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CLERGY VOICE

Dear Friends,

There is an amazing glow around Jerusalem during the season of Chanukah. It is my favorite time to wander the Jewish quarter of the Old City and watch each Chanukiah grow with light each night. Our whole family often travels on the sixth or seventh night to see that stunning display of oil-lit Chanukah menorahs nestled in the Jerusalem stones. It is a tradition for some families to have a Chanukiah for each child they have in their family – you can only imagine the beauty of these lights!

Usually we stop on our way to the Old City to buy an Aroma coffee or hot chocolate and one of the famous Roladin sufganiyot, gourmet jelly donuts stuffed with butter cream mocha, pistachio, vanilla, and dulce de leche fillings. On these cool winter evenings it is 50 degrees Fahrenheit, and we are bundled up in our winter coats. This is Jerusalem in December!

In my neighborhood, Old Katamon, we see each home lit up with the shimmering and warm glow of the oil burning lamps. Each night, my neighbor invites us to join him in lighting a Chanukiah that he sets in the entryway of our building. He lights the candles as soon as it is dark, following the mitzvah to light the candles when there are three stars in the sky.

Today I sit looking out to a cold, wintry November sky in Minneapolis.

While there are many great donut options in this area of the world, I have yet to see a display of oil lamps for Chanukah (with the exception of our beautiful Temple Israel gift shop).

Just after Halloween, my three boys screamed with delight at the sight of nutcrackers, Christmas lights on frosted trees, candy canes, and reindeer at our nearby mall. Noam said, "Mom, this year we can have a Christmas tree like all of the American people!" Of course, I quickly exclaimed

that while we can celebrate the Christmas holiday *with* our non-Jewish family, we will *not* be putting up a Christmas tree in our home. Noam was a little sad but perked up when my husband told him



CANTOR HAVILIO

that he bought a huge electric Chanukiah for us to display in our window here! This is part of the mitzvah: to light a Chanukiah in a window so that everyone can see and witness the miracle of Chanukah.

I must confess that living in Jerusalem I had missed seeing the ubiquitous Christmas trees and Santas on every corner everywhere outside of Israel. But I have grown so fond of seeing the lights of the Chanukah menorahs all through the streets of Israel during December, or Kislev, that I find myself missing them most. It is the light they give that I find so significant this time of year. The evenings are dark by 4:30 p.m. and I seek lights twinkling and cozy hot chocolate moments with family and friends, the light and glow of a fireplace as snow flurries dance in the sky... In this darkened world, let us all spread the light and keep shining our Chanukah menorahs from our windows and from our hearts. It is the mythological miracle that lasted so long ago that we carry inside of us. Let the miracles of hope march on! Let's all exclaim, "Next year...Chanukah in Israel."

I will welcome you with light!

Cantor Tamar Havilio



CHANUKAH CANDLE BLESSINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

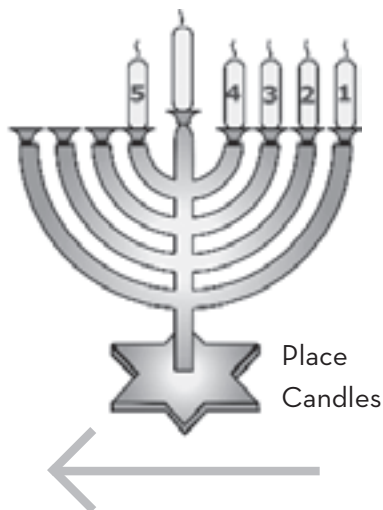
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BARUCH atah, Adonai
Eloheinu, Melech haolam,
shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu laz'man hazeh.

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

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

Place Candles Right to Left



Light Candles Left to Right



WORSHIP SERVICES

Friday, November 30

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 1

9:00 a.m. Torah Study with Rabbi Sim Glaser:
Vayeishev, Genesis 37:1-40:23

10:30 a.m. Congregational Shabbat Morning Service
including the Bat Mitzvah ceremony of
Natalie Weinman followed by a Kiddush luncheon

Sunday, December 2

Chanukah begins at sundown. Light the first candle.
See page 3 for candle blessings.

