

# The Window

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Our Community

# Our Clergy, Our Teachers

Excerpts from High Holy Days sermons and songs reflect on renewal, forgiveness, peace and hope.



**Rabbi Debra Robbins,  
Rosh Hashanah Evening**

Our Jewish history is an oscillating story. Down into the slavery of Egypt. Up to Mount Sinai. Up to Jerusalem. Down into exile only to return to climb the hills of

Tzefat. Down to the harbors of Europe and up to the ports of North America. There are ascents and descents across millennia and continents. Within these oscillations, Rabbi Benay Lappe teaches, there are, crash moments. They happen when the story we tell about ourselves or our world, shatters.

Our most recent Jewish crash moment was October 7, 2023. Rabbi Lappe explains at times like these, moments of existential and moral uncertainty, we need to tell our oscillating and intergenerational stories anew. She teaches there are three options.

Option One. Deny a crash has occurred. Revert to our master story and hang on for dear life. Build walls around that old master story to make sure that nothing interferes or threatens it ever again.

Option Two. Accept that our master story has crashed. Completely reject the master story. Jump off into a totally new story.

Option Three. Accept that our master story has crashed. Instead of abandoning the story, stay in it.

The Jewish people have chosen Option Three, time and time again, when Jewish life crashed. The rabbis of Babylonia initiated synagogue life when the Temple was destroyed. Spanish Jews lit candles on Friday nights without a blessing, and brought Judaism with them when they fled the Inquisition. Musicians at Theresienstadt sang the Verdi “Requiem,” preserving their own dignity and leaving us an inspirational legacy.

Our oscillating story is never done. When we crash, we reinterpret, rewrite and retell, each time adding our own signature. The sacred work of storytelling, about ourselves, about Israel, about our world, will endure, even after we are no longer here to share it.



**Rabbi Michael Lewis,  
Rosh Hashanah Morning**

Our tradition recognizes that the human experience is not black-and-white—that it’s okay for things to be complicated.

Our online conversations—they don’t leave much room for complexity. They barely give us room to wrestle with ourselves, let alone with one another. That’s part of why it is so challenging being Jewish at this moment: online, people often reduce who we are into something overly simplistic in order to fit a worldview.

Unfortunately, I’ve seen these divides extend to the Jewish community itself, where inter-Jewish polarization makes more and more people wonder if they can be in the same community, or be a part of the same people, as those who think differently than they do.

It’s easy to rally around the flag; easy to say that who we are is singing “Am Yisrael Chai” and changing our Facebook profile picture to one with a flag of Israel and patting ourselves on the back as good Jews—and everyone else who doesn’t do this—they’re bad Jews.

OR it’s easy to rally around the universalism of our tradition and say that Judaism cares about the lives of every person, and not just Jewish people. It’s easy to denounce other Jews for protecting and defending Jewish people and say, “how dare they do that in my name.” I can even say “Free Palestine” to show you how much I care about all people and that I’m a “good Jew”—and everyone else who’s not doing that, they’re bad Jews.

But Jewishly, both of these responses are completely insufficient. They both fail to honor our name—*Yisrael*, the people who struggle with God, with each other, with ourselves. Embracing complexity—both within ourselves and within our community—doesn’t always feel good right away. But I look around at this community today and I see hope.





## Rabbi David Stern, Yom Kippur Evening

Elie Wiesel often told the story of the righteous man who came to an evil city, and day after day, year after year, preached and protested against the people's evil ways.

After many years, a passerby approached him and asked, "Why do you continue to protest, day after day, year after year, when the people have not changed?" The righteous man answered, "At the beginning, I protested to try to change them. Now I protest so that they will not change me."

On those days when I wonder if the clarion call of our ancient wisdom can effectively combat the current crisis, I have Plan A faith and Plan B faith. Plan A faith is that our Jewish principles of humane respect and regard for difference can help build healing for our community and our society, if we each commit to living out those principles in our own lives, one day at a time. One act of respect at a time, one act of humility at a time, one urgent call for justice at a time, one act of compassion at a time, create and sustain the momentum for change. My Plan B faith is that if nothing else, when we live by those principles, we will not succumb to what surrounds us. I'm putting my chips on Plan A, but in either case, we will know we have resisted the darkness.

Back in the Exodus story, when God inflicts the plague of *choshech afeilah* [darkness] on the Egyptians, the Torah says *ulechol bnai Yisrael hayah or b'moshvotam*: "But the Israelites had light in their dwellings." The idea is that then, our ancestors were spared the plague of darkness. I do not think we have been so fortunate this time around. The idea is that then, God provided light in our dwellings in a time of crisis. And we pray the same will be true for us.

But in the meantime, the light is ours to kindle: the light of a great tradition's wisdom, the light of our God-given capacity for good, for transformation, for courage and healing and hope. Through that light may we see the face of the other, sense the suffering of the other, hear the voice of the other.

View sermons and music from the 2025/5786 High Holy Days on our YouTube playlist here.



## Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen, Yom Kippur Morning

For all of us, Yom Kippur underscores our opportunity to bear the load, to reflect and recenter, to set our sights on what we can pick up, what we need to let go of, and where we discover agency in making our way forward. We are a work in progress, partnering with God to change and evolve as we take flight into 5786.

The epic liturgical masterpiece of this season, Unetaneh Tokef, expresses that we are but travelers on this life journey. It challenges us to face the reality of our human existence: We who are mortal—our origin is dust, and so is our end. We endure our lives getting our bread—like broken vessels, like withered grass, like a flower that must fade, a shadow moving on, a cloud passing by, mere dust on the wind, a dream that flies away.

The words of this prayer are a motivation for us to live with awareness of our mortality, while seeking greater spiritual and moral capacity. The Unetaneh Tokef prayer concludes with the belief that our name is linked with God's—and we strive to be worthy of such a timeless dimension to our mortal days. Nothing is permanent, but how we choose to live our lives has lasting significance and consequences.

Amidst the acceptance of such truths, we return.

## Rabbi David Stern, Yizkor

How are our deceased loved ones bound up in the bond of life? In more ways than we can count. In the values they embodied, in the examples they created, when we laugh like them or try to channel their advice. When we stand up to do the right thing because that's exactly what they would have done.

We should never underestimate the power of a memory shared to bring healing and light into someone's day. It is a healing tool literally at our fingertips all the time. We should use it more.

They are bound up in life when we emulate them and when we choose not to; when we forgive them, and when a gurgling infant carries their name. When we thank God for the love, and heal from the pain.

They are in the bond and body of life—in the tilt of a head, the shape of a hand, in this one's carriage and that one's cadence. In our greatest achievements and in the most mundane things we do. I surely pray that my mother, who died 25 years ago, is wrapped in God's light, without pain, spirit floating free. And she is also in how I load the dishwasher.

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# For Everything, We are Grateful

It's never too early, too late or too often to give thanks. Whether it's the adorable "tank you" of a toddler, the beauty of songs of praise to God, or the never-ending appreciation of you, our members, Temple has built up strong muscle memory for gratitude.

The prayer said upon awakening is *modeh ani*, "I give thanks."

