

The Window

The Call of the Season

High Holy Days
2025/5786

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New Teen Youth Group

Sukkot and Simchat Torah

AFTER THE GATES CLOSE — C'MON BACK!

Keep the spiritual and communal momentum going after the High Holy Days. The joyous holidays of Sukkot and Simchat Torah offer more opportunities for community and celebration.

Sukkot | OCTOBER 6-13

October 7

10:30AM: Sukkot Morning Festival Service in the Sukkah

This service will commemorate the second anniversary of the October 2023 Hamas attacks on Israel.

October 10

All-In Shabbat, Nasher-Haemisegger Family Atrium

5-6PM: Chavayah: Sukkot HaYotzer | Start the evening with an experiential hour of art projects for all age groups.

6-7PM: Shabbat service for all ages.

7-8PM: Festive congregational dinner

Register: tedallas.org/events

October 11

10:30AM: Shabbat Morning Service

Shabbat Nosh in the sukkah, following the service

Order your Lulav and Etrog

Enjoy the symbols of Sukkot in your own sukkah or here at Temple.

Cost: \$54

Deadline: Sept. 17

To order online: qrco.de/lulav

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Fulfill the mitzvah of dwelling in the sukkah by organizing a meal or gathering at Temple.

Reserve your timeslot: qrco.de/sukkahtime

Calling all Makers!

We're seeking artists of all experience levels to volunteer as leaders for Sukkot HaYotzer on October 10. The event features art stations for you to create your own projects to enhance your holiday celebrations. Temple will purchase the materials. All we need is your creative ideas and willingness to help out during that pre-service hour.

Contact: Aya Margalit, amargalit@tedallas.org

Simchat Torah | OCTOBER 13-14

October 13

5PM: Casual Congregational Dinner

6PM: Simchat Torah Evening Service

This joyful and energetic evening will include consecration of our youngest learners, unrolling the Torah from beginning to end, Torah reading by post b'nai mitzvah students, singing and dancing with the Torah and our sixth-grade siddur ceremony. Join us for cookies and ice cream following the service.

Register: tedallas.org/events

October 14

10:30AM: Simchat Torah Morning Festival Service, with Yizkor

This service includes the opportunity to read the end and the beginning of the Torah and to remember your loved ones.



Time and Timelessness at the New Year



July in Western Massachusetts brings a song competition: The sounds of the Boston Symphony fill the air at Tanglewood. But even the most powerful symphony is accompanied by the birdsong that is everywhere, courtesy of goldfinch and sparrow, common grackle and wren. Then in August, the season of cricket song begins, chirping and chirring its arrival.

Some 170 summers ago, Henry David Thoreau had something (a lot, actually) to say about the sound of crickets. As Lewis Hyde describes it in his recent essay, “What Thoreau Heard in the Song of the Crickets,” Thoreau sensed two different messages in the cricket song at Walden Pond. Sometimes, Thoreau heard the song as the tolling of a clock, a reminder of the inexorable passage of seasons and time. For Thoreau, the May crickets “bring in the summer,” midsummer is “a dividing line between spring and autumn,” and the sounds of crickets in late fall is “the requiem of the year.”

But the second message that Thoreau heard in the cricket song was just the opposite, not the sound of time, but of timelessness: Crickets, he wrote, “sit aside from the revolution of the seasons.” And it’s that sound that we most need to hear: “Only in their saner moments,” Thoreau wrote, “do men hear the crickets.” Our saner moments: when we are freed from the pressures of the ticking clock, from the attention-grab of every pinging alert. When our spirits are open enough to sense the sound of the crickets, to appreciate our place as human beings in a world of God’s creation much greater than the next appointment or the next deal or the next toxic volley on Facebook. When we find ourselves freed from the magnetic pull of what Thoreau called our “trivial and hurried pursuits.”

All of which brings us to the High Holy Days. On the one hand, they are all about time. They happen at a specific date on the Hebrew calendar — Rosh Hashanah on the first of Tishrei, Yom Kippur 10 days later — each preceded by its own days of countdown, each gaining significance because they launch a new calendar year. And then of course there are the timed logistics of the days themselves — the schedule of services, when to leave the house in time to park, airport runs for visiting family, making time to find the Zoom link, what time dinner or breakfast should be, when to feed the kids in between.

But the irony is that all those time-bound concerns, important as they might be, threaten to eclipse the real meaning of these holiest days: the focus on the timeless. Because love and memory are timeless, and the relationships that lend meaning to our days defy measurement, and the call to pursue justice and compassion in lives of significance transcends every harried and hurried pursuit. Amidst the pull and push of our daily lives, the High Holy Days invite us to saner moments: in quiet reflection, in poetic prayer, in the power of communal song, in words that heal our relationships or lift our sights.

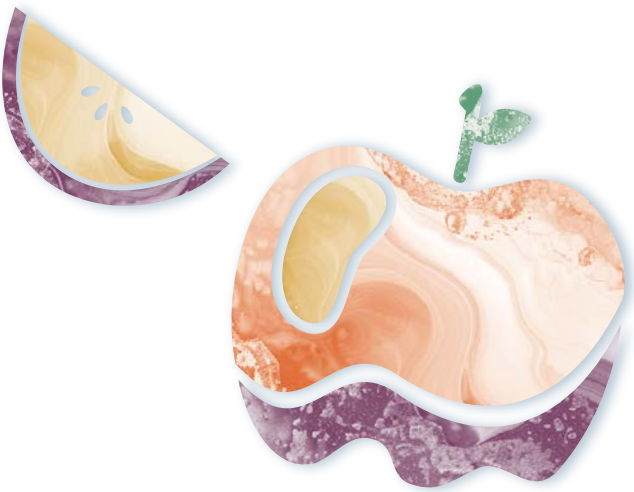
The second irony is that when we do it right, the ticking clock does not undermine our commitment to timeless values, it reinforces them. It reminds us of the urgency of the work and the power of the promise: to enter the new year with a vision of who we seek to be, and what we hope the world to become. To note the passage of time and the perspective it brings. To seek greater wisdom, greater connection, greater calm, greater love. To hear the cricket’s reminder that we live in a world of time. And to hear the cricket’s reminder of all that transcends time: in every day, in every breath, in a new year we pray of health and blessing for all. Shanah Tovah!



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The Promise of New Beginnings

Can you feel it? The season's changing, even as the thermometer clings to the 90s. The sun is rising later, we're slowing down in school zones, noticing early holiday decorations, sipping pumpkin spice lattes and cheering the Cowboys in their preseason games. Change is in the air, even if we're not quite ready for it.

Our Jewish souls also know what's coming, even if we're not quite ready for it. Have you ever crash-landed into Rosh Hashanah, feeling as if you've overfocused on logistics instead of giving yourself mental space to take stock? At Temple, we're here to help you experience a beautiful and meaningful holiday that's so much more than mechanics. Instead of rushing to find the best seat, we offer a deep-seated sense of joyous anticipation. You're not just showing us your QR codes, we're showing you we care.

This issue arrives as Elul, the month of spiritual preparation, is in full swing. Drop in on one of Rabbi Debra Robbins' online classes on Psalm 27, which is traditionally recited during this time. The class continues weekly through October 8. (tedallas.org/events) Jump-start your holiday experience at Selichot when Maya Raviv takes us on a journey of intense spiritual reflection. (p. 7) Check out our Family Guide to the High Holy Days, packed with opportunities for children and parents to tap into their spiritual spaces. (p. 8)

Our schools have opened, family routines are returning and calendars are filling in. On p. 23, a photo essay captures the magic of a day in our Early Childhood Education Center. And, drum roll please — 27 teen leaders are forging an exciting new youth program for grades 8-12, the first in five years! (p. 14)

Join us on a trip down Temple's memory lane to learn about Jewish South Dallas and efforts to both preserve that history and expand the conversation with the nonprofit Forest Forward (p. 10). And welcome back to Mark Chancey of SMU, a religion professor and expert on church-state issues, in his fifth visit to Temple for a Shabbat exploring the impact of religion in public schools. (p. 22)

May the turning leaves and the season of return bring you joy, contentment, peace and a sense of spiritual equilibrium.