Friday, December 7

5:00 p.m. Special Oneg Shabbat and Chanukah Family Fun
6:00 p.m. Family Shabbat and Chanukah Service with songs
led by our second and third graders
6:00 p.m. Chanukah Tot Shabbat followed by a
family-friendly dinner
6:45 p.m. Dinner and More Activities:
Chanukah Celebration continues
See page 5 for details

Saturday, December 8

9:00 a.m. Torah Study with Rabbi Jason Klein:
Mikeitz, Genesis 41:1-44:17
9:30 a.m. Chanukah Tot Shabbat with Snack
10:30 a.m. Congregational Shabbat Morning Service
including the Bat Mitzvah ceremony of
Meredith Goldman followed by a Kiddush luncheon

Friday, December 14

6:00 p.m. Shorashim Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 15

9:00 a.m. Torah Study with Cantor Tamar Havilio:
Vayigash, Genesis 44:18-47:27
10:30 a.m. Congregational Shabbat Morning Service
including the Bat Mitzvah ceremony of
Josie Bohrod followed by a Kiddush luncheon

Friday, December 21

6:00 p.m. Nefesh Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 22

9:00 a.m. Shabbat Service with Torah Study:
Va-y'chi, Genesis 47:28-50:26
Join Rabbi Glaser for an intimate congregational
Shabbat morning service including an instructive
and spirited discussion of the week's Torah
portion. A light Kiddush will follow.

Friday, December 28

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 29

9:00 a.m. Shabbat Service with Torah Study:
Sh'mot, Exodus 1:1-6:1
Join Rabbi Hartman and Cantor Abelson for an
intimate congregational Shabbat morning service
including an instructive and spirited discussion of
the week's Torah portion. A light Kiddush will follow.

WHAT'S HAPPENING...

Torah Study

Every Saturday, 9:00 - 10:15 a.m. | [Free and open to all.](#)

Join in an instructive and spirited discussion of the week's Torah portion led by our clergy and guest teachers. Gain a better understanding of Torah and its relevance to contemporary life through study and dialogue in community.

Men's Club Member and Prospective Member Bagel and Nosh

Sunday, December 2, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

We are excited to have Temple member RM Pellant leading a fascinating discussion about his time as a Jewish soldier in Iraq.

RM has served as a teacher and administrator for 25 years in independent schools in Kuwait City, Kuwait; Beijing, China; Tbilisi, Georgia; and closer to home in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Currently, RM is the head of libraries and academic technology at Breck School. He and his wife Daisy were married at Temple Israel and served as Confirmation Class teachers. When not overseas, their four children (Ruby-Kate, Max, Annie, and Lucy) have been a part of TI, as JEWL students, TEKO campers, and, following in their mother's footsteps, TEKO counselors. RSVP to Men's Club Co-Presidents Jed Marquisee at 612-309-8663 or jmarquisee@aol.com or Mark Ratner at mratner@hotmail.com or 612-272-7060.

WHAT'S HAPPENING...

Highlights in Jewish History with Dr. Joe Goldman

The Roman Destruction of Jerusalem and Masada

Saturday, December 8, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Two figures of Jewish history, Yochanan ben Zakkai and Flavius Josephus, survived to tell the Jewish world what happened. One was the first Rabbi, the other a witness and historian. Let's explore their contributions.

Calling Individuals and Families to

Volunteer with Temple Israel's Homeless Shelter

Sunday, December 16 - Sunday, December 30

Temple Israel will host families through our partnership with Families Moving Forward (FMF) this month. We need help setting up bedrooms, cooking and serving food, playing with the children, and spending time with guests during the day on Christmas Eve and Day. In addition, we need one man and one woman to stay overnight at Temple and see our guests off in the morning. We also will have Christmas gift lists to fill for our guests. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Marcy Frost at mfrost@marcyfrostlaw.com or 612-382-7966.

Chanukah begins Sunday evening, December 2, and continues through December 10

Please join us on Instagram @templeisraelmn and on templeisrael.com for enriching Chanukah learning and activities, including clergy videos, crafts, recipes, and more. Find the Chanukah candle blessings on page 3.

Chanukah, meaning "dedication" in Hebrew, refers to the joyous eight-day celebration during which Jews commemorate the victory of the Maccabees over the armies of Syria in 165 B.C.E. 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 menorah for Chanukah; foods prepared in oil including latkes (potato pancakes) and sufganiyot (jelly doughnuts); and special songs and games.

Chanukah: Not Just for Kids

The Adult Version through Text and Song

with Rabbi Marcia Zimmerman and Cantor Tamar Havilio

Thursday, December 6, 11:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Enjoy a Latke Lunch and Sufganiyot at this Chanukah gathering for congregants age 70+ at Temple Israel. For those who do not drive, transportation will be provided. RSVP to Wendy Schwartz at 612-374-0344 or wendy@templeisrael.com.