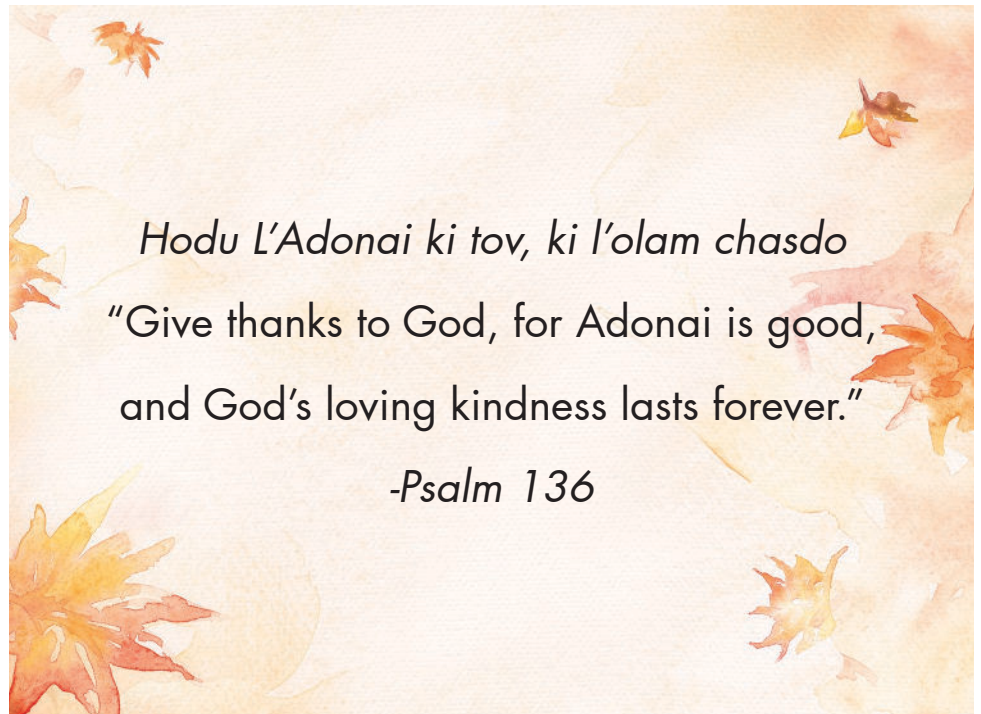
*Modim anachnu lach*, "Let us thank and praise You for our lives and souls," speaks to us in the Shabbat evening liturgy.

Psalm 136 says: *Hodu L'Adonai ki tov, ki l'olam chasdo*: "Give thanks to God, for Adonai is good, and God's loving kindness lasts forever." We sing a happy refrain at Passover, and again at festival services as part of the Hallel.

This month especially, our thoughts turn even more fully to gratitude as we reflect on the special time we shared at the beautiful High Holy Days, Sukkot and Simchat Torah. And we look ahead to Thanksgiving and Hanukkah, with thanks for abundance and miracles.

We are so grateful to our clergy for the wise words and beautiful music we experienced at the High Holy Days. Take a few moments to reinforce the messages with the sermon excerpts on pp. 2-3 and use your phone to access musical highlights via the QR code.

Need some inspo for your Thanksgiving table? Check out the selection of poems of thanks curated by Anjelica Ruiz, Director of Library and Archives, on p. 6.



We usher in Hanukkah with this year's theme of What Makes You Glow, pp. 8-9. Don't miss this packed-to-the-brim array of fun experiences designed to help you connect to your inner light.

The list of names on p. 7 acknowledges all the volunteers who helped make the High Holy Days season so seamless, meaningful and beautiful, and the photos on pp. 12-14 show the ways we came together in celebration and prayer.

Do you want to hear Nefesh Mountain's take on gratitude? Visit YouTube ([qrco.de/listentonefesh](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqrcode/listentonefesh)) to hear "Old Time Medley," a combo of "Down to the River to Pray," "Modeh Ani" and "Hallelujah." With banjo and the energetic melodies of Doni Zasloff and Eric Lindberg, you'll definitely be ready for their artist-in-residence weekend Nov. 14-16, p. 10.

(Who knows, perhaps the gratitude medley will make their Temple playlist!)

Also on November 16, Women of Reform Judaism sponsors an Israeli shuk-inspired shopping experience, p. 11. While you're getting your holiday gifting done with unique merchandise from local and Israeli vendors, we're storing up the gratitude to WRJ for working so hard to support Temple.

On p. 22, we introduce Yom Tzedek, our exciting day of action and commitment in true Temple social justice style. You'll be hearing lots more about the April 12 event in the months to come.

As we say good-bye to 2025, we give thanks for the light of freedom and wish you all the best in 2026.

# At Thanksgiving

*Compiled by Anjelica Ruiz, Director of Library and Archives*

As we approach Thanksgiving, these readings offer reflection on making the most of everyday wonders. We hope they are helpful as you celebrate the holiday.



Temple embraces the spirit of autumn at Sukkot HaYotzer, the artful hour of creativity that was held at All-In Shabbat.

## Shehecheyanu: Always a Reason for Gratitude

*Baruch atah Adonai  
Eloheinu Melech haolam,  
shehecheyanu v'kiymanu  
v'higiyanu lazman hazeh.*

ברוך אתה יי  
אלהינו מלך העולם  
שהחיינו וקיימנו  
והגיענו לזמן הזה.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God,  
Sovereign of the Universe, for giving us life,  
sustaining us and bringing us to this moment.

## Small Kindnesses

*Danusha Laméris*

I've been thinking about the way, when you walk down a crowded aisle, people pull in their legs to let you by. Or how strangers still say "bless you" when someone sneezes, a leftover from the Bubonic plague. "Don't die," we are saying. And sometimes, when you spill lemons from your grocery bag, someone else will help you pick them up. Mostly, we don't want to harm each other. We want to be handed our cup of coffee hot, and to say thank you to the person handing it. To smile at them and for them to smile back. For the waitress to call us honey when she sets down the bowl of clam chowder, and for the driver in the red pick-up truck to let us pass. We have so little of each other, now. So far from tribe and fire. Only these brief moments of exchange. What if they are the true dwelling of the holy, these fleeting temples we make together when we say, "Here, have my seat," "Go ahead—you first," "I like your hat."

## The Art of Blessing the Day

*Excerpt, by Marge Piercy*

....But the discipline of blessings is to taste each moment, the bitter, the sour, the sweet and the salty, and be glad for what does not hurt. The art is in compressing attention to each little and big blossom of the tree of life, to let the tongue sing each fruit, its savor, its aroma and its use.

Attention is love, what we must give children, mothers, fathers, pets, our friends, the news, the woes of others. What we want to change we curse and then pick up a tool. Bless whatever you can with eyes and hands and tongue. If you can't bless it, get ready to make it new.



# IN HEARTFELT RECOGNITION OF Our High Holy Days Volunteers

The clergy, staff and High Holy Days Advistory Team thank volunteers who made our celebrations so beautiful and meaningful this year. We couldn't have done it without you!

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# what makes you GLOW

Hanukkah 2025 | December 14–21

By Livia Stevenson

We invite you to discover what makes you glow this Hanukkah. Whether it's the light of community, the warmth of song, the sparkle of shared stories or the joy of giving back, each celebration reflects the light we create together. Join us leading up and throughout the week for music, food, tradition and connection as we light the candles, share our blessings and let our collective glow shine bright.

## Cantor in the Kitch: Latkes, Lights & L'Chayims

Thursday, December 11 | 6:30PM

Light, song and flavor come together for a Hanukkah celebration like no other! Join Cantor in the Kitch Leslie Niren and Chef Jordana Kohn of The Hungry Rooster, a Dallas kosher kitchen and catering company, for an evening filled with music, stories and festive favorites. The night begins with a lively cooking demonstration and conversation with the chefs, followed by a seated tasting. Together, we'll savor the season with creativity, connection and the warmth of Jewish tradition.

**Menu Preview:** Festival of Lights Fizz • Latke Boards • Chicken Schnitzel Fingers with Amba Date Mustard • Golden Glow Citrus & Beet Salad • Sufganiyot • Homemade Chocolate Gelt



## Light Up the Night: Hanukkah at NorthPark

Tuesday, December 16 | 6PM

Bring the whole family to this fun annual concert featuring the Temple Emanu-El Choir and youth choirs Kol Shir and Shir Joy. Sing along to your favorite tunes, show your Jewish pride, and light the candles together on the third night of Hanukkah.



