of Nancy Lubar

by Jennifer & Fouad Bashour

The Jill Stone Tikkun Olam Fund

Support of Temple's social justice programs including initiatives, advocacy, projects and lectures

Memory of Mary Kurtz
by David & Cindie Kurtz

Honor of Nancy Lubar
by Richard Marcus

Memory of Sharon Roth
by Terry & Barry Greenberg

Memory of Melinda Shapiro
by Tricia & Matt Gold

Memory of Peggy Trubitt
by Sherilee & Richard Trubitt

Memory of Marcia Wagschal
by Tricia & Matt Gold

Honor of Frank Risch

by Betsy & Mark Kleinman

Priscilla R. Stern Memorial Literacy Fund

Support of literacy projects in the general and Jewish communities

Memory of Gerald W. Bernstein

by Mark & Lynn Bernstein

Memory of Wendy Blum
by Mark & Lynn Bernstein

Memory of Jack Kasten
by Emily Atlas

Memory of Margie Levin
by Ettie & Melvin Weinberg

Memory of Zoltan Reich
by Kim & Avrum Schonwald

Memory of Ben Schneider
by Mark & Lynn Bernstien

Memory of Melinda Shapiro
by Kim & Avrum Schonwald

Memory of Gerald Paul Silber
by Suellen & A. J. Rosmarin

Memory of Max Edward Tonkon

by Kim & Avrum Schonwald

Celebration of Dorothy Jane Kassinoff

by Julie & Michael Lowenberg

Social Justice Fund for Youth Education

Support of worthwhile educational causes for youth in need

Memory of Betty Ablon
by Betsy & Todd Teitell

Memory of Barbara Bierbrier
by Nancy & Solomon Israel

Memory of Isaac Israel
by Nancy & Solomon Israel

Memory of Michael Podolsky
by Susan Hoffman

Memory of Beverly Tobian
by Janet & John Eickmeyer

Appreciation of Rabbi Nancy Kasten

by Janet & John Eickmeyer



YOUTH AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

William P. Budner Youth Library Fund

Purchases of Judaic books and publications for students

Memory of Vickie Glass
by Roz & Art Kaplan

Birthday of OriAnn Phillips
by Frada & Alan Sandler

Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC) Fund

Support of ECEC programs

Memory of Melinda Shapiro
by Ellis Pines

Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Gail
by Frada & Alan Sandler

Jeanette and Raymond Israel Teacher Training Fund

Funds for continuing education for YL+E teachers

Memory of Glora S. Karp
by Debbie & Paul Olschwanger

Gina Rosenfield Levy

Greene Family Camp Scholarship Fund

Financial assistance to families for Greene Family Camp

Memory of Annette Alper
by Phyllis & Phil Stoup

Memory of Fred Milton Brown
by Jacque & Freddy Roberts

Memory of Joseph M. Brown
by Jacque & Freddy Roberts

Memory of Adolph Stoup
by Phyllis & Phil Stoup

Memory of Bess Meyer Stoup
by Phyllis & Phil Stoup

Memory of Marcus Wells
by Bobbi & Jerry Wells

Memory of Richard Wells
by Bobbi & Jerry Wells

Paul Lande Summer Camp Scholarship Fund

Scholarships for children to attend Jewish summer camp

Memory of Beverly Lande
by Sidney Lande



A New Tool at the Cemetery

We are pleased to announce a new feature at the Temple Emanu-El Cemetery that will allow you to easily find the graves of your loved ones. The software is provided by Cemsites, and is easy to use. It is most effective with your mobile phone when you are on site at the cemetery.

Simply visit tedallas.org and click on the Cemetery button in the top right-hand corner of the site (next to Israel and Livestream). From there you will be asked to enter the name of your loved one. After entering their name, click the walk to grave feature and you will get instructions toward the location of your loved one. The location will be shown as a pin. Walk toward that pin for the closest match.

We hope this new feature will help you as you remember your loved ones, from those of distant generations as well as those who have died more recently. May all their memories be for blessing.

For more information, contact Jeff Friedman, Director of Cemetery Operations, jfriedman@tedallas.org

Priscilla R. Stern Memorial Fund

Support of literacy projects in the general and Jewish communities
Memory of Gerald W.