Tot Shabbat Chanukah Celebration

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

Saturday, December 8, 9:30 a.m.

This month both Friday and Saturday Tot Shabbat offerings fall on the same weekend. Join us for a special Chanukah celebration (more details at right). We will sing, pray, and connect with one another.

Chanukah Family Shabbat

Friday, December 7

5:00 p.m. Special Oneg Shabbat and Chanukah Family Fun

6:00 p.m. Chanukah Celebration and Shabbat Service with songs led by our 2nd and 3rd grade students

6:00 p.m. Chanukah Tot Shabbat followed by a family-friendly dinner

6:45 p.m. Dinner and More Activities

Bring your loved ones to celebrate the blessings and songs of Chanukah and Shabbat with your Temple community! Join us for a family-friendly Oneg Shabbat before Sanctuary Service or Tot Shabbat. We invite families with young children to enjoy age-appropriate activities in our Early Childhood Center, while older students will find Chanukah fun in Phillips. Light the menorah with our clergy, and enjoy the Chanukah service featuring songs from our 2nd- and 3rd-grade students. We will finish our evening with dinner and more Chanukah fun together.

Temple Office Closures

The Temple Israel offices will be closed for the observance of the federal holidays of Christmas and New Year's. The 6:00 p.m. Daily Services **will take place**. The Temple building will close on Monday, December 24 and Monday December 31 starting at 3:00 p.m. The Temple building will be closed on Tuesday, December 25, and Tuesday, January 1. If you have a pastoral emergency and need to reach a member of our clergy, please call our answering service at 952-988-5787.

CONSECRATION CLASS 2018|5779



Front Row: Sadie Brubaker, Owen Boudreau, Michael Sparber, Mollie Frank, Max Sussman, Harold Ginsburg, Andrew Prudden, Scarlett Rosen, Allison Martell, Jack Prudden, Dylan Kallor, George Holden, Rose Cosentino, Cole Moscoe, Burton Rosen, Solomon Boscapomi, Seth Furman, Dylan Engle

Second Row: Avi Nadler-Thomson, Samuel Ritt, Adina Togal, Ava Kaplan, Noah Kaplan, Alexander Barin, David Beugen, Jonah Joseph, Spencer Lieberman, Ellie Lider, Molly Driscoll, Faye Cosentino, Stella Hoffman, Madeline Sundick, Emma Steinert, Sawyer Schumer, Ari Freidson, Theo Goldfarb

Third Row: Zev Goldfarb, Charlie Levy, Harper Bader, Alexandra Charloff, Scarlet Miller, Ella Ingber, Simon Blum, Alexandra Wert, Porter Stein, Brooke Osborne, Micah Ginsburg, Noah Furman, Stella Rothschild, Elizabeth Driscoll, Jacob Nadel, Tesla Billings

Fourth Row: Lainie Ribnick, Darcy Schnitzer, Shiri Cooks, Rabbi Jennifer Hartman, Rabbi Marcia Zimmerman, Cantor Barry Abelson, Cantor Tamar Havelio, Rabbi Sim Glaser, Jeri Saad, Rabbi Jason Klein, Laura Brandys

YOUTH AND EDUCATION DATES

December 2	JEWL 1st Grade Family Learning Day *TIMSY Chanukah Donut Crawl (1:00 - 3:00 p.m.)
December 7	Congregational Chanukah Celebration and Shabbat Service with JEWL 2/3 graders leading us in song
December 8	**TIPTY Chanukah Party at Camp TEK0 (7:00 - 9:30 p.m.)
December 9	OSRUI Camp Representative visits JEWL (see page 7)
December 16 - December 30	Volunteer with Temple Israel's homeless shelter through FMF (see page 5)

December 14 - December 16	JEWL 6th Grade Kallah at Camp TEK0
December 18 - January 6	JEWL classes not in session (Winter Break)
December 18	JEWL B'nai Mitzvah Training in session (at Western Campus)
December 19, 26, January 2	JEWL B'nai Mitzvah Training in session (at Temple Israel)
December 24 - January 4	Early Childhood Center closed (Winter Break)
*Temple Israel Middle School Youth (6 th - 8 th Grades)	
**Temple Israel Program for Temple Youth (9 th - 12 th Grades)	



Temple Israel ECC will begin accepting applications in January for the 2019-2020 school year!

