

# HAKOL

# הקול

THE VOICE OF TEMPLE ISRAEL MINNEAPOLIS



**SIX13**  
A CAPPELLA

**CHANUKAH CONCERT**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

10:00 A.M.

**Winter 2022/5783**



TEMPLE ISRAEL  
MINNEAPOLIS



**INSIDE:**

Clergy Voice ..... 2  
Thanksgiving & Judaism ..... 3  
Thanksgiving ToDah List ..... 4  
November and  
December Events ..... 5-6  
Chanukah Candle Blessing ... 7  
Todah Rabah ..... 8  
Leaving a Legacy ..... 9  
TEKO Construction ..... 10  
Year End Giving ..... 11  
ECC ..... 12

# CLERGY VOICE

Dear Friends,

Chanukah is the holiday that asks: are we Light Keepers or Light Kindlers? The sages of the Talmud debate this very question. What is the main mitzvah of Chanukah, they ask? Is it the kindling of the lights of the Chanukah menorah or is it placing the Menorah in a window or doorway where its lights can be seen by the public? After much discussion, the sages agreed unanimously that illuminating the lights of Chanukah, lighting the menorah, is the essential element of the Chanukah commandment.

For me, this debate makes a distinction between initiating the commandment or perpetuating the commandment. I have always been taught that as a Jew in the world, our job is to initiate light—not to wait for others but to feel the responsibility to begin good works even in the face of a complicated situation. It is up to us to make a difference, not just perpetuate what exists.

I believe that is the reason why Jews account for 22% of all individual recipients worldwide who have received the Nobel Peace Prize between 1901–2022 and constitute 36% of all US recipients. While our population in the world is at 0.2%, these are statistics that reveal the immense responsibility we have as a community to make the world a better place.

Here at Temple Israel, we feel responsible to inspire one another to work hard and to feel proud of being a Jew and being the light bearers of our legacy and history. That is why this Thanksgiving we are working throughout the week to feed the hungry, provide shelter for the homeless, and live our Jewish values through study, worship, and social justice. Join us as we work our way through the Thanksgiving To-Dah List the week of Thanksgiving.

On the Sunday before Chanukah, we will illuminate and animate our desire to kindle lights through a concert with a popular a cappella group, Six13. It will bring great joy to our JEWL learners and their families as well as our greater community.

I also am so excited to invite you to join Temple's clergy every night of Chanukah to virtually kindle the lights of the Menorah with a short program. R.T. Rybak will also join us for a legacy program and shed light on the power of philanthropy and giving. The statistics are clear—those who are philanthropic live 44% longer than those who do not. So let's use this Chanukah season to give of our time, talent, and treasures.

In the end, we are the ones to kindle the lights, and that directive is one we feel compelled to celebrate and hold up in this complicated world. Wishing you a Happy Chanukah, one filled with each of us illuminating the good in the world.

B'virkat Shalom,

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



RABBI ZIMMERMAN

# THANKSGIVING & JUDAISM

As we look forward to Thanksgiving and all of the activities that are happening at Temple, we invite you to join us. In addition, we want to share some ways in which we might reflect on giving thanks and Jewish blessings.

From the biblical Psalmist to the marketplace in Tel Aviv, the word—תודה—*todah*—thanks is across our tradition. The first word that the prayerbook suggests we utter each morning is *modeh* or *modah*—the same root as *todah*, just changing the first letter. “*Modeh Ani Lefanecha...*” I am grateful before You, we say out loud, thankful to God for restoring our souls to our bodies, for living to see another day.

**Blessing recited when enjoying the smell of fruit:**

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, הנותן ריח טוב בפרות.  
Baruch atah Adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam, ha-notein re'ach tov ba'peiros.  
Blessed are You, Eternal our God, Sovereign of all worlds, Who gives a beautiful aroma to fruit.

