

The Window

A photograph of a man and a woman smiling and packing items into a clear plastic bag. The man is wearing a grey zip-up sweater and glasses. The woman is wearing a dark blue hoodie. They are standing at a table with various items, including a yellow card that says "Triple A". In the background, other people are visible, and there are large windows showing an outdoor area.

Hands on,
Hearts in!

Shavuot at Temple

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Cantor Leslie Niren

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The Gift that Keeps on Asking



Rabbi David Stern

Unlike the festivals of Pesach and Sukkot, to which the Torah gives both historical and agricultural dimensions, Shavuot in the Torah is strictly about the harvest of the land. Called both *chag hakatzir* (“the Feast of the Harvest” Exodus 23:16) and *Chag Shavuot* (the “Feast of Weeks,” Exodus 34:22), it marks the first fruits of the wheat harvest.

But centuries ago, the sages of the Talmud shifted the lens of bounty, and declared Shavuot (which this year begins the night of May 21, see p. 5) to be a commemoration of the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai. Ever since, it has invited us to offer thanks not only for the bounty of the fields, but for the gift of the revelation of the Torah.

What is the difference between the gift of grain and the gift of Torah? It might seem obvious: one is physical nutrition, the other spiritual. One comes from the earth, the other from God and our ancestors’ understanding of their encounter with the holy. One is mute, the other crammed to overflowing with words. And while they both represent some form of potential, perhaps their most important difference is that wheat asks nothing of us. And Torah asks everything of us.

Torah is the gift that keeps on asking. What have we done with the freedom we gained when we crossed the sea, whether the sea of the Exodus or the sea our ancestors crossed to find freedom in America? Have we left a corner of our fields for the marginalized and needy? Have we been honest in our business dealings? Have we honored our ancestors and their commitments? Have we defended the Jewish people? Have we upheld Judaism’s highest moral values of justice and compassion?

Do we recognize that we are not the sources of our own wealth and comfort? Does that recognition lead us to gratitude, and that gratitude to generosity? Do we pause to praise God for our blessings? Do we hunker down, our wagons drawn into a defensive circle, or do we remember that every synagogue is required to have windows, and that Torah calls us to see beyond our own good to the good of the world? Do we see the image of God in every human being? Do we hear the cry of the stranger, because for centuries before Sinai, we were strangers in the land of Egypt?

Far from a court of inquiry, those questions constitute Judaism’s most gracious invitation, the opportunity to live lives of meaning in God’s world. And maybe that is the greatest freedom the sea crossing offers us: the freedom to choose a life of purpose. Maybe that is the ultimate meaning of Sinai’s revelation; in the words of Dr. Ellen Umansky: “To me, revelation isn’t just God speaking. Revelation is that moment when God speaks and we respond.” Which means that revelation didn’t just happen there, or then. It happens here and now, every time we opt in instead of opting out. To paraphrase Rabbi Richard Israel, “We are not chosen, we choose.”

The beauty of the covenantal choice is that it is both liberating and binding. It frees us to be our best selves and to bring the world closer to wholeness, and it binds us to our tradition and to each other as God’s partners in realizing each sacred possibility. It is the daily path of responsibility and practice, and the transcendent horizon of *Bayom Hahu*: “On that day God shall be One and God’s name shall be One.” It is the path of blessing we walk as Jews in this springtime season: from Pesach to Shavuot, from the sea to the mountain, and onward to the horizon of promise for all of God’s world. *Chag Sameach!*





Our Comings and Goings

The Martin guitar was rocking. The smile was contagious, and the song came from her lips and her heart. That was my first impression of Cantor Leslie Niren, whom I had the pleasure of meeting as a student cantor. Later, I'd learn that her favorite color is purple, her happy place is her kitchen, you don't want to go to Israel without her, her new Taylor guitar works overtime and the song is still always in her heart.

We will all have a chance to celebrate Cantor Niren on May 15 (p. 9) and look forward to expressing our gratitude for the many gifts she has shared with us. Also check out the interview with Cantor Niren on p. 7 for insights into the memories and moments from Temple that have moved her the most.

This season is our time of counting—and some accounting too. We move from Leviticus, with the holiness code, details of sacrifices, purity laws and priestly duties, to the business of 40 years of wandering from Sinai toward the Promised Land. In Jewish time, we are building the fundamentals of a society and living with it through human rebellions and divine tests of faith. There is simply never a dull moment.

And how true that is for Temple Emanu-El. May wraps up an intense season of learning, celebration, graduations, summer send-offs and personal journeys, and June begins the quieter but still active time of preparation for and transition to the spiritual intensity of the fall holidays.

On the pages ahead, you'll get to relive Yom Tzedek, the exciting day of recommitment to social justice; get ready for Shavuot; experience our teens' trip to Los Angeles; wish our confirmands and ECEC grads well, and learn about the exciting year ahead at the Karla & Larry Steinberg Center for Jewish Learning.

In the final words of Psalm 121, we read: God will guard our comings and our goings, now and forever. May we pause to acknowledge the holiness even on our busiest days, and may we relish the chance to pause and recharge in the warmth and light wherever summer takes us.