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

Temple Israel members can apply during the priority period in January. If you are interested in your child attending during the 2019-2020 school year, please be in touch. We would love to give you a tour so you can see our school in action and learn more about the many aspects of our program. Please contact ECC Director Sharon Rosenberg-Scholl (sharon@templeisrael.com or 612-374-0374) to schedule a tour and learn more about our school.



When you enroll in our ECC you join a community that

- Provides a warm and nurturing environment where each child feels included and accepted.
- Supports learning through exploration and play.
- Facilitates children's social development through interacting with others.
- Offers consistent and predictable schedules with thoughtful, calm transitions.
- Focuses on experiences that are responsive to the children's interests.
- Incorporates Jewish holidays, traditions, and concepts into our communities and our learning at all age levels.



CAMP OSRUI AT TEMPLE

On Sunday, December 9, Dylan Singer of Camp OSRUI (Olin Sang Ruby Union Institute) will be at Temple Israel to visit with learners and parents about OSRUI.

Along with going to classrooms to talk a bit about OSRUI, Dylan will be doing a presentation for parents at 10:45 a.m., after the JEWEL Chanukah program. He will also be available before and after the presentation to answer any questions you may have.

Located in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, Camp OSRUI is a camp of the Reform Movement that has programs for children of all ages and talents, with sessions ranging in length from five days to seven weeks. Learn more at www.osrui.org.





Natalie Weinman
December 1, 2018

Vayeishev Natalie is the daughter of Stephanie Filister, sister of Henry Weinman and Riley Filister-Weinman, and granddaughter of Harvey Filister & Ted Bair and Connie & George Weinman. Natalie enjoys hanging out with friends and going to summer camp. Her favorite Jewish activity is attending JEWL classes. She attends The Blake School, where her favorite subjects are science, Latin, and social studies. When she grows up she would like to be a policewoman. When asked about her upcoming Bat Mitzvah, she said, **"I'm looking forward to celebrating with my family and friends."**



Meredith Goldman
December 8, 2018

Mikeitz Meredith is the daughter of Liz & Mark Goldman, and granddaughter of Susan & Ken Lewis and Roberta & Gordon Goldman. Meredith enjoys singing, sewing, and playing volleyball. Her favorite Jewish activity is participating in the Passover Seder. She attends Valley View Middle School, where her favorite subjects are math and design & robotics. When she grows up she would like to be an interior designer. When asked about her upcoming Bat Mitzvah, she said, **"I'm excited to share my special day with friends and family!"**



Josie Elizabeth Bohrod
December 15, 2018

Vayigash Josie is the daughter of Jodi & Joe Bohrod, sister of Zoe and Peyton, and granddaughter of Janelle and the late John Bohrod and Carole & Steve Lang. Josie enjoys basketball and hanging out with friends. Her favorite Jewish activity is attending Herzl Camp. She attends St. Louis Park Middle School, where her favorite subject is choir. When she grows up she would like to be a therapist. When asked about her upcoming Bat Mitzvah, she said, **"I can't wait to share this special day with my friends and family!"**



Miranda Sheridan Seed
December 27, 2018

Shemot Miranda is the daughter of Ellen Oglesby & Eric Seed, sister of Margot, and granddaughter of Nancy & Richard Oglesby and Roslyn & Ralph Seed. Miranda enjoys tennis, piano, and exploring the world of tea. Her favorite Jewish activity is singing at the holidays. She attends The Blake School, where her favorite subject is chorus. When asked about her upcoming Bat Mitzvah, she said, **"I am looking forward to celebrating with my family and friends."**

TEENS IN GRADES 9-12 ARE INVITED TO THE

NFTY-NORTHERN WINTER KALLAH

JANUARY 4-6, 2019
MADISON, WISCONSIN



REGISTER AT NORTHERN.NFTY.ORG
QUESTIONS? CONTACT RACHEL SHER
RSHER@TEMPLEISRAEL.COM

2020 B'NAI MITZVAH TRIP TO ISRAEL

WITH RABBI ZIMMERMAN AND CANTOR ABELSON

We have an exciting opportunity for families: a B'nai Mitzvah trip to Israel is coming up June 13-23, 2020!

