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Joyful Journeys

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Welcoming Elsie Stern

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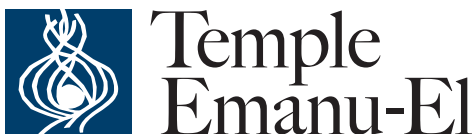
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‘None of Us Can Do it Alone’



Rabbi David Stern

In 1949, as part of an assignment for a class at Crozer Theological Seminary, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., wrote: “Evil is not driven out but crowded out...through the expulsive power of something good.”

King was expressing a fundamental insight about the nature of good and evil. You can’t just call out evil or bemoan it. You can’t just decry or resist it. You’ve got to crowd it out, replace it with good. That’s what King meant by the “expulsive power of good”: we expel evil with our own acts of goodness in the world.

We can’t just bemoan callousness; we have to bring compassion. We can’t just decry arrogance; we have to live with humility. We can’t just rail against bigotry; we have to treat every person as the image of God. The more Godly good we bring into the world—the more hungry folks we feed, the more unhoused folks we house, the more we tell the unseen they are seen and the recovering that we are here to walk and pray with them—the more we crowd out evil and suffering.

Sometimes those acts are quiet and small, and sometimes they show up in the streets at rallies and protests, at vigils at the ICE office, or at city hall through advocacy and argument. Because love sometimes takes the form of protest and politics, and love sometimes takes the form of the quiet act of decency that nobody will ever know. And every act of love crowds out some hate.

Dr. King didn’t say “push” evil out, or “thrust” evil out. He said “crowd” evil out. Because when it comes to the work of love and justice, none of us can do it alone. It takes a crowd.

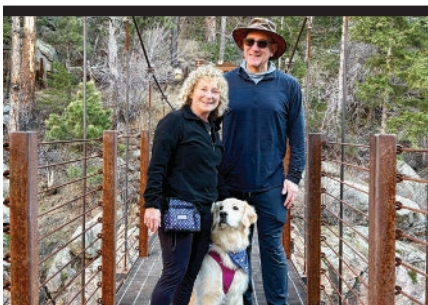
When Passover arrives on April 1 this year, I will be thinking about Dr. King’s words because they reflect a fundamental truth of Torah: our Jewish pursuit of justice and redemption is a collective process.

In other words, ours is a crowded tradition. We cross the sea towards freedom as a crowd. We stand at the base of Mount Sinai and enter into a world-changing covenant as a crowd. We reaffirm that covenant at the shores of the Jordan as a crowd: in the words from Deuteronomy we recite every Yom Kippur, “You stand this day, all of you, before the Lord your God.” Community is not only a Jewish value; it is a Jewish necessity. It is the only way for us to fulfill the covenantal demands of justice and right that God puts before us.

We need each other as Jews, and we need every ally in the sacred work. To fight every hatred, to heal what is broken, to offer protection for the vulnerable and hope for the downtrodden, within and beyond our own community. That is why we participate in coalitions like Dallas Area Interfaith with dozens of congregations across our city. Driving out evil with goodness is crowded and collaborative work.

In keeping with the spirit of Passover, on April 12 we will celebrate Yom Tzedek at Temple, a day of congregational recommitment to justice. (See p. 8) In all our diversity, with opportunities for kids and adults, we will explore how to act in the world to make manifest Dr. King’s “power of something good.”

So regardless of how much room you have at your seder table this year, whether you are squeezing in elbow to elbow or have a little more room to move, remember that you are part of a crowd. The crowd that crossed the sea to freedom together. The crowd that sings “Dayenu” together. The crowd that dares to strive for a better world together. The crowd that renews Pesach and its promise each year, still believing in the power of something good. Chag Sameach!



THANK YOU, TEMPLE! A Note from Rabbi Debra Robbins

Larry and I are grateful to our Temple Emanu-El community for the generous blessing of a sabbatical this spring. From March through May, we will enjoy a slower pace and will be spending a lot of time traveling to be with family and longtime friends. I will continue my exploration of creativity and how it shapes our lives at different stages. We are so appreciative of this most precious gift, time, and will treasure it and use it well. See you June 2!



Springing Forward

Just as we are entering a season of growth, renewal and change in Jewish time, so too is our congregation gearing up for an exciting transformation over the next few years. Last issue, we introduced the name of our congregational transition, From Strength to Strength. This issue, we are excited to present the visual expression of this hopeful time.

This modern, inclusive, future-forward logo, designed by Temple Creative Director Ann Wilson, uses the block structure to suggest a strong foundation.

- The stacked layout with the message shows step-by-step ascension to the future.
- “From Strength” celebrates the past with blue shades indicating trust, stability and peace.
- “To Strength” in green moves to the future, evoking growth, renewal and harmony.

We hope you love it as much as we do, and we can't wait to step into the future together.



Rabbi David Stern, in sharing his own reflections about the months and years ahead, speaks often about horizontal connections. When circumstances change at the top of an organization, the strengths of the horizontal connections carry the institution forward. What does that mean for Temple? That's easy! Everything we do here is designed to bring people in stronger relationships—with one another, with Judaism, with God. The Window is pleased to add our voice to that effort. This month, we debut a new feature, Kehillah: Our Community, p. 27.

Over the next two months, that relationship energy is especially apparent in the multitude of extraordinary opportunities we have to learn and celebrate. So put your seatbelts on, or better yet, pack a bag for an extended stay at 8500 Hillcrest, because you won't want to miss a single minute.

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SERVICE OF GRATITUDE

Save the Date | May 15 | 6:15PM

Please join us for a fond farewell honoring Cantor Leslie Niren

For 15 years of music, spirit, love, cooking and passion for Israel.



Remember, Reflect, Rejoice

Commemorate Yom HaShoah, Yom HaZikaron and Yom HaAtzmaut

By Livia Stevenson

Each spring, our Jewish calendar leads us from remembrance to celebration as Yom HaShoah, Yom HaZikaron and Yom HaAtzmaut arrive. We honor those lost in the Holocaust and those who gave their lives defending the State of Israel, recognizing that their sacrifice makes Israel's independence possible today.

Join our greater Dallas Jewish community as we mark these sacred days together, culminating in a Yom HaAtzmaut All-In Shabbat that brings Israel to life through the eyes of our Temple family.



Yom HaShoah: Holocaust Remembrance Day Community Commemoration

Sunday, April 12 | 7PM | Congregation Anshai Torah, 5501 Parker Road, Plano

Join the Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum and the greater Dallas Jewish community as we remember victims of the Holocaust and honor survivors. This year's program will also include stories of life in displaced persons camps across Europe following the war. **Register:** dhhrm.org/yom-hashoah

Yom HaZikaron: Israel Remembrance Day Community Memorial Ceremony

Monday, April 20 | Congregation Anshai Torah, 5501 Parker Road, Plano

Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas, in partnership with Friends of the IDF, invites you to a community-wide Yom HaZikaron ceremony honoring fallen Israeli soldiers and victims of terror.

Yom HaAtzmaut: Israel Independence Day All-In Shabbat and Congregational Dinner

Friday, April 24 | 5PM Chavayah, pre-service experience | 6PM Service followed by dinner

Celebrate Yom HaAtzmaut with a Shabbat evening for the whole family! Enjoy an all-ages friendly service and an Israeli-style congregational dinner. The evening begins at 5PM with a pre-service oneg and a special opportunity to experience Israel through the eyes of our members, with personal photos and memories creating the backdrop for the program. The service will also include a sendoff for our youth attending summer camps and trips, recognition of our graduating high school seniors, a Mazal Tov moment for April milestones, and an expression of gratitude to *sh'lichah* Aya Margalit for the ways she has brought Israel into our lives over the past three years. **Register:** tedallas.org/events

Show Us Israel Through Your Eyes!



Gary and Cathy Golden, Betsy and Mark Kleinman, Israel 2025, Mahane Yehuda Market, Jerusalem

Submit photos from your Israel experiences—big and small, from across the country—featuring you, your friends and your family, to templecommunications@tedallas.org. Your photos will inspire hands-on experiences to help Israel come to life. Please include the location, year, and names of people in the photo in your submission, as seen at left. **Submit by April 6.**

BONUS: When you submit photos, your name will be entered into a raffle to win an Israeli memento.

Cantor in the Kitch for Yom HaAtzmaut

Wednesday, April 22 | 6PM

Join Cantor in the Kitch Leslie Niren for an evening full of Israeli history and stories told through delicious flavors. Enjoy a live cooking demonstration and a seated tasting of signature Middle Eastern dishes as we celebrate Israel's Independence Day.