SHABBAT OF APPRECIATION FOR CANTOR HALLIE WEINER

May 9 | 10:30AM | Lefkowitz Chapel

Temple has loved being a part of Cantor Weiner's journey to the cantorate and are excited to celebrate her as she spreads her wings and moves to Philadelphia for a cantorial position. Let's show our appreciation to Cantor Weiner for the many ways she has touched our lives. The congregation is invited to a Kiddush luncheon following the service.

Register: tedallas.org/events





Shavuot 2026

The Power of Ten!

Tikkun Leil Shavuot 2026

May 21 | 7PM | Tycher Gathering Space
 Led by Rabbi David Stern, Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen
 and Cantor Leslie Niren

Feel the power of the journey to Sinai as we participate in a text study, then read the Ten Commandments from 10 different Torah scrolls. The evening will conclude with a dessert reception with non-dairy and gluten-free options.

Shavuot Festival Service

May 22 | 10:30AM | Stern Chapel
 Led by Rabbi David Stern and Cantor Hallie Weiner

We celebrate our covenant with God and recommit ourselves to Torah and Jewish practice. The service includes psalms of praise and the reading of the Ten Commandments. Enjoy a Shavuot nosh following the service, with light refreshments, fruit and traditional dairy offerings along with non-dairy and gluten-free options.



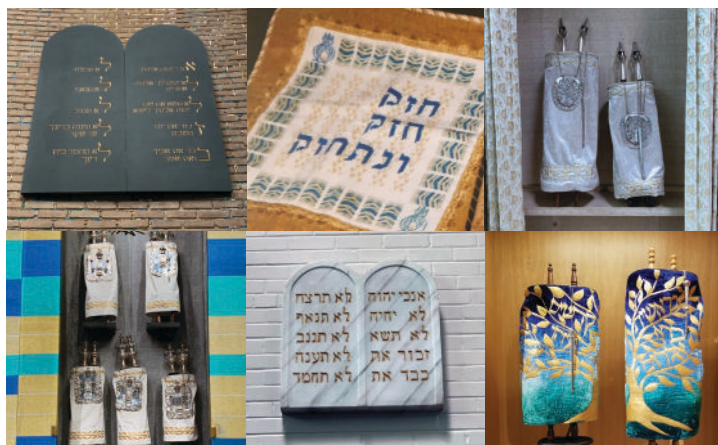
Our Chever Torah

A New Era for Temple Torah Study

Jewish tradition teaches that when the Israelites first heard words of Torah at Mount Sinai, each word was spoken in 70 voices. Imagine the spiritual experience of simultaneous translation into 70 languages, each with different nuances and interpretations, so each and every person could begin to explore the sacred words.

Torah Study at Temple Emanu-El celebrates this tradition with a class on Shabbat morning, from 9-10:15AM, taught by our faculty team of clergy and gifted teachers with a range of perspectives, theologies and passions. Students are equally diverse and share their ideas and thoughts as the group explores the weekly portion or other timely and relevant topics. New voices are always welcome and no prior experience is necessary. A variety of Torah commentaries are available and coffee will be served!

Beginning in June, class will meet in the light-filled and spacious Weiss Youth Wing and be available as view-only on Zoom. Watch for specific topics and teachers in each Friday morning's Your Guide to Shabbat email.



Yahrzeit Notices Are Going Digital!

Temple Emanu-El is moving *yahrzeit* notification from snail mail to email to make it easier for our members to participate in the sacred task of memory.

Beginning July 1, E-Yahrzeit will become the norm at Temple, with an option to continue to receive paper notifications. The new system will allow *yahrzeit* observers to respond easily that they want names to be read on the Shabbat of the anniversary of their loved ones' death, or to adjust the dates that the names will be read.

For information or questions, email yahrzeit@tedallas.org.



Heart & Scroll

Torah For All Exhibition Now Open in Pluss Gallery

Don't miss Torah For All, the new exhibition in the Pamela & Steven Pluss Gallery, located in the Barbara Zale Center for Living History.

This exhibition invites us to see Torah as both sacred text and ongoing revelation; it is especially meaningful during the season of Shavuot, the holiday where we celebrate the giving of Torah.

Temple is home to 13 Torah scrolls, each with its own story. Because a Torah must be written with extraordinary care, every scroll is both a sacred text and a work of art. In this exhibition, photographs of Torahs from around the world, alongside selections from the Temple's collection, highlight the beauty, craftsmanship and meaning embedded in each one.

From the Kleinman Scroll, written in Lithuania around 1900; to the Czech Memorial Scroll, a survivor of the Holocaust; to the traveling Brody Scroll connecting generations of one family; each Torah reflects the lives it has touched. These scrolls have witnessed joy and sorrow, marking the rhythms of Jewish life across time and place.

In 2023, Rabbi Debra Robbins formed the Torah Team to care for and preserve these sacred scrolls, ensuring they remain ready to be read and lived. Torah for All reminds us that Torah is more than a text; it is a source of direction, a work of beauty, and a living story that continues through us.