## Hanukkah All-In Shabbat & Congregational Dinner

Friday, December 19 | 5PM Chavayah experience: art exhibition | 6PM Service followed by dinner

Experience the light of community as we celebrate the sixth night of Hanukkah. Kick off the evening with a special "What Makes You Glow" art exhibition created by Temple students and members of all ages. Don't forget to bring your *hanukkiyah* and candles to light as a congregation and stay after the service to enjoy a dinner with latkes and activities for kids.



Register for all events at [tedallas.org/events](https://tedallas.org/events)



# And More Festive Fun

Thursday, December 11



## Hanukkah in the Park | 12PM | Klyde Warren Park

Join the Temple Emanu-El Choir and Cantors Vicky Glikin, Leslie Niren and Hallie Weiner as they bring Hanukkah to life with a joyful performance in the heart of Dallas. Enjoy favorite holiday songs, discover new ones and experience the excitement of our choir being the first ever choir to perform at Klyde Warren Park.

Sunday, December 14

## Religious School Celebration

Our students bring their glow to Hanukkah on this last Sunday before winter break.

## Teen Hanukkah Event | 11:30AM

Teens in grades 9-12 are invited to celebrate with Temple Youth Group friends for an afternoon of food, games and Hanukkah fun.

Wednesday, December 17

## Café Emanu-El | 2PM

Celebrate the joy of the season at Temple with a vibrant community of older adults. We'll have a Hannukah Sing-along, some dreidel games and yummy Hannukah goodies shared with some of our ECEC students.



## Wiener-Sandfield Hanukkiyah Lighting | 6PM

Gather for a candlelighting and reception with the family of Temple's architect, Max Sandfield, who, with Howard Meyer, designed our current building.

## LGBTQ+ Hanukkah Happy Hour | 6PM

We'll begin by lighting the Wiener-Sandfield *hanukkiyah* together, then move into a fun evening of music, games and connection. Open to LGBTQ+ adults and allies, ages 21+.

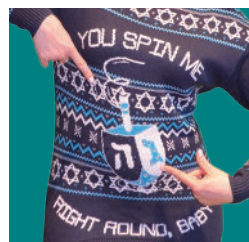
## Sh'ma Emanu-El All Group Gathering | 6PM

Join the Wiener-Sandfield *hanukkiyah* lighting, then enjoy a Hanukkah treat and time to meet new friends and make small group connections.

Saturday, December 20

## ATiD Hanukkah Social | 7PM

Wear your ugliest (and brightest!) Hanukkah sweater and join ATiD 20s and 30s for a seventh night Havdalah Hanukkah extravaganza featuring latkes and a potluck taste-off.



December 1-23

## Coat Drive

Help keep our Dallas neighbors warm this winter by bringing new or gently used coats of all sizes to Temple for donation. Your generosity will help others feel the glow of the season.



Calling All Makers!

Add your works of art to the Hanukkah All-In Shabbat Chavayah exhibition! You're welcome to create a painting, drawing or sculpture, video or slideshow inspired by the prompt "What Makes Me Glow."

Submissions are due by Dec. 14 at Temple to Erica Matsil, [ematsil@tedallas.org](mailto:ematsil@tedallas.org). Please contact Erica with any questions.

# BLUEGRASS ON THE BIMAH NEFESH MOUNTAIN



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—Temple Emanu-El

Relive the magic of Doni Zasloff and Eric Lindberg of Nefesh Mountain or experience their soulful music for the first time in a special weekend at Temple.

Friday, November 14

**All-In Shabbat**

**5:30PM: Early Oneg**

**6PM: Shabbat Evening Service** in Nasher-Haemisegger Family Atrium and online

Doni and Eric of Nefesh Mountain will join our cantors and musicians in leading the service.

**7PM: Picnic Dinner**

Bring your own meal or order ahead and enjoy a casual dinner under the stars.



Saturday, November 15

**9AM: Tot Shabbat**, Nasher-Haemisegger Family Atrium, in person only

Children 5 and under and their families are invited to sing and dance with Doni and Eric. A light breakfast will be served.

**6:30PM: Havdalah Concert**, Nasher-Haemisegger Family Atrium, in person only

Celebrate the close of Shabbat with Havdalah and an uplifting concert. In this intimate "Storytellers" performance, Doni and Eric of Nefesh Mountain share songs and stories from their decade-long musical journey, spanning seven albums of bluegrass, folk and Jewish-inspired music. Experience the magic of their melodies, the joy of Jewish spirit and a behind-the-scenes look at the inspirations behind their songs.

Sunday, November 16

**9AM: Religious School Concert**

Religious School students and their parents and grandparents are invited to a concert with Doni and Eric. Be sure to swing by the Hanukkah Bazaar after the concert! (details p. 11)

Register for all events and pre-purchase Shabbat evening dinner at [tedallas.org/events](https://tedallas.org/events).







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# Hanukkah Bazaar

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

9AM-2:30PM

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# From Shofar Blast to Torah Dance

*Compiled by Livia Stevenson*

**The High Holy Days and fall festivals invited us into a time of reflection, gratitude and joy. From apples and honey to lulav and Torah, each gathering offered a moment to renew our spirits and strengthen our bonds as a community. Together, we entered 5786 with meaning, melody and deep connection to one another and to our tradition.**



ATiD 20s and 30s leadership gather on the bimah on Erev Rosh Hashanah to lead our young adults in the candle blessing.



Rosh Hashanah wouldn't be complete without apples and honey!



Our Sukkot festival service includes our commemoration of the second anniversary of the October 7 attacks in Israel and our hopes for peace.



Our Temple community comes together to share in Tashlich at various locations all through the Dallas area.



Sukkot HaYotzer, a tradition brought to us from Israel by sh'lichah Aya Margalit, brings out the artist in everyone.



Stations with connection to Israel and the themes of Yom Kippur invite people to think deeper about the meaning of this sacred day.



Mark Kleinman and Robert Karpel greet and usher our community during the holidays.





Consecration students share giggles and fun as they commit to their Jewish education at the Simchat Torah evening service celebration.



Temple staff prepares for Simchat Torah by getting up close and personal with a scroll during staff meeting.



ECEC preschoolers help load our High Holy Days Hunger Relief Drive donation truck.



Through music, breath and meditation, Cantor Vicky Glikin and Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen invite participants to let go of the ordinary and dig deep on this holiday of reflection.



As they prepare for Rosh Hashanah, our Center for Jewish Learning 5th graders gathered to learn about and do their own Taschlich.



Oh babies! All children who were born since Rosh Hashanah 2024 participate with their parents in a special Shehecheyenu blessing.



Kol Shir and Shir Joy youth choirs get ready to lead the congregation in song at Sukkot All-In Shabbat!



Even our littlest learners get to enjoy the sights, smells and sounds of Sukkot!





Temple's senior social group led by Marty Mintz fulfills the mitzvah of gathering in the sukkah and enjoying a festive lunch together.



Thank you to Temple member Jay Szor, who restored the silver Torah ornaments, for a sparkling touch during the holiday season.



The art glass station at Sukkot HaYotzer features supplies for a fabulous community art glass creation. We can't wait to see the final product!



During the 1PM Rosh Hashanah service, participants use the tallit for a special prayer for healing.



Rabbi David Stern leads a poetry learning session on Yom Kippur afternoon.



Shake, shake, shake! Rabbi David Stern leads the shaking of the lulav at All-In Shabbat.

# SHINE *the light*

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

### Grief Support on Zoom

First Tuesday of the month, 12-1PM: Nov. 4, Dec. 2 and Jan. 6

### In-Person Grief Support

Last Tuesday of each month, 12-1PM: Nov. 18, Dec. 30 and Jan. 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, visit [jfsdallas.org](http://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](mailto: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.

