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“Change is not a threat, it’s an opportunity.
Survival is not the goal, transformative success is.” – Seth Godin

Dear Friends,

This quote inspires me as I write this column amid change and transition in the world and here at Temple Israel. I believe we are living in a time of great change: change the magnitude of the Industrial Revolution; change of the time after the destruction of the Second Temple.

Using these seminal historic moments as our guide, we know that in the past there were those who wanted to go back in time as a solution to the messiness that such big transitions naturally bring. Some who wanted to go back to “the way things were” opted for the path of least resistance.

And then there were those who were visionaries and followed the timeless values that guided that change and yes, its chaos, to a new and different world. Ultimately, we are better for their leadership and courage.

We have seen so much unrest, injustice, and divisiveness over the past few years, some because of and some amplified by the COVID-19 pandemic. As we slowly and thoughtfully return to more and more in-person activities, I encourage us to be brave, and to use the timeless values of compassion, understanding, justice, and mercy as our guide.

Here at Temple, Rabbi Glaser has retired and Cantor Abelson is retiring, and Rabbis Hartman, Klein, Moss, and I are excited to welcome our new Cantor, Inbal Sharett-Singer, to our clergy team. We are also opening our doors more fully after two years of the coronavirus. Like the historic monumental changes, this pandemic is hurling us into a future that we have been talking about for years. Online worship, life cycle events, and learning will become more accessible by being held in person and online. Out of a difficult time has come new opportunity.

We are also transitioning our lay leadership. I want to thank Jed Stillman for his leadership and organizational prowess. He has taught me so much about enhancing Temple during his presidency, and he took an additional year of service during a difficult time—thank you, Jed.

Please join me for our 144th Annual Meeting on Friday, June 10, where we will elect our new leadership. We will honor these leaders through a board blessing at our Erev Shabbat service, where we will also give the Louis Gainsley Distinguished Service Award to Anne & Allen Wolf for their wonderful works.

Leadership and courage is what will unite and strengthen us through these transitions, and I am excited to see what is on the other side. We can't always depend on yesterday's answers to hit the right note, nor will they solve today's issues. Standing firmly on compassion, understanding, justice, and mercy, we will walk this new road together.

B'virkat Shalom,

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



RABBI ZIMMERMAN



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VOICES: IDEAS OF OUR TIME

TEMPLE ISRAEL WELCOMES CHEF YOTAM OTTOLENGHI FOR VOICES 2022



AN EVENING WITH

**YOTAM
OTTOLENGHI**

CHEF & BESTSELLING
AUTHOR OF *JERUSALEM,*
PLENTY, AND *FLAVOR*

MAY 5, 7:00 P.M.

Host

Chef and Restaurateur David Fhima

VOICES 2022 Chairs

Sylvia & Sam Kaplan | Sue Zelikson

General Admission: \$50 tickets (in-person or virtual attendance available)

We are thrilled to welcome the Israeli-born, London-based chef, Yotam Ottolenghi, to Temple Israel for our VOICES event on May 5. Ottolenghi is widely beloved for his beautiful, inspirational, and award-winning cookbooks, the first of which he wrote with his business partner, Palestinian chef Sami Tamimi. Guests will have an opportunity to purchase Ottolenghi's beautiful cookbooks both before and after this year's event; there will also be a book signing after the program.

For Ottolenghi, food is about more than just what we eat. It is about "joy, pleasure, and surprise... a sense of place and home. It is about commonality, an act which brings people together." Together with this year's host, chef, restaurateur, and Temple Israel congregant David Fhima, we will explore the ways in which food helps us come together, honor our heritage, and recall cherished memories.

As an additional opportunity to support Temple, there will be an intimate dinner with Chef Ottolenghi on the evening of Wednesday, May 4, in a private home, sponsored by Patti Soskin of yum! Kitchen and Bakery. More details are available online, or by contacting Roberta Bonoff, Director of Advancement & Membership.