Bernstein
by Mark & Lynn Bernstein
Memory of Wendy Blum
by Mark & Lynn Bernstein
Celebration of Dorothy Jane Kassanoff
by Julie & Michael Lowenberg
Memory of Jack Kasten
by Emily Atlas
Memory of Margie Levin
by Ettie & Melvin Weinberg
Memory of Zoltan Reich
by Kim & Avrum Schonwald
Memory of Ben Schneider
by Mark & Lynn Bernstein
Memory of Melinda Shapiro
by Kim & Avrum Schonwald

Memory of Gerald Paul Silber by Suellen & A. J. Rosmarin **Memory of Max Edward Tonkon** by Kim & Avrum Schonwald

Lomdim Project
Support of an open and inclusive community for YL+E children with special needs
Memory of Gerald W. Bernstein
by Paula & Norm Feldman
Memory of Beatrix Reid Lawrence
by Dana & Gail Lawrence
Memory of Melinda Shapiro
by Naomi Bloom
by The Feltman Family
by Barbara & Howard Glick
by Susan & Martin Golman
by John Karotkin
by Bobbi & Richared Massman

by Nelda Cain Pickens by Fred Shapiro by Phyllis & Ron Steinhardt by Donald Zale

Martin and Charlotte Weiss Religious School Fund
Scholarships for YL+E fees, books and additional expenses
Memory of Mark Friedman
by Alan & Hope Levine
Memory of Melinda Shapiro
by Carol Hirsh

Youth Scholarship Fund
Financial assistance to families for participation in youth programs
Memory of Martin Baron
by Ruthie & Alan Shor

Memory of David Echt
by Toby Niger
Memory of Marilyn Horne
by Robin Kosberg
Memory of Sharon Roth
by Ruthie & Alan Shor
Memory of Melinda Shapiro
by Bonnie & Michael Grossfeld
Memory of Ann Logie Smallwood
by Robin Kosberg
Birthday of Jeffrey Brown
by Ruthie & Alan Shor
Birthday of David Fields
by Ruthie & Alan Shor
Birthday of Alan Shor
by Julie & David Fields
by Denise Greenberger

Seth Davidow Family Youth Fund
Distributions from the Temple Emanu-El Foundation supporting youth program at Temple Emanu-El
Memory of Seth Davidow
by Emily Atlas
Birthday of Gavin Susman
by Lindsay & Jeffrey Steinberg



WRJ
Freda Gail Stern Fund
Support of social action projects consistent with WRJ's mission
As a Contribution
by Toby Costas

by Sheila Kaplan
by Leah Beth Kolni
by Chaplain Stacey R Merlin
by William Oglesby
by Kim Schonwald
by Barb Selz
by Marian Spitzberg

Yolanda Clark Fund
Provision of scholarships for immersive Jewish youth learning experiences
Memory of Jerry Fleischer
by Minnette Klein
by Celia Rose Saunders
As a Contribution
by Harriet Cohen
by Sheila Kaplan
by Leah Beth Kolni
by Suellen Rothschild
by Marian Spitzberg

By Ilana Paikoff

Shelley and Jeff Becker



Where are you both from and what do you do professionally?

We are both native Texans, having spent most of our formative years growing up in Fort Worth and our adult lives here in Dallas. We first met each other in the first grade of Sunday school at Congregation

Ahavath Sholom, but we didn't start dating until we "re-met" as freshmen at The University of Texas at Austin. Shelley worked in advertising, PR and marketing, first with the Dallas Morning News and the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, and later at Children's Medical Center. She now spends her time as a mental health advocate and volunteer for the suicide prevention organization Grant Halliburton Foundation. Jeff went on to law school and has spent his entire legal career building the trademark practice at Haynes and Boone and supporting their clients.

Tell us about your Temple journey. When and how did you find Temple?

In 2004, we moved to Preston Hollow with our two young sons Ryan and Alec, and we wanted to join a nearby congregation. We looked through a Temple directory and were excited to see how many of our friends were already Temple members. We were a little hesitant, however, as we had always been members of Conservative congregations. Any concerns quickly disappeared after attending a few services, including the 2004 High Holy Days at Temple. We found them to be incredibly warm and spiritual, and filled with much more tradition than we had been expecting. We loved the welcoming sense of community and inspiration from the clergy, and we immediately knew that this was where we wanted to raise our kids.

Do you have family at Temple?

Yes, we are fortunate to have several family members that now also belong to Temple. After we joined, family soon followed. First, both sets of our parents became members, Arlene and Lewis Lamark and Jo Ann and Bob Becker. Later, our cousins Darren and Carol Schackman joined with their kids, and most recently our niece and nephew Shannon and Zane Robinson joined. It is so nice to be at services, High Holy Days, and other Temple events with family.

What programs have you been involved in?

Shortly after we became members, we were asked to be part of a planning committee for a spiritual family weekend for Temple members at Greene Family Camp. It was a great way to meet new people and become part of the Temple community, and it was an awesome event. Shortly thereafter we joined one of Rabbi Debra Robbins' adult educational sessions focused on prayer liturgy, which ultimately led Jeff to serving on Temple's Prayer Project for several years. Jeff has also served on the Board of Trustees, and Shelley has served on several committees, including educational committees and currently the Shine the Light committee.