**Blessing recited upon seeing natural phenomena such as lightning, tall mountains, and giant rivers:**

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, עושה מעשה בראשית.  
Baruch atah Adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam, oseh ma-aseih v'reishit.  
Blessed are You, Eternal our God, Sovereign of all worlds, Who continuously does the work of creation.

**Blessing recited upon hearing thunder:**

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שכחו וגבורתו מלא עולם.  
Baruch atah Adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam, shekocho ug'vurato malei olam.  
Blessed are You, Eternal our God, Sovereign of all worlds, Whose strength and might fill the universe.

**Blessing recited upon seeing a rainbow:**

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, זוכר הברית, ונאמן בבריתו, וקים במאמרו.  
Baruch atah Adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam, zocheir hab'rit, v'ne-eman bivrito, v'kayam b'ma-amaro.  
Blessed are You, Eternal our God, Sovereign of all worlds, Who remembers the covenant, is faithful to the covenant, and upholds commitments.

Jewish tradition enjoins us to say 100 blessings per day, to stop 100 times and notice something and express our gratitude for it. From blessings after using the restroom and before the food we eat, to blessings for other pleasant experiences, natural phenomena, annual occurrences, or unique experiences, the tradition is filled with these blessings. The litany of morning blessings that our prayerbook calls “*Nissim Bechol Yom*,” miracles of each day, expresses thanksgiving for anything from the ability to discern day from night to gratitude for our freedom, for our senses, and for physical strength and spiritual strength. Whether you use the words of the prayerbook below or your own words of gratitude, here are some opportunities to take a moment to express thanksgiving:

**Blessing recited when seeing the most beautiful trees or animals:**

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שפכה לו בעולמו.  
Baruch atah Adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam, she'kacha lo b'olamo.  
Blessed are You, Eternal our God, Sovereign of all worlds, Who has things like this in the universe.

**Blessing recited when hearing good news. It is also customary to say it when having two kinds of wine in one sitting!**

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, הטוב והמטיב.  
Baruch atah Adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam, hatov v'hameitiv.  
Blessed are You, Eternal our God, Sovereign of all worlds, Who is Good and does good.

**Blessing recited when hearing bad news:**

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, דין האמת.  
Baruch atah Adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam, dayan ha-emet.  
Blessed are You, Eternal our God, Sovereign of all worlds, Who is the Judge of truth.

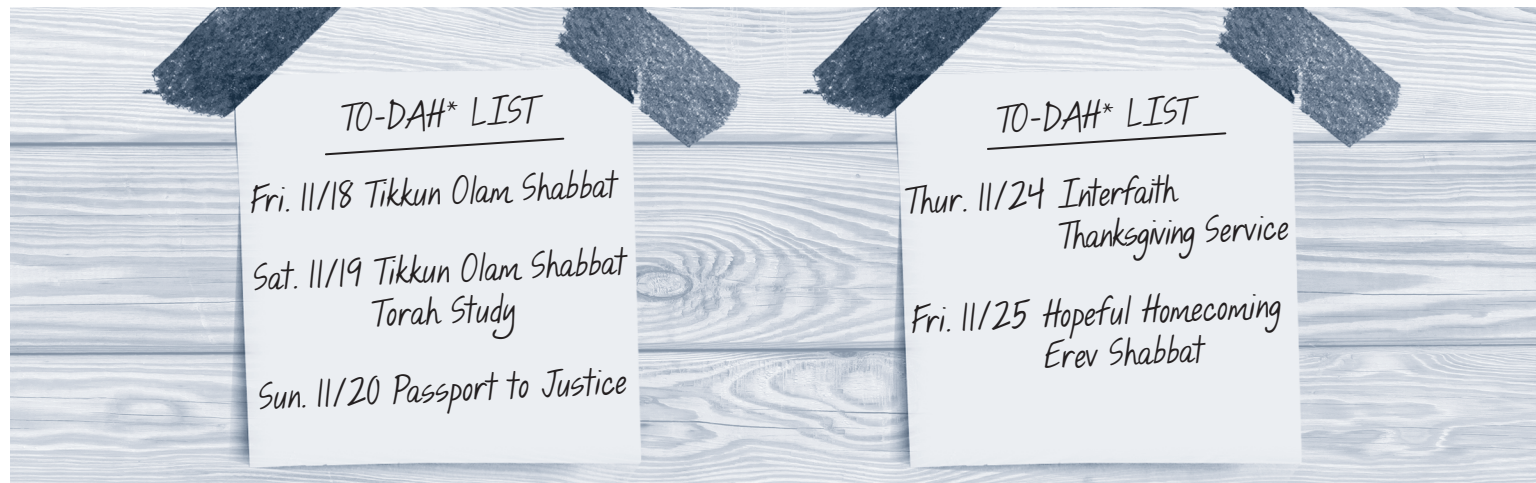
**Blessing recited when seeing novel people or animals:**