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By Anjelica Ruiz

## A Lifetime of Joyful Connection

Peggy Zilbermann's Temple journey is filled with faith, family and community. Born in El Dorado, Arkansas, she moved to Fort Worth at age 4. As a child, Peggy was deeply involved with Broadway Baptist Church, singing in the choir and participating in youth group activities. "That was one of the biggest experiences that shaped my life," she reflects. "We went on trips to help all kinds of communities throughout the United States."

It wasn't until college at the University of Texas at Austin that Peggy met her first Jewish friends, one of whom introduced her to Mark Zilbermann, who would eventually become her husband. Before their wedding, Peggy met with Rabbi Gerald Klein to begin what she fondly describes as a "quickie conversion" which, though brief, was profoundly meaningful. "He was my mentor and I loved him dearly," Peggy says. "He listened to me, laughed and cried with me and helped me learn what it means to be Jewish."

Rabbi Klein officiated at Peggy and Mark's wedding in 1977. Her parents were fully supportive of her choice to become Jewish, and developed a close friendship with Mark's parents, Pat and Andy Zilbermann, members of Temple for more than 50 years. With a smile, Peggy adds, "A little fun fact about that wedding is that it was the largest wedding at Temple paid for by Baptists."

Before starting a family, Peggy taught kindergarten at religious school alongside Barbara Einsohn. Though new to Judaism at the time, Peggy found joy in sharing the stories of Jewish holidays with her young students.

Over the years, Temple Emanu-El has become a cornerstone for the Zilbermann family. Both of their sons, Aaron and Doug Zilbermann, became bar mitzvah and were confirmed at Temple and one attended Greene Family Camp. Peggy's granddaughters, Gigi and Bella, are currently in the confirmation class at the Karla & Larry Steinberg Center for Jewish Learning. Mark served as president from 2015-2017 and as co-chair of the Our Temple | Our Future capital campaign.

Peggy fondly remembers Rabbi David Stern in his early years as a young junior rabbi, beloved by her children and so many others. She also recalls youth ski retreats with Judi Ratner, overnight programs with OriAnn Phillips, countless Purim carnivals and even a gentle reprimand for serving pepperoni pizza at a youth function.



Peggy devoted eight years to the former Caring Congregation committee, a wide-ranging network of efforts to provide member-to-member support. She worked alongside lay leaders Laurie Drazner and Susan Kramer, as well as former Temple staff liaison Peggy Papert. "Those years were so fulfilling and meaningful for me," she says.

When Peggy was asked to chair Temple's Annual Fund, she initially hesitated. "I have to say I was reluctant to ask people for money. It's just not my nature," she admits. "But I've grown to love it because I've learned that all you need is enthusiasm and belief in Temple's values and missions."

For Peggy, the most rewarding part of her Annual Fund role has been the people she has met. "I've gotten to be close friends with so many new people I wouldn't have met otherwise," she shares. She credits immediate past chair Lindsay Shipp, current vice chair Sophie Levy Zuckerman, Development Chair Nikki Gibson and Mary Lee Broder of the leadership cohort for their support, along with Sandy Diamond and Joselyn Ramey as staff partners. "They've all served as incredible examples of stewardship and commitment."

Looking ahead, Peggy's vision for a successful Annual Fund for 2025-2026 can be summed up in one word: inclusion.

"Everyone has a seat at this table, no matter how small or large the contribution, whether it's monetary or time spent," she emphasizes. "You are so appreciated. Everything that happens at Temple would not be possible without people working together as a family. I believe if we all work hard enough, Together We Can make everyone feel included."

