

# Temple Israel's Early Childhood Center

Registration Begins December 4, 2013  
for the 2014-2015 School Year



Play is the highest form  
of research.

-Albert Einstein

“Education is *not*  
the filling of a pail,  
*but* the lighting of a fire.”

-William Butler Yeats



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# Clergy Voice

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Dear Friends,

How do we help our teens experience the Jewish history of Minnesota? Our 9th grade class recently found a way to bring history alive, beginning with their own family stories in Minneapolis and traveling to the Iron Range.

community that settled on the Iron Range at the turn of the last century. We were lucky to hear first hand from Temple congregant Charlie Ostrov about his experience growing up Jewish in a small town. The students were enlightened by his stories and by the small synagogue of B'nai Abraham.

B'nai Abraham was the last active synagogue on the Iron Range. Built in 1910, it closed its doors in 1990. It was going to be demolished when a not-for-profit organization, The Friends of B'nai Abraham, acquired the building and set about repairing it. Temple members have been actively involved in this effort. Now the synagogue is a museum and cultural center that teaches about Judaism and the community that once filled the building.

It was moving to see the 9th grade class lead services in this old synagogue. It is not often used for this purpose, and the room filled with music, prayer, a sense of community and shared history.

I am excited to continue to explore the rich history and current endeavors of the Minnesota Jewish community with our wonderful 9th grade students!

*B'virvat Shalom – With Blessings of Peace,*

Rabbi Jennifer Gertman

The context for this journey began much earlier. We found that, with all of the demands on our high school students, asking them to go away on the 9th grade retreat program became overwhelming rather than fun and productive. This year, we are experimenting with a different structure. The 9th grade class meets twice a month on Sunday afternoons. The theme is: Jewish Minnesota. We are asking questions like: What brought Jews to this part of the country? What did they do here? How were they involved in different facets of society?

Our first stop in answering these questions was to look at the history of our own families and that of our synagogue. Students and parents together created family trees and shared their family stories. Then we heard from Temple's very own (volunteer) historian, congregant Marilyn Chiat, about the history of our congregation and our community. We learned how Temple came to be here, on Hennepin Avenue in our beautiful building. Our next stop was Virginia, Minnesota. There we learned about the small Jewish



The 9th grade class with Rabbi Gertman and congregants Margie & Charlie Ostrov at B'nai Abraham Synagogue in Virginia, Minnesota

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# Thanksgivukah!



## • Mitzvah of ma'akhil re'evim • Feeding the Hungry •

Temple Israel celebrated the rare convergence of Thanksgiving and Chanukah in style. Young and old, friends and family gathered together, not once but twice, to perform the mitzvah of ma'akhil re'evim, feeding the hungry – and what fun we had!

On Sunday, November 3, some 250 Temple Israel students, parents, grandparents and friends packaged a record 33,912 dried nutritionally balanced meals for hungry families. Hospitals, schools and refugee centers in Afghanistan are distributing the meals to impoverished families through Food For Kidz and its overseas affiliate.

Temple's 7th and 8th grade classes oversaw the project, led by congregant volunteers Steve Levine, Michael Sigel, Ignacio Garrigos and Dean Goldberg, along with Joey Sigel. Fremajane Wolfson generously sponsored the project in celebration of her 70th birthday, making it **Thanksgivukah-Birthdaythanksikah!**

"Thank you for the best birthday present I have ever received," Wolfson said. "You packaged so many meals and accomplished so

much. What a mitzvah! We are so blessed to be able to participate in the generous act of tikkun olam."

After HaKol went to press, several hundred more Temple volunteers prepared and delivered hot meals to hungry Minneapolis families on Thanksgiving Day, which fell on the first full day of Chanukah. Organized by TIPTY, Temple's youth group, and generously underwritten by Anne & Allen Wolf in memory of their son, the 21st annual Stephan Larson Wolf Memorial Thanksgiving Day Meals-On-Wheels Program got its own special name this year – **Templegivukah-ThanksTIPTYah!**

The Torah teaches "Eim Ayn Kemach, Ayn Torah." If we don't have basic sustenance, there can be no Torah. In 5774, let it be said that Temple Israel gave thanks with sustenance and celebrated Chanukah with justice.

Thank you Temple volunteers.

**Happy Thanksgivukah!**



# What's Happening...

## Call for Candidates:

### Temple Israel Board of Directors

*"Pick from each of your tribes (those) who are wise, discerning, and experienced, and I will appoint them as your heads."*

—Deuteronomy 1:13

The Temple Israel Board of Directors Nominating Committee is now assembling a slate of candidates for officers and directors for election at the Annual Meeting in June. To request an application form for yourself or to nominate others, please contact Liz Mack at [liz@templeisrael.com](mailto:liz@templeisrael.com) or 612-374-0318.

**Applications must be received by December 31, 2013**

## December Worship Services

### Friday, December 6 - "First Friday" Shabbat

- 6:00 p.m.
- Erev Shabbat Service
  - Tot Shabbat followed by dinner
  - Study with Rabbi David Wirtschafter
- On the first Friday night of each month we offer a variety of options in celebration of Shabbat: a Tot Shabbat service followed by a family-friendly dinner; a study of the works of Leo Baeck, led by Rabbi David Wirtschafter; and an Erev Shabbat worship service.