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, משנה הבריות.  
Baruch atah Adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam, mi'shaneh ha'briyot.  
Blessed are You, Eternal our God, Sovereign of all worlds, Who makes the creatures diverse.



# THANKSGIVING TO-DAH\* LIST

# NOV. & DEC. EVENTS



## Tikkun Olam Erev Shabbat

Friday, November 18, 6:00 p.m.

[In Person and Online](#)

At Friday Shabbat services, we will hear about justice work in the community and what calls us as Jews to repair the world.

## Tikkun Olam Shabbat Torah Study

Saturday, November 19, 9:00 a.m.

[Via Zoom](#)

At Torah study, Rabbi Ricky Kamil will lead us from this week's Torah portion, Chayei Sarah, tracing traditional Jewish sources on taking care of one another and of the earth.

## Passport to Justice

Sunday, November 20, regular JEWEL time or 12:30 p.m.

[In Person](#)

JEWEL Learners should plan to arrive at their regular class times with their families for an intergenerational, hands-on experience amplifying the social justice issues that Temple is currently focusing on and working to make the world a better place. When you arrive, you will receive a map and passport to guide you from room to room and delve in age-appropriate ways into the issues of immigrant justice, housing justice, racial justice, sustainability, and reproductive rights. Families can choose some issues to learn more about and participate in a hands-on project and adults can learn more about how they can make a difference with the wider Temple community around these issues and more.

Temple members not connected to JEWEL learners will convene at 12:30 p.m. for an hour of learning about Temple's Tikkun Olam Initiatives and some opportunities to be involved in this work.

Please let us know you're coming at [tinyurl.com/passporttojustice](https://tinyurl.com/passporttojustice).

We ask that all participants bring a bag of non-perishable food to contribute for people experiencing food insecurity. Food shelves are in need of condiments, so please bring any unopened non-perishable condiments with you on November 20. If you do not have any condiments, other priority nonperishable food includes canned meats and fish, cooking oil, beans, and peanut butter.

We also welcome your bringing clean gently-used winter clothing (coats, boots, snow pants, hats, and gloves) on November 20.

## Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Thursday, November 24, 10:00 a.m.

[In Person at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, 511 Groveland Avenue, Minneapolis](#)

Join Rabbi Zimmerman and her Interfaith senior clergy colleagues for this community-wide Thanksgiving service, where Rabbi Zimmerman will be delivering the sermon.

## Hopeful Homecoming Erev Shabbat

Friday, November 25, 6:00 p.m.

[In Person and Online](#)

If you have graduated from high school in the past three years, we want to celebrate you! This is a great time to reconnect with your Temple friends and family. During this Shabbat service, our clergy will address hot topics that affect you. Rabbi Zimmerman will also discuss the intersection between antisemitism and anti-Zionism.

\* **Todah** תודה is the hebrew word for "thanks"

## Smitten Kitchen

Monday, November 28, 7:00 p.m.