All proceeds from VOICES support Temple initiatives, including worship, lifelong learning, scholarships, and interfaith programming. For more information, please visit www.templeisrael.com/voices, or contact Roberta Bonoff, Director of Advancement & Membership, at rbonoff@templeisrael.com or at (612) 374-0348.

Listen to Rabbi Zimmerman interview Chef Ottolenghi on Temple's podcast, Temple Talks, at www.templetalks.org.

APRIL – MAY EVENTS

VISIT TEMPLEISRAEL.COM FOR LINKS AND MORE INFORMATION

Counting the Omer E-List

April 16–June 4

The seven weeks that link Passover and Shavuot are a period of gratitude, preparation, and reflection. Count the 49-day period between Passover, which commemorates the Exodus, and Shavuot, which commemorates the giving of the Torah, with a daily email that includes a reflection from Jewish sources. Since 5782 is a Shemitah year, a sabbatical year for the produce of the land of Israel, when the land lies fallow, this year's Omer reflections will focus on the theme of letting go—what is Jewish about minimizing, downsizing, and throwing off the ballast of accumulation of things, wasted time, speech, and actions? E-mail e-learning@templeisrael.com to subscribe. If you have subscribed to e-learning in the past, you will continue to receive Elul and Omer daily reflections.

2022 Twin Cities Annual Yom HaShoah Commemoration:

The Legacy of Memory is Infinite

Thursday, April 28 | 27 Nisan 5782

Hosted by Temple Israel, In person and Online

Pre-program Recitation of Names:

Unto Every Person There is a Name

7:00 p.m. Community-Wide Commemoration Service

Please pre-register at www.templeisrael.com/yomhashoah for in-person participation.

The Yom HaShoah Commemoration is co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas, Temple Israel, Children of Holocaust Survivors Association in Minnesota (CHAIM), Minneapolis Jewish Federation, St. Paul Jewish Federation, Generations After MN, and the Micki & Mort Naiman Holocaust Education Fund.



Yom HaZikaron: Commemorate Israel's Fallen

Tuesday, May 3, 7:00 p.m.

Minnesota JCC - Sabes Center Minneapolis

4330 S. Cedar Lake Road, Minneapolis, MN 55416

Join us as we gather to commemorate and honor the lives and sacrifices of the Israel Defense Force fallen soldiers.

VOICES of Our Time

Thursday, May 5

We welcome Chef and Author Yotam Ottolenghi to Temple Israel! Full information on page 3.

Yom HaAtzmaut Community Celebration

Thursday, May 5, 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Minnesota JCC - Sabes Center Minneapolis

4330 S. Cedar Lake Road, Minneapolis, MN 55416

Celebrate Israel's 74th birthday with music, games, dancing, food and fun. Enjoy interactive displays, get "henna-ed," tour the inspiring "Landscapes from Home" gallery exhibition, join in a community sing-a-long and experience some of what makes modern Israel such a special and important place. Fun for kids, teens and adults.

Proudly presented by the Minnesota JCC, Israel Center of the Minneapolis Jewish Federation and St. Paul Jewish Federation. For more information, visit minnesotajcc.org or contact stevem@minnesotajcc.org or sarag@minnesotajcc.org.

Experience Israel 2023

Save the dates for the trip of a lifetime! Experience Israel 2023 will bring the Minnesota Jewish community to Israel in celebration of a monumental 75 years of Israeli independence. Join the adventure April 16–23, 2023 as we dance, explore, learn, volunteer, and forge connections with each other and Israel over the course of one inspiring week. Customize your trip to fit your passions, and connect with a community of amazing peers. Visit viasabra.com/sites/mnexperienceisrael75 for more information.

Stay tuned to Temple's weekly email for an upcoming informational session on this trip!

MAY EVENTS

Tot Shabbat

Friday, May 6, 5:30 p.m.

In Person; contact Darcy Schnitzer for details.

