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CLERGY VOICE

Dear Friends,

We had a different clergy message in mind for HaKol this month. We had hoped to bring you messages of light as we look forward to the coming holiday of Chanukah.

But in the past week, as I write this, we received news of the horrific attacks in Israel at the hands of Hamas. Each day, the news that we receive is more devastating than the day before. None were safe from the terror and brutality. As a community, we are heartbroken.

What is the Jewish response to such devastation?
What should we do in the face of such despair?

Our tradition urges us to embrace life, to affirm our Jewish pride, even in the face of sadness. For example, mourners observe shiva, a seven-day period of intense mourning, when a close family member dies. Yet, when a Jewish holiday begins, our tradition instructs us to end the shiva, to celebrate the holiday in the fullness of joy and commemoration.

Judaism is clear about the importance of community. We do not pray alone, but with a minyan, a quorum of 10. The Mishnah tells us that “Where ten are gathered, the shechina, the divine presence, dwells among them.” Our sages understood the power of assembly. Our tradition tells us that a minyan is needed to recite the holiest prayers in our tradition, and to read from a Torah scroll. We recite Kaddish with a minyan; we do not mourn alone. We recite the Sheva Berachot, the seven wedding blessings, with a minyan; we marry in the presence of our beloved friends and family.

In this year of celebrating Shabbat, I invite you to join us at Temple on Friday evenings to find solace in our rituals; to sing uplifting melodies and gain inspiration from our sermons; to draw strength from connecting with one another. We cannot change the course of events in Israel, but we can fight anti-Semitism by affirming our collective strength.

As we look toward Chanukah, the festival of lights, I especially wish to invite you to our Chanukah Family Shabbat on Friday, December 8. We will celebrate at 5:15 p.m. with a pre-oneg, featuring latkes and other savory dishes, before the service, and conclude with sufganiyot (doughnuts) and other holiday treats. Bring your chanukiah (Chanukah menorah) from home. As we light hundreds of chanukiyot together, we will see the strength of our Jewish community and know that no one can extinguish our extraordinary light.

B’virkat shalom – With blessings of peace,

Rabbi Marcia A. Zimmerman

*Alvin & June Perlman
Senior Rabbinic Chair*

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BOARD UPDATE

From the Board of Directors

Anthony Sussman, President



Dear Friends,

As I write this, my heart is heavy. Just days ago, as you did, I learned that Israelis woke on what should have been a peaceful Shabbat morning to terror, bloodshed, and unspeakable acts of brutal violence. This is among the darkest of times for all in the region, and my heart breaks to know that along with their Shabbat and Chanukah candles, many will be lighting shiva candles to remember the lives of those gone too soon.

I am more grateful than ever for our Temple community as we navigate these unprecedented times, and for the comforting words that

Rabbi Zimmerman and other members of our clergy team have shared as they help us all process this horror. I am also reminded of the importance of these meaningful words authored by Jewish state legislators in a statement released in early October: "...we are heartbroken by images of entire communities destroyed in the largest single-day Jewish loss of life since the Holocaust. We grieve the loss of all civilian life—Israeli and Palestinian—in this war."

I continue to believe that uniting as a community and supporting each other during these dark times is paramount. By choosing to live our lives—to attend Jewish community events, to gather in strength as a congregation—is how we can uplift Jewish people throughout the world. Similarly, the work of Temple Israel and the work of our board continues even as we mourn.

The Board of Directors has been hard at work. Following our July board retreat at Camp TEK0, we established a task force to make recommendations focused on long-term, sustainable budgeting. I deeply appreciate Shani Graber, Board Treasurer, and Marc Hasko, Past Board President and current President of the Temple Israel Foundation, for chairing this task force. There will be more to come on the work of this group.

As we set a goal to achieve a sustainable budget, we continue to work with Dr. Ramón Pastrano and Cathy Bergland of ThirdSphere Consulting, who are helping us plan strategically for our future. With their help, we are working to build internal structures that will serve Temple's mission for many years to come.

Following the High Holy Days, you received your annual congregational survey—an opportunity for you to share critical feedback that helps the board, clergy, and staff as we make decisions that impact you. I would like to thank board members Judith Friedman and Cassie Benowitz for their hard work leading this year's survey effort. We are currently analyzing the results and look forward to sharing them with you in the next edition of HaKol.

As always, I appreciate your feedback and look forward to hearing from you. Please e-mail me at president@templeisrael.com. Wishing you a Chanukah filled with warmth and light.



Breaking Bread Together

During this difficult time, it is more important than ever that we gather in community to support one another.

Please join us at 5:15 p.m. on Friday evenings preceding our erev Shabbat service for an oneg, where we can connect over food and drink.

We are grateful to Abbi Rose & Michael Blum for sponsoring these onegs at such an important time.



NOVEMBER EVENTS

Share Your Blessings Month

Each erev Shabbat service will include a meditation offered by Julie Dean, founder of Twin Cities Mussar. Shabbat invites us to take a break from our daily lives to nourish our souls and reconnect with our community.