[In Person, Tickets on sale at Magers & Quinn](#)

Please join Temple Israel and Magers & Quinn Booksellers for a special evening with Deb Perelman of *Smitten Kitchen*, and local chef Gavin Kaysen, author of *At Home*. Perelman is the author of two best-selling cookbooks, and is one of the internet's most successful food bloggers. In her third book, *Smitten Kitchen Keepers: New Classics for Your Forever Files*, Perelman gives us 100 recipes that aim to make shopping easier, preparation more practical and enjoyable, and food more reliably delicious for the home cook.

Each attendee will receive a freshly-baked treat from Perelman's new cookbook, courtesy of yum! Kitchen and Bakery, with our thanks to Temple members Patti & Robbie Soskin.

Please note: Tickets are available only through Magers & Quinn Booksellers, and cannot be obtained through Temple Israel. Cookbooks will be on sale at the event, and Perelman and Kaysen will be available to sign. \$12 admission; \$45 admission with copy of *Smitten Kitchen Keepers*.



TICKETS

## Tot Shabbat

Saturday, December 3, 9:00 a.m.

[In Person](#)

Join us for song, snacks, and activities as we celebrate Shabbat morning together. Pajamas always welcome!

## Torah Study In Person First Saturdays

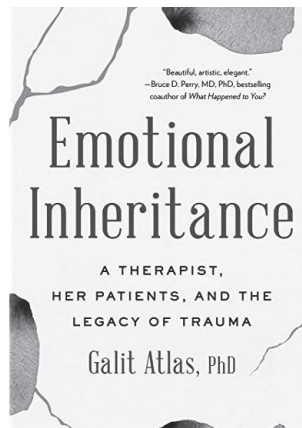
First Saturdays, December - May, 9:00 a.m.

Join us the first Saturday of each month for Torah Study in person and via Zoom; all other Saturdays will remain Zoom only.

## Author Event: Emotional Inheritance

Tuesday, December 6, 7:00 p.m.

Rabbi Zimmerman welcomes author Galit Atlas to Temple as part of our author series. Dr. Atlas draws on the power of her patients' stories and her own experiences to illuminate the ways in which family trauma affects our lives. Dr. Atlas entwines the stories of her patients, her own family's stories, and her growing up in a country under threat with decades of research to help us identify links between our struggles and the "emotional inheritance" we carry.



# THANKSGIVING & JUDAISM

## Blessing on seeing fruit trees in bloom the first time during the two weeks before Passover:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שלא חסר בעולמו כלום, ובָרָא בו בְּרִיּוֹת טוֹבוֹת וְאֵילָנוֹת טוֹבִים לְהַנּוֹת בָּהֶם בְּנֵי אָדָם.  
Baruch atah Adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam, shelo chisar b'olamo k'lum, uvara vo b'riyot tovot v'ilanot tovim l'hanot bahem b'nei adam.  
Blessed are You, Eternal our God, Sovereign of all worlds, Who did not withhold anything from the universe, and created good creatures and good trees within it for humanity to enjoy.

## Blessing recited when in a place where a miracle took place for the Jewish people:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שפעשה נסים לאבותינו במקום הזה.  
Baruch atah Adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam, she'asah nisim la'avoteinu bamakom hazeh.  
Blessed are You, Eternal our God, Sovereign of all worlds, Who made a miracle for our ancestors in this place.

## Blessing recited when in a place where a personal miracle took place:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שפעשה לי נס במקום הזה.  
Baruch atah Adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam, she'asah li neis bamakom hazeh.  
Blessed are You, Eternal our God, Sovereign of all worlds, Who made a miracle for me in this place.

# DECEMBER EVENTS



## SIX13 Chanukah Concert

Sunday, December 11, 10:00 a.m.

In Person

Join in as we hear the members of Six13 perform full-fledged contemporary pop and soulful rock anthems with hard-hitting “drums,” deep bass, and powerful lead vocals. This group is unlike anything you’ve ever seen or heard—and you can’t quite figure out how that sound is being generated by nothing more than six people and their voices! Along the way, there are laughs, sing-alongs, demonstrations, words of Torah, and more—and by the end of the show, you feel like you’ve made six new friends.