### Saturday, December 7

- 9:00 a.m. Torah Study: Vayigash, Genesis 44:18-47:27
- 10:30 a.m. Congregational Shabbat Morning Service including the Bar Mitzvah of Maxwell Chazin followed by a Kiddush luncheon

### Friday, December 13

- 6:00 p.m. Carlebach Shabbat Service

### Saturday, December 14

- 9:00 a.m. Torah Study: Va-y'chi, Genesis 47:28-50:26
- 10:30 a.m. Congregational Shabbat Morning Service including the Bat Mitzvah of Leah Stillman followed by a Kiddush luncheon
- 10:30 a.m. Jewish Renewal Service
- 10:30 a.m. Highlights in Jewish History

### Friday, December 20

- 6:00 p.m. Nefesh Shabbat Service

### Saturday, December 21

- 9:00 a.m. Torah Study: Sh'mot, Exodus 1:1-6:1
- 10:30 a.m. Congregational Shabbat Morning Service including the B'nai Mitzvah of Nathan Goldstein and Sam Sklar followed by a Kiddush luncheon
- 3:00 p.m. Shabbat Afternoon Service including the B'nai Mitzvah of Dante Reminick and Raphael Reminick

### Friday, December 27

- 6:00 p.m. Beyond Words: The Sublime Music of the Classic Cantorial Art Shabbat Service

### Saturday, December 28

- 9:00 a.m. Torah Study: Va-eira, Exodus 6:2-9:35
- 10:30 a.m. Congregational Shabbat Morning Service including the Bat Mitzvah of Kelsey Grosnacht followed by a Kiddush luncheon

## JEWISH LEARNING @ TEMPLE ISRAEL

### 2013 Fall JL@TI Courses

#### **Mondays, December 2, 9 & 16, 6:45 – 9:15 p.m.**

Fee: \$36 per person (includes a book for your Jewish library)

Choose ONE class for each session. Walk-in registration welcome.  
Contact Wendy at 612-374-0344 or [wendy@templeisrael.com](mailto:wendy@templeisrael.com).

#### Session One:

- *A Jewish View of Life and Death*  
Instructor: Rabbi Marcia Zimmerman
- *Zohar Sparks*  
Instructor: Rabbi Sim Glaser
- *Defiance and Devotion: A Study of Three Great Protagonists*  
Instructor: Rabbi David Wirtschafter
- *Finding God in Unexpected Places*  
Instructor: Rabbi Lynn Liberman
- *Everything You Ever Wanted To Know About Orthodox Jews*  
Instructor: Rabbi David Fredman, M.Ed.
- *Anti-Semitism in Minneapolis*  
Instructor: Professor Stephen Simon
- *The Pale of Settlement in Imperial Russia and the Emergence of 'Yiddishkeit' (1762-1917)*  
Instructor: Dr. Joseph Goldman

#### Session Two:

- *What Happens After We Die?*  
Instructor: Rabbi Marcia Zimmerman
- *Talmud Gems*  
Instructor: Rabbi Sim Glaser
- *Faith and Finances: Charity, Usury, and other Money Matters in the Abrahamic Faiths*  
Instructor: Rabbi David Wirtschafter
- *Texts of Terror*  
Instructor: Rabbi Lynn Liberman
- *Knowing What You Know*  
Instructor: Rabbi David Fredman, M.Ed.
- *The Letter of the Law: Crimes and Sentencing As Seen Through a Jewish Lens*  
Instructor: Professor Stephen Simon
- *Israel, the Arab Spring and the Kaleidoscopic Middle East*  
Instructor: Dr. Joseph Goldman
- *Sexuality and Spirituality: Reading Ety Hillesum*  
Instructor: Susan Stein, Playwright



# Temple Israel Board of Directors

## 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.

## SISTERHOOD: Cook for Moms and Kids at Jeremiah House

Thursday, December 5, 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Jeremiah House, 1510 Laurel Ave, Suite 100, Minneapolis

Provide dinner for single moms and their kids who reside at Jeremiah House. RSVP to Sue Smukler at 612-377-9692 or [ssmukler@usgo.net](mailto:ssmukler@usgo.net) and let her know if you can bring a side dish or dessert.

## Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) Biennial & Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) Assembly December 11-15 in San Diego, CA

Members of our clergy, board of directors and Sisterhood will be attending the URJ Biennial and WRJ Assembly where Jews from across North America join together to learn, pray, share ideas, dance and sing, hear from inspiring guest speakers, and make decisions about the policies of the Reform Movement. As one of the 10 largest synagogues in the country, Temple Israel plays an important role in shaping the future of our movement.

## Highlights in Jewish History:

**Kirk Douglas and Tony Curtis: Hollywood's Jewish  
Gentlemen in "The Viking" and "Spartacus"**

Saturday, December 14, 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.

## Sisterhood Networking Event

**Create A Brand Worth Following, with Angie Weber  
Tuesday, December 17, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Bet Shalom**

You are a savvy business woman and you understand that your brand is important. Join the Sisterhoods of Temple Israel, Mount Zion and Bet Shalom as we discuss tactics to use while building not just a brand, but a following. Angie Weber is an account manager at [tenacious](http://tenacious.com), a social media marketing and design company. She will share her social media expertise and online tactics that make a difference. For more information, contact Leslie Held at 952-920-5376. Register at <https://womensprofessionalnetworkingdec2013.eventbrite.com/>

## Meet Your Temple Israel Officers

"As President, my job is to be interested in everything that goes on at Temple," says Alan Silver, who is leading the congregation at a time of strategic visioning and growth. But it is music that drew him in initially. Alan plays guitar during Shabbat worship services: "Playing and listening to Jewish music and prayers are very spiritual experiences for me," he said. "I realized that I felt at home at Temple and wanted to be even more involved." Alan is actually the third member of his family to serve on the Temple board. His wife Janny preceded him as a Vice President in the 1990s. Daughter Amy was a board member as TIPTY President, and son Stephen was a NFTY regional board member. Alan is a business litigator specializing in trust and estate litigation.



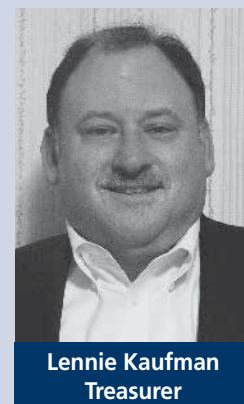
**Alan Silver**  
President

Board Vice President Roberta Bonoff turns to Temple for worship, spiritual connection and community. "I want Temple to be warm, supportive, nurturing and inviting – a place where people want to be today. I am also passionate about Temple's growth and stability for the future," she said. Four generations of the Bonoff family have grown up at Temple. "This congregation has supported our family both in good times and when our hearts were breaking. We have always told our children that Temple is a place you can count on – a home away from home, there for you whenever you need it." Roberta is the CEO/President of Greater Good Kids, which operates Creative Kidstuff and Sensational Beginnings.



