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Rabbi Hartman

Dear Friends,

things Few give me greater joy than entering the building each morning with the youngest members of our community. Our ECC students are always excited to pull off their coats and begin a day of

play and learning. I love to hear their squeals of laughter on the playground, and to wish them a good evening as they tiredly leave each afternoon. We are lucky as a synagogue and as a community to have such a vibrant and lively gem of a school in our midst.

Jewish tradition teaches us that children are worthy and deserving of our greatest resources of time and energy. It is our responsibility to create for them an environment that is both physically and spiritually nurturing. For it is our children, with their purity, sincerity and faith, who, with their enthusiasm for life, remind us of all the good in our world. It is for our children that we built the new pre-school and religious school classrooms. In these classrooms our teachers, with new facilities and new curriculum, are better able to teach our students the traditions, morals and values that have guided our people for thousands of years.

At our ECC our students learn by exploring, laughing and creating together. They are given the freedom to discover the world around them in a safe and structured environment. Here is one example: I had the privilege of joining our youngest learners for a story in the beginning of the year. We sat outside and when a truck drove past, the students' attention turned to the truck. Instead of seeing this as a distraction and insisting the students return to the story, the teachers took the opportunity to talk with them about the truck, its purpose and those who work in it. It was wonderful to see our young learners gain understanding about our community through this interaction. Once the conversation ended, the students eagerly returned to the story. I

see this same respect for curiosity whenever I enter an ECC classroom or have the honor of leading their Shabbat service. The students love to sing and pray together. They taught me their tzedakah song and love to share their collection. They eagerly celebrate birthdays together and enjoy sharing this time with their parents and siblings. Every time I interact with our ECC students, I experience that our school is a thriving place of learning, growth and community.

Watching our youngest students, in particular, learn and grow has motivated us to expand our programming for families with young children. We want to ensure that all young Temple Israel families, not just those whose children attend the ECC, are able to enjoy the new space, build community, learn and grow together. We are excited to have Tot Shabbat again take place at Temple on the first Friday evening of every month. We gather together to sing, to pray, to socialize-and to eat! We always have crafts to engage the kids as parents and grandparents schmooze. Whether they make marshmallow dreidels or trees of thanks, these craft activities combine Jewish learning with fun.

I hope you will look out for fun happenings in the activity room on Sunday mornings. While our older students are exploring Judaism and learning Hebrew in their JEWL classrooms, we will open up the ECC activity room for younger students to play with their Temple Israel friends and engage in age-appropriate activities as their parents connect over coffee. Watch for more fun young-family gatherings and special holiday events coming this spring. I hope that you will take the time to learn more about our wonderful Early Childhood Center and that you will join us at our programs for families with young families!

B'virkat Shalom–With Blessings of Peace,

Rabbi Jennifer S.G. Hartman



Worship Services

January Worship Services

Friday, January 6

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

Saturday, January 7

9:00 a.m. Shabbat Service with Torah Study Join Rabbi Glaser for an intimate congregational Shabbat Morning Service including an instructive and spirited discussion of the week's Torah portion: Vayigash, Genesis 44:18-47:27. A light Kiddush will follow. There will be no Congregational Shabbat Morning Service in the sanctuary at 10:30 a.m.

Friday, January 13

6:00 p.m.	Carlebach	Erev Shabba	at Service
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Saturday, January 14

9:00 a.m.	Torah Study with Rabbi Glaser:
	Va-y'chi, Genesis 47:28-50:26
10:30 a.m.	Congregational Shabbat Morning Service
	including the Bat Mitzvah ceremony of
	Dahlia Weinstein followed by a light Kiddush

Friday, January 20

6:00 p.m.	Nefesh Erev Shabbat Service
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Saturday, January 21

9:00 a.m.	Torah Study with Rabbi Zimmerman:
	Sh'mot, Exodus 1:1-6:1
10:30 a.m.	Congregational Shabbat Morning Service
	including the Bat Mitzvah ceremony of
	Mette Aarsheim followed by a light Kiddush

Friday, January 27

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 28

9:00 a.m.	Torah Study with guest teacher
	Rabbi Alan Shavit-Lonstein:
	Va-eira. Exodus 6:2-9:35

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

• February Worship Services •

Friday, February 3

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

Saturday, February 4

9:00 a.m.	Torah Study with Rabbi Glaser:
	<i>B</i> 0, Exodus 10:1-13:16
10:30 a.m.	Congregational Shabbat Morning Service
	including the B'nai Mitzvah ceremony of
	Lola Schectman and Tyson Lome followed by
	a Kiddush luncheon

Friday, February 10

5:15 p.m.	"A Taste of Tu BiSh'vat" Oneg Shabbat
	Reception. Come and sip Israeli wines, and
	snack on fruits from trees and vines!
6:00 p.m.	Carlebach Erev Shabbat Service
	featuring guest speaker April Baskin,
	URJ Vice President of Audacious Hospitality

Saturday, February 11

9:00 a.m.	Torah Study with guest teacher April Baskin:
	B'shalach, Exodus 13:17-17:16
10:30 a.m.	Congregational Shabbat Morning Service

including the Bat Mitzvah ceremony of Maia Schifman followed by a Kiddush luncheon

Friday, February 17

6:00 p.m. Nefesh Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 18

 9:00 a.m. Shabbat Service with Torah Study Join Rabbi Glaser for an intimate congregational Shabbat morning service including an instructive and spirited discussion of the week's Torah portion: Yitro, Exodus 18:1-20:23. A light Kiddush will follow. There will be no Congregational Shabbat

Morning Service in the sanctuary at 10:30 a.m.

Friday, February 24

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 25

9:00 a.m.	Torah Study with Rabbi Hartman:
	Mishpatim, Exodus 21:1-24:18
10:30 a.m.	Congregational Shabbat Morning Service
	including the Bat Mitzvah ceremony of Ella
	Braufman followed by a Kiddush luncheon

What's Happening...

Temple Office Closures

Monday, January 2 and Monday, January 16

The Temple Israel offices will be closed on Monday, January 2, for the observance of the federal holiday of New Year's, and on Monday, January 16, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The 6:00 p.m. daily services will take place as usual. If you have a pastoral emergency and need to reach a member of our clergy, please call our answering service at 952-988-5787.

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 Book Club

The Golem and the Jinni by Helene Wecker

Wednesday, January 4, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Temple Israel

Feel free to bring a snack to share!

In The Golem and the Jinni, a chance meeting between mythical beings takes readers on a dazzling journey through cultures in turn-of-the-century New York. For more information, contact Judy Chucker at jchucker1@comcast.net or 952-546-4429. Next Book Club pick: *Did You Ever Have a Family* by Bill Clegg, March 1, 2017.

Tot Shabbat

Fridays, January 6 and February 3, 6:00 p.m.

Tot Shabbat takes place on the first Friday evening of each month through May with our Temple clergy. Join us for a special family experience for infants, toddlers and children up to 7 years old. After the service a child-friendly dinner is served, and activities will keep little ones busy while you visit with fellow parents and grandparents. Upcoming Tot Shabbat dates: March 3, April 7, and May 5.

Volunteer at Jeremiah Program

Tuesday, January 17, Thursday, March 16, and Thursday, May 4

This is an opportunity for groups of 4-8 people to purchase, prepare, and serve a meal for women and children who live at the Jeremiah Program. Jeremiah is a non-profit organization that is "changing lives two generations at a time." Jeremiah helps mothers and their children move out of poverty into stability and prosperity. Community organizations, including the Temple Sisterhood, support these families by preparing and serving meals for them. Sisterhood has a long-standing relationship with the Jeremiah Program, and volunteering there is always deeply rewarding. Join us for camaraderie, community, and a little *tikkun olam*. For more information contact Marsha Seltz at 612-920-7337.

Highlights in Jewish History

Join us for lively discussions of some of the most important events in Jewish history with Dr. Joseph Goldman.

Dr. Goldman, a noted historian, is a retired senior lecturer at the Carlson School of Management and lectures regularly at Temple Israel. Dr. Goldman holds PhDs in Political Science and

Saturday, January 14, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

The Gates Are Broken, The Gates Are Closed: Jewish Arrival in America and the Immigration Acts of 1881-2

When the tsar unleashed the first deadly pogroms against Jewry in Russia, tens of thousands of East European Jews immigrated to America. As the Statue of Liberty greeted many of these refugees, Congress passed immigration legislation that included the first quotas, aimed at limiting the number of Eastern Europeans. In the decades that followed, U. S. immigration law effectively sealed Jewish doom by enacting quotas that favored immigrants of other nationalities. What does this history suggest to us regarding American immigration policies today? History, and has been a university professor for over 40 years. He is the author of a recently published collection of short stories, Voices from a Distant Time, A Dark Place, based on Holocaust survivor testimonies. **Highlights in Jewish History is free and open to all.**

Saturday, February 11, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Be Fruitful and Multiply: Israel and Agro-Technology Today

Israeli desert farming in the Negev cultivates GMO plants that thrive in only bare sand and water vapor, a marvel that first got NASA's attention and then the USDA's. NASA partners with Israel to learn techniques for growing plants in space using lunar soil (someday, Martian soil) to produce nutritious foodstuffs; the USDA learns from Israeli farmers' methods to help farmers and ranchers in the remote American West with their crops and livestock improvements. Israel is the number one "go to" country for many nations seeking food growth and sustainability. Israel is the leading agro-tech country in the world, followed by the US, and not the other way around!

Attention Mah Jongg Mavens and Mah Jongg Mavens-to-Be: Support Sisterhood When You Buy Your 2017 Mah Jongg Card

Deadline: January 20

Sisterhood will receive a rebate on cards that we order for you. Ask your Mah Jongg group to order through us and help make this project a success! Cards are \$8.00 (standard size) or \$9.00 (large print). To order your card(s), send a check made payable to Sisterhood NO LATER than Friday, January 20, 2017 to: Carole Garrigos, 3301 Flag Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55426. Include your name, address, and the type and number of cards that you want. Cards will be shipped before April 1 directly to the address you provide. Thank you!

Kabbalah Sparks with Rabbi Glaser

Tuesday, January 24 and Tuesday, February 28, 7:00 p.m. Free and open to all. No background in Kabbalah required.

Immersing in the Kabbalah:

Back to the Basics of Jewish Mysticism

Join in a year-long study of the basic tenets and themes of the Kabbalah. Following the text, A Kabbalah and Jewish Mysticism Reader by Daniel Horwitz, we will explore subjects and definitions including the nature of the Eyn Sof, the sefirot, Biblical origins of mysticism, Lurianic Kabbalah, death and transmigration of souls, the problem of evil, sin and sexuality, prayer, mystical practices, and much, much more. Come continuously, once in a while, often, or eternally, as fits your desire and schedule. Your presence is welcome. RSVP to Rabbi Glaser at 612-374-0315 or sglaser@templeisrael.com if you are interested in being a part of this experience, or would like to receive his email notifications.

Scholar in Residence, April Baskin, **URJ Vice President of Audacious Hospitality**

Friday, February 10

"A Taste of Tu BiSh'vat" Oneg Shabbat Reception 5:15 p.m. Come and sip Israeli wines, and snack on fruits from trees and vines!

Erev Shabbat Service 6:00 p.m. Saturday, February 11 **Torah Study** 9:00 a.m.



April Baskin will speak at the Erev Shabbat Service on Friday, February 10, and will lead Torah study on Saturday, February 11.

April N. Baskin is the Union for Reform Judaism's Vice President of Audacious Hospitality. Dedicated to building a stronger, more inclusive Jewish community committed to social justice,

April Baskin

April has spent 10 years advocating for Jewish diversity inclusion locally and nationally, including facilitating LGBT educational trainings as a Keshet facilitator and writing a thesis about the experiences and identities of Jewish young adults of color in American Judaism. Recently named one of the New York Jewish Week's 36 Under 36, April is a dynamic leader in the Reform movement. Be inspired by her perspective and insight!

Sisterhood Game Day Fundraiser

Sunday, February 26, 2017, 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Enjoy a fun afternoon of Mah Jongg and other games! Beginners to experts are welcome – instruction and cards will be available. For full details, visit the Sisterhood website, www.templeisraelsisterhood.com.

Tu BiSh'vat: The New Year for the Trees Friday evening, February 10 - Saturday, February 11, 2017

Tu BiSh'vat or the "New Year of the Trees" is Jewish Arbor Day. The holiday is observed on the 15th (tu) of the Hebrew month of Sh'vat. Tu BiSh'vat was originally an agricultural festival, marking the emergence of spring. In the 17th century, Kabbalists created a ritual meal for Tu BiSh'vat that highlights the sheva minim, the seven species of sacred fruits and grains grown in the Land of Israel: wheat, barley, grape, fig, pomegranate, olive, and date. Today, many Jews hold a modern version of the Tu BiSh'vat seder each year. The holiday also has become a tree-planting festival in Israel, in which Israelis and Jews around the world plant trees in honor or in memory of loved ones. For many Jewish people, Tu BiSh'vat has taken on a broader meaning as well, as a day for raising awareness about and participation in many "green" practices of environmental protection and sustainability. For ideas about how to celebrate Tu BiSh'vat, visit our website, www. templeisrael.com in early February.



Dahlia Agnes Weinstein January 14, 2017

chi Dahlia is the daughter of Betsy Langer & Neil Weinstein; granddaughter of Kathleen 💫 & Lawrence Langer and Joan & Sheldon d Weinstein; and sister of Camille. Dahlia > enjoys playing volleyball and she loves to read. Her favorite Jewish activity is attending camp at TEKO and OSRUI. She attends City of Lakes Waldorf School, where her favorite subjects are history, geography and language arts. When she grows up, Dahlia would like to be a marine biologist, a dermatologist or a therapist. When asked about her upcoming Bat Mitzvah, she said, "I'm very excited to share this special day with my family and friends.'



Mette Aarsheim January 21, 2017

Mette is the daughter of Marit Aarsheim & Michael Palmquist; granddaughter of Ĕ Vicki & Trygve Aarsheim, Bev Palmquist and the late Steve Palmquist; and sister of Gus, Mina and Else. Mette enjoys playing soccer, the guitar, and the piano and making art. Her favorite Jewish activity is attending Shabbat services. She attends the Clara Barton Open School. When asked about her upcoming Bat Mitzvah, she said, "I'm excited to have my family together to celebrate.'



Henry Samuel Weinman January 28, 2017

- Henry is the son of Stephanie Filister and Matthew Weinman; grandson of Harvey
- ėir Filister & Ted Blair and Connie & George
- Weinman; and brother of Riley and
- > Natalie. Henry enjoys sailing, snowboarding, chess, video games, music and food. His favorite Jewish activity is doing mitzvah work. He attends Hopkins West Junior High School, where his favorite subjects are life science and band. When he grows up, Henry would like to be a paleontologist. When asked about his upcoming Bar Mitzvah, he said, "The more you mess up, the more you learn."



Lola Schectman February 4, 2017

• Lola is the daughter of Zhanna & Andy 🗖 Schectman; granddaughter of Luba & Val Gilevich and Susan & David Schectman; and sister of Joshua and Sasha. Lola enjoys volleyball, skiing, golf and playing the piano. Her favorite Jewish activity is attending Herzl Camp. She attends Hopkins North Junior High School, where she holds a position on the executive board of student council. Her favorite subjects are English and creative writing. When she grows up, Lola would like to be a sports agent. When asked about her upcoming Bat Mitzvah, she said, "I am very excited to become a



Tyson Lome February 4, 2017

• Tyson is the son of Amy & Lenny Lome; Ω grandson of Myrna Pinto and the late Irving Pinto, the late Paula Lome & the late Bernie Lome; and brother of Peyton. Tyson enjoys playing soccer and football. His favorite Jewish activity is celebrating the holidays. He attends Hopkins North Junior High School, where his favorite subject is math. When he grows up, Tyson would like to be a professional soccer player. When asked about his upcoming Bar Mitzvah, he said, "I am excited to celebrate with my family and



Youth and Education Dates

January 3	Early Childhood Center classes resume		
January 10/11	JEWL Tuesday/Wednesday classes resume		
January 12	Early Childhood Center closes at 12:30 p.m. for conferences		
January 13	Early Childhood Center closed for conferences		
January 15	JEWL Sunday classes resume		
January 16	Early Childhood Center closed in obser- vance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day		
January 20-22	JEWL 6 th Grade Kallah at Camp TEKO		
January 29	JEWL 5 th Grade "Mishpacha - Family Program" (parents and students)		

February 19	JEWL classes not in session (Presidents' Day Weekend)	
February 20	Early Childhood Center closed in observance of President's Day	
February 24-26	JEWL 6 th Grade Kallah at OSRUI: Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute (part of NFTY 6 th -8 th grade Junior Youth Kallah)	
9 th - 12 th graders (including 10 th grade Confirmation); please check the YACHAD website http://yachadmn.org/ for all class times.		

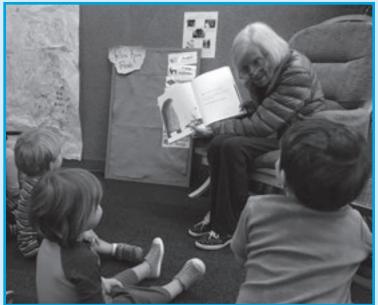
Early Childhood Center

Curriculum Overview 2016-2017

At the Temple Israel Early Childhood Center, our classrooms are full of music and play, exploring and trying, laughing and dancing, building and creating. Work and play are one in early childhood, so our classrooms are set up to be places where children make choices and engage in hands-on learning while our teachers enrich and extend their endeavors. Teachers reflect regularly to plan experiences that are geared toward the children's needs, abilities and interests.

Everyday Structure

Our classrooms are organized into Interest Areas to facilitate learning: Blocks, Pretend, Library, Art & Writing, Discovery (Math and Science materials) and Toys & Games. Each classroom has a sensory table for tactile exploration and a light table to use with translucent materials.



Classroom schedules are consistent and predictable and are communicated using a picture schedule. Visual supports are important to give children information, leading to less anxiety and better confidence and self-regulation. So in addition to the picture schedule, we make use of other visuals such as Time Timers to convey time visually and picture labels for toys to facilitate clean-up and finding materials.

We believe in long blocks of time for exploration, so each class has a long Choice Time daily in which children explore interest areas, as well as participate in one-on-one or small group experiences. Transitions are handled calmly and with planning, so that when children do need to stop what they are doing and move on to something else, it happens comfortably and calmly.

Our classrooms are places of balance: balance between adultinitiated and child-initiated tasks, between sitting and moving, between time inside and time outside, between working individually, in small groups, and in larger groups.

Objectives

Our learning objectives are drawn from Creative Curriculum, a research-based approach to early childhood education. These goals align with the Minnesota Standards for Early Childhood and are the objectives for birth through age 5. The goal is for children to have exposure to and a level of proficiency with these standards by the time they go to Kindergarten. So, while the objectives are worded the same for all ages at the ECC, there is a progression in how children experience, interact with and learn about these important ideas.

For instance, objective 22 is that children compare and measure. Our Tiny Tots may demonstrate this concept by pouring sand from one container to another or identifying the larger of two balls and our Pre-Kindergarten children may measure ingredients carefully while following a recipe or use a balance to compare the weights of objects. Along the way our toddlers and preschoolers may sequence objects according to size, measure objects using standard and non-standard measurements, and compare the size of similar objects. All children will gain experience with comparing and measuring but exactly how that looks will vary from age to age and child to child.



Judaism

Woven into our secular goals are Jewish concepts drawn from Jewish Every Day by Maxine Segal Handelman. Each holiday is presented through a mix of discussion, stories, songs and handson experiences. Children participate in rituals such as visiting a Sukkah and shaking a Lulav, a Tu BiSh'vat Seder, and a Purim costume parade.



Children experience Judaism through weekly rituals as well. We all join together for Havdalah on Mondays and Shabbat on Fridays, beginning and ending our week together. Clergy join us on Fridays in the sanctuary, to sing songs and tell stories to the children, in addition to the Shabbat prayers. Ritual objects become familiar to the children as do Hebrew words and songs.

We also have identified 5 specific ethical concepts, which we call Mitzvot and Midot (Jewish ethics and manners), that all classes learn and practice. Our classrooms are rich with Jewish stories and those stories, as well as teachable moments, are used to teach these Mitzvot and Midot.



Reggio Emilia

Our teachers are inspired by the schools of Reggio Emilia and you will notice that our classrooms look and feel like a home. You will see softness in lighting and in our furniture and materials. There is a lot of wood and cloth and less plastic. You will notice the work of the children evident all around you, and a focus on the process of learning and of documenting children's thoughts and experiences, rather than in a proscribed standardized product. Time and space for play and for children's exploration is a priority, so we keep transitions to a minimum and make sure children are not hurried from place to place.

Since our objectives can be taught through any topic, we launch studies responsive to the children's interests. Children then participate in investigation of these topics and experiences and learning is documented and shared with parents.



The first two weeks of registration are a priority registration period. During this time, only current ECC families and Temple Israel members may submit an application. These applications are processed on a first come, first served basis.

After the two week priority period, all remaining spots are available to new and non-member families, as well as any member and current families who did not yet register, on a first come, first served basis.

Please contact ECC Director Tamara Weiss Rhodes (612-374-0384 or tamara@templeisrael.com) for more information or Sharon Rosenberg-Scholl (612-374-0374 or srosenberg-scholl@templeisrael.com) to schedule a tour.

In Search of Jewish History

Journey to the Pale of Settlement

By Tom Lewin

Born in Berlin in 1931 and an immigrant to the United States in 1945, congregant Tom Lewin is dedicated to preserving the history of the Jewish community in the former Pale of Settlement. Recently he traveled to Latvia and Lithuania to learn more, and to meet with some of the few remaining elderly Jews living there today.

Last August I hopped on a plane with a friend and traveled almost 5,000 miles in search of the former Jewish communities of Lithuania and Latvia. These small countries were a part of the Pale of Settlement, the only area in Imperial Russia where Jews were allowed to live from 1791-1917. There is so much to see and learn about our Jewish heritage. Yet time is running out to hear the stories firsthand.

The Jews of the area spoke Yiddish and lived in hundreds of shtetls, small towns with large Jewish populations. Their lives were marked by abject poverty and vicious pogroms. Yet Jewish culture and social welfare organizations thrived, and a strong Yeshiva education system developed. Tzedakah was considered a sacred deed, and it was critical to the survival of many.

With the start of World War II, many Jews feared what was coming and tried to leave.

In Kaunas (formerly Kovno), Lithuania, Japanese vice consul Chiune Sugihara



Memorial to 30,000 killed, Rumbula Forest Massacre, Latvia



Tom Lewin sits at the desk of Japanese Vice Consul Chiune Sugihara, holding a transport visa Sugihara issued to save Jewish lives

generated transit visas and saved some 6,000 Jews before the Nazis arrived in late 1940. As a result of his work, Sugihara lost his foreign service job in Japan. Today he is remembered and recognized as a Righteous Gentile in Israel.

Some 95% of the Jewish population of 250,000 was murdered during the war. I was overwhelmed by the killing sites. It was hard to comprehend 100,000 dead at one site, 50,000 at another, and "only" 30,000 at a third.

What does 100,000 mean? The U.S. Bank Viking stadium seats about 66,000, the Twins stadium seats 35,000.

However, the impact was greatest when I saw the grave of just one. Tears came to my eyes as I thought of this person, one among many who just wanted to live and love, and to practice Judaism freely. Today, 2,000 elderly Jews live in Latvia and Lithuania, and it is imperative to hear their stories before there is no one left to share them.

One incredible couple who survived exile in Siberia lives in a small wooden structure, 20x25 feet, with no running water and no toilet. Isolated and alone, the 88-year-old wife is bed-bound and her 85-year-old husband is her sole caregiver. A food package is delivered every two weeks, and on occasion they receive medical supplies. The couple was overjoyed by our visit, for it demonstrated that the world has not forgotten them.

I believe it is important for young people today to know the stories of the Pale of Settlement, for the Jews there created many of the traditions we practice today. Therefore, I have developed a scholarship program for young adults to travel to these countries to learn the history and meet the people before it is too late.

Recha Lewin Scholarship funds available for travel to Eastern Europe

Scholarship funds are available for high schoolers, college students and young adults to travel to Eastern Europe and the former Pale of Settlement—present-day Latvia, Lithuania, Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova and Poland. Travel must be on an organized trip, with an emphasis on Jewish history, the Jewish Holocaust experience and the state of Jewry today. For scholarship information, contact Rabbi Hartman at 612-374-0315 or jhartman@templeisrael.com.

Lighting the Way

As our congregation looks to the future. we are excited by the increased opportunities to collaborate and connect as a Temple community and as a part



Your life. Your community. Your legacy.

of the larger Jewish community. As such, Temple Israel, along with 25 other local Jewish agencies, is a proud partner of the IT'S YOUR LEGACY program.

An initiative of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, the IT'S YOUR LEGACY program is helping Twin Cities Jewish agencies work together to promote after-lifetime giving (estate gifts in a will, retirement account, insurance policy, or other estate planning vehicle).

"The idea is to make it easy for our very generous Twin Cities families," said Temple Israel Foundation Planned Giving Chair Andy Gellman. "In one meeting, they can identify all the causes they care deeply about and have a conversation about supporting those causes in perpetuity. Then we will

donors, they put on their community hats and represent all the Jewish agencies and causes in the conversation. That way, if the donor wishes to leave a gift in their estate to Temple Israel and another Jewish organization, only one conversation is necessary to initiate the process.

share the information with

the agencies identified,

and each organization will

follow up appropriately."

and Jewish agencies reach

out to prospective legacy

As our local synagogues

Temple Israel is excited to play a key role in legacy building for the entire Jewish community. In doing so, we all achieve our shared goal of a vibrant Jewish vision in Minneapolis and St. Paul now and for future generations.

To learn more about the IT'S YOUR LEGACY program, contact Temple Israel Foundation Director Laura Taple at 612-374-0348, ltaple@templeisrael.com.



As we usher in 2017 you can play a significant role in shaping and impacting the future. Please remember Temple Israel with a gift in your will, trust, retirement account or life insurance policy. For more information, contact Foundation Director Laura Taple at Itaple@templeisrarel.com, 612-374-0348.

Register for ECC and Camp





Registration opens in late January.

Registration for Camp TEKO summer 2017 sessions opens in late January. Returning families, watch your email for an invitation to register. New families, visit www.templeisrael.com and click the blue box for TEKO registration.

REGISTER NOW

CAMP TEKO 2017

Contact Camp TEKO Director Avi Baron with questions: avi@templeisrael.com or 612-374-0321. We'll see you at camp!

SESSION ALEF:June 19 - 30T-TERM:July 3, 5, 6 and 7SESSION BET:July 10 - 21SESSION GIMMEL:July 24 - August 11

Chalutzim Overnight Sessions:

SESSION BET:July 10 - 21 (Overnights July 14 - 21)SESSION GIMMEL:July 24 - August 11 (Overnights August 4 - 11)

Launching in January:

Registration is all ONLINE this year for Temple Israel's Early Childhood Center

REGISTER NOW

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

We've made it easier than ever to enroll your young learners in Temple's Early Childhood Center. Beginning in mid-to-late January, ECC registration for the 2017-2018 school year will be online!

Visit our website at www.templeisrael.com, and click the box on the home page for ECC registration. Fill in a few online forms, and we'll take it from there.

Please contact ECC Director Tamara Weiss Rhodes (612-374-0384 or tamara@templeisrael.com) for more information or Sharon Rosenberg-Scholl (612-374-0374 or srosenberg-scholl@templeisrael.com) to schedule a tour.





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25^{th}	Cathy Graham & Eric Schwartz	2/9
$30^{\rm th}$	Dodie & Bob Halvorsen	2/7
40^{th}	Marlene & Tom Moscoe	2/27

In Memory

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

Daniel Mark Berdass, Son of Margo Berdass, Brother of Nancy (Bob) Hartman, and Uncle of Michael (Rabbi Jennifer S. G.) Hartman Sophie Proosow Beugen, Aunt of Bob Beugen (Joanne Ferraro) Pearl Engle, Mother of Edward (Ilene) Engle David Fine, Father-in-Law of Alek Buzhaker Yael "YaYa" Garber, Granddaughter of Michal & Micah Garber and Niece of Donna Garber Milton Grabow, Father of Karen Grabow (Keith Halperin) Saul Hartman, Brother of Sid Hartman Shirley Isaacs, Mother of Mindy Isaacs and Thomas (Ida) Isaacs Ruth Kasdan, Mother of Patti (Kean) Meyer Diane Pearson, Wife of Bill Kaplan and Mother of Erica Isaac Allan Sachs, Father of Sue Steinberg Meyer "Mike" Salloway, Father of Lori Reznick and Uncle of Sheri (Scott) Yarosh Sheldon Wert, Husband of Jean Wert and Father of Jacob (Allison) Wert and Josi Wert

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Mazel Tov To...

- **Cathy and Richard Broms** on the marriage of their daughter Corey Broms to Edan Shertzer on November 5 in Palm Springs, CA. Joyce Moscoe is the proud grandmother of Corey.
- Wendy Jacobsen on the publication of her article, "The Billionth Noel! This Minnesota Jew is tired of all the Christmas songs" in the *Minneapolis Star Tribune* and *Huffington Post*.
- Caren Schweitzer who received the Woman Business Entrepreneur of the Year award at the 30th Annual Women's Business Development Center Awards in Chicago. Caren is President and Founder of Creative Resources.

New Members

Paula & Richard Andersen Molly Bloom & Andy DuCett Alicia & Opher Shallom

Staff Update Farewell to Andy Halper

Join us in wishing Andy Halper warmest congratulations on his new full-time venture at Workshop, a "future-forward, humancentered experience design agency" based in Northeast Minneapolis. Andy's love of experiential education and innovative thinking will be invaluable to the Workshop staff and its clients. We have been blessed by Andy's energy and enthusiasm, and are so grateful for all he has done to re-imagine LifeLong Jewish Learning at Temple and to share his love of Judaism with our whole community. We send him our best wishes and blessings for a future full of learning!



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Tikkun Olam at Temple

YOU can help end homelessness

Inspired by the Shabbat to End Homelessness? Moved to help end the social injustice of homelessness in Minnesota? Here are ways you can help to "repair the world" with your Temple community:



Temple Israel's Committee to End Homelessness (TICEH) invites you to get involved:

- We need people to help us advocate for legislation and budgets that benefit people living without a home.
- You can join us in providing direct service to homeless youth by volunteering at an agency that TICEH partners with, including The Bridge for Youth, YouthLink, and Avenues for Homeless Youth.
- Again this coming summer, homeless families will live with us at Temple in the Families Moving Forward program. We will need volunteers to set up guest living quarters, make and serve hot dinners and breakfasts, and to serve as overnight hosts.
- You can also serve a hot meal to homeless families, adults, and children in the Loaves & Fishes program, or feed young single mothers and their children staying at the Jeremiah Program.
- Finally, we need people to tutor math and science students at North High School, the goal being to prevent homelessness by helping ensure success in high school.

Please join in the work of TICEH. Your efforts bring us closer to the world of justice God wants for all of us, and in the process, you find greater purpose, meaning, and joy in being Jewish. If you are interested, please contact Rabbi Glaser at sglaser@templeisrael.com or 612-374-0315.

Thank you to TIPTY's Meals-on-Wheels volunteers



The 24th Annual Stephan Larsen Wolf Memorial Meals-on-Wheels event was a wonderful success. With your help, we prepared and delivered 424 Thanksgiving meals to people in our community—over 100 more than last year! Special thanks to our TIPTY youth, to our turkey carvers, to Rabbi Glaser's band, "The Sons," and especially to the Wolf family.





Call for Candidates: Temple Israel Board of Directors

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. You may nominate yourself or other members of the congregation. We seek candidates who think outside the Matzo Box. Individuals who can design and build Temple's future. Those people who not only don't paint within the lines, but don't even stay on the canvas. We are truly interested in your unique perspective. This is what will make our Temple survive, thrive and lead the way in Reform Judaism.

To download a copy of the Nomination Form, please visit the Temple website at www.templeisrael.com.

Completed Nomination Forms may be emailed to Alan Silver, Nominating Committee Chair, at asilver@bassford.com, or mailed to Alan Silver, 4320 West 25th Street, St. Louis Park, MN 55416.

For information about the roles and responsibilities of Board members, and for information about the Nominating Committee process, please contact Alan Silver at asilver@bassford.com or 612-376-1634.



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Louis Gainsley Distinguished Service Award **Nominations Requested**

The Louis Gainsley Distinguished Service Award was established to recognize the outstanding volunteer efforts of Temple Israel members, both with Temple Israel and in the community at large. The award is an expression of appreciation for and recognition of those who meet the following criteria:

- Whose actions personify Jewish values, the essence of community and volunteerism at Temple Israel and/or in the community at large.
- Whose actions influence others to engage in lifelong learning, meaningful worship, and/or participation within the Temple community or the community at large.
- Whose exceptional and/or innovative service to Temple Israel and its community has spanned ten or more years.
- Who has, through his or her years of volunteer service, garnered the respect and admiration of the Temple Israel community.

The award recipient will be honored at our Annual Meeting in June 2017. To nominate an extraordinary volunteer you know, please email the following to Amy Griffiths at agriffiths@templeisrael.com or call 612-374-0324:

Your name • Your phone number • Name of Nominee • Reasons for nominating

Nominations are due by Friday, February 10.