Thankfulness Erev Shabbat **Friday, November 3, 6:00 p.m.**

Temple Israel, Zoom

We will hear all about how thankfulness and justice are related in Judaism. This Shabbat service will lift up gratitude as the theme for this month as we look at the most thankful stories in the Torah.

Immigration Justice **Erev Shabbat with guest speaker** **Jonathan Ornstein**

Friday, November 10, 6:00 p.m.

Temple Israel, Zoom

Temple Israel is committed to immigration justice. Learn about our current initiatives with a Shabbat service and hear from Jonathan Ornstein, currently serving as the Executive Director of the Jewish Community Center of Krakow since its opening in 2008. The organization is devoted to rebuilding Jewish life in Krakow and has become one of Poland's most visible signs of Jewish revival. He is the winner of the Cohon Award for services benefitting the Jewish people.

Hunger Justice Shabbat **Friday, November 17, 6:00 p.m.**

Temple Israel, Zoom

Learn about food insecurity in our community, and how you can make a difference for those in need. See the column to the right for more details.

Hopeful Homecoming **Erev Shabbat with guest speaker** **Ellen Goldberg Luger**

Friday, November 24, 6:00 p.m.

Temple Israel, Zoom

We invite all present and past TIPTY members and TEKO campers and counselors to join us for this homecoming Shabbat, where we will join together in prayer and in song. Hear from Ellen Goldberg Luger, currently serving as the USDA Minister Counselor of Agriculture in Rome, where she works on issues of global food insecurity. She is also on the board of the Global Food Banking Network, which collaborates with organizations to defeat hunger.

Pack Away Hunger During Social Justice Month

We are all faced with a conundrum: we are called to passionately seek justice in an imperfect world and joyously thank God for the world that already exists.

These two ideas, justice and thankfulness, are two sides of the same mitzvah. A commandment to be thankful is also a commandment to look for inequity in our communities. When we are thankful for enough to eat, or a home, or any number of things, the next step is to ask: Who does not have enough? What are the systems in place that prevent justice?

We are dedicating the month of November to justice and thankfulness with Share Your Blessings Month. There will be many opportunities to take part in different justice issues culminating in the "Pack Away Hunger" program Wednesday evening, November 22. We will come together as a synagogue and community to pack bags of food and hygiene kits for many in the local community.



Pack Away Hunger with Temple Israel and NCJW **Wednesday, November 22, 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

Temple Israel

Take action to support those in need in our community. Enjoy snacks and live music as we collect and prepare donations for local food banks. In partnership with NCJW, we will also pack personal care kits for individuals in shelters. Please bring donations of non-perishable food items to Temple in the month of November. We are grateful to the Burton and Shermeta families for sponsoring Pack Away Hunger. Watch E-news for more information.

Justice Initiatives Update

E-mail Rabbi Ricky Kamil at rkamil@templeisrael.com to get involved with any of the initiatives listed below:

Anti-Semitism - Anti-Semitism has risen sharply over the last few years. We are bringing education on the issue to the Temple community and will offer space to process the hate we see in our community.

Housing Justice - We believe that everyone should have a home. There will be both one day events and broader opportunities to get involved.

Immigration Justice - Temple's immigration justice activities focus on three areas:

- 1) Raising awareness on current immigration issues.
- 2) Advocating for effective immigration policies in collaboration with other communities and organizations.
- 3) Maintaining our status as a sanctuary congregation.

Reproductive Rights - We are committed to safe reproductive rights for all. Our group is building partnerships with Minnesota organizations helping in this effort.

Sustainability and Climate Action - Temple believes in creating a healthy, thriving community by working on energy conservation, renewable energy, and sustainable living. See page 8 to read about our commitment to sustainability at Camp TEK0.

TEMPLE TUESDAYS Mini-Course

Touched by Death: What Grief Can Teach Us with Rabbi Marcia Zimmerman

Tuesdays: November 7, 14, 28, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Temple Israel, Zoom

Class fee: \$54 per person.

Register online or contact Wendy Schwartz, wschwartz@templeisrael.com

How can we deal with the complex feelings of grief after we experience a loss? Can grief be a motivator to teach us how to prepare for our own death? We will explore ways to embrace grief in order to live life.

Two special guests will be in conversation with Rabbi Zimmerman: Sarah Birnbach, author of *A Daughter's Kaddish: My Year of Grief, Devotion, and Healing* and Colin Campbell, author of *Finding the Words: Working Through Profound Loss with Hope and Purpose*. Registered students will receive a copy of each book.

These authors are joining us for a virtual conversation with Rabbi Zimmerman in partnership with the Jewish Book Council.

On Tuesday, November 7, Rabbi Zimmerman will be joined by Sarah Birnbach, author of *A Daughter's Kaddish: My Year of Grief, Devotion, and Healing*. Her book recounts her year-long, turbulent journey including her daughter's near-fatal car accident, an incident that tore her synagogue apart, and the author's complicated relationship with her mother.



On Tuesday, November 14, Colin Campbell, author of *Finding the Words: Working Through Profound Loss with Hope and Purpose* will be in conversation with Rabbi Zimmerman. The author's two teenaged children were killed when a drunk driver hit the family car during an outing, changing the course of the family's life forever. A powerful account of a father's grief, *Finding the Words* offers a vision for how to actively and fully mourn profound loss.



