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CLERGY VOICE

Dear Friends,

This year during my Kol Nidre sermon, I encouraged each of us to act more Jewishly – that is, to lean into our Judaism, to do one thing each day that embraces our traditions and enhances our lives.

Every year, Chanukah gives us a wonderful opportunity to rekindle more Jewish ritual and experience in our lives, to add more light over the entire eight nights.

First and foremost, simply by lighting the candles, we sanctify our lives. Kindling a candle every evening can brighten our outlook in the darkest days and add to our knowledge of Jewish history and the power of daily Jewish experiences.

Second, Chanukah gift-giving traditions can include the act of tzedakah. While historically we give gifts of gelt or money, we can teach our children and other adults in our lives (including ourselves) to choose at least one day during these eight days of Chanukah to give and not receive. Gather with your family to research and decide how you will give this year. Donating to your favorite organization enhances Chanukah, elevating its meaning by including philanthropy. Participating in the act of tzedakah is essential to Judaism, and sharing is an important value at any age. You can have your children drop off gifts to organizations that help families who are unable to afford them or make blankets made of fleece and deliver them to a shelter or a local hospital. Whatever you choose, the act of giving and not receiving is a meaningful and priceless act (see page 5 for a list of local organizations you might choose to support).

Third, Chanukah can kindle Jewish pride. The essential story of Chanukah is the belief that total assimilation is Judaism’s ultimate demise. Chanukah is a time to proudly celebrate our unique history and identity. The rabbis taught us to put the Chanukah menorah in our doorway or

by a window to identify our Judaism publicly. By kindling the Chanukah menorah as the market closed after sunset, Jews lighting the Chanukah flames illuminated the



RABBI ZIMMERMAN

path for shopkeepers and shoppers on their way home. The Chanukah menorah displayed in the window identified that Chanukah is observed in this home.

Chanukah is a wonderful opportunity for our congregation to embrace Judaism by increasing our individual and collective Jewish observance. It is amazing that an ancient Jewish event, a moment in our history, can be so relevant and meaningful centuries later, in this day and age. I hope we can collectively do more Jewish action this Chanukah as we increase Jewish rituals and meaning in our lives.

On the following page begins a list of eight ways in which we might all kindle our Jewish pride. Join us in these actions, and at our live virtual candle lighting each night of Chanukah, as we celebrate this holiday, our Jewish community, and our communal and individual Jewish pride.

Judaism is a beautiful tradition we have been bequeathed. It is up to us to keep the lights going this Chanukah and for generations to come.

B'virkat Shalom,

Rabbi Marcia A. Zimmerman
Alvin & June Perlman Senior Rabbinic Chair

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KINDLING JEWISH PRIDE

Kiss a Mezuzah

These scrolls with verses from the Shema sit in small boxes on our doorposts at the threshold of public and private domains, and mark transitions within space. Both the handwritten scrolls and the unique designs housing them demonstrate the tradition of hiddur mitzvah, making a mitzvah extra beautiful. Some people choose to show reverence for the ancient words inside by touching a mezuzah and kissing their fingers. There is a folk tradition that the reason we affix a mezuzah at an angle is to demonstrate the power of compromise in building sh'lom bayit, peace in the home. Psalms 121 says that God will guard our coming out and returning home now and always, but what is our personal responsibility for how we enter and leave space, how we show up for one another?

Notice the Moon

Noticing the ebb and flow of the moon connects humanity to our origins and the Jewish people to the cycle of our holidays, which are counted on a lunar calendar. The harvest holidays of Pesach and Sukkot occur on the fifteenth day of the month, when the entire night is illuminated under a full moon. As Purim approaches, the waxing crescent moon takes the shape of a smile in this season of joy. Rosh HaShanah begins at the new moon, when the moon is practically invisible, but it begins to grow, perhaps symbolic of the importance of searching the hidden in our hearts in the season of teshuvah or of the resilience of the Jewish people, who may seem diminished, but wax great again and again.

