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Shanah Tovah!



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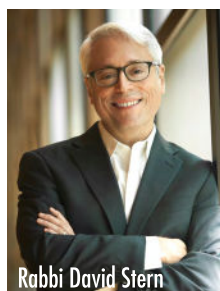
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At the High Holy Days, Stay Open to Spiritual Surprise



When you think of Norman Rockwell's cover illustrations for the Saturday Evening Post, you likely think of a certain version of classic Americana: a boy in a barber's chair, a baseball umpire holding out his hand to gauge the rain, a snowy Main Street in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

But you might also note that Rockwell's America was almost exclusively white, due to an unwritten but firm editorial rule of the Post that only allowed depictions of minority groups if they were in subservient positions: as waiters, porters, or domestic workers.

Ruby Bridges was the first African American child to integrate an all-white public elementary school in the South. In his best-known civil rights illustration, "The Problem We All Live With," Rockwell depicted the 6-year-old Bridges and a team of U.S. Marshals walking past walls covered in thrown vegetables and racial slurs as she began her first day at an integrated school in New Orleans. It appeared in *Look* magazine in 1964, one year after Rockwell left the Post.

The Post's policy, aside from being blatantly racist, raises an important question as we head into this High Holy Days season: to what extent have I made the Post's mistake, locking others into fixed roles and my own unyielding assumptions?

Some of those may be my assumptions about race or gender or people who hold a certain political affiliation. Whether they're about people we don't know or people in our own families, we're all prone to misguided certainties: "If they say that about Israel, then I'm sure they ..." (fill in the blank); "I can't share this thought with him because he won't be able to handle it"; "She'll never really understand herself"; "Immigrants from that country have never contributed to America." In each case, we allow ourselves only one mental picture, and take shelter in our certainty.

Cognitive psychologists teach that our tendency to make assumptions about the world around us is an evolutionary adaptation: you're better off recognizing a lion's roar at the first sound than deciding you want to get closer to confirm your hypothesis. But that same predilection for anchoring assumptions can deprive us and others of the most important gift of this season: the blessing of surprise.

One of Joseph Haydn's most famous symphonies is Symphony No. 94, also known as "The Surprise Symphony." It gets its nickname from a loud octave jump in the second movement that we just don't see coming, in part because we expect the melody to hew to the musical expectations we've already established. But Haydn defies our expectation, and delivers surprise and delight.

And so a related High Holy Days question: what is our capacity for surprise at this season? Can we allow ourselves an octave's leap, the potential for change in ourselves and in others? Can we expand the scale of possibility, for our own goodness and courage, and for the decency and humanity that resides in others? Can the shofar awaken us from stasis and resignation? Can we find notes of forgiveness and humility, love discovered or love restored, in the year ahead?

When we wish each other a *shanah tovah*, we usually understand it to mean "a good year." But the root of the word *shanah* in Hebrew means not only "year," but "change." So when we say *shanah tovah*, we might actually be wishing each other a "good change." And so a prayer for this new year: that the world might move towards wholeness and healing; that we will give to ourselves and to others the freedom to transcend the shackles of rigid expectation, to ourselves and to others the gift of sacred surprise. May it be a year of good change and renewed blessing for us all. *Shanah tovah!*



Welcome to the Sweet Spot

From watermelons and Popsicles to apples and honey—just like that, we're into fall. Don't let the weather fool you; fall isn't just about pumpkin spice returning to Starbucks or a nip in the air (wishful thinking, I know).

In Jewish time, we are embracing shifts; turning new leaves in the books of our lives and, at Temple, reflecting on the changing season for our congregation. Our High Holy Days are packed with meaningful moments of prayer, music and community. Temple shines under the care of our clergy, lay leaders and professional staff and we are beyond excited to welcome you.

On the program calendar, we're moving from summer break to breakneck speed of exciting classes, programs, scholars and musical artists. We start September with Rabbi Laura Geller as the Dolores and Walter Neustadt scholar; read more of her wisdom on p. 5. For the young and young at heart, you'll sing, clap, romp and stomp to the music of the irrepressible Joanie Leeds, our Music Arts and Culture artist-in-residence, p. 10. Don't miss our super-Simchat Torah celebration with Joanie on Oct. 2-3, featuring a wonderful Friday night celebrating our students and rejoicing in the Torah, plus a family concert on Saturday afternoon, p. 9. Mid-October brings Rabbi Sarah Bassin, whose passion for immigrant justice has fueled her work in the rabbinate, as the Schlinger Ethics Symposium scholar-in-residence, p. 27.

In other news, the Temple Brotherhood is holding its inaugural Cars and Community Auto Show and Family Festival on Oct. 18, p. 18, and Women of Reform Judaism is gearing up for its wildly successful and fun Hanukkah Bazaar on Nov. 15, p. 15.

All of the wonderful things we do at Temple Emanu-El are made possible in part by the Temple Fund. Leading this year's effort is Sophie Levy Zuckerman, a fourth-generation Temple member who brings her passion for Temple and love of connecting with people to the role, p. 22. Be sure to be on the lookout for your invitation to give to the 2026-2027 campaign, as well as the 2025-2026 Impact Report, which is chock-full of lists of generous supporters and stories that gave the past year so much richness.

The gates are definitely open. C'mon through!



Recognizing the Blessings of Transition

By Anjelica Ruiz



Rabbi Laura Geller's Selichot visit dovetails with our Jewish season of reflection and change, as well as Temple's season of transition in

rabbinic leadership. Before her Dallas visit as the Dolores and Walter Neustadt Lecture Series scholar in early September, Rabbi Geller spoke with The Window about life's in-between moments, the rituals that help us navigate change and the possibilities contained in every new beginning.

You chose the theme “All Endings Are Beginnings” for your visit to Temple. What does that phrase mean to you?

Endings and beginnings aren't really separate moments. The space between them, what anthropologists call liminality, can be filled with uncertainty and vulnerability.

Abraham and Sarah leave home without knowing exactly where they are going. Jacob runs toward an unknown future and encounters God along the way. Moses hears a call from the burning bush toward a future he isn't sure he can trust. Ruth leaves home to accompany her mother-in-law, uncertain of what awaits her as an immigrant in a foreign land.

We, too, are poised at a liminal moment as one year ends and another begins. We look back and ask, “Who have I been?” Then we look forward and ask, “Who do I want to become?”

What role does Jewish ritual play in moments of uncertainty and change?

Rituals help us navigate transitions: a brit or covenant ceremony, *b'nai mitzvah*, confirmation, graduation, marriage or divorce. But other transitions, particularly as we age, may call for new rituals: retirement, leaving a longtime home, moving to a new community or acknowledging changes in our bodies. These are the focus of my new book, “Moments That Matter.”

Our calendar also gives us rituals for marking time, from Shabbat and Havdalah to Passover, Shavuot and Tisha B'Av. Then comes Elul. The shofar wakes us up like a spiritual alarm clock, and on Selichot, changing the Torah mantles to white signals that something is shifting.

Temple Emanu-El is preparing for the upcoming retirements of Rabbi David Stern and Rabbi Debra Robbins after decades of leadership. What advice would you offer a congregation preparing for a transition of this magnitude?

Do exactly what your congregation is doing: acknowledge the enormous impact of these changes and the gratitude you feel for beloved leaders, teachers and rabbis, while also making room for anticipation and excitement about what comes next.

I find William Bridges' Transition Model helpful. Bridges describes three stages: letting go of what was, the uncertain “neutral zone” and new beginnings.

Your congregation is preparing to celebrate the leadership of Rabbi Stern and, later, Rabbi Robbins, while also discerning the community's future. You're entering that “messy middle,” where you honor what has been while beginning to imagine what comes next. Ritual can help us move through that uncertainty and eventually embrace new beginnings.

After spending your career accompanying people through life's most important moments, what have you learned about our capacity for change?

People actually can change. No one needs to remain stuck in the way things are. That gives me hope. The alternative to despair is gratitude and building community. We have the capacity to begin again, especially when we recognize that we don't have to do it alone.

Rabbi Laura Geller, Rabbi Emerita of Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills, became the third woman ordained as a Reform rabbi in 1976. Throughout her career, she has helped individuals and communities navigate life's transitions. She is the co-author of “Getting Good at Getting Older” and “Moments That Matter: Marking Transitions in Midlife and Beyond.”



High Holy Days

2026 | 5787

Rosh Hashanah

SEPTEMBER 11-12

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

6PM: Olan Sanctuary

Remarks by Sara M. Albert, President
Sermon by Rabbi Debra Robbins

♥ CHILD CARE

8PM: ATiD service, Stern Chapel

Sermon by Rabbi Michael Lewis
For 20s and 30s, oneg reception following.