We'll see you at Temple!

SAVE THE DATE

**BLUEGRASS
ON THE BIMAH
NEFESH MOUNTAIN**

NOVEMBER 14-16



DON'T MISS NEFESH MOUNTAIN!

Welcome back our friends Doni Zasloff and Eric Lindberg, the powerhouse Jewish bluegrass duo whose soulful music and presence open new paths to finding wholeness in turbulent times.

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High Holy Days Schedule



Rosh Hashanah | SEPTEMBER 22-23

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

6PM: Olan Sanctuary

8PM: ATiD service, Stern Chapel

For 20s and 30s, oneg reception to follow

ROSH HASHANAH DAY

9AM: Tots and their Families, Stern Chapel

Ages birth through kindergarten, including a blessing for all children born since last Rosh Hashanah.

9:30AM: Olan Sanctuary

10:30AM: Family Service, Stern Chapel

For families with children in grades K-5; siblings of any age are welcome.

1PM: Stern Chapel

This service combines Rosh Hashanah liturgy with poetry, reflection and contemporary music.

TASHLICH

Tashlich is the ritual tossing of sins and regrets into flowing water. We will host multiple observances throughout Dallas. While some are designed for certain groups, all are open to everyone. We request reservations so that our lay facilitators will have enough materials for everyone.

10AM: Caruth Park, 7801 Hillcrest Ave., especially for tots

12:30PM: Caruth Park, especially for families

3:30PM: Caruth Park

4PM: Twin Lakes Park, 7400 Campbell Road

4PM: White Rock Lake, 4600 W. Lawther Dr., especially for ATiD, 20s and 30s

Shabbat Shuvah | SEPTEMBER 26-27

The Shabbat of Return features inspirational music, introspection, silence and study.

Kever Avot | SEPTEMBER 28

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

Join the clergy and other members of our congregation in this service of reflection and memory.

Yom Kippur | OCTOBER 1-2

KOL NIDRE

7:30PM: Olan Sanctuary

YOM KIPPUR DAY

9AM: Tots and Their Families, Stern Chapel

10AM: Olan Sanctuary

10:30AM: Family Service, Stern Chapel

12:45-2:30PM: Expanding the Tent

Study, Reflection, Rest and Spirit

12:45-1:30PM: Session 1, in person only

- *A New Day Will Rise: Israeli Music After October 7* | Stern Chapel, Cantor Leslie Niren

Explore how Israeli music serves both as a reflection of national grief and a source of resilience — a guiding compass toward comfort, unity and hope.

- *Poetry of Memory, Healing and Hope* | Linz Hall, Rabbi David Stern

Take a heart-opening journey through the themes of this sacred day.

- *The Soul's Sanctuary* | Lefkowitz Chapel, Cantor Vicky Glikin and Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen

Seek greater attunement of mind, body and spirit through meditation, song, silence, poetry and gentle movement.

- *By Teens, for Teens* | Weiss Youth Wing, Rabbi Michael Lewis

Connect with community in this unique experience designed just for teens.

1:30-1:45PM: Break

* All services will be livestreamed unless marked as in person only.

1:45-2:30PM: Session 2

- *Pathways with Piano* | Stern Chapel, Ben Loeb
Experience classical music that offers contemplative space for repentance, renewal and introspection to deepen your connection to the sacredness of the day.
- *Open a Gate: A Spiritual and Emotional Well-Being Workshop* | Linz Hall, Rabbi Debra Robbins and Meredith Pryzant, MSW
Learn about ways to push open and walk through the gates of forgiveness and promise in our relationships with others, God and ourselves. *In person only*
- *Finding God at this Sacred Season* | Lefkowitz Chapel, Rabbi Amy Rossel
Consider how we experience — or struggle to experience — the presence of God through the lens of our liturgy and our own reflections. *In person only*

12-3PM: A Place for Every Soul

- *Adult Learning Wing*: Take a few moments for reflection in a quiet space.
- *Barbara Zale Center for Living History*: Experience Temple's history and art with our dedicated docents.
- *Weisberg Library*: Find a book that speaks to you from Temple's collection.
- *Zale Celebration Garden*: Let nature inspire you on your journey through the day.
- *Tycher Gathering Space*: Savor the culture and spirit of Israel in this multisensory exhibition that will be on display from Yom Kippur to Sukkot.

3PM: Prayer and Music of the Heart, Olan Sanctuary

4:30PM: Yizkor, Olan Sanctuary

5:30PM: N'ilah and Havdalah, Olan Sanctuary

6:30PM: Congregational Break-the-Fast

LIVESTREAMING

Please visit tedallas.org to find prominent links to online services. If you want to watch them on your own time, recordings will be available shortly after the conclusion of each service.



PSALMS PROJECT WITH Maya Raviv

SELICHOT | SEPTEMBER 12-13

Begin your journey to the Days of Awe with Maya Raviv, Israeli composer and spiritual leader, whose soulful music creates space for connection, inspiration and reflection. Throughout the weekend, Maya will help us to connect to our spiritual essence, each other, the people of Israel and God.

SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

Friday, September 12 | 6:15PM | Stern Chapel and Online

Through the power of the Psalms, Maya will help us welcome Shabbat in a service designed to soothe the soul and open the heart. Join us beginning at 5:45PM for a pre-oneg.

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

Saturday, September 13 | 10:30AM | Lefkowitz Chapel and Online

Our Shabbat morning service will include opportunities for meditation and reflection with Maya.

SELICHOT EVENING EXPERIENCE

Saturday, September 13 | 7-9:30PM | Stern Chapel

Selichot is the doorway into the High Holy Days and an opportunity to ready our hearts for the spiritual work ahead. Following Havdalah and a Selichot service, Maya will lead us through melodies and meditations inspired by the Psalms. With music, journaling, contemplation and optional sharing, Maya will guide us in a gentle exploration of forgiveness for ourselves and others, and the freedom that comes from letting go.

Register: tedallas.org/events



For Our Families

The High Holy Days are a wonderful time to create Jewish memories for children, and for the adults in their lives to find spiritual moments for themselves. Here are some ideas suggested by Temple clergy for families to structure their holidays with something for everyone!

Families with Young Children

ROSH HASHANAH

9AM: Attend the Tots and their Families service, which includes the blessing of all babies born since last Rosh Hashanah.

10AM: Take the kids to Tashlich at Caruth Park, where everyone can play and schmooze while participating in the ritual tossing away of sins.

1PM: Join the Stern Chapel service online while your children nap.

YOM KIPPUR

9AM: Attend the Tots and their Families service

10AM: Children attend child care at the Early Childhood Education Center while their parents participate in the Olan Sanctuary service.

Families with Children in Grades 1-5

ROSH HASHANAH

10:30AM: Attend the Family Service, which includes teens helping to lead prayer and blow the shofar.

12:30PM: Head to Tashlich at Caruth Park; take a picnic lunch to enjoy with other families.

YOM KIPPUR

7:30PM on Kol Nidre: Have an early dinner with family or friends, then head to Temple. Sit together as a family, or take advantage of child care for the younger children while parents attend the Kol Nidre service.

10:30AM on Yom Kippur Day: Attend the Family Service and think how to grow stronger together in the coming year.

5:30pm on Yom Kippur Day: Seal your intentions for the new year at N'ilah and Havdalah; hear the shofar together and join us for Break-the-Fast.

Families with Teens

- Remind your teens who became b'nai mitzvah to bring their tallitot to wear on Kol Nidre and at any daytime service.
- Expanding the Tent sessions offer opportunities for both parents and teens to deepen their observance. Teens won't want to miss the special event planned and led by teens, and parents have their choice of learning led by clergy.

We ♥ Grandparents

The tots and family services are great opportunities to share in special Jewish memories together. Grandparents, we encourage you to come to Olan Sanctuary services at any time after the family services; we don't mind if you walk in after the service has started!