Highlights in Jewish History

## 50 Years of Women in the Rabbinate? Oh Wait, There’s More!

Saturday, December 10, 11:00 a.m.

Via Zoom

On June 3, 1972, Sally Jane Priesand made history when she became the first woman to be ordained as a rabbi in America. However, many women who predated her impacted Jewish scholarship and leadership well before contemporary times. Who are these oft-forgotten women and what role did the play in Jewish history?

Food for Thought

## Cast Away Darkness Together, with Joy & Lights

Tuesday, December 13, 11:00 a.m.

In Person and Via Zoom

Join Cantor Sharett-Singer to get ready for Chanukah! We will sing familiar Chanukah songs and learn new tunes in Hebrew, English, and Ladino. We will review and learn the Candle Blessings. We will discuss and experience lighting our chanukiot—the Chanukah Menorahs. Bring your own menorah to add to our light! Join us as we illuminate our hearts with all the joy that Chanukah brings.

## 20s/30s Chanukah Gathering

Sunday, December 18, 6:00 p.m.

In Person, RSVP for Location

Join Rabbi Moss and fellow 20s/30s for the first night’s candle-lighting at his home in South Minneapolis. Fried food, singing, and schmoozing will help bring in the holiday lights. Email [tmoss@templeisrael.com](mailto:tmoss@templeisrael.com) to RSVP and receive address info.

## ILLUMINATE CHANUKAH WITH TEMPLE DECEMBER 18-26

- 12/18 Rabbi Zimmerman will Illuminate the women of the Chanukah Story
- 12/19 Cantor Sharett-Singer will Illuminate Israeli Songs of Chanukah
- 12/20 Rabbi Zimmerman will Illuminate Legacy with Guest R.T. Rybak
- 12/21 Cantor Sharett-Singer will Illuminate Diaspora Songs of Chanukah
- 12/22 Rabbi Moss will Illuminate the history of Chanukah
- 12/23 Our Clergy will Illuminate the Shabbat of Chanukah at Shabbat Services
- 12/24 Rabbi Moss will Illuminate Havdalah
- 12/25 Rabbi Hartman will Illuminate the Stories of the Evening

## Save the Date: Luminary Havdalah

February 4, 2023, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

In Person

Save the date for the second-annual Luminary Havdalah, an outdoor community-wide Havdalah ceremony that coincides with the Luminary Loppet. (Exact location and guest musical groups to be announced.)

# CHANUKAH CANDLE BLESSINGS

Light the first candle on Sunday evening, December 18.

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 ul'imoteinu  
bayamim haheim baz'man hazeh.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי  
אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,  
שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ  
בְּיָמִים הָהֵם בְּזִמְנֵן הַזֶּה.

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

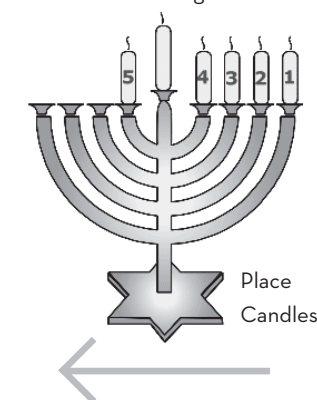
*For the first night only*

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

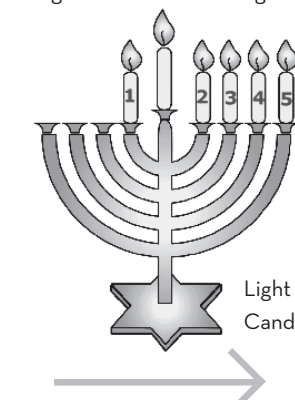
בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי  
אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,  
שֶׁהַחַיָּנוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמְנֵן הַזֶּה.