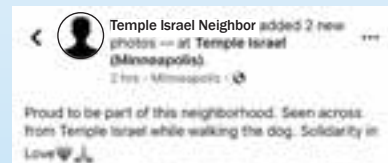
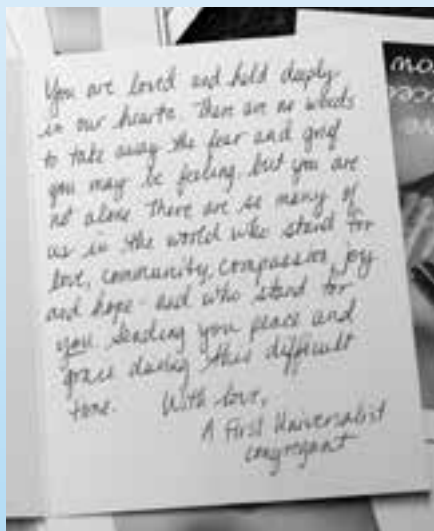
Traveling to Israel is an amazing experience that adds meaning and depth to a young person's journey anticipating or following their B'nai Mitzvah ceremony. An Israel experience creates a love of Judaism that is truly remarkable.

We will be praying at the wall, reflecting on Masada, floating in the Dead Sea, singing upon the Judean hills overlooking the

golden city of Jerusalem, and walking in the footsteps of our ancestors.

Making this pilgrimage with your clergy and other Temple families will enhance this opportunity to visit the sacred and historic sites of Israel. In addition, you will create new friendships and a deep sense of community to bring home.

Please contact Jeri Saad at jsaad@templeisrael.com for more information.





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TEMPLE ISRAEL RESPONDS...

WHEN THE COMMUNITY IS IN NEED

The morning of October 27, 2018 began like any other. Members of our community gathered as countless other congregations did – to study Torah, to find community, and to celebrate Shabbat. By the time the morning service had ended, news of the horrific attack on Tree of Life – Or L'Simcha Congregation in Pittsburgh had reached our community.

It was immediately clear to Rabbi Zimmerman that our congregation, the entire Jewish community, and our friends and neighbors throughout the city would need an opportunity to respond to the feelings of grief, fear, anger, and sadness that the shooting had elicited. Our Jewish tradition teaches us that we must respond swiftly in the face of tragedy. Just hours after the attack, Rabbi Zimmerman and our clergy team were already planning a community-wide service that would honor the memory

of those who were killed, provide an opportunity to mourn, and bring people of all traditions together in support of our Jewish community, and against anti-Semitism and intolerance.

On Sunday—just a day after the attack—nearly 2,000 people joined us here at Temple Israel, some Jewish; many not. Sunday was a time to stand up with great courage, and without fear, to meet the needs of our congregation and of the community around us. Temple Israel has endured for 140 years because of our wisdom, because of our tradition, and because of you. It is only through your support that we can be here to respond quickly and ably to the needs of our individual members, our families, and our city. Please consider a gift to the Annual Fund for Temple Israel so that we can continue serving our community for another 140 years and beyond—from generation to generation.

DECEMBER IS A GREAT TIME TO THINK ABOUT TAX-ADVANTAGED CHARITABLE GIVING STRATEGIES

As you think of your year-end giving, please consider a gift to the **Annual Fund for Temple Israel**. Income from dues covers less than half of Temple's annual operating budget. We rely on your generosity to provide the additional funds we need to remain welcoming, innovative and vital. Gifts to the Annual Fund are tax-deductible. Certain giving vehicles provide additional tax benefits, as well:

Gifts of Stock/Securities

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

RBC Capital Markets
Temple Israel Gift Account #30849156
ATTN: Sue Hintzman, 612-371-7696

Other Ways to Give

- Cash, check or credit card (gifts must be postmarked or made online by December 31 to be tax-deductible for 2018).
- Online at www.templeisrael.com (select Annual Fund for Temple Israel)

Gifts from IRAs

If you are age 70 1/2 or older, you may make gifts totaling up to \$100,000 each year to registered charities, tax-free. These qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) qualify towards satisfying your required minimum distributions for the year. QCDs do not require that you itemize, which due to the recent changes in federal tax law, means that you may decide to take advantage of the higher standard deduction but still use a QCD. Please consult a licensed tax advisor for more information.

Next Steps

Consult with your financial advisor to determine the right giving strategy for you.

Contact Rachel Schachter, Director of Advancement, for more information on making a year-end gift to Temple Israel at rschachter@templeisrael.com or at 612.374.0302.