Helpful Hints

Diaper-changing tables are located in the following restrooms: rear of Stern Chapel; in the women's, men's and gender-neutral restrooms in the hallway by Olan Sanctuary; and behind the reception desk.

Snacks are allowed outdoors and in the ECEC/Religious School lobby. The Aronson Kitchen also has a refrigerator for parents' use. Please avoid eating or drinking in worship spaces.

Child Care

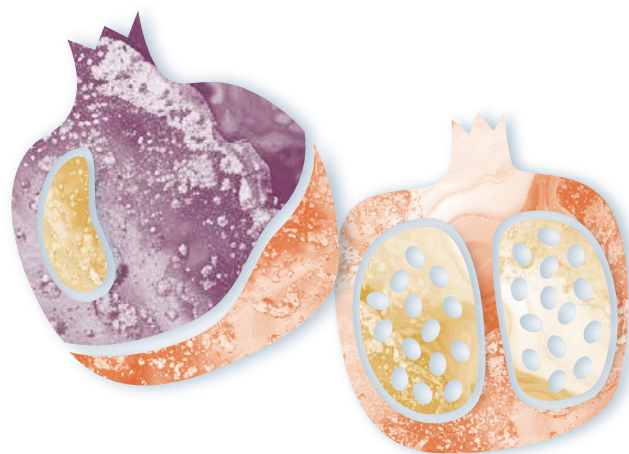
Child care is available during the Rosh Hashanah morning, Kol Nidre evening and Yom Kippur morning services.

Additional opportunities were not yet known at press time but will be finalized in early September.

Please register for child care for Rosh Hashanah by Sept. 15, and for Yom Kippur by Sept. 25. Register at tedallas.org/hhd.

Extend the Celebrations

Scan the QR code for fun family activities to enhance your holidays.



Helpful Details

EVENING SERVICES

We're keeping the new evening schedule of one service at 6PM on Rosh Hashanah and one service at 7:30PM on Yom Kippur. It's a great time to experiment with the best combinations of holiday get-togethers and participation in person or online.

ACCESSIBILITY

Let us know if you need special parking, assistance with a walker or wheelchair, a large-print prayer book or hearing assistance device.

WE'RE EAGER TO HEAR YOUR THOUGHTS

Watch for two short online surveys — one after Rosh Hashanah and one after Yom Kippur — so we can keep learning how to be the best congregation possible.

A MACHZOR OF YOUR OWN

Mishkan Hanefesh, the prayer book set for the High Holy Days, is available for purchase through Judaic Treasures or CCAR Press. While Temple maintains a large supply, we occasionally run short during the most heavily attended services. Consider buying your own set from Judaic Treasures, for \$55, or as a meaningful gift for b'nai mitzvah, confirmation or graduation.

FOR MEMBERS WHO ARE TRAVELING

If you or your family will be attending High Holy Days services at another congregation, please contact Ashley Greenwood, Assistant Director of Membership, at hhd@tedallas.org and we will help you get the information you need.

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

Temple's parking lot will be available as well as the satellite location at NorthPark Center, just north of Macy's and facing Park Lane. While we hope that the construction of the perimeter barrier will be complete, we appreciate your patience as we deal with unpredictable circumstances. Please watch out for updates from Temple communications.

Parking Decals are available to every member, and those with the decals will be allowed to enter the parking lot without stopping. Please contact the reception desk at Temple to arrange for the pickup of your sticker.

If you don't have a decal, be prepared to show your QR code for entry into the parking lot. You will also need to show your QR code before boarding the shuttle at NorthPark and for admission into the building.

For all High Holy Days questions, email hhd@tedallas.org



Hunger Relief Drive September 22–October 11

This year's High Holy Days Hunger Relief Drive arrives at a particularly vulnerable time, as local hunger organizations report increased needs due to federal funding cuts. Nearly one in six North Texans lives with food insecurity, according to the North Texas Food Bank. The collection truck that will be set up at Temple from Sept. 22–Oct. 11

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Make a **cash donation** at tedallas.org/hungerrelief or via the QR code, or mail a check to Temple with the "Hunger Relief Fund" in the memo.



Visit the **Amazon wish list** at qrco.de/hungerwishlist or via the QR code below.



Contact: Erica Matsil, Director of Social Justice and Family Engagement

Insider Emanu-El: High Holy Days

Build your spiritual toolbox at three September events introducing you to the High Holy Days experience at Temple. The sessions are great for anyone attending Temple for their first High Holy Days celebration, as well as those who haven't been in person in a while. You'll learn all about what to expect and ideas to make the most out of this special time of year. Each session is the same, so choose the time that works for your schedule.

September 5: Chavayah, Explore Temple's Values, 5-6PM

September 7: During Religious School, 10-11AM

September 10: 6-7PM

Friends and Neighbors Reconnect over South Dallas Memories

By Anjelica Ruiz



The Garonzik family at their Passover seder in South Dallas, early 1900s. Phillip and Bertha Garonzik, seated at the head of the table, were Russian immigrants and among the earliest members of Temple Emanu-El.

In the heart of South Dallas, where Temple Emanu-El's earliest buildings once stood and many Jewish families made their homes, a bold and meaningful vision is taking shape.

Forest Forward, a nonprofit, is leading a multimillion-dollar transformation effort aimed at revitalizing ZIP code 75215. Rooted in history, equity and shared community legacy, Forest Forward's mission is to revitalize the area by uplifting the community and preserving its character while expanding opportunity for the future. At the heart of this work is the historic Forest Theater, whose restoration and expansion will serve as both a cultural hub and a catalyst for economic and social progress.

Temple Emanu-El is proud to support this initiative, which reflects its enduring connection to South Dallas. We're excited to partner with Forest Forward in South Dallas Stories: A Conversation Across Generations, on Oct. 21, a community event co-chaired by Temple Members Judi Ratner, Robin Sachs

and Peggy Zilbermann with Elizabeth Whattley, LaSheryl Walker and Stephanie Butler of Forest Forward at the Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum.

The event will feature a panel discussion, moderated by Dallas Morning News columnist Robert Wilonsky, and include Rabbi David Stern; civil rights leader Peter Johnson; community activist Mary Brashear; and Larry Golman, a South Dallas native and member of Congregation Shearith Israel.

Rabbi Stern has been instrumental in fostering renewed collaboration between the Jewish and Black communities, two groups who share a history of faith, family and commerce in this neighborhood. Last year, Forest Forward, Temple Emanu-El, and the Dallas Jewish Community Foundation hosted a public dialogue to begin exploring that legacy. This event carries that conversation forward.

Temple's involvement is also personal for many members. Robin Sachs, whose father and grandparents lived in South Dallas in the early 1900s, recalls her excitement in learning about the area's revitalization through Forest Forward. Others, like Judi Ratner, who didn't grow up in Dallas, have found their way to this work through curiosity, friendship and a desire to amplify forgotten stories.

Judi, who moved to Dallas in the mid-1970s, reflected on how her understanding of South Dallas evolved over time. "Initially, I only believed South Dallas was unsafe at night," she says. "Through nearly 20 years on staff at Temple, I discovered its rich history and took students on cemetery tours, learning about influential Jewish members and civic leaders who helped shape Dallas. It was just a small glimpse of what I still needed to understand."

So Judi was excited when Peggy introduced her last year to the Forest Theater area and the revitalization work happening there. That visit sparked a new mission: encouraging Temple members to share their stories of growing up in the neighborhood.

Peggy, who has been involved with Forest Forward for the past year, appreciates the organization's emphasis on sustainable, community-driven practices. "I love the holistic approach," she says, "and how it involves community members in their search to create equitable opportunities, generate revenue and establish best practices."



Register:
qrco.de/forestforward



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FOREST FORWARD
THE FUTURE IS HERE

Learn About Forest Forward at Temple

That spirit of partnership continues this fall with two events at Temple. Together, these events invite Temple members to rediscover South Dallas, not only just as a site of urban renewal, but also as a place of deep historical meaning for the Jewish community.