ROSH HASHANAH DAY

9AM: Tots and Their Families, Stern Chapel

Story by Rabbi Michael Lewis
Plus, Sally Shofar returns!
Geared to families with children up to kindergarten age, including a blessing for all children born since last Rosh Hashanah. Siblings of any age and grandparents are also welcome at this special service!

♥ CHILD CARE FOLLOWING THIS SERVICE

9:30AM: Olan Sanctuary

Sermon by Rabbi Michael Lewis

♥ CHILD CARE

10:30AM: Family Service, Stern Chapel

Story by Rabbi Amy Rossel
Plus, Sally Shofar returns!
Geared to families with children in grades K-5; siblings of any age and grandparents are welcome.

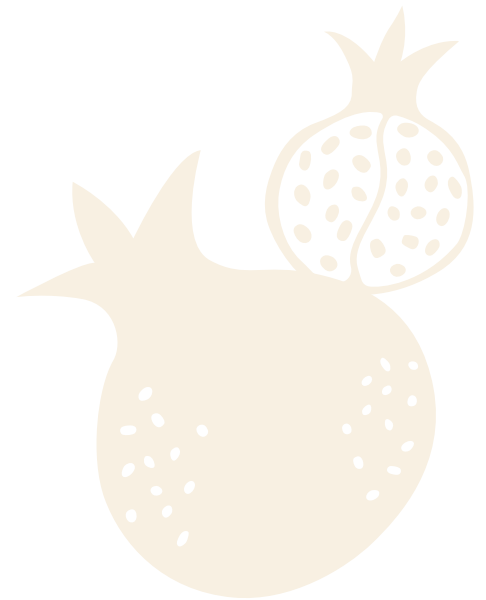
1PM: Stern Chapel

Experiential service that combines traditional Rosh Hashanah liturgy with poetry, reflection and contemporary music.

TASHLICH

Tashlich is the ritual casting of sins and regrets into flowing water. We will offer multiple observances in our congregants' neighborhoods. Note that while some sessions focus on particular age groups, everybody is welcome at any gathering.

- **10AM:** Caruth Park, 7801 Hillcrest Ave., especially for tots
- **12:30PM:** Caruth Park, especially for families
- **3:30PM:** Caruth Park
- **4PM:** Twin Lakes Park, 7400 Campbell Road
- **4PM:** White Rock Lake, 4600 W. Lawther Drive, especially for ATiD, 20s and 30s



Shabbat Shuvah

SEPTEMBER 18-19

SHABBAT SHUVAH

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



Yom Kippur

SEPTEMBER 20-21

KOL NIDRE

7:30PM: Olan Sanctuary

Sermon by Rabbi David Stern

♥ CHILD CARE

Note: In anticipation of reaching full capacity in Olan Sanctuary and Tobian Auditorium, we are pleased to offer the **Kol Nidre Livestream Experience** in Stern Chapel.

Prior to the service, members of our clergy will greet our community in Stern Chapel, and recorded music and reflective prompts will appear on the screens. Lay leaders will participate in Torah honors during the service.

YOM KIPPUR DAY

9AM: Tots and Their Families, Stern Chapel

Story by Rabbi Michael Lewis

♥ CHILD CARE FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

10AM: Olan Sanctuary

Sermon by Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen

♥ CHILD CARE

10:30AM: Family Service, Stern Chapel

Story by Rabbi Michael Lewis

YOM KIPPUR AFTERNOON

12:45-1:45PM: Journey of our Community, the Journeys of our Lives

• Rabbi David Stern and the Temple Emanu-El clergy team

1:45-2PM: Break

2-2:45PM: Music and Study

• Music in Stern Chapel
• By Teens, for Teens with Rabbi Michael Lewis
Connect with community in this unique experience designed just for teens.

12-3PM: Self-Guided Reflection in Tycher Gathering Space

• Walk through five quiet stations at your own pace, each designed around the season's themes of transition, change and renewal. Experience opportunities to read, write, create or simply sit alone or with others.

12-3PM: Around Temple

• *Barbara Zale Center for Living History*
Experience Temple's history and art with our dedicated docents.
• *Weisberg Library Pop-Up*
Find a book that speaks to you from Temple's collection in our mobile library, which will be stationed in the Ackerman Foyer.
• *Zale Celebration Garden*
Find a space for relaxation and conversation in this peaceful garden.

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

4:30PM: Yizkor, Olan Sanctuary

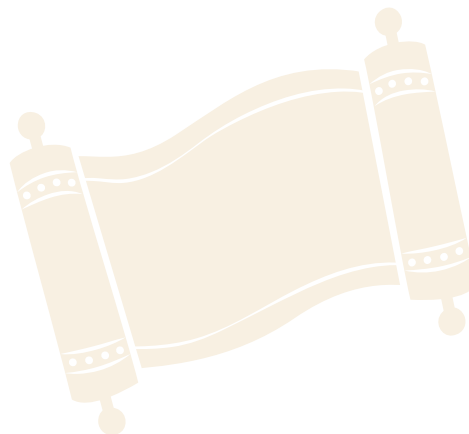
Sermon by Rabbi David Stern

♥ CHILD CARE

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

♥ CHILD CARE

6:30PM: Congregational Break-the-Fast Bites



HIGH HOLY DAYS

HUNGER RELIEF DRIVE

Truck at Temple

September 10-October 3

Support this annual effort to benefit organizations that depend on our help.



Financial Contributions

Online: tedallas.org/hungerrelief

Check: Mail to Temple with "Hunger Relief Fund" in the memo.



Amazon wish list:

qrco.de/hungerwishlist

Food Donations: Please bring non-expired, non-perishable items and pantry staples to the truck.



Volunteer: Sign up to help sort the truck at qrco.de/hungervolunteer

Contact: Tracy Davis Levi, Director of Engagement, tlevi@tedallas.org

Family Guide

We can't wait to welcome our families into the High Holy Days. We offer these suggestions to help families organize their holiday schedules. Parents, we offer child care for children up to age 8 so that you can participate in the spiritual richness of the season.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN UP TO AGE 6

Erev Rosh Hashanah

- **6PM: Olan Sanctuary**

♥ **CHILD CARE**

Rosh Hashanah Day

- **9AM: Tots and their Families Service**

♥ **CHILD CARE** is available after this service for parents who want to attend the Olan Sanctuary service. Don't worry about arriving after the service has started. We're happy to see you!

- **10AM: Tashlich at Caruth Park** (one of many options throughout the day)
- **1PM: Stern Chapel**
The livestream is a great option if this service falls during naptime.

Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre

- **7:30PM: Olan Sanctuary**

♥ **CHILD CARE**

Yom Kippur Day

- **9AM: Tots and Their Families Service**
- **10AM: Olan Sanctuary**

♥ **CHILD CARE**

- **4:30-6:30PM: Yizkor, N'ilah and Havdalah**

♥ **CHILD CARE** Parents are encouraged to pick up their children for the conclusion of the service, where we'll hear the shofar, celebrate Havdalah and enjoy break-the-fast bites.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN IN GRADES 1-5

Erev Rosh Hashanah

- **6PM: Olan Sanctuary**

♥ **CHILD CARE**

Rosh Hashanah Day

- **9:30AM: Olan Sanctuary**

♥ **CHILD CARE**

- **10:30AM: Family Service**

Includes teens helping to lead prayer and blow the shofar. Siblings of all ages are welcome.

- **1PM: Stern Chapel**

Tashlich

- Choose from many options offered throughout the day; pack snacks to enjoy with other families. (p. 6)

Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre

- **7:30PM: Olan Sanctuary**

♥ **CHILD CARE**

Yom Kippur Day

- **10AM: Olan Sanctuary**

♥ **CHILD CARE**

- **10:30AM: Family Service**

- **4:30-6:30PM: Yizkor, N'ilah and Havdalah**

♥ **CHILD CARE** We encourage parents to pick up their children for the conclusion of the service, where we'll hear the shofar, celebrate Havdalah and enjoy break-the-fast bites.

FAMILIES WITH TEENS

- Remind your teens who celebrated becoming *b'nai mitzvah* to bring their tallit to wear on Kol Nidre and at any daytime service.
- For Temple teens only—an event planned and led by teens at 2PM on Yom Kippur afternoon

QR CODES

All members received a QR code upon completion of registration. The QR code will also be resent to the email address we have on file the day before Rosh Hashanah and again before Yom Kippur. Please take advantage of the wallet feature to keep it handy for easy entrance to the parking lot and building.

LIVESTREAMING

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

ACCESSIBILITY

Let us know if you need assistance with a wheelchair or walker, a large-print prayerbook or hearing assistance device. The first row of spaces is reserved for handicapped parking, and golf carts will be available throughout the High Holy Days to take people from the parking lot to the building. The access entrance, on the east side of Olan Sanctuary facing the cemetery, will also be available for drop-offs.