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Torah Study and Monthly Prayer Minyan
Saturday, November 4, 9:00 a.m.

Temple Israel, Zoom

Join us in person at Temple Israel and on Zoom for an expanded communal gathering that includes a musical morning service, Torah reading, and Torah study.

Highlights in Jewish History with Dr. Joe Goldman
Munich, Jews, and the Rise of Hitler

Saturday, November 11, 11:00 a.m.
Zoom

Between 1919 and 1923, Munich became the hotbed of anti-Semitism when socialist Kurt Eisner took power for a few months until the former Berlin Jew was assassinated. The Bavarian public blamed the Jews among them for the rowdy disorder that unfolded in the streets as Nationalists and Communists fought against one another. In the beerhalls, an Austrian veteran of World War I ranted to audiences about how the Jews stabbed Germany in the back. Three years later, this same Adolf Hitler launched his abortive revolution from Munich before he was imprisoned and wrote *Mein Kampf*.

NOVEMBER EVENTS *Continued*

The University of Minnesota Center for Jewish Studies Community Lecture Series
Jewish Apostate and Catholic Saint: Edith Stein and Jewish-Christian Dialogue
Leora Batnitzky, Princeton University
Wednesday, November 15, 7:30 p.m.
Westminster Presbyterian Church
1200 S Marquette Ave., Minneapolis
Co-sponsored by Temple Israel

This talk considers the relevance of German-Jewish philosopher Edith Stein, who converted to Catholicism, entered a Carmelite convent, and took the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, for contemporary Jewish-Christian dialogue. Because of her Jewish descent, Stein was murdered in Auschwitz in 1942. She was subsequently canonized as a Catholic Saint by Pope John Paul II. The lecture explores the theological and political roots of the controversy surrounding Stein's beatification and suggests that Catholic and Jewish parties both failed to recognize Stein's significance, from the point of view of their own traditions, for Jewish-Christian dialogue. The lecture concludes by suggesting where Jewish-Christian dialogue might go from here.

Leora Batnitzky is Perelman Professor of Jewish Studies and Professor of Religion at Princeton University, where she also directs Princeton's Program in Judaic Studies. The author of several books on modern Jewish thought, including *How Judaism Became a Religion*, she writes on modern Jewish and Christian thought, modern legal and political theory, and hermeneutics and the history of interpretation. She is currently completing three book projects, the first on the Jewish apostate and Catholic saint, Edith Stein, the second on the different afterlives of the book of Ecclesiastes, and the third on contemporary conversion controversies in Israel and India.

DECEMBER EVENTS

Highlighted Candlelighting
Lights & Legacy: Exploring Legacy with Ethical Wills
Thursday, December 14, 6:00 p.m.

Zoom

Please join the Temple Israel Foundation for a conversation between Rabbi Zimmerman and special guest, Barry K. Baines, M.D. We will begin with the Chanukah candlelighting before exploring the topic of ethical wills with Dr. Baines.



Dr. Baines has ten years' experience as a hospice medical director and is board-certified in family practice, hospice, and palliative medicine. He is a leading authority on the use of ethical wills, and has presented regionally and nationally on the value of ethical wills as a legacy creation tool. He is the author of *Ethical Wills: Putting Your Values on Paper*.

Torah Study and Monthly Prayer Minyan
Saturday, December 2, 9:00 a.m.

Temple Israel, Zoom

Join us in person at Temple Israel and on Zoom for an expanded communal gathering that includes a musical morning service, Torah reading, and Torah study.

Highlights in Jewish History with Dr. Joe Goldman
Masada and the Chanukah Lights for Liberty
Saturday, December 9, 11:00 a.m.

Zoom

Nearly 250 years after the Maccabean revolt, shortly after the destruction of the Second Temple in Jerusalem, a small group of Jews isolated themselves in Herod's fortress on a plateau in the Judean desert. While Moshe Dayan's cry "Masada shall not fall again" has inspired generations of Israeli soldiers, we also sometimes think of this as a story of martyrdom, paralleling the martyrs of Bar Kochba's time in the second century of the common era. What do scholars say really happened? How does the archaeological evidence suggest Chanukah may have been celebrated there? How should we remember?

CHANUKAH

Chanukah for the Whole Family
Bring Your Own Chanukah!
Friday, December 8
5:15 p.m. Pre-Oneg with
Latkes, Activities, and Songs
6:00 p.m. Candlelighting
and Shabbat Service
Temple Israel, Zoom



Let's come together to celebrate the Festival of Lights. Bring your chanukiah as we fill the sanctuary with light. We will enjoy latkes and other savory dishes before the service.

Our second and third grade learners will be leading us in song during the service. Join us afterward for sufganiyot (doughnuts) and other holiday treats.

Chanukah Candlelightings

6:00 p.m.

All on Zoom except for Friday night candlelighting at erev Shabbat service.