VISIT

October 10

A new exhibition highlighting the Black and Jewish communities of South Dallas will open in the Pam & Steven Pluss Gallery of the Barbara Zale Center for Living History.

LEARN

October 15, 2PM



Visit Café Emanu-El to learn more about Forest Forward from LaSheryl Walker, Director of Partnerships and Community Engagement, as

she shares the organization's mission to drive equitable development and revitalize South Dallas through community-centered initiatives. This conversation will also highlight the shared history among Temple Emanu-El, the broader Jewish community and South Dallas.

Register: tedallas.org/events

Before You Break the Glass

Temple will offer our Goin' to the Chuppah course twice in the coming year. This four-part series, led by Rabbi Michael Lewis and Temple member Miriam Kolni, a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, is open to any couple planning to build a Jewish home.

Goin' to the Chuppah is a registered TwoTogether in Texas provider, which means couples being married in Texas are eligible for a significant discount on their marriage license upon completing the class.

We encourage couples to attend at least three out of the four sessions so that you can begin forming relationships with other participants. The classes are all held at Temple at 7PM, and conclude with a home-hosted Shabbat dinner. Please let us know if you need to attend a weekday class via Zoom.

Fall 2025

October 29, 7PM
November 5, 7PM
November 12, 7PM
November 21, Shabbat dinner

Winter/Spring 2026

February 25, 7PM
March 11, 7PM
March 18, 7PM
March 27, Shabbat dinner

Register: tedallas.org/events

For more information, please contact Sammy Weyser at sweyser@tedallas.org.



Rabbi Michael Lewis



Miriam Kolni



SHINE *the light*

SUPPORT AND RESOURCES FOR SPIRITUAL AND MENTAL WELL-BEING

Grief Support on Zoom

First Tuesday of the month, 12-1PM: No session in October, Nov. 4, Dec. 2

In-Person Grief Support

Last Tuesday of each month, 12-1PM: Sept. 30, Oct. 28, Nov. 18 (adjusted for Thanksgiving week), Dec. 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, visit jfsdallas.org.

Substance Abuse Support for Friends and Families

Thursdays every week from 5:30-6:30PM in person and on Zoom. Contact: Freda Heald, fredaheald@yahoo.com

Here for You

Are you or someone you know experiencing infertility? We are exploring the creation of a support group at Temple.

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 links, please contact Meredith Pryzant, MSW, Director of Pastoral Support, mpryzant@tedallas.org | 214.706.0000, ext. 2016

Oh, Babies

We're excited to welcome back Goin' to the Delivery Room, our four-week class for first-time expectant parents.

Facilitators Alex Horn and Carly Goldman team up for three Sunday morning sessions, each at 9:30AM, and a Shabbat experience. In a small-group setting, explore the roles and responsibilities of Jewish parenting and the rituals that shape our families.



Alex Horn



Carly Goldman

Fall 2025

October 12
October 26
November 9
November 14

Winter 2026

February 22
March 8
March 15
March 28

Register: tedallas.org/events



PUT YOUR HANDS TOGETHER FOR TOGETHER TIME!

Together Time is offered twice monthly for early childhood children and their adult friends. Activities on Fridays include Shabbat blessings, music and an interactive activity. On Sundays, participants enjoy an activity together and outdoor play. It is open to the community and children do not need to be enrolled in the Early Childhood Education Center to attend. Sessions are offered Fridays at 9:45AM and Sundays at 9:15AM.

Register: tedallas.org/events

2025

Fridays (children 3 and under): Sept. 5, Oct. 10, Nov. 7, Dec. 5
Sunday (children up to age 5): Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 16

2026

Fridays: Jan. 16, Feb. 6, April 10
Sundays: Jan 11, Feb. 1, April 12





Reclaiming Their Space *A New Youth Group for Temple Teens*

By Livia Stevenson

Temple is excited to launch a new teen initiative this fall after more than five years without an official youth group program for our post-b'nai mitzvah students. This is more than a return; it's a reimagining, built with and for our teens and rooted in the belief that Temple should be a place where they can grow, lead and be themselves.

The new youth group welcomes students in grades 8-12 and is already building on the strong foundation formed through recent years of successful teen travel. Those trips sparked connection and community among our teens, and now, they'll have a home base to continue deepening those relationships right here at Temple.

"Teens today are pulled in so many directions," says Rabbi Amy Rossel, Senior Director of Education and Engagement. "They need an anchor. Our youth group offers just that. A place to be who they are and be loved for it, a place to be challenged and enriched."

In a world where teens are often expected to meet others' expectations without having much say, this youth group aims to flip the script by offering teens a chance to build something from the ground up that reflects their values, ideas and vision for Jewish life. A 27-member teen board, including 16 juniors and seniors in executive leadership roles, has already gathered for a retreat to vision and plan. Their first focus? Creating meaningful teen experiences for the High Holy Days and beyond.

Temple's youth group also fills a vital gap of community. Many teens don't have a Jewish community at school. Temple provides a space to be Jewish together — a familiar and grounding place where they can connect, be supported and make a difference.

For younger students, the group creates opportunities to look up to older teen role models. For adults, it's a chance to witness the energy, insight and perspective teens bring to our community

Studies show that when teens feel seen and supported in their Jewish lives, they're far more likely to remain connected as adults. This group is more than a social outlet; it's leadership training, community-building and identity-affirmation all in one.

For Temple as a whole, this is a powerful investment in the Jewish future, says Temple President Sara Albert. "At Temple, we believe leadership is a skill anyone can learn. Our youth group gives teens a chance to grow those skills in a supportive, values-driven community, helping them become confident leaders both now and in the future."

To learn more, contact Megan Sims, Assistant Director of Teen Education and Engagement, msims@tedallas.org.

REMEMBER, REFLECT, HOPE October 7 Memorial

Temple Emanu-El will host the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas community commemoration of the attacks of October 7, 2023 at 5PM on October 5. The event is designed to bring us together through an art exhibition, music, stories of personal impact and prayerful messages of connection and resilience.



Meet Our Teen Leaders!

Executive Board



Evan Israel

President
Senior, Plano West Senior High School

My favorite camp prayer is the Birkat Hamazon.



Chloe LaGrone

President
Senior, Greenhill School

My favorite Jewish holiday is Passover.



Aaron Chaput

12th Grade Representative
Senior, Plano Senior High School

My favorite dream meal would be a large cheese fondue.



Leila Davis

Vice President of Communications
Senior, Greenhill School

My dream meal would definitely be sushi and chocolate ice cream for dessert.



Ella Levin

Vice President of Programming
Junior, Parish Episcopal School

The best bagel in Dallas is Shug's.



Henry Lipnik

Vice President of Learning
Junior, Greenhill School

My favorite Jewish holiday is Purim because it's so celebratory and fun.



Yuval Margalit

Vice President of Programming
Junior, Akiba Yavneh Academy of Dallas

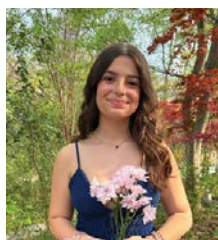
My favorite Jewish holiday is Shavuot because of how we celebrated it in the kibbutz.



Nathan Pass

Vice President of Membership
Junior, J.J. Pearce High School

My favorite bagel in Dallas is Sclafani's New York Bagels and Sandwiches.



Lori Pass

Vice President of Programming
Junior, J.J. Pearce High School

My favorite Jewish memory is my experience at BBYO International Leadership Training Conference this summer when the power went out for a week.



Jacob Savariego

Vice President of Finance
Senior, Hillcrest High School

My favorite Jewish memory is the confirmation class D.C. trip, where my friends and I got to lobby on capital Hill for American aid to Israel.



Eres Stone

Vice President of Social Justice
Junior, The Hockaday School

In my free time I love to play golf, spend time with my friends, play pickleball or do a workout class, take naps and try new foods.



Hank Utay

Vice President of Finance
Senior, Greenhill School

In my free time, I enjoy watching movies and TV shows, catching up on world news and photography.



Sage White

Vice President of Learning
Senior, The School for The Talented and Gifted

My favorite camp song is "Fudgie the Whale."