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

Temple's parking lot will be available as well as the satellite location at

NorthPark Center, just north of Macy's and facing Park Lane. You'll be able to enter Temple's parking lot via Hillcrest Road, and security will direct you to available parking areas. Parking stickers are available for members, and those with the decals will be allowed to enter the parking lot without stopping. Please contact the reception desk at Temple to arrange for the pickup of your sticker. If you don't have a parking sticker, be prepared to show your QR code for entry into the parking lot. You will also need to show your QR code before boarding the shuttle at NorthPark and for admission into the building.

Sukkot

SEPTEMBER 25-OCTOBER 2

SEPTEMBER 25

6:15PM: Sukkot Festival Service on Shabbat evening in the sukkah

Led by Rabbi David Stern, Cantor Vicky Glikin and Rabbi Michael Lewis

SEPTEMBER 26

10:30AM: Sukkot Festival Service on Shabbat morning in the sukkah

Led by Rabbi Debra Robbins and Cantor Vicky Glikin

SEPTEMBER 26

7PM: LGBTQ+ fall kickoff with Havdalah in the sukkah

SEPTEMBER 29

7PM: Sukkot Under the Stars
(see right)

OCTOBER 1

7PM: Pizza in the Hut with ATiD 20s and 30s

SPOTLIGHT: SUKKOT UNDER THE STARS

September 29 | 7PM

Enjoy a fun-filled evening celebrating Sukkot with a harvest-style dinner and music by Cantor Margo Wagner. Experience the Constellation of Community in which we acknowledge the special people in our lives and our hopes for the future.

TEMPLE SUKKAH

Temple's beautiful sukkah, lovingly decorated before the holiday by Women of Reform Judaism and CHAI volunteers, is also available for private gatherings.



Scan the QR code to reserve your slot from Sept. 26-Oct. 1, from 10AM to 7PM, Questions? Contact Pepi Harris, pharris@tedallas.org



Simchat Torah

OCTOBER 2-3

OCTOBER 2

5PM: Chavayah Pre-service Experience

6PM: All-In Shabbat and Congregational Dinner

Consecration | Torah readings by post-*b'nai-mitzvah* students | 6th grade siddur ceremony

Don't miss this special evening with MAC artist Joanie Leeds, a Grammy award-winning performer who brings out the joy in children and their grownups. (See story and schedule on p. 10.)

OCTOBER 3

10:30AM: Simchat Torah Festival Service with Yizkor

This service includes the opportunity to read the end and beginning of the Torah. Led by Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen and Cantor Margo Wagner

4PM: Simchat Torah Family Concert with Joanie Leeds



The Joy Whisperer

Joanie Leeds was singing about heartbreak in nightclubs and bars in her early 20s, until a day job at the children's play center Gymboree led to an epiphany.

"I was working with babies, 1- and 2-year-olds, and I saw how much joy they experienced through simple melodies and simple lyrics," says the Grammy Award-winning musician and nationally recognized performer who'll be Temple's MAC artist-in-residence on Oct. 2-4. "To be able to write music as they're being shaped and molded into the person they're about to become is the joy of a lifetime for me."

Joanie, who has written 12 children's albums, including the Grammy-winning "All the Ladies," will bring that special blend of playfulness, joy and love of Judaism to All-In Shabbat and a Simchat Torah family concert. In between her day job as a synagogue preschool music teacher and her performance gigs, Joanie shared her bubbly personality in a special sneak peek for Temple!

Musical inspiration: "Female rockers and female-led bands... Indigo Girls, Ani DiFranco, Madonna, Joan Jett, Fiona Apple, and of course Taylor Swift. I was a Swiftie before anyone was a Swiftie. Watching women who played an acoustic guitar and rocked out on stage was really inspiring."

Family heroes: "My bubbie is the most inspiring person I know. My latest album, 'Ageless,' was a gift for her 100th birthday. And my daughter, Joya, who just turned 11, has amazing rhythm. She inspires me every day. It's wild to see how talented she is at such a young age."

Favorite 'song babies' you've written: "'What a Zoo' is one of my oldest and best albums. All kids have a connection with nature and animals. 'Happy as a Clam' is one of the best, most creative songs I've written."

"'Meshugana' is mostly about Jewish holidays. It's a really great way to teach non-Jewish audiences about heritage in a way that's really fun."

"'All the Ladies,' my Grammy-winning album, was a big moment in my career. It really connected with people. I collaborated with 20 women from around the country, including Lisa Loeb. To have accomplished that makes me feel very proud of myself."

And "Ageless" brings a personal, intergenerational element to Joanie's repertoire. "The latest album honors my bubbie and our heritage. It's about telling stories and not forgetting where we came from."



SIMCHAT TORAH WEEKEND WITH

Joanie Leeds

OCTOBER 2

6PM: All-In Shabbat and Simchat Torah Service

This festive service will include consecration, the 6th grade siddur presentation and participation by Temple's youth choirs. Don't miss the Chavayah, or pre-service experience, from 5 to 6PM.

OCTOBER 3

4PM: Simchat Torah Family Concert

For children 12 and under and their families



Installation of Cantor Margo Wagner



**Friday, October 30
6:15PM | Stern Chapel**

with special guest



Cantor Rollin Simmons,
Congregation Emanu El Houston

Welcome Our New Student Cantor



Joshua Mostyn will be working at Temple Emanu-El as our student cantor for 13 weekends this school year. He will be leading Shabbat morning services in Lefkowitz Chapel, co-officiating Shabbat evening services with our clergy team and leading prayer and teaching in the Center for Jewish Learning.

“As a student cantor, I am grateful for the opportunity to grow and learn so much while developing and honing my own style as a prayer leader,” says Joshua, who also looks forward to working with Cantor Vicky Glikin and learning more about Temple and Dallas.

Joshua is a second-year student at the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music at Hebrew Union College and expects to be ordained as a cantor in spring 2030. He grew up at Temple Shir Shalom in West Bloomfield, Michigan, and was mentored by

Cantor Penny Steyer. He was in the youth choir and performed Purim spiels with his family. He attended Tamarack Camps in Michigan for six years, and graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in vocal performance and a minor in Jewish studies.

“We look forward to working with Joshua this year,” says Cantor Glikin. “He stood out during the interview process for his effusive warmth and enthusiasm, desire to learn and grow in our community, and exceptional musicianship.”

Please join us in extending a hearty Temple welcome to Joshua!



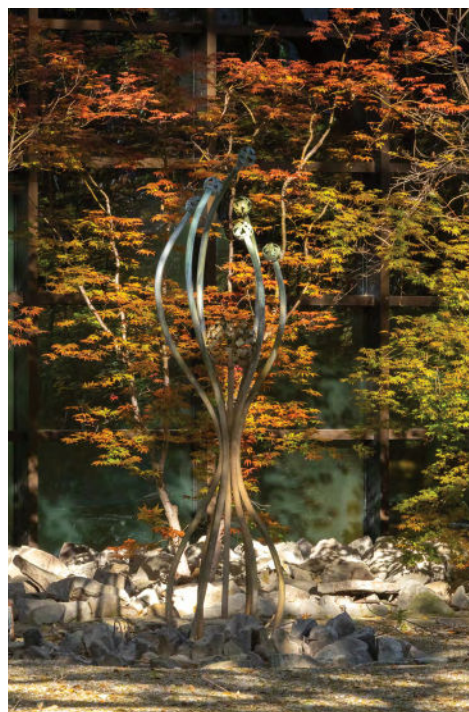
News and Updates

Senior Rabbi Search

The position of Temple Emanu-El's senior rabbi has been posted with the Central Conference of American Rabbis. This means that the placement process has begun and potential candidates can start expressing their interest over the next two months. We hope to begin interviews after the High Holy Days, and to announce a decision by spring 2027.

The placement submission was created with the help of the congregation, using information gathered in the Sharing Our Strengths listening campaign earlier this year.

Temple is committed to finding the right rabbi in a rigorous, fair and transparent process, and we have every confidence that our strong, vibrant congregation will attract outstanding candidates. If we don't find the right person this year, however, we are prepared to engage an interim rabbi to serve while the search continues.



Sharing Our Strengths

More than 300 members of our community, representing every demographic group, participated in the Sharing Our Strengths small-group conversations that began earlier this year. The participants shared what they value at Temple, what they hope for in the next senior rabbi, and what they hope to experience in the transition. Among the highlights expressed in the campaign were:

- Relationships keep us connected to Temple.
- Congregants value a pastoral presence, someone who knows their story and shows up in joy and sorrow.
- The congregation would like to continue seeing strong preaching in the next senior rabbi.
- Temple's openness, diversity and welcoming heart are some of its biggest strengths, and congregants expressed a desire for the next senior rabbi to embody those values.
- Music and participatory worship motivate people to stay connected at Temple.
- The Early Childhood Education Center is a gateway to Temple, and the next senior rabbi should be visible there.
- Members exhibit great confidence in the continuing clergy team and look to them for spiritual leadership and stability in the transition.