Register: tedallas.org/events



PASSOVER 2026

APRIL 1-8

By Livia Stevenson

Welcome to our practice of Passover, the annual journey we retell from enslavement to freedom. Through study, shared rituals, gathering at our own tables and as a community, we walk the path together—from constriction to expansiveness—grounded in our tradition of justice, responsibility and hope.



PREPARATION



Social Justice at Our Seders with Rabbi David Segal

March 5 | 7PM | Online on Zoom

As we prepare to tell the Passover story, join Rabbi David Segal, Policy Counsel at the Baptist Joint Committee, for a conversation about the role of “the other” in our tradition and the place of social justice at the seder table. Together, we’ll explore the Torah’s repeated call to care for the stranger, and consider how this enduring teaching can shape today’s seder conversations.

Register: tedallas.org/events



Secrets of the Seder with Jennifer Cassel

March 11 | 7PM | In person

Join Temple member Jennifer Cassel for a practical and welcoming seder workshop rooted in her family’s three-generation Passover traditions. The session will cover Pesach preparation, the flow of the seder and recipe ideas to bring it all together, followed by a 30-minute Q&A.

Register: tedallas.org/events

Share Your Table

Let us know if you’re looking for a seder to attend or have room to welcome others.

Contact: Shira Stevenson, sstevenson@tedallas.org

Watch Your Mailbox

Temple will be sharing a robust online Passover resource package. Watch for a postcard with all the details!

CELEBRATION

Welcoming the Passover Festival

April 1 | 5PM | Online on Zoom

Gather online with your Temple community to welcome Passover with the festival candle blessing, poetry, music and reflections, led by Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen.

Passover Festival Service

April 2 | 10:30AM | Stern Chapel and Online

Celebrate freedom and the timeless story of our people in this service, which includes psalms of praise.

Chocolate Seder

April 4 | 5:30PM | Weiss Youth Wing

Kindergarten through fifth-grade students are invited to enjoy an evening with a retelling of the Passover story with a Chocolate Seder that puts a sweet spin on the Passover story, using chocolate and creativity to explore its symbols and meaning.

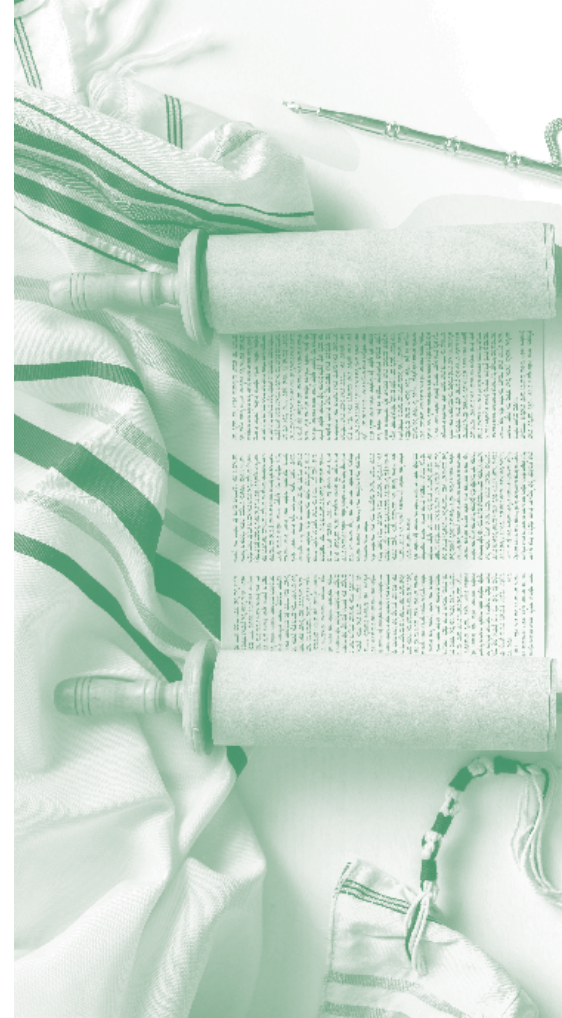
Passover Festival Service with Yizkor

April 8 | 10:30AM | Stern Chapel and Online

Conclude the festival with prayers of memory.

Haggadah Lending

A variety of Haggadot for adults and families (individual copies and full sets) are available to borrow. **Contact:** Anjelica Ruiz, aruiz@tedallas.org



IT'S IN THE KIT!

Make your seder table even more engaging with the Passover Connection Kit, a curated box designed to enhance your family's seder experience with intention and joy. The boxes are \$18 each, and include ritual supplies for Passover, games, crafts, toys and discussion prompts to spark meaningful conversation around the table. Order now at qrco.de/passoverkit. These kits will be available for pickup starting at All-In Shabbat on March 27 or in Judaic Treasures until April 1.

Deadline to order: March 10.

Yom Tzedek: Pursuing Justice

From the first official act of providing a Jewish burial in a scrappy young town to collecting stuffed animals in memory of a young girl murdered on October 7, 2023, justice is Temple's throughline. We can't wait to come together for a day of learning, doing and pursuing justice.

Yom Tzedek will be held in partnership with area chapters of Women of Reform Judaism. Let's fill Stern Chapel with our full hearts and willing hands.

The Window connected with Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen, who is passionate about making the world a better place, and excited about the day's possibilities. Join the conversation and the celebration on April 12.

Why Yom Tzedek?

While we are justifiably proud of Temple's rich history of social justice, Yom Tzedek looks to the future. This will be a monumental day of growth and meeting the moment. Giving back, speaking up, being relentless—this is how we, as a community, will begin to live out that promise.

The timing of this is not coincidental, is it?

Not at all. Coming just a few days after we told our freedom stories at the seder table, we are searching for a way out of our Mitzrayim, our narrow passages as a people. It's a moment of agitation, a chance to look at what we've done and how we need to go forward. How do we make our way with a greater sense of hope and promise?

What are your dreams for the day?

I have a vision of a packed house on an emotional and uplifting day. I think of the Dallas Area Interfaith community meetings where hundreds feel called to show up. I see relationship-building, priorities-making and one-on-one commitments.

Will I know people on Yom Tzedek?

This day will reach out to all facets of our social justice community, including our partners who help lift up our work. We're reaching out to everyone from children to older adults. We want to inspire the entire congregation to lean into this pillar of our work.

What does this day signify for the structure of justice work at Temple?

We are already working on a strategic plan to organize our social justice efforts internally. One big change that started last year was a rebranding from "Social Justice and Advocacy" to Tzedek Emanu-El. This day will continue to inform our ongoing work.

We've heard you use the phrase "Na'aseh V'nishma." Is that a rallying cry?

Sure, it's a phrase from Exodus, translating to the affirmation "We will do and we will listen." It's about dedicating yourself to action first, even and especially if you don't know the outcome. Let's build our commitment, and we're here to do it with you. Let's get going, Temple!

**YOM
TZEDEK**
A DAY OF ACTION
& COMMITMENT

A Day of Justice
A Day to Recommit
A Day to Practice
A Day to Celebrate
Our Community

APRIL 12 | 11AM-4PM

Register: tedallas.org/events

SCHEDULE

9AM-2PM: Brotherhood Blood Drive

11AM-12:15PM: Family program
with hands-on mitzvah-making
for Family Gateway

12:15-1PM: Pizza lunch

1-2PM: Opening session, with
Robert Wilonsky, Temple member
and Dallas Morning News columnist

2-2:45PM: Breakout Session 1

3-3:45PM: Breakout Session 2

VISITING PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

The Bridge
Dallas Area Interfaith
Family Gateway
Now Forward
RAC-TX (Religious Action Center
for Texas)
Vogel Alcove
...and more!

From Learning to Action

By Livia Stevenson

In January, our 10th-grade Confirmation class joined hundreds of Reform Jewish teens from across the country in Washington, D.C., for the Religious Action Center's L'taken Social Justice Seminar. They spent the weekend learning, exploring the city and taking action, raising their voices on Capitol Hill around issues including gun violence prevention, mental health, immigrant rights and combating antisemitism. These photos capture moments of connection, purpose and pride as our teens put Jewish values into action.

Attendees:

Caleb Cohen	Sydney Olinick	Chaperones:
Adielle Einstein	Clara Peterman	Rabbi Michael
Bailey Fisher	Kyle Pinkus	Lewis,
Jack Gerstenhaber	Chase Sandler	Mike Sims,
Katelyn Herlitz	Alexandra	Confirmation
Sydney Ingerto	Sheimberg	teacher
Lauren Israel	Ethan Shrayber	
Madison Johnson	Harley Silberman	
Julia Leib	Livia Wolovits	
Ella Minc		



Our 2026 group stands proudly with the RAC at the U.S. Capitol.