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

Place Candles Right to Left



Light Candles Left to Right



# TEMPLE MEMBERSHIP

## THIS CHANUKAH, GIVE THE GIFT OF TEMPLE MEMBERSHIP

Do you know someone in your life who would like to be part of a bright, thriving Jewish community?

Or do you know someone who just isn't quite sure where or if they want to belong—but you know how much they would love Temple?

### THIS YEAR YOU CAN GIVE THE GIFT OF MEMBERSHIP, AND SHARE THE LIGHT!

\$118 will give that special person in your life the chance to experience Temple Israel through a six-month membership.

The membership will last until June 1, 2023. Chanukah membership includes the gift of a box of Chanukah candles and a personalized holiday card explaining your special gift.

For more information, please contact Roberta Bonoff, Director of Advancement and Membership, at 612-374-0348 or [rbonoff@templeisrael.com](mailto:rbonoff@templeisrael.com).

During this season of light, you are giving the most precious gift of community and belonging.



# TODAH RABAH

## THANK YOU NOTE FROM CANTOR SHARETT-SINGER



I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to all of you who celebrated my installation with me. It was a very special occasion, and I am so thankful for your support and for the warmth in which you have embraced me into Temple as your new Senior Cantor. Thank you for joining in the services in person and on Zoom and thank you for all of your contributions in my honor. Your presence is giving me and my family strength and blessings. I am fortunate to have you in my heart and in my life. May we all go from strength to strength.

# LEAVING A LEGACY

## BETSY & STEVE SITKOFF

What do you think of when you think of Temple Israel? Longtime members Betsy and Steve Sitkoff describe it as “A happy place—one that has always filled us with warmth, love, and community.”

It is that sense of warmth that led them to raise their children, Abbie and Lewis, here at Temple. They built community and connected through volunteering: Betsy joined the ECC Advisory Council, and Steve became a tutor through Temple’s partnership with the former Jefferson School (now Ella Baker). Over the years, their family has also volunteered through Meals on Wheels and the Community Passover Seder.

Volunteer involvement and social justice are key values for the Sitkoffs, and ones that they feel has helped keep Temple Israel strong over the years. “We are so proud that Temple has committed to staying in the city, and that our clergy have always taken a stand on the most important issues of our time.”

In addition to Temple’s more public role, Betsy and Steve are grateful to Temple for always being there for them when they needed support and community. “We moved to Connecticut for a few years,” Betsy remembers, “but Abbie just wanted to be part of Confirmation together with her Minneapolis friends. Temple let her come home to join the ceremony and be confirmed with her class. We truly appreciated that.”

They also remember Temple being there for them during difficult times. Steve remembers the death of his father hitting him particularly hard. “I was having such a hard time moving past it. I was very close to my father,” he reflects. “Rabbi Zimmerman came to our home and talked with me—it made such a difference. She is such a comforting presence.” Betsy also recalls: “My sister passed away in her fifties from breast cancer. She hadn’t been connected to the Jewish community for years, but during her



SITKOFF FAMILY

diagnosis, she wanted to return to it. Rabbi Zimmerman was there for her—it didn’t matter that she wasn’t a synagogue member. She was with her throughout her illness, and we had her funeral here at Temple. Temple has always been there for us, and it’s been a huge part of our lives. We feel so grateful.”

It is that sense of gratitude that led them to leave a legacy gift to Temple in their estate plans. “We knew it was something we wanted to do,” they say. “It is so important that there always be opportunities available for those who want to express their Judaism, to be part of a community. Temple has been so good to us—we feel so lucky, so fortunate to have been part of it. So, of course we want to give back.”

*To leave a legacy of your own to support Temple Israel for future generations, please contact Rachel Schachter, Director of Strategic Advancement, at [rschachter@templeisrael.com](mailto:rschachter@templeisrael.com) or at 612-374-0302.*



# CAMP TEKO CONSTRUCTION

If you have driven by Camp TEKO in recent months, you will notice that it looks very different these days. The Campaign for Camp TEKO is well underway, with nearly \$11 million raised toward our goal of \$12.8 million.