Embrace the Obligation of Tzedakah

Perhaps one of the best known but least understood Hebrew words is the word tzedakah. Often mistranslated as “charity,” whose Greek roots are about giving from the heart, a better translation of tzedakah might be righteous giving or just giving. The latter has wordplay that might be instructive; the traditional obligation is just to give, not because of how it makes us feel, not because our heart is moved. Based on the biblical tradition of ma'aser, tithing, Maimonides suggested a range of 10 to 20% of our income and wrote that even people who depend on receiving tzedakah to get by must still give tzedakah to others. This season of gift-giving might be a special reminder to make tzedakah a meaningful part of our budget planning, not an afterthought. Tithing paycheck by paycheck can be a way to build this muscle of just giving—and as a bonus, it will probably feel good too.

Express Joy

Joy, according to Alan Lee, is the capacity to feel all our emotions. To feel sadness and happiness, remorse and pride, good and bad feelings are what make us human and (w)holy people. When we can be our authentic selves embracing the emotions that are present in our lives in all circumstances, then we create a community that is safe and spiritually uplifting. Chanukah is a time to celebrate light and darkness—it is a time of year we turn to one another for support and compassion. When each of us allows ourselves and others to feel all of our feelings, we empathize with others and lend them a helping hand during times of difficulty, and a strong hand to dance with them in their happiness. When we are able to be there for ourselves and others through all of life's passages then we will be a healthy and vibrant world for all.

Learn Something New

The prayer book teaches us that Torah is our life and the length of our days—that we should meditate on it day and night. The statement is so strong that some Jews judge their time on whether they are learning or ignoring Torah. Time may be our most precious commodity, and the opportunity to fill our time with Torah—broadly translated as learning writ large—might apply to reading a book, studying a language, hearing a new idea, singing a new song, stretching beyond our comfort zones, or deepening a relationship. The Hebrew roots for “learn” and “change” are connected; perhaps this lifelong learning is one of the great markers of being alive.

Eat With Your Body, Mind, and Soul

Kashrut—literally “fitness”—is a system that developed over time from the Torah and throughout the generations of rabbinic Judaism. But what other ways might we consider food fit today? Growing and supplying food impacts the earth in different ways, so there is a sustainability component in how we eat. Likewise, movements toward ethically-sourced food such as chocolate and coffee can cause us to look closer at the chain from the food's supplier to the consumer. In a Sephardi tradition, Birkat Hamazon, the blessing after the meal, includes a guest reciting a blessing for their host—that their home and table should be like the table of the biblical Abraham and Sarah, where all who are hungry or thirsty could eat and drink. Let us imagine the physical, intellectual, and spiritual sustenance that we could embrace around that communal table.

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THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Interfaith Service at Temple Israel

Thursday, November 25, 10:00 a.m.

See back cover for more information and join us!

There will be no Meals on Wheels this year.
If you'd like to support our greater community during
this time, check the next page for options.

Housing Justice Shabbat

Friday, November 26, 6:00 p.m.

Inspired by the home-based celebrations of Thanksgiving and Shabbat, Rabbi Ricky Kamil will help lead a service dedicated to Housing Justice in the Twin Cities and beyond. One person will share their story of being unhoused, and we will learn what we can do to help. Join us as we lift our souls in commitment to action.

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Preparing for Chanukah Torah Study with Rabbi Zimmerman

Saturday, November 27, 9:00 a.m. on Zoom

Rabbi Zimmerman will teach about the liturgy of Chanukah, the Torah and Haftarah portions we read during the holiday, and how Chanukah has changed throughout time. Come study together as we prepare to kindle the first candle of Chanukah the following day.

Kindle the Sparks of Chanukah

Join Temple's clergy live each night of Chanukah for a **virtual** Candle Lighting. Clergy will also share a special theme each evening to help enhance our celebration of the holiday. All Zoom links will be listed at www.templeisrael.com.

First Night of Chanukah



First Night: Sunday November 28, 6:00 p.m.

Kindle Community with Rabbi Zimmerman

On this first night of Chanukah, Rabbi Zimmerman will gather us for a virtual celebration of our Temple Israel community. We will also explore what it means to be part of a diverse Jewish population, as well as ways in which we might share our Jewish pride and traditions with our greater community.