What motivates you to be a Temple donor?

First, we have been a direct recipient of so many life events meaningfully guided by Temple's clergy. From the joyous bar mitzvah ceremonies of our sons Ryan and Alec, to the illnesses and heart-breaking funerals of our son Alec and Shelley's father Lewis, Temple's clergy have been there for us when we needed them the most. Temple, through its clergy, staff and members, has made our good times better, and our bad times less horrific. Second, we have seen first-hand how conscientiously Temple spends its funds, and how much good it does in our community. We are aligned with its mission and values, and Temple acts as a shining example of what is right in a world in need of so much help. And finally, it is imperative to us that Judaism thrive in today's society, and Temple is full of thoughtful and spiritual people making sure that occurs.



How's it Going?

By Livia Stevenson

This past fall, Temple started the new Family Meet-Up program and re-launched Sh'ma Emanu-El, both initiatives to help create meaningful connections. How's it Going? is a new Window feature to provide updates on recent Temple initiatives.

Family Meet-Ups

Family Meet-Ups bring Temple to the neighborhoods where our members live and encourage connection outside of Temple programming. To date, four successful gatherings have been held in East Dallas and the Frisco/McKinney area. Families have cooled off with Popsicles, celebrated Havdalah and lit Hanukkah candles together in community.

"Having recently uprooted from a smaller congregation our greatest concern was being able re-establish a feeling of connectivity and belonging here at our new temple," says Courtney Luna, Temple member and mother of two. "These small meet-ups close to our home have helped our family to connect with other Jewish families in our neighborhood and have afforded us more opportunities to easily attend Temple programs."

Interested in hosting a Family Meet-Up in your neighborhood? Contact Karin Lester, Director of Family Engagement, at klester@tedallas.org



Sh'ma Emanu-El

Sh'ma Emanu-El, Temple's small group program, relaunched late last year and is off to an epic start with groups that began meeting in December.

24

new groups
formed

SH'MA
Emanu-El
Right Where You Belong

114

people signed up
to participate

Want to get in on the action?

Visit tedallas.org/connect/small-groups/current-shma-groups

Taste of Sh'ma: New Groups

Wine Tasting • Hiking • Active Singles
MahJong • Social Justice • Spanish Speakers

Let Us Know How it's Going: If you'd like to know about a Temple program or share progress of an effort you're involved in, please contact templecommunications@tedallas.org.

Temple Teens Travel: Two Great Trips

Temple teens will have the chance to participate in two exciting trips in the coming weeks: the L'Taken Social Justice Seminar in Washington, D.C. and a Jewish exploration and social justice experience in Los Angeles.

L'Taken, Washington, D.C.: 10th graders
Jan. 26-29

Itinerary includes Shabbat dinner and service, lobbying training, visits to national museums and historic sites, Havdalah at a national memorial and lobbying on Capitol Hill.

Cost: \$900

Contact for scholarships: Meredith Pryzant, Director of Member Support, at mpryzant@tedallas.org

Registration: Email Megan Sims at msims@tedallas.org

Los Angeles: 8th and 9th graders
Feb. 22-25

Itinerary includes museums, neighborhood tours, a volunteer project, synagogue visit, Shabbat Hike and Universal Studios.

Cost: \$950 for transportation, hotel and most meals

Contact for scholarships: Meredith Pryzant, Director of Member Support, at mpryzant@tedallas.org

Registration: Email Megan Sims at msims@tedallas.org



Roots and Branches

CHRISTY AND ADAM BLUMENFELD AND FAMILY TREE PLANTING

By Livia Stevenson

Temple is thrilled to be planting 50 trees as part of Dallas' Branching Out program in partnership with the Blumenfeld family, Texas Trees Foundation and Dallas Parks and Recreation.

The tree planting was planned during the TE150 celebration in recognition of Temple's commitment to social justice.

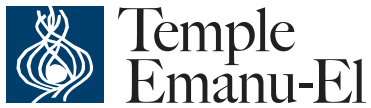
Branch Out Dallas is a program that started as an effort to increase the tree canopy in the city of Dallas and also supports public education on green initiatives and neighborhood beautification efforts.

"We are so grateful to the Blumenfeld family for this partnership to continue Temple's important contributions to the city of Dallas. The ability to plant trees for the city aligns with our own goals of TE150 to deepen our roots and grow branches of Temple's impact on Dallas," says Rabbi Amy Rossel, Senior Director of Education and Engagement.

February 24 | 9AM-12PM | Orbiter Park, 9100 Orbiter Circle

All are invited. Children under age 12 must be accompanied by their parents.





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