Mason Pedroza

Vice President of Social Justice
Senior, St. Mark's

My dream meal is a really tasty eggs Benedict with hash browns.

Not Pictured

Andrew Gerstenhaber

Vice President of Communications

Ori Birk

Vice President of Membership

Saul Rosen

12th Grade Representative

General Board

Max Berenson
Sydney Chaput
Caleb Cohen
Adielle Einstein
Evan Gammieri
Sydney Ingerto

Julia Leib
Elliott Lipnik
Ella Minc
Sydney Olinick
Josie Powers
Evan Robinson
Landry Rosenberg

Lydia Shapira
Alexandra Sheimberg

Refreshed and Ready: Find Your Sh'ma!



After a recent reboot and several thoughtful adjustments, Sh'ma Emanu-El now has 36 active groups — and room to grow.

The program, which began in 2016, facilitates small-group experiences for Temple members seeking connection through Jewish learning and other shared passions — such as social action, cultural events, cooking, hiking — or around shared life stages, including empty nesters, young adult golfers and 65+ social singles.

Recent updates include making the process of forming and participating in a Sh'ma group more flexible. The groups are designed to be active from September to May, after which both groups and individual members can take a summer break, renew for another cycle, or simply step away when the time feels right.

Now's the perfect time to find your next group — or even start a brand-new one!

- **Join an existing group:** Twenty-five current groups are open to new members. Scan the Join a Group QR code and browse your options, click Learn More, then fill out the interest form for the group you'd like to join.
- **Start a new group:** Scan the Start a Group QR code and fill out the 2025/26 Sh'ma Group Creation form to create your own community!



Join a Group



Start a Group

SH'MA
Emanu-El

Right Where You Belong

Don't worry if the group you're interested in is currently closed. Groups often reach capacity but new groups can always form around the same topics.

As an added bonus, Sh'ma Emanu-El conducted an end-of-cycle participant survey and gathered some valuable insights into what makes a group happy, healthy, and sustainable. If you'd like to learn the secrets to a thriving group, just ask!

Please email Shira Stevenson, Director of Small Groups and Diversity, at stevenson@tedallas.org to explore your options, brainstorm a new group together or learn more about the characteristics of successful groups.



Save the Date

HANUKKAH BAZAAR

Your One-Stop Shop for Jewish Gift-Giving
Presented by Women of Reform Judaism

November 16 | 9AM-2:30PM

Immerse yourself in the energy and excitement of an Israeli shuk, where you can shop local artists and small businesses for unique finds.



Celebration and Remembrance

Compiled by Thomas Booe

BECOMING B'NAI MITZVAH



Rachel Laude
September 6
Daughter of Lacey and Michael Laude
Parkhill Junior High School
Tikkun Olam: Richardson ISD Clothes Closet



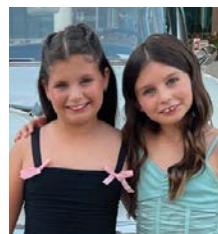
Myka Rothlein
September 6
Daughter of David and Lindsay Rothlein-Welek, and Robbie Rothlein (z"l)
Ann & Nate Levine Academy
Tikkun Olam: Relief to Central Texas flood victims



Kayleigh Potash
October 11
Daughter of Jennifer and Michael Potash
Haggard Middle School
Tikkun Olam: Vickery Meadow Food Pantry



Jack Morrow
October 11
Son of Lauren and Chris Morrow
Parkhill Junior High School
Tikkun Olam: Jewish Family Service



Caroline and Shayna Cooper
October 18
Daughters of Nicole and Kevin Cooper
Parkhill Junior High School
Tikkun Olam: Chai House, Friendship Circle, The Legacy



Ella Bogdanow
October 18
Daughter of Sarah Kaplan and Peter Bogdanow
Greenhill School
Tikkun Olam: Vickery Meadow Food Pantry



Sophie Kitner
October 25
Daughter of Miriam and Jeff Kitner
Sudie L. Williams TAG Academy
Tikkun Olam: Fundraising for animal rescue efforts



Liam Aron Mor
October 25
Son of Lori and Avi Mor
Parkhill Junior High School

NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS

Melissa, John and Carter Brannan
Tori Cohen and Julio Steele
Mallory, Tom and Shayna Crist
Miriam, Drew, Mia, Ben and Annie Eltis
Lauren, Scott, Ari, Jesse and Lucy Feiler

Emily Feldman
Francesca and J.B. Fishman
Riley, Elliot, Levi and Goldie Jackson
Simone and Grant Krumholz
Alyson Leftin

Jessica, Ryan, Emerson & Jacob Lewin
Christie, Warren, Arthur and Natalie Lipschitz
Taylor Ozarow
Dana, Joel, Alvin, Nina and Nathan Rubin

Michael Simms and Jose Barrientos
Juliana, Itzik, Eli and Ilana Ziv

SEARCH OPENS FOR ASSISTANT CANTOR

Scott McCartney and Michelle Whitman have been named as chairs of the Assistant Cantor Search Committee. Together with Cantor Vicky Glikin as clergy liaison, they will lead a dynamic and diverse search committee representing all of Temple's demographics.

Both leaders have served in several significant roles at Temple. Scott is a past president and most recently served as the co-chair of TE150. He is also the new president of the Temple Emanu-El Foundation.

Michelle led the recent search for a new director of the Early Childhood Education Center and also served on the Transition Task Force as Temple adopted the new bylaws earlier this year. She is a past Executive Committee member and past chair of the ECEC Steering Committee, and a current member of the Leadership Council.

The application for the position will be posted after the High Holy Days, and interviewing will take place November through December.

BABY NAMINGS

Stone Eva Falkauﬀ (not pictured)
Daughter of Alexis Caldwell and Adam Falkauﬀ



Summer Louise Avnery
Daughter of Meagan and Dan Avnery
Sister of Griffin and Annalise

Jude Meir Feingold (not pictured)
Son of Bailey Isenberg and William "Billy" Feingold
Brother of Oliver



Marc Henry Cook
Son of Natalie Weltman and Colin Cook



George Hakon Hernandez
Son of Jessica Schwartz and William Hernandez
Brother to Jenny and Ella
Grandson of Joyce Kelly

CONVERSIONS



Clay Mansell



Julie and Ray Percival

IN MEMORIAM

Marvin Abrams
Father of Michael Abrams

Jerry Bernstein

Dr. Lawrence "Larry" Barzune

Husband of Dolores Barzune;
Brother of Gail Loeb
Father of Laura Barzune and Benjamin Barzune

Bessie Blinderman Bodzy
Mother of David Bodzy, Allen Bodzy and LeeAnn Roseman

Susan Fogel Burt
Mother of Debbie Barnes and Harry Fogel

Philip Raymond Cohen
Brother of Syl Benenson

Suzie Dandes
Mother of Ryan Dandes

Clyde Newton Davis
Brother of Janice Westbrook and Royce Davis
Father of Russell Davis

Robert Elfont
Husband of Shirley Elfont

Ellen Rae Feibel
Mother of Neal Feibel and Ilene Zidow

Viola Ganeles
Mother of Debbie Koeppel, Dana Macdonough and Michelle Ganeles

Adrian Goldberg
Mother of Aron Goldberg

Robert Klein
Pieter Kohnstam

Estelle Raskin Magid
Mother of Jeffrey Magid and Lisa Kravitz

Andre Mires
Husband of Shirley Mires
Father of Rob Mires and Debbie Mires

Richard Scott Preble
Father of Jacob Preble

Marie Danielle Provost
Mother of Maxime Provost

Stacey Robbins
Wife of Larry Robbins
Mother of Lauren Horn and Mitchell Robbins
Sister of Rick Marmurek and Ilisa Trotter

Jane Rodgers
Mother of Ellen Hoffman

Nina Rosoff
Mother of Kira Heller
Sister of Eric Rosoff

Norman Sandfield
Brother of Joan Jackson, Byron Sandfield and Robert Sandfield

Norma K. Stone
Wife of Donald J. Stone
Mother of Mike Stone, Lisa Stone and Angie Stone