Second Night of Chanukah



Second Night: Monday November 29, 6:00 p.m.

Kindle Cooking with Rabbi Hartman and Chef David Fhima

Join us to create latkes from scratch! Temple member and Chef David Fhima will share his Sephardi traditions and recipes.

Third Night of Chanukah



Third Night: Tuesday November 30, 6:00 p.m.

Kindle Kindness and Creativity with Rabbi Klein and JEWL

Join our JEWL learners as they guide us into our communal candle lighting. We will lift up the value of kindness by highlighting some of our learners who have been recognized for their menschlichkeit and share our learners' creations.

Fourth Night of Chanukah



Fourth Night: Wednesday December 1, 6:00 p.m.

Kindle Creativity and Kindness with Rabbi Moss and JEWL

Join our JEWL learners for another night as they guide us into our communal candle lighting. We will lift up the value of kindness by highlighting some of our learners who have been recognized for their menschlichkeit and share our learners' creations.

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Fifth Night of Chanukah



Fifth Night: Thursday December 2, 6:00 p.m.
Hosted by the Temple Israel Foundation

Kindle Curiosity with Rabbi Zimmerman and Guest Rabbi Laura Geller

Rabbi Geller will speak about her book, *Getting Good at Getting Older*, a 2019 National Jewish Book Award Finalist. Together, we will explore how to approach aging and new phases of life with curiosity, rather than trepidation.



RABBI LAURA GELLER

We encourage everyone to make this night one of giving, rather than receiving.

Consider donating to the following local organizations that Temple supports, or an organization close to you:

Families Moving Forward

Contact: Marcy Frost, Temple Member and FMF Liaison
E: mfrost@marcyfrostlaw.com

The Bridge for Youth

Website: bridgeforyouth.org/donate
Contact: Christina Heineken Woodlee, Strategy & Partnerships
E: c.woodlee@bridgeforyouth.org P: 612-230-8800

St. Stephen's/House of Charity

Website: ststephensmpls.org/donate (please list Temple Israel in the comments)

Contact: Amber Becker, Donor Services and Database
E: abecker@ststephensmpls.org P: 612-879-7636

STEP

Website: bit.ly/3mhRhe8
Contact: Faith Mainor, Development Director
E: faith@stepslp.org P: 952-925-4899 ext. 1900

Loaves and Fishes

Website: loavesandfishesmn.networkforgood.com
Contact: Laura Ibsen, Director of HR
P: Front Desk at 612-377-9810

Sixth Night of Chanukah



Sixth Night: Friday December 3, 6:00 p.m.
On Zoom and in-person

Kindle Klezmer with a special musical Erev Shabbat Service

Celebrate the blessings and songs of Chanukah and Shabbat with our Temple community! Light the menorah with our clergy and enjoy the Chanukah service featuring Klezmer music.

Sixth Day: Saturday, December 4 Shabbat Chanukah Torah Study with Rabbi Moss

9:00 a.m. on Zoom

Chanukah is a post-biblical holiday, so we will take this opportunity to look beyond the Hebrew Bible for the roots, regulations, and reformations of Chanukah over the generations. Join as we kindle our intellects together.

Chanukah Tot Shabbat

9:00 a.m. in person

For our youngest members and their families—celebrate Shabbat and Chanukah as we sing Chanukah songs, share family traditions and recite the Chanukah blessings. Join us for this fun morning of story and song. Contact Temple Israel for location.

TIMSY Chanukah Party

3:00 - 5:00 p.m. in person

For more information, contact Delia Koolick at dkoolick@templeisrael.com.



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Seventh Night of Chanukah

Seventh Night: Saturday December 4, 6:00 p.m.

Kindle Many Candles with Rabbi Moss

We will enjoy the fiery rituals of Havdalah and candle lighting, accompanied by songs that elaborate on themes of fire and light.

TIPTY Chanukah Party

6:00 – 9:00 p.m. in person

For more information, contact Delia Koolick at dkoolick@templeisrael.com.

Seventh Day: Sunday, December 5

JEWL Celebrates Chanukah!

