

*Life and love and strength and action
In our heart and blood shall beat,
And our hopes shall be both heaven
And the earth beneath our feet.*

Chag Pesach Sameach



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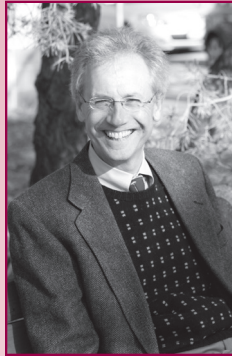
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Rabbi Glaser

Dear Friends,

It seems only a few weeks ago I was writing an article for Hakol indicating that I was soon to be off on a Sabbatical. Here I am on the other side of said Sabbatical with two months

of adventures, learning, experiencing and rejoicing now behind me.

This year is a *Shmita* year, biblical terminology for the seventh year of rest for the land and its inhabitants. The *Shmita* is, of course, based on the original concept of Shabbat as set forth in the earliest verses of our Torah in which the Creator of all takes a breather. Created in the image of the Divine we are bidden to do likewise each week. And religious professionals are traditionally granted some down time each seven years.

A chunk of my time away was spent simply plumbing the awesomeness of God's creation. Barb and I spent two weeks traversing two Hawaiian Islands, exploring volcanoes, jungles and gorgeous seascapes to our delight. I was also able to get to Sedona, Arizona, which I had long desired to visit.

In California for a week I was treated to many hours of study, one-on-one, with the talented and colorful Rabbi Lawrence Kushner, author of some of my most cherished guidebooks in Jewish Mysticism. He surprised me by having prepared a stack of Midrashic and rabbinical texts that we studied in the original Hebrew and Aramaic. Our first evening together we joined up with Dr. Daniel Matt, translator extraordinaire of the new Pritzker Zohar Editions, to

talk about the latest volume. One of my lessons with Rabbi Kushner was on the subject of no-thingness, a fascinating aspect of the Kabbalistic understanding of the ineffable Divine Presence. I already turned that lesson into a Kabbalah Sparks class and taught it to a large group only a few weeks ago.

I was also afforded the opportunity of going down to Tucson and Phoenix where I put on my stand-up comedy shoes. It was fun, but I'm keeping my day job. Also as part of my sabbatical time, by mid-March I will have journeyed east to be scholar-in-residence at my previous congregation, Beth Israel of West Hartford, Connecticut, doing music, comedy, preaching, and teaching – which, come to think of it, IS my day job!

A huge thank you again to all my friends at Temple who made my time away possible. Special thanks go to my colleagues Rabbi Marcia Zimmerman, Rabbi Jennifer Gertman and Cantor Barry Abelson for stepping up and doing the extra work in my absence. And a big shout-out to my most excellent assistant Mary Gail for helping me coordinate my excursions.

I look forward to sharing with you the treasures from my voyages in the months and years ahead. As many of you well know, time away is good for the soul. *Ashreinu mah tov helkeinu* – Let us rejoice in our portion! We are most blessed!

B'virkat Shalom—With Blessings of Peace,

Rabbi Sim Glaser

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What's Happening...

April Worship Services

Friday, April 3 – Erev Pesach

6:00 p.m. Erev Passover Shabbat Chapel Service

Saturday, April 4

9:00 a.m. Torah Study with Rabbi Glaser:
Yom Rishon shel Pesach,
Exodus 12:37-42, 13:3-10

10:30 a.m. Congregational Passover Shabbat Morning
Service followed by a light
Passover Kiddush

6:00 p.m. Congregational Passover Seder
(Reservations Required)

Friday, April 10

10:30 a.m. Congregational Passover Healing
and Yizkor Services

6:00 p.m. Carlebach Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 11

9:00 a.m. Torah Study with Rabbi Glaser:
Sh'mini I, Leviticus 11:1-23

10:30 a.m. Congregational Shabbat Morning Service

10:30 a.m. Jewish Renewal Service

Thursday, April 16

7:00 p.m. Twin Cities Annual Yom HaShoah
Commemoration, hosted by Temple Israel

Friday, April 17

6:00 p.m. Nefesh Shabbat Service

*David Krakauer, Klezmer Artist Extraordinaire, will
join our own Nefesh band fiddler Ken Freed along with
a group from the Mankato Symphony.*

Saturday, April 18

9:00 a.m. Torah Study with Rabbi Gertman:
Sh'mini II, Leviticus 9:1 - 11:47

10:30 a.m. Highlights in Jewish History

10:30 a.m. Congregational Shabbat Morning Service
including the Bar Mitzvah of Adam
Metchnek followed by a Kiddush luncheon

Friday, April 24

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 25

9:00 a.m. Torah Study with Rabbi Zimmerman:
Tazria-M'tzora, Leviticus 12:1-15:33

10:30 a.m. Congregational Shabbat Morning Service
including the Bar Mitzvah of Eddy
Rosenthal followed by a Kiddush luncheon

PASSOVER AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

Erev Passover Shabbat Service

Friday, April 3, 6:00 p.m.

We will have an intimate Chapel service marking the start of Shabbat and Passover.

Congregational Passover Morning Service

Saturday, April 4, 10:30 a.m.

Please join us for a congregational Passover morning service followed by a light Passover Kiddush.

Congregational Passover Seder

Saturday, April 4, 6:00 p.m.

Join our clergy for a second night Seder. Limited space still available. Contact Caren Page at 612-374-0323 or cpage@templeisrael.com.

Counting of the Omer E-List

April 4 - May 23, 2015

Count the forty-nine day period between Passover, which commemorates the Exodus, and Shavuot, which commemorates the giving of the Torah. Each daily e-mail includes a reflection from Jewish sources. The counting reminds us that the redemption from slavery was not complete until we received the Torah. 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.

Congregational Passover Healing and Yizkor Services

Friday, April 10, 10:30 a.m.

Join our clergy for a congregational Passover morning service, which will include Healing and Yizkor Memorial services. We come together to remember those whose memories we cherish. The Healing Service brings comfort to those who are facing physical, emotional or spiritual challenges. A light Kiddush will follow.

Temple offices will be closed in observance of Passover

Friday, April 10

If you have an emergency and need to reach a member of our clergy, please call our answering service at 952-988-5787.