THE CONGREGATION IS CORDIALLY INVITED TO
AN AUFRUF WEDDING BLESSING HONORING THE MARRIAGE OF
RABBI MICHAEL LEWIS & JAKE ETINGER

AT THE SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE
SATURDAY, MAY 23, AT 10:30AM
LUNCHEON TO FOLLOW

REGISTER: [TEDALLAS.ORG/EVENTS](https://tedallas.org/events)

‘The Heartbeat of this Work’

CANTOR LESLIE NIREN REFLECTS ON 16 YEARS OF MEANINGFUL MOMENTS

Temple wishes Cantor Leslie Niren many blessings in the next chapter of her career. We have been so fortunate to be guided by her enthusiasm, spirit and deep commitment to Judaism in her 13 years as a fulltime cantor and three years as a student cantor. Below, in her own words, are some of the countless memories that stand out.

Why Temple Emanu-El?

During cantorial school, I was looking for a student internship that would truly help me grow, a place where I could put into practice everything I was learning. In my fourth year, I created a worship experience for a creative prayer class, weaving together original prayer modules. Janet and Robert Elkin served as lay advisors for that project, and the thoughtful feedback they offered was formative.

That kind of nurturing, encouraging environment shaped me in lasting ways. It helped me become the cantor I am today. I was also deeply drawn to the vibrancy of the congregation, the strength and thoughtfulness of the lay leadership, the incredible clergy team, and, of course, the mentorship of Cantor Richard Cohn. He has remained my mentor, friend, *chevruta* and confidant, and his steady presence and guidance have been among the greatest gifts of my life.



It’s hard to choose, but what are some favorite moments from your years at Temple?

So many moments come to mind. On a larger scale, the cantorial concerts Cantor Glikin and I planned together stand out, especially “Stories of the Heart,” which we performed during the 2018 American Conference of Cantors convention. Standing in the Stern Chapel, surrounded by the voices of 150 cantors, with sound cascading from every level of the room and singing “Make Our Garden Grow” alongside the Temple Emanu-El Choir—that was one of the most powerful musical experiences of my life.

I also think of the many artist-in-residence weekends that brought such richness to our community; Elana Arian, Dan Nichols, Nava Tehila, Galeet Dardashti, each one opening new doors into Jewish music and expression.



The 2019 NYC Prayer Project trip was another highlight. It was the culmination of 18 months of immersive learning with congregants around prayer, liturgy and spiritual practice. Watching participants develop a language for prayer and a confidence to engage deeply in worship was extraordinary. By the end, they were speaking about prayer with a depth that felt almost like they’d completed a course at Hebrew Union College.

And the 2022 Arts and Culture Israel trip I co-led with Meredith Fried Fedyk was profoundly moving. It came at a moment when people were hungry for connection after the pandemic, and we experienced





Israel through so many lenses: music, dance, food, visual art, innovation and coexistence work. The arts became a powerful entry point into the complexity and beauty of Israeli life.

But just as meaningful are the quieter moments: standing with a family before a *b'nai mitzvah* service begins; sharing the intimacy of a chuppah with a wedding couple; giving a baby a Hebrew name; offering a bedside ritual at the end of life; singing in living rooms at minyanim, or watching a student chant Torah for the first time. Those moments are the heartbeat of this work.

Your passion for Israel has been so present in your work. How has that deepened over time?

My passion for Israel and Israel education is something I try to weave into everything I do, whether it's teaching in religious school, incorporating Israeli music into services, or creating programs like Cantor in the Kitch or adult learning courses like The Beauty Queen of Jerusalem.

For many people, Israel can feel far away. I believe it's important to create meaningful connections to Israel's history and its living, breathing cultural energy—even from afar. Often, the most powerful entry points are through music, food, art and storytelling. These experiences make Israel feel tangible, human and deeply relevant.

Cantor in the Kitch has become such a signature program. How has the community shaped that journey?

I've been incredibly grateful for how the Temple community has embraced Cantor in the Kitch from its earliest days as a Zoom program during the pandemic. At a time when people felt isolated, I wanted to create connection, inviting people into my kitchen to cook, sing and explore the foods and traditions that shape our Jewish lives.

When we brought the program in person, the response was overwhelming in the best way. It affirmed something I've long believed: that Jewish arts and culture

are powerful gateways into identity, connection and community.

Food becomes the vehicle, but what we're really doing is telling the story of the Jewish people in all its diversity. For so long, the focus has been on Eastern European traditions, which are essential, but our story also includes Jews from Spain, Morocco, Libya, Iraq, Yemen, Ethiopia, Iran and so many more places. Each brings a unique thread to the tapestry of who we are.

At its core, Cantor in the Kitch is also about memory. It invites people to reconnect with their own family stories—those tastes, smells and traditions that live inside each of us.

And it truly is a team effort. I'm so grateful to Brett Deckard, Chevie Valentine and Tal Drori on Temple's staff, and chefs Jeffrey Kollinger and Angelo Porcelli. Their partnerships have been essential in bringing this vision to life.

You've nurtured so many young musicians. What has it been like to watch them grow?

One of the greatest gifts of my cantorate has been working with our youth and using music as a tool for connection and community-building. I think back to some of the early teen musicians I worked with: Emily Levinstone, Emily Rosuck, Seth Ordiway, Mitchell Davis, Ally Karpel, Emma Nance, Molly Selz and so many others who followed.