Thank you!

Temple Israel Tax ID #41-0705807

MY TEMPLE STORY

AN ONGOING SERIES FEATURING THE PEOPLE AND PROGRAMS THAT SET TEMPLE ISRAEL APART

THE MIDDLEBROOKS: Closeness through Change

Twenty years ago, the odds that Genna and TJay Middlebrook would be members at Temple Israel – the odds that they would even get together – weren't good.

Though Genna has always known Temple Israel, she wasn't always sure how Temple might fit into her life. She grew up here, attending with her mother, Gail Posner. Gail passed away when Genna was just thirteen, and Genna's grief caused her to drift from her Temple family after her bat mitzvah. "It took me a while to come back..." she trails off, teary with the memory.

While Genna grew up in the Jewish faith and searched for her own truths as a young adult, TJay grew up with an entirely different perspective. "I was raised and taught to view Jews in a negative way," he said. "Growing up, I was presented with the idea that Jews were racist in that they [deemed themselves] superior to others." In high school, he says, "I was mean to Jewish people."

This all changed when TJay attended the University of Minnesota and met Genna in 2012. Daughter Izzy, 8, loves telling the story:

"So, they were at a concert, and my mom went to my dad and she asked him, 'What's your major?'"

"No name!" TJay laughs – apparently what he studied was more important.

Genna: "I was so nervous!"

The two clicked immediately, staying up well into the night engaged in deep conversation together those first few months.



THE MIDDLEBROOK FAMILY

As their bond grew, Jenna was reconnecting with Temple Israel, after she enrolled Izzy in Temple's Early Childhood Center. Genna felt comfortable back with her Temple family, but was unsure how TJay would feel. "He had a very different experience with religion. I didn't know if I should invite him to join, [or if it was enough to say] 'you don't have to be Jewish, you can just be here'. I knew as a person of color, it might be different. I wanted him to feel welcome and safe."

TJay was open, but was on the defense when it came to any religion. After some time, he let his guard down. At Temple, he says, "You feel at peace and feel [like you can be] yourself," something especially valuable to him as a person of color. "I see the measures Temple takes to make people of color feel welcomed.

I've been to other temples, and [race is] rarely talked about."

TJay and Genna began their life together in 2014, when they got married exactly two years after they first met. TJay legally adopted Genna's daughter Izzy in 2016, and the three welcomed Maizy in 2017. Today, the family considers Temple a second home and fosters a great love of, and pride in, Judaism. Izzy goes to Camp TEKO every summer (she's usually ready to leave the house two hours early); Maizy goes to ECC three days a week (the family will likely have her attend five days a week next year because she loves her time there). The family goes to Tot Shabbat together, and Izzy is eager to begin her bat mitzvah training.

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TEMPLE ISRAEL FOUNDATION

In 2018, the assets of the Temple Israel Foundation exceeded \$12 million, generating over \$500,000 to support Temple operations. Because the Foundation's assets are invested and the principal is never touched, gifts to the Foundation support Temple Israel in perpetuity.

Will you consider joining the 141 Temple families who have already made the commitment to leave a legacy to Temple Israel? When you remember the Temple Israel Foundation in your estate plans, you are not only making a gift that will support Temple for many years to come—you are also living your Jewish values and inspiring others to invest in our future.

As the end of the calendar year approaches, many are considering tax-advantaged giving strategies. Many people choose to remember Temple in their will—either with a gift of a set amount, or a percentage of their residual estate. However, there are many other ways to leave a legacy and receive additional benefits (such as providing immediate income to you and your heirs).

- **IRA or Retirement/Pension Plan Beneficiary Designation:** This enables you to make a tax-efficient gift, as the dollars would pass to Temple tax-free, thereby relieving your heirs of ordinary income tax upon distribution.

- **Life Insurance Beneficiary Designation:** Some elect to make Temple the beneficiary of an existing policy, or purchase a new policy making Temple the beneficiary. This enables individuals to make a significant gift of a set amount to Temple, while making much smaller premium payments, which may be structured to be tax-deductible.
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IF NOT NOW, WHEN?

SOCIAL JUSTICE MITZVAH OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH TEMPLE ISRAEL

Increasingly, members of Temple are looking for ways to directly impact our community. In the coming months, we will be publishing an ongoing list of worthwhile mitzvah opportunities you may be moved to engage in. Our Social Justice Task Force is in the process of identifying a number of projects and efforts to which Temple members are already committed. The hope is that you will peruse these offerings each month and choose to join one or more of our efforts, working alongside your fellow Temple congregants and bringing Tikkun (repair) to a broken world.