What's Happening

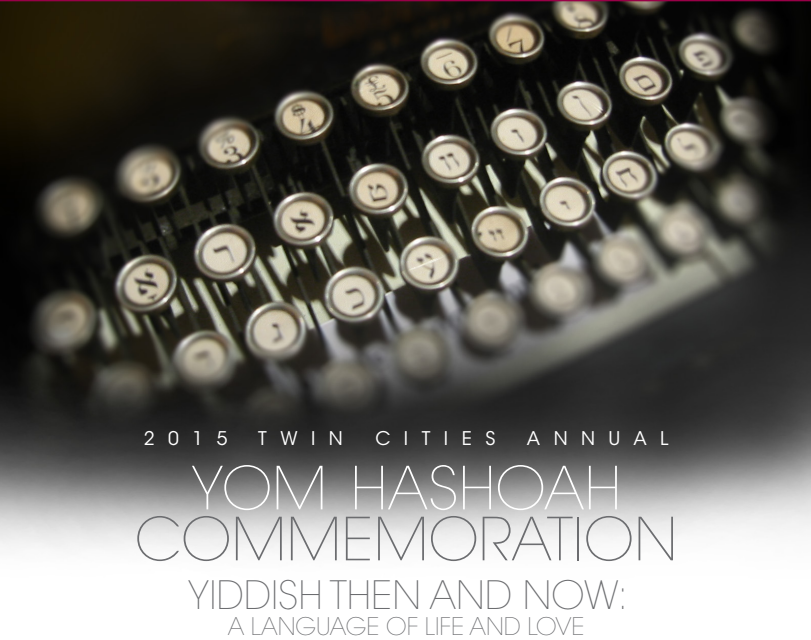
Anat Cohen in Concert Israeli Jazz Clarinet Enchantress

Sunday, April 12, 9:00 p.m.

Dakota Jazz Club | 1010 Nicollet Avenue, Minneapolis

Tickets \$20 | Box Office 612-332-5299

Come and join Rabbi Glaser and members of the Israel Committee to hear the talented Israeli jazz musician, Anat Cohen, at the Dakota. Clarinetist-saxophonist Anat Cohen has won hearts and minds the world over with her expressive virtuosity and delightful stage presence. Anat has been voted Clarinetist of the Year six years in a row by the Jazz Journalists Association, as well as 2012's Multi-Reed Player of the Year. Call the Dakota now to reserve your tickets and stay for a special Temple Israel meet and greet with Anat after the show!



2015 TWIN CITIES ANNUAL
YOM HASHOAH
COMMEMORATION
YIDDISH THEN AND NOW:
A LANGUAGE OF LIFE AND LOVE

Twin Cities Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day

Speaker: Max Edwards, Harvard University Divinity Student

Thursday, April 16, 7:00 p.m. at Temple Israel

The Yom HaShoah Commemoration is free of charge and open to the public. For more information, please contact Susie Greenberg at Susie@MinnDakJCRC.org.

The Yom HaShoah Commemoration is co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas, Children of Holocaust Survivors Association in Minnesota (CHAIM), Temple Israel, the Minneapolis Jewish Federation, and the Jewish Federation of Greater St. Paul.

Four Modern Jewish Holidays

Since the establishment of the State of Israel, four new holidays have been added to the Jewish calendar: Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), Yom HaZikaron (Memorial Day), Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Independence Day), and Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Day). In Israel, these holidays are observed as national holidays.

April 16, 2015

In Israel, Yom HaShoah is a national memorial day and public holiday to remember those who died in the Shoah. It was inaugurated in 1953, anchored by a law signed by the Prime Minister of Israel, David Ben-Gurion, and the President of Israel, Yitzhak Ben-Zvi. It is held on the 27th of Nisan (April/May). This year, the community memorial service will be held at Temple Israel at 7:00 p.m.

April 22, 2015

The Israeli Knesset established the day before Yom Ha'Atzmaut as Yom HaZikaron, a Memorial Day for soldiers who lost their lives fighting in the War of Independence and in other subsequent battles. Community

services will be held Tuesday evening, April 21 at 7:00 p.m. at Beth El and Temple of Aaron.

April 23, 2015

Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israeli Independence Day, marks the establishment of the modern state of Israel in 1948. It is observed on or near the 5th of Iyar in the Hebrew calendar, which usually falls in April. This year, the community celebration for Israel will take place on Sunday, April 26 at the St. Paul JCC.

May 17, 2015

Yom Yerushalayim, Jerusalem Day, is an Israeli national holiday commemorating the reunification of Jerusalem.

Torah Study

Every Saturday, 9:00 – 10:15 a.m.

Free and open to all. Come when you can! Join in an instructive and spirited discussion of the week's Torah portion led by our rabbis. Gain a better understanding of Torah and its relevance to contemporary life through study and dialogue in community.

Highlights in Jewish History

Hitler and the Culture of Celebrity: Triumph of the Will Reprise

Saturday, April 18, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for lively discussions of some of the most important events in Jewish history with Dr. Joseph Goldman, a noted historian and regular lecturer at Temple Israel. Free and open to all.

Leni Riefenstahl's 1934 classic, *Triumph of the Will*, captured Hitler on film at the Nuremberg Rally. Nothing has surpassed this propaganda footage to this day. Hitler was a consummate actor and coldly calculating mass murderer. Using 'Wagnerian' stagecraft and then-modern electrical, broadcasting and film technologies, Hitler wove a 'culture of celebrity' even American politicians love to emulate.

Sisterhood Challah Baking

Sunday, April 19, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Learn how to personalize your Shabbat meal with homemade challah. Marilyn Lipschultz will demonstrate her techniques using organic ingredients and share her recipe and freshly-baked challah at the home of Renee Lambert. (Plymouth address provided upon RSVP.) Space is limited to the first 15 people. Visit the Sisterhood webpage to register: www.templeisraelsisterhood.com.

Help with the Mitzvah of Serving Dinner to Moms and Kids at Jeremiah Program

Tuesday, April 21, 5:00 pm

Jeremiah Program, 1510 Laurel Ave, Suite 100, Minneapolis

Prepare and/or serve dinners to mothers and their children. If you are unable to stay and serve, you may prepare and drop off food in advance. For questions, please contact Donna Fredkove at 612-385-9170 or email db163@aol.com.

Sisterhood Spring Event:

Intuition...the Gift of Being a Jewish Woman
"Everyone Can Use a Little Divine Guidance"

Thursday, April 23, 6:30 p.m.

Oak Ridge Country Club | \$25/person

Please join us for an evening that will be both entertaining and thought provoking as our guest speakers Rabbi Sim Glaser and Kayla Michaele tackle the differences between intuition/psychic and the Jewish mystical view of the

supernatural. Rabbi Glaser will be there to guide us on the study and meditation of Kabbalistic themes and provide some basics of Jewish mysticism. Kayla Michaele is a talented psychic, medium, teacher, and speaker. Her direct and honest style allows clients to navigate through the "fluff" and get down to the core issues or questions. Kayla will also do some impromptu readings!