It's been an honor to guide them as they developed their Jewish identity through music. There's nothing more meaningful than seeing those relationships come full circle. I began working with Seth Ordiway when he was a senior in high school, and now I'm officiating his wedding this weekend. That's the kind of continuity that makes this work so special.

I'm also proud to have been a consistent musical presence in our religious school for 16 years. My hope is that these generations of students carry with them a deep and lasting connection to Jewish music and identity. Hearing the voices of our young people filling the chapel on a Sunday morning is a joyful reminder that our tradition is alive and being carried forward full of energy, meaning and possibility.

I often tell my *b'nai mitzvah* students that what they're learning is a passport into Jewish life anywhere in the world. The prayers they've learned—the Sh'ma, V'ahavta, Amidah, Torah blessings and more—connect them to Jews across time and place. No matter where they go, they will recognize the melodies, the words, the rhythm of our tradition. They will always be able to walk into a synagogue, participate fully, and feel a sense of belonging to a global Jewish story that is shared, enduring and uniquely theirs.

Purim! Do you have a favorite spiel?

Choosing a favorite Purim spiel is like choosing a favorite child—impossible!

But I'll admit I have a soft spot for "Hamilton" and "Wicked," given my love of musical theater.

What I cherish most isn't just the performance itself, but the process. The intergenerational casts, the relationships that form, the joy of creating something together. Every year, I would wonder how we were going to pull it off and every year, the cast not only delivered, but exceeded expectations.

As you look ahead, what hopes and dreams will you carry with you into your next chapter?

I hope to continue creating meaningful onramps into Jewish life, spaces where people feel welcomed, inspired and connected through music, food, storytelling and shared experience. I'm especially passionate about building bridges between people, between generations and across different expressions of Jewish identity. I want to keep exploring how arts and culture can serve as a catalyst for connection, bringing Jewish life into places that feel accessible, vibrant and alive.

Ultimately, my hope is to keep helping people find their place in the Jewish story, to feel that sense of belonging, meaning, and joy and to carry that with them wherever life leads.



SHABBAT SERVICE OF GRATITUDE FOR CANTOR LESLIE NIREN

May 15 | 6:15PM

A congregational dinner will follow the service.

Register: tedallas.org/events

Express your gratitude directly with a short video message by scanning the QR code below.

Deadline May 13:



We Got This!

Temple Emanu-El turned out on April 12 to learn and do—committing ourselves to staying informed about critical social issues of our day, and rolling up our sleeves to help make the world a brighter, more humane and caring place. From keynote speaker Robert Wilonsky to hands-on projects to informative presentations by our community partners, the day was a great springboard to action.



Yom Tzedek planning committee stands strong at the opening session.

We definitely left this day feeling the imperative to be part of making a difference in our community.

—Renée Karp



Jason, Hayley, Riley and Molly Fontaine prepare hygiene kits for Vogel Alcove.



Opening session with Robert Wilonsky of The Dallas Morning News, moderated by Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen.



Katerah Jefferson of The Bridge leads Clayton Rider, Sue Weiner and Emily Atlas in creating welcome cards for new residents.

I felt very inspired and blessed to have Temple Emanu-El be a partner of Family Gateway for so many years and support our mission of providing stability and life-changing supportive services to children and families affected by homelessness.

—Kathy Kidwell, Family Gateway



Leona and Briana Ross create bags of treats for the Vickery Meadow Food Pantry.



The breakout session for Vogel Alcove and Women of Reform Judaism includes assembling health bags for guests.

Having Robert Wilonsky as the keynote speaker was the perfect way to kick off the event. He set the tone so well.

—Emily Atlas

It was such a wonderful day and I'm deeply appreciative to join y'all for the special occasion. It was energizing to see so many people interested in the RAC and other organizations' work. The day was a true example of what a committed community can accomplish toward social justice.

—Blake Ziegler, RAC-TX



Volunteers create encouraging cards for people transitioning into stable housing.



Rabbi Nancy Kastan and Deb Williams lead a session on immigration advocacy.



Robert Wilonsky shares his insights on issues of the day.

This section provides updates on the activities surrounding the retirements of Rabbi David Stern in 2027 and Rabbi Debra Robbins in 2028, including the rabbinic searches, farewells, celebrations and welcoming of new clergy.



Temple is excited to announce plans for a congregational gift to honor Rabbi Stern and Rabbi Robbins for their extraordinary leadership and devoted service. The Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) is developing a new Reform Torah Commentary, the first in 50 years. Rabbi Stern and Rabbi Robbins have expressed their hope that Temple will support this project.

same, but everything else has changed...what a new commentary is designed to do is help us engage with it in ways that reflect who we are, the world we live in, and what we're hoping is going to happen when we read Torah." Her words remind us that this effort is not only about scholarship, but about shaping the future of Jewish learning and connection.