Join us for a fun Spring Special Person's Tot Shabbat! Bring a friend, a family member, or anyone special in your child's life to celebrate together. We will meet to welcome Shabbat and sing, dance, craft, and snack together! Dress for the weather and bring a blanket to spread out on the grass, if you wish. Contact Darcy at dschnitzer@templeisrael.com for location.

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Erev Shabbat Service with Guest Speaker Christopher Michaelson

Friday, May 6, 6:00 p.m.

In Person and Online

Christopher Michaelson will speak on "Half White, Half Wong" in recognition of AAPI Heritage Month.



Food for Thought

Flowers for Thought

Tuesday, May 10, 11:00 a.m.

In Person at Temple Israel

Celebrate spring with our first in-person Food for Thought program! Join Temple Israel's clergy and Adele Morris of Green Thumb Originals for a morning of floral design. We'll learn about flowers in the Hebrew Bible, explore how flowers are used in Jewish communities around the world today, and prepare our own floral arrangements! Bring your own kitchen shears or small paring knife, please.

RSVP to Wendy Schwartz at 612-374-0344 or wendy@templeisrael.com by May 1.

Erev Shabbat Service Welcoming New Members

Friday, May 13, 6:00 p.m.

In Person and Online

Please join us to celebrate and welcome our New Members at Erev Shabbat service. New Members who joined after January of 2021, please be on the lookout for an invitation. We can't wait to celebrate you!

Highlights in Jewish History with Dr. Joe Goldman

Two Brilliant Jews from Ukraine: The Tzaddik and the Schreyber

Saturday, May 14, 11:00 a.m.

Virtual on Zoom

Rabbi Israel ben Eliezer, better known as the Baal Shem Tov (1700-1760) was born near the border of Poland and Ukraine when Bessarabia was its southwestern province and was famous for "inventing" Chassidim for uneducated Jewish masses. He taught joy in prayer and encouraged Jews who knew little of Torah or Talmud in their upbringing to encounter God through Jewish mystical experiences.

Solomon Nohumovich Rabinovich, better known by the name Sholem Aleichem (1859-1916), was once the Russian empire's official record keeper of the Jewish community of Lubny before he turned to literary endeavors. In 1905 he fled Kyiv for New York via Odessa. His first story was in Yiddish, "Tsvey Shteyner" which later set the stage for *Fiddler on the Roof* and became one of the most famous Jewish-Ukrainian writers in the Yiddish world.

Youth Group Events

Come celebrate the end of the year with all your youth group friends! We'll also get a preview of the 2022-2023 school year from our new Youth Advisor, Dani Wallace.

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

KiND End of Year Celebration

Sunday, April 24

TIPTY End of Year Celebration

Saturday, May 7

TIMSY End of Year Celebration

Sunday, May 15

MAY – JUNE EVENTS

A program by The Shofar Calls: Conversations about Racism

Innovation, and Inspiration:

Local Collaboration Makes a Big Impact

with Guest Simone Hardeman-Jones, Executive Director, GreenLight Fund, in Conversation with Rabbi Zimmerman

Tuesday, May 17, 7:00 p.m.

Virtual on Zoom

GreenLight Fund (where Rabbi Zimmerman serves on the Selection Advisory Council) seeks to eliminate barriers to inclusive prosperity often rooted in racial inequities by partnering with communities to match the local needs of individuals and families not met by existing programs, to organizations with track records of success elsewhere. Working with communities, GreenLight identifies, invites in and launches proven organizations, providing collaborative support so that they can take root and deliver change.

Simone has a deep understanding of the role that systems play and the impact they have in the lives of some of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in our communities and has committed her career to dismantling them. Simone served in the Obama Administration for nearly four years in a variety of roles, including Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs at the U.S. Department of Education. Most recently she served as National Director of Policy and Partnerships at Educators for Excellence (E4E), a national education non-profit.



SIMONE HARDEMAN-JONES

Lag BaOmer

Thursday, May 19

Lag BaOmer is a minor, festive holiday that falls on the 33rd day of the seven-week period between Passover and Shavuot, a period of time known as the Omer. The Omer has both agricultural and spiritual significance: it marks both the spring cycle of planting and harvest, and the Israelites' journey out of slavery in Egypt (Passover) and toward receiving the Torah at Mount Sinai (Shavuot).