Search Committee Named

Please congratulate these members of our congregation on being part of the Senior Rabbi Search Committee. Names in bold are on the Core Planning Team.

Scott McCartney: Co-Chair

Julie Weinberg: Co-Chair

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Greg Gerstenhaber

Andrew Gilbert

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Alexandra Horn

Ryan Kassanoff

Andrew Kaufman

Peggy Kaufman

Mark Kleinman

Madeleine Kline

Mark Masinter

Chase Sandler

Logan Sherman

Michelle Whitman

Peggy Zilbermann

Ex-officio: Meredith J. Fried Fedyk,
Executive Director

New Program for Emerging Leaders to begin in January

Temple is pleased to announce a year-long program for emerging leaders in their mid-20s to mid-40s, beginning in January. Approximately 20 participants will be selected through an application process for the 10-month program, which includes learning sessions and engagement with other Temple events.

Participants will learn how to identify their personal leadership skills; engage with members and other lay leaders; communicate and run meetings effectively; facilitate difficult conversations; and more. Temple clergy, lay leaders and staff will facilitate the sessions.

Applications will open on Oct. 8 and close on Oct. 25. The goal is to conduct this program approximately every three years, possibly with new cohorts and ages. We express our gratitude to co-chairs Debbie Andres and Madeleine Kline, and to Linda Wimberly, chair of the Nominating and Governance Committee.



The leadership program will introduce young Temple members to the work our lay leaders do, including volunteering at the Jill Stone Community Garden.

For more information, contact Andrew Paull, Director of Membership and Leadership Development, apaull@tedallas.org.



SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE MONTHLY GATHERINGS FOR OUR OLDER ADULTS

Third Wednesday of the Month, 2-3PM

Sept. 16: Take a pause between the High Holy Days to connect with old friends, meet new people and enjoy being at Temple.

Oct. 21: This month, join us for a chair yoga session led by instructor Shawn Burns. Accessible for all regardless of skill level.

Register: tedallas.org/events

FEAR AND COURAGE ON THE FRONT LINES OF CIVIL RIGHTS

With Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen and Beverly Bonnheim

October 15 | 6PM

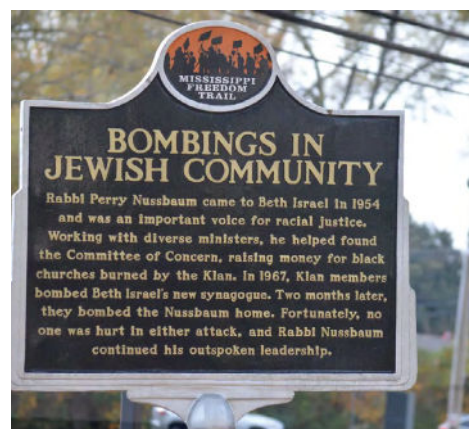
In 1967, Temple member Beverly Bonnheim was 17 when the Ku Klux Klan bombed her synagogue, Beth Israel of Jackson, Mississippi. The same synagogue, which also houses the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life, was recently damaged by arson.

Beverly and Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen will lead this class in which participants will explore the role of Jewish leaders in the civil rights movement, as well as the terrifying events of that night in 1967.

Beverly will also participate in the Civil Rights Journey Through the South in November, led by Rabbi Herzog Cohen.

Contact: Erica Matsil, ematsil@tedallas.org

Register: tedallas.org/events



TEMPLE EMANU-EL BROTHERHOOD COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

October 11 | 8:30-10:30AM



Historians and Midterm Elections

Featuring



Jeffrey A. Engel

Director of the Center for
Presidential History at SMU



Scott Kaufman, Ph.D.

Professor Emeritus at Francis Marion
University and Senior Fellow with the
Center for Presidential History at SMU



Alexander Stephens, Ph.D.

Center for Presidential History at SMU

Enjoy a complimentary breakfast and listen to the thought-provoking panel of election experts. The historians, led by Jeffrey Engel of Southern Methodist University, will discuss how the upcoming election will impact presidential history, as well as provide context on the impact of the midterms at other periods of presidential history. Please register by emailing info@tedallasbrotherhood.org.

COMING SOON: A NEW VOLUNTEER DATABASE

Looking for a meaningful way to give back but not sure where to start? A new volunteer database coming to Temple later this fall will make it easier than ever to find opportunities to share your time and talents.

The new hub will give members a real-time look at volunteer opportunities at Temple and service projects throughout the Dallas community, with options to fit different schedules, interests and areas of expertise.

Whether you have an hour to give, a particular skill to share or simply want to lend a hand, you'll be able to find an opportunity and sign up on your own time.

Watch Temple communications for more information.

Questions? Contact Katie London, Director of Volunteers and Older Adults, at klondon@tedallas.org.



Building Community for Young Families

There are so many ways for young families to connect, celebrate and build community together at Temple. Mark your calendar and join us for joyful Shabbat services, family gatherings and opportunities to be in community with other families throughout the year.

Register and learn more: tedallas.org/events



All-In Shabbat

This all-ages-friendly Shabbat evening celebration begins at 5PM with snacks and special activities before the service. The shortened service begins at 6PM, followed by a congregational dinner.

2026

Oct. 2: With MAC Artist Joanie Leeds
Dec. 11: Hanukkah

2027:

March 26



Together Time

Together Time is offered on multiple Sunday mornings during the school year for early childhood children and their adult friends. Participants enjoy an activity together, outdoor play and a nosh. It is open to the community and children do not need to be enrolled in the Early Childhood Education Center to attend. Watch Temple communications for details closer to each event.

2026: Nov. 15, Dec. 6

2027: Feb. 7, May 2



Tot Shabbat

Tot Shabbat is our service geared specifically to families with children up to age 5, and led by Temple clergy and songleader Jacob Fishman.

2026

Oct. 3, 4PM: Family Concert with
MAC Artist Joanie Leeds
Nov. 14, 4PM: with MAC Artist
Dan Nichols
Dec. 5, 9AM

2027

Jan. 15, 5:30PM
Feb. 19, 5:30PM
April 9, 5:30PM
June 4, 5:30PM

The First Five

A monthly newsletter for families for children ages 0-5, published on the third Wednesday of every month.



SAVE THE DATE

Women of Reform Judaism
Hanukkah Bazaar

November 15 | 9AM-2:30PM

Experience the energy of an Israeli shuk at this exciting yearly market with merchandise from artists, makers and exclusive vendors. Don't miss this chance to stock up on one-of-a-kind gifts for everyone on your holiday lists.



MUSIC | ARTS | CULTURE



JOANIE LEEDS

SIMCHAT TORAH | OCTOBER 2-4, 2026

We welcome Grammy Award-winning recording artist and performer Joanie Leeds, who will help all of us, and especially our children, to get in touch with our true selves.



LIGHT UP THE NIGHT AT NORTHPARK

HANUKKAH | DECEMBER 8, 2026 | 6PM

Light the *hanukkiyah*, sing along with our Temple Emanu-El adult and youth choirs and help spread the joy of Hanukkah far and wide.



DAN NICHOLS

NOVEMBER 13-15, 2026

We welcome back Dan Nichols, one of Reform Judaism's favorite singer-songwriters, for a weekend that includes Shabbat services for congregants of all ages, a Havdalah concert and a Sunday jam session for teens.



ELANA ARIAN

JANUARY 22-24, 2027

Enjoy a soulful weekend celebrating Shabbat Shirah, a Shabbat of Song, with Elana Arian, one of today's most influential voices shaping contemporary Jewish music.

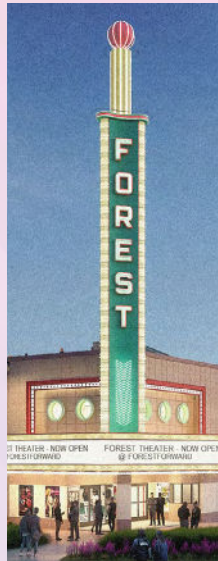
2026-2027 SEASON



LOOKING BACK, STEPPING FORWARD

EZEKIEL'S WHEELS KLEZMER BAND
& RACHEL LINSKY'S ZACHOR
DANCE PROJECTS
FEBRUARY 21, 2027

Join us at the historic Forest Theater for an unforgettable day of Klezmer music and Yiddish dance. Through dialogue between music and dance, past and present, individual and collective, and the tension that lives in each of those conversations, "Looking Back, Stepping Forward" offers a joyful model of cultural exchange.



2-3:30PM: Learn traditional Yiddish dances in a public dance workshop with Choreographer Rachel Linsky

4-5:30PM: "Looking Back, Stepping Forward" performance

5:30-6PM: Audience dance party led by the performers with the live band



POLYPHONY

APRIL 4, 2027 | 4PM

Israel's visionary music collaborative returns to Temple with its peacebuilding mission to bridge the divide between Arab and Jewish communities through music, culture and dialogue.