Temple is raising funds for this project through a campaign named Kol Hakavod, or "all the honor." Upon its successful completion, CCAR will dedicate one of the five books of the Torah commentary in honor of Rabbi Stern, Rabbi Robbins and Temple Emanu-El. This will be a most fitting way to honor and pay tribute to our beloved rabbis given all they have done for each of us and our families, for Temple, and for the entire Reform movement.

All Kol Hakavod donors will be recognized in alphabetical order on thank-you cards to be presented to Rabbi Stern and Rabbi Robbins. Our goal is for the maximum possible number of Temple members to be included. We invite you to join us by making a gift—in whatever amount is meaningful to you—through the Temple website or by using this QR code.



Upon completion, this new commentary promises to transform the study of Torah by congregants of all ages. As Dr. Elsie Stern, the general editor of the commentary and Rabbi Stern's sister, shared during her recent visit to Temple: "The Torah has stayed the



L'dor Vador: Our Relationships

As Rabbi Stern and Rabbi Robbins prepare to retire and we enter a time of transition, it is more important than ever to capture an up-to-date picture of you, our members, your relationships to one another, to Jewish life and to the Dallas community.

In mid-May, you'll have a chance to tell us about your relationships and connections through a short email survey. For the second phase of the project, those of you with extensive family histories may be asked to participate in additional interviews.

We look forward to learning more about your Temple story! For questions, contact Lili Stern at lstern@tedallas.org



Showing J★PRIDE Together

THE JEWISH LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY THRIVES IN A GROWING COALITION

By Livia Stevenson



In 2024, a new kind of collaboration began to take shape in Dallas-Fort Worth—one rooted in a shared belief that Jewish and LGBTQ+ identity should not only be affirmed within individual communities but celebrated together across them.

That vision became J-Pride, a growing coalition of congregations and organizations working to build visibility, belonging and connection for LGBTQ+ Jews and their allies throughout the region. Today, J-Pride brings together Temple Emanu-El Dallas, Congregation Beth Torah, JBohhood, Stand With Us, Makom Shelanu Congregation and Keshet, a national organization dedicated to advancing LGBTQ+ equality in Jewish life.

What began with a shared presence at Dallas Pride has grown into a year-round network of programming and partnerships. J-Pride has expanded into social gatherings and community events that foster connection in more informal settings alongside its public-facing visibility work, like the “Chalk Your Walkways” campaign that brought messages of affirmation and visibility into public spaces across Texas and Florida.

Along the way, J-Pride has become less about any single event and more about what it means to show up together across different institutions and lived experiences.

“There is deep power in Jewish communities across Dallas coming together in visible, unified support,” says Shira Stevenson, Director of Small Groups and Diversity at Temple Emanu-El. “It sends a message of safety, welcome and affirmation across Jewish Dallas.”

As J-Pride continues to grow, it moves between celebration and education, visibility and action, shaping new ways for Jewish institutions to show up for one another and for the communities they serve.

CELEBRATE PRIDE MONTH

Temple at Dallas Pride Festival

June 6 | Downtown Dallas

Swing by or spend some time volunteering at Temple’s booth at Dallas Pride and spread the word about our inclusive and affirming community.

Dallas Pride Parade with J-Pride

June 6 | Downtown Dallas

Join Temple, along with Makom Shelanu, Keshet, StandWithUs, Beth El Binah and Temple Shalom to march in the 2026 Sunset Parade as J-Pride to present a welcoming and united Jewish front in Dallas.

J-Pride Pool Party

June 7 | Aaron Family JCC

Join J-Pride for a midsummer pool party to celebrate Pride Month with the broader LGBTQ+ Jewish Dallas community. Everyone is welcome. Register: tedallas.org/events

Pride Shabbat

June 12 | 6:15PM

Wear your rainbows and pride swag as we welcome the Sabbath and celebrate Temple’s inclusivity at Pride Shabbat! The service will feature voices of Temple’s LGBTQ+ community and the evening will include festive onegs before and after the service.



A group photo with "Urban Light" by artist Chris Burden at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

LA in Moments

8th and 9th Graders Explore Jewish Life in Los Angeles

By Livia Stevenson

From Canter's Deli to The Getty Museum, our 8th and 9th grade students experienced Los Angeles through connection, learning and shared moments. They celebrated Shabbat in Pan Pacific Park and Griffith Park, heard powerful stories at Beit T'Shuvah, and took in the city's culture from museums to Universal Studios Hollywood.

These snapshots capture a weekend of friendship, discovery and memories that will last long after the trip.



And they're off! Smiling for the camera before heading to the plane.



The group welcomes Shabbat at Pan Pacific Park after a busy first day.



Teens are all smiles in their Mario hats, with Rabbi Michael Lewis at Universal Studios.



The group takes in LA from above as they climb the trail toward the iconic Hollywood sign.



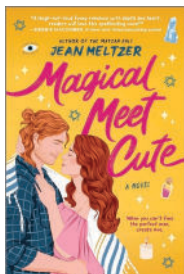
At the top of the trail, the group gathers with the Hollywood sign in the distance.



The group shares a moment of learning and understanding as they hear about the important work being done at Beit T'Shuvah, a Jewish recovery home in LA.