The group winds up Shabbat with Havdalah by candlelight at the Jefferson Memorial.



Temple teens join peers from another Texas congregation for a lobbying visit to Sen. Ted Cruz's office.



Visiting their district office, students meet with U.S. Rep. Julie Johnson.



Students are all smiles as they prepare to lobby legislators after studying the issues.

A Culture of Gathering

STERN CHAPEL AND TYCHER GATHERING SPACE ARE TURNING 10!

During the first moments of the April 15, 2016 Shabbat evening service, Rabbi David Stern invited everyone to sing the *Shehecheyanu* prayer, thanking God for bringing us to the moment at hand. No one had to ask why, as a grateful community's voices resounded beautifully through the stunning new chapel.

After the service, the congregation spilled out into Tycher Gathering Space, fondly referred to as Temple's new living room. Seating vignettes invited people to linger while the oneg set out on the sleek Knoll conference tables began a new era in Temple hospitality.

Both spaces were created as a result of the Our Temple | Our Future capital campaign. "Tycher was transformative for the life of the community, while the chapel is transformative for the spiritual life of the community," says Rabbi David Stern.

This spring marks the 10-year anniversary of the opening of the spaces, and they remain as central to the congregation as ever. For those who are new to Temple or who just want to relive the magic, we share some highlights of a very well-lived decade.



"From oneg to reception to concert to shiva to Cantor in the Kitch to Sunday morning coffee and bagels for religious school parents, Tycher Gathering Space is a congregational living room that facilitates gathering in ways we couldn't do before."

-Jon Rollins, a Dallas architect and Temple leader who served the capital campaign in various capacities.

Built for Prayer

Stern Chapel was designed to address how people pray today. On a typical Friday, for example, the day starts with preschoolers sitting on the floor and ends with the congregation praying together in an intimate circle or a packed house with overflow seating. The bimah creates a more intimate relationship between the leader and the congregation, while horseshoe-shaped pews and a flexible well allow congregants to see and hear one another.



Beauty and the Beach

As Rollins recalls: "From the start, there was no question that we wanted a signature artistic textile for the doors of the ark to recall the tradition of Anni Albers' doors in Olan Sanctuary." New York artist Suzanne Tick was commissioned to create the ark doors, which were woven from Mylar balloons found on the beach and copper wire. "To say that our holiest object will be housed in something decorated with material which was 'washed up'—and that what seems washed up can be beautiful—goes to the heart of what we are as an open and compassionate community," said Rabbi David Stern at the time.

They Talk to Each Other

Throughout the two spaces, architect Gary Cunningham took great care to retain the integrity of the architecture of the 1957 building designed by Howard Meyer and Max Sandfield. The panes on the glass wall in Stern Chapel, for example, mimic the original panels in the glass wall leading out to the Celebration Garden. The Mexican travertine used on the ark doors and columns in Stern Chapel is the same stone used for the round columns in Olan Sanctuary and ark framing in Lefkowitz Chapel.

Seeing Double

While Stern Chapel was a brand new addition, Tycher Gathering Space was created within the existing space that contained clergy offices, meeting spaces and the former Goldstrich Chapel. For longtime members, there's an uncanny sense of déjà vu in the new Linz Hall. The beloved and well-used room was relocated and replicated to make way for Tycher Gathering Space.

An Inspiring Canvas

Debbi Levy, needlepoint artist, yoga instructor and co-chair of the Jewish Threads Sh'ma group, was so moved by Stern Chapel that she wanted a way to bring the feeling into people's homes. Last fall, she partnered with Jewish Threads co-chair Connie Dufner to commission a local artist to paint the ark, glass wall and trees behind it on a needlepoint canvas.

"Walking into Temple Emanu-El soothes my soul on the most challenging of days. I have found that the Stern Chapel, in particular, invites a unique effect.

At first glance, we take in the colorful ark, and beyond it, only moments later, our eyes behold the wisdom of the mature trees in the garden. Our Ner Tamid seems to whisper, 'I am always here. A keeper of the light.'

I began to imagine how our own hands could add to the sacred delight of Stern Chapel, how we could utilize threads and a woven canvas to experience our worship space with our own sense of touch. I wondered: Might we feel very subtle echoes from the artistry of the Mishkan?

I invite you to join us and craft your own unique project lovingly with all that you see and feel through your hands and one small needle."

The canvases are on sale in Judaic Treasures. For more information, contact Debbi at debbiklevy@gmail.com.



IMAGE BUILDERS



Dallas artist and Temple member **Marc Dominus** brought a new first to Stern Chapel in 2018 when he created a painting during a Shabbat service. He also fashioned greeting cards from the picture, available at marcdominus.com.

"Painting at the front of the chapel, I was struck by how the trees in the courtyard visually blend with the chapel windows, and I wanted to capture that sense of continuity between inside and outside. The everlasting light became a natural focal point—magnificent, steady and familiar.

I grew up at Temple Emanu-El, and those windows, commanding a view through the trees to the iconic Olan Sanctuary, connect generations of memory, including my own. Being present in that moment with the clergy and congregation gave the painting its energy and direction."



Cantor Vicky Glikin received this painting created by **Richard Marcus, z"l**, after she officiated at his funeral. He had painted the piece about a year before he died. His wife, Nancy Lubar, offers this description:

"Richard loved Stern Chapel: attending services there, watching daylight turn into dusk during services, and seeing squirrels leap from tree branch to tree branch. Richard was studying painting at the time and would often take photographs of places he wanted to paint. Stern Chapel really stood out for him. It brought the beauty of nature and joyful music into a wonderful worship experience, and gave us both a feeling of sanctuary."

THEY WERE FIRST!



The First Wedding: Elena and Andrew Paull, May 29, 2016

"We love being part of Temple's history in this unique way! It was a beautiful place to stand under the chuppah and dream about our future. It has taken on even deeper meaning

as we have continued to return to the chapel over the past 10 years in different seasons of life, from celebrating our daughter's naming to dancing at ECEC Shabbat to observing holidays and yahrzeits and other weddings. Stern Chapel is a deeply special place to us."

The First B'not Mitzvah: Raleigh Toledo, morning of April 16; Lexi Gold, Havdalah on April 16

Talking, Even When it's Difficult



Resetting the Table, a series of workshops designed to build communications skills across political divides, is returning to Temple with two workshops led by Rabbi Amy Rossel.

The March workshop is open to any of the 69 congregants who attended the November sessions as part of the Katherine F. Baum Lecture. The April workshop is open to all by application.

“Resetting the Table isn’t just teaching a skill,” says Rabbi Rossel. “It is teaching a new way of talking and listening—one that reminds us that how we talk to one another matters just as much as what we are talking about.” Rabbi Rossel has been trained by the organization to be a facilitator, and will be able to offer more sessions as needed. So stay tuned for future workshops!



Peggy Millheiser, a participant in the November workshop, reflected that the experience taught her important skills.

“I felt honored to be asked to learn and participate. I wanted to listen closely and focus on what someone conveyed through their words and body language. I was willing to learn even when the discussion presented an opposing view,” she says. “Resetting the Table showed me the importance of listening, looking at someone directly and communicating openly and honestly.”

Skill-Building Conversations*

March 29 | 1:30-3PM

This session is designed for participants who have already completed the Speaking Across Conflict workshop and want to deepen and practice the skills they learned. Through a carefully structured small-group conversation, participants will engage with a real and meaningful issue, practice demonstrating understanding, and experience once again what it looks like to stay present, curious, and connected across difference.

**Open to participants of the November Speaking Across Conflict workshops only.*

Speaking Across Conflict Workshop

April 19 | 2-4:30PM

Learn how to build your communications skills for difficult conversations and a framework for vibrant dialogue across diverse viewpoints, backgrounds and generations. Participants exchange views and personal experiences, surface differences and commonalities, and practice skills for addressing differences honestly and constructively. The workshop builds community capacity to explore differences while strengthening relationships, trust, learning and collaboration.

