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CLERGY VOICE

Where's Grandpa Sim?

Through the years you may have noted how we clergy types often include our family *simchas* and experiences as part of our sermons and messages. It's hard not to, as these events are so profoundly a part of us, plus we are always looking for fresh material.

So here comes another. This summer Barb and I became grandparents a second time, as Benjamin and Melissa welcomed Alan Glaser into the world. It is yet to be confirmed, but so far it appears that Alan may have inherited his Baba's red hair and his Grandpa Sim's stomach issues. In other news: Alan's two and a half year old sister Margaret is coming to terms with no longer being the center of the known universe.



RABBI GLASER

Many are the Jewish traditions regarding grandchildren, who are said to be the very embodiment of the word *Naches*. The ultimate blessings. Proof that there is such a thing as a free lunch - you play with them, bring them stuff, and then go home and let their parents deal with the mess. My father used to call the stretch of Interstate 84 leading from Scarsdale (their home) to West Hartford (ours) *Neched Alley* - (*Neched* meaning grandson). A journey of pure joy for my parents. Psalm 128 says: "May you live to see your children's children" from which comes the teaching that to gaze into the eyes of one's grandchild is as though we are witnessing eternity. There are those who refer to a grandchild as "my *Kaddish*," meaning this child will guarantee my eternity through memory. If I play my cards right. If she knows how to say *Kaddish*, and remembers me.

I'm sure many of you FaceTime or Skype with your family, and we have been doing so with Margaret for a while now. The connection is typically initiated on Barb's phone and I often hear the beginning of the conversation from the next room. I love the sound of Margaret saying: "Where's Grandpa Sim?" And I quickly insert myself into the picture frame. "Right here!" I cry. Her request charms me greatly, but on some days, when I am thinking about the future of our world and, God willing, the longevity of my grandpups, the question: "Where's Grandpa Sim?" takes on greater meaning. Where, indeed, is Grandpa Sim?

Who doesn't want to be present in the lives of our children's children? We want to show them the deepest love, and comfort them in the warm blanket of our affection. We want to share with them the joys and significance of our religious traditions. And most of this comes naturally to us.

But I wonder, as the years continue, if Margaret's poignant question might become: "Where were you, Grandpa?" Or: "Tell me the story about what you did when you heard about the world warming up?" Or: "How big was your carbon footprint, Grandpa?" Or: "Is it true you lived during a time when there was still a fighting chance to reverse climate change, Grandpa?" As she grows older and wiser she might ask me if I was one of the people who didn't believe the scientists. Or upon becoming aware of her inherited Jewish lineage: "Doesn't the Torah teach us right from the beginning that we are responsible for the health of the planet?"

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CLERGY VOICE CONTINUED

And I don't think it is going to mean a thing to our grandchildren if we respond with: "Well, honey, it was very political..."

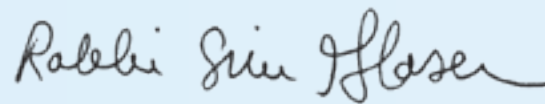
We often hear about the consequences of a warming planet in long-term figures. Miami will be under water by the end of the century! blares one recent headline. On some level I think we are attempting to soothe ourselves by stating the outcomes of climate change in terms of the next century, as though we needn't feel overly burdened by something that will reach its dangerous magnitude long after we, ourselves, have departed this world. Yes, I can burn my fossil fuels quite safely for the remainder of my years.

But when you look into your grandchild's eyes, Jewish tradition tells us, you see eternity. You realize that every energy decision you make each day, every official you vote into office, every movement you join or avoid, every religious imperative to be stewards of a fragile planet you either dismiss or take to be morally binding, is clearly about more than just you. It is about a future that will contain people we love dearly.

There are folks waking up all over the world, working hard toward solving an enormous ecological dilemma that we face. And there are many more who are doing nothing, or worse, are rejecting the need to discover and invest in clean energy systems.

I believe our generation is currently positioned at a moment in human history where we can still solve what will shortly become the world's most pressing issue. If we are not adequately attentive to this monumental challenge, those innocent questions of a grandchild might very well become: "Where were you, grandpa and grandma? What did you do? Is it true you could have made a difference?"

Blessings,



Rabbi Sim Glaser

HIGH HOLY DAYS CLERGY VIDEO

Who are the smiling new faces up on the bimah?