**Roberta Bonoff**  
Vice President

Temple's Treasurer, Lennie Kaufman, has far-ranging experience in the financial world with over 30 years in banking and other financial services. "During nearly two decades of working with Temple's Financial Advisory Committee, I have learned about Temple's financial operations and structure," he said. "This has helped me understand Temple's financial needs from both big picture and highly detailed perspectives. Both are useful in my current job as Treasurer." Lennie and his wife, Jill, were married at Temple and their two daughters became B'nai Mitzvah here. "It is a very exciting time to be involved at Temple," he said. "I enjoy working with so many talented people among our lay leadership, staff and clergy."



**Lennie Kaufman**  
Treasurer

# Our B'nai Mitzvah Reaching Jewish Adulthood



**Maxwell Jacob Chazin**  
December 7, 2013

**VAYIGASH** Maxwell is the son of Steffany & Bradley Chazin; grandson of Dolores Chazin & the late Milton "Mitzie" Leon Chazin, Carole Norby and the late Jerry Norby; nephew of the late Diana Chazin Levitt; brother of Hannah and Zachary. Max enjoys baseball, basketball and more baseball. Max especially enjoys studying Torah with Linda. His favorite subjects at Minnetonka Middle School East are math and social studies. Max got 2nd place in the Home Run Derby this year. When he grows up, Max would like to be a baseball player. When asked about his upcoming Bar Mitzvah, he said, "I'm excited to be a Bar Mitzvah like my Zada, father, brother and others in the Jewish community."



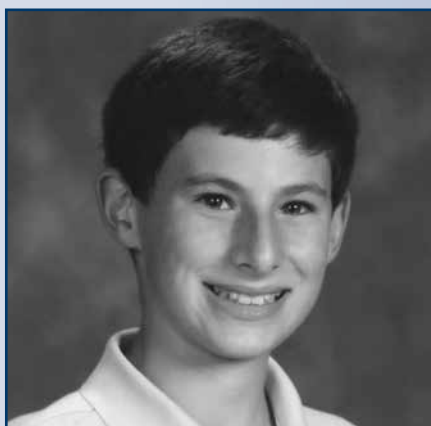
**Leah Stillman**  
December 14, 2013

**VA-Y'CHI** Leah is the daughter of Sheryl and Scott Stillman; granddaughter of Gloria Joseph & the late Lewis Joseph, Eloise & Elliot Kaplan, Jan & Phillip Sirotnsky, and Chelle & Marvin Stillman. Leah enjoys fashion, music and Netflix®. Her favorite subjects at North Junior High School are social studies, gym and swimming. Leah is still deciding what she wants to do when she grows up. When asked about her upcoming Bat Mitzvah, Leah said, "I am excited to read the Torah in front of everyone, and to have a good time with my family and friends."



**Nathan Goldstein**  
December 21, 2013

**SH'MOT** Nathan is the son of Nicole & Dan Goldstein; grandson of Nancy & Barry Goldstein and the late Theresa Meemken; brother of Kayla, Noah and Eli. Nathan enjoys baseball and football. Nathan especially enjoys the story and tradition of Passover. His favorite subjects at Plymouth Middle School are science and math. When he grows up, Nathan would like to do something math-related. When asked about his upcoming Bar Mitzvah, Nathan said, "I can't wait to show everyone what I learned."



**Samuel Peter Sklar**  
December 21, 2013

**SH'MOT** Samuel is the son of Amy & Jason Sklar; grandson of Peggy & Richard Bloom, Wendy & Michael Rabin, and Linda & Thomas Sklar; great grandson of Sharlene & Sidney Ladin and Ruth & David Silverstein; brother of Rachel. Sam enjoys playing basketball and soccer, watching football and hanging out with friends. Sam especially enjoys Herzl Camp. His favorite subjects at Wayzata Central Middle School are gym and social studies. Sam placed in the top ten in his school's Geography Bee. When he grows up, Sam would like to be an NFL analyst. When asked about his upcoming Bar Mitzvah, he said, "I am excited to show what I have learned and to celebrate with friends."



**Dante Rabin Reminick**  
December 21, 2013

**SH'MOT** Dante is the son of Joanne Trangle & Evan Reminick; grandson of Sally & Allen Trangle, Toby Reminick and Morton Reminick; brother of Raphael and Yirgalemahu. Dante enjoys mixed martial arts, Ultimate Frisbee, debate club and volunteering. He has volunteered in a South African township. He also helped raise funds for a Ugandan community last year and is raising money this year for the orphans in Uganda, where he will also be reading Torah for his Bar Mitzvah. His favorite subjects at North Junior High School are math and social studies. When he grows up, Dante would like to be a lawyer. When asked about his upcoming Bar Mitzvah, Dante said, "Thank you to everyone who has prepared me for my Bar Mitzvah."