For information on all events:
tedallas.org/prayer/mac

Contact:

Tal Drori, 214.706.0000, ext.2014
or tdrori@tedallas.org

To Become a Friend of MAC:
tedallas.org/mac



OCTOBER 18 | 10AM-1:30PM

EXOTIC AND CLASSIC CARS • FAMILY ACTIVITIES • FREE ADMISSION • FOOD FOR PURCHASE

Welcome to this exciting new Temple Brotherhood event!
Stroll among the classic autos owned by Temple members and outside collectors, and bring the family for lunch after Religious School!
Plus, the Carter BloodCare truck will be here for our semiannual blood drive.

SHOW YOUR RIDE

Have a special car or know someone who does?
There's still room to enter your car in the auto show.

To register your ride: bit.ly/4bCTb2a



SHINE *the light*

SUPPORT AND RESOURCES FOR SPIRITUAL AND MENTAL WELL-BEING

In-Person Grief Support

Last Tuesday of each month, 12-1PM: Sept. 29, Oct. 27

Grief Support on Zoom

First Tuesday of the month, 12-1PM: Sept. 1,
Oct. 6, Nov. 3

Substance Abuse Support for Friends and Families

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

Here for You

New support groups are forming soon. For more information, contact Meredith Pryzant, MSW, Director of Pastoral Support, mpryzant@tedallas.org, 214.706.0000, ext. 2016.

SAVE THE DATE

Thanksgiving: Giving Thanks A Mental Well-Being Workshop

November 5 | 7-8:45PM

Taught by Rabbi Debra Robbins and
Meredith Pryzant, MSW

Explore how gratitude impacts
our mindset and what Judaism says
about thankfulness. We
will consider how *hakarat hatov*
(recognizing the good) can be
a vital self-care tool, wherever
we are in life.

Register: tedallas.org/events



Celebration & Remembrance

Compiled by Thomas Booe

BECOMING B'NAI MITZVAH



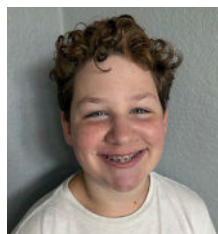
Liam Abraham Latman
October 10

Son of Brenda and
Brandon Latman
The Episcopal
School of Dallas
Tikkun Olam:
Operation Kindness



Olivia Antweil
October 10

Daughter of Madison
and BJ Antweil
The Shelton School
Tikkun Olam: Dallas
Holocaust and Human
Rights Museum



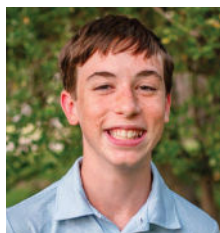
Quinn Johnson
October 17

Son of Amber Pierce
and Sam Johnson
Rice Middle School
Tikkun Olam: Feed the
City; Remember Us
Holocaust remembrance
project



Elizabeth Neveau
October 17

Daughter of Nikki and
David Neveau
Mildred Junior High
Tikkun Olam: Kehillah
Kedosha, fundraiser to
help Hebrew Cemetery in
Corsicana



**Andrew Philip
Bracker Enoch**
October 17

Son of Michael and
Scott Enoch
Good Shepherd
Episcopal School
Tikkun Olam: Dallas
Holocaust and Human
Rights Museum



Georgia Greene
October 24

Daughter of Ashley
and David Greene
The Hockaday School
Tikkun Olam: Yemin
Orde Youth Village school
in Israel



Eliana Jones
October 24

Daughter of Amy and
Jason Jones
Parkhill Junior High
Tikkun Olam: VNA
Meals on Wheels



TORAH STUDY: A NEW CYCLE BEGINS

Jewish tradition teaches that when the Israelites first heard words of Torah at Mount Sinai, each word was spoken in 70 voices. Torah Study at Temple Emanu-El celebrates this tradition with a class on Shabbat morning taught by our faculty team of clergy and gifted teachers with a range of perspectives, theologies and passions. We begin the Torah cycle anew with the book of Genesis after Simchat Torah, so this is the perfect season to get started or renew your commitment to Jewish learning in community.

Class meets in person on Shabbat mornings from 9-10:30AM; locations and topics will be provided in the Your Guide to Shabbat email on Fridays. It is available as view-only mode on Zoom.

NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS

Marla Bane and Michael Benson

Natalie Breen

Rachel, Matt and Rooney Dreyfuss

Miriam, Steven, Gabriella and Bernard Glasser

Hannah, Geoffrey and Aaron Grafting

Amy, Stephen and Alexander Hayes

Alison Henry and Sean Smooke

Ronald Kaim

Sophie, Greg, Hattie and Henry Kelminson

Emily, Tahlor, Luke and Lyla Levine

Josh, Karin and Millie Lester

Alison Plott

Mychelle Scott and Gary Spurck

Joelle, Mark, Wesley and Vivian Simms

Joanne Yurich

Emily, Josh, Juliette, Elizabeth and Benjamin Zaslowsky

BABY NAMINGS



Ozzie Elliott Bruennig

Son of Annie Rapaport and Scott Bruennig
Brother of Noa Bruennig



Axel Dimbleby

Son of Katie Kravit and Craig Dimbleby
Brother of Maeve and Cole Dimbleby

CONVERSIONS



Caroline Gundersen & Colby and Leni Hochster



Jaclyn Eve Lowenstein

Daughter of Liz and Max Lowenstein



Penelope Beth Martin

Daughter of Mandi and Spencer Martin



Madison Colen

GOIN' TO THE delivery room

We're excited to welcome back Goin' to the Delivery Room, our four-week class for first-time expectant parents. Facilitators Alex Horn and Carly Goldman team up for three Sunday morning sessions, each at 9:30AM, and a Shabbat dinner experience. In a small-group setting, explore the roles and responsibilities of Jewish parenting and the rituals that shape our families.

Dates

Oct. 18, Oct. 25, Nov. 1, Nov. 7 (Havdalah and dinner).



Plus! When Your Family Grows



Scan the QR code to indicate your interest in a class for parents who are welcoming their second (or third or fourth!) children into their families.

WEDDINGS



Rabbi Michael Lewis and Jake Ettinger



Julie and Ray Percival



Eli Steinfeld and Haylee Solomon

MAZEL TOV

To Rabbi Debra Robbins and Larry Robins on the wedding of their son, Sam, to Stefie Flint



IN MEMORIAM

Susan Axelroth

Wife of Phillip Axelroth
Stepmother of Meagan Friedman, Justin Axelroth and Darcy Krupitsky

Dr. Sandy Joy Bernstein

Mother of Emily Bernstein

Ira Drazner

Father of Mark Drazner

David Allan Eldridge

Husband of Nancy Eldridge
Father of Scott Eldridge and Ryan O'Pry

Pamela Ezekiel

Mother of Lisa Levy

Eileen Shwartz Freed

Mother of Pam Goettsche, Howard Freed and Diane Hudson

Yale Freedman

Son of Steven and Jackie Freedman and Rachel Meltzer
Brother of Mason Freedman, Jordan Malka, Gabrielle Pinto and Haylee Malka

Elliot Fritz

Brother of Ira Fritz

Buman Lee Ginsberg

Partner of our member Melanie Spiegel
Father of Libby Ginsberg, Mandy Ginsberg and Jamie Ginsberg
Brother of Major Ginsberg and Marsha Rodsky

Harriette Glazer

Mother of Alyce Levy and Marc Glazer

Lawrence "Larry" Hirsch

Husband of Beth Hirsch
Father of Jared (Melitta) Hirsch, Noah Hirsch and Aaron Hirsch
Brother of Carol Flank and Nina Goldsmith

Pamela Jameson

Mother of Michael Pershes

Sara Kaye

Wife of Adam Kaye
Daughter of Janet Shansky
Mother of Miles Kaye and Ruby Kaye
Sister of Becca Shansky

Dr. Richard "Rick" Levy

Husband of Lisa Levy
Father of Lauren Levy, Jenna Levy, Asher Levy and Elliot Levy

Don Oginsky

Partner of Ruth Lurie
Father of Jay Oginsky

Irene Wyde Parker

Mother of Allison Schwartz, Scott Parker and Bonnie Martin

Dr. Philip Raskin

Father of Robbin Solis

Gerald "Jerry" Strug

Father of Susan Strug Kottwitz

Adrienne Strull

Mother of Brian Strull and Valerie Newberg

Lee Allan "L.A." Train

Husband of Rona Train
Father of Dr. Terri Train Greenspan, Richard Train and Jonathan Train
Brother of Kenny Train and Jeff Train

Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman

Husband of Judith Zimmerman
Father of Rabbi Brian Zimmerman, David Zimmerman, Kira Kerstine and Micol Zimmerman Burkeman
Brother of Aubrey Zimmerman and Cheryl Zimmerman

‘My Heart and my Soul Are in This’

Among the most enduring Temple memories for Sophie Levy Zuckerman, a fourth-generation member, was her bat mitzvah on September 15, 2001. The world had changed that week, and Sophie’s younger self was both proud and reflective.