Thursday, December 7	The First Candle - Rabbi Zimmerman and Cantor Sharett-Singer will help bring in the first night of Chanukah.
Friday, December 8	Chanukah Family Shabbat - Bring your chanukiah to this special erev Shabbat service. More description found on page 6.
Saturday, December 9	Havdalah Chanukah - Rabbi Moss will light the braided candle and the chanukiah as we celebrate these rituals of light.
Sunday, December 10	Sizzle and Light - Rabbi Hartman will light her chanukiah as her latkes sizzle in the background.
Monday, December 11	Family Sing-a-Long - Cantor Sharett-Singer and her family will sing their favorite songs of Chanukah.
Tuesday, December 12	Limmud Chanukah - Rabbi Moss will lead a short text study to deepen our understanding of Chanukah.
Wednesday, December 13	JEWL Lights the Chanukiah - Rabbi Hartman will lead the candlelighting accompanied by the JEWL learners.
Thursday, December 14	Lights & Legacy: Exploring Legacy with Ethical Wills Special guest Barry K. Baines, M.D.

CHANUKAH CANDLE BLESSINGS

Light the first candle on Thursday evening, December 7.

Chanukah, meaning “dedication” in Hebrew, refers to the joyous eight-day celebration during which Jews commemorate the victory of the Maccabees over the Syrian Empire in 165 BCE and the subsequent liberation and rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem. The modern home celebration of Chanukah centers around the lighting of the Chanukiah, a special nine-branched menorah for Chanukah. We also enjoy foods prepared in oil, including latkes (potato pancakes) and sufganiyot (jelly doughnuts), accompanied by special songs and games.

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

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

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

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

For the first night only

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

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

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

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



Camp TEKO: Rabbi Max A. & Bernice Shapiro Campus



Camp TEKO: A Dream Becomes Reality



Grand Opening of Camp TEKO

It has been six years since a steering committee was first assembled as part of Temple's strategic planning process—since the process of dreaming of what TEKO could be formally began. Over the years to come, there would be many rounds of thinking, reflecting, conversations, feedback, site visits, and more. Ideas led to plans, plans led to generous gifts, and those gifts, along with years of dedicated and thoughtful work, led to the beautifully renovated camp that we have today.

“Camp TEKO is the heart of Jewish experience for Temple Israel youth—from our campers and young leaders to JEWL learners,” says Rafi Forbush, Corwin & Kuller Director of Youth and Camping. “This new space at Camp TEKO will allow our team to expand our work of building community and driving connection and engagement for generations to come.”

Our community celebrated the grand opening of our new site on October 1 with food and drinks, activities for all ages, a chance to record memories of TEKO, and a ceremonial ribbon-cutting. It was a memorable and special day for everyone.

There had previously been very few updates to the site since it was first purchased in 1965 under the leadership of Rabbi Max Shapiro²¹. We were honored to rename the campus the “Rabbi Max A. & Bernice Shapiro Campus.” Today, a new Discovery Center features a Teaching Kitchen, new Safe Room, and an expansive program area that can also be used for banquets for special events and life cycle events. Updates also include a new Welcome Center, Chapel, Boathouse, and more.

“Seeing this project come to life has been inspiring,” says Rabbi Zimmerman. “We could not have done it without the hard work and commitment of so many

incredible volunteers. TEKO has been part of the very fabric of Temple life for generations. Now, today's campers will be able to experience TEKO in brand new ways. It's very exciting." Part of the new changes at TEKO is our commitment to green energy and net carbon neutrality. TEKO's Discovery Center, which will serve as the central hub for programming, will feature solar panels, as well as 10 miles of underground piping to provide geothermal heating and cooling. Special gardens throughout camp will collect runoff and clean the water before it flows back into Lake Minnetonka.

Jerry Waldman, Temple's Major Gifts Officer, has led the fundraising effort. He notes: "So many of our Jewish community leaders are the product of Jewish camping. By supporting this project, we can pay it all forward—and make an investment in the future leaders of our community."

We are grateful to our campaign chairs, Susan & Gary Rappaport and Eloise & Elliot Kaplan, and to the over 200 donors who have helped support this effort.

By supporting this project, we can pay it all forward—and make an investment in the future leaders of our community.

Contact Jerry Waldman at: waldman.jerry@gmail.com or at 612-965-0690 to make your gift.



YOUTH & EDUCATION

ECC

Temple Israel ECC will begin accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year in January. Priority acceptance is given to Temple Israel members who attend an information session and submit a completed application within the first two weeks of the open application period.



Temple Israel Early Childhood Center is a NAEYC accredited, Reggio-inspired, diverse Jewish preschool where children and families build Jewish identity, culture, and values.

Families who join our school join a community in which:

- We build Jewish identity, culture and values. We facilitate key Jewish experiences for children such as Havdalah, Shabbat, visiting a Sukkah and shaking a Lulav, a Tu BiSh'vat Seder, a Purim costume parade and more. Ritual objects become familiar to the children as do Hebrew words and songs and Jewish stories.
- We are attentive and responsive to the children, creating a warm and nurturing community where each child feels included and accepted.
- We build relationships with parents and guardians through effective communication.
- 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.