Lindy Tinnin
Michele Marina Wahlder
Wife of Michael Kerber
Sister of Tommy Wahlder and Ilana Wahlder
Stepmother to Zoe Kerber

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 Sam Aronson

by Artce Colen

Memory of Michael Deutsch

by Cheryl & Randy Colen

Memory of Marsha S. Fischman

by Lawrence Fischman

Memory of Susannah Frost Sheffield

by Sarah & Steven Bartfield

Memory of Viola Ganeles

by Irma Grossman

Memory of Kim Colen Koenigsberg

by Artce Colen

Memory of Philip Silverberg

by Cathey & James Greenfield

Memory of David Teichman

by Joanne & Charles Teichman

Memory of Michele Wahlder

by Carla Sherman

Memory of Babetta Weinstein

by Doty & Lew Weinstein

Birthday of Artce Colen

by Cheryl & Randy Colen

Birthday of Irma Grossman

by Cheryl & Randy Colen

Birthday of Sister & Joel Steinberg

by Sister & Joel Steinberg

Memory of Lawrence

S. Barzune

Memory of Shirley Bloom

by Lynn & Bob Behrendt

Memory of Evelyn Fox

by Selly & Joyce Belofsky

Memory of Lawrence

by Barbara Banner & Spencer Michlin

Memory of Doris Bernstein

by Leslie & Fred Brotsky

Memory of Shirley Bloom

by Judy & Robb Steinberg

Memory of Wendy Blum

by Donald Blum

Memory of Pauline De Nur

by Judy & Robb Steinberg

Memory of Ellen Feibel

by Rosie Stromberg

Memory of Viola Ganeles

by Marla H. Bane & Michael Benson

Memory of Sheila Gold

by Harriet Whiting

Memory of Adrian Goldberg

by Aron Goldberg

Memory of Sue Horowitz

by Lisa & Steven Lieberman

Memory of E. Michael Masinter

by Lisa & Steven Lieberman

Memory of James E. Nicholson

by Lisa & Steven Lieberman

Memory of Jane Rodgers

by Patricia & Jim Krohn

Memory of Joseph Solomon

by Sister & Joel Steinberg

Memory of Norma K. Stone

by Ruth Robinson

Memory of Michele Wahlder

by Avra & Andrew Carr

Memory of David Wood

by Evelyn & Eugene Fox

Memory of David Wood

by Shari Wood

Anniversary of Sheila & Frost Gardner

by Ann & Stuart Baum

Appreciation of Louise Applebome

by Evelyn & Eugene Fox

Appreciation of Brad Blumenthal

by Roz Katz

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by Roz Katz

Appreciation of Cantor Vicky Glikin

by Mindy Berger

Appreciation of Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen

by Debbie & Peter Koeppel

Appreciation of Rabbi Michael Lewis

by Susan Cooper

Appreciation of Rabbi Debra Robbins

by Natalie Weltman & Colin Cook

Appreciation of Rabbi David Stern

by Lotty Casillas

Appreciation of Rabbi David Stern

by Marvin Kaminsky

Appreciation of Rabbi David Stern

by Ann & Mel Wolovits

Appreciation of Cantor Hallie Weiner

by Carrie & Steven Hatfield

Appreciation of Cantor Hallie Weiner

by Mindy Berger

Bat Mitzvah of Zoe Sonkin

by Ashley & Aaron Sonkin

Birthday of Suzanne Ablon

by Kathy & Morris Palefsky

Birthday of Judy Fox

by Stephanie & Scott Rosuck

Birthday of David Loomar

by Stephanie & Scott Rosuck

Birthday of Julie Lowenberg

by Patricia & Jim Krohn

Marriage of Amy Hampton & Philip Polishook

by Amy Hampton & Phil Polishook

Naming of Hayden Sowards

by Dena Baizano

Naming of Hayden Sowards

by Brittany & Matthew Sowards

Anne and 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 Viola Ganeles

by Mary Spector & Julius Blatt

Memory of Abe Kalmikoff

by Bobbi & Jerry Wells

Memory of Estelle Magid

by Irene & Bernard Raden

Memory of Herbert Rodney

by Lory Engel

Older Adult and Accessibility Fund

Support for addressing the needs of mobility-impaired members

Memory of Rhea Wolfram

by Betsy & Bennett Cullum

Memory of Rhea Wolfram

by Barbara Jaffee



OUR TEMPLE AND CEMETERY

Rose Marion & Lee H. Berg Building Fund

Upkeep and maintenance of our historic building

Memory of Helaine Trachtenberg

by Connie Rudick

Memory of Helaine Trachtenberg

by Judy & Jack Schechter

Temple Emanu-El Cemetery Endowment Fund

Distribution from the Temple Foundation supporting the maintenance and improvement of cemetery grounds

Memory of David Greenberg

by Jo-Sandra Greenberg

Memory of Shari Krasner

by Carol & Barry Sobol

Memory of Sallie Frauman Leventhal

by Milton Leventhal

Memory of Sam Rubenstein

by Fonda Glazer

Memory of Norman L. Sandfield

by Carol Tobias

Memory of Lawrence Tobias

by Syl Benenson

Memory of Ynette & James Hogue

by Elaine & Allen Schuster

Memory of Linda & Michael Wolfson

by Linda & Michael Wolfson

Dorothy and Henry Jacobus Archives Fund

Support of special exhibits from our Archives

Memory of Jill Wyn Moss

by Terri Hornberger

Memory of Jordan Roseman

by Barbara Roseman

Rabbi Gerald J. Klein Memorial Cemetery Fund

Beautification and improvements of the Temple Emanu-El Cemetery

Memory of Dennis Brent

by Lynn Brent

Memory of Mimi K. Goldman

by Larry Goldman

Memory of Ira Kassanoff

by Claire & Jim Woodcock

Memory of Howard B. Wolf

by Lois Wolf

Memory of Lois Wolf

by Lois Wolf

Birthday of Susan Herzfeld

by Jerome Schneider

Alex F. Weisberg Library Fund

Purchase of Judaic books, publications and entertainment media

Memory of Lawrence Tobias

by Leah Engelberg

Memory of Leah Engelberg

by Polly Weisberg



GENERAL

Temple Emanu-El General Operating Fund

Support of Temple's general programs and events

Memory of Lawrence S. Barzune

by Sandy & Rabbi Barry Diamond

Memory of Robin & Bob Farkas

by Lois & Ross Finkelman

Memory of Ruth Robinson

by Ruth Robinson

Memory of Maurice Beck

by Jay Beck

Memory of Shirley Bloom

by Judy & Robb Steinberg

Memory of Elaine Bock

by Adele Ryemon

Memory of Susan F. Burt

by Sandy & Rabbi Barry Diamond

Memory of Clyde Newton Davis

by Jan & Tom Timmons

Memory of Pauline De Nur

by Judy & Robb Steinberg

Memory of Robert L. Elfont

by Shirley Elfont

Memory of Viola Ganeles

by Bernie Apter

Memory of Sandy & Rabbi Barry Diamond

by Sandy & Rabbi Barry Diamond

Memory of Melanie & Thomas Eggers

by Susan Hahn

Memory of Barbara McDermott

by Debra & Barry Rothschild

Memory of Herbert Goldstein

by Susan & Larry Goldstein

Memory of Ira Kader

by Phyllis & Zeke Saletan

Memory of Michael Kashar

by Jennifer & Mark Kashar

Memory of Frederick Kunen

by Mike Kunen

Memory of Peter Loeb

by Rayna & Michael Loeb

Memory of Estelle Magid

by Debra & Barry Rothschild

Memory of Julius Palefsky

by Kathy & Morris Palefsky

Memory of Elaine Erdy Pizzimenti

by Mike Kunen

Memory of Julie Reichl

by Betty & Jay Lorch

Memory of Evelyn "Evie" Sandler

by Frada & Alan Sandler

Memory of Marlene Siegel

by Richard Polakoff

Memory of Lawrence Tobias

by Leslie & Fred Brotsky

Memory of Barbara & Richard Massman

by Barbara & Richard Massman

Memory of Maxwell Wallenstein

by Hiarianne & David Wallenstein

Anniversary of Judy & Russell Silverstein

by Adele Ryemon

Birth of Simon A. Nieman

by Judy & Robb Steinberg

Birthday of Bert Fischel
by Sharon & Irvin Kasser
Honor of Daniel Russakov
by Stephanie & David Russakov
Honor of Jane Ellen Russakov
by Stephanie & David Russakov
Honor of Michael Russakov
by Stephanie & David Russakov

Temple Emanu-El

Endowment Fund

Distribution from the foundation supporting Temple's programs
Memory of Hilda Burtis
by Marguerite Burtis & Peter Vogel

Memory of Viola Ganeles

by Janine & Robert Tabas

Memory of Estelle Magid

by Kimberly & Jeffrey Chapman



MUSIC AND PRAYER

Music Fund

Enhancement of Temple music programs

Memory of Lawrence S.