How do you pronounce Havilio?

What does everyone do?

All of these questions and more are answered by our Temple clergy in their High Holy Days message, which was sent out to those on our E-News list and posted on our Facebook page. Visit bit.ly/TempleHHD2018 to view the video - and even a few outtakes! - and learn more about our expanded clergy team.

Thank you for a beautiful High Holy Days season.



WORSHIP SERVICES

Monday, October 1

10:30 a.m. Simchat Torah Morning Service followed by a Kiddush lunch and learn (See below)

Friday, October 5

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

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

Saturday, October 6

9:00 a.m. Torah Study with Rabbi Klein:
B'reishit, Genesis 1:1-6:8

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

Friday, October 12

6:00 p.m. Shorashim Shabbat Service

Saturday, October 13

9:00 a.m. Torah Study with Cantor Havilio:
Noach, Genesis 6:9-11:32

9:30 a.m. **NEW DAY!** Tot Shabbat with Snack

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

Friday, October 19

6:00 p.m. Nefesh Shabbat Service -
National Refugee Shabbat (See page 5)

Saturday, October 20

9:00 a.m. Torah Study with guest teacher,
Yiddishist Shane Baker:
Lech L'cha, Genesis 12:1-17:27

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

Friday, October 26

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, October 27

9:00 a.m. Torah Study with guest teacher
Rabbi Joseph Edelheit:
Vayeira, Genesis 18:1-22:24

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING...

Simchat Torah Morning Service including Healing and Yizkor Services

Memory and the Mind with William H. Frey II, Ph.D.

A Kiddush lunch and learn will follow the service.

Monday, October 1, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for our Simchat Torah service including Yizkor memorial prayers. Hear the beginning of a new cycle of reading the Torah. Stay to enjoy lunch after the service with Temple Israel's own Bill Frey. Dr. Frey is a neuroscientist who studies prevention and treatment of brain disorders. He will share his findings on how to best protect our brains and maintain brain health throughout our lives. He will reveal some of the latest advances on memory care for ourselves and loved ones. Feel free to bring your questions about memory and how to promote healthy brain aging.

Contact Wendy Schwartz at wendy@templeisrael.com or 612-374-0344 to RSVP for lunch and learn.

Calling all Tots and their Families Tot Shabbat

First Friday of the Month at 6:00 p.m.

NEW! Shabbat Morning Celebration

Second Saturday of the Month at 9:30 a.m.

Calling families of all stripes and types with young children. Whether you're a rookie or a ringer, we invite you to tap into the age-old wisdom of Shabbat with your family. Join us as we sing, pray, and connect with one another. Of course, there will be plenty of food! What better way is there to end the week?

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 and guest teachers. Gain a better understanding of Torah and its relevance to contemporary life through study and dialogue in community.

WHAT'S HAPPENING...

Highlights in Jewish History

Asperger's Children

Saturday, October 13, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Free and open to all.

The world recognizes Hans Asperger for his contributions to Autism research. Millions have been helped over the decades, but in Nazi Vienna, Asperger signed the death warrants of 700 children. How can this be?

Dr. Joe Goldman is a retired senior lecturer at the Carlson School of Management and lectures regularly at Temple Israel.

Center for Jewish Studies Community Lecture Series:

Such Much? Jews & Other Refugees in Casablanca

Tuesday, October 16, 7:30 p.m. at Temple Israel

This event is free and open to the public.

Cosponsored by the University of Minnesota and Temple Israel.

Although *Casablanca* (1942) has been called “everyone's favorite émigré film,” in the memorable formulation by Thomas Elsaesser, rarely is it discussed in this vein. Drawing on research undertaken for his recent book, Noah Isenberg seeks to refocus attention on the dozens of refugees at work on both sides of the camera, on the strangely evocative if also veiled commentary on historical events, and on the furtive references to Jews and other targets of Nazi persecution. One of the most cherished love stories and wartime dramas of the studio era may also be seen as one of the earliest and most successful films to address the menace of National Socialism, the flight of European refugees, and the personal stories embodied in even the most minor characters portrayed on screen.

Presented by Noah Isenberg, Professor of Culture and Media at the New School's Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts.

The Skin Sisters:

Sharing Dermatology Tips, Tricks & Secrets

Wednesday, October 17, 5:00 p.m.