- We use visuals to decrease anxiety and increase confidence and self-regulation.
- We embrace diversity and work against bias. We are a community of various genders, sexual orientations, family structures, economic resources, races, national origins, cultures, abilities, religions, and ages.
- We are inspired by the schools of Reggio Emilia, focusing on making the experiences, ideas and learning of the children visible, launching studies responsive to the children's interests, devoting time to observing children, documenting observations, and reflecting together as teaching teams.

School is from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. with an optional early drop-off program that begins at 8:00 a.m. and an optional after school care program with pick up by 4:00 p.m. On our website, templeisrael.com/ecc, you can find more information about curriculum, policies, immunization requirements and more.

We would love to tell you more about our school!

**Please reach out to
ECC Director Sharon Rosenberg-Scholl at
sharon@templeisrael.com or 612-374-0374
to set up an information session.**

Tot Shabbat

We can't wait to sing, pray, and dance with you at our twice-monthly Tot Shabbat gatherings. **First Saturdays of each month at 9:00 a.m. and second Fridays of each month at 5:30 p.m.** Dinner is included.

We are grateful to Bonnie & Alan Ziskin for providing the meal, and to Fremajane Wolfson for supporting the Tot Shabbat experience through endowment.

JEWL

We loved seeing so many of you at our opening day of JEWL. What fun to celebrate being together with learning, song, and ice cream. Our opening day was quickly followed by another celebration. On Simchat Torah we welcomed over 50 new JEWL learners during Consecration and then all celebrated Simchat Torah together with the entire JEWL community. The JEWL year has lots of upcoming fun-filled events, including a family-focused Chanukah erev Shabbat service, which will feature many activities as well as our second and third graders leading us in song. Watch for more details.





YOUTH GROUPS

Temple Israel's Youth Groups (KiND, TIMSY, and TIPTY) have started off the year on a high note. The TIPTY Choir led us in beautiful and inspiring High Holy Days creative services. Our youth also enjoyed events such as WhirlyBall and Laser Tag, and visits to a trampoline park and Ninja Warrior Obstacle Course. We are so lucky to have such a strong, dedicated group of youth leaders working together to create an inclusive, welcoming *kehillah kedoshah* (sacred community) for Temple Israel teens.

Please join us in celebrating this tremendous team of young leaders.

Presidents: Marilee M. and Esme M.

Programming Vice President: Lanie F.

Religious and Cultural Vice President: Ethan L.

Social Action Vice President: Josie L.

Membership Vice President: Drew M.

Communications Vice Presidents: Georgia L. and Camille W.

Historians: Meredith S. and Ashley F.

Havd



1 BLESSING OVER THE WINE

Lift the cup of wine or grape juice, and recite the blessing.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגֶּפֶן

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, borei p'ri hagafen.

We praise You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, Creator of the fruit of the vine.

2 BLESSING OVER THE SPICES

Hold up the spice box, and recite the blessing.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא מֵיְנֵי בְשָׂמִים

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, borei minei v'samim.

We praise You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, Creator of varied spices.



3 BLESSING OVER THE FLAME

Hold the Havdalah candle, and recite the blessing.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא מְאוּרֵי הָאֵשׁ

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, borei m'orei ha-esh.

We praise You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, Creator of the lights of fire.

4 BLESSING OF SEPARATION

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, הַמְבַדֵּיל בֵּין קֹדֶשׁ לְחֹל, בֵּין אֹר לְחֹשֶׁךְ, בֵּין יִשְׂרָאֵל לְעַמִּים, בֵּין יוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי לְשֵׁשֶׁת יָמֵי הַמַּעֲשֶׂה. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, הַמְבַדֵּיל בֵּין קֹדֶשׁ לְחֹל

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, hamavdil bein kodesh l'chol, bein or l'choshech, bein Yisrael laamim, bein yom hash'vi-i l'sheishet y'mei hamaaseh. Baruch atah Adonai, hamavdil bein kodesh l'chol.

We praise You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who distinguishes between the holy and ordinary, between light and dark, between Israel and the nations, between the seventh day and the six days of work. We praise You, Adonai who distinguishes the holy and ordinary.

Sip the wine or grape juice. Then extinguish the candle in the remaining wine or grape juice.



Havdalah

If you were enjoying a spectacular party in a beautiful palace, it would be hard to leave at the end of the night. It is the same with Shabbat, our people's palace in time. When nightfall comes on Saturday night, our sweet Shabbat comes to an end. Our ancestors knew that the transition back into the regular week would be a combination of fear and hope, sadness and expectation. They created the Havdalah ritual to help mark this transition out of sacred time.

When Shabbat begins, each of us arrives from our frantic and fragmented lives. We hope that by the time Shabbat concludes, we have found a sense of togetherness with our community and spiritual lives. The flames of Shabbat illustrate this transition. When Shabbat begins, we light two separate candles; when Shabbat concludes, we use a braided candle to symbolize the harmony we have found during Shabbat.



Debbie Friedman Kumsitz: Sing Unto God

Saturday, January 13, 7:00 p.m.

Temple Israel

Join cantors and songleaders from across the Twin Cities for Havdalah, hot chocolate, and a kumsitz sing-a-long honoring the beloved singer-songwriter Debbie Friedman, of blessed memory, and her iconic melodies. Along with the music, hot chocolate will help us warm up this winter night.