JEWL Consecration

Sunday, May 22

We paused this annual tradition until we could celebrate in person, and we are excited to welcome our kindergarten and first grade learners as well as all children who began their Jewish education these past two school years. Look for details from your JEWL teacher as we look forward to this celebration!

Memorial Day Service

Monday, May 30, 11:30 a.m.

In Person at Memorial Park

Temple Israel Memorial Park, 4153 Third Avenue South, Minneapolis

Please join our clergy as we gather to remember those who have gone before us and honor people who have died in U.S. military service.

Memorial Day – Temple Offices Closed

Monday, May 30

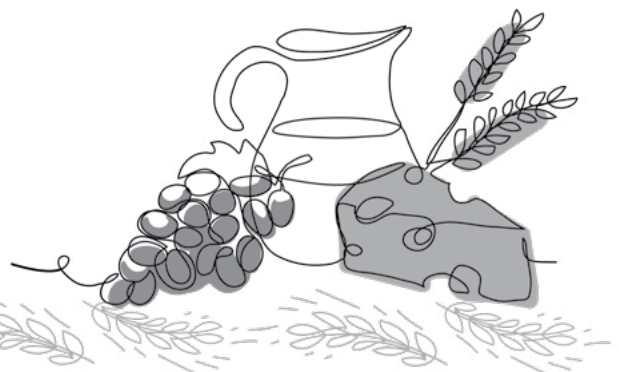
The Temple Israel offices will be closed for the federal holiday of Memorial Day on Monday, May 30. If you have a pastoral emergency and need to reach a member of our clergy, please call our answering service at 952-988-5787.

Tot Shabbat

Friday, June 3, 5:30 p.m.

In Person; contact Rabbi Hartman for details.

Plan to join us for a special Shavuot Tot Shabbat! We will meet to both welcome Shabbat and learn about Shavuot. We'll create a unique flower Shavuot craft, and enjoy singing, dancing, and a snack together as we celebrate Shavuot! Bring a blanket for your family to relax on, if you wish. Please contact Rabbi Hartman at jhartman@templeisrael.com for location and more information.



CELEBRATE SHAVUOT AT TEMPLE

Tikkun Leil Shavuot:

A Night of Lyrics & Learning, Stories & Sweets

Saturday, June 4, 6:00-10:00 p.m.

Journey together with our clergy to discover epic Torah tales and Yiddish melodies, Sinai and the subconscious. We will transition from Shabbat to this festival of receiving the Torah with a special Havdalah ceremony and will sing, learn, pray, and nosh together. Look out for schedule details this spring in Enews and on our website, and join us for part or all of the evening.

Shavuot Morning Service with Confirmation, Healing, Yizkor Services

Sunday, June 5, 10:30 a.m.

In Person and Online

Celebrate Shavuot and the Confirmation of our 10th grade students, remember those whose memories we cherish with Yizkor, and to bring comfort to those who are facing physical, emotional, or spiritual challenges with our prayers for healing. Kaddish will be recited during the service. Everyone is welcome.



JUNE EVENTS

Temple Israel's 144th Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Friday, June 10

In Person at Temple Israel

5:00 p.m. Oneg Shabbat

5:30 p.m. Annual Meeting & Board Installation

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service & Board Blessing

Join us for our Annual Meeting and Oneg Shabbat in honor of the newly installed Board of Directors. At our Shabbat service we will bless the incoming 2022-23 Board of Directors and honor the recipients of the **Louis Gainsley Distinguished Service Award, Anne & Allen Wolf**.

Look for more information on the Annual Meeting, including the Board of Directors slate, in the weekly ENews.

Highlights in Jewish History with Dr. Joe Goldman

Israeli and Palestinian Writers

Saturday, June 11, 11:00 a.m.