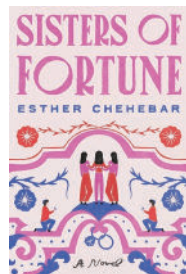
Summer Hits from the Weisberg Library

Looking for your next great summer read? These five novels offer humor, heart and a distinctly Jewish lens on love, family and community. From magical rom-coms and matchmaking grandmothers to Catskills nostalgia and imaginative Israeli storytelling, these titles make perfect companions for long summer days. To check out books, contact Anjelica Ruiz, Director of Library and Archives, at aruiz@tedallas.org.



Magical Meet Cute
Jean Meltzer

A romantic comedy with a Jewish twist: after a failed synagogue singles event, a woman jokingly sculpts a golem version of her “perfect man”...and then meets him in real life the next day. It’s playful, magical, and full of Jewish cultural references.



Sisters of Fortune
Esther Chehebar

Set in the Syrian Jewish community of Brooklyn, this warm and funny debut follows three sisters navigating love, ambition and tradition. It’s a vibrant coming-of-age story about family loyalty and the tension between community expectations and personal dreams.



Mrs. Lilienblum’s Cloud Factory
Iddo Gefen

This whimsical novel set in Israel imagines a town where dreams are harvested and sold. Through a series of interconnected stories, it explores imagination, loneliness, and modern Israeli life with a touch of magical realism.



The Goldie Standard
Simi Monheit

A sharp, humorous story about an opinionated Jewish grandmother determined to set up her granddaughter with the “right” man. It plays with matchmaking stereotypes while exploring generational Jewish family dynamics.



Last Summer at the Golden Hotel
Elyssa Friedland

Two Jewish families gather at a fading Catskills resort they’ve vacationed at for generations. When the hotel might be sold, nostalgia, family chaos and plenty of laughs ensue.

SHINE *the light*

SUPPORT AND RESOURCES FOR SPIRITUAL AND MENTAL WELL-BEING

Grief Support on Zoom

First Tuesday of the month, 12-1PM: May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4

In-Person Grief Support

Last Tuesday of each month, 12-1PM: May 26, June 30, July 28, August 25

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:
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Showing Up for Shabbat—and One Another



“The regular Shabbat community is a beautiful community. That group has been very welcoming, embracing and supportive of the boys. No one minds if we show up in shorts covered in chalk and all sweaty. I think it’s nice for the boys to see that, and for the community to feel there’s some young energy around. They love it when they get invited to do the *HaMotzi*.”

Being regulars on Friday night also gives the boys a “different relationship with Temple than a lot of their Sunday School peers have,” Adam says. “They love all the songs, and most of the time they listen to the sermon. I grew up going to Temple. Before we started coming regularly, I could only tell you the Torah stories right around the major holidays. It’s nice for them to get a perspective on the other Torah portions throughout the year.”

Climbing gym after school. Tacos and quesadillas at Taco Deli. Then on to Temple Emanu-El for the Shabbat service, with a stop at Judaic Treasures on the way in to see their friend and store manager Kay Schachter. That’s what Friday nights look like for the family of Adam Miller and his three sons: Micah, 14; Zane, 11; and Lochlan, 8.

They are regulars at the Shabbat evening service, and their exposure to Jewish ritual and prayer has added dimension to their Jewish lives, Adam says.

“We love services in Stern,” says Adam. “For the kids it’s a beautiful space and a safe space.”

Adam grew up at Temple Emanu-El. He started exploring Temple as an adult in 2021.

“I wanted them to have a healthy view of Judaism, of the beauty of it,” Adam says. The boys’ schools don’t have a significant Jewish presence. He wanted exposure other than religious school and Greene Family Camp in the summer.

The Millers also engage with Temple through the Jill Stone Community Garden, where they spend some time working on Sunday mornings before going to religious school. They’re also regular attendees at Music Arts & Culture events.

“Temple has instilled a passion for Judaism in a world where it would be easy for them to feel alone,” Adam says.



MAY 20 | 2-3PM

Schmooze and nosh

JUNE 17 | 2-3PM

“Movement in Prayer: Why we do what we do”

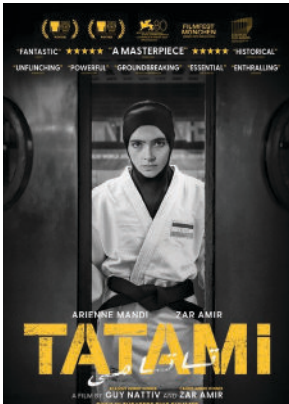
This session by Rabbi Debra Robbins will explain the meaning and purpose of familiar gestures in the prayer service.