# 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 Larry Barzune**

by Marianne Morris

### **Memory of Abe R. Cohen**

by Marilyn Fiedelman

### **Memory of Irene Fiedelman**

by Marilyn Fiedelman

### **Memory of Stuart Fiedelman**

by Marilyn Fiedelman

### **Memory of Pauline Pierce**

Graivier

by Rita Sue Gold

by Irma Grossman

by Marianne Morris

### **Memory of Jane Rodgers**

by Rita Sue Gold

### **Memory of Helen Sherman**

by Carla Sherman

### **Memory of Mildred Silverberg**

by Cathay & James Greenfield

### **Appreciation of Rabbi**

Michael Lewis

by Joan Skibell

### **Appreciation of Cantor**

Leslie Niren

by Joan Skibell

### Susan Salom Clergy Good

### Works Funds

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

### **Memory of Samuel J. Ablon**

by Rosie Stromberg

### **Memory of Wendy Blum**

by Donald Blum

### **Memory of Pauline Pierce**

Graivier

by Karla & Larry Steinberg

by Rosie Stromberg

### **Memory of Bernard Hoffman**

by Jackie & Michael Hoffman

by Jackie & Michael Hoffman

### **Memory of Estelle Magid**

by Lynn & Jeffrey Magid

### **Memory of Wolf Ozarow**

by Mary Dale & Richard Roth

### **Memory of Rita Power**

by Lynne & Mark Rossow

### **Memory of Leah Donosky**

Rudberg

by Sister & Joel Steinberg

### **Memory of Annette Silver**

by Rosie Stromberg

### **Memory of Leon Toubin**

by Karla & Larry Steinberg

### **Memory of Michele Wahlder**

by Nancy & Richard Fincher

by Barbara & David Muntz

### **Memory of Blanche**

Weinberger

by Paul Steinberg

### **Memory of Eva Woolf**

by Carol Tobias

### **90th Birthday of Sister**

Steinberg

by Suzanne Ablon

by Karla & Larry Steinberg

### **Appreciation of Brad**

Blumenthal

by Evelyn & Eugene Fox

### **Appreciation of Lindsay**

Gerard & Clay Mansell

by Lori & Bret Gerard

### **Appreciation of Cantor**

Vicky Glikin

by Elena Fainshtein

by Michael Kerber

### **Appreciation of Rabbi**

Kimberly Herzog Cohen

by Gayle Ranen

### **Appreciation of Rabbi**

Debra Robbins

by Denise & Barnett Bookatz

by Barry Gluck

by Carol Hirsh

by Debra & Barry Rothschild

### **Birth of Jack S. Sarmiento**

by Susan & Daryl Beck

by Lynn & Bob Behrendt

by Katherine & Jimmy Harvey

by Paul Radman

by Sister & Joel Steinberg

by Rosie Stromberg

by Fran & Jeff Toubin

### **Appreciation of Rabbi**

David Stern

by Hollye Zidell

### **Appreciation of Hallie Weiner**

by Carol Hirsh

### **Celebration of Suzanne Ablon**

by Karla & Larry Steinberg

### **Celebration of Lindsay Gerard**

& Clay Mansell

by Lori & Bret Gerard

### **Happy Holidays to Bonnie &**

Monte Hurst

by Stephanie & Richard London

### **Honor of Rabbi David Stern &**

Rabbi Nancy Kasten

by Susan & Joel Litman

### **Unveiling of Blanche**

Weinberger

by Paul Steinberg

### 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 Pauline Pierce**

Graivier

by Lisa & Jeff Genecov

by Suzi & Jack Greenman

by Linda & Mike Sheff

### **Memory of Wilbur Harris**

by Sarah & Rich Abramowitz

### **Memory of Frances Schneider**

by Emily Bearden

by Jackie & Michael Hoffman

### **Memory of Leon Toubin**

by Kathy & Morris Palefsky

### **Memory of Michele Wahlder**

by Lisa & Jeff Genecov



## OUR TEMPLE AND CEMETERY

### Rose Marion & Lee H. Berg

### Building Fund

*Upkeep and maintenance of our historic building*

### **Memory of Norman L.**

Sandfield

by Joan Jackson

### **Appreciation of Temple**

Emanu-El Clergy & Staff

by Joan Jackson

### Temple Emanu-El Cemetery Endowment Fund

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

### **Memory of Samuel J. Ablon**

by Shelley & Jeff Becker

### **Memory of Bernard Hoffman**

by Shelley & Jeff Becker

### **Memory of Leon Toubin**

by Shelley & Jeff Becker

### **Appreciation of Rabbi**

Debra Robbins

by Carol Tobias

### Dorothy and Henry Jacobus

### Archives Fund

*Support of special exhibits from our Archives*

### **Memory of Linda Kasmir**

by Susan & Ellis Wolbe

### **Memory of Selma M. Landau**

by Sandy Phillips

### **Memory of Jeff Phillips**

by Sandy Phillips

### **Memory of Joyce Zidell**

by Elaine & Allen Schuster

### Rabbi Gerald J. Klein

### Memorial Cemetery Fund

*Beautification and improvements of the Temple Emanu-El Cemetery*

### **Memory of Harry Birnbaum**

by Sheela & Marc Birnbaum

### **Memory of Naomi Bloom**

by Sheila Boris Lerer

### **Memory of Mendel Melasky**

by Julie & Michael Lowenberg

### **Memory of Rosalie Taubman**

by Suzi & Jack Greenman

### Rabbi Gerald J. Klein Garden Fund

*Maintenance of the Klein Garden*

### **Memory of Harry Birnbaum**

by Sheela & Marc Birnbaum

### **Memory of Naomi Bloom**

by Sheila Boris Lerer

### **Memory of Mendel Melasky**

by Julie & Michael Lowenberg

### **Memory of Rosalie Taubman**

by Suzi & Jack Greenman

### Alex F. Weisberg Library Fund

*Purchase of Judaic books, publications and entertainment media*

### **Memory of Lawrence Tobias**

by Leah Engelberg

by Polly Weisberg



## GENERAL

### Temple Emanu-El General Operating Fund

*Support of Temple's general programs and events*

### **Memory of Annette Alper**

by Diane Alper Colton

### **Memory of Helene Barcoff**

by Tami Schneider

### **Memory of Larry Barzune**

by Mary Bloom

by Lotty & Bobby Brodsky-Lyle

by Nancy Shelton

### **Memory of Peggy Jane Cohen**

Bennett

by Janet & Mitch Jacobs

### **Memory of Naomi Bloom**

by Donna Levin

### **Memory of Adrienne Epstein**

by Sue Mintz & Jim Panipinto

### **Memory of Viola Ganeles**

by June Leib

### **Memory of**

by Shelley & Mike Rosen

### **Memory of Pauline Pierce**

Graivier

by Debbie & Marc Andres

by June Leib

by Barbara & Randy Rosenblatt

### **Memory of Julie Hirsh**

by Phyllis & Ronald Steinhart

### **Memory of Bernard Hoffman**

by Katherine Krause &

Warren Zahler

### **Memory of Hanne Klein**

by Lotty & Bobby Brodsky-Lyle

by Kerri & Rick Lacher

by June Leib

by Allison May Rosen

### **Memory of Stan Levenson**

by Susan Jacobs

by Nancy Ungerman

### **Memory of Peter Loeb**

by Lotty & Bobby Brodsky-Lyle

### **Memory of Lester Melnick**

by Patti Guider

### **Memory of Morton H.**

Meyerson

by Lotty & Bobby Brodsky-Lyle

by Sandy & Rabbi Barry

Diamond

by Richard Levin

by Marti Meyerson

### **Memory of Allen S. Palmer**

by Donna Levin

### **Memory of Howie Ranen**

by Andi & David Sklar

### **Memory of Bert Romberg**

by Nancy Ungerman

### **Memory of Norman L.**

Sandfield

by Dottie & Robert Giesler

by Rae & Ronnie Weiss

### **Memory of Frances Schneider**

by Lynn & Jay Vernon

### **Memory of Jeanne Polakoff**

Schulman

by Howard Polakoff

### **Memory of Werner Steinhart**

by Phyllis & Ronald Steinhart

### **Memory of Rosalie Taubman**

by Brad Blumenthal

### **Memory of Michele Wahlder**

by Gladys & Fritze Fine

### **Memory of Helga Weinstein**

by Lotty & Bobby Brodsky-Lyle

### **Memory of Rhea Wolfram**



**Temple Emanu-El  
Endowment Fund**

*Distribution from the foundation  
supporting Temple's programs*  
**Memory of Charles Bennett**  
by Janet & Mitch Jacobs  
**Memory of Hanne Klein**  
by Melinda May & David Gough  
by Shannon Reed  
by Rosie Stromberg  
**Memory of Stan Levenson**  
by Kimberly & Jeffrey Chapman  
**Memory of Morton H.  
Meyerson**  
by Jan & Tom Timmons



**MUSIC AND PRAYER**

**Music Fund**

*Enhancement of Temple  
music programs*  
**Memory of Sheila Einhorn**  
by Nancy & Tony Kaufman  
**Memory of Mary Goodman**  
by Ann Kahn  
**Memory of Stan Levenson**  
by Rosie Stromberg  
**Memory of Beatrice Marks**  
by Marlene & Richard Marks  
**Memory of Morton H.  
Meyerson**  
by Rosie Stromberg  
**Appreciation of Rabbi Debra  
Robbins**  
by Carol Hirsh  
**Appreciation of Hallie Weiner**  
by Carol Hirsh

**Aline C. Rutland Prayer  
Book Fund**

*Purchases of prayer books*  
**Memory of Viola Ganeles**  
by Zola Blicher



**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**(ATiD) Young Adults Fund**

*Support of Jewish engagement  
of young adults in their 20s  
and 30s*  
**Memory of Libby Goldberg**  
by Mindy & Rick Cohen  
**Memory of Lena Kimmel**  
by Mindy & Rick Cohen

**Katherine F. Baum Adult  
Education Fund**

*Support for adult education  
programs*  
**Memory of Edna K. Flaxman**  
by Suzi & Jack Greenman



**SOCIAL JUSTICE**

**Hunger Relief Fund**

*Collection of funds for hunger  
relief throughout the year,  
especially during High Holy  
Days and Passover*  
**Memory of Herman Beck**  
by Susan & Daryl Beck  
**Memory of Louise Beck**  
by Susan & Daryl Beck  
**Memory of Esther Cohn**  
by Mary Ann Lustig  
**Memory of Ned Edelman**  
by Sheila & Stephen Stieglitz  
**Memory of Richard Espinosa**  
by Carol & Jon Weinstein  
**Memory of Debra Gluck**  
by Barry Gluck  
**Memory of Howard Godsey**  
by Courtney Hensel  
**Memory of Jene Godsey**  
by Courtney Hensel  
**Memory of Pauline Pierce  
Graivier**

by Annette Corman  
by Helen Feldman  
**Memory of Arno Hensel**  
by Courtney Hensel  
**Memory of Orell Morris  
Hensel**  
by Courtney Hensel  
**Memory of Pauline Israel**  
by Nancy & Solomon Israel  
**Memory of Herman Beck,  
Louise Beck & Gloria Kersh**  
by Susan & Daryl Beck  
**Memory of Hanne Klein**  
by Annette Corman  
**Memory of William Levine**  
by Linda Levine & Norma Sue  
Bearden  
**Memory of Edna Lowenberg**  
by Julie & Michael Lowenberg  
**Memory of Morton H.  
Meyerson**  
by Annette Corman  
**Memory of Lewis Ring**  
by Sue Ring  
**Memory of Frances Schneider**  
by Scott Cytron  
**Memory of Della Shay**

by Sue Ring  
**Memory of Frieda Simon**  
by Evelyn & Eugene Fox  
**Memory of Marcus Simon**  
by Evelyn & Eugene Fox  
**Memory of Rosalie Taubman**  
by Helen Feldman  
**Memory of Alan Wormser**  
by Deborah & Rick Rosen  
**Memory of Joyce Zidell**  
by Celia Saunders  
**Appreciation of Brinda Patel**  
by Celia Saunders  
**Appreciation of Temple  
Emanu-El Clergy**  
by Ellen Kaufman McIntosh  
**Honor of John Chaussee**  
by Karen Levinson