Brooke Moss and Lauren Sundick, actual sisters, are board-certified dermatology Physician Assistants who are passionate about healthy skin. They will give us guidance and help us engage in pikuach nefesh – taking care of our bodies. Join us as we learn how to protect our skin in the sun of summer and winter. This will be a fun, informative, and engaging event. RSVP to Liz at lmack@templeisrael.com or 612-374-0318.

National Refugee Shabbat

Friday, October 19, 6:00 p.m.

Temple Israel will participate in HIAS' National Refugee Shabbat, during which Jews across the country will take action for refugees. In the face of unprecedented attempts to close America's doors to those seeking freedom from violence and persecution, this is a critical moment to give voice to our values as Jews and as Americans.

Speakers will include congregant Steve Liss and Temple Israel Early Childhood Center teacher Madai Mariana Espinosa Campos, who will speak about her experiences as a Dreamer. Together, we will learn about the global refugee crisis, connect to the national Jewish movement for refugees, celebrate local acts of welcome, and recommit to putting our values into action.



Torah Study with Rabbi Joseph Edelheit

Saturday, October 27, 9:00 a.m.

We welcome Rabbi Edelheit back for a visit to Temple Israel and invite you to study the weekly Torah portion, Vayeira, Genesis 18:1–22:24, with him.

Volunteer at Jeremiah Program

Thursday, November 1, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Jeremiah Program, 1510 Laurel Avenue West, Minneapolis

Jeremiah is a non-profit helping working mothers provide a stable family life for their children. Temple's Sisterhood will purchase, prepare and serve a meal for women and children who live at the Jeremiah Program. For more information, contact Marsha Seltz at 612-920-7337 or Ardene Meshbesh at 952-542-1472.

EXPLORE THE WORLD OF MUSSAR

Are you seeking a dynamic spiritual path that also has practical applications in your daily life?

Ways to engage more deeply and meaningfully in Judaism?

Ways to connect more deeply to yourself, others and God?

Are you motivated by a unique learning and growth opportunity that provides incredible life skills?

Mussar, a Jewish spiritual pathway, explores personal characteristics, called middot, that each of us has in different measure. Through working on the development and awareness of these soul traits, each of us learns how to respond to the world in ways that help bring about greater peace, compassion, understanding, and joy.

Join a group of 10 - 15 people to learn, study, and practice Mussar led by a facilitator. Each group will meet every other week (October-March for 10 sessions). Through group discussion,

text study, journaling, and spiritual exercises, group members will explore the traits of humility, patience, loving-kindness, honor, order, mindful speech, and trust.

Sunday Mussar Group

9:15 - 11:15 a.m. at Temple Israel

October 28; November 11; December 2, 16;

January 13, 27; February 10, 24; March 10, 17

Thursday Mussar Group

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Temple Israel

October 25; November 8; December 6, 20;

January 3, 17, 31; February 14, 28; March 14

Spaces are limited and filling fast. Contact Wendy Schwartz at wendy@templeisrael.com or 612-374-0344 to sign up for a Mussar group.

Fee per person (includes materials) \$54

YIDDISHIST SHANE BAKER

Two Programs Celebrating Yiddish Language and Culture

Shane Baker is the best-loved Episcopalian on the Yiddish stage today. Mentored by the last great stars of the European Yiddish Theater, Baker has brought Yiddish performances to every inhabited continent. Most recently, Baker appeared Off-Broadway in *Tevye Served Raw*, a Sholem Aleichem anthology, and as Yankl in New Yiddish Rep's two separate Off-Broadway productions of Sholem Asch's *Got fun Nekome (God of Vengeance)*—the inspiration for the Broadway hit *Indecent*. This December, Baker will again reprise his role as Vladimir in his own Yiddish translation of Samuel Beckett's *Waiting for Godot* which has been produced by the New Yiddish Rep in three Off-Broadway runs, as well as internationally at Beckett festivals in Paris, France and Enniskillen, Northern Ireland. *The New Yorker* said of his translation that "Beckett's play (originally produced in French) may finally have found its mother tongue."



SHANE BAKER

Torah Study Guest Teacher Shane Baker

Saturday, October 20, 9:00 a.m.