Hors-d'oeuvres and dessert will be served. Cash bar available during the evening. RSVP via the Sisterhood website www.templeisraelsisterhood.com. For more information contact Jenna Anderson at jennamanderson@hotmail.com or 612-836-8036.

Raising Jewish Kids: Anti-Semitism With Rabbi Marcia Zimmerman

Sunday, April 26, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Anti-Semitism is on the rise across the world and we cannot shelter our children from the news. Rabbi Zimmerman will help us learn how to talk about it with our children.

Sisterhood will provide the coffee and snacks and the room will stay open for socializing until 11:30 a.m. All are welcome.

About the Series:

You're raising Jewish kids - they have Jewish questions. Questions you're not sure YOU know the answers to. Join us for an hour of discussion, questions, and learning. A warm, welcoming environment with Temple Israel clergy will give you confidence, knowledge and answers to some of your kids' hardest questions. All are welcome.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration

The Twin Cities Celebrates Israel at 67!

Sunday, April 26, 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

St. Paul JCC | 1375 St. Paul Avenue, St. Paul

Family festivities begin @ 12:30 pm:

- Israeli DJ Dance Party
- Krav Maga, Israeli cooking and Israeli dancing demonstrations
- Family activities including crafts, bounce houses, photo ops, gaga pit, face painters and more!
- Live performances by the Heilicher Minneapolis Jewish Day School dance troupe, Chai Notes and local musician Matt Levitt

For more information, contact Corey Kirshenbaum at coreyk@stpauljcc.org.

JL@TI: Jewish Learning @ Temple Israel

Mondays, April 27, May 4 & 11, 6:45 – 9:15 p.m.

Choose from an exciting list of mini-courses to inspire your soul and challenge your mind. See pages 13 and 14 for more information and to register.



Uniongrams and Goldengrams

Temple Israel Confirmation Class 5775/2014-2015

The Shavuot Confirmation Ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 24 at 10:30 a.m.

Congratulate your sons and daughters, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who are about to confirm their faith in Reform Judaism with a lovely note printed and hand-signed by Sisterhood. The Confirmation Class of 5775 will become the new clergy of 5785, and your notes can help get them there! Support the YES (Youth, Education and Special Projects) Fund of the Women of Reform Judaism by purchasing a Uniongram or

Goldengram for your beloved Confirmands today. The YES Fund provides financial assistance to rabbinical and cantorial students, youth, and Reform organizations in North America, Israel and around the world. Cards will be delivered to students at the Confirmation ceremony. Our future clergy and NFTYites thank you for your support!

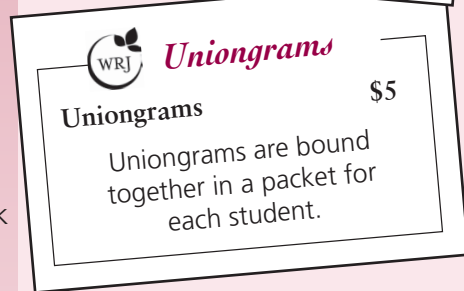
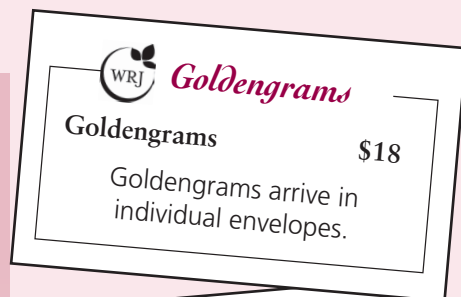
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Orders must be received by Friday, May 1.

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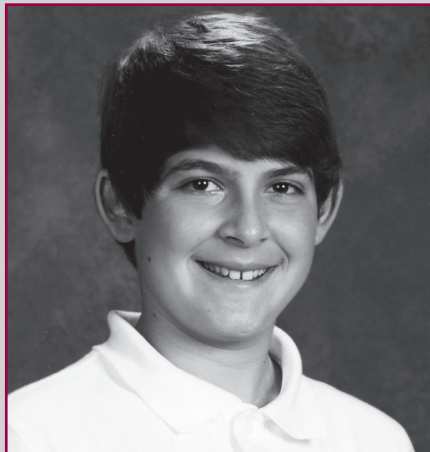
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Our B'nai Mitzvah

Reaching Jewish Adulthood



Spencer Krelitz
April 2, 2015 (In Israel)



Adam Louis Metchnek
April 18, 2015



Eddy Rosenthal
April 25, 2015

Spencer is the son of Linda & Michael Krelitz; the grandson of Dr. Steve & Trudy Weisberg and Annette & Barry Krelitz; and the brother of Sydney. Spencer enjoys playing lacrosse, football, and basketball, and loves kids, the elderly, and dogs. His favorite Jewish activity is doing mitzvot and eating matzoh ball soup. His favorite subjects at The Blake School are math and French. He was honored to be the captain of his travelling lacrosse team. When he grows up he would like to be an athlete or a lawyer. When asked about his upcoming Bar Mitzvah, he said, "It's been my dream to go to Israel!"

Adam is the son of Nicky & Gary Metchnek; the grandson of Jim & the late Lois Metchnek and Jackie & Dr. Stephen Sinykin; and the brother of Alex. Adam enjoys basketball and fishing. His favorite Jewish activity is attending Herzl Camp. His favorite subjects at Wayzata East Middle School are science and gym. When he grows up he would like to be a biomedical engineer or a professional fisherman. When asked about his upcoming Bar Mitzvah, he said, "Manhood, here I come!"

Eddy is the son of Paul & Liz Rosenthal; the grandson of the late Arthur Rosenthal; and the brother of Jack. Eddy enjoys playing soccer and basketball, and going skiing. His favorite subjects at Southview Middle School are physical education and theater. When he grows up he would like to be a sports commentator. When asked about his upcoming Bar Mitzvah, he said, "I am excited to celebrate it with my family and friends."

• APRIL - Youth & Education Dates •

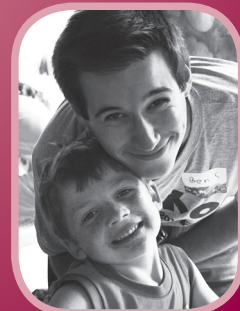
1-12	No Hebrew, Haggigat Shabbat, or Sunday School: Passover Break
3-10	ECC Closed: Passover Break
6/7	B'nai Mitzvah training in session
13	Hebrew School Resumes
15	10th Grade Confirmation Program
18	Haggigat Shabbat Resumes
18/19	6th Grade Family Education
19	Sunday School Resumes 7th and 8th Grade Program 9th Grade Program
22	11th/12th Grade Program
24	1st Grade Shabbat Dinner and Service
25	Final Haggigat Shabbat Pre-K Class Meets
26	Sisterhood Parenting Class: Anti-Semitism 9:30-10:30 a.m. 7th Grade Program Noon-2:30 p.m.
29	8th Grade Program Field Trip to Yachad at Sabes JCC 6:15-8:30 p.m. 9th-12th Grade Yachad Program at Sabes JCC

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Envisioning our FUTURE

Implementing our strategic plan

“To be a Jew means to favor progress without disregarding the old. The inner life-force of Judaism has always consisted in building further on existing foundations.” – Karpeles

So began Temple’s strategic plan, which hit the presses in March 2011. Whew! The time has gone quickly and a tremendous amount has been accomplished – and we are by no means done. Our intended five-year plan was so packed full of content that there is still much more to do. The future continues to unfold.