JEWL Chanukah Fest during regular sessions.

KiND Event: Tie Blankets and Movie

Sunday, December 5, 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Ava Monro at amonro@templeisrael.com.

Eighth Night of Chanukah

Eighth Night: Sunday December 5, 6:00 p.m.

Kindle Courage with Rabbi Hartman and Cantor Abelson

We will light the last of the Chanukah candles and hear about Jewish courage. It took a lot of courage for the Maccabees to stand up to the Greek-Syrians—they were just one group of Jews to stand up for themselves.

Come and hear about other similar stories of courage with Rabbi Hartman and Cantor Abelson.

NEED CHANUKAH SUPPLIES?

The Sisterhood Gift Shop Can Help!

Our Gift Shop can help you with anything Chanukah! We are offering 20% off our dreidels, candles, Chanukah books, toys, and games, plus a lovely selection of menorahs (Chanukiot).

We'll be open Sunday mornings, November 14 and 21, from 9:00-10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Call Gayle at 612-203-2422 to set up an appointment during these times.

CREATING COMMUNITY ONLINE

#ChanukahAtHome

Spread your Chanukah joy and join with the greater community!

Share images and video of your Chanukah cooking, candle lighting, and celebrating on Facebook and Instagram.

Add the hashtag #ChanukahAtHome and tag @TempleIsraelMN so we can re-share and virtually invite each other into our homes this Chanukah!

Please note...

Online Shabbat Services at Temple Israel

December 24 Erev Shabbat Service is online only
(no in-person service)

December 31 Erev Shabbat Service is online only
(no in-person service)

Temple Israel Offices Closed

The Temple Israel offices will be closed for the observance of the federal holidays of Christmas and New Year's Day. The Temple building will be closed on Friday, December 24, and Friday, December 31. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study will take place on Zoom Saturday, December 25, and Saturday, January 1. If you have a pastoral emergency and need to reach a member of our clergy, please call our answering service at 952-988-5787.

CHANUKAH CANDLE BLESSINGS

Light the first candle on Sunday evening, November 28.

Chanukah, meaning "dedication" in Hebrew, refers to the joyous eight-day celebration during which Jews commemorate the victory of the Maccabees over the Syrian Empire in 165 BCE and the subsequent liberation and rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem. The modern home celebration of Chanukah centers around the lighting of the Chanukiah, a special nine-branched menorah for Chanukah; foods prepared in oil including latkes (potato pancakes) and sufganiyot (jelly doughnuts); and special songs and games.

BARUCH atah, Adonai
Eloheinu, Melech haolam,
asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav
v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי
אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו
וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

BLESSED are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all,
who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

BARUCH atah, Adonai
Eloheinu, Melech haolam,
she-asah nisim laavoteinu v'imoteinu
bayamim haheim baz'man hazeh.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי
אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ
בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בַּזְּמַן הַזֶּה.

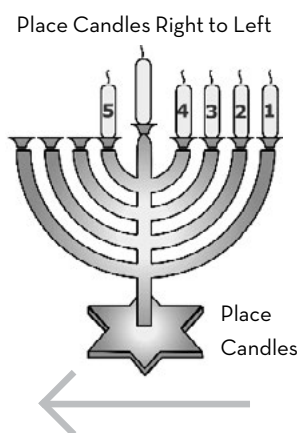
BLESSED are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all,
who performed wonderful deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

For the first night only

BARUCH atah, Adonai
Eloheinu, Melech haolam,
shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu, v'higianu laz'man hazeh.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי
אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שֶׁהַחַיְנוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לַזְּמַן הַזֶּה.

BLESSED are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all,
for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.



MA'OZ TZUR

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Ma'oz tzur yeshu'ati,
 Lecha na'eh leshabe-ach.
 Tikon beit tefilati
 Vesham todah nezabe-ach.
 Le'eit tachin matbe-ach,
 Mitzar ham'nabe-ach
 Az egmor beshir mizmor
 Chanukat hamizbe-ach

ROCK OF AGES

Rock of Ages let our song,
 Praise Your saving power;
 You amidst the raging foes,
 Were our sheltering tower.
 Furiously they assailed us,
 But Your arm availed us
 And Your word broke their sword,
 When our own strength failed us.