Barzune

by Suzi & Jack Greenman

by Rosie Stromberg

Memory of Morris Blyweiss

by Marlene & Richard Marks

Memory of Marcia Brumberg

by Sharon Stower Miller

Memory of Sidney Brumberg

by Sharon Stower Miller

Memory of Pauline De Nur

by Judy & Robb Steinberg

Memory of Irene Edelman

by Sheila & Stephen Stieglitz

Memory of Viola Ganeles

by Mindy & Rick Cohen

Memory of Frank Graff

by Lotty & Bobby Brodsky-Lyle

Memory of Mina Hitzig

by Betty & Jay Lorch

Memory of Norman L.

Sandfield

by Nancy & Dr. Monty Krieger

Memory of Dave Spitzer

by Lotty & Bobby Brodsky-Lyle

Memory of Nita Spitzer

by Lotty & Bobby Brodsky-Lyle

Memory of Sig Spitzer

by Lotty & Bobby Brodsky-Lyle

Memory of Norma K. Stone

by Paul Radman

Memory of Julius Wolfram,

M. D.

by Rosalie Rogers

Appreciation of Cantor Hallie

Weiner

by Ann & Mel Wolovits

Aline C. Rutland Prayer

Book Fund

Purchases of prayer books

Memory of Viola Ganeles

by Zola Blicher



ADULT PROGRAMS

Katherine F. Baum Adult

Education Fund

Support for adult education programs

Memory of Lester Baum

by Peggy & Dave Millheiser

Memory of Louis Goldberg

by Mindy & Rick Cohen

Memory of Sam Kimmel

by Mindy & Rick Cohen

by Betsy Block

Henry D. Schlinger Ethics

Symposium Endowment Fund

Support of the ethics symposium

Memory of Henry

David Schlinger

by Paula Schlinger

Priscilla R. Stern

Memorial Fund

Support of literacy projects in the general and Jewish communities

Memory of Colin Herlitz

by Suellen & A. J. Rosmarin

Memory of Max Rosmarin

by Suellen & A. J. Rosmarin

(ATiD) Young Adults Fund

Support of Jewish engagement of young adults in their 20s and 30s

Memory of Joseph Solomon

by Karla & Larry Steinberg



SOCIAL JUSTICE

Hunger Relief Fund

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

Memory of Irwin B. Behrendt

by Lynn & Bob Behrendt

Memory of Paul Bierbrier

by Nancy & Solomon Israel

Memory of Aurora de Halabe

by Helen Feldman

Memory of Jeffrey Scott

Donsky

by Linda Donsky

Memory of Josefina P.

Oliveres

by David Oliveres

Memory of Morton Rachofsky

by Helen Feldman

Memory of Helene Ray

by Evey & Chip Fagadau

by Helen Feldman

Memory of Marilyn Taubman

by Helen Feldman

Birthday of Tony Kaufman

by Jill & Gary Stolbach

The Jill Stone Tikkun

Olam Fund

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

Memory of Joseph Marvin

Bloom

by Jacqueline & Fred Roberts

Memory of Viola Ganeles

by Lori & Trace Ordiway

Anniversary of Sheila & Frost

Gardner

by Syl Benenson

by Carol Levy

Vickery Meadow Food Pantry

Description

Memory of Lester Adler

by Annette Corman

Memory of Robert Adler

by Annette Corman

Memory of Lawrence S.

Barzune

by Annette Corman

Memory of Viola Ganeles

by Annette Corman

Memory of Estelle Magid

by Annette Corman

Memory of Jane Rodgers

by Annette Corman

Birthday of Patricia Goodman

by Annette Corman

Celebration of Sara Albert

by Annette Corman

Social Justice Youth

Education Fund

Support of worthwhile educational causes for youth in need

Memory of Lawrence S.

Barzune

by Linda & Garry Kahalnik

Memory of Norma K. Stone

by Linda & Garry Kahalnik



YOUTH AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Early Childhood Education

Center (ECEC) Fund

Support of ECEC programs

Memory of Susan F. Burt

by Jamie & Cameron Gerard

Memory of Leonard Kolodny

by Jamie & Ed Tonkon

Memory of Lenore H. Litman

by Susan & Joel Litman

Memory of Charles Marks

by Marlene & Richard Marks

Memory of Nita Mae

Tannebaum

by Susan Kagan

by Rae & Ronnie Weiss

Anniversary of Cyvia &

Marvin Noble

by Franchelle & Richard Hirsh

Birthday of Lily Asen

by Elizabeth & Joshua Asen

Gina Rosenfield Levy

Greene Family Camp

Scholarship Fund

Financial assistance to families

for Greene Family Camp

Memory of Ellen Feibel

by Phyllis & Phil Stoup

Memory of Viola Ganeles

by Susan Sonnenfeld

Memory of Lawrence Tobias

by Phyllis & Phil Stoup

Metz Youth Fund

Scholarships for Jewish activities sponsored by Temple or other Jewish organizations

Memory of Paulette

Moskowitz

by Judy & Ronald Foxman

Memory of Lillian Tavensky

by Mindy & Rick Cohen

Martin & Charlotte Weiss

Religious School Fund

Scholarships for religious school fees, books and additional expenses

Memory of Norman Chaiken

by Lynn & Jay Staub

Memory of Robert Stuart

Chaiken

by Lynn & Jay Staub

Memory of Ellen Feibel

by Carol Hirsh

Memory of Stacey Robbins

by Lynn & Jay Staub

Memory of Norman L.

Sandfield

by Carol Hirsh

Shor/Lowenstein Youth

Scholarship Fund

Financial assistance to families for participation in youth programs

Memory of Richard S. Preble

by Robin Kosberg & Mark

Washofsky

Conversion of Julie Percival

by Robin Kosberg & Mark

Washofsky

Conversion of Ray Percival

by Robin Kosberg & Mark

Washofsky



WRJ

Funds to support activities of Women of Reform Judaism

YES Fund of Sisterhood

Support of the Youth, Education and Service programs of Women of Reform Judaism

Memory of Helene Ray

by Celia Saunders

Freda Gail Stern Fund

Support of social action projects consistent with WRJ's mission

Memory of Helene Ray

by Celia Saunders

Honor of Leah Beth Kolni

by Celia Saunders

Honor of Jo-Sandra

Greenberg

by Celia Saunders

Honor of Robin Nathanson

by Celia Saunders

Honor of Rachele Weiss

Crane

by Celia Saunders

Honor of Jan Rosen

by Celia Saunders

Honor of Nancy Ritter

by Celia Saunders

Honor of Mendy Halsted

by Celia Saunders

Feel the Magic in the Air

Spending a day at the Early Childhood Education Center is an escape from ordinary to possibility, from imagining to accomplishing and back again to discovery. Children feel nurtured and prepared for their academic journeys ahead, and families feel supported in their goals for their children. Check us out at tedallas.org/ecec and watch Temple communications for enrollment and visiting days.

CAN'T WAIT!



We're excited to start the day.