Better in Yiddish: Shane Baker talks about his path to Mameloshn and *Godot* as a Yiddish text

Presented by Minneapolis Yiddish Vinkl and Temple Israel

Yiddish Theater and Song by Amanda Miryem-Khaye Seigel and Shane Baker

Sunday, October 21, 2:00 p.m. at the Sabes JCC

4330 South Cedar Lake Road, St. Louis Park

Amanda Seigel has been called the "voice that reminds us most of the reincarnated Molly Picon." A Yiddish singer, songwriter and actor, she has performed with many luminaries of the Yiddish and Klezmer scene. Baker is an Off Broadway regular and has brought Yiddish theater to every inhabited continent. Thomas Bartsch, pianist; reception follows the performance. Tickets are \$10 per person at the door.

RSVP to Wendy at wendy@templeisrael.com or 612-374-0344.

FALL CLASSES AT TEMPLE

REGISTER NOW FOR FALL CLASSES!

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

Introduction to Judaism

Tuesday evenings, October - May

Instructors: Rabbis Marcia Zimmerman, Sim Glaser, Jennifer Hartman, Jason Klein, and Cantors Barry Abelson and Tamar Havilio

Barbara Glaser, Hebrew instructor | Fee: \$550 (includes books and materials)

An introductory meeting with one of our clergy is required prior to enrolling in this class.

Introduction to Judaism is for those who want to refresh their Judaic knowledge, are considering conversion to Judaism, or are interested in discovering more about the foundations of Judaism. This class covers the basic beliefs, observances and philosophy of Jewish religion, culture and history, and introduces the Hebrew alphabet and key Hebrew vocabulary.

Kabbalah Sparks

Immersing in the Kabbalah:

Back to the Basics of Jewish Mysticism.

Fourth Tuesday of each month, starting October 23, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Rabbi Sim Glaser's Kabbalah Sparks introductory course will begin again this fall. This two-year curriculum immerses the student in the mysteries and mind-bending theologies and philosophies of Jewish Mysticism. Subject areas include the eternal nature of God, the sefirot, the Zohar, Lurianic thought, the problem of evil, the origins of Kabbalah in the Bible, sexuality, Messianism, Hasidism, the Hebrew alef-bet, sin and repentance, and quite a bit more. The class is open and free to all. No previous knowledge of Kabbalah is needed since we are starting from scratch. The only requirements are that you purchase *A Kabbalah and Jewish Mysticism Reader* by Daniel Horwitz, and that you commit to the 18 classes over the two-year period. Registration is requested.

Anshei Mitzvah: The Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class

Tuesdays, February - November, 2019, 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Barbara Glaser | Fee: \$540 (includes books and materials)

Ability to read the Hebrew alef-bet is required.

This class and life cycle ceremony is offered to our Temple Israel members every few years. The Anshei Mitzvah class provides adult Jewish learners, who are not yet a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, the opportunity to learn the skills and experience the mitzvah of leading worship and reading Torah. The next class will start in February 2019 with a group ceremony taking place on the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend, November 30, 2019.

ADULT HEBREW CLASSES AT TEMPLE

Interested in learning Hebrew? If you've never had the opportunity to study Hebrew before or need a refresher, come and learn the basics of letter recognition and reading. Already know how to read Hebrew? Then join us to study vocabulary, grammar and reading with an emphasis on prayers and understanding their meaning and place in the service.

NEW THIS YEAR: Come learn some conversational Hebrew and Israeli culture.

Hebrew Basics: Alef Isn't Tough!

Tuesdays, October 9 - April 30, 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Barbara Glaser | Fee: \$200 (includes books and materials)

Brand new to Hebrew? Come learn the Hebrew alef-bet and begin to read some basic Hebrew prayers.

Hebrew for Jewish Life

Tuesdays, October 9 - May 21, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Instructor: Barbara Glaser | Fee: \$425 (includes books and materials)

Ability to read the Hebrew alef-bet is required.

Would you like a refresher from your Hebrew school days? Are your children beginning their study of Hebrew, and you'd like to start with them on the ground floor? For those who have basic Hebrew reading skills, this class will reinforce these skills while focusing on prayers and vocabulary used in modern Jewish life. The emphasis is not only on reading the prayers, but also understanding their meaning and place in the service.

Conversational Hebrew and Israeli Culture

Tuesdays, October 9 - May 21, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Instructor: Ben Bitton | Fee: \$425 (includes books and materials)

Ability to read the Hebrew alef-bet is required.

