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Hanukkah!

Feel the Beat with
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Gratitude for
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 b'nei 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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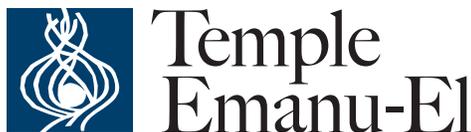
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For Everything, We are Grateful

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."

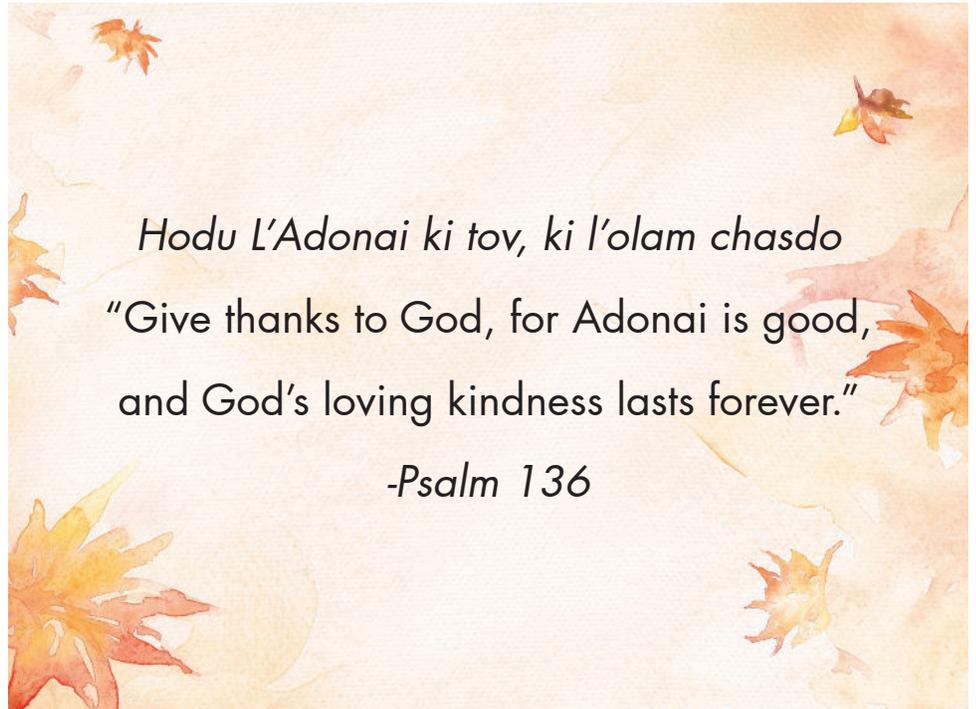
Modim anachnu lach, "Let us thank and praise You for our lives and souls," speaks to us in the Shabbat evening liturgy.

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.

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."

Shehecheyanu: Always a Reason for Gratitude

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

בָּרַךְ אַתָּה יי
אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
שֶׁהַחַיִּינוּ וְקִיְמָנוּ
וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

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

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 Advisory 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

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. Please contact Erica with any questions.

BLUEGRASS ON THE BIMAH NEFESH MOUNTAIN



"A powerhouse unit!"

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"Our Bluegrass BFFs!"

–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.





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Your One-Stop Shop for Jewish Gift-Giving

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

9AM-2:30PM

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Enjoy the joyful bustle of an Israeli shuk right here at Temple! Shop, schmooze and find the perfect Hanukkah gifts while supporting small businesses and local talent. Discover unique pieces from local Jewish artisans, Temple members and Judaic Treasures, including beautiful items direct from Israel. And don't forget to stop by the silent auction, featuring an exciting array of items and experiences you won't want to miss!



TEMPLE EMANU-EL
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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.



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



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



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!



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



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.

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

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 Cathey & 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

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

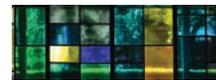
Alex F. Weisberg Library Fund

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

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**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 Luterman
by Jill & Eric Matthews
by Tricia Michaelson
by John Bondeson & Jeffrey Miller
by Sue Mintz & Jim Panipinto
by Lauri & Irving Prenalger
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

Joan Freed Anderson

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. Wiesefeld

Roe Bovos

Mother of Marsha Deitchman

Ada Courter

Audrey Denner

Mother of Pamela Strasen, Jordan Denner and Victor Denner

Pauline Pierce Graivier

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

Leo Harris

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

Wilbur Harris

Father of Scot Harris, Cyndi Harris and Beth Schiller

Julie Hirsh

Daughter of Carol Hirsh
Sister of Emily Hirsh and Sharon Hirsh Hill

Bernard "Bernie" Hoffman

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

Linda Kasmir

Sister of Scott Teich
Mother of Simon Kasmir and Max Kasmir

Hanne Katz Klein

Mother of Brian Klein, Kenneth Klein, Craig Klein and Jonathan Klein

Sandy Kuntz

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

Stan Levenson

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

Richard Levy

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

Mother of Kaaren Shalom

Morris David Rutchik

Mother of Kaaren Shalom

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

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

**SHALOM
 YA**
ECEC AUCTION
1.31.26

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!

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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



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 Arzenu 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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