Virtual on Zoom

Ghassan Kanafani and Amos Oz are "household names" readers on both sides of the Green Line identify with. But what was it that they needed to express and write about for their audiences?

Food for Thought

Stories, Singing, Schmooze, and S'more!

Tuesday, June 14, 11:00 a.m.

In person at Temple Israel

Gather 'round our daytime campfire at Temple on a June morning in June's Garden (or indoors if it rains). Enjoy folk songs, tales from our tradition, and catch up over a tasty campfire treat. RSVP to Wendy at wendy@templeisrael.com or 612-374-0344.

LGBTQ Pride Month

Erev Shabbat Service with Guest Speaker Isaac Ezra Jennings

Friday, June 17, 6:00 p.m.

In Person and Online

Isaac is the J-Pride Program Coordinator for JFCS. Join us for this PRIDE service and next weekend for PRIDE festivities in Minneapolis.



ISAAC EZRA JENNINGS

JUNE – JULY EVENTS

Juneteenth Observed – Temple Offices Closed

Monday, June 20

The Temple Israel offices will be closed for the observance of the federal holiday of Juneteenth on Monday, June 20. If you have a pastoral emergency and need to reach a member of our clergy, please call our answering service at 952-988-5787.

TEKO Cookout and Erev Shabbat Service

Friday, June 24, 5:00 p.m.

In Person at Camp TEKO

Camp TEKO, 645 Tonkawa Road, Long Lake, MN 55356

A long tradition at camp, everyone is welcome to the Camp TEKO Cookout, followed by a song-filled Erev Shabbat service overlooking Lake Minnetonka. Join the Temple Israel clergy and Camp TEKO staff as we welcome in Shabbat together. More information will be available in Temple's weekly emails closer to the event.

Erev Shabbat Sanctuary Service

Friday, June 24, 6:00 p.m.

In Person and Online

For those who prefer to be in the sanctuary, a brief Shabbat service will be led by Cantor Abelson and Rabbi Ricky Kamil; Kaddish will be recited.

Families Moving Forward Call for Volunteers

June 27 – July 8

Temple Israel once again will be providing dinners for families staying at a hotel through Families Moving Forward from June 27 through July 8. Existing volunteers will get an email for signing up in early June. Please contact Marcy Frost if you wish to be added to the email list: mfrost@marcyfrostlaw.com.

Death in Three Acts

In Person at Temple Israel

Act I Final Conversations: Sharing Your End of Life Wishes

with Rabbi Zimmerman

Tuesday, July 12, 7:00 p.m.

How to have conversations with your family to make your wishes known. Learn to let go of the fear of death by talking about it.



RABBI ZIMMERMAN

Act II Final Words: Write Your Legacy

with Mimi Holmes

Tuesday, July 19, 7:00 p.m.

When death is hard to talk about, writing can be easier. Brainstorm your gravestone, obituary, and a letter for those closest to you.



MIMI HOLMES

Act III Final Plans: How Do You Want to Die?

with Rabbi Zimmerman

Tuesday, July 26, 7:00 p.m.

Put pen to paper to pre-plan your death. We will have resources to help with the process.

A person learns only that which one's heart desires. (Avodah Zara 19a)

Coming this summer: Sermon Sha'alu!

Are there passages from the Torah that trouble or mystify you? What's something you've always pondered about Jewish practice? Would you like to hear Jewish wisdom applied to a contemporary conundrum? This is your chance!

This summer, Temple's clergy want to hear from you. You ask, or sha'alu, a question from which they will create a sermon. You

will have a chance to pose a question, a passage, a challenge for our clergy. Each week, they will draw the following week's topic from congregational submissions.

Clergy are ready, so this summer, sha'alu! Submissions will be accepted online starting June 1 (details in ENews); you may also call Wendy Schwartz to suggest a topic at 612-374-0344.

JULY – AUGUST EVENTS

Food for Thought

Connect, Create, and Celebrate!

Tuesday, July 12, 11:00 a.m.