**The Jill Stone Tikkun**

**Olam Fund**

*Support of Temple's social  
justice programs including  
initiatives, advocacy, projects  
and lectures*  
**Memory of Larry Barzune**  
by Marilyn Fiedelman  
**Memory of Michele Wahlder**  
by Stacy & Stuart Simon  
**Memory of Allen V. Drew**  
by Susan & Joel Litman  
**Memory of Carl B. Flaxman**  
by Suzi & Jack Greenman  
**Memory of Michele Wahlder**  
by Sue Mintz & Jim Panipinto  
**Memory of Hanne Klein**  
by Jeri & Leland Dushkin  
**Memory of Adele Regan**  
by Cathy & Gary Golden  
**Memory of Norman L.  
Sandfield**  
by Suzi & Jack Greenman  
**Memory of Michele Wahlder**  
by Michael Kerber

**Priscilla R. Stern Memorial  
Literacy Fund**

*Support of literacy projects  
in the general and Jewish  
communities*  
**Memory of Samuel J. Ablon**  
by Ruthie & Alan Shor  
**Memory of Stan Levenson**  
by Ruthie & Alan Shor  
**Memory of Dianne Betty  
Gordon Schonwald**  
by Kim & Avie Schonwald  
**Memory of Rosalie Taubman**  
by Wendy & George Palmer  
**Birth of Jack S. Sarmiento**  
by Joni & Robert Cohan  
by June Leib

by May Sebel  
by Ruthie & Alan Shor  
by Henrietta & Melvin Weinberg  
**Honor of Brian Cohen**  
by Nancy & Tony Kaufman

**Social Justice Youth  
Education Fund**

*Support of worthwhile  
educational causes for youth  
in need*  
**Memory of Hanne Klein**  
by Peggy & Dave Millheiser  
**Memory of Peter Loeb**  
by Peggy & Dave Millheiser  
**Memory of Helga Weinstein**  
by Peggy & Dave Millheiser  
**Birth of Lewis R. Wedgeworth**  
by Carol & Jon Weinstein



**YOUTH AND EARLY  
CHILDHOOD  
EDUCATION**

**Early Childhood Education  
Center (ECEC) Fund**

*Support of ECEC programs*  
**Memory of Laura B. Darver**  
by Sherri & Alan Darver  
**Memory of Julie Hirsh**  
by Patty Traub  
**Memory of Stan Levenson**  
by Ethel Zale  
**Memory of Howie Ranen**  
by Patty Traub  
**Birthday of Sister Steinberg**  
by Janice & Art Weinberg

**Jeanette and Raymond Israel  
Teacher Training Fund**

*Funds for continuing education  
for religious school teachers*  
**Memory of Julie Hirsh**  
by Elisa & Steven Reiter  
**Memory of Adele Regan**  
by Jan & Tom Timmons  
**35th Anniversary of Mike &  
Sharon Willey**  
by Sarith & Rich Abramowitz

**Gina Rosenfield Levy  
Greene Family Camp  
Scholarship Fund**

*Financial assistance to families  
for Greene Family Camp*  
**Memory of Julie Hirsh**  
by Phyllis & Phil Stoup  
**Memory of William Kimmel**  
by Mindy & Rick Cohen  
**Memory of Sam J. Rosenfield**  
by Phyllis & Phil Stoup  
**Memory of Charles  
Rubenstein**  
by Mindy & Rick Cohen  
**Memory of Marcus Wells**  
by Bobbi & Jerry Wells  
**Birth of Jack S. Sarmiento**  
by Susan Donnerfield  
**Birthday of Bruce Galanter**  
by Ronna Zelickman

**Lomdim Project**

*Support of an open and  
inclusive community for YL+E  
children with special needs*  
**Memory of Maurice C. Harvey**  
by Katherine & Jimmy Harvey

**Metz Youth Fund**

*Scholarships for Jewish activities  
sponsored by Temple or other  
Jewish organizations*  
**Memory of Pauline Pierce  
Graivier**  
by Ellen & Allan Metz  
**Memory of Julie Hirsh**  
by Jan & Tom Timmons  
**Honor of Mike Roth**  
by Julie Levy Robinowitz

**David B. Shalom Religious  
Education Fund**

*Financial assistance for religious  
education for Temple members*  
**Memory of Rosalie Taubman**  
by Jan & Tom Timmons

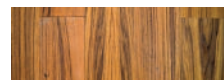
**Martin & Charlotte Weiss  
Religious School Fund**

*Scholarships for religious  
school fees, books and  
additional expenses*  
**Memory of Julie Hirsh**  
by Debra & Daniel Beaty  
by Joan Bernbaum  
by Susan Breen  
by Avra & Andrew Carr  
by Trudy & Howard Cohen  
by Diane Alper Colton  
by Janet Eickmeyer  
by Lois & Ross Finkelman  
by Jackie & Sheldon Fleschman

by Theresa Frazell  
by Renee & Buddy Gilbert  
by Beverly & Charles Ginsburg  
by Joyce & Alan Goldberg  
by Kathleen Hebb & David  
Anderson  
by Shelley & Richard Hirsh  
by Joan Jackson  
by Ann & Bruce Kimmel  
by Leslye Lapidus & Stephen  
Lapidus  
by Beverly & Bruce Laves  
by Felise & Harold Leidner  
by Marsha Lev  
by Benjamin Levine  
by Hope & Alan Levine  
by Aimee & Daniel Luteran  
by Jill & Eric Matthews  
by Tricia Michaelson  
by John Bondeson & Jeffrey  
Miller  
by Sue Mintz & Jim Panipinto  
by Lauri & Irving Pongler  
by Irene & Bernard Raden  
by Lanie Rose  
by Joyce & Joseph Rosenfield  
by Teresa & Lance Rosenfield  
by Beverly & Cary Rossel  
by Celia & Larry Schoenbrun  
by Cynthia Seltzer  
by Karen & Fred Shapiro  
by Tina Shodeen  
by Gail & Robert Solomon  
by Olga Strauss  
by Diana Strauss  
by Julie Tallant  
by Emily Welcher  
by Ilene & Perry Zidow  
**Anniversary of Mike &  
Sharon Willey**  
by Frances & Alan Harris

**Shor/Lowenstein Youth  
Scholarship Fund**

*Financial assistance to families for  
participation in youth programs*  
**Birthday of Ruthie Shor**  
by Julie & David Fields



**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*

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**In Honor of Sharon and  
Mike Willey**

by Celia Saunders and  
Minnette Klein

**As a Contribution**

by Emily Atlas  
by Diana Edelman  
by Pam Karpel  
by Polly Weisberg  
by Marla H Bane  
by Susie Litman  
by Julie Lowenberg  
by Kerry Silver  
by Sharon Willey  
by Lynn Salzberger  
by Louise Rosenfield  
by Nancy Israel  
by Margie Landson  
by Barbara Einsohn  
by Ginafer Shelton-Gray  
by Julie Fields  
by Yuh Min Chook  
by Kristy Goltz  
by Leslie Null  
by Jan Timmons  
by Roz Katz  
by Allison Schwartz  
by Mindy Cohen  
by Leah Beth Kolni

**Freda Gail Stern Fund**

*Support of social action projects  
consistent with WRJ's mission*

**Memory of Adele**

**Lippmann Regan**

by Celia Saunders

**In Honor of Sharon and  
Mike Willey**

by Celia Saunders and  
Minnette Klein

**As a Contribution**

by Pam Karpel  
by Polly Weisberg  
by Marla H Bane  
by Susie Litman  
by Anne Batalsky, Joel Batalsky  
by May Sebel  
by Louise Rosenfield  
by Nancy Israel  
by Margie Landson  
by Julie Fields  
by Yuh Min Chook  
by Kristy Goltz  
by Jan Timmons  
by Roz Katz  
by Allison Schwartz  
by Mindy Cohen  
by Barbara Selz  
by Leah Beth Kolni