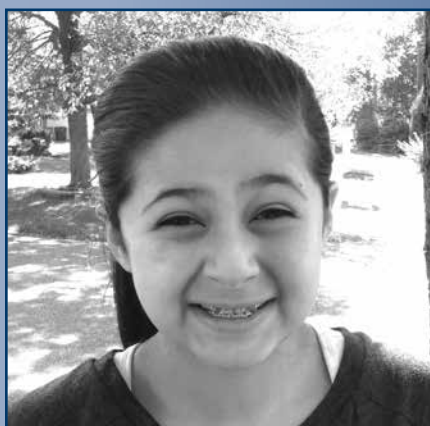
**Raphael Clemente Reminick**  
December 21, 2013

**SH'MOT** Raphael is the son of Joanne Trangle & Evan Reminick; grandson of Sally & Allen Trangle, Toby Reminick and Morton Reminick; brother of Dante and Yirgalemahu. Raphael enjoys swimming, diving and Special Olympics bowling. Raphael has played on the Special Olympics Minnesota State Champion softball team for the past two years. Raphael especially enjoys Herzl Camp and would like to live there all year long. His favorite subjects at North Junior High School are astronomy, zoology and paleontology. Raphael is still deciding what he'd like to be when he grows up. When asked about his upcoming Bar Mitzvah, Raphael said, "Please be seated."





# Consecration 2013-2014



**Kelsey Rae Cao Grosnacht**  
December 28, 2013

**VA-EIRA**

Kelsey is the daughter of Hong Loan Cao & Leonard Cao Grosnacht; granddaughter of Frances & Joseph Grosnacht and the late Mang Thi Cao. Kelsey enjoys theater, dance, soccer and piano. Kelsey especially enjoys Herzl Camp. Her favorite subjects at Plymouth Middle School are science, French and English. Kelsey is also involved in choir and is on the High Honor Roll. When she grows up Kelsey would like to be a photographer. When asked about her upcoming Bat Mitzvah, Kelsey said, "I am excited to have my Bat Mitzvah because all my hard work is finally paying off."

**First Row:** Ashley Friedman, Sydney Anderson, Benjamin Shanedling, Jada Silver, Mia Belzer, Abigail Dankwerth, Isabel Minn, Odeyah Rozin, Cody Locketz, Hallie Livingston, Nadav Jackson, Daphne Dresner, Remy Rosenberg

**Second Row:** Drew Malk, Sedona MacFarlane, Milly Rosenberg, Pearl Perry, Ezra Wolfe, Meredith Seeger, Hannah Stevens, Rayna Simmons, Ari Sigelman, Benjamin Boudewyns-Ultan, Alexander Mader, Asher Corndorf, Yana Latz, Olivia Noyman, Jonah Grodnick

**Third Row:** Michayla Stone, Ari Farsht, Ari Leventhal, Joshua Voeller, Gabriel Jeffers, Miranda Domagalla, Sophia Domagalla, Zachary Furman, Andrew Wesson, Jacob Wesson, Dahlia Weinstein, Jacob Rothman, Joshua Furman

**Fourth Row:** Rabbi Glaser, Shiri Cooks, Shannon Schribman, Barb Berris, Darcy Schnitzer, Rabbi Zimmerman, Cantor Abelson, Rabbi Gertman

## Upcoming Youth and Education Dates for

## DECEMBER

1	No Religious School: Thanksgiving Break	18/19	No Hebrew School: Parent/Teacher Conferences (B'nai Mitzvah training in session)
4	10th Grade Confirmation	20-22	NFTY Winter Kallah (Oconomowoc, WI)
8	7th/8th Grade Program	21-Jan.5	No Haggigat Shabbat, Religious or Hebrew School: Winter Break
8	7/8 Youth Group: Sky Zone (2:30-5:30 p.m.)	23/26	B'nai Mitzvah training in session
14	J.R.T. Program	23-Jan.1	ECC Closed - Winter Break
15	7th/8th Grade Program	30/Jan.2	B'nai Mitzvah training in session
15	9th Grade Program		
18	10th Grade Confirmation		

*Temple Israel Religious and Hebrew Schools are beneficiaries of the Minneapolis Jewish Federation*

# Temple Israel Finances

## Frequently Asked Questions

### ➔ Does Temple Israel have a balanced budget?

Yes. Fiscal responsibility is a top priority for the Board of Directors. In fact, for the first time in Temple's history, a financial audit is conducted annually by an outside accounting firm. Temple's budget has been balanced for many years, including through the 2008 Great Recession. To do this, the Board has periodically cut costs while focusing on Temple's mission; annually increased dues marginally to keep up with rising costs; and welcomed donations to support Jewish education, scholarships and other important Temple activities.

### ➔ Do dues and fees cover Temple Israel expenses?

No. Dues and fees cover 80% of Temple's annual operating budget. Temple Israel endowment funds, outright donations from congregants, support through the Voices of Inspiration Benefit, and grants are other important revenue sources in our budget.



### ➔ Don't program fees cover program costs?

Not always. The fees charged for our Religious and Hebrew schools, for example, reflect market rates but cover only a portion of the cost of the education program. Temple Israel endowment funds, Temple operating funds and an annual grant from the Minneapolis Jewish Federation cover the difference. The Adult Education program, which offers Hebrew training and respected scholars, is subsidized and still many request scholarships to participate. Our New Horizons program, for people over 70, keeps fees low for people on a fixed income while providing a delicious, healthy dinner with entertainment and camaraderie.

\$5,217,509

Annual Operating Budget  
\$5,217,509

### ➔ Is each generation paying its fair share?

It is a myth that younger families are not paying their fair share. A full-paying family with two children in Religious School is spending \$3,840 on Jewish education each year, in addition to their annual financial commitment (dues), Camp TEKO and youth program fees. Young families are asked to stretch financially at a time when they are building their livelihoods, and they are responding by saying "yes." Even with subsidized school fees, 16% of students still require scholarships. Temple Israel will never turn a child away from a Jewish education for lack of ability to pay. Older generations at Temple have always stepped in to help the young.