“It is so exciting to see this project come to life,” says Rabbi Zimmerman. “For over 60 years, generations of community members have experienced Jewish life and built lifelong friendships at Camp TEKO. Now, present and future generations will be able to experience this very special place in a whole new way.”

The new buildings at Camp TEKO feature a low carbon footprint. TEKO’s Discovery Center, which will serve as the central hub for programming, will feature solar panels, as well as 10 miles of underground piping to provide geothermal heating and cooling. It will also feature a Teaching Kitchen, where campers and visitors can learn about Jewish cooking hands-on, a safety and security space that can house the entire camp community, and a spacious, open area that can be used for programming as well as life cycle events. Special gardens throughout camp will collect rainwater and snow from paved surfaces like pathways, sidewalks, and our parking lot, as well as rooftops and other areas. These gardens hold the water so that it can slowly soak back into the ground as plants, mulch, and soil naturally remove pollutants that would otherwise flow out to Lake Minnetonka.



Rabbi Jason Klein, Director of Lifelong Learning, reflects on the importance of passing the value of caring for our environment to young learners: “The Torah’s creation story in seven days gives humanity the responsibility not only to populate, but to ‘have dominion’ over the earth,” he explains. “Soon, not only will TEKO be more sustainable, but our campers will live our Jewish values by harnessing science and asking good questions to raise our awareness and decrease our footprint, to move from having ‘power over’ the earth to the ‘power to’ be responsible stewards for future generations.”

Camp TEKO is a place where campers not only learn how to live Jewish values, but make lifelong friendships and cultivate pride in their Jewish identity. “I was raised on Jewish camping due to my parents’ efforts in founding and supporting Herzl Camp,” says Major Gifts Officer, Jerry Waldman, who has led the fundraising for the Campaign for Camp TEKO. “It is clear to me that Jewish camping has been and will continue to be a major factor in producing our community leaders and supporters, now and into the future. Helping TEKO raise the dollars needed to rebuild and improve its facilities seems like a perfect way for all of us to pay it forward for our future generations.”

We are grateful to our campaign chairs, Susan & Gary Rappaport and Eloise & Elliot Kaplan, and to the 175+ donors who have helped support this effort. We hope to complete this campaign in spring 2023.

**To join in the effort to build a new and exciting Camp TEKO for generations to come, contact Jerry Waldman at [waldman.jerry@gmail.com](mailto:waldman.jerry@gmail.com) or at 612-965-0690.**



# YEAR-END GIVING

As the Talmud teaches us: “Tzedakah (righteous giving) is equal to all other commandments combined.” It is a powerful statement—giving enables us to change the world around us, providing basics like food, water, and shelter to those in need; expanding opportunities for education, and strengthening and enriching our Jewish community for generations to come. It also creates change within each of us: giving cultivates a unique sense of joy and meaning that cannot be found elsewhere.

As the end of the calendar year approaches, many of us are considering our charitable giving plans. As you think of the many ways in which you can bring light to the organizations and communities that matter most to you, consider the following giving opportunities that may provide additional tax benefits:

## WAYS TO GIVE

### Gifts of 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 tax.** Stock transfers may be directed to:

Morgan Stanley  
FBO Temple Israel of Minneapolis Gift Account #303-034224  
DTC 0015

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

### Gifts from Your IRA

If you are age 70½ or older, you may 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 distribution 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. By reducing your IRA balance, a QCD may also reduce your taxable income in future years, lowering your taxable estate and limiting your beneficiaries’ tax liability. Please consult your tax advisor.

### Other Ways to Give

Gifts made by cash, check, or credit card must be postmarked or made online by December 31, 2022 in order to be tax-deductible by this year. If making your gift online, please visit [templeisrael.com/giving](http://templeisrael.com/giving). Please consider one of the funds below, where gifts are most needed at this time:

- Annual Fund for Temple Israel
- Campaign for Camp TEKO
- Safety & Security Fund
- Temple Israel Endowment Fund

**If you have questions** about end-of-year giving, please contact Rachel Schachter, Director of Strategic Advancement at [rschachter@templeisrael.com](mailto:rschachter@templeisrael.com) or at 612-374-0302.