Register: tedallas.org/events



RESETTING
the **TABLE**

Growing Roots for Our Souls

PART TWO: A SPIRITUAL AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING WORKSHOP

Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen and
Meredith Pryzant, MSW, Director of Pastoral Support

March 24 | 7-9PM

Register: tedallas.org/events

In this second class in a series on mental well-being, we'll explore the spirituality of rootedness alongside the Passover themes of freedom and redemption. We will study Jewish texts together and learn how the freedom to mark sacred time gives us a healthy mindset, enables us to release unhelpful practices, and provides a powerful self-care tool as we navigate this season—wherever we are in life. A light dinner and all materials will be provided as we learn, discuss and reflect.



Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen



Meredith Pryzant



Nominations Open for Board of Trustees and Leadership Council

Temple Emanu-El has a longstanding tradition of dedicated, thoughtful and visionary lay leadership. Do you know someone who would make a great leader?

Nominations are now open for a few spots on the Board of Trustees and the Leadership Council. This is the second year of nominations under the new governance structure approved in January 2025.

The main changes from the old to the new structure are a smaller Board of Trustees; establishment of the Leadership Council and creation of a permanent Nominating and Governance Committee. Please note that, due to the ongoing transition from the old to the new system, fewer spots than usual are available.

To nominate candidates, please scan the QR code to complete a form that includes job descriptions and space for recommendations. Deadline is March 10.



Save the Dates

Temple Emanu-El Annual Meeting

Wednesday, May 6 | 6:30PM

Learn about the status of Temple and cast your vote for the slate of new leaders.

Installation Shabbat

Friday, May 8 | 6:15PM

Register: tedallas.org/events

SHINE *the light*

SUPPORT AND RESOURCES FOR SPIRITUAL AND MENTAL WELL-BEING

Grief Support on Zoom

First Tuesday of the month, 12-1PM: March 3, April 7, May 5

In-Person Grief Support

Last Tuesday of each month, 12-1PM: March 31, April 28, May 26

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 fertility challenges? We are exploring creating a support group at Temple. For more information contact: Meredith Pryzant, MSW

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

The OG Jason Mesches

Coming to Temple March 27 & 29



We wanted to get to know children's entertainer Jason Mesches before his exciting visit to Temple. Check out our fun convo!

Fantasy Shabbat Dinner

Zero Mostel and Jack Black. I will spend the meal getting Zero to grant Jack Black his blessing to reprise the role of Tevye in a modern-day remake of "Fiddler on the Roof."

Favorite Jewish Food

Challah, anyone saying anything else is lying. Second place, brisket.

Would you rather: Dreidel or grager, shofar or afikomen, matzo ball soup or cheese blintz?

Grager. Shofar. Matzo ball soup. Let's make as much noise as possible, and then settle in for the evening with a nice bowl of soup.

Superpower

I am weirdly good at making the sound effect of a chainsaw.

Music Crush

Elvis Presley. The day a kid brought in a video of Elvis for show-and-tell in kindergarten, my life was changed forever.

That moment when you realized you wanted to be a children's entertainer...

I moved to Los Angeles to act on television shows. After small roles on sitcoms like "The Big Bang Theory" and "Two and a Half Men," the acting kind of dried up. Instead of waiting tables between gigs, I took a job at a local preschool, teaching music. My boss at the school was the person who told me that this was the thing I should be pursuing, she said I was "unusually good at this."

Best reaction from an audience

A child falling asleep in the front row. Hands-down. Gotta stay humble.

Best origin story of a song

"Whole Lotta Challah" came along when a coworker of mine asked me why I never wrote a song about her, or the place that she came from. I said, "Well Brenda, nothing rhymes with Guatemala." She said, "challah does," and I knew what I had to do.





Jam with Jason: Not for Kids Only!

March 27 & March 29

Dance, wiggle and shake with Jewish children's pop star Jason Mesches, who will bring out the Shabbat shimmy in all of us!

Friday, March 27

All-In Shabbat

5:30PM: Schmooze and snack

6PM: Service and concert experience, followed by dinner

8PM: Campfire sing-along and s'mores for adults

Bring your voices and instruments to jam with Jason!

Sunday, March 29

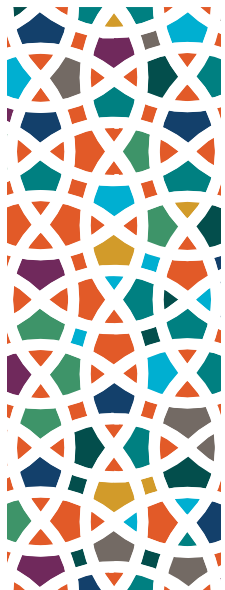
4PM: Tot Rave

Jason believes that music and dancing can change your life. The Tot Rave is one silly sesh for the under-6 set and their families.

Come for the fun and spread the joy we will create together!

Pizza nosh included.

Register: tedallas.org/events



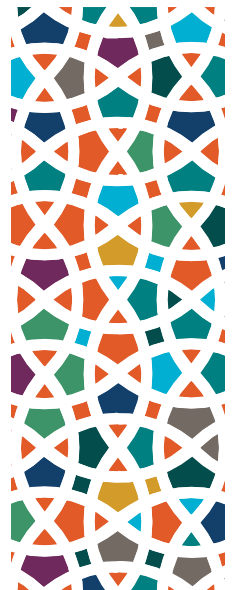
CELEBRATING 50+ YEARS OF MARRIAGE OR MEMBERSHIP

April 10 | Pre-Oneg, 5:30PM | Service, 6:15PM

We invite you to a special Shabbat service honoring all who are or would have been married for 50+ years as well as those who have been adult Temple members for 50+ years. The service will include contemplative music and poetic readings from the Union Prayer Book, the historic prayer book of the Reform Movement.

Please bring a framed photo to be displayed during the pre and post onegs. Questions: Contact Katie London, 214.706.0000, ext. 4006, or klondon@tedallas.org.

Register: tedallas.org/events



Celebration & Remembrance

Compiled by Thomas Booe

BECOMING B'NAI MITZVAH



David Friedensohn
March 7
 Son of Amanda Baker, and
 Lance and Melissa Friedensohn
 Frankford Middle School
 Tikkun Olam: SPCA of Dallas



Hazel Shulman
March 7
 Daughter of Apryl Mathes and
 Adam Shulman
 The Hockaday School
 Tikkun Olam: Farmers Branch
 Animal Adoption Center



Eli Zarbo
March 14
 Son of Erin and Aaron Zarbo
 Furr Elementary School
 Tikkun Olam: Jill Stone
 Community Garden



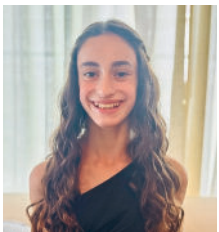
Eli Essler
March 14
 Son of Melissa and
 Joshua Essler
 Nelson Middle School
 Tikkun Olam: Habitat 4 Paws
 animal rescue



Ian Brauer
March 21
 Son of Stephanie Klein and
 Justin Brauer
 Parkhill Elementary School
 Tikkun Olam: Jill Stone
 Community Garden

NOT PICTURED

**Nami Pierce and
 Brycen Pierce**
March 28
 Children of Mischelle Slaton
 and Brock Pierce
 Curtis Middle School



Audrey Laurel Shapira
March 28
 Daughter of Debra and
 Adam Shapira
 Parish Episcopal School
 Tikkun Olam: Dallas Holocaust
 and Human Rights Museum



Zoe Concors
April 4
 Daughter of Baron and
 Leslie Concors
 Good Shepherd
 Episcopal School
 Tikkun Olam: New Friends
 New Life



Lyla Duran
April 11
 Daughter of Stacey and
 Alex Duran
 The Hockaday School
 Tikkun Olam: Light in Africa



Caroline Gross
April 25
 Daughter of Katrina and
 Geoffrey Gross
 Parish Episcopal School
 Tikkun Olam: FC Dallas
 Foundation Gear Up Project



Stella Kusin
April 25
 Daughter of Irene and
 Eric Kusin
 Good Shepherd
 Episcopal School
 Tikkun Olam: Take Me Home
 Pet Rescue

NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS

Jennifer and William
 Bernstein

Liza, Andrew, Arielle and
 Scarlett Cohen

Mayela Trespalacios, Zack
 and Nicolás Foulk

Blair, Joshua, Jude and Julia
 Gold

Katie and James Hafele

Carolina, Nick and
 Daniela Karr

Katie, Max and Lena Kasmir
 Tiffany Ballard, Greg and
 Colette Lippert

Jacie, Tanner and Sam Lurie

Astri, Zach and Mack Martin

Jordi Nenon, Grey and
 Graham Woodard

Carly, Alex and Mason Raff

Kelly, Daniel, Pierce and
 Rowan Rafkin

Ashley, Jonathan, Wyatt and
 Gemma Ralston

Carla, David and
 Sebastian Reimer

Tory Saks

Emily Bernstein and
 Zachary Sherman

Naomi, Jeff and Abigail Silk

Daryl, Marshall, Jed and
 Bea Sosland

Noa Buxt, Adam and
 Graham Sugerman

Nicole, Phillip, Taylor and
 Jason Tenzel

Astrid Topletz

Jamie, Ira and Ezra Utay

WEDDING



Adrian Jagush and Justin Hooten

BABY NAMINGS



Joseph Rhodes Allen
Son of Ariella and Adrian Allen
Great Grandson of Rosie Stromberg



Lavie Refael Alor
Son of Tal Dembovsky and David Chernya



Margaret Sheilds Arons
Daughter of Anna and Zachary Arons



Charles Alan Bryan
Son of Haley and Jordan Bryan



Owen Henry Budenski
Son of Meghann and Carl Budenski
Brother of James Budenski



Sophie Redish
Daughter of Kara and Jeff Redish
Granddaughter of Maureen and Gregory Redish



Talia Grace Samuelson
Daughter of Alyssa and Eric Samuelson



Penny Whitman
Daughter of Staci and Alex Whitman

IN MEMORIAM

Paul Boothe

Husband of Deborah Boothe
Father of Paul Boothe, Jr.,
Christopher Boothe, Sarah
Boothe, Laura Gate, Sarah
Barrows and Hannah Nelson

Sylvia Brody Cohen

Wife of Malcolm Cohen
Mother of Stacey Siegel, Corey
Ladd, Brent Ladd and Candice
Goldstein
Sister of Melvin Brody

Matan Elfenbein

Alan Feinberg

Husband of Loretta Feinberg
Brother of Robert "Bob"
Feinberg and Shelia Gross

Baruch Xico Roberto Garcia

Brother of Yolette Garcia

Sharon Greenwald

Sister of Janet Eickmeyer and
Marilyn Greenwald

Tanya Harris

Mother of Jacob Harris
Sister of Hal Lefton

John Robert "Bob" Hudspeth

Husband of Frieda Hudspeth
Father of Mark Hudspeth and
Lauren Singer

Daniel Seth Jackofsky

Husband of Shoshana Jackofsky
Son of Ellen Jackofsky
Father of Maya Jackofsky

Susan Jaffer

Wife of Maury Jaffer
Mother of Tracy Jaffer Blair
Sister of Richard Schwartz

Chad Brandon Koger

Husband of Jennifer Koger
Son of Rita Koger

Livingston Kosberg

Father of Robin Kosberg, Wendy
Starr and Lori Blumenthal
Husband of Saranne
Rosenzweig Kosberg
Brother of Dolores Kosberg
Wilkenfeld

Allan M. Lerner

Husband of Joanne Lerner
Father of Caroline Perel, Gabrielle
Sloyer and Jenna Ciprietti

Mary Ann Lustig

Mother of Marilyn Rubin

Paulette Newberger

Mother of Jay Newberger

Richard E. Wolf, Jr.

Norman Risch
Brother of Frank Risch

Richard Roskos

Father of Nicole Roskos

Linkie Seltzer

Mother of Adrienne Lithman,
Cathy Négrel and Robert Seltzer

Jonathan David Sher

Husband of Cynthia
Celeste Sher
Father of Benjamin
Emanuel Sher
Son of Verna Sher and
Larry Sher
Brother of Debbie Thomas and
Robert Sher

Donald J. Stone

Father of Michael Stone, Lisa
Stone and Angela Stone

Sherley Teitell

Mother of Glen Teitell and Todd
Teitell

Jan Timmons

Wife of Tom Timmons

Anthony David Ungerman

Husband of Marisa Ungerman
Son of Nancy Ungerman and
Jay Ungerman
Father of Katya Perlman, Bianca
Ferring and Sabrina Ungerman
Brother of Carrie Ungerman,
Leslie Meyerovich and Garin
Ungerman

Gerardo Weinstein

Father of Hedly Roth, Tricia
Stein and Anita Weinstein

Linda Lou Wesley

Robert "Bob" Harold Zlotky
Husband of Shirley Zlotky
Father of Jeff Zlotky, Sheri
Zlotky and Amy Burrows

LAND OF THE FREE HOME OF THE BRAVE

MAY 5 | 7:30PM | REGISTER: [TEDALLAS.ORG/EVENTS](https://tedallas.org/events)

Celebrate 250 years of Jewish voices in this irresistible journey through the American songbook, Broadway, Yiddish theater, jazz and cantorial classics.

FEATURING



Cantor Vicky Glikin



Cantor Leslie Niren



Cantor Hallie Weiner



Cantor Susan Lewis
Friedman



Cantor Leigh Korn



Cantor Michael Smolash

ADD YOUR STORY TO THE CONCERT!

Please submit a photo of an ancestor who immigrated to America, and include the name, relationship, date and country of origin. Together, these photos will create a beautiful portrait of our American Jewish family, to be shared during the concert.