PJ Library Havdalah

Saturday, February 3, Late afternoon

Temple Israel

Join us for pizza, stories, activities, and Havdalah. Come in your pajamas! Recommended for children up to age 7 and their adults. Stay tuned for more details. E-mail Rabbi Hartman at jhartman@templeisrael.com for more information.

Luminary Havdalah

Saturday, February 3, 7:00 p.m.

Levin Park, at the intersection of W. 26th Street & Irving Avenue

Inspired by the nearby Luminary Loppet festival, Luminary Havdalah is a free community-wide gathering outdoors at Levin Park, just east of Lake of the Isles. Jews and friends from around the Twin Cities are invited to come together to sing, celebrate, and bring light into this special winter's night. Wear boots, and bring a thermos for hot drinks.

Accessibility: The small park has sidewalks surrounding it, but the park itself will likely be covered with snow.



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Martin Luther King Jr. Erev Shabbat with Reverend Elijah McDavid III and the Fellowship Baptist Church Choir

**Friday, January 12, 6:00 p.m.
Pre-oneg at 5:15 p.m.**

Temple Israel, Zoom

In honor of Reverend Martin Luther King Jr., we are joined by Reverend Elijah McDavid III and the Fellowship Baptist Church Choir for an inspiring sermon and uplifting songs. Join us as we reaffirm our commitment to social justice and equality as a community.



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Sponsored by the Minnesota Cantors Association in partnership with Beth El Synagogue, Temple of Aaron, Mount Zion Temple, Adath Jeshurun Congregation, and Bet Shalom Congregation.



Nefesh Shabbat Shirah with Tommy Barbarella and Bobby Z.

Friday, January 26, 6:00 p.m.

Pre-oneg at 5:15 p.m.

Temple Israel, Zoom

For this special Shabbat of song, our Nefesh musicians will be joined by two former Prince collaborators: Artist-In-Residence pianist, Tommy Barbarella, and special guest drummer, our Temple member Bobby Z. Cantor Sharett-Singer will offer a sermon-in-song, and the service will incorporate some all-time favorites: *All You Need Is Love*, *Imagine*, and more.



Torah Study and Monthly Prayer Minyan

Saturday, January 6, 9:00 a.m.

Temple Israel, Zoom

Join us for an expanded communal gathering that includes a musical morning service, Torah reading, and Torah study.

Highlights in Jewish History with Dr. Joe Goldman

“We Won’t Let the Jews Replace Us:”

The Politics of Activist White Supremacy

Saturday, January 13, 11:00 a.m.

Zoom

Sloganeering of Neo-Nazis used at Charlottesville has a familiar ring since the Nazis used “Die Juden sind unser Unglück”—the Jews are our misfortune—long before Josef Goebbels became propaganda minister of the Third Reich. In the 16th century, Martin Luther wrote similarly in his anti-Semitic pamphlets aimed at German Jews and their rabbis who refused to convert to Luther’s brand of “homegrown Christianity” that sparked the Protestant Rebellion against the Catholic Church and Jewry.



Tu BiSh'vat

Wednesday evening, January 24 - Thursday, January 25

Follow Temple's website and E-news for Tu Bish'vat resources and programs.

It is a well-known custom to offer toasts on New Year's, so Rabbi Moss thought, "If Tu BiSh'vat is the Jewish new year of the trees, then it must be time for a toast!"

A Toast to the Trees

I bet you imbibe four cups of wine on Passover
But did you know this ritual actually spills over
Onto a holiday that's surely to please,
Tu BiSh'vat, New Year for the Trees.
For where would we be,
If not for fruit, branches, and leaves?

Where would our primate predecessors hide and play?
Where would ancient ancestors find safety from prey?
What melody would we forego without the maple of a cello?
What metaphor could better show both reaching high and digging low?

Borei P'ri Hagafen! Borei P'ri HaEtz! We amply applaud,
The source of all, the one we call God.
Let's raise a glass, two, three, or four
To those gangly giants of the outdoors.
This New Year's toast is not for the world or humanity.
Here's to Tu BiSh'vat, New Year for the Trees.

OUR B'NAI MITZVAH

This is a list of our B'nai Mitzvah from December 31, 2023 to January 31, 2024.

Mazal Tov!



Jack Fisher:
November 4, 2023

Child of Debbie Hahn &
Jeremy Fisher



Noah Gellman:
November 18, 2023

Child of Cassie &
Adam Gellman



Louis Graber:
December 9, 2023

Child of Shani &
Sam Graber



Mark Bukingolts:
January 13, 2024

Child of Anastassia &
N. Jacob Bukingolts



Liva Collins:
January 27, 2024

Child of Megan &
Casey Collins

B'nai Mitzvah Recordings

Please enjoy this new resource for B'nai Mitzvah learners
and all congregants who would like to learn more of our
Shabbat liturgy.

www.templeisrael.com/recordings

We thank our member Bruce Goodman for his generosity in sponsoring these recordings.