16%

16% of students receive  
financial assistance for  
Religious/Hebrew school

### ➔ What is magic about \$2,500?

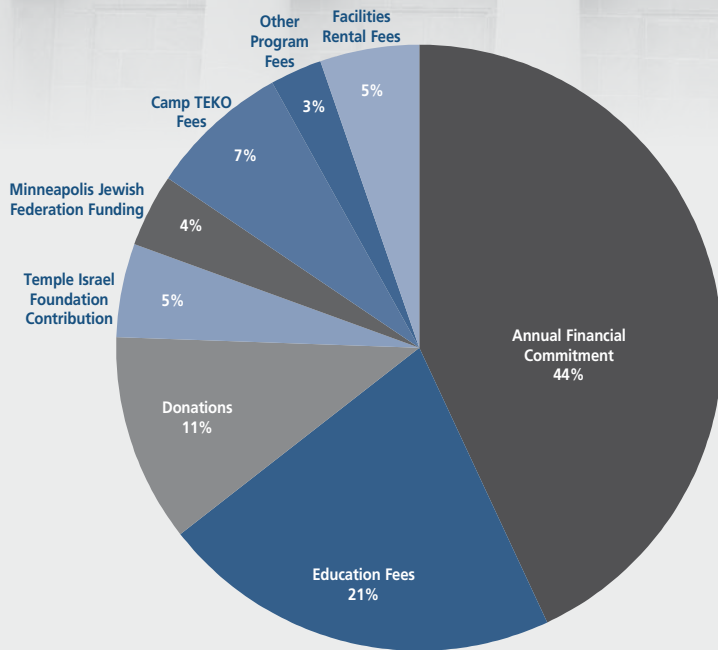
If every family household paid \$2,500 each year, Temple Israel would be able to provide all the services, lifecycle events, programs, classes and community engagement that our congregation expects and requests. However, not all Temple families are aware that the cost of keeping Temple viable has surpassed what they pay in dues and fees, and not every family can afford to pay this amount.



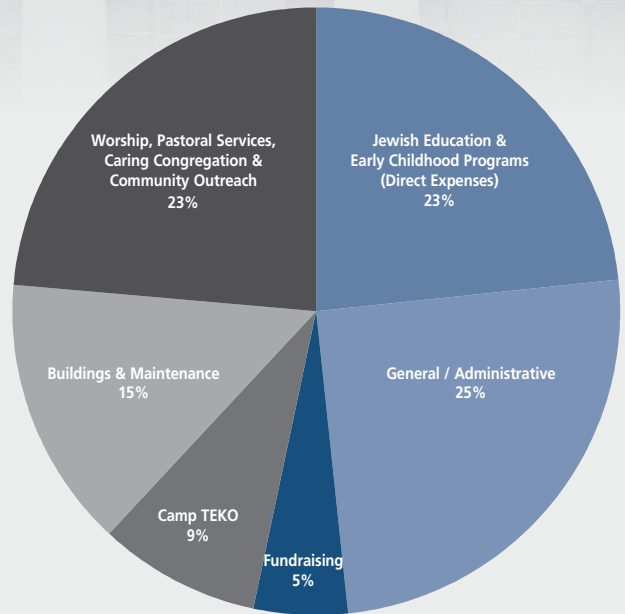


## Operating Revenue Sources and Expenditures 2013-2014

OPERATING REVENUE SOURCES 2013-2014  
\$5,217,534



OPERATING EXPENDITURES 2013-2014  
\$5,217,509



### Why does Temple have deferred maintenance needs?

Over the years, the Board has had to make hard choices. Important maintenance has been deferred in order to balance the operating budget, while still maintaining a safe and healthy environment. Temple is currently at a crossroads. The capital campaign under consideration would address many of these issues while planning for improved and renewed 21st century facilities.

### Why should I pay \$2,500 if I go to Temple only a few times a year? Let someone else pay.

Temple Israel is here for you 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. If you become ill or a loved one dies, the clergy are here for you. At joyous times in life – anniversaries, weddings, baby namings and B'nai Mitzvah, the community is here for you. If you believe in a vibrant Jewish future, Temple is educating and creating young Jews daily to make sure that your vision is realized. If anti-Semitic rhetoric is voiced in Minneapolis, Temple stands strong as a voice for Jewish values in the city. An investment in Temple is an investment in your community, your family and yourself, and helps assure the Temple community is here for all its members when they need it.

\$200,000+

The Temple Endowment provides over \$200,000 each year for Temple programs and activities



# Planning Study Update

## Campaign Feasibility and Planning Study

### Over 900 Families Provide Input

At Rosh HaShanah we asked for your input into the possibility of a future fundraising effort to renovate and upgrade our Emerson campus, make improvements to Camp TEKO, maintain the Temple Israel Memorial Park and strengthen our endowment. And once again you responded with thoughtfulness and insight.

Almost half of the households in our congregation gave input through written and electronic surveys, as well as in face-to-face interviews. Thank you!

Temple's strategic plan identified many areas of need; the master facilities plan provided a physical road map; and the campaign feasibility and planning study prepares Temple Israel to take action. Here's what we learned:

Temple Israel meets or exceeds national campaign planning benchmarks in critical areas:

- 97% of face to face interviewees had a "positive" or "very positive" perception of Temple Israel, as did 89% of all survey respondents.
- Half of interviewees indicated willingness to serve on a campaign committee or take an active leadership role.

- 83% believed that Temple Israel should move forward with a campaign.
- 96% indicated they would make a gift to a campaign.

You mentioned most often the need for an updated education wing and the need to address maintenance and repairs, such as ongoing issues in the outdated kitchen, damage under the Emerson Avenue stairs, and the deteriorating heating and air conditioning systems.

Temple Israel leadership is now determining steps to convert the study's recommendations into an action plan. This will unfold over the next few months and years. Our Temple and Foundation Boards are still in the planning stages and are studying options to phase capital priorities and determine where resources should be allocated.

This is an exciting time for Temple Israel, as we will have the opportunity to support and witness the fulfillment of major needs identified in Temple's strategic plan. If you would like more information or are interested in being involved with the campaign as it moves forward, please contact Development Director Jeri Glick-Anderson or Executive Director Miriam Seidenfeld.