Please consider the following three projects we are highlighting this month, and contact the listed Temple liaison for the project that is of interest. Take the opportunity to introduce yourself to them and find out details of how you can become involved.



ST. STEPHEN'S SHELTER FOR MEN BREAKFAST

Help with meal preparation and serve a hot breakfast at the shelter on a Sunday morning. Responsibilities include food preparation, set up, and serving. Adults and teenaged volunteers welcome.

Contact Jed Marquisee at jmarquisee@aol.com

READING PARTNERS

Provide students in under-resourced schools individual reading support to help them learn specific skills necessary to become proficient readers. Reading Partners is currently serving 550 students at 11 schools across the Twin Cities. The organization is based in St. Paul.

Contact Sam Rosenbaum at samuel.rosenbaum@gmail.com

FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD

Temple is hosting a number of families this month from December 16 - 30. Volunteers are needed to come prepare and serve dinner, or to stay overnight, or to visit with our families on Christmas Day. This is a wonderful mitzvah to do as a family! See page 5 for more information.

Contact Marcy Frost at mfrost@marcyfrostlaw.com

MY TEMPLE STORY

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Twenty years ago, with Genna's relationship with Temple tenuous at best, and with TJay's previously negative views on religion in general and Jews in particular, it was extremely unlikely the two would become a family and forge such a strong connection with Temple. It's clear that Genna and TJay are grateful for each other, their family, and their Temple community.

Recently, TJay ran into a former high school teacher who was shocked he was married to a Jewish woman. While TJay credits Genna for showing a side of the Jewish religion he "needed to see," he also acknowledges that much of the shift he made was internal: "It just shows that people can change."



WOMEN'S TRIP TO ISRAEL



Dear Friends,

Returning home to Minneapolis after our first women's trip to Israel has given me time and distance to reflect on our glorious ten days traveling to Galilee, to Jerusalem, and to Tel Aviv. The vision of the trip was to hear diverse women's voices. A slice of just one day reflects the deep listening we shared to understand the complex issues women face in the Middle East.

On October 11, we began our day hearing from a Palestinian Muslim woman, Riman Barakat, from East Jerusalem. We then traveled with her to Bethlehem, where we met a Palestinian Christian woman who started a business employing women from Bethlehem to support their families. We continued on to Efrat. There, we met Aviva Zahavi-Asa, who spoke about her life as a modern Orthodox woman and how her community is supportive of ordaining female rabbis. Returning to Jerusalem, we heard from Women Wage Peace, which promotes a bilaterally acceptable political agreement to end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. This is just part of one day of our journey, so you can imagine the multiple points of view we heard throughout our mission.

With each person we met, the assumptions and biases that we arrived with were blown apart to demand that we both see the complexities of the region but still remain inspired and hopeful about the future. It was a magical trip, and I thank all the women who signed up and believed in this vision.

—Rabbi Marcia Zimmerman

Through the eyes of citizens, residents, and us visitors, we had multiple layers of exposure to this complicated region, with camaraderie, delightful tour guides, and fantastic food. Many thanks to Rabbi Zimmerman, ARZA and Da'at for putting together a diverse, friendly, and comprehensive tour. —Deborah Boehm

It was an honor and privilege to visit Israel with Rabbi Zimmerman and 30 recent and longtime friends as we heard many voices of Israeli women. It was my first time meeting Palestinian women, hearing their stories and also stories of modern Orthodox women. Meeting Israeli fashion designers and seeing Arab and Israeli people working together added to our diverse journey. So many in Israel are trying to live in peace in their amazing country. I gained many new insights into the complex issues facing our beloved Israel. —Suzanne Weinstein

For me the trip was way more than I ever expected. The Rabbi was inspiring and helped us to learn and understand how complicated and beautiful Israel is. It was a very moving experience to pray and sing alongside women who were trying in such an ugly way to drown out our song. I think I can say for all of us [going to the wall] was a very significant way to participate. —Aviva Breen

I loved the trip. It was such a unique way to see Israel. To hear so many different perspectives of the country. There are many more sides than the two we regularly hear to create peace. Some perspectives I didn't understand before. I learned there will be no easy way to create peace in the Middle East, but everyone will need some sort of compromise. One of my highlights was the Donna Garcia Museum. It was an unknown story about a woman during the Spanish Inquisition who saved so many lives and kept Judaism alive for them. The museum was so interesting and the person who presented the story was an outstanding storyteller. In addition, it was about a Jewish woman! —Debbie Kornhauser



SHARING OUR LIVES

Mazel Tov to...