For those who have mastered basic Hebrew reading and want to acquire the skills to engage in conversational Hebrew, this class is perfect for you! This course offers the chance to build your Hebrew vocabulary and grammar, with opportunities to put them into day-to-day use through practice. Additionally, participants will be exposed to Israel's unique culture through fun and engaging activities with their native Israeli teacher!

YOUTH AND EDUCATION DATES

October 1	Early Childhood Center closed (Simchat Torah)
October 3	Interim B'nai Mitzvah Training (Temple Israel) 4:15 - 5:15 p.m. OR 5:15 - 6:15 p.m.
October 4	Interim B'nai Mitzvah Training (Western Campus) 4:15 - 5:15 p.m. OR 5:15 - 6:15 p.m.
October 5 - 7	JEWL Opening 6th Grade Kallah at Camp TEKO
October 5 - 7	NFTY Fall Kallah (at Camp OSRUI)
October 9	JEWL Opening Tuesday at Western Campus (3rd - 7th grades)
October 10	JEWL Opening Wednesday at Temple Israel (3rd - 7th grades, 9th and 10th grades)
October 19	Early Childhood Center closed (Parent-Teacher check-in meetings)
October 21	JEWL classes not in session (MN Educator Academy break)
October 28	JEWL 4th Grade Family Education Day
October 31	JEWL classes not in session (Staff professional development)



SESSION ALEF: JUNE 17 - 28

MACCABI MADNESS: JULY 1 - 3

SESSION BET: JULY 8 - 19

(Overnight Stay July 12 - 19)

SESSION GIMMEL: JULY 22 - AUGUST 9

(Overnight Stay August 2 - 9)

SHABBAT PICNICS: JUNE 28 & JULY 26



Kelton Wesley Wyckoff
October 6, 2018

B'reisheet Kelton is the son of Lindsay & Shahr Dahan, brother of Kegan and Rafael, and grandson of Beryl & Tim Guy and Malka & Yacoov Dahan. Kelton enjoys soccer, football, rapping, and dancing. His favorite Jewish activity is spending holidays with family. He attends St. Louis Park Middle School, where his favorite subject is history. He would like to be a professional football player when he grows up. When asked about his Bar Mitzvah, he said, **"This is going to be my biggest accomplishment and I can't wait to celebrate with my family and friends."**



Aeden Chai Yuzefovich
October 11, 2018

Noach Aeden is the son of Rebecca & Alex Yuzefovich; brother of Zohar and Talia; and grandson of Pamela Diamond & Michael Brenner, Sue & Ken Kephart, and Irina & Felix Yuzefovich. Aeden enjoys basketball, biking, airplanes, cars, and reading. His favorite Jewish activity is celebrating Kabbalat Shabbat with family. He attends Helicher Jewish Day School, where his favorite subjects are math, science, and physical education. When he grows up he would like to be a NBA player. When asked about his Bar Mitzvah, he said, **"I'm excited about becoming a Jewish adult."**



Noah Banken Levinsohn
October 13, 2018

Noach Noah is the son of Rachel Banken & Craig Levinsohn; brother of Lucas; and grandson of Joanie Levinsohn and the late Sid Levinsohn, and the late Dorothy & Gene Banken. Noah enjoys soccer, baseball, skiing, reading, and volunteering. His favorite Jewish activity is celebrating Chanukah with family. He attends Lake Country School where his favorite subjects are math, history, and science. When he grows up he would like to continue to be happy. When asked about his Bar Mitzvah, he said, **"I'm excited to celebrate my Bar Mitzvah with all my friends and family."**



Ethan James Litman
October 20, 2018

Lech Lecha Ethan is the son of Lindsay & Dana Litman, brother of Nora, and grandson of Judy Litman and Gwynn & Tom Rosen. Ethan enjoys playing chess, reading, and cooking. His favorite Jewish activity is attending Herzl Camp. He attends Plymouth Middle School, where his favorite subject is math. He would like to be a Spanish immersion teacher and chess coach when he grows up. When asked about his Bar Mitzvah, he said, **"Looking forward to celebrating all of my hard work with family and friends."**



Daphne Anna Dresner
October 27, 2018

Vayeira Daphne is the daughter of Elyse Scheuer & Harley Dresner, sister of Zachary, and granddaughter of Anne & Ralph Scheuer and Sydelle Dresner and the late Gerald Dresner. Daphne enjoys everything related to cats, oil painting, and playing tennis and the violin. Her favorite Jewish activity is braiding challah and eating latkes and noodle kugel. She attends The Blake School where her favorite subjects are French and art. She would like to be a veterinarian. When asked about her Bat Mitzvah, she said, **"I'm excited for my Bat Mitzvah because it means that I will be considered an adult in the Jewish world."**

Calling all 9th - 12th Graders!