Everyone walks in to big smiles and warm hugs.



Even our youngest learners are immersed in hands-on experiences.



From biking to building to putting on a show, the playscape has a space for everyone.

A FULL DAY



We learn using all five senses; getting wet is a bonus!



ECEC children are well prepared for their next steps.



Losing your first tooth is a *Shechecheyanu* moment!



After a full morning, it's time to rest and recharge.

SHABBAT



Community is the heart of ECEC, as parents gather before Shabbat.



Every class has the opportunity to lead Shabbat blessings.



All hands pitch in to bless the challah.



We're *kvelling* over our *k'hilah*.

Keeping the Faith — Out of Public Schools

Mark Chancey, Ph.D. returns to Temple for the Rabbi David Lefkowitz Memorial Lecture on Oct. 24-25



Mark Chancey's connection to Temple Emanu-El began while he was a Ph.D. student at Duke University. One of his mentors, biblical scholar E.P. Sanders, had long before received a grant to study in Israel for a year on the topic of rabbinic Judaism.

Sanders had been a student at Perkins School of Theology and, as it turned out, Temple Emanu-El had been a donor for the trip.

Fast forward to 2005, shortly after Dr. Chancey arrived at SMU's Department of Religious Studies. A news story from Odessa caught his eye. A Jewish father was protesting the implementation of a Bible elective for high school credit, worried that his daughter would be bullied for being a religious outsider. "It pulled at my heartstrings, and I decided I'd offer to be a resource." He reached out to the Texas Freedom Network, a progressive advocacy group, and offered to give his take on the curriculum.

"It was jaw-droppingly inappropriate," he says. "It was a Trojan horse, trying to promote certain forms of Christianity in public schools." Temple was hosting an event for the Texas Freedom Network and invited Dr. Chancey to speak. That became his first speaking engagement ever on religion and public education. He also was the first speaker for the Katherine F. Baum Lecture Series in 2008.

Now in addition to teaching comparative religion and the New Testament, Dr. Chancey does research in the fields of American religion and church-state studies. His visit to Temple on Oct. 24-25 will particularly focus on two recent high-profile initiatives that challenge the separation of church and state:

- State Board of Education approval of Bluebonnet language arts lessons, which often treat religion in troubling ways, last November
- A new law mandating the display of the Ten Commandments in every public school classroom

"As a scholar and a person of faith, I consider these developments so troubling," says Dr. Chancey, a Methodist.

"These laws put forward an understanding of the Bible that I don't share, but even if I did, it still wouldn't be appropriate for public schools," Dr. Chancey says. "There are legal ways to study the Bible in public education. What many of our elected leaders are talking about is deeply problematic."

For example, he says: "One could study the Book of Genesis emphasizing plot, themes, characterization, the same literary aspects one would examine for any piece of literature. Sometimes, however, Genesis is treated as if it's some sort of science text. It's one thing to say it's an important historical source; it's another thing to say it's telling a straightforward narrative. Some of Bluebonnet veers into that territory."

In the case of the Ten Commandments, Dr. Chancey says, few would dispute that they are historically significant. "But much of the historical representation is inaccurate and exaggerated. The Declaration of Independence doesn't quote the Ten Commandments. It's in

the general cultural matrix, but not the definitive source for everything we've built in America."

Consider the first commandment in the poster that complies with the state law: I am the Lord thy God. "There's no reference to 'who brought you out of Egypt.'" And in "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy" there's "no explanation of why Sabbath observance is important, like you find in the Bible. The Jewish elements have been stripped away."

Dr. Chancey has taken a long and curvy road from his early career studying about the archaeology and history of Galilee as a setting for early Christianity and Judaism. And he is grateful for his circuitous path. "Twenty-one years ago, if you had told me this is what I would be working on, I wouldn't have believed it. It has been an unexpected but good and productive detour."

Mark Chancey at Temple

August 2005: Speaker at a Texas Freedom Network event hosted by Temple

January 2008: "The New Testament: First-Century Jews, First-Century Christians" Katherine F. Baum Lecture Series

December 2008: "What's Right and What's Wrong: The Bible, Moral Values, and Public Education" Henry D. Schlenger Ethics Symposium

Spring 2011: "Parallel Pathways: A Jewish-Christian Dialogue" Katherine F. Baum Lecture Series

October 24-25, 2025: "When Religion Enters the Public Schools" Rabbi David Lefkowitz Memorial Lecture (three lectures, details on following page.)

When Religion Enters the Public Schools

A weekend of learning with Mark Chancey, Ph.D.

Professor of Religious Studies, Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences, Southern Methodist University

October 24-25

We welcome back Dr. Chancey, a renowned expert in religion in public schools, for his fifth speaking event to Temple Emanu-El. (See previous page to learn more about Dr. Chancey.)

Register at tedallas.org/events.

October 24

6:15PM: Shabbat Evening Service

Dr. Chancey's keynote address will set the stage for the issues and controversies surrounding religion in Texas public schools, including the Bluebonnet curriculum, Ten Commandments in classrooms and prayer and bible reading time at school. He will also discuss key legal issues and strategies for navigating the new reality.

October 25

9AM: Ten Commandments in the Classroom

This lecture and Q&A session will take a closer look at the impact of the recently passed Texas law requiring schools to display the Ten Commandments in every classroom. Dr. Chancey will also review the translations, versions, and denominational views of the Ten Commandments. Note: Dr. Chancey's presentation will replace the weekly Chever Torah class.

12PM: Bluebonnet Curriculum

In this lunch-and-learn following the Shabbat morning service, Dr. Chancey will examine the controversial Texas Bluebonnet curriculum, and discuss how you can have an impact on this issue in your school districts.

Brush Up on Jewish History

NEW CLASS BY RABBI MICHAEL LEWIS

By Anjelica Ruiz

Step into the sweeping story of the Jewish people with Jewish History 101, a three-part series with Rabbi Michael Lewis that will highlight key eras that have shaped Jewish identity, thought and community. Whether you're new to Jewish learning or looking to deepen your understanding, this course offers a meaningful journey through time.



Together, these classes offer not only names and dates, but insight into the resilience, creativity and evolving traditions of a people whose story continues to unfold.

All sessions are held at 7PM and each will focus on a distinct historical period. **Register at tedallas.org/events.**

November 4: The Torah and the Origins of the Jewish People

What is the Torah? Where did it come from? Explore the origins of Jewish history, from the Exodus to the destruction and rebuilding of the Temple. Learn how early texts formed and how events surrounding the Bible laid the groundwork for Judaism as we know it.

November 11: Judaism Meets the World: From the Second Temple to the Rabbis

Learn about the profound changes brought on by Greek and Roman rule. See how the "real story of Hanukkah" transformed Jewish life, and led to the emergence of Rabbinic Judaism following the fall of the Second Temple.

November 20: The Origins of Modern Judaism

How did we get to where we are today? Trace the journey of the Jewish people from the medieval world through the Enlightenment, where new ideas gave rise to the movements that shape modern Jewish life — Reform, Conservative, Orthodox, Zionism and beyond.

HANDS ON FOR TIKKUN OLAM

Tzedek Emanu-El, Temple's initiative to create a culture of social justice throughout Temple, will hold two field trips in September to our partner organizations.



Youth Field Trip

September 7 | McShan Elementary | 1-3PM

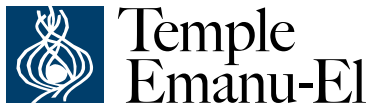
In partnership with United to Learn, Temple is creating and caring for a community garden at the school. This hands-on, family-friendly event offers the chance to build new garden beds, clear weeds and nurture this growing space together.

Adult Field Trip

September 10 | Now-Forward | 1PM

Visit the facility to learn about the impact of our long-standing partnership with Now-Forward (previously North Dallas Shared Ministries), especially through our annual High Holy Days Hunger Relief Drive. The field trip will also include a hands-on project to benefit the community. Transportation may be available based on interest.

Register: tedallas.org/events | Contact: Erica Matsil, ematsil@tedallas.org/events



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