In person at Temple Israel

Join Cantor Inbal Sharett-Singer for a joyful morning of music, discussion and study. Together, we will get to know each other and create musical moments with the spirit of strength, healing, and celebration.



CANTOR SHARETT-SINGER

Legacy Shabbat

Friday, August 5, 6:00 p.m.

In person and Online

The Temple Israel Foundation ensures our community's future through building a strong endowment. Join us for Legacy Shabbat on Friday, August 5, as we celebrate our Foundation and all those who have helped envision a vibrant and exciting future for all of us, our children, grandchildren, and those yet to come.

TEMPLE ISRAEL'S CHILD SAFETY COMMITTEE

SAFE COMMUNITIES, SACRED SPACES: PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

According to Sifra on Leviticus 26:37,

כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל עֲרִיבִים זֶה בְּזֶה

All Jews are responsible for one another.

With this in mind, we would like to introduce the Aleinu Initiative at Temple Israel. Aleinu is a project of the organization Sacred Spaces that enables Jewish spaces to implement best practices for child protection.

The Hebrew word Aleinu may be translated as “it is our obligation” or “it is our duty.” In the case of our initiative, it is the duty of everyone at Temple Israel to make our community as welcoming, safe, and accountable as possible.

The approach not only focuses on protective factors we put into place to safeguard our children and youth from inappropriate words and actions, grooming, grooming-like behaviors, and abuse, but also increases a sense of safety for survivors to heal and to belong.

The Aleinu campaign has a ten-step process, supported by research and rooted in Jewish values. We are currently focusing on the first two steps in this process, (1) forming a child safety committee, and (2) creating opportunities for community dialogue.

This communication is part of this second step as our newly formed child safety committee works to create a variety of opportunities for all ages to talk about how we strengthen child safety at Temple Israel.

Temple's child safety committee is chaired by board member Carly Hoffman and includes Samuel Hanson Willis, Emma Nadler, Beth Shapiro, Steve Simon, and staff and clergy members Margaret Koolick, Anne Rasmussen, Rabbi Zimmerman, and Rabbi Klein.

Our goal is to weave emotional, physical, and spiritual safety into the fabric of Temple Israel. You are welcome to reach out to any of us with ideas, questions, or concerns.

Thank you for your support in creating a safer Temple Israel. We encourage you to join us in the discussion and the ongoing work of Aleinu.

Temple Israel Child Safety Committee

CAMP TEKO – SUMMER 2022

Introducing Dani Wallace, Camp TEKO's new Associate Director

Growing up, Dani spent her summers at OSRUI and most recently was on the year-round staff at Camp Ramah in the Rockies. She loves to read, write, teach children's yoga, and go hiking and camping—especially with her rescue dog, Murphy. Dani's year-round role will also include serving as a youth advisor and JEWL teacher.



DANI WALLACE

Thank you, Delia!

Camp TEKO and all of Temple Israel want to thank Delia Koolick for her seven years of service to TEKO and to all of Temple. That means that there are campers who met her for the first time the summer before kindergarten and have now been stepping into leadership roles on the board of TIMSY, our middle school youth group! We are fortunate that Delia has been a presence with us from the end of high school through college and now in graduate school for social work. Her expertise has shaped what TEKO is and the direction of its future. From the JEWL classroom at Temple to the Bowl at TEKO, Delia has taught us that creating community and positive Jewish memories come in so many forms, from exploring Jewish texts, middot, or social justice to the silliest schticks and bus cup cheers. Delia, thank you for sharing your never-ending ruach with our staff, our learners, and the entire TEKO and Temple community. Mazel tov on this next professional step!



DELIA KOOLICK

Camper Application



Staff Application



Avodah & Machon Application



TEMPLE'S NEW CANTOR

GETTING TO KNOW CANTOR INBAL SHARETT-SINGER

Where did you grow up?