More than 1,600 congregants gave input into the strategic plan, an astonishing number, indicating just how much the members of our sacred community care. Three of the themes expressed over and over with conviction and passion were: **update our Jewish education program, build community within the congregation, and renew and improve facilities to meet 21st century needs.** We are on our way! Envision the future with us.

Updating our Jewish education program

In the 1950s when our Religious School was built, teaching was primarily lecture style: teacher at the front of the room; students in desks in straight rows, facing forward, listening and learning. Classrooms were smaller. There was one focal point – the blackboard. When not at the blackboard, the teacher could often be found behind his or her desk.

Step forward to today and you will find that teaching and learning styles have changed. No longer is the teacher solely a “sage from the stage.” In the 21st century, the teacher is often more of a “guide from the side.” Students learn by doing, exploring, experimenting and teaching one another. The teacher guides and gently directs to be sure that learning outcomes are met.



Students might want to spread out on the floor to do a project together. Or grab their laptops and sit on couches to research a topic as a team. Or create a dance or poem or song to express



a concept. Or walk through the building to explore Temple’s art collection and understand the history and context within which it was created. Or speak Hebrew an entire class period. Or...the list goes on.

This is called experiential and project-based learning, and it requires room to spread out, moveable furniture, whiteboards on many walls, plug-ins for technology, places to store projects, spaces for quiet study and reflection, and areas for group connection and study.

The learning environment becomes the “third teacher,” next to adults and other children – with plenty of natural light, a workshop-like environment, flexible spaces that can be reconfigured as needed, and beauty, including proud displays of students’ work.



Programmatically, Temple has been implementing 21st century teaching methods.

In one example, a group of students – bored with the Torah portion of the week routine – were asked to find a way to express the concepts and teachings in their own way. A group of girls active in modern dance decided to create an interpretive dance. They had so much fun choreographing, performing and narrating the dance that it has become a tradition to interpret and narrate the Torah portion through the arts – and to share it with the rest of the school. Even better, boys have gotten involved because they realized it was a great way to hang out with the girls!



During strategic planning, an audit of Temple’s facilities and properties was completed, and we learned that \$6 million would be needed to bring our Religious School building up to code and to address much-needed major repairs. At that time, Temple’s educators and parents asked an important question. What would we gain, they asked, when we would still have an inaccessible building (stairs all over the place and a barrier to parents with strollers and grandparents and others with mobility issues) and spaces that did not allow for 21st century teaching methods?

Building community within the congregation

Additionally, how do we encourage community within our walls when there is no space for people to relax, mingle and connect? After Religious and Hebrew School begin on a typical weekend day, there is a mass exodus of parents because they have no place to gather. When the fifth grade classes were working on a community Israel project recently, they worked in two separate classrooms because there wasn’t a large enough space in the school to bring them all together.

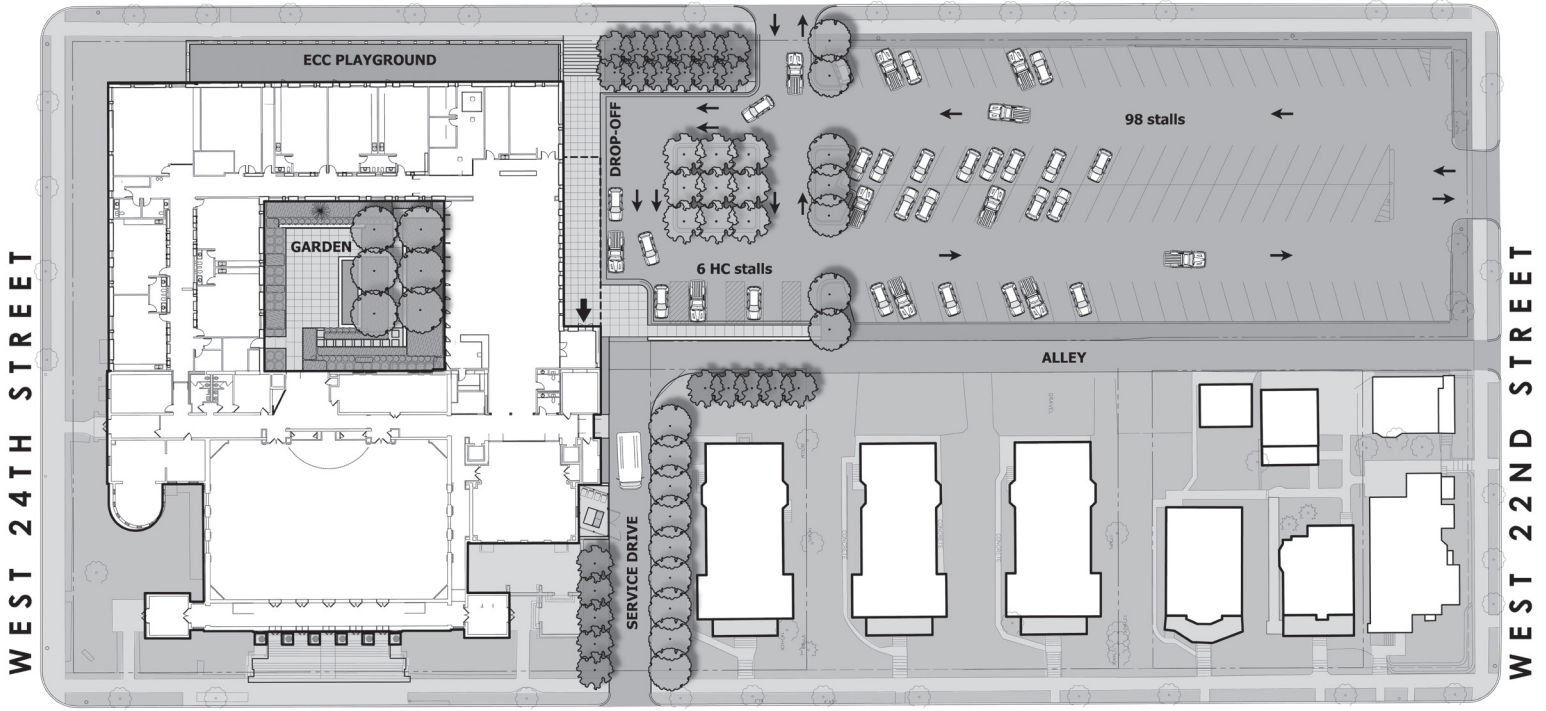


Thus began Temple’s research into the best physical spaces that would allow for function and flexibility over many years. In 2012, architecture firm HGA was hired, and facilities planning began with significant input from educators and experts from across our congregation.