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The Ring



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Hola Chau



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Celebration & Remembrance

Compiled by Thomas Booe

BECOMING B'NAI MITZVAH



Arielle Reister
April 18
 Daughter of Anya and Rich Reister
 Parish Episcopal School
 Tikkun Olam: Feed My Starving Children



Jackson David Ecob
May 2
 Son of Leah Ecob
 Shelton School
 Tikkun Olam: North Texas Performing Arts



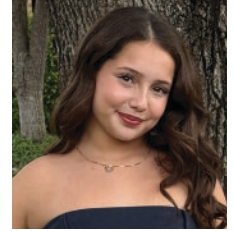
Mary Louise Waldrop
May 2
 Daughter of Lauren and William Waldrop
 Dealey Montessori & International Academy
 Tikkun Olam: Jill Stone Community Garden



Ann Waldrop
May 2
 Daughter of Lauren and William Waldrop
 Dealey Montessori & International Academy
 Tikkun Olam: Vickery Meadow Food Pantry and Vogel Alcove



Harriet Zopolsky
May 9
 Daughter of Erin and Joe Zopolsky
 The Hockaday School
 Tikkun Olam: Operation Kindness



Sutton Nora Cobbel
May 16
 Daughter of Rebecca and Seth Cobbel
 Parkhill Junior High
 Tikkun Olam: North Texas Food Bank food drive



Ari Foxman
May 16
 Son of Jeana and Brad Foxman
 Sudie L. Williams TAG Academy
 Tikkun Olam: Vickery Meadow Food Pantry



Gardner Fedro
May 23
 Son of Brooke and Scott Fedro
 Sudie L. Williams TAG Academy
 Tikkun Olam: Kits for the unhoused population



Noah Keolaakalani Colston
May 30
 Son of Alison and Ray Colston
 Greenhill School
 Tikkun Olam: Vogel Alcove



Aliyah Childress
May 30
 Daughter of Keva and Raymond Childress
 Shelton School
 Tikkun Olam: Food donations to the unhoused population



Lilly Salisbury
June 13
 Daughter of Brooke and David Salisbury
 Parkhill Junior High

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Micah Durbin
June 13
 Son of Molly and Joel Durbin
 Parkhill Junior High

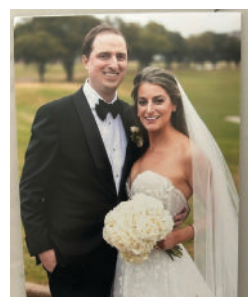
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Cammi Schell and Andrew Kraut
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 Ann Spillman and Jeffrey Margolies
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 Robbi, Matthew and Sloane Shamlian

Evan Suzman
 Melissa, Jason and Kaitlyn Tucker
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Mazel Tov to Susan Regan Donnenfield on the marriage of her daughter Regan Lyn Donnenfield to Corey Lee Mozingo.

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Son of Jacie and Tanner Lurie



Zoey Juliette Schor
Daughter of Michelle Elyse Solomon and Aviv Schor
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Daughter of Caroline Gundersen and Zachary Hochster

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Ronan Augustus Deininger
Son of Monica Berry and Brian Deininger

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Abramowitz, Helen Gimson
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by Gayle Johansen



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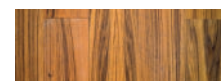
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June 7, 2-3PM	June 8, 7-9PM	June 10, 7-9PM	June 11, 7-9PM
June 14, 2-4PM	June 15, 7-9PM	June 17, 7-9PM	June 18, 7-9PM*

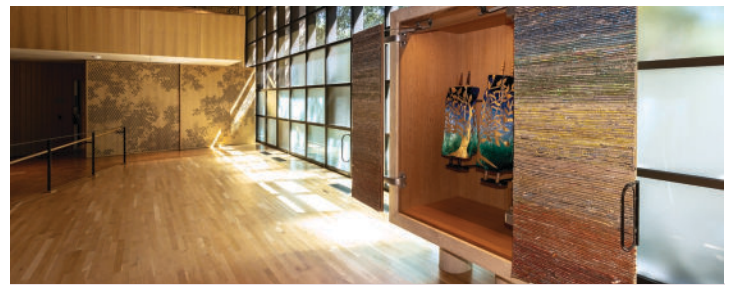
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IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO BE A Bar or Bat Mitzvah

Have you been wanting to deepen your Jewish knowledge, to learn to read Torah, experience prayer more spiritually or meet more people at Temple? The new adult *b'nai mitzvah* class may be for you!

Hebrew classes are available over the summer (see left), allowing students to learn the Hebrew alphabet and sound out basic words. The coursework will take place twice a month throughout the school year, as a mix of Sunday mornings with Rabbi Debra Robbins and a weekday evening with Cantor Vicky Glikin. The journey will include Shabbat dinners and other meals together, and special activities next summer.



Important Dates

INFORMATION SESSION
June 24, 6PM

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
August 3

ORIENTATION
Late August

CELEBRATIONS WITH TORAH READINGS FOR EACH STUDENT
Fall 2027 to January 2028

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BEFORE THE BALLOT

Insight into Israeli Politics and Society

Don't miss the last two classes of this exciting series taught by Temple *sh'lichah* Aya Margalit. You'll have a chance to view the Israeli elections through the lenses of current events, politics, government and society.

The classes will be held from 7-8:30PM on May 19 and June 9.

Register: tedallas.org/events



Congratulations to our Classes of 2026!