**Temple Israel** Tax ID#41-0705807  
(gifts to Temple Israel and Camp TEKO)

**Temple Israel Foundation** Tax ID#41-1769841  
(legacy and endowment gifts only)

# CAMP TEKO 2023 DATES

## (Camper Grade in Fall of 2023)

- **Aleph** (K-6): June 20-30
- **Bet** (K-6): July 3-14
- **Gimel** (K-6): July 17-28
- **Gimel TEKO Boat Builders** (grades 7 & 8 only): July 17-28
- **Dalet** (K-6): July 31-August 11
- **Dalet + OSRUI Hybrid** (grades 2-4): July 13 - August 13 (7 days at TEKO + 5 days at OSRUI)

*\*TEKO & Urban Boat Builders are bringing back this partnership for a leadership and team-building program during Session Gimel in Summer 2023. Campers in grade 7 and 8 will enjoy some of their favorite TEKO chugim in addition to building a boat with their peers!*

## 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> GRADE PROGRAMS (Camper Grade in Fall of 2023)

Kris & John MacDonald TEKO Leadership Programs  
Limud (volunteer leadership for grades 9, 10, and 11)

Camp TEKO is looking for day camp staff and junior counselors at least 16 years old to work with children entering grades K-6. We hire staff of all backgrounds and faith traditions willing to engage with Jewish values and promote a Judaic camp experience for their campers. Contact Rafi Forbush for more information at 612-374-0321 or [rforbush@templeisrael.com](mailto:rforbush@templeisrael.com).

# TEMPLE ISRAEL ECC

## '23-'24 SCHOOL YEAR APPLICATION TIMELINE

**OUR APPLICATION WILL OPEN AT  
NOON ON JANUARY 23.**

**The application is available to current ECC families and those who have attended an information session.** Please reach out

to Sharon Rosenberg-Scholl at [sharon@](mailto:sharon@templeisrael.com)

templeisrael.com to schedule an information session. We are also glad to schedule an in-person tour during school hours for adults who are up to date with their COVID-19 vaccinations.

If you are a current ECC family or have attended an information session you will receive an email with the link to the application on January 23.

**We give priority to 3 groups of families when we are accepting applications:**

- **Families with a currently enrolled ECC learner who complete their application by January 30.** Please note that families with a currently enrolled ECC learner forfeit their priority application status if their application is not completed by January 30.
- **Temple Israel member families who do not have a currently enrolled ECC learner who complete their application by February 6.** Please note that Temple Israel member families who do not have a currently enrolled ECC learner forfeit their priority application status if their application is not completed by February 6. To inquire about Temple Israel membership please contact Roberta Bonoff, Director of Advancement & Membership, at [rbonoff@templeisrael.com](mailto:rbonoff@templeisrael.com).
- **Families who apply for 5-day school in any age group.**

**Acceptance emails will be sent out beginning in March and will continue on a rolling basis subject to availability.** We will maintain a waiting list as needed.

If you are looking for financial assistance:

- CCAP is a state program that can help families pay tuition. Please read more here: [www.templeisrael.com/ccap](http://www.templeisrael.com/ccap)
- Temple Israel offers limited need-based scholarships with priority given to Temple Israel member families. To apply, please email Sharon Rosenberg-Scholl at [sharon@templeisrael.com](mailto:sharon@templeisrael.com). Completing the application by February 15 maximizes the possibility of receiving funds.

**THE CAMP HAVERIM APPLICATION FOR SUMMER  
WILL OPEN ON MARCH 20.**



**TEMPLE ISRAEL  
MINNEAPOLIS**

2323 Fremont Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55405-2695

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

NON-PROFIT  
ORGANIZATION  
U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
Twin Cities, MN  
Permit #807