Today Temple has an inspiring plan that was shared at the March 9 and March 22 congregational forums.

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Renewing Temple facilities to meet 21st century needs

Planned, in summary, are:

- A Religious School building with spaces that encourage student initiative, interaction and experiential learning.
- An Early Childhood Center building that incorporates the concepts of workshop, flexibility, beauty and light.
- A lobby for welcoming, gathering, connecting and coffee, with room for seated events for up to 120 people.
- A courtyard garden that will serve as a natural space and focal point for weddings, our sukkah, classes, relaxation and contemplation.



Building rendering from north entrance



Courtyard garden



Lobby and reception area



Religious School classroom

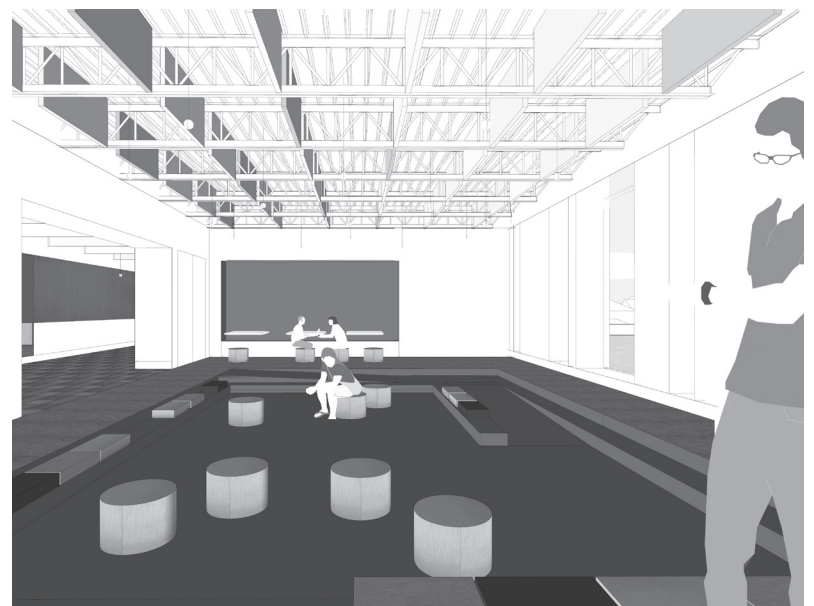


Early Childhood Center classroom

Envision with us!

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Religious School gathering area

Temple's Technology Updates



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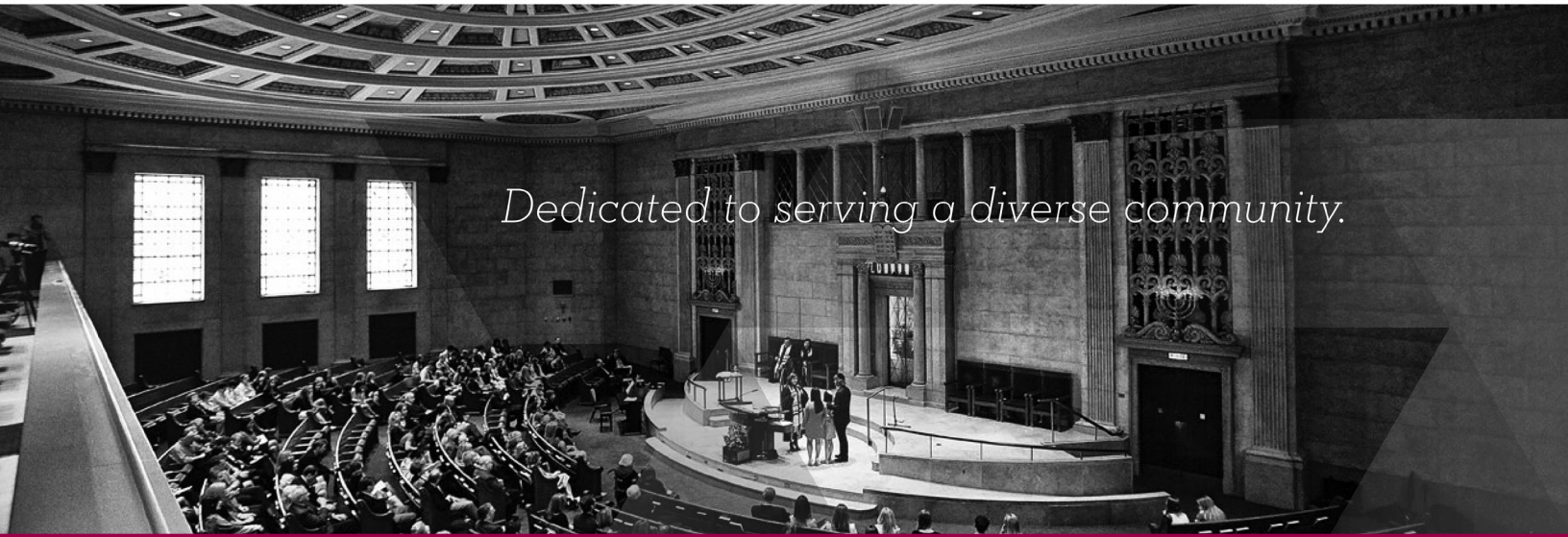
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Dedicated to serving a diverse community.

In early April, Temple Israel will launch its newly-redesigned website. The new site features a clean, simple design that is easy to navigate and allows us to showcase Temple's dynamic community in a modern way.

We are especially excited to add features that will make it easier for you to manage your membership and to participate in Temple programming. In the next few months, watch for:

- An online donation form for making quick and easy contributions
- A searchable membership directory where you can update your contact information with just a few clicks
- Online registration forms for Temple events and programs
- Online payment options for your Temple Israel statement

In order to access some of these new features, you will need a username and password to login to the website.

Watch your mail! You will receive a letter containing your NEW username and temporary password later this spring.

The website address stays the same: www.templeisrael.com, but the online experience of Temple Israel is new—and will continue to improve!