## Temple Israel Historical Timeline

1878	Congregation founded under the name <i>Shaarei Tov</i>	2004	Temple's beautiful, historic sanctuary is renovated
1928	Now called Temple Israel, the congregation moves to the new Emerson Avenue building	2011	Strategic plan is approved for Temple Israel after two years of congregant input, research, and study of local and national trends
1952	Montefiore Cemetery is acquired and renamed Temple Israel Memorial Park	2012	Based on needs identified in the strategic plan, a long-range (20+ years) master facilities plan is created for Temple, Camp TEKO and the Memorial Park
1955	Cornerstone laid for the new Rabbi Max A. Shapiro Education Wing	2013	A campaign feasibility and planning study is conducted to gain congregant input into some of Temple's most pressing facilities and endowment needs
1965	Camp TEKO property purchased on Lake Minnetonka		
1987	Temple building is renovated, creating an accessible entrance to Fremont Avenue		



Rabbi Albert G. Minda during construction of the Temple Israel Religious School in 1955



# Lighting the Way

*“Temple says yes to possibility and leans into complexity.”*

– Naomi Pesky, congregant

## Two Women; One Temple Story



Jeri Glick-Anderson

A few weeks ago a woman I had never met walked into my office at Temple and told this story, which I want to share with you.

Her mother and father were married at Temple many decades ago. She herself went to another synagogue as a young parent, but later in life, found herself back at Temple – her spiritual home. By then she was dealing with a chronic medical condition, and she struggled financially. Temple became her sanctuary of support, and Temple scholarships underwrote her own daughter's Jewish summer camp experiences.

Over the years, her medical issues persisted and finances remained tight. Eventually she stopped coming to Temple.

But a few months ago, to her amazement, she inherited a sizeable gift from a Temple friend. The gift had been

written into her friend's will. Shocked and grateful, she returned to Temple for the first time in years in order to say “thank you.”

“Years ago I received the gift of a supportive Jewish community from Temple. This year, I received a gift of money from a generous Temple friend,” she said. “Temple kept me on as a congregant when I had nothing, and I always said that if I ever had any money, I would give back.”

She directed a portion of her inheritance to an endowment fund at Temple that is named after her friend.

Her friend, generous in so many ways, not only supported others through her will, she also designated a gift for Temple.

Together, the generosity of these two women – one through her will, and the other through her inheritance – will benefit many families in the years ahead.

## How to Make a Legacy Gift to Temple

Gifts that Temple receives through a will go into the Temple endowment and support Temple forever. The principal is kept intact and, on the whole, only the earnings are spent year after year.

Contact Jeri Glick-Anderson, Temple's Development Director, for more information and to let us know of your plans:  
612-374-0302 or [jeriga@templeisrael.com](mailto:jeriga@templeisrael.com).

For a gift to Temple in your will, please use the Temple Israel Foundation for your beneficiary:

**Temple Israel Foundation**

2324 Emerson Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55405

Tax ID # 41-1769841

## The Time Is Now

### Tax-free giving from your IRA expires December 31

If you have been considering a seat plaque in the sanctuary to honor your family, a Temple fund in your name or that of a loved one, a donation for scholarships to TEKO or for students in our school, a brick or bench in the Star of David Recognition Garden at Memorial Park, or simply a direct gift to Temple or the endowment, now is the time.

For congregants age 70½ or older, the IRA charitable rollover allows you to transfer a maximum of \$100,000 this calendar year from your IRA to one or more qualifying charities without undesirable tax consequences. This option expires Dec. 31, 2013.

To contribute in this way, you must:

- Be 70½ or older.
- Transfer no more than \$100,000 in total in the 2013 calendar year.
- Have your IRA custodian transfer the funds directly from your IRA to Temple Israel, the Temple Israel Foundation and/or other qualified charities.
- Make your gift by December 31, 2013.

Another powerful option is to launch your legacy gift for Temple Israel using a qualified charitable distribution. Those planning a legacy gift – a gift in your will or estate plan – can set up an endowment fund now with \$10,000 or more. You will have the joy of watching your philanthropy take shape during your lifetime. Upon your death, funds designated for Temple in your estate will be added to your endowment fund to further strengthen and sustain your gift.

Please contact your tax advisor for guidance and options best for you. For questions and options at Temple Israel, please contact Development Director Jeri Glick-Anderson at 612-374-0302 or [jeriga@templeisrael.com](mailto:jeriga@templeisrael.com).

## Your Gifts Make Temple Stronger

- Temple Israel Endowment Fund**  
 Support of Temple where needed most
- Scholastic Aid Endowment Fund**  
 Religious and Hebrew School scholarships
- Memorial Park Endowment Fund**  
 Maintains the Temple Israel cemetery
- Education Endowment Fund**  
 Jewish education at Temple Israel
- Camp TEKO Scholarship Fund**  
 TEKO scholarships for next summer
- Building Endowment Fund**  
 Maintains Temple buildings and properties
- Scholarship Endowment Fund**  
 For Jewish camps and other youth programs
- Camp TEKO Endowment Fund**  
 Support of TEKO where needed most



## Ways to Give

- |                    |  |                |  |
|--------------------|--|----------------|--|
| <b>Web</b>         | templeisrael.com/donations.htm   | <b>Checks</b>  | Mail to: Temple Israel,<br>2324 Emerson Avenue South<br>Minneapolis, 55113                     |
| <b>Stock Gifts</b> | RBC Capital Markets, Temple Israel<br>Gift Account # 30849156, DTC 0235<br>Contact: Sue Hintzman<br>(612) 371-7696 | <b>Contact</b> | Jeri Glick-Anderson,<br>Temple Development Director<br>612-374-0302<br>jeriga@templeisrael.com |
| <b>Charge</b>      | VISA or MasterCard   |                |  |

Gifts must be postmarked by December 31 for a tax benefit in the 2013 year.