מעוז צור

מעוז צור ישועתי, לך נאה לשבח
 תכון בית תפילתי, ושם תודה נזבח
 לעת תכין מטבח מצר המנבח
 אז אגמור בשיר מזמור חנקת המזבח

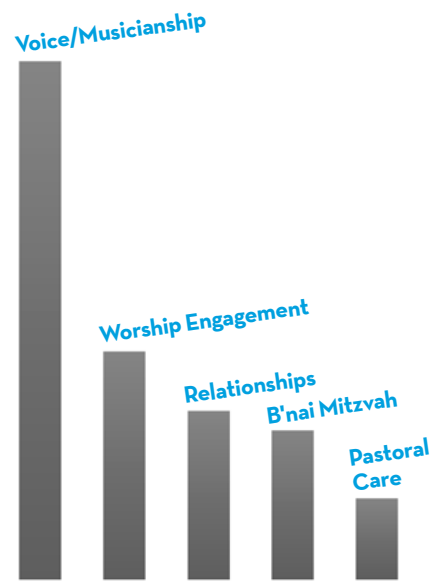
CANTORIAL SEARCH UPDATE

Our congregation is excited to embark upon our first cantorial search since hiring Cantor Abelson in the mid-1980s. Our Cantorial Search Committee, led by Past President Ellyn Wolfenson, has been hard at work preparing for the first round of interviews.

Your feedback was helpful to the development of the job description and to guiding the interview process. We are grateful to the 528 members who took time to share thoughts on the Cantorial Search through our congregational survey. In it, you were asked to pick qualities you thought were most important in a new Cantor, ranking them from 1-3 (with one being most important). The top three choices were: Quality of Voice/Musicianship, Skill in engaging the congregation in worship, and Skill in building relationships with congregants (see graph).

When asked what the new Cantor should know or understand about our Temple community, top responses were our community's diversity, deep-rooted history and traditions, and our sense of community. Top questions suggested to ask the new Cantor included: What makes you most excited about joining Temple Israel? and What do you love most about the Cantorate?

[For more updates on the Cantorial Search, please visit www.templeisrael.com/cantor.](http://www.templeisrael.com/cantor)



Kindling Jewish Pride, Continued from page 3

Make Shabbat a Party

Sometimes we can get so caught up in imagining what observing Shabbat “should” look like that we neglect to consider what it could look like. First, Shabbat means “cease,” so what are the things we might consider setting aside one day a week to clear our way for something different? There might be more time to put on a special outfit, take off your watch, eat special foods, see people you haven’t seen during the week. Another word associated with Shabbat is “holy”—it’s there in the word “kiddush” that we say to sanctify each Shabbat and holiday as wine and challah form the backbone of the communal meal. What can be holy about the day? Having a family sing-along? Visiting someone who is homebound? Learning something new? Our Shabbat party might begin with a candlelit dinner, but that can be just the beginning.

Learn a New Blessing

Studies show that expressing gratitude makes us healthier, and Jewish tradition is filled with opportunities to demonstrate gratitude. Beyond the blessings for wine and challah, other foods have their own blessing. There are blessings for hearing good news and bad news. A blessing for using the bathroom that expresses appreciation for the wonder of our bodies. Even the tefilah, the thrice-daily prayer, is based around a series of blessings, opportunities to notice, to express thanksgiving, and yes—even to request things like wisdom, forgiveness, and healing, from a place of appreciation. Learning a traditional blessing or writing your own new blessing is a way to say “thank you” or “I am grateful” in the course of your day while connecting yourself with the Jewish people across time and space.

AUTHORS ZOOM INTO TEMPLE

We are excited to welcome virtual visits from five authors from the Jewish Book Council and to share five wonderful books for you and your family. Just in time for Chanukah, these books are for sale through Magers & Quinn. Visit www.templeisrael.com/books for details.

For our High School Students:

Wednesday, November 17, 7:00 p.m.