While you are online, check out Temple's newly-energized Facebook page, where you will find announcements and reminders, fun surveys and quizzes, video clips of our worship services, and the not-to-be-missed Throwback Thursday photos of our congregants and clergy. Tag someone you know, and share your love for Temple Israel! (Follow us on Twitter, too!)



2015 Spring JL@TI Courses Jewish Learning @ Temple Israel

Mondays, April 27, May 4 & 11, 2015

Each evening begins at 6:45 p.m. with a reception and D'var Torah, followed by two class periods:

- Period One (7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)
- Period Two (8:15 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.)

Please choose one class for each period.

Fee: \$36 per person

(Includes your two chosen classes and light refreshments.)

Please register by Friday, April 17, 2015.

Classes may be closed or cancelled due to the number of registrations.

In the spirit of Tikkun Olam, please donate soft-cover books to the Women's Prison Book Project on any night of JL@TI.

Period One: 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Choose one)

THE POWER OF INTERFAITH DIALOGUE: CONVERSATION IN ACTION

INSTRUCTOR: RABBI MARCIA ZIMMERMAN, ALVIN & JUNE PERLMAN SENIOR RABBINIC CHAIR AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

It has been said that interfaith dialogue is the antidote to religious extremism and violence. Temple Israel has spent the last decades creating strong relationships with clergy from our neighboring churches and mosques. Join Rabbi Zimmerman and guest clergy to examine world issues through the lens of multi-faith leaders in our community.

RAFTING DOWN THE RIVER OF LIGHT

INSTRUCTOR: RABBI SIM GLASER, RABBI AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

Join Rabbi Sim Glaser for an in-depth exploration of Rabbi Lawrence Kushner's classic: *The River of Light**, an imaginative and poetic meditation on the nature and evolution of consciousness. Themes include Midrash, psychotherapy, origin and destiny, the primordial human form, Abraham's journey, and, of course, light!

* Please read this book and bring it to class. Local bookstore Magers and Quinn Booksellers (612-822-4611) has limited copies of the book in stock.

RASHI: YOU'VE HEARD HIS NAME, NOW LEARN WHO HE REALLY IS

INSTRUCTOR: RABBI JOSEPH EDELHEIT, DIRECTOR AND PROFESSOR OF RELIGIOUS AND JEWISH STUDIES AT ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY

We will read Elie Wiesel's biography, *RASHI*.** Learn about the man who created the most significant commentaries in all of Jewish literature.

** Please read this book and bring it to class. Local bookstore Magers and Quinn Booksellers (612-822-4611) has limited copies of the book in stock.

Note: This class meets on Mondays, April 27, May 4 and Wednesday, May 6. You are invited to sit in on any other class on Monday, May 11.

RELIGION, FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, BLASPHEMY, OFFENSE, CENSORSHIP AND SECULARISM

INSTRUCTORS: SHANA SIPPY, VISITING INSTRUCTOR IN RELIGION AT CARLETON COLLEGE; RABBI DAVID WIRTSCHAFTER, VISITING SCHOLAR AT THE JAY PHILLIPS CENTER FOR INTERFAITH LEARNING, AND RABBI AT AMES JEWISH CONGREGATION IN IOWA

Freedom of expression is revered and protected as a fundamental right in much of the western world, yet its definition, its limits and its virtues are not universally agreed upon. Lately we have witnessed a spate of controversies (over such things as cartoons, the content of textbooks and atlases, and speech about Israel) that reveal tensions between religious and secular values; conceptions of civility and the right to offend; and the place of blasphemy in secular society. We will engage with these controversies by reading works of prominent scholars who investigate these topics.

Period Two: 8:15 – 9:15 p.m. (Choose one)

FROM SURVIVAL TO TRANSFORMATION: TEMPLE ISRAEL RE-ENVISIONS JUDAISM FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

INSTRUCTOR: RABBI MARCIA ZIMMERMAN

Today, change in our society is no longer incremental, but exponential. How does modern Judaism respond to change and maintain its essential values? How do we re-envision our institutions, reinterpret Jewish life and re-imagine our Jewish future? Come and learn about global trends and what is happening at Temple Israel.

ZOOMING IN ON THE ZOHAR – SPOTLIGHT ON GENESIS!

INSTRUCTOR: RABBI SIM GLASER

For Kabbalah fans, Rabbi Glaser trots out his very favorite highlights from the 13th century book of Jewish Mysticism, the Zohar. Concentrating on *Bereshit* (Genesis) we will explore creation, light, the fall from the garden, the binding of Isaac, Abraham's journey, circumcision, and more! Some knowledge of Kabbalah is good, but not required.

THEOLOGY OF IMPERFECTION — JUDAISM'S CLASSIC TEXTS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF LIMITS

INSTRUCTOR: RABBI JOSEPH EDELHEIT

We will study Torah and Rabbinic texts that illuminate Abraham, Moses and David, and Rachel, Miriam, and Esther. All share heroic status and yet each of them is profoundly flawed—a theological hint of how the Hebrew Bible really wants us to understand what it means to be human.

Note: This class meets on Mondays, April 27, May 4 and Wednesday, May 6. You are invited to sit in on any other class on Monday, May 11.

RELIGION AND VIOLENCE

INSTRUCTORS: SHANA SIPPY AND RABBI DAVID WIRTSCHAFTER

Stories and images of violence—from civil war to genocide, from land disputes to terrorism—often prompt the question: "Is religion the problem?" Conversely, the non-violent social movements led by religious leaders and motivated by religious philosophies make us wonder: "Can religion be the solution?" Using examples from Jewish, Muslim, Hindu and Christian contexts, we will explore the paradoxical roles of religion in both the perpetuation and the cessation of violence.

EMBODYING MIDDOT

INSTRUCTOR: RABBI DEBRA RAPPAPORT, SHOLOM HOME EAST, MUSSAR INSTRUCTOR, AND CONTRIBUTOR TO THE NOSH

What's Jewish about yoga? The practice of yoga gives us the opportunity to cultivate both strength (gevurah) and kindness (chesed) in our bodies. Join an hour of "trying on" some walking meditation and yoga poses to begin to embody the traits (middot) we want to cultivate in our lives. No experience, knowledge, or special clothes necessary.

Period One Continued...

Period Two Continued...

For more information, contact Wendy Schwartz at 612-374-0344 or wendy@templeisrael.com.

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Period One: 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Continued)

THE NEW ANTI-SEMITISM: HOW NEW IS NEW?

INSTRUCTOR: DR. JOSEPH R. GOLDMAN, NOTED HISTORIAN AND REGULAR LECTURER AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

Old models of anti-Semitism led to the Holocaust—what is the new model leading to? The anti-Zionism and anti-Israel themes of today are not really so different from historical religious and racial bigotry. What is new is the degree and intensity of Islamic-sponsored attacks on Jews and Israel. Links between past, present, and future threats to Judaism and Jews will be considered as the context for current anti-Semitism.