Honoring Our Beloved Cantor Abelson Through Giving

Scott Tankenoff remembers Temple Israel as “a wonderful place to grow up.” From Shabbat and High Holy Days services to Camp TEKO, to family life cycle events, Temple always just “felt like home.”

A big part of that, of course, were meaningful connections with Temple’s clergy—including now-Cantor Emeritus Barry Abelson. “His presence on the bimah, his incredible voice and his gift of music were part of what made him so beloved by our entire community,” Scott says, “in addition to his warm and generous nature. And, of course, he has always had a wonderful and supportive partner in Margo, who was a gift to our community in her own right.”

Among Cantor Abelson’s special qualities was his ability to quietly help those in need—thus enabling them to preserve their sense of dignity. “Families were able to come to him when they needed to put food on the table, to keep their homes warm in the wintertime, or to keep the lights on,” Scott explains, “and he was there for them, ready to help. That is one of the ways that synagogues are unique. People might feel most comfortable disclosing their need to their rabbi, their cantor, their religious school teacher, or a staff person. Not everyone feels comfortable approaching a social service agency. Synagogues are able to help with anonymity and discretion.”

When Cantor Abelson announced his intention to retire in 2021, the Tankenoffs—Gary^z & Marsha, Hindy, Scott, Dani, Samantha, and Mollie—wanted to find a way to honor Cantor and his quiet sense of generosity. They remembered how he had helped many Temple families in the past, and decided to fund the Cantor Barry Abelson Family Initiative, a fund upon which clergy could draw in order to support the basic needs of Temple families.

“My parents, Hindy and I, and our family, are thrilled to honor Cantor Abelson while also finding a way to provide support to families in a way that allows for discretion and privacy,” Scott says. “We ask that others within the



Tankenoff Family

community step up—whether by making a gift to support the fund, or by asking friends and family to contribute for your special occasion, like a birthday or b’nai mitzvah. It is critical that this initiative gain traction so that those in need will be able to access necessary funds.”

To support the Cantor Barry Abelson Family Initiative, please visit www.templeisrael.com/give and select this fund from the drop-down menu. If you find yourself in need, please contact one of Temple’s clergy.

YEAR-END GIVING

As we approach December, many of us are thinking about year-end charitable giving. **Please consider a gift to Temple Israel's security program. In the weeks following the unprecedented attack on Israel, our security costs have more than doubled.** At the recommendation of experts, and with the full support of our leadership, Temple has made the decision to increase our security presence at our Emerson campus, and at other locations where Temple gatherings are being held.

Look out for a letter in your mailbox with more information about Temple's needs and how you can help.

WAYS TO GIVE

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Contact: Raluca Stanescu (414-226-3024)
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Gifts from Your IRA

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

Other Ways to Give

Gifts made with cash, checks or credit cards must be postmarked or made online by December 31, 2023, to be tax-deductible for the current tax year. Just write Annual Fund in the memo line of your check, or if making a gift online, select *Annual Fund for Temple Israel* in the drop-down menu at www.templeisrael.com/give.

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WEDDINGS

The list represents weddings from July 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023.

We celebrate our newly married couples and wish you a lifetime of happiness together.

Wedding Couple	Wedding Date
Caroline Griffith & Steven Velazquez	7/1/2023
Briana Lavintman & Jesse Duchon	7/30/2023
Joanne Abelson & Justin Seller	8/20/2023
Sammi Sudit & Adam Stirling	8/27/2023
Jeremy Marks & Rebecca Erickson	8/27/2023
Abigail Young & Brian Rabinowicz	9/2/2023
Jeanne Temple & Dave Buending	9/3/2023
Jill Sachs & Josh Johnson	9/3/2023
Jenna Bloom & Miles Kealy	9/3/2023
Izzy Gleekel & Cody Zaroug	9/9/2023
Taylor Simon & Adam Fowler	9/10/2023
Ben Storch & Morgan Seaton	9/23/2023
Rossianne Jaffe & Evan Garber	9/30/2023

BIRTHS

This list includes births from July 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023.

May

Ruby Lilian Schwartz

Child of Lindsay & Jake Schwartz

Ella Rose Gershman

Child of Taylor & Charles Gershman

July

Charan Mischa Perera

Child of Margo & Chethana Perera

September

Forrest Robert Johnson

Child of Andrew & Jill Johnson

NEW MEMBERS

This list includes new members from July 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023.

We welcome our new members to the Temple Israel community!

Elizabeth & Benjamin Aaron

Molly Bloom & Andy DuCett

Alexzandra Enger

Noah Esterkin

Janna Gewirtz O'Brien

Raphael Golberstein & Elianna Lippold-Johnson

Rebecca Jacobs & Brandon Tschida

Joy Langer

Heather LaValle-Tumbleson

Aaron & Heather Liebo

Franci Livingston

Shoshana & Ryan Lyerla

Michael & Claire Magalnick

Jillian Offermann & Nicole Konikow

Andrew Owen & Kobi Conaway

Lindsay Anthony & Edgar Rapoport

Jeffrey Rozman & Alison Ojanen-Goldsmith

Jessica Schroeder

Benjamin Tarshish & Eugenia Shmidt

Samantha & Erik Unger

ANNIVERSARIES

This list represents anniversaries from November 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

Wishing you the very best as you reach another milestone in your marriage.