# Celebration & Remembrance

*Compiled by Thomas Booe*

## BECOMING B'NAI MITZVAH



**Jacob Hirsch**  
**November 1**  
Son of Margaret and  
Brad Hirsch  
St. Mark's School of Texas  
Tikkun Olam: Operation  
Kindness



**Anna Mabel**  
**November 1**  
Daughter of Kimberly and  
Andrew Mabel  
Parkhill Junior High School  
Tikkun Olam: Rich Lubke  
Community Organic Garden



**Asher Einstein**  
**November 8**  
Son of Diana and Heath  
Einstein  
Parish Episcopal School  
Tikkun Olam: Projects at  
Arthur Kramer Elementary



**Alais Fontaine**  
**November 8**  
Daughter of Nicole and  
Kevin Cooper  
Parkhill Junior High School  
Tikkun Olam: Chai House,  
Friendship Circle,  
The Legacy



**Arianna Malphurs**  
**November 15**  
Daughter of Nicole Friedman  
and Ryan Malphurs  
Good Shepherd Episcopal  
School  
Tikkun Olam: Mentor  
for HATS



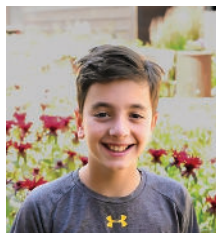
**Ari Fine**  
**November 22**  
Son of Stephanie and  
Dan Fine  
Episcopal School of Dallas  
Tikkun Olam: BedStart



**Gabriel Goldberg**  
**November 22**  
Son of Sharon and  
Eric Goldberg  
Parkhill Junior High  
Tikkun Olam: Israel  
Lacrosse Association



**Adrian Sheimberg**  
**December 6**  
Son of Alice and  
Arturo Sheimberg  
Parish Episcopal School  
Tikkun Olam: Coaching  
assistant for young athletes



**Noah Gail**  
**December 13**  
Son of Sara and David Gail  
St. Mark's School of Texas  
Tikkun Olam: The Trailhead  
Museum, Crested Butte,  
Colorado



**Aubrey Goodman**  
**December 20**  
Daughter of Anna Miller-  
Goodman and Andrew  
Goodman  
Richardson West Junior  
High School

**Not Pictured:**

**Naomi Shellef**  
**November 15**

Daughter of Jennifer and Edo Shellef  
The Hockaday School  
Tikkun Olam: Feed My Starving Children

**Livia Perel**  
**December 6**

Daughter of David and Caroline Perel  
Greenhill School  
Tikkun Olam: North Texas Food Bank



## NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS

Julie, Dave, Zoe, Ellie and Alex Abel  
 Ariella and Adrian Allen  
 Rachel Black-Maier and Guy Allouche  
 Rachel Andres and Rebecca Andres-Tysch  
 Elyssa, Richard, Harrison and Nora Barnett  
 Susan and Howard Barnett  
 Danielle, Jon, Maren, Jacob and Brett Barr  
 Rachel, Travis, Dean and Cam Carlile  
 Hiba, Sam, Husny, Jason and Leia Darwish  
 Rachel Eisen and Cameron Crabbe  
 Samantha Fine, Camilo and Maximo Sanchez  
 Lulu Marin & Steve Forman  
 Marcie, Jason and Juliana Friedman

Nanci Gay  
 Lindsay Gerard and Clay Mansell  
 Stephanie, Sam and Scarlett Glazer  
 Sherrie Grunfeld  
 Sarah, Jared, Sophie and Hudson Harding  
 Melanie, Robert, Ace and Avia Ingwer  
 Ethan Kerstein  
 Sarah Fairweather and Robert Levitan  
 Liz, Max and Jaxton Lowenstein  
 Erin Myers, Jeffrey, August and Loretta Babb  
 Nikki, David, Hannah and Elizabeth Neveau  
 Jennifer, Howard, Chloe and Oliver Newman  
 Jamie Palefsky

Sabrina Noorvash, Kia and Eloise Payani  
 Julie and Ray Percival, Dylan and Miles Ratner  
 Jessica, Josh, Kathryn and Clara Peterman  
 Emilee, David, Allison, Alexander and Amelia Retsky  
 Anna Rosenblatt  
 Alyssa, Eric and Talia Samuelson  
 Lauren Bernstein, Mark, Devin and Levi Shteyn  
 Stephanie Stern  
 Peter Wallace and Taylor Rothfield  
 Rebecca, Brad and Seth Weprin  
 Kiana, Andrew and Penelope Wheeler

## BABY NAMINGS

**Sunny Gelbard Ben (not pictured)**  
 Daughter of Yaron and Adam Gelbard Ben

**Abel Jacob Chernoff (not pictured)**  
 Son of Adrienne Feltman and Adam Chernoff  
 Brother of Ava and Annie Chernoff  
 Grandson of Arlene and Allen Feltman

**Grayson Luke Toppel (not pictured)**  
 Son of Lauren and Ryan Toppel  
 Grandson of Freda and John Heald  
 Great-grandson of Gerry Cristol



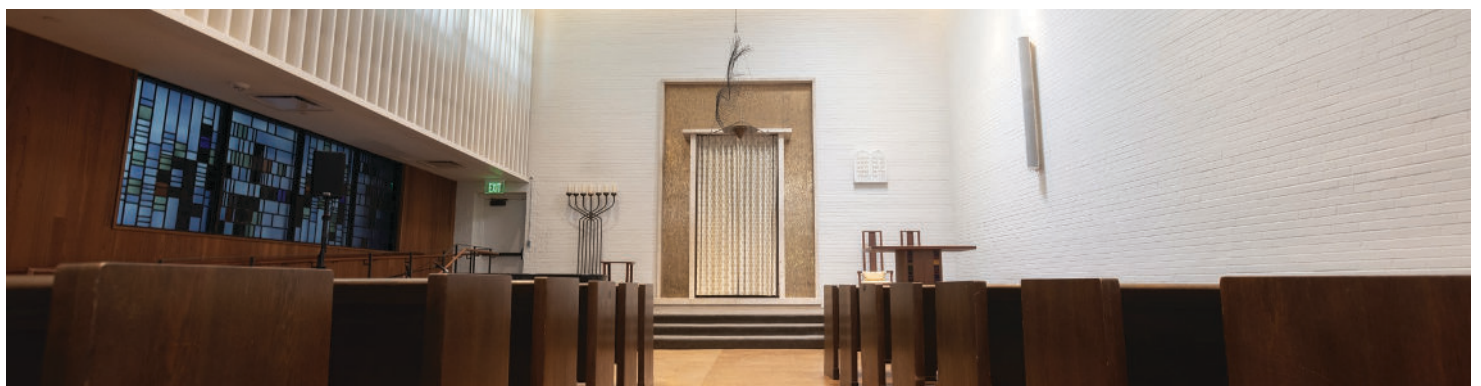
**Watson Philip Applebaum**  
 Son of Charlotte Brown and Jack Applebaum



**Roy Baker**  
 Son of Kagan and Benton Baker



**Collins Gross**  
 Daughter of Melissa and Andrew Gross  
 Sister of Blakely



## IN MEMORIAM

### Sam Ablon

Father of Michael Ablon,  
Michaela Ablon and  
Miki Eilers

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Mother of Lisa Rapfogel and  
Robert Brian Rapfogel  
Sister of Michael Freed and  
Miles Barton Freed

### Beth Balman

### Naomi Bloom

Mother of Staci Bloom,  
Jason Bloom and  
Evan Bloom  
Sister of A. J. Wiesenfeld

### Roe Bovos

Mother of Marsha Deitchman

### Ada Courter

### Audrey Denner

Mother of Pamela Strasen,  
Jordan Denner and  
Victor Denner

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Mother of Tracy Bell, Lisa  
Graivier Barnes and  
Dr. Miles Graivier