“I worked really hard, and I’m so grateful because the service went off without a hitch,” she says. “And it was a very scary weekend. Planes still weren’t flying, and you didn’t know if there would be another attack. My Torah portion speech was about walking the walk and talking the talk. I didn’t connect these dots explicitly, but if you’re doing something in the name of religion, are you walking the walk and talking the talk by hurting others?”

Sophie’s bat mitzvah experience led to reading Torah in Lefkowitz Chapel a few times a year and contributed to her desire to consider becoming a rabbi. In high school, she was in the DAFTY youth group. She ultimately took a different career path from rabbinical school, but Temple “ended up opening so many wonderful doors for me.”

Fast forward to her wedding to Eric, which was held in Napa, California, officiated by Rabbi Carla Fenves, who grew up at Temple, “but I wanted some sort of connection to Temple to be my anchor.” They had their wedding blessing in Olan Sanctuary in May of 2016, by Rabbi Debra Robbins, who had also officiated at Sophie’s bat mitzvah.

The ties to Temple continue to run deep, and Sophie, now the mother of two sons, one of whom is a Center for Jewish Learning student, is working to create the wealth of Temple experiences for new generations. As the incoming chair of the Temple Fund, formerly the Annual Fund, Sophie explains: “I just want to be in the envelope still and be a part of it all and continue the legacy.”

Sophie joined Temple’s fundraising team while she was pregnant with her first child. “I said ‘yes,’ but I remember being very nervous about it. Then at the end of the campaign I realized how much fun it was and how much I enjoyed it. And so when I thought I was originally just committing to one year, I just kept committing. And that enabled me to have the experience to be able to continue to be seen.”



One innovation that Sophie brought to the recent 2025-2026 campaign was introducing a parfait table during dropoff at the Early Childhood Education Center. While parents assembled their parfaits, Sophie had a chance to chat with them and educate them in a low-key way about the fund. “One, we got a lot of new donors. And two, we kept the Annual Fund top of mind for parents.”

Sophie is looking forward to this year’s campaign and continuing to learn from fundraising leaders, including past chairs Peggy Zilbermann and Lindsay Shipp, as well as Nikki Gibson, Mary Lee Broder and Sandy Diamond, Senior Director of Congregational Advancement.

“My heart and soul are in this,” she says. “I obviously hope that this is our home for generations to come, for my family and for my friends’ families. I want to leave it even better than when I came.”

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 Eileen Freed
by Marilyn Agoos
by Lauri & Irving Prengler
Memory of Bennett Glazer
by Joan Skibell
Memory of Lynn Goldstein
by Randy & Cheryl Colen
Memory of Janet Hershman
by Randy & Cheryl Colen
Memory of Si Sherman
by Carla Sherman
Memory of Phyllis L. Steinhart
by Olga Strauss
Memory of Adrienne Strull
by Jeffrey & Lindsay Steinberg

Susan Salom Clergy Good Works Fund

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

Memory of Lola Belzacki Bell
by Betty Jo & Bell
Memory of Norman Chaiken
by Lynn & Jay Staub
Memory of Eileen Freed
by Howard Freed
by Gary Kahn
by Julie & Rob Shrell
by Lynn & Jay Staub
Memory of Yale A. Freedman
by Sydelle Feinman
by Lynn & Jay Staub
Memory of Elliot Fritz
by Edward & Barbara Stone
Memory of Xico Baruch Garcia
by Betsy Block
by Yvette Garcia
Memory of Buman Ginsberg
by Julie & Rob Shrell
by Nancy & Mike Wilson

Memory of Bennett Glazer
by Katherine Albert
Memory of Lynn Goldstein
by Rosie Stromberg
Memory of Martin Mintz
by Marcia Grossfeld
Memory of Gracie Pack Meiggs
by Debbie & David Sheinfeld
Memory of Tamera Paperno
by Nina Slavitskaya
Memory of Irving Sheinfeld
by Debbie & David Sheinfeld
Memory of Phyllis L. Steinhart
by Carole Cohen
Memory of Lovella Wiesenfeld
by A.J. Wiesenfeld, Cristina & Justin Wiesenfeld, Lindsey, Vance, & Logan Kessler
Appreciation of Cantor Vicky Glikin
by Jack & Allison Schwartz
Appreciation of Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen
by Harry Granoff
Appreciation of Rabbi Michael Lewis
by Brad & Dana Gaswirth
by Debbie & Peter Koepfel
by Ira & Lisa Kravitz
by Jeffrey & Ashley Skibell
Appreciation of Rabbi Debra Robbins
by Joan Jackson
by Judi & Jay Oginsky
Appreciation of Rabbi David Stern
by Sam Utay
Bar Mitzvah of Noah Colston
by Perry & Susie Kaufman
Bar Mitzvah of Jackson Ecob
by Leah Ecob
Bat Mitzvah of Stella Margueritte Kusin
by Gary & Karleen Kusin
Birth of Jonah Weinstein
by Iris & Todd Osborn
Honor of Martin Mintz
by Barbara Miller
Honor of Rabbi David Stern
by Camilla & Bob Gorsky
Honor of Rabbi David Stern
by Wilshire Baptist Church

Marriage of Rabbi Michael Lewis & Jake Ettinger
by Sarith & Rich Abramowitz
by Debbie & Marc Andres
by Brad Blumenthal
by Mindy & Rick Cohen
by Macki & Paul Ellenbogen
by Arlene Jacobs & Allen Feltman
by Marcia Grossfeld
by Susan & Joel Litman
Marriage of Julie & Ray Percival
by Marcia Grossfeld
Marriage of Stefie Flint & Samuel Robbins
by Malcolm & Beverly Bonnheim
Unveiling of Viola Ganeles
by Debbie & Peter Koepfel

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 Robert M. Cohen
by Malcolm Cohen
Memory of Buman Ginsberg
by Debbie & Marc Andres
Memory of Etta Beck Mirmelstein
by Michael Wolfram
Memory of Joseph Robinson
by Henry & Daryl Gelender
by David & Jeri Kitner
by Jack & Marilyn Rubin
Memory of Lori Stahl
by Irene & Bernard Raden
by Sister & Joel Steinberg
Memory of Jan Timmons
by Sue Mintz & Jim Panipinto
Honor of Rabbi David Stern
by Mona Robinson
Speedy Recovery of Rocky Walker
by Sarith & Rich Abramowitz



OUR TEMPLE AND CEMETERY

Rose Marion and Lee H. Berg Building Fund
Upkeep and maintenance of our historic building
As a Contribution
by Jack & Judy Schecter

Temple Emanu-El Cemetery Endowment Fund

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

Memory of Bennett Glazer
by Fonda Glazer
Memory of Lynn Goldstein
by Shelley & Jeff Becker
Memory of Beatrice Malow
by Barbara & Richard Toronto
Memory of William N. Reisfeld
by Donna Schuback & Richard Atkinson
Memory of Rose Zidell
by Fonda Glazer

Rabbi Gerald J. Klein Memorial Cemetery Fund

Beautification and improvements of the Temple cemetery
Memory of Bennett Glazer
by OriAnn Phillips & Scott McCartney
Memory of Martin Mintz
by OriAnn Phillips & Scott McCartney

Rabbi Gerald J. Klein Garden Fund

Maintenance of the Klein Garden
Memory of Cissie Winters
by Lisa Thompson



GENERAL

Temple Emanu-El General Operating Fund

Support of Temple's general programs and events

Memory of Keith Budner
by Rick & Mitzi Kahn
Memory of Eileen Freed
by Diane & Gary Freed
by Karl Kuby
by Stephanie & Dan Prescott
by Eddie Utay
by Ethel Zale
Memory of Yale A. Freedman
by Laura & Walter Levy
by Alan & Lisa Rubin
Memory of Buman Ginsberg
by Doug Boss
by Sara & David Gail
by Lisa & Jeff Genecov
by Karen Guilmette
by Melissa Lacombe
by Barbara & Richard Massman
by Hannah & Greg May
by Stephanie & Dan Prescott
by Andrea Stuart
by Becky & Bruce Wartell
Memory of Bennett Glazer
by Rick & Mitzi Kahn
by Stephanie & Dan Prescott
by Sally & Bob Rosen
Memory of Lynn Goldstein
by Debbie & Marc Andres
by Lottye Brodsky-Lyle & Bobby Lyle
by Lois & Ross Finkelman
Memory of Myron Jolkovsky
by Alan & Lisa Rubin
Memory of Ira Kassanoff
by Claire & Jim Woodcock
Memory of Helen Wolff Kessler
by Barbara & Richard Massman
Memory of Barry Miller
by Lottye Brodsky-Lyle & Bobby Lyle
Memory of Martin Mintz
by Lottye Brodsky-Lyle & Bobby Lyle
by Charlotte & Michael Drogin
by Barbara & Richard Toronto