THE MORAL MAGIC OF MUSSAR

INSTRUCTOR: RABBI ALAN SHAVIT-LONSTEIN, ARTISAN RABBI, & SPECIALIST AT APPLE STORE, RIDGEDALE

Jewish values can help us enrich ourselves, deepen connections with others, and improve our world. The Mussar texts are full of guidance for understanding a variety of character traits such as humility, joy and awe as steps along our personal journey. We will learn from each other in an environment of active discussion with the text of Pirke Avot 6:6 as our guide.

Please Note:

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the following previously advertised classes are cancelled: Jazz IS Jewish and Legacy Love Letters.

Period Two: 8:15 – 9:15 p.m. (Continued)

SUCCESSFUL AGING (OR HOW I STOPPED KVETCHING ABOUT MEDICARE AND STARTED CREATING MY OWN HAPPINESS)

INSTRUCTOR: ANDY HALPER, DIRECTOR OF LIFELONG LEARNING AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

Who wants to talk about getting older? Not many of us. It's no fun to imagine ourselves growing old, especially if we equate aging with infirmity, boredom, and loneliness. Sure, aging is inevitable, but the way we age isn't. Come explore what some of our favorite Jews (like Frankl, Buber and Billy Crystal) have said about choosing to live, not rust. This highly interactive class is for retirees, near-retirees, loved ones of retirees, and everyone who wants to age successfully.

THE TALKING FIDDLE: HOW KLEZMER MUSIC REVEALS THE SOUL OF THE JEW

INSTRUCTOR: JUDITH EISNER, KLEZMER VIOLINIST AND EDUCATOR AT MACPHAIL CENTER FOR MUSIC FOR OVER 28 YEARS.

What is klezmer music? What are its roots? How does klezmer music preserve the Jewish soul and traditions through the upheavals of history? Why does it make us laugh, cry, and feel like dancing or singing? We will explore the history, style, instrumentation, context, and function of pre-Holocaust Ashkenazic music. Please join Judith, along with members of her ensemble, for live music, discussion, and the opportunity to deepen the love for your musical heritage.

Periods One and Two: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Offsite

NAVIGATING INTERFAITH RELATIONSHIPS

INSTRUCTOR: RABBI JENNIFER GERTMAN | OPEN TO YOUNG COUPLES.

So, you met a wonderful person, but they are not Jewish. What do you do now? Join Rabbi Gertman for coffee and conversation with other interfaith couples. Together, we will discuss creating your religious lives. Share your stories and learn from other couples who are asking some of the same questions you are.

Note: This class meets OFF SITE (Location to be announced) from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. on Monday, April 27, Monday, May 4, and Tuesday, May 12. You are invited to sit in on any other class on Monday, May 11.

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PERIOD ONE: 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.

- The Power Of Interfaith Dialogue (Rabbi Zimmerman)
- Rafting Down The River Of Light (Rabbi Glaser)
- Rashi (Rabbi Edelheit)
- Religion, Freedom Expression, Blasphemy, Offense, Censorship & Secularism (Shana Sippy & Rabbi Wirtschafter)
- The New Anti-Semitism (Dr. Goldman)
- The Moral Magic Of Mussar (Rabbi Shavit-Lonstein)

PERIOD TWO: 8:15 – 9:15 P.M.

- From Survival to Transformation (Rabbi Zimmerman)
- Zooming In On The Zohar (Rabbi Glaser)
- Theology of Imperfection (Rabbi Edelheit)
- Religion and Violence (Shana Sippy & Rabbi Wirtschafter)
- EmBODYing Middot (Rabbi Rappaport)
- Successful Aging (Andy Halper)
- The Talking Fiddle (Judith Eisner)

PERIODS ONE AND TWO: 7:00 – 8:30 P.M. OFF SITE LOCATION

- Navigating Interfaith Relationships (Rabbi Jennifer Gertman)

Return registration and payment to: Wendy Schwartz, Adult Learning Coordinator at Temple Israel, 2324 Emerson Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55405

Intuition... the Gift of Being a Jewish Woman

"Everyone can use a little Divine Guidance!"

Please join us for an evening that will be both entertaining and thought-provoking as our guest speakers, Rabbi Sim Glaser and psychic medium Kayla Michaele, discuss intuition, psychic awareness, and the Jewish mystical view of the supernatural. Kayla will also do some impromptu psychic readings! Hors d'oeuvres and dessert will be served. Cash bar available during the evening.

Date: Thursday, April 23, 2015 **Place:** Oak Ridge Country Club

Time: 6:30 p.m. **Cost:** \$25

RSVP via the new Sisterhood website, www.templeisraelsisterhood.com. For more information or questions, please contact Jenna Anderson at 612-836-8036 or jennamanderson@hotmail.com.

Greetings all,

Our Temple Sisterhood spring program is setting up to be the highlight of the month of April. The buzz around our guest speakers is energizing and exciting.

If you have been to one of our many programs throughout this past year you can personally attest to the fabulous vibe that is going on at each and every one of them. The warmth of friendship in the air is palpable and the take-aways are solid and comforting. Whether we gather to hear a guest speaker like Robyn Waters or our own clergy on Sunday mornings, or to attend a painting class, or to bake and cook together, it is a joy to be with so many women who are genuinely happy to be among their fellow Jewish women for learning and entertainment.

Please consider joining us on April 23 to experience it for yourself! The title of the evening is "Intuition... The Gift of Being a Jewish Woman." Our very own Co-Vice President of Development, Kayla Wright, known professionally as Kayla Michaele, is a gifted speaker, teacher, and clairvoyant, and she will be presenting her perspective on intuition and the gifts we women possess internally. Joining her will be Rabbi Sim Glaser, just back from sabbatical, to share his viewpoint on mysticism from a Reform rabbinic perspective.

The evening will take place at Oak Ridge, where yummy food and beverages will be served.

It sounds like a perfect way to welcome the rites of spring and celebrate ourselves. I hope to see you there.

Sincerely, Beth Birke, Temple Israel Sisterhood President

• • • GIFT SHOP TALK • • •

In April our shop will be brimming with fabulous finds from a buyers' trip to New York. Stop in to see the latest in beautiful, trendy, and whimsical merchandise, lovingly selected for the Temple community. We'll feature everything from Seder plates, menorahs, and mezuzot, to moderately priced jewelry for the Bar and Bat Mitzvah, and unique gifts for upcoming graduations, bridal showers, and weddings. With Passover fast approaching, we welcome the season of renewal and look forward to your visits to the Sisterhood gift shop. Please contact Temple Israel (612-377-8680) for shop hours. Chag Sameach!