Submit by email to templecommunications@tedallas.org | Deadline: April 21 |



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 Dora Aronson

by Artyce Colen

Memory of Louis Baum

by Harriet Silverman

Memory of Adele Colen

by Artyce Colen

Memory of Sharon Greenwald

by Janet Eickmeyer

Memory of Irwin Grossman

by Irma Grossman

Memory of Julie & David Kronick

Memory of Mollie Solomon Klein

by Sister & Joel Steinberg

Memory of Sondie Rosenthal

by Nancy Rosenthal

Memory of Phyllis Somer

by Lynne Bogart

Memory of Oscar J. Steinberg

by Sister & Joel Steinberg

Memory of Jan Timmons

by Sophie & Alex & Jakubowich

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 Daniel Jackofsky

by Judy & Ronald Foxman

Memory of Sherley Teitell

by Irene & Bernard Raden

Memory of Jan Timmons

by Rozelle & Richard Gilman

Memory of Diane Wasserman

by Irene & Bernard Raden

Memory of Gerardo Weinstein

by Irene & Bernard Raden

Susan Salom Clergy Good Works Funds

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

Memory of Sylvia Cohen

by Scott Price

by Tom Timmons

by Henrietta & Melvin Weinberg

Memory of Judith Fried

by Beth & Jim Gold

by Betsy & Mark Kleinman

Memory of Sharon Greenwald

by Lynn & Jay Staub

Memory of Bob Hudspeth

by Ellen & Lee Salzberger

Memory of Daniel Jackofsky

by Jody & Melvin Platt

Memory of Beth F. Kahn

by Gary Kahn

Memory of Stanley H. Litman

by Susan & Joel Litman

Memory of Ito Perl

by Marian Perl

Memory of Linkie Seltzer

by Rosie Stromberg

Memory of Jonathan Sher

by Rosie Stromberg

Memory of Edwin Daniel Staub

by Lynn & Jay Staub

Memory of Alexandra Streng

by Gloria & Mike Fetgatter

by Sandra Streng

Memory of Avshalom Sulami

by Orly & Len Mazur

by Sharon & Joshua Skolnick

Memory of Sherley Teitell

by Judy & Ronald Foxman

by Tom Timmons

Memory of Jan Timmons

by Marla H. Bane & Michael Benson

by Susan Donnerfield

by Gayle Johansen

by Betsy & Mark Kleinman

by Jody & Melvin Platt

by Frada & Alan Sandler

by Tom Timmons

Memory of Max Edward Tonkon

by Jamie & Ed Tonkon

Appreciation of Cantor Vicky Glikin

by Stephanie & Daniel Fine

by Sharon & Eric Goldberg

by Julie & Mike Weinberg

Appreciation of Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen

by Adrian Jagush

by Janet Marz

Appreciation of Rabbi Michael Lewis

by Stephanie & Daniel Fine

by Howard Polakoff

Appreciation of Rabbi Debra Robbins

by Sharon & Eric Goldberg

by Maureen & Greg Redish

by Kara & Jeffrey Redish

by Jacqueline & Byron Sandfield

by Karen & Howard Weiner

Appreciation of Rabbi Amy Rossel

by Betsy & Mark Kleinman

Appreciation of Rabbi David Stern

by Jackie Bendorf

by Sharon Balaban & Paul Buxt

by Sharon & Eric Goldberg

by Betsy & Mark Kleinman

by Ashley & Jeffrey Skibell

by Rosie Stromberg

by Julie & Mike Weinberg

by Karen & Howard Weiner

Appreciation of Hallie Weiner

by Ann Kahn

Bat Mitzvah of Ava Blum

by Jenifer & Michael Blum

Bar Mitzvah of Noah Gail

by Sara & David Gail

Bar Mitzvah of Seth Lowenberg

by Sonia & Anthony Lowenberg

Birthday of Raymond London

by Nancy & Larry Immerman

Honor of Cantor Vicky Glikin

by Sarah Kaplan & Peter Bogdanow

Honor of Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen

by Irene & Bernard Raden

Honor of Rabbi David Stern

by Sarah Kaplan & Peter Bogdanow

Naming of Margaret Arons

by Lauren & Jeffrey Arons

Naming of Nora Rubinet

by Jacqueline & Andrew Rubinet

Naming of Maximo Sanchez

by Chitra & Joshua Fine

Naming of Graham Wilson Sugerman

by Susan & Robert Sugerman

Naming of Penelope Whitman

by Elyse & Josh Whitman



OUR TEMPLE AND CEMETERY

Rose Marion & Lee H. Berg Building Fund

Upkeep and maintenance of our historic building

Memory of Jan Timmons

by Carl Weisbrod

Temple Emanu-El Cemetery Endowment Fund

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

Memory of Roger Barrer

by Deborah & Robert Barrer

Birthday of Larry Steinberg

by Shelley & Jeff Becker

Dorothy and Henry Jacobus Archives Fund

Support of special exhibits from our Archives

Memory of Howard Moss

by Terri Hornberger

Memory of Kace Phillips

by OriAnn Phillips & Scott McCartney

Rabbi Gerald J. Klein Memorial Cemetery Fund

Beautification and improvements of the

Temple cemetery

Memory of Sylvia Cohen

by Sheila Boris Lerer

Rabbi Gerald J. Klein Garden Fund

Maintenance of the Klein Garden

Memory of Lois Okon

by Patricia & Matthew Gold

Memory of Barbara Zale

by Sue Ring

Alex F. Weisberg Library Fund

Purchase of Judaic books, publications and entertainment

Memory of Mitzi Wells

by Bobbi & Jerry Wells

Bat Mitzvah of Kathryn Skibell

by Arlene Leibs



GENERAL

Temple Emanu-El General Operating Fund

Support of Temple's general programs and events

Memory of Dora Aronson

by Irma Grossman

Memory of Libbye Braude

by Irma Grossman

Memory of Olga Braude

by Irma Grossman

Memory of Sylvia Cohen

by Renee Stone

Memory of Judith Fried

by Sara & Mark Albert

by Sandy & Rabbi Barry Diamond

by Risa Gross

by Betsy & Mark Kleinman

by Judith Kolberg

by Rachel Malach

by Betsy & Todd Teitell

by Tom Timmons

Memory of Barney Fritz

by Joyce & Ira Fritz

Memory of Hyman Fritz

by Joyce & Ira Fritz

Memory of Pauline Fritz

by Joyce & Ira Fritz

Memory of Baruch Garcia

by Nancy & Bob Krangle

Memory of Honey L. Gottlich

by Debbie & Alan Postel

Memory of Marie Grossman

by Irma Grossman

Memory of Morris Grossman

by Irma Grossman

Memory of Lawrence Hermele

by Karen & Walter Levy

Memory of Evelyn Hyman

by Robert Hyman

Memory of Gregory Scott Hyman

by Robert Hyman

Memory of Daniel Jackofsky

by Gayle Johansen

Memory of Susan Jaffer

by Marsha Levine

Memory of Joseph Levine

by Joyce & Ira Fritz

Memory of Miriam Levine

by Joyce & Ira Fritz

Memory of Ronald Levine

by Joyce & Ira Fritz

Memory of Brad A. Lipshy

by Kaye Albright

Memory of Debra & Barry Rothschild

Memory of Jeffrey A. Lumbert

by Julie Lumbert

Memory of Louis Malow

by Barbara & Richard Toronto

Memory of Edith A. Mellman

by Bonnie Glazer & Barry Mellman

Memory of Stuart Morse

by Rebecca & Kenneth Bruder

Memory of Paulette Newberger

by Phyllis & Ronald Steinhart

Memory of Jay Podolsky

by Iris Podolsky

Memory of Bert Romberg

by Rebecca & Kenneth Bruder

Memory of Norton Stewart Rosenthal

by Beverly Cohn

Memory of Richard E. Rosenthal

by Nancy Rosenthal

Memory of Annette Rubenstein

by Fonda Glazer

Memory of Arnold Schwartz

by Barbara & Richard Massman

Memory of Sylvia Schwartz
by Barbara & Richard Massman
Memory of Harriet Jean Steirn

by Wendy & Stephen Lieman

Memory of Walter Steirn

by Wendy & Stephen Lieman

Memory of Jan Timmons

by Rebecca & Kenneth Bruder

by Betsy & Mark Kleinman

by Lee & Paul Michaels

by Betsy & Todd Teitell

Memory of Vic Trubitt

by Sherilee & Richard Trubitt

Memory of Gerardo Weinstein

by Rebecca & Kenneth Bruder

by Kimberly & Jeffrey Chapman

by Karla & Larry Steinberg

Memory of Isidore Yonet

by Phyllis & Ronald Steinhart

Appreciation of Rabbi Amy Rossel

by Betsy & Mark Kleinman

Appreciation of Rabbi David Stern

by Betsy & Mark Kleinman

Birth of Jack S. Sarmiento

by Rebecca & Kenneth Bruder

Birthday of Larry Steinberg

by Phyllis & Ronald Steinhart

Honor of Howard Feldman

by Nancy & Alan Simons

Honor of Meredith Pryzant

by Karen Levinson

Temple Emanu-El Endowment Fund

Distribution from the foundation supporting Temple's programs

Memory of Betsy K. Atlas

by Beth & Jim Gold

Memory of Sherley Teitell

by Susan & Barry Gurinsky

Birthday of Larry Steinberg

by Beth & Jim Gold

by Irene & Bernard Raden

Honor of Rabbi Michael Lewis

by Kerrie & Steven Wolfson



MUSIC AND PRAYER

Music Fund

Enhancement of Temple music programs

Memory of Lawrence Barzune

by Lotty & Bobby Lyle

Memory of Ruth & Abraham Blatt

by Mary Spector & Julius Blatt

Memory of Inge Bosse

by Donna & Jeff Bosse

Memory of Sylvia Cohen

by Rebecca Blotcky

Memory of Shirley Eichenwald

by Harriet Silverman

Memory of Jerome G. Franklin

by Marlene Z. Franklin

Memory of Sanford Franklin

by Marlene Z. Franklin

Memory of Peter Loeb

by Lotty & Bobby Lyle

Memory of Ellen Shafrenek

by Stacy Shafrenek

Memory of Jan Timmons

by Marlene & Richard Marks

by Marcel & Sue Weiner

by Carl Weisbrod

Memory of Gerardo Weinstein

by Lotty & Bobby Lyle

Memory of Paul Zeitzew

by Marlene Z. Franklin

Aline C. Rutland Prayer Book Fund

Purchases of prayer books

Memory of Jan Timmons

by Susan Cooper

Rabbi Debra Robbins Torah Endowment Fund

Supports the care and maintenance of Temple's Torah scrolls, ritual objects and prayer spaces