Memory of Gracie Pack Meiggs
by Sally & Bob Rosen
Memory of Joseph Robinson
by Barbara & Billy Gutow
by Barbara & Richard Toronto
Memory of Leo Slakman
by Becky & Norman Slakman
Memory of Sig Spitzer
by Lottye Brodsky-Lyle & Bobby Lyle
Memory of Lori Stahl
by Stephanie & Dan Prescott
Memory of Phyllis L. Steinhart
by Stacey & Doug Baer
by Lottye Brodsky-Lyle & Bobby Lyle
by Rebecca & Kenneth Bruder
by Sandy & Rabbi Barry Diamond
by Susan Golman
by Rusty Kelley
by Ben Levit
Memory of Bobbi Stein-Wernick
by Diane & Gary Freed
Memory of Adrienne Strull
by Mark & Lynda Kutler
by Lee Veeder
Memory of Lee A. Train
by Pam & Steven Pluss
Memory of Lovella Weinsfeld
by Barbara & Richard Toronto
Memory of Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman
by Paul & Rachelle Crane
50th Anniversary of Judi & Randy Ratner
by Shelley & Mike Rosen
Honor of James Krohn
by Michael & Julie Lowenberg
Marriage of Rabbi Michael Lewis & Jake Ettinger
by Barbara Jo & Geoffrey Crowley
by Sandy & Rabbi Barry Diamond
by Gayle Johansen
With Gratitude to Peggy Zilbermann & the 2025-2026 Annual Fund Committee
by Sandy & Rabbi Barry Diamond

Temple Emanu-El Endowment Fund

*Distribution from the foundation
supporting Temple's programs*

Memory of Eileen Freed

by Lisa & Ben Kenter

Memory of Elliot Fritz

by Leonard & Lynn Krasnow

Memory of Buman Ginsberg

by Sydney Viehman & Robert
Bice

by Lorri Michel & Michael

Ginsberg

by Melanie Sundeen

by Alisha Wagner & Jonathan

Risch

Speedy Recovery of Linda

Winski

by Malcolm & Beverly

Bonnheim



MUSIC AND PRAYER

Music Fund

*Enhancement of Temple
music programs*

Memory of Helen Blyweiss-

Rosenberg

by Marlene & Richard Marks

Memory of Eileen Freed

by Susan R. Hoffman & Sam
Gottlieb

by Linda & Garry Kahalnik

by Mark & Lynda Kutler

Memory of Lena Kimmel

by Mindy & Rick Cohen

Memory of Marty Mills

by Malcolm Cohen

Memory of Earl Pachter

by Rosemary Pachter

Memory of Joseph Robinson

by Tricia Michaelson

Appreciation of Cantor Vicky

Glikin

by Michael Kerber

Birth of Marcel Weiner's

grandson

by Wendy & George Palmer



ADULT PROGRAMS

ATiD (Young Adults)