Roy Schwartz: *Is Superman Circumcised?*

Introduced in 1938, the Man of Steel was created by two Jewish teens, the sons of immigrants from Eastern Europe. They based their hero's origin story on Moses, his strength on Samson, and his mission on the golem. In following decades, Superman's mostly Jewish writers, artists, and editors continued to borrow Jewish motifs for their stories.

A journey through comic book lore, American history, and Jewish tradition, this book examines Superman's career and is sure to give readers a newfound appreciation for the Mensch of Steel!

Roy Schwartz is also the author of The Darkness in Lee's Closet and the Others Waiting There.

E. Lockhart: *Whistle: A New Gotham City Hero*

When she's not on the streets protesting City Hall's neglect of her run-down Gotham neighborhood, 16-year-old Willow Zimmerman works nights at the local dog shelter. But as much as she does for the world around her, she's struggling at home, taking care of her sick mother.

A desperate Willow reconnects with estranged family friend E. Nigma—ex-addict, party promoter, and real estate tycoon. Nigma opens the door to an easier life, offering Willow a new job hosting his glamorous private poker nights with Gotham City's elites.

Until Willow and Lebowitz are attacked by one of Gotham's most horrific villains, and everything changes.

E. Lockhart is the author of the #1 New York Times bestseller We Were Liars and other novels, including Again Again and Genuine Fraud.

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For our ECC:

Friday, November 19, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

Ann D. Koffsky: *Kayla and Kugel's Happy Hanukkah*

Celebrate the story of Hanukkah with Kayla and her mischievous dog, Kugel. And don't forget to light the menorah and play dreidel!

Ann D. Koffsky is the author and illustrator of more than 30 books, several of which have been PJ Library selections. Her book Noah's Swimathon received a Sydney Taylor notable designation from the Association of Jewish Libraries.

For our adults at Food for Thought:

Tuesday, February 8, 2022, 11:00 a.m.

Riva Lehrer: *Golem Girl*

In 1958, Riva Lehrer was born with spina bifida. Her parents and doctors are determined to "fix" her, sending the message over and over again that she is broken, that she will never have a job, a romantic relationship, or an independent life.

Everything changes when, as an adult, Riva is invited to join a group of artists, writers, and performers who are building Disability Culture. Their work

is daring, edgy, funny, and dark—and insists that disability is an opportunity for creativity and resistance. Emboldened, Riva asks if she can paint their portraits—inventing an intimate and collaborative process that will transform the way she sees herself, others, and the world.

Riva Lehrer's work has been exhibited in venues including the National Portrait Gallery of the Smithsonian, Yale University, the United Nations, the National Museum of Women in the Arts, the Arnot Museum, the DeCordova Museum, and the Frye Museum.

For our JEWL Learners:

Sunday, February 27, 2022

Cynthia Levinson: *The People's Painter: How Ben Shahn Fought for Justice With Art*

As a Jewish child growing up in a shtetl in Lithuania, Ben Shahn yearns to draw everything he sees—and does so in the family Bible! After seeing his father banished by the Czar for demanding workers' rights, he develops a keen sense of justice, too. So, when Ben and his family make their way to America, he brings both his artistic eye and his desire to fight for what's right.

A former educator, Cynthia Levinson's books have received recognition and awards from the NAACP, the American Library Association, National Council of Teachers of English, and other organizations.

THE CAMPAIGN FOR CAMP TEKO

For more than 50 years, Temple Israel has provided a safe, educational, and fun Jewish camping experience for all ages at Camp TEKO on the shores of Lake Minnetonka. In recent years, programming has focused on day camp for children entering kindergarten through sixth grade, and on retreats for middle schoolers. The site has also served as a place to celebrate many life cycle events throughout its history.

Since Temple Israel assumed ownership of the property in 1965, there have been very few major upgrades to its infrastructure. Most of the buildings lack plumbing, and some have degraded to the point that they can no longer be used safely. Additionally, the waterfront area became overgrown with invasive buckthorn, obstructing the beachfront pathways.

