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For Our Children: Pandemic loss is real and raw, and we can learn from it



Cantor Vicky Glikin

“Here’s the thing I think all of the older people don’t understand. When you were my age, you had an assured future. You knew that you would get to grow up and grow old. But I first lived in a generation of gun violence, and then there were climate change and fires in my neighborhood in California, and then there was a pandemic and all sorts of racial injustice. The list goes on and on. I don’t look at my own future and see that I’m in a strong place. I feel very vulnerable. The adults are teaching that my future is guaranteed, but I don’t think it is.”

These chilling words, uttered recently by a middle schooler in response to the question, “Where are we in this moment in time?” were recorded by Dr. Sivan Zakai, Professor of Jewish Education at Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR). These words have been haunting me ever since. I wish that I could write them off as a dramatic overexaggerating by a particularly sensitive child, or that I could provide solid counterarguments. However, doing so would deny the reality of the trauma that all of us, including our precious children, have lived through over the course of the pandemic.

As a member of the clergy, educator and parent, I am concerned about the impact of the pandemic on the mental, emotional and spiritual well-being of our children. Let me be the first one to say that children are resilient and that they will recover. However, in the same way that each of us will never be able to forget the past 22 months, with their justifiable and irrational fears, naked vulnerability, incessant pivoting and ongoing uncertainty, so will our children be forever imprinted with this collective experience. Denying this is as effective as sticking our head in the sand. The real question is not whether trauma has taken place, but rather how we can best support our children in moving forward productively? What can parents, grandparents and adult community members do to create an environment in which our children can achieve what psychologists call post-traumatic growth?

While every child is different and requires an individual approach, below are some suggestions for how we can support our young people (and, one another), based on what I have learned from various psychologists, including Dr. Zakai and Dr. Betsy Stone, a former Temple Emanu-El congregant and professor at HUC-JIR, and on my own experience as a parent and a pastoral care provider:

1 Reflect with honesty on the past 22 months. Where are you now? Where do you want to be? Where do you want the children in your life to be? Where do you think they want to be? Every Passover, we retell the story of Exodus and imagine a better future. This type of reflection is not limited to Passover time.

2 Engage the children in your life in honest conversations about the challenges and opportunities of this time. Avoid the temptation to fix whatever is challenging for them or to “rescue” them from feelings that might sound “negative” to you. Instead, simply be present for them, hold the space, listen and accept. When Moses meets God face to face, Moses asks what God’s name is. God’s response: “I am what I am.” Whatever is revealed to us has holiness within it and our job is to simply witness it.

3 Acknowledge the loss of life, health, invincibility, experiences with loved ones, time and opportunity, safety and so much more. These losses are real and must be named before we can start moving on from the pandemic. The Jewish people know how to deal with loss. We mourn, we remember and, eventually, we praise. We say Kaddish, a prayer associated with death, but the text of which is a praise of God. We may not be ready to say Kaddish for this pandemic yet, but we will get there eventually.

4 Examine aspects of our pandemic lives that have been fulfilling and which we may want to carry forward with us.

Perhaps, we want to prioritize family time over social obligations, or leave more white space on our children's calendars, have more staycations, celebrate Shabbat, bake challah as a family, or regularly participate in services from home or from Temple. How do we envision our future? How do our children envision their future? Let's intentionally and proactively rebuild more authentic, values-based and sustainable versions of our families and our lives. We are commanded to say 100 blessings a day. The only way to get to this number is by being intentional and present throughout our days. There is nothing more Jewish than living with a greater sense of presence to the unfolding miracle that is our life.

5 Acknowledge that we all experienced the pandemic differently and are in different places on this journey.

Our children are also in different places. Let them emerge at a pace that is acceptable to them and do the best that they can. While we are at it, allow yourself to do the best that you can. Practice *rachamim*, compassion, one of God's qualities, toward yourself and others. And, when you forget, be compassionate to yourself about that as well.

The impact of the pandemic, with its challenges and silver linings, will reverberate for years to come. What gives me hope is the acknowledgement that this is not the first or the last challenge that we will have faced as the Jewish people. Over the course of our history, we have experienced collective trauma and we have recovered and flourished. This time is no different. Let's work together to create safe spaces to process the changes, to mourn the losses and to celebrate the successes. And let's do it all within the safety and embrace of our tradition and of Temple, your spiritual community where you and your children are always welcome exactly as you are.



Nominations Open for the Board of Trustees

The Temple Emanu-El Board of Trustees is beginning the process of finding new leaders for the 2022-2023 term. Nominations can be downloaded at www.tedallas.org/_uploads/2022_Board_Recommendation_Form.pdf. The deadline to return nominations online is Jan. 7, 2022. If you would like to fill out a paper form, please contact Julie Meyer, jmeyer@tedallas.org or 214.706.0000.

The Nominating Committee, this year chaired by Risa Gross, is seeking candidates of all ages and life experiences who have proven commitment to Temple and experience in varied aspects of the organization.

In addition to Risa, nominating committee members are Macki Ellenbogen, Sara Gail, Jeff Kitner, Brandon Poland, Mike Rosen, Rick Rosenberg, Scott Rosuck and Julie Weinberg; Beth Gold and Bob Krakow, ex officio; and Meredith Fried, staff liaison.



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CELEBRATION & REMEMBRANCE

BECOMING B'NAI MITZVAH



Benjamin Reynolds | Dec. 4
 Son of Michelle Myszka and John Reynolds
 Brentfield Elementary
Tikkun Olam: North Texas Food Bank



Paige Mickey Weinberg | Dec. 4
 Daughter of Melanie and Andrew Weinberg
 Parish Episcopal School
Tikkun Olam: Collecting dancewear for Iconiq Dance Studio

BABY NAMINGS

Maci Blake Donosky
 Daughter of Dr. Karen and Drew Donosky,
 grandchild of Bette and Dr. Gary Morchower.

Estela Barbara Retamozo Lipnick and Elio Benny Retamozo Lipnick
 Children of Kathy and David Lipnick

Jed Sosland
 Daughter of Daryl and Marshall Sosland,
 granddaughter of Wendy and Marc Stanley

Luka Yazvac
 Son of Katherine Brodbeck and Michael Yazvac

Shai Levy Zuckerman
 Son of Sophie and Eric Zuckerman

WEDDINGS

Naomi Bowen and Michael Weissman

Christiana Fote and Ben Noskin

Lauren Glick and Nathan Levick

Laura Hartman and Thomas Pearl

NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

Kevin Bachus and Chanel Summers

Caryn, John, Ryan and Ben Berardi

Dana Abrams, Steve and Mason Cohen

Brendan, Joanna, Micah and Sabrina Cohen

Michael and Rachel Emmett

Jeff and Nancy Fuhrman

Lara Gross

Marc, Jeanne and Jaymus Katz

Leslie Kelly and Ken Yunker

Jill, Eric and Zane Matthews

Melissa Michelson

Michelle Myszka, John, Benjamin and Ryan Reynolds

Abiel Romero

Brian, Jenny and Meyer Rutt

Yonatan Salas, Tandem Anderson and George Salas

Michael, Jenna, Michael, Talia and Kaede Sandridge

Robert Seidel

Lisa and Asher Stoutmeyer

Sam J. and Patricia Susser

Charles and Joanne Teichman

Jake and Taylor Teichman

Alysa Teichman

Laynie, Hal, Georgie and Bennett Towbin

Natalie and Mason Zale

IN MEMORIAM

Socorro Alvarez
 Mother of Liz Gerber

Lawrence R. Burk
 Father of Lori Burk, Leland Burk, Lisa Rosenthal and Lowell Burk

Peggy Dossiere
 Mother of Keith Dossiere

Judith Frank
 Mother of Howard Gilbert

Marilyn Glick Glosserman
 Sister of Howard Glick

Thelma Gruber
 Mother of Ed Gruber and David Gruber

Robert "Bobby" Bradley Haas
 Father of Samantha Joy Haas, Courtney Haas Bauch and Vanessa Haas Hood
 Brother of Jodi Davis and Richard Haas

Edith Pravda Kligman
 Mother of Shari Markey

Rabbi Barton Lee
 Brother of Carl Lee

Shirley Parks
 Sister of Chuck Lewis

Sharon Taitel
 Mother of Lee Taitel

Darrell Louis York, Sr.
 Father of Sue Walker

MAZEL TOV

To **Susan Regan Donnenfield** on the birth of granddaughter Sutton Grey Donnenfield, daughter of Noah and Emily Donnenfield of Houston.

To **Jeff Genecov** on the engagement of his son, Adam Mitchell Genecov, and Breanna Lee Stein. A July 2022 wedding is planned.

Temple Cares

GRIEF SUPPORT

Temple Emanu-El | Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 11:30AM-1PM on Zoom
 Contact Meredith Pryzant at mpryzant@tedallas.org for more information about group and/or Zoom link.

Jewish Family Service | Tuesday, Dec. 21 at 12-1PM on Zoom
 For more information and Zoom link, contact Deborah Leibensberger at 972.437.9950 or dleibensberger@jfsdallas.org

SUBSTANCE ABUSE SUPPORT FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES

Thursdays Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 6-7pm on Zoom
 This group returns to provide support to families and friends with loved ones who are dealing with substance abuse. For more information and to receive the Zoom link, contact Freda Heald, fredaheald@yahoo.com or call her at 972.768.7171.

NO BARRIERS

Finances should never be a barrier to participation in Temple life. Confidential financial assistance is available for most Temple events, tuition and dues.

HERE FOR YOU

Temple clergy and staff are available to support members of our community dealing with mental and physical issues. Please reach out to us if you or a friend or family member is dealing with issues related to the pandemic, depression, addiction, grief, cancer, chronic conditions, infertility, mobility issues, housing transition, job loss or other conditions.

Contact: Meredith Pryzant, Director of Member Support, mpryzant@tedallas.org or 214.706.000, ext. 122.

BECOMING AN ANTIRACIST CONGREGATION ONE YEAR REPORT

The Within Our Walls and Beyond Antiracism Task Force has been meeting over Zoom for about a year, and recently convened at Temple for a retreat to review its work and discuss steps to move forward.

The group has been meeting, learning, listening and talking to one another and to many in the Temple staff and community. About 30 people were interviewed as part of the group’s research. The congregational initiative also held the first series of Facing Our Truths small groups, and is convening a second round in February. To join or create a group, led by a trained facilitator, contact Alexandra Horn, ahorn@tedallas.org.

The group is anticipating presenting to the Board of Trustees within the next few months.

“Our hope is that our suggestions will not only support individual learning and growth but drive a collective culture shift. The goal is to use a lens of antiracism, equity and inclusion to lift all boats so that we can continue to move forward by making Temple Emanu-El a better community for all,” said Ariana Cook, chair of the task force. “One thing is for sure, there is no singular way into this work. This is a personal journey just as much as it is a communal one.”

Ariana Cook, Chair of the Within our Walls and Beyond Antiracism Task Force at Temple



Top row, l-r: Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen, Rhoni Golden, Risa Gross, Beth Gold Sarina Israel, Yuh Min Chook, Alexandra Horn, Anjelica Ruiz, Ariana Cook

Volunteer for a Christmas Mitzvah at VNA Meals on Wheels

December 24

Sign up to deliver a hot meal to those in need on Christmas Eve. Temple will once again be participating in the VNA Meals on Wheels drive.

To sign up for a shift, contact: Erica Strauss, Director of Social Justice and Special Projects, estrauss@tedallas.org



2022 Purim Spiel Auditions

Auditions will be held on Dec. 12 and Jan. 16, 11:30AM-12:30PM, in Stern Chapel for “Reality Bites the Megillah: A 90s Purim Spiel.” Open to all adults and kids from fourth grade and above. The 2022 Purim spiel will be held on Sunday, March 6, at 10AM. For more information, contact Cantor Leslie Niren, lniren@tedallas.org.



THE NEW ISRAELI GOVERNMENT WITH MUKI JANKELOWITZ

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12 AT 1PM ON ZOOM

Join Israeli tour guide Muki Jankelowitz for a discussion about “The New Israeli Government.” In June 2021, a new Israeli government was sworn in. Israel has always been led by coalition governments, but this government is unique in both having a tiny majority and in being composed of parties from the left, the center and the right as well as an Islamist party, who have come together primarily in their opposition to Netanyahu’s rule. The session will look at the “new” government and its policies in regard to Iran, the Palestinians and relations with neighboring countries as well as their management of internal issues, and will include the latest developments.

Register: participate.tedallas.org/loveofisraeldec12 | **Questions?** Contact Alexandra Horn at ahorn@tedallas.org

Temple Supports Eight Agencies through Hunger Relief Effort

Thank you to all who participated in the High Holy Days Hunger Relief effort. Due to your generosity, the Social Justice Council awarded funds to the organizations below. If you are interested in getting involved at one of our partner agencies, contact: Erica Strauss, estrauss@tedallas.org.

Austin Street Center
austinstreet.org
 Shelter for those experiencing homelessness

The Bridge
bridgehrc.org
 Recovery center for those experiencing homelessness

Family Gateway
familygateway.org
 Services to children and families affected by homelessness

Jewish Family Service
jfsdallas.org
 Comprehensive mental health and social service agency open to anyone

Mazon
mazon.org
 A Jewish Response to Hunger

North Dallas Shared Ministries
ndsm.org
 Coalition of congregations to provide assistance to individuals in poverty

Visiting Nurse Association (VNA)
vnatexas.org
 