65 Years

Luella & Stan Goldberg, 6/23

50 Years

Diana & Mark Tsy-pin, 11/29
Marjorie & Steve Krause, 12/15
Fran & Stan Rosen, 12/15
Ardis & Jim Barnett, 12/23

45 Years

Susan & Steven Morem, 11/4
Carole & Marty Kaplan, 12/9
Arlene & Zvi Leibovich, 12/10
Mary Hunstiger & Bill Blazar, 12/16

40 Years

Lorna Hunt & Alan Ellison, 11/27
Kathy & Howard Zack, 12/17

35 Years

Lori Itskovich-Silidor & Glen Itskovich, 12/29

30 Years

Sally Spector & Alex Makovetsky, 11/20
Debbie & Jed Stillman, 11/27
Leslie Held & Jim Chucker, 12/26

25 Years

Jan & Bob Lubar, 11/8
Stacie & Perry Cowen, 11/15
Karen Ladin & Bob Otis, 12/5
Jennifer & Chad Shapiro, 12/27

20 Years

Megan & Casey Collins, 11/1
Kristy & Matt Wesson, 11/15
Jen Pettit & Jonathan Shuster, 11/26
Barb & Todd Striker, 11/29/03

15 Years

Cassie & Adam Gellman, 11/29

10 Years

Bonnie Dudovitz & Jean Quam, 11/3
Ted and Sallie Held, 11/8
Shauna and Boris Lester, 11/24

5 Years

Sean Connolly & Ralph Winkelmeier, 12/17

IN MEMORY OF

This list represents those who have passed from July 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023.

Our Temple community mourns the loss of these members.

Steven Newman May 25, 2023	Edith Lange July 20, 2023	Daniel Goldberg August 31, 2023
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Barbara Harris July 11, 2023	Barbara Sigel August 11, 2023	Nancy Malmon September 9, 2023
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Tony Lopez July 15, 2023	James Ehrlich August 16, 2023	Ron Burton September 25, 2023
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Bruce Simon July 17, 2023	Larry Kriedberg August 30, 2023
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Mazal tov to:

Rabbi Tobias Divack Moss and Lea Kalisch on their recent wedding in Lisbon, Portugal on October 15, 2023.



NEWS:

Rabbi Moss has recently been elected as the new co-chair of the Minnesota Rabbinical Association (MRA). The MRA is Minnesota's largest rabbinical organization and helps amplify our voice within the greater community.



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NOVEMBER EVENTS	CHANUKAH CANDLELIGHTINGS	JANUARY EVENTS
Thankfulness Erev Shabbat Service <i>Temple Israel, Zoom</i> Friday, November 3, 6:00 p.m.	The First Candle <i>Zoom</i> Thursday, December 7, 6:00 p.m.	Martin Luther King Jr. Erev Shabbat <i>Temple Israel, Zoom</i> with Reverend Elijah McDavid III and the Fellowship Baptist Church Choir Friday, January 12, 6:00 p.m.
Touched by Death: What Grief Can Teach Us <i>Temple Israel, Zoom</i> with Rabbi Marcia Zimmerman Tuesdays: November 7, 14, 28, 7:00 p.m. (Registration required)	Chanukah Family Shabbat <i>Temple Israel, Zoom</i> Friday, December 8, 6:00 p.m.	Debbie Friedman Kumsitz Sing <i>Temple Israel</i> Unto God Saturday, January 13, 7:00 p.m.
Immigration Justice Erev Shabbat Service <i>Temple Israel, Zoom</i> with guest speaker Jonathan Ornstein Friday, November 10, 6:00 p.m.	Havdalah Chanukah <i>Zoom</i> Saturday, December 9, 6:00 p.m.	Nefesh Shabbat Shirah <i>Temple Israel, Zoom</i> with Tommy Barbarella and Bobby Z. Friday, January 26, 6:00 p.m.
Hunger Justice Erev Shabbat Service <i>Temple Israel, Zoom</i> Friday, November 17, 6:00 p.m.	Sizzle and Light <i>Zoom</i> Sunday, December 10, 6:00 p.m.	PJ Library Havdalah <i>Temple Israel</i> Saturday, February 3 Late afternoon
Pack Away Hunger with Temple Israel and NCJW <i>Temple Israel</i> Wednesday, November 22, 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Family Sing-a-Long <i>Zoom</i> Monday, December 11, 6:00 p.m.	Luminary Havdalah <i>Levin Park</i> Saturday, February 3, 7:00 p.m..
Hopeful Homecoming Erev Shabbat Service <i>Temple Israel, Zoom</i> with guest speaker Ellen Goldberg Luger Friday, November 24, 6:00 p.m.	Limmud Chanukah <i>Zoom</i> Tuesday, December 12, 6:00 p.m.	
Put this calendar on your fridge for a helpful reminder of Temple events.	JEWL Lights the Chanukiah <i>Zoom</i> Wednesday, December 13, 6:00 p.m.	
	Lights & Legacy <i>Zoom</i> Thursday, December 14, 6:00 p.m.	

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