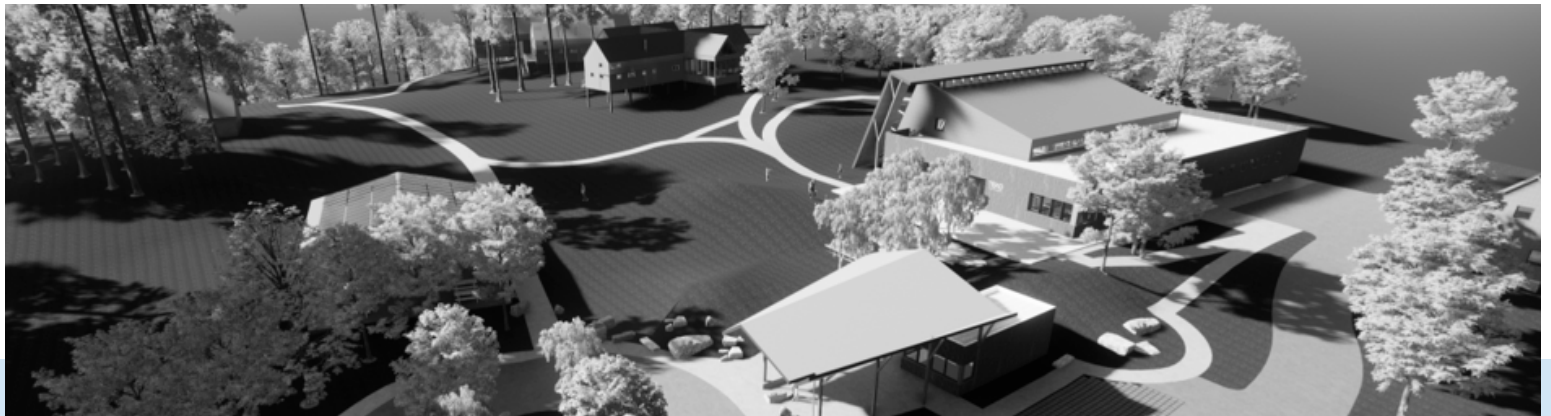
Temple leadership first conceptualized plans for a major capital campaign for TEKO in 2015, and in 2018, the Master Plan for Camp TEKO was released. This plan details major improvements

throughout the site as a three-part development: architecture (new and restored buildings); sustainability in the materials and operating systems, and a zero-carbon emissions camp, which will be healthier, less expensive to operate, and better for our planet; and landscape, embracing the opportunity for ecological restoration on an incredibly beautiful site.

Fundraising toward a \$12 million campaign began in a quiet phase in the fall of 2019. This campaign is being co-chaired by Eloise & Elliot Kaplan and Susan & Gary Rappaport.

\$10 million is designated for capital improvements, while \$2 million has been set aside for an endowment that will ensure a source of permanent funding for scholarships as well as future maintenance. To date, \$8 million has been raised toward that goal.

To learn more about this incredible project, including some specific highlights, visit www.templeisrael.com/teko-campaign.



New Director of Youth & Camping

We are thrilled to announce that Rafael Forbush has started work as Temple Israel's Director of Youth & Camping. In this role, Rafi will oversee Camp TEKO, our youth programs, and be a part of Temple's Lifelong Learning team. "Keeping our youth interested and engaged in their Jewish journey is my goal," said Rafi. "I'm looking forward to creating fun and memorable experiences that are welcoming and inclusive to all."

Rafi may be new as an employee of Temple, but his history in the Twin Cities as a coach, mentor, and educator runs wide across Jewish institutions and goes back more than twenty years. Rafi is also the founder of the Multiracial Jewish Association of Minnesota which focuses on creating a space for Jews of color, indigenous, Sephardi and Mizrahi Jews (JOCISM) to connect to one another through community, education, and advocacy. When he attended his first meeting with other Temple staff, person after person on our team talked about the excitement that there has been in our community since we shared this news with the TEKO and youth community in October.

Hiring Rafi as we make the Campaign for Camp TEKO public is exciting as we continue to develop our program and space to deliver meaningful Jewish experiences during the summer months and beyond. We are looking forward to a long and fruitful relationship!