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Co-Vice President of Programming

City, State of Birth:

Detroit, Michigan

What word or phrase do you most overuse?

"Awesome"

What is your idea of perfect happiness?

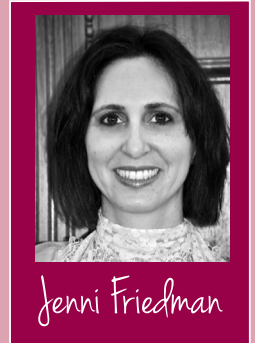
A day with my family, at the beach. No fighting!!! Just having fun and making amazing memories

What is your most marked characteristic?

Honesty, moving too fast

What do you most value in friends?

Honesty, loyalty



Jenni Friedman

Sisterhood Executive Position:

Co-Vice President of Social Community Action

City, State of Birth:

St. Paul, Minnesota

What is your idea of perfect happiness?

Spending a vacation with my husband and our family

What word or phrase do you most overuse?

"Like"

What is your most marked characteristic?

Wise and thoughtful consideration of ideas

What do you most value in friends?

Compassion



Donna Fredkove

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Esther Himmelman, Temple Israel Religious School Teacher, 1964

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Esther Himmelman may have written these words almost 70 years ago, but the sentiment is still true today.

Temple is the heart of our Judaism, and through the recent establishment of the Esther Himmelman Unrestricted Endowment Fund, it will continue to be so for generations.

Temple member Bob Beugen well remembers how Mrs. Himmelman showed patience, consistency and caring towards his class of “wild and unruly kids who wanted to be anywhere other than a classroom on a Sunday.” As he grew older, Bob appreciated Mrs. Himmelman’s level of commitment more and more and was inspired by her dedication and belief in the importance of what she was doing. “She deserves recognition. It was people like Mrs. Himmelman who planted the seeds of Judaism in me and in other people who are at Temple today.”

Bob is also planting seeds in our Temple community through his generosity to the Temple Israel endowment. Like Mrs. Himmelman, he believes that the future generations of Temple should have a strong connection to their faith and community.

We offer our thanks to Bob for creating a lasting tribute to a favorite Religious School teacher and a true champion of Jewish learning.

To make a contribution to the Esther Himmelman Unrestricted Endowment Fund, please send a check to Temple Israel and write “Esther Himmelman Unrestricted Endowment Fund” in the memo line.



Robert J. Beugen (top row, third from left) and the Consecration Class of 1943, with Rabbi Minda



Memorial Park Bricks and Benches

The Star of David Recognition Garden is a place to honor families and memorialize loved ones.

An engraved brick or garden bench at the entrance to our cemetery, a peaceful place of reflection, is visible to all who visit and a meaningful tribute.

Contributions are placed in the Temple Israel Memorial Park Endowment Fund, established to maintain and enhance our Temple cemetery, and donors are

recognized with an engraved brick or bench in the garden. Dedications are held at the Memorial Day service or the High Holy Days service at the Temple Israel Memorial Park, or may be set up at another time with family and friends.

Contributions begin at \$1,800. To make a contribution or to find out more, please contact Laura Taple, Director of Development at ltaple@templeisrael.com or 612-374-0348.

Sharing Our Lives

Mazel Tov To...

- Kathryn & Michael Rozin on the birth of their daughter, Eva Elizabeth Rozin, on February 11, 2015. Eva's grandparents are Pamela Diamond & Michael Brenner, Sue & Ken Kephart, and Lilia Stukalo & Vasil Mihailov. Temple members Barbara & Norman^{z"l} Diamond are Eva's great-grandparents. Eva's sisters are Annabella and Odeyah.
- Nancy Schapiro and Ron Scholder on the birth of their grandchild, Carmel Scholder, on February 18, 2015. Carmel is the daughter of Jeffrey ("Benny") and Maayan Scholder of Gedera, Israel. Carmel's paternal grandmother is Millie Schapiro, and her aunt is Lauren Scholder.
- Zachary Schnitzer, son of Anna Simon and Maureen & Shonn Schnitzer; grandson of Darcy & Bobby Schnitzer, Ricki Roberts & Mark Simon, and Patti & Jerry Teichman, and great-grandson of June Freedman and Beverly Simon, on his Bar Mitzvah at Adath Jeshurun Synagogue in February.
- Lauren & Bradley Sundick on the birth of their son, Marvin Sundick, on February 20, 2015. Marvin's grandparents are Bob Stein, Ellyn Wolfenson & Michael Belzer, and Robin & Ron Sundick. His great-grandparents are Elayne & Marvin^{z"l} Wolfenson and Molly^{z"l} & Ben Stein^{z"l}. Marvin's sister is Madeline Sundick.

Anniversaries

5th	Rachel & John Hauschild	April 25
10th	Jill & Steven Confeld	April 10
10th	Kathryn & Michael Rozin	April 12
20th	Melissa & Michael Sigel	April 22
25th	Cheryl & Steven Lange	April 14
30th	Karen Jaffee & Jed Marquisee	April 28
40th	Zina & Yakov Dvoskin	April 19
50th	Delores & Corky Levin	April 30
55th	Toodie & Frank Trestman	April 3
72nd	Maxine & Saul Smiley	April 16

New Members

Natalia Dorf & Joel Carter

Lindsey & Brian Schumer

In Memory

Condolences to our Temple families who have recently lost a loved one.

Harvey Ansel, *Father of Diane (Jon) Rappaport and Grandfather of Naomi (Matt) Oberman and Fred (Jody) Rappaport*

Lawrence Bass, *Husband of Mary Bass*

Michael Beugen, *Father of Brett (Emily) Beugen and Brother of Suzanne Langer*

Sara Chechik, *Wife of Joel Chechik*

Bronya Fine, *Wife of David Fine and Mother-in-law of Alek Buzhaker*

Paul Friedman, *Husband of Sandra Friedman*

Burton Grossman

Tom Hussey, *Husband of Patti Rubel and Son-in-law of Dee Rubel*

Harriet Kronick, *Step-mother of Bruce (Judy) Kronick and Judy (Herb) Goldenberg*

Burton Malinsky, *Brother-in-law of Harriet Newman*

Audrey Peterson, *Mother of LaVerne Peterson*

Floraine Rice, *Mother of Karen (Alan) Winner*

Ronna Rossman

Bertha Rovelsky, *Mother of Phyllis Goldhirsch*

Margot Siegel

Toby Silvermann, *Mother of Amy Silvermann and John Silvermann*

Rosalyn Tarshish, *Mother of Sully (Heidi) Tarshish*

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