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Husband of Tanya Harris  
Father of Jacob Harris  
Brother of Billy Herszkowitz

### Wilbur Harris

Father of Scot Harris, Cyndi  
Harris and Beth Schiller

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Sister of Emily Hirsh and  
Sharon Hirsh Hill

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Husband of Barbara  
Hoffman  
Father of Michael G.  
Hoffman and Laura  
Hoffman

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Sister of Scott Teich  
Mother of Simon Kasmir  
and Max Kasmir

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Kenneth Klein, Craig Klein  
and Jonathan Klein

### Sandy Kuntz

Mother of Michael Kuntz,  
Annette Goldstein and Elisa  
Prager  
Sister of Ron Boris

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Husband of Barbara  
Levenson  
Father of Amy Levenson and  
Laura Levenson Gottesman  
Brother of Carol Levenson  
Salomon and Alan Levenson

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Husband of Kathryn  
Hasson Levy  
Son of Paula Levy  
Father of Steven Levy,  
Daniel Levy, Simone Levy  
and Dena Levy  
Brother of Bruce Levy,  
James Levy, Michael Levy  
and Robert Levy

### Morton H. Meyerson

Father of Leslie Meyerson  
Gordon and Marti Meyerson

### Susan Rosenthal

### Oppenheimer

Mother of Barbara Cohn,  
David Oppenheimer and  
Jean Oppenheimer

### Natalie Potter

Mother of Kara Alexander,  
Suzanne Potter and  
David Potter  
Sister of Ruth Kram

### Howie Ranen

Husband of Gayle Ranen  
Father of Robert Ranen and  
Dr. Richard Ranen

### Adele Lippmann Regan

Mother of Susan Regan  
Donnenfield and  
Shelley Katz

## CONVERSIONS



Cassidy Langill



Jynni Liski

### Frances Katz Schneider

Mother of Laura Schindler  
and David Schneider

### Annette Silver

Mother of Denise Schnitzer  
and David Silver

### Naomi Sokol-O'Sullivan

### Morris David Rutchik

### Rosalie Taubman

Mother of Kaaren Shalom

### Leon B. Toubin

Father of Dr. Jeffrey Toubin,  
Robin Stein and  
Andrew Toubin  
Brother of Jim Toubin

### Lew Weinstein

Husband of Dotty Weinstein  
Father of Jeff Weinstein,  
Lori Sandground and Brad  
Weinstein

### Joyce Elaine Frankfurt Zidell

Mother of Hollye Zidell

## WEDDINGS



Francesca Ferrara and Jacob "J.B." Fischman



Lindsay Simone and Clay Mansell



## Two New Mussar Classes Beginning for 2026

Temple is pleased to offer two new Mussar small-group classes beginning in January. Mussar is an ancient practice of character development through a Jewish perspective. Through group meetings called *va'ads* and *chavruta*, or partner study, practitioners follow a curriculum designed to deepen their spiritual growth.

Temple has offered many classes over the years and members have also studied on their own. The new classes, facilitated by longtime Mussar instructors Philip Einsohn and Pam Rollins, offer options for beginners and experienced Mussar students.

### Basics of Mussar, with Havdalah

Facilitated by Philip Einsohn



Philip, who has led small groups for conversion students and taught Mussar previously, offers this *va'ad* as a general introduction to the basics of Mussar practice. The group will meet in person for Havdalah on the first Saturday night of the month, and will meet in *chavruta* sessions on the third week of the month. Information sessions

are being held on Nov. 8 and Dec. 6. The course is free.

**Register:** [tedallas.org/events](https://tedallas.org/events)

### Fight Like a Mensch, by Kirva

Facilitated by Pam Rollins



Pam, who has taught Mussar for 16 years and is a past president of the Mussar Institute, will guide this group through a curriculum from Kirva, an organization that combines the practice of Mussar with social justice for personal growth and systemic change. The course includes techniques such as de-escalation, power mapping and

working across differences. The *va'ad* will meet every other week for 10 sessions running from January 7 through early June, with *chavruta* partners meeting offsite on alternate weeks. Space is limited to 8-12 participants.

**Cost:** \$150. **Register:** [tedallas.org/events](https://tedallas.org/events)



### Save the Date

### ECEC AUCTION TO BE HELD JANUARY 31

Help support our Early Childhood Education Center by becoming a sponsor at the annual auction. All proceeds raised will be used to invest in the professional development of our educators and staff, with opportunities such as study tours and learning from guest educators. When we support our educators and staff, we strengthen the entire school community!

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please scan the QR code at left. We appreciate your support!

SAVE THE DATE

# Yom Tzedek

## *A Day of Action and Commitment*

Sunday, April 12 | Temple Emanu-El



Welcome to Tzedek Emanu-El, the new name for Temple's systemic social justice work and service projects, which works to build relationships within and across our communities to have a real impact.

The Tzedek Emanu-El leadership, in partnership with Women of Reform Judaism, invite you to a celebration of visioning and building on Temple's legacy of making the world a better place. The day will include a hands-on service project, learning and opportunities to connect across all areas of our congregation!

Contact: Erica Matsil, Director of Social Justice and Family Engagement, [ematsil@tedallas.org](mailto:ematsil@tedallas.org)

### TZEDEK EMANU-EL INVITES YOU TO REIMAGINE DALLAS

Tzedek Emanu-El, Temple's social justice initiative, is partnering with Dallas Area Interfaith for a community assembly at 7PM on Nov. 11 here at Temple. Rabbi David Stern will be part of the evening program, and the Temple Emanu-El Choir, directed by Chris Crook, will also participate.

Organizers hope to bring hundreds together with public officials to address urgent concerns in our city: early childhood education, immigration and housing.

"The assembly is rooted in the conviction that every person deserves the opportunity to live with dignity, that families should have access to the foundations of a stable and hopeful future, and that communities are strongest when we stand together across lines of difference," says Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen.

Register: [tinyurl.com/Nov11/DAI](https://tinyurl.com/Nov11/DAI)





SAVE THE DATES

# For the Love of Israel

TWO 2026 SCHOLARS-IN-RESIDENCE BRING THEIR LOVE OF ISRAEL TO TEMPLE

## January 9-11



**2026 Rabbi David Lefkowitz  
Memorial Lecture**  
Aya Margalit, Jewish Agency  
Sh'lichah  
*Israeli culture and stories*

## February 6-8



**Candice and Robert Haas Visiting  
Scholars Endowment Fund**  
Rabbi Dalia Marx, Ph.D.  
*Author of "From Time to Time:  
Journeys in the Jewish Calendar"*

SAVE THE DATE

SEA CROSSINGS

**A SHABBAT SHIRAH PRAYER JOURNEY  
WITH TURTLE CREEK CHORALE**

**Friday, January 30, 2026 | 6PM**



Explore life's moments when we, like our ancestors, step into the unknown toward freedom and hope. The Temple Emanu-El Choir will be joined by Turtle Creek Chorale, a gay male chorus whose mission is to entertain, educate and inspire.



## WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

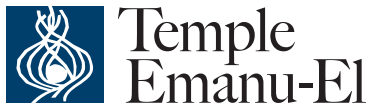
### THIS IS WHY WE VOTED

Congratulations to Rabbi David Stern for his participation as a member of the Arzeno Olami delegation of the World Zionist Congress, held in Israel the last week of October.

Rabbi Stern lent his voice to the fight for an inclusive and democratic Jewish community, and for equal recognition and funding for the Reform Movement in Israel.

Join us at the Shabbat evening service on Nov. 21 to hear Rabbi Stern's sermon on the WZC gathering and to wish our Israel travelers well as they receive a blessing in honor of the December trip.

Plus, be sure to watch Temple communications to hear from more travelers in the weeks to follow the trip.



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