- Vanessa Dembo, whose online company Vanessa Style Shop was featured in *Edina Magazine*. Her company helps promote artistic jewelry crafted by Venezuelan women. A portion of the proceeds for every item sold go to an organization that helps feed orphaned children in Venezuela.
- Abry Deshong & David Potter, who were married October 6 in Boulder, CO. Abry is the daughter of Gayle & David Deshong and granddaughter of Marion Dorfman.
- Cassie Benowitz, Marci Cosentino, Maddi Persuitti, Stephanie Soskin, and Lauren Sundick, who represented Oak Ridge Country Club's tennis team in the United States Tennis Association National Championships in October.
- Gayle Deshong, who was honored at the WRJ Midwest District Convention with the Woman of Valor Award. Gayle's passion, commitment, and dedication to Temple Israel's Sisterhood earned her this honor.
- Taylor & Charlie Gershman, who were married October 27 in Palm Springs, CA. Charlie's parents are Karen & Bruce Gershman.
- Sharon Goldetsky for her leadership of the 18th annual JFCS Mental Health Conference. Sharon recently joined JFCS as their Community Conference Coordinator.
- Betsy & Nick Hagen, who were married October 26. Betsy is Temple Israel's Events Manager.
- Lauren & Wesley Keyser, who were married October 13. Lauren's parents are Rosalie & Andrew Gellman.
- Kris & John MacDonald, on receiving the prestigious King David Society Arnie Lifson Lifetime Award. They received this award for their passionate concern for issues that affect the worldwide Jewish community and setting inspiring standards in philanthropic giving.
- Temple Members Steven Elkins, Dean Phillips, Steve Simon, and Frank Hornstein for winning their respective races this past Election Day.
- Larry Shapiro, one of the 2018 Sidney Barrows Lifetime Commitment Award recipients. Larry was honored at the 19th annual dinner of the Twin Cities Cardozo Society for his dedication to the Federation mission and commitment to the wellbeing of the Jewish and general communities of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

- Janny & Alan Silver on the birth of their grandson Max Benjamin Spangenthal. Max was born on August 29 and his parents are Amy Silver & Jason Spangenthal. He was welcomed by big sister Maya.
- Karen Ganitsky & Luis Wasserman, who were married October 23.

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

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65 th	Marilyn & Marvin Sternberg	12/6
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50 th	Jory & Roger Rubinger	12/15
45 th	Marjorie & Steve Krause	12/15
45 th	Fran & Stanley Rosen	12/15
45 th	Ardis & James Barnett	12/23
45 th	Shari & Mitchell Grunes	12/23
40 th	Carole & Martin Kaplan	12/9
40 th	Arlene & Zvi Leibovich	12/10
40 th	Mary Hunstiger & William Blazar	12/16
35 th	Kathy & Howard Zack	12/17
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RECHA LEWIN SCHOLAR 2018

Each year, Temple Israel selects teens and young adults to receive the Recha Lewin Scholarship, which provides funds for travel to the former Pale of Settlement – present-day Latvia, Lithuania, Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova, and Poland. The most recent recipient of the scholarship is Sarah Rothman.

Sarah, currently a junior at Hopkins High School, is the daughter of Devora & Barry Rothman and brother of Jacob, 14. She spent a month abroad this past summer, traveling to Poland, Budapest, Prague, and Israel. She visited different synagogues, Budapest thermal baths, and historical sites. While many of her friends on the youth trip chose to visit places like Italy or France before Israel, Sarah is glad she visited these sites for their history. At the same time, “It was very difficult. I didn’t expect any of what I saw,” she said of her visits to concentration camps and other Holocaust sites.

Though she had learned about the Holocaust in school, she says, “Going to the concentration camp brings you to another world. This happened to us – my people.” Through the Recha Lewin Scholarship, Sarah built upon her understanding of Judaism. “I have more respect for my religion after this trip.”

The deadline for submission for the Recha Lewin Scholarship is April 15, 2019. For more information, contact Rabbi Hartman at jhartman@templeisrael.com or 612-374-0315.



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