NFTY-NORTHERN FALL KALLAH



OCTOBER 5 - OCTOBER 7, 2018 | Camp OSRUI – Oconomowoc, WI
Sign online: northern.nfty.org/
Questions? Contact Abby Kirshbaum, akirshbaum@templeisrael.com

ANNUAL USHERS' DINNER

In August, Temple Israel's Usher Corps held their annual dinner and Julius Klein Awards banquet. Our ushers, led by Dean Goldberg and Jim Gurovitsch, help members and staff throughout the year. This annual meeting is held in anticipation of the High Holy Days when our ushers play a crucial role in ensuring a warm and welcoming environment for all.

JULIUS KLEIN AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Julius Klein Award is given each year to ushers who exemplify Temple's radical hospitality and service. This year's award recognizes Rob Kent and Avi Economos as excellent representatives of the Temple Israel Usher Corps. Congratulations, Rob and Avi, and thanks to all of our ushers for all you do within our Temple community.



Rob Kent and Avi Economos
2018 Julius Klein Award Recipients

MY TEMPLE STORY

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

THE WOLOVITCH-LOPEZ FAMILY: **United in Diversity**

Like many families, Laura Wolovitch, Tony Lopez, and Minnie Wolovitch-Lopez sometimes argue over what to listen to in the car.

They all love music. Minnie is majoring in Music Therapy, Tony has a background in radio, Laura grew up surrounded by music (her father, Temple member Harold Wolovitch, owned Torps Music in Frogtown), and they all “fiddle around” on different instruments. Though they can’t always agree on a soundtrack, Tony says that he tries to “be in touch with the kind of music Minnie’s into.” Music is indeed a common language for the family, and being in touch with what is important to each other - and those around them - is in their DNA.

Laura grew up coming to Temple with her father, her brother Al, and her late mother, Evelyn. Tony grew up in Colorado in an Evangelical Christian household. He moved to Minneapolis after college, and he and Laura met and started dating a few years later. As the two got serious, they became involved at Temple, attending Intro to Judaism classes, going to Shabbat dinners with Laura’s family, and forming a Shabbos group with friends. While he “didn’t really take to” the Evangelical church, Tony became interested in Judaism as he learned more about Temple’s commitment to social causes.

The couple found many parallels between Laura’s Jewish upbringing and Tony’s Latino heritage including a focus on family, fun gatherings, and food. Tony, who is half Mexican and half Puerto Rican, said that when he was growing up, “everything was about family, food, and togetherness.” The two married in 1999 and wed their cultures together through music - their reception featured both klezmer and mariachi bands. They officially joined in faith when Tony later converted to Judaism.



WOLOVITCH-LOPEZ FAMILY

Growing up, Minnie went through the traditional rites of a young person at Temple, taking part in Hebrew school, Confirmation, and b’nai mitzvah training, but she never felt like she fit in completely. During high school, she started to explore her Latina side. When the family made a trip to Puerto Rico a year before Hurricane Maria, “everything made more sense to me,” Minnie said. “I felt like I was at home.”

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RECHA LEWIN SCHOLARSHIP

FOR EASTERN EUROPEAN JEWISH EXPERIENCE

The Pale of Settlement was a haven for European Jews from 1791 to 1917, offering a home when neighboring areas had mostly forbidden residency. This area, now present-day Central and Eastern Europe, provided a flourishing Jewish community during dangerous times. However, during World War II, 95 percent of the Jewish population of 250,000 was murdered. Some relocated, survived and returned; today the region is still host to incredible Jewish history.

Congregant Tom Lewin^{ztl} traveled to the Pale, where he traversed nearly 5,000 miles learning about the Jewish communities of the past, and listening to the voices of those present. His journey and discoveries inspired him to generously develop a scholarship program for young adults to travel to the region. Tom named the scholarship in memory of his grandmother, Recha Lewin, who died in 1943 in a cattle car en route to a Nazi death camp, and in remembrance of all who perished in the Holocaust.