I grew up in Kiryat Ono, Israel, together with my sister Gili, and our parents Yaffa and Yoram. Our town is a beautiful suburb of Tel Aviv, and when I was young it was surrounded by orange groves and we enjoyed a very safe, and sheltered lifestyle. As I grew up I spent much of my time in Tel Aviv. I studied Musicology at the Tel-Aviv University and then transferred my studies and moved to Jerusalem where I studied opera performance at the Jerusalem Academy of Music and Dance. I left Israel when I was 24 and moved to New York City to study opera at Brooklyn College.

What influenced your decision to become a Cantor?

While I was a student at Brooklyn College I also taught at the Religious School at Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, NYC. There I was invited by Cantor Daniel Singer, who coincidentally became my brother-in-law several years later, to assist him in singing Shabbat services. It was my first time at a Reform Synagogue, and my first time on the bimah. I was inspired by the services and felt a special connection to singing Jewish sacred music. During these early years in NYC I also worked as a Hebrew Teacher at The Brotherhood Synagogue in NYC, and there as well I found myself on the bimah as I worked with Cantor Shiya Ribowsky and subbed for him - an experience that was spiritually rewarding. I loved leading services and connecting with members of the congregation, but I felt that I was not yet ready to be a cantor myself. It was leading a funeral service that really made an impact on me, and transformed me. I was filled with purpose and fulfillment which made my decision clear to apply HUC-JIR, and to begin my journey into becoming an ordained cantor. I began my studies in 2012 and was ordained in 2015. My first internship as a cantorial student was at Riverdale Temple, where I continued to serve as a cantor, and recently celebrated a wonderful decade of service.

What excites you about coming to Temple Israel?

The people! From my first meeting with the Temple's members, during the generous hospitality at Ellyn (Wolfenson) and Mick (Belzer)'s home, I was excited by everyone's kindness, as well as



their love and commitment to Temple. Throughout the next days of my visit, I was touched by how those I met has already gone into my heart – and how everyone treated me with so much warmth, care and generosity. There was something very real in the stories I heard, and the experiences I had, that I could easily see our family making a home in the community. I feel humble, grateful, and blessed to be Temple Israel's next cantor, and my husband Jonathan and I are excited and looking forward to making our big move with our children Amit, Noa, and Emmanuelle.

What are you looking forward to doing in Minnesota?

I am looking forward to so many things! I am excited for my family to ride our bikes around the lakes, as well as to paddle board on the lakes! I love the outdoors and I can't wait to explore the beautiful nature around Minneapolis. I fell in love with Camp TEK0 and I can't wait to visit it and see our children enjoy camp. I am excited to get to learn about the culture of the area, to eat the food, and talk to different local residents. Also, I am excited to listen to the music around town: choral music, jazz, and folk. And more than anything, I am looking forward to getting to know the staff and clergy at Temple, and to build meaningful relationships with our members. As I begin my work in July, I hope you will come and introduce yourself!

CAMP TEKO CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY

This past February, the Board approved \$10.8 million for the first phase of construction at Camp TEKO. Among other things, this phase will include:

- The Discovery Center (rendered below). This largest building on the TEKO campus will include much-needed expanded space for programming, as well as life cycle events. It will also include a Teaching Kitchen, a space for children and adults alike to learn about Jewish cooking hands-on.



- The Welcome Center (right), which will serve as a place to welcome campers and visitors, with a sheltered place for campers to wait during pickup and dropoff.
- A renovated chapel, with expanded seating and improved views of Lake Minnetonka.
- An improved waterfront (bottom right), with new pathways and expanded access to TEKO's boating and swimming beaches (completed summer 2021).



Phase I is expected to be completed in Fall 2023. Further renovations, including camper cabins, will be announced in the second phase of the project.

We welcome contributions via Temple's website, www.templeisrael.com/give (select Camp TEKO Campaign from the drop-down menu). Naming opportunities are still available. To discuss a contribution to the campaign, please contact Jerry Waldman, Major Gifts Officer, at 612-965-0690 or waldman.jerry@gmail.com.



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