Confirmation

Dylan Barnes	Sydney Ingerto	Kyle Pinkus
Jack Henry Bender	Lauren M. Israel	Josephine Nora Powers
Caleb G. Cohen	Maddie Johnson	Chase Sandler
Adielle Einstein	Garrett Jones	Alexandra Sheimberg
Bailey Fisher	Samuel Keon	Ethan D. Shrayber
Dylan R. Gaswirth	Julia Leib	Harley Silberman
Garrett Michael Gaswirth	Ella Maayan Minc	Michael Skibell
Jack Gerstenhaber	Hannah Neveau	Livia Wolovits
Katelyn Herlitz	Sydney Thea Olinick	Bella Zilbermann
Ethan Ice	Clara Nicole Peterman	



Confirmation Service
CLASS OF 5786 | 2026

May 9, 2026 | 7PM | 22 Iyar 5786

ECEC Pre-K

Cameron Allred
 Stella Barron
 Catherine Benjamin
 Brooks Bernstein
 Collins Black
 Theodore Booe
 Leah Cohen
 Charlotte Courtade
 Noah Dandes
 Eric Dreyfuss
 Emilia Emanuel
 Meredith Fijolek
 Charley Franklin
 Edie Girson
 Rose Hedderich
 Theodore Hogan
 Scarlett Hooper
 Levi Jackson
 Camille Jacobs
 Rhone Lakhapal
 Eve Mazur
 Benjamin McDermott

Oscar McKowen-Offit
 Kais Meghani
 Norah Mody
 Esme Morland
 Adam Ordiway
 Nola Oshman
 Micah Paull
 Clementine Richman
 Case Rosee
 Lilah Rosenthal
 Zander Ross
 Annie Russ
 Lily Shtofman
 Rowan Skolnick
 Luther Song
 Elliott Stahl
 Layla Teplitskiy
 Ella Topletz
 Audrey Waxler
 Thomas Zarnoch

ECEC Kindergarten

Riley Diamonstein
 Hannah Goodman
 Grayson Grimm
 Jonathan Horowitz
 Dalton Hosley
 Andres Litchi
 Charlotte Rogers
 Paxton Rose
 Leo Siegel
 Alice Weldon



SUNDAY SCENE

Sunday mornings at the Center for Jewish Learning are engaging, relationship-driven and rooted in meaningful Jewish experiences. Students begin in homeroom Judaica classes, where they build community and explore core Jewish ideas, and come together for *t'filah* led by our clergy and music team. Throughout the morning, younger students rotate through special activities such as music, Hebrew, art, library and social justice, while older students have the opportunity to choose electives that reflect their interests and creativity.

Kindergarten	Torah stories and holidays, building friendships and getting acclimated to the Sunday experience
1st Grade	Ritual objects, Jewish home, Israel and holidays
2nd Grade	Mitzvot, Jewish values, synagogue; how Judaism guides community and personal action
3rd Grade	God, Torah, Israel; introduction to electives and annual bake sale fundraiser for <i>tzedakah</i>
4th Grade	Inspiring Jewish figures past and present; field trip to Biblical Arts Museum, family Israel program
5th Grade	Prophets, life cycle moments; field trip to the Temple Emanu-El Cemetery
6th Grade	Jewish history from ancient Israel to the modern State of Israel: field trip to the Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum, Temple's Czech Torah scroll
7th Grade	<i>B'nai Mitzvah</i> journey; social justice work and identity-building
8th Grade	Torah text study and real-life application; exclusive 8th and 9th grade trip
9th Grade	Comparative religions; Love and Jewish Values curriculum; 8th and 9th grade trip
10th Grade	Deepening of Jewish identity through discussion, community building and advocacy; L'Taken trip to Washington, D.C. and confirmation ceremony
11th and 12th Grade (Madrichim)	Supporting the CJL Sunday experience as senior teaching assistants in classrooms, music, social justice, office operations and more



ENROLL TODAY!

Religious School enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year at the Karla & Larry Steinberg Center for Jewish Learning is now open. From kindergarten to 12th grade, there is something for everyone.

Enroll by May 20 for the early bird and scholarship deadline.

Visit: tedallas.org/scjl



Oh, What A Year!

By: Livia Stevenson

The 2025-2026 religious school year at the Karla & Larry Steinberg Center for Jewish Learning has come to a close. It has been a busy year of learning, building community and exploring what it means to be Jewish. Enjoy reliving some of the year's exciting moments.



Confirmation students hear from a panel of Temple member professionals who shared what it means to be Jewish in their everyday life.



Students learn about the spread of the Nazi regime on the 6th grade field trip to the Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum.



This year's third-grade bake sale was a hit, with all proceeds being donated to Beth Israel Congregation in Jackson, Mississippi, whose building was burned in an arson attack.



Seventh-graders fill and stuff bourekas while learning about Israeli foods with sh'lichah Aya Margalit.



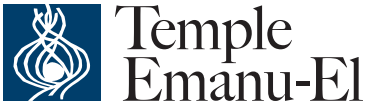
Students burn off some extra energy at snack break before heading to Hebrew class.



Center for Jewish Learning families roll up their sleeves and get to work decorating and packing bye-bye bags for kids at the Vickery Meadow Food Pantry during Yom Tzedek.



New this year, parents and members at Temple on Sunday mornings enjoy morning pick-me-ups from the Lemmon Drop Coffee Shop pop-up.



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