Memory of Norm Bleicher

by Andrea Wolf - Bleicher

Memory of Judith Fried

by Betsy & Mark Kleinman

Memory of Jan Timmons

by Gail Arbetter

by Beverly & Malcolm

Bonnheim

by Martha Bowden

by Mary Lee & Michael Broder

by Jennifer Cassell

by Bruce Chemel

by Macki & Paul Ellenbogen

by Judy & Ronald Foxman

by Beth & Jim Gold

by Suzi & Jack Greenman

by Courtney Hensel & Gus

Lyons

by Betsy & Mark Kleinman

by Judy & Steve Lewis

by Julie & Michael Lowenberg

by Joselyn Ramey

by Barbara & Randy Rosenblatt

by Carol & Jon Weinstein

Appreciation of Rabbi Amy Rossel

by Betsy & Mark Kleinman

Appreciation of Rabbi David Stern

by Betsy & Mark Kleinman



ADULT PROGRAMS

Katherine F. Baum Adult Education Fund

Support for adult education programs

Memory of Jan Timmons

by Susan Giardina

by Frances & Alan Harris

by Wendy & George Palmer

by Amy Seals

Henry D. Schlinger Ethics Symposium Endowment Fund

Support of the ethics

symposium

Memory of Mimi Aronoff

by Stephen Aronoff

Memory of David Mayerson

by Bobbi & Jerry Wells

Memory of Sherley Teitell

by Lori & Bret Gerard

Memory of Gerardo Weinstein

by Paula Schlinger & Jim

Gerhardt

Memory of Helga Weinstein

by Paula Schlinger & Jim

Gerhardt



SOCIAL JUSTICE

Hunger Relief Fund

Collection of funds for hunger relief throughout the year,

especially during High Holy

Days and Passover

Memory of Randy Beck

by Susan & Daryl Beck

Memory of Stuart Beck

by Susan & Daryl Beck

Memory of Jacob Herschel Bloom

by Jacqueline & Freddy Roberts

Memory of Rosalie Brown Bloom

by Jacqueline & Freddy Roberts

Memory of Lillian Tuvil Brown

by Jacqueline & Freddy Roberts

Memory of Baruch Garcia

by Celia Saunders

Memory of Abe Goldberg

by Julie & Michael Lowenberg

Memory of Sharon Greenwald

by Carl Weisbrod

Memory of Evelyn M. Harvey

by Katherine & Jim Harvey

Memory of Isaac Israel

by Nancy & Solomon Israel

Memory of Bernard Kersh

by Susan & Daryl Beck

Memory of Daniel Jackofsky

by Carol & Jon Weinstein

Memory of Mary Martha Malone

by Katherine & Jim Harvey

Memory of Henry N. Meyer

by Lynn & Bob Behrendt

Memory of Stuart Morse

by May Sebel

Memory of Janet P. Newberger

by Carol & Jon Weinstein

Memory of Morris P. Newberger

by Carol & Jon Weinstein

Memory of Jud Phillips

by OriAnn Phillips & Scott

McCartney

Memory of Lionel O. Roberts

by Jacqueline & Freddy Roberts

Memory of Naomi G. Roberts

by Jacqueline & Freddy Roberts

Memory of Betty Rosenfeld

by Ilene & Steve Sanders

Memory of Donald Stone

by Linda & Garry Kahalnik

Memory of Jill Ruth Feinstein Stone

by Melissa & Rob Stone

Memory of Alexandra Streng

by May Sebel

Memory of Sherley Teitell

by Patricia & Matthew Gold

Memory of Jan Timmons

by Annette Corman

by Holly & Michael Gottlieb

by Katherine & Jim Harvey

Memory of Gerardo Weinstein

by Annette Corman

by Judy & Ronald Foxman

by Bette & Gary Morchower

by Nancy & Rob Mohr

by Carol & Jon Weinstein

Celebration of 100th Birthday

of Linkie Seltzer, z"l

by Shelby & Karen Wyl

The Jill Stone Tikkun Olam Fund

Support of Temple's social justice programs including

community garden, advocacy,

projects and lectures

Memory of Rosalee Cohen

by Joyce & Alan Goldberg

by Elin Greenberg

by Judi & Randy Ratner

Priscilla R. Stern Memorial Literacy Fund

Support of literacy projects

in the general and Jewish

communities

Memory of Gerald W. Bernstien

by Lynn & Mark Bernstien

Memory of Lois Bernstien

by Lynn & Mark Bernstien

Memory of Hanne Klein

by Michele & Duncan McKellar

Memory of Lippman Miller

by OriAnn Phillips & Scott

McCartney

Memory of Tehila K. Miller

by OriAnn Phillips & Scott

McCartney

Memory of Esther Rosmarin

by Suellen & A.J. Rosmarin

Memory of Milton H. Schonwald

by Kim & Avie Schonwald

Memory of Jan Timmons

by Malcolm Cohen

Appreciation of Rabbi David Stern

by Jordan Steinberg

Social Justice Youth Education Fund

Support of worthwhile educational causes for youth

in need

Memory of Alec Becker

by Leslie & Stephen Peskind

Memory of Murray Colton

by Diane Alper Colton

Memory of Daniel Jackofsky

by Bette & Gary Morchower

Memory of Herschel H. Jaffe

by Max Jaffe

Memory of Stuart Morse

by Larry Eichenbaum

Memory of Kace Phillips

by OriAnn Phillips & Scott

McCartney

Memory of Gerardo Weinstein

by Celia Saunders

Bar Mitzvah of Miles Grayson

by Judi & Randy Ratner



YOUTH AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Jeanette and Raymond Israel Teacher Training Fund

Funds for continuing education

for religious school teachers

Memory of Jan Timmons

by Roz & Art Kaplan

Gina Rosenfield Levy

Greene Family Camp

Scholarship Fund

Financial assistance to families

for Greene Family Camp

Memory of Brad A. Lipshy

by Phyllis & Phil Stoup

Memory of Daniel Jackofsky

by Beverly & Malcolm

Bonnheim

by Wendy & George Palmer

by Phyllis & Phil Stoup

Memory of Annette Leff

Rosenfield

by Phyllis & Phil Stoup

Memory of Jan Timmons

by Phyllis & Phil Stoup

Anniversary of Bobbi & Jerry

Wells

by Phyllis & Phil Stoup

Naming of Nora Rubinet

by Meredith & Charles Pryzant

Lomdim Project

Support of the inclusion

program for children with

special needs at the Karla

& Larry Steinberg Center for

Jewish Learning

Memory of Adam Steinberg

by Patricia & Jim Krohn

Birthday of Larry Steinberg

by Linda & Ken Wimberly

Martin & Charlotte Weiss

Religious School Fund

Scholarships for religious

school fees, books and

additional expenses

Memory of Barbara Bierbrier

by Nancy & Solomon Israel

Memory of Betty Chaiken

by Lynn & Jay Staub

Memory of Sharon

Memory of Sara Pfeffer
by Stacy Shafraneck
Honor of Larry Steinberg
by Linda & Ken Wimberly

**Shor/Lowenstein Youth
Scholarship Fund**

*Financial assistance to families
for participation in youth
programs*

Memory of David A. Cohen
by Janet & Robert Centola
Memory of Sylvia Cohen
by Ruthie & Alan Shor
Memory of Ruth L. Greenwald
by Janet & Robert Centola
Birthday of Alan Shor
by Julie & David Fields

**David B. Shalom Religious
Education Fund**

*Financial assistance for religious
education for Temple members*

Memory of Joan LaGrasse
by Rachel & Scott Wilson

**William P. Budner Youth
Library Fund**

*Purchases of Judaic books and
publications for students*

Memory of Miriam Dorfman
by Roz & Art Kaplan
Memory of Sidney Dorfman
by Roz & Art Kaplan

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

Support of ECEC programs

Memory of Riva Bursten
by Susan & Joel Litman
Memory of Ann Patricia Levy
Eliasoph Klein
by Jeffrey Eliasoph
Memory of Brad A. Lipshy
by Janice & Art Weinberg
Memory of David Sandler
by Frada & Alan Sandler

**Karla & Larry Steinberg
Center for Jewish Learning**

*Support for youth and family
education*

Birthday of Larry Steinberg
by Bette & Gary Morchower
Birthday of Larry Steinberg
by Maddy & Mark Unterberg
Birthday of Larry Steinberg
by Janice & Art Weinberg

DOUBLE THE IMPACT

Rachofsky Matching Gift Offered to New Donors

We are thrilled to share that Temple members Howard and Cindy Rachofsky have generously pledged a dollar-for-dollar matching gift of up to \$12,000 for new Annual Fund donors and those who have not given in the past five years. Now is the perfect time to make your gift and double the impact of your generosity.

Lifelong philanthropists, Howard and Cindy believe in the power of matching gifts. This initiative offers a welcoming entry point into Temple philanthropy.

“As someone who grew up in a family that believed in charity and philanthropy, I had opportunities from time to time to both offer and take advantage of matching gifts,” he says. “It’s a thoughtful inducement, a reminder that you’re part of the community. It’s the way I was raised by my parents, aunts and uncles and that whole generation—I want to continue the tradition of doing what’s right.”

Howard’s parents were early founders of Tiferet Israel, and he became bar mitzvah at Shearith Israel. He joined Temple Emanu-El as an adult, and over the years has appreciated Temple’s commitment to learning and social justice.

“Temple is a good citizen,” he says.

Through the matching gift offer, Rachofsky says he and Cindy hope to cultivate a civic approach to philanthropy. “We live in this community, and Temple is a community within a community. What gesture can you make to be a part of it, to find meaning from it?”