RAFI FORBUSH

YEAR-END GIVING



ANNUAL FUND FOR TEMPLE ISRAEL

As we approach Chanukah and the end of the secular calendar year, it's a great time to consider charitable giving. Please include the Annual Fund for Temple Israel on your list! The Annual Fund helps support Temple's ongoing needs, such as our investment in technology as we continue to meet the challenges of COVID-19. Gifts to the Annual Fund are tax-deductible, and certain giving vehicles provide additional tax benefits, which you may wish to consider. Please consult a qualified financial advisor for more information. Your support helps spread the light from Chanukah through the entire year and beyond.

WAYS TO GIVE

Gifts from Your IRA

If you are age 70.5 or older, you can make gifts totaling up to \$100,000 each year to registered charities, tax-free. These qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) qualify toward satisfying your required minimum distributions for the year. QCDs do not require that you itemize, which means that you may decide to take advantage of the higher standard deduction but still use a QCD for charitable giving. Married couples may each take advantage of the distribution, for a total of \$200,000 each year.

Gifts or Appreciated Stock & Securities

When you donate appreciated securities directly to Temple Israel, you receive a tax deduction for the amount of your gift, while avoiding capital gains taxes. You may direct stock transfers to:

Morgan Stanley

FBO Temple Israel of Minneapolis
Gift Account #303-034224

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Contact: Raluca Stanescu (414-226-3024)
or Joseph Gibson (414-226-3123)

Other Ways to Give

Gifts made via cash, checks, or credit card must be postmarked or made online by December 31, 2021, to be considered tax deductible for this year. Just write "Annual Fund" in the memo line of your check or, if making a gift online, choose "Annual Fund for Temple Israel" on the drop-down menu at www.templeisrael.com/donate. Temple Israel also welcomes gifts via your Donor Advised Fund or Family Foundation. Please note that these will not appear on your end-of-year giving statement.

Out-of-State Residents & Part-Year Residents

The Minnesota Department of Revenue will not consider your donations to charity when determining your residency.

Camp TEKO Dates 2022

Visit www.templeisrael.com for updates!

Session Aleph:

June 20 – July 1

Session Bet:

July 5 – 15

Session Gimel:

July 18 – 29

Session Dalet:

August 1 – 12

Session Dalet + OSRUI Atid:

August 1 – 14

Early Childhood Center 2022-2023

Do you know a family with young children interested in building Jewish identity, culture, and values? If their child will be 16 months old through pre-kindergarten in September 2022, this is a great time to find out more about the 2022-2023 school year at Temple Israel's Early Childhood Center!

Temple Israel's ECC is a NAEYC accredited, Reggio-inspired diverse Jewish preschool. Our student-centered approach utilizes self-directed, experiential learning to help children form an understanding of themselves and their place in the world through their interactions with others. The rhythms and values of Jewish life are woven into the everyday experiences and spaces.

Please contact ECC Director Sharon Rosenberg-Scholl (612-374-0374 or sharon@templeisrael.com) with questions and to reserve space in one of our online information sessions.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE 2021 AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

**Thursday, November 25, 10:00 a.m. at Temple Israel
and streaming online at facebook.com/templeisraelmn**

Celebrate Thanksgiving with our neighbors at the Interfaith Thanksgiving service at Temple Israel. This worship service, offered by the Downtown Congregations Interfaith Senior Clergy, will feature a sermon by Pastor Elijah McDavid from Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church. Participation by area interfaith clergy will include Rabbi Zimmerman and Cantor Abelson.

Masks and physical distancing will be required for those attending in person. Visit www.templeisrael.com for more information.

Participating congregations include Central Lutheran Church, Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), First Covenant Church, First Unitarian Society, First Universalist Church, Hennepin Avenue United



PASTOR ELIJAH MCDAVID

Methodist Church, Islamic Community Center of Minnesota/Masjid Al-Amin, Masjid An-Nur, Plymouth Congregational Church, Pilgrim Baptist Church, St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, St. Olaf Roman Catholic Church, Temple Israel, and Westminster Presbyterian Church.



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