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

Birth of Jonah Weinstein

by Iris & Todd Osborn

Katherine F. Baum Adult Education Fund

*Support for adult education
programs*

Memory of Charles Marks

by Marlene & Richard Marks

Memory of Lillian Tavensky

by Mindy & Rick Cohen

Memory of Rabbi Sheldon

Zimmerman

by Eugene & Evelyn Fox



SOCIAL JUSTICE

Hunger Relief Fund

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

Memory of Lester Adler

by Annette Corman

Memory of Robert Adler

by Annette Corman

Memory of Irwin B. Behrendt

by Lynn & Bob Behrendt

Memory of Paul Bierbrier

by Nancy & Solomon Israel

Memory of Emma Birnbaum

by Vesta Snider

Memory of Joe Bloom

by Jacque & Freddy Roberts

Memory of Ida Fox

by Eugene & Evelyn Fox

Memory of Eileen Freed

by Todd & Cathy Teiber

Memory of Nelda Golden

by Evey & Chip Fagadau

by Barbara & Michael Lynn

Memory of Stanley D. Golden

by Barbara & Michael Lynn

Memory of Lynn Goldstein

by Mike & Karen Ablon

by Julie & Steve Bank

by Lynn & Bob Behrendt

by Annette Corman

by Evey & Chip Fagadau

by James & Ellen Markus

by Joanne Moffic-Silver &

Gregg Silver

by Gary & Bette Marchower

by Connie Rudick

by Sam Utay

Memory of Bee Tuvil Grasiano

by Jacque & Freddy Roberts

Memory of Janet Hershman

by Lynn & Bob Behrendt

Memory of Livingston

Kosberg

by Evey & Chip Fagadau

Memory of Edna Lowenberg

by Michael & Julie Lowenberg

Memory of Meyer Rachofsky

by Helen Feldman

Memory of Morton Rachofsky

by Helen Feldman

Memory of Phyllis L. Steinhart

by Evey & Chip Fagadau

by Gary & Bette Marchower

Memory of Gerald Strug

by Mike & Karen Ablon

Memory of Marilyn Taubman

by Helen Feldman

Memory of Linda Trbovich

by Jacque & Freddy Roberts

Memory of Michele Wahlder

by Nancy & Richard Fincher

Appreciation of Rabbi

Kimberly Herzog Cohen

by David & Arlene Steinfield

Bar Mitzvah of Ari Foxman

by James & Ellen Markus

Honor of Cantor Leslie Niren

by Evey & Chip Fagadau

Memory of Rabbi Sheldon

Zimmerman

by Annette Corman

by Richard & Sherilee Trubitt

The Jill Stone Tikkun Olam Fund

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

Memory of Yale A. Freedman

by Patricia & Matthew Gold

Memory of Ben B. Okon

by Patricia & Matthew Gold

Memory of Adrienne Strull

by Patricia & Matthew Gold

Memory of Ann Zar Taub

by Debbie & Josh Taub

Memory of Arthur L. Taub

by Debbie & Josh Taub

Anniversary of Judi & Randy

Ratner

by Malcolm & Beverly

Bonnheim

Appreciation of Pamela

Rollins

by Sarith & Rich Abramowitz

Priscilla R. Stern Memorial Literacy Fund

*Support of literacy projects
in the general and Jewish
communities*

Memory of Buman Ginsberg

by Janis & Daniel Gail

Memory of Max Rosmarin

by Suellen & A.J. Rosmarin

Memory of Gerald Strug

by Kim & Avie Schonwald

Memory of Milton Sturman

by Rose Lyn Zanzville & Larry

Lauffer

Memory of Nancy Todes

by Michael & Julie Lowenberg

Memory of Rabbi Sheldon

Zimmerman

by Paul Radman

Social Justice Fund for Youth Education

*Support of worthwhile
educational causes for youth
in need*

Memory of David Eldridge

by Suzi & Jack Greenman

Memory of Buman Ginsberg

by Maddy & Mark Unterberg

Memory of Lynn Goldstein

by Cathy Bernstein

by Margaret Wilonsky

Memory of Gracie Pack

Meiggs

by Evey & Chip Fagadau

Marriage of Rabbi Michael

Lewis & Jake Ettinger

by Nancy & Solomon Israel



YOUTH AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC) Fund

Support of ECEC programs

Memory of David Eldridge

by Judy & Ronald Foxman

Memory of Yale A. Freedman

by Lois & Malcolm Davidson

Memory of Bennett Glazer

by Jamie & Cameron Gerard

by Mary (Rubin) & Steve

Meadow

Memory of Lynn Goldstein

by Janice & Art Weinberg

Memory of Lillian Hirsch

by Shelley & Richard Hirsh

Memory of Aaron Kreisler

by Sheila Boris Lerer

Memory of Martin Mintz

by Lynn & Mark Bernstien

by Janet & Todd Dolginoff

by Macki & Paul Ellenbogen

by Frances & Alan Harris

by Joy & Joseph Kaplan

by Alisone & Jeffrey Kopita

by Barbara Miller

by Sue Mintz & Jim Panipinto

by Debra & Barry Rothschild

by Becky & Norman Slakman

by Annette & Larry Sondock

by Gail Stalarow

by Donald Wolman

Memory of Lori Stahl

by Janice & Art Weinberg

Memory of Phyllis L. Steinhart

by Brenda Brand

Memory of David Strelitz

by Janice & Art Weinberg

Memory of Gerald Strug

by Jamie & Cameron Gerard

Memory of Lee A. Train

by Jamie & Cameron Gerard

Anniversary of Cyvia &

Marvin Noble

by Shelley & Richard Hirsh

Anniversary of Harianne &

David Wallenstein

by Ann & Alan Bogdanow

Bat Mitzvah of Emersyn

Gammieri

by Janice & Art Weinberg

Birth of Jonah Weinstein

by Iris & Todd Osborn

Honor of Cathy & Steve

Gilbert

by Shelley & Richard Hirsh

Gina Rosenfield Levy

Greene Family Camp

Scholarship Fund

Financial assistance to families

for Greene Family Camp

Memory of Harry & Carol

Breitbarth

by Phyllis & Phil Stoup

Memory of Linda Gissy

by Phyllis & Phil Stoup

Memory of Lynn Goldstein

by Phyllis & Phil Stoup

Memory of Mo Hasson

by Phyllis & Phil Stoup

Memory of Aaron Kreisler

by Phyllis & Phil Stoup

Memory of Teresa Mapp

by Phyllis & Phil Stoup

Memory of Tamara Speckman

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Metz Youth Fund

Scholarships for Jewish activities

sponsored by Temple or other

Jewish organizations

Memory of Carl A. Barnes

by Ellen & Allan Metz

Memory of Jan Timmons

by Ellen & Allan Metz

Martin and Charlotte Weiss

Religious School Fund

Scholarships for religious school

fees, books and additional

expenses

Memory of Robert Stuart

Chaiken

by Lynn & Jay Staub

Shor/Lowenstein Youth

Scholarship Fund

Financial assistance to families

for participation in youth

programs

Memory of Lynn Goldstein

by Robin Kosberg & Mark

Washofsky

Memory of Mo Hasson

by Robin Kosberg & Mark

Washofsky

Temple Teens Take Learning on the Road

By Mandi Toppel

This year, Temple teens will take their learning beyond the classroom through three meaningful travel experiences. From advocating for justice in our nation's capital, to walking through the history of the civil rights movement, to exploring Jewish heritage and immigration in New York City, each journey will help our teens strengthen their Jewish identities, build community and discover how they can make a difference.



10TH GRADE

L'Taken Social Justice Seminar

Washington, D.C. | January 8-11, 2027

Our Confirmation Students are headed to Washington, D.C.! At the Religious Action Center's L'Taken Social Justice Seminar, 10th grade students will explore social justice issues they care about, connect advocacy with Jewish values and develop lifelong leadership and public-speaking skills. Alongside Jewish teens from across North America, they will experience our nation's capital and bring their voices directly to congressional offices.

8TH & 9TH GRADE

Civil Rights Journey

Atlanta, Montgomery, Selma and Birmingham | February 25-28, 2027

Traveling with Etgar 36, our 8th and 9th grade students will walk in the footsteps of the civil rights movement while considering what its lessons ask of us today. The journey will include powerful sites such as the Rosa Parks Museum, the Legacy Museum, the National Memorial for Peace and Justice, the Edmund Pettus Bridge, the 16th Street Baptist Church and the Martin Luther King Jr. Center. Through history, firsthand stories and thoughtful conversation, students will explore courage, justice, responsibility and the Jewish tradition of turning values into action.

11TH & 12TH GRADE

Inaugural New York City Journey

Spring 2027 | Dates to Be Announced

For the first time, Temple Emanu-El will offer a special travel experience created specifically for our 11th and 12th grade students. This inaugural New York City journey is planned to focus on Jewish heritage and immigration, giving our oldest teens the opportunity to explore the stories, neighborhoods and communities that helped shape Jewish life in America. More details are coming soon!

Three trips. Three unforgettable opportunities to learn, connect and experience Jewish values in action.

For more information, please reach out to Mandi Toppel, Assistant Director for 7th-12th Grade Education, mtoppel@tedallas.org

New Prayer Project Class Begins

Imagine being able to walk into almost any Jewish worship service and understand the structure of the service, the meaning of the liturgy and how individual prayers create a greater narrative for our spiritual lives. Learn all this and more as part of the Prayer Project!

This year-long class, taught by Cantor Vicky Glikin, is designed to deepen understanding of the Jewish worship service and how it can create deeper spiritual connections.

In a combination of monthly study sessions, participation in Shabbat services and shared community, the Prayer Project will use song, silence, journaling, study and conversation to explore prayers and connect to Jewish liturgy in new ways. The class will also help students cultivate personal prayer practices for daily life. The course materials include the Mishkan T'filah prayer book and a paperback or digital copy of "Making Prayer Real" by Rabbi Mike Comins. Students will also be asked to read the

monthly assignment, listen to audio recordings and to compose journal entries. The class is open to all. It is required for students in the Adult B'nai Mitzvah class.

Schedule

All classes held on Thursday evenings from 7-9PM

2026: Oct. 15, Nov. 12, Dec. 10

2027: Jan. 28, Feb. 25, March 25, May 6

Cost: \$20, excluding books and optional Shabbat meals

Register: tedallas.org/events



Ultimately the goal of prayer is not to translate a word but to translate the self; not to render an ancient vocabulary in modern terminology but to transform our lives into prayers.

Abraham Joshua Heschel



MUSSAR CLASS TO BEGIN IN OCTOBER

Are you interested in examining your character through a Jewish lens? Then a new Mussar va'ad, or small group class, might be for you. Congregant Michael Selz, a longtime Mussar practitioner and facilitator, will be teaching an intro course to Mussar, a modern interpretation of a centuries-old Jewish practice of self-reflection and growth through the exploration of *middot*, or soul traits. Mussar practitioners attend the va'ad every other week. The in-between weeks are reserved for *chevrutah*, or partner, study.

Michael will be using the curriculum, "Seeking Everyday Holiness," provided by The Mussar Institute.

An info session will be held at 7PM on Oct. 14.

Register: tedallas.org/events.

DATES

2026

Oct. 28: Orientation

Nov. 11: Humility

Dec. 2: Patience

Dec. 16: Order

Dec. 30: Equanimity

2027

Jan. 13: Honor

Jan. 27: Truth

Feb. 10: Moderation

Feb. 24: Responsibility

March 10: Trust

‘Beautiful Fusion’

Justice Plays a Central Role in Sarah Bassin’s Rabbinate

By Anjelica Ruiz



For Rabbi Sarah Bassin, the connection between Judaism and justice was clear long before she became a rabbi.

Growing up, Bassin heard stories about a rabbi in her congregation who challenged a corrupt political machine in the 1930s. It offered her an early vision of what a rabbi could be: someone whose Jewish values shaped their engagement with the wider world.

“I always knew the type of rabbi that I wanted to be would center around justice work,” Bassin said. “It was just this beautiful fusion that I saw of understanding the intersection between my Jewish values and the role that they play in the public sphere.”

That conviction eventually led Bassin to HIAS, the Jewish humanitarian organization that has spent more than 120 years helping refugees and displaced people find safety and rebuild their lives. Today, as HIAS’s Rabbi-in-Residence,

Bassin works to mobilize Jewish communities to support immigrants and refugees through direct service, advocacy and partnerships with organizations doing work on the ground.

Rabbi Bassin will bring that work to Temple Emanu-El as the featured speaker for the Henry D. Schlinger Ethics Symposium, October 16-17, exploring immigration through the lens of Jewish values and the enduring responsibility to welcome the stranger.

“We have always had the vision of helping people access welcome and safety and opportunity,” Bassin said. “That vision has never changed, but what it looks like in reality evolves to meet the changing conditions of a world in flux.”

When Jewish communities discuss immigration, one biblical commandment inevitably rises to the surface: love the stranger, for you were strangers in Egypt. Bassin believes there is much more to the Jewish relationship with migration than that familiar phrase.

Migration, she argues, is woven throughout the Torah. Humanity leaves

Eden. Babel scatters people across the earth. Abraham and Sarah leave their home and later travel to Egypt because of famine. “There is a centrality of this consciousness of migration that actually informs every aspect of the Jewish story and of Jewish history that marks our collective soul,” Bassin said.

Amid the enormity of global displacement, Bassin finds hope in small acts of welcome. She recalls hearing about a child from a refugee family resettled with help from a synagogue. When another refugee family later arrived nearby, the child, still relatively new to America himself, knocked on their door, accompanied the newly arrived child to the bus stop, and helped him navigate his first day of school.

Bassin hopes the symposium weekend will offer a sense of possibility and responsibility. Societies can change, she said, sometimes moving further from the values we hold sacred. But they can also change in the other direction.

“We have a role to play,” Bassin said, “in making sure that that’s the direction that it goes.”

HENRY D. SCHLINGER ETHICS SYMPOSIUM

Lifting Our Lamps: The Sacred Work of Welcome

October 16

6:15PM: Shabbat evening service sermon
Reclaiming a National Narrative of Welcome

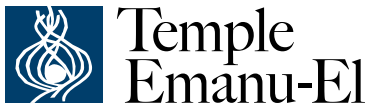
October 17

9AM: Torah Study
Reading Ezra in an Age of Deportations

12PM: Lunch-and-Learn
Striving to be Human: Stories from the Front Lines of the Immigration Crisis



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