Together We Can meet the match! Let’s do this!

**Together
We Can**
2025-2026 ANNUAL FUND

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Three New Adult Learning Opportunities

Lunch-and-Learn with Rabbi Mark Washofsky

March 7 | Following the Shabbat morning service

The Death of King Saul and Physician-Assisted Suicide: An Exercise in Rabbinical Thinking

What does Jewish law teach us about enabling the terminally ill to die more quickly and with less suffering? Rabbis are often called upon for counsel on this difficult question, yet the sources of Torah do not provide them (and us) with a clear and ready-made answer. Accordingly, rabbinical responsa on the subject must interpret those sources to arrive at a solution. In our session, we'll explore how one Reform responsum does it and we'll ask: just how good and persuasive is this rabbinical reading of the texts? Could we do better?

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Adult Hebrew Classes Announced

Temple is pleased to reintroduce two Hebrew classes for adult learners. This is the chance to immerse yourself in the sacred language of Judaism and the official language of Israel. The classes help meet the Hebrew reading prerequisite for the adult *b'nai mitzvah* class next fall (see story at right).

Adult Hebrew Beginner Course | March 5-May 14

In person, from 7:15-8:15PM on Thursdays at Temple

Dates: March 5, 12, 19, 26; April 9, 16, 23, 30; May 7, 14

Instructor: Haya Gross, an Israeli native and Hebrew educator for more than 30 years in the Dallas area, and a tutor for Temple's *b'nai mitzvah* program.

Cost: \$50 for series, including book, space is limited

Chocolate Hebrew | June 7-18

In person: Students will be expected to attend all sessions.

Dates:

June 7, 2-3PM	June 8, 7-9PM	June 10, 7-9PM	June 11, 7-9PM
June 14, 2-4PM	June 15, 7-9PM	June 17, 7-9PM	June 18, 7-9PM

Instructor: Ruth Precker, an Israeli native, linguist and creator of the Chocolate Hebrew course, which teaches students to read Hebrew in just 13 hours.

Cost: \$60

Register for both classes at tedallas.org/events.

Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class Coming this Fall

Coming soon: An exciting opportunity to participate in 12 months of learning about prayer, interpreting Torah and reading Hebrew in an adult *b'nai mitzvah* class. Beginning this fall, the year will culminate in a celebration in the fall of 2027.

Basic Hebrew skills are a prerequisite for the class. Sign up for the adult Hebrew classes beginning March 5 or June 7. (See story at left.)

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Western Wingding

The Tobian Auditorium transformed into a vibrant landscape as the Early Childhood Education Center's annual fundraiser moved back to Temple for this year's event. "There was a wonderful energy in the air as families loved the chance to congregate and connect in a space that feels like home," says Meagan Friedman, Head of School.

Sporting the theme "Shalom Y'all," the auction raised funds to support the professional development of the Early Childhood Education Center's faculty and staff. Opportunities will include educational study tours that allow

educators to collaborate with colleagues from other schools. The funds will also allow ECEC to welcome distinguished guest educators and specialists to lead workshops, share cutting-edge research and provide hands-on training in emerging practices.

"These investments directly benefit the children by equipping our faculty and staff with the tools and experiences they need to provide the highest quality education. By supporting them, we strengthen the entire school community," say auction chairs Juliana Ward and Brielle Pollak.



Erin Feingold White and Justin White, Leslie and Alan Rose



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Taylor Silverman and Maddie Giese Wolf



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Educators Esther Lewin, Maricela Garcia, Victoria Espinoza, Andrea Svatos and Maria Quintero



ECEC administrative staff: Alisa Sureck, Jennifer Richman, Angela Daley and Meagan Friedman

‘Turn it and Turn it Again’

-Pirkei Avot 5:22

Elsie Stern Will Help us Continue to Bring Torah to Life at the Olan Lectureship Weekend

By Anjelica Ruiz



For Elsie Stern, Jewish learning has always been rooted in dialogue, storytelling and the joyful tension between tradition and discovery.

She'll have a chance to share that ongoing conversation on the weekend of April 17-19, when she joins Temple as the Rabbi Levi A. Olan Lectureship scholar-in-residence. A professor of Bible at Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in suburban Philadelphia, Dr. Stern is one of the editors of the forthcoming Reform Torah Commentary. She is also the sister of Rabbi David Stern, and looks forward to the Dallas visit as both a professional milestone and a family reunion.

Raised in a home steeped in Judaism and literature, she grew up the daughter of Rabbi Jack and Priscilla, a poet whose love of books shaped her intellectual world.

Though she began college as a literature major, a particularly inspiring professor drew her toward biblical texts, sparking a lifelong passion for Torah study.

Her academic journey led her to teach at Fordham University, work with scholars at the Center for Advanced Judaic Studies at the University of Pennsylvania and eventually to her long-time role training

rabbis at Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. There she found her perfect intersection: helping future rabbis engage Torah with scholarly depth while making it accessible and meaningful for the communities they serve.

Why a New Commentary and Why Now

The last Reform Torah Commentary has faithfully served generations of learners. But as Dr. Stern explains, both biblical scholarship and Reform Jewish life have evolved dramatically over the past four decades.

“We’ve learned so much in the academic world that simply wasn’t available then,” she says. “And in the Reform movement, rabbis and congregations are engaging much more deeply with classical Jewish texts: rabbinic sources, medieval commentators and modern thinkers.”

Equally important has been a growing recognition of the diversity of Jewish voices. The new commentary intentionally incorporates perspectives shaped by lived experiences, including Jews of color, queer Jews, people with disabilities, environmental advocates and those rooted in social and economic justice work.

Rather than telling readers what the text means, the new commentary aims to give learners the tools scholars use with hopes of empowering congregants to become active interpreters themselves.

Underpinning it all is a commitment by the Central Conference of American Rabbis Press to inclusive language, gender awareness and evolving ways of speaking about both God and humanity.

From Translation to Transformation

The project began during the pandemic era with an entirely new Torah translation designed to preserve the beauty of Hebrew in English. Wordplay, poetry and literary rhythms are intentionally maintained and the text is laid out almost like verse, encouraging readers to slow down and read aloud.

From there the layers of commentary are carefully solicited, edited, revised and refined through a massive collaborative process involving scholars, rabbis, editors, and the CCAR Press team.

The projected completion date is 2029, a testament to both the scope and care behind the work.

Torah as Sacred Conversation

At its heart, Dr. Stern hopes the new commentary will do more than inform. She wants it to transform how people experience Torah.

One of the project’s core goals is to help readers embrace Torah’s rich diversity of voices while deepening historical understanding and strengthening spiritual connection. It also aims to empower congregants to join the interpretive conversation, reinforcing Judaism as a dynamic tradition.

The commentary also encourages “sacred reading,” engaging Torah as a spiritual practice that shapes ethics, identity and community.



Before the Ballot

INSIGHT INTO ISRAELI POLITICS AND SOCIETY

A Class with Temple Sh'lichah Aya Margalit

View the upcoming Israeli elections through the lenses of current events, politics, government and society in this three-part class taught by Aya Margalit, Temple's *sh'lichah*, or Israel ambassador.



All classes will be held from 7-8:30PM.
April 21
May 19
June 9

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ISRAELI WINE TASTING FOR 20S AND 30S YOUNG ADULTS

March 14 | 7PM | Private Home, Address Shared Upon Registration

ATiD, our young adults community, is touring Israel through its wine. Join Aya Margalit and Rabbi Michael Lewis to sample wines from across the country, explore the Jewish State's history and geography, and enjoy good conversation and snacks with friends.

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Brand New Ball Game

Ryan Prager, who grew up at Temple Emanu-El, has been selected to play for Team Israel in the World Baseball Classic tournament, which will feature 20 teams playing at four venues worldwide from March 5-17.

“We are thrilled for Ryan to have this opportunity to play on Team Israel,” says Ryan’s mom, Cori. His father, Howard, is a retired Minor League Baseball player who played on five teams.

Ryan says he feels “extremely honored” to play in the WBC. “It’s awesome to be able to represent, most importantly, my family and our heritage. It will be a lifelong memory and something I’m extremely grateful to get the opportunity to do.”

He describes his upbringing at Temple fondly. “Some of my favorite Temple memories were Sundays in Confirmation, just being around my friends and taking a trip to D.C. that was a blast. I think it’s incredible that I still keep in touch with my Temple friends and see many of them when I’m back home in Dallas.”

Mazel tov, Ryan, from your Temple Emanu-El family!



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