## A Sisterhood Gift To Our Youth

Thank you to the Temple Israel Sisterhood  
for a generous gift to our Temple youth

In October, past Sisterhood President Sherri Feuer presented the Temple Israel Board of Directors with a gift of \$9,100 for Temple youth programs. These funds will support children in our Early Childhood Center, campers at TEKO, students in our Jewish education programs, and 10th graders on the confirmation class trip to Washington, D.C.

A portion of the gift will also go toward improvements at the Temple cemetery.

“Many children’s lives will be touched by this thoughtful gift. It’s what Sisterhood is all about. Giving unselfishly and making all of our lives better in so many ways,” said Temple President Alan Silver.

“Thank you to the women of Temple Israel Sisterhood for your support of our Temple mission and programs, day in and day out.”



## Thank You For Your Generous Donations

### ALLAN NEUMAN MITZVAH FUND

*Honor of Mary Neuman's 90th birthday*  
 Donna & James Fredkove  
 Judy & Herb Goldenberg  
 Rosann Kahner  
 Marilyn Shapiro  
 Jill Smith  
 Betsy & Mayer Tapper  
*Memory of Taylor Neuman*  
 Henry Neuman  
*Honor of Betsy & Mayer Kaplan's 50th Wedding Anniversary*  
 Mary Neuman

### FRANCES MINDA LEADERSHIP FUND

*Honor of Betsy & Eduard Michel's 25th Wedding Anniversary*  
 Sherri & Larry Feuer  
*Honor of Sheri Yarosh's position of Co-President*  
 Betsy Michel  
*Honor of Beth Birke's position of incoming Co-President*  
 Betsy Michel  
*Memory of Gertrude R. Glass*  
 Sheila Reback  
*Honor of the 50th Anniversary of Nancy & Kenny Marks*  
 Cantor Lisa B. Segal & Arthur Strimling  
*Honor of Temple Israel's Sisterhood and all their good work*  
 Diana Cohen

### GOLDSMITH/FEUER TZEDAKAH FUND

*Honor and appreciation of Sherri Feuer's leadership as President of Temple Israel*  
 Janny & Alan Silver  
 Betsy Michel  
*Memory of Elsie Frost*  
 Sherri Feuer  
*Memory of Monroe Levie*  
 Sherri & Larry Feuer  
*Honor of Ruth Knelman, Sisterhood's Volunteer of the Year*  
 Sherri Feuer  
*Honor of Gayle DeShong, Temple Israel Sisterhood's Unsung Heroine*  
 Sherri Feuer  
*Memory of Eloise Gershone, may her memory be a blessing*  
 Sherri Feuer

### LEBOWSKY SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND

*Memory of Ruth Lebowsky*  
 Ruth & Gerald Johnson  
 Bobby & Elliot Cohen and family  
*Memory of Dorothy Freisinger*  
 Karen Malver

### SOCIAL ACTION FUND

*Honor of Ted Levin's 90th birthday*  
 Doris Rosen  
*Honor of Marcia Hinitz*  
 Doris Rosen

### SPECIAL YOUTH PROJECTS FUND

*Memory of Ricky Goldberg*  
 Sherrill & Irving Borkon  
*Memory of Ronni Sherman*  
 Ruth Kasdan  
*Memory of Doris Rosen*  
 Marcia Hinitz

### TEMPLE ISRAEL BEAUTIFICATION FUND

*Memory of Bert Zats*  
 Nancy Polikoff  
*Memory of Abby Lou Evans*  
 Denise & Marshall Hertz  
*Memory of Jill Rotman*  
 Denise & Marshall Hertz  
*Memory of Anita Schertzer*  
 Denise & Marshall Hertz  
*Memory of Randy Gilman*  
 Denise & Marshall Hertz  
 Julie Zimmerman Berg  
*Honor of the engagement of Gabe Tarshish*  
 Bonnie & David Blumberg

## MEMORIAL TO DEBBIE FRIEDMAN

*Presented By WRJ Midwest District*



The passing of Debbie Friedman almost two years ago shocked the Jewish world. Her music, which first appeared in our Reform camps, soon found its way into our congregational services. Before long Debbie's music was a part of our Jewish life. Women of Reform Judaism embraced Debbie's music and made it so much a part of who we were and what we did.

The women of WRJ Midwest District wanted to create a memorial to Debbie in a place that meant so much to her and means so much to us. The choice was easy! In many ways Debbie grew up at Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute...OSRUI. At the Leadership Weekend recently held at OSRUI we dedicated a sculpture in Debbie's memory. The design was created by Diane Kaplan and executed by Melanie Dankowicz a metal sculptor in Champaign, Illinois. It is a memorial to the legacy that Debbie left and a reminder that her music will forever be a part of us.

## WRJ CELEBRATES ITS CENTENNIAL

Sheri Yarosh, Beth Birke, Denise Fogel, Marcy Frost and Diane Kaplan will be traveling to and participating in The 49th Biennial Assembly of Women of Reform Judaism. The assembly will be held December 11-15 in San Diego, California. WRJ will conclude its centennial year with five days of exciting programming, fabulous speakers and workshops. Keynote speakers will include Rabbi Donniel Hartman, of Jerusalem's Shalom Hartman Institute, and Rabbi Elka Abrahamson, president of the Wexner Foundation. Saturday night will be the culmination of a year of celebrations. WRJ will be honored with the Maurice N. Eisendrath Bearer of Light Award. It is the highest award given by the Reform Movement and this is the first time that it will be presented to an organization and not an individual.

Assembly participants can attend workshops and programs presented by both WRJ and the Union for Reform Judaism. This is a Biennial you won't want to miss. For more information visit [WRJ.org](http://WRJ.org).



# Sharing Our Lives

## December Anniversaries

15 <sup>th</sup>	Lianna Farber & Michael Lower	12/1
15 <sup>th</sup>	Karen Ladin & Robert Otis	12/5
15 <sup>th</sup>	Andi & Jim Rovner	12/18
15 <sup>th</sup>	Jennifer & Chad Shapiro	12/27
20 <sup>th</sup>	Leslie Held & Jim Chucker	12/26
25 <sup>th</sup>	Lori Itskovich-Silidor & Glen Itskovich	12/29
30 <sup>th</sup>	Kathy Simon Zack & Howard Zack	12/17
35 <sup>th</sup>	Pam & Richard Green	12/23
35 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Hunstiger & William Blazar	12/16
35 <sup>th</sup>	Carole & Marty Kaplan	12/9
35 <sup>th</sup>	Arlene & Zvi Leibovich	12/10
40 <sup>th</sup>	Ardis & Jim Barnett	12/23
40 <sup>th</sup>	Shari & Mitch Grunes	12/23
40 <sup>th</sup>	Margie & Steve Krause	12/15
40 <sup>th</sup>	Fran & Stan Rosen	12/15
45 <sup>th</sup>	Gerry & Sheldon Feldman	12/10
45 <sup>th</sup>	Jory & Roger Rubinger	12/15
55 <sup>th</sup>	Sherrill & Irv Borkon	12/28
60 <sup>th</sup>	Marilyn & Marvin Sternberg	12/6
60 <sup>th</sup>	Sandy & Marv Wolfenson	12/20
65 <sup>th</sup>	Judy & Fred Baron	12/26
65 <sup>th</sup>	Lois & Larry Gibson	12/19

## In Memory

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

Suzanne "Sue" Bass, *Mother of Liz (Tommy) Mack*

Pearl Bix, *Mother of Jerry (Kate) Bix*

Sidney Goodman, *Father of Holly Goodman and John Goodman*

Marjorie S. Kline, *Mother of Mimi (Sherry) Gleekel and Barry (Susan) Graceman*

Myron Kunin, *Husband of Anita Kunin*

Lillian Margolis, *Mother of Dean (Cindy) Margolis, Todd Margolis and Mark (Julie) Margolis*

Rose Meltzer, *Mother of Larry (Perrie) Meltzer*

Robert J. Odegard, *Father of Kevin Odegard*

Mary O'Neil, *Mother of Jennifer (Chad) Shapiro*

George J. Robinson, *Husband of Anita Robinson*

Owen "Rusty" Rockler, *Brother of Robert Rockler*

Julius Schreiber, *Father of Diane Dempsey*

Sarah Shields, *Mother of Michael (Susan) Shields*

Kathie (Friedman) Williams, *Daughter of Sandra & Paul Friedman*

Janet Kalin Yultan, *Sister of Steve Kalin*

## Mazel Tov To...

- Helen Brooks for being inducted into the Minnesota Real Estate Hall of Fame for outstanding business performance, high standards of ethics and sense of community.
- Laura & Steven Engler on the marriage of their daughter Alexandra Engler to Jonathan Morgan. Alexandra & Jonathan reside in Philadelphia and were married in Aspen on August 17, 2013 by Rabbi Joseph Black, who was the Associate Rabbi at Temple Israel from 1987 - 1996 and currently serves as Senior Rabbi of Temple Emanuel in Denver.
- Rebecca & Michael Epstein, on the birth of their son Eli James, born on October 5, 2013, brother to Livia and Alex.
- Mindy Isaacs, upon the engagement of her daughter Jessie Odegard to Matthew Pescatore. A wedding is planned for October 2014.
- Eloise & Elliot Kaplan, who established the Eloise and Elliot Kaplan Fellowship for TBI (traumatic brain injury) Field Placements at the University of Minnesota's School of Social Work in the College of Education and Human Development.
- Katherine Zender & Seth Lashkowitz, who welcomed son David Lashkowitz into their family on October 14, 2013. David joined his big sister Sedona.
- Victoria Sima Maneev, on receiving her MA in counseling from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, and on her admission to a PhD program at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, in counseling.
- Allie Markman, on her installation as vice president of the JFCS NextGen Board. NextGen aims to get young adults engaged with JFCS through leadership, philanthropic and volunteer opportunities.
- Renee & Michael Popkin on becoming grandparents. Rochelle & Charlie Popkin gave birth to Maxwell Noam on October 12, 2013 in New York.
- Michael Stern, on his installation as treasurer of the JFCS NextGen Board.
- Nicholas Styles on his graduation from the Carlson School of Management and his newest endeavor as a doctoral student in education at the University of St. Thomas.

## New Members

Alan Berger  
Carol & Sarah Green  
Sally & David Hyslop  
Julie Jonas  
Sylvia & Sam Kaplan  
Irina Lazarenko





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# Temple Israel's Early Childhood Center

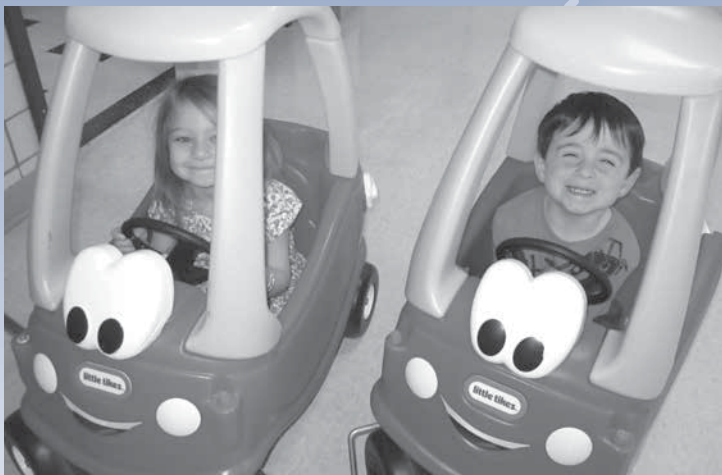
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“I think you learn more  
if you’re laughing  
at the same time.”

— Mary Ann Shaffer



“I am not a teacher,  
but an awakener.”

— Robert Frost

Contact Trish Mintz, ECC Director, for a tour! 612-374-0334