Tom, who passed away in December 2017, described his travels as hugely rewarding, as he was able to learn about

the resilience of those who lived in the Pale. When he met with a couple who had survived exile in Siberia, they were “overjoyed by our visit, for it demonstrated that the world had not forgotten them. There is so much to see and learn about our Jewish heritage. Yet time is running out to hear the stories firsthand.”



TOM LEWIN
Founder of the Recha Lewin Scholarship

Scholarship funds are available for high schoolers, college students and young adults who wish to travel to 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. The deadline for submission is April 15, 2019. For more information, contact Rabbi Hartman at 612-374-0315 or jhartman@templeisrael.com.

MY TEMPLE STORY CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11

Minnie’s heritage isn’t necessarily recognizable: with her reddish hair and fair skin, her friends initially didn’t believe she was Latina. Still, she feels the pressures of being a person of color in the United States. She sees how Tony, with his darker complexion, is sometimes subject to a suspicious glance, or worse. “When I’m with him,” Minnie says of her father, “I feel I have to be protective.”

Their diversity has made the family attuned to the different subtleties of oppression that still exist in 2018. Even Temple is much more diverse than it was 20 years ago: when Tony and Laura were married, the ceremony was performed by a judge because Temple, like other synagogues at the time, did not perform interfaith weddings (Rabbi Zimmerman blessed the couple at the ceremony). While progress has been made, Tony says, “there’s always work to be done,” including making the

public face of Temple reflect the 20% of Jews who are people of color.

“People of color feel uncomfortable in many spaces,” Minnie agrees. “There are so many Latino Jews, African Jews. Having a space for us is super powerful and so needed.” Systemic change can be daunting, but Tony echoes that simply creating space for diverse voices to be heard is key to fostering understanding and community. “Any time we can hear someone’s experience, it lets us in a little bit.”

While the realities of everyday life can sometimes be overwhelming, the family loves coming together for Shabbat services as a way to “let the week go.” And of course, they love the music-centric worship, particularly Nefesh services. As Laura says, “Music always brings people together.”

SHARING OUR LIVES

Mazel Tov to...

- Kerry & Scott Bader on the beautiful article about the legacy of Kerry's father titled "Bill Aberman—A True Mensch."
- Jessie & Joe Bergman on the birth of Eliana Gloria, who was born January 12. Grandparents are Reine & Sam Shiffman and April & Jack Bergman. Eliana joins her four-legged brother, Tugboat.
- Joanne Ferraro & Robert Beugen on their new granddaughter, Sophie Jo Washington, who was born on July 24. Sophie's parents are Heather Beugen Washington & Sean Washington. Sophie was named after Sophie Beugen^{z"l} and Joanne Ferraro.
- Emily Cherniack, founder of New Politics and daughter of Marcia & Mark Cherniack, has been named to this year's Politico 50, an annual list of doers and dreamers who are transforming American politics.
- Drs. Gail Bernstein & Thomas J. Davis on the births of two new grandchildren. Leighton Ilaria Davis was born on June 25 to Drs. Elissa & Andrew Davis. Max Bennett Davis was born on July 3 to Devra & Aaron Davis. Max was welcomed by brother Leo.
- Helen & James Ehrlich on the birth of great-grandson Alan Wiley Glaser. Alan's parents are Melissa & Ben Glaser.
- Laurel & Rebecca Luxenberg on the birth of their daughter, Sula Berit, on August 24. She joins her thrilled big sister, Addie.
- Greg Pesky, who was named Board President of Prepare + Prosper, St. Paul. Greg is a managing partner at AmplifyDMC.
- Melissa Rappaport Schifman on the publication of her new book, *Building a Sustainable Home: Practical Green Design Choices for Your Health, Wealth and Soul*.

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Mary Sue Ward, Sister of Shannon (Jeff) Swartz
Shirley Yarosh, Mother of Jim (Julie) Yarosh

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45 th	Shelly & Ira Golden	10/20
25 th	Sheri Fine & Dale Engquist	10/2
25 th	Gena & Joseph Janetka	10/9
25 th	Sally & Maurice Blanks	10/30
20 th	Inna & Gene Averbakh	10/2
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Early bird registration is coming up in November. Please contact Jeri Saad at jsaad@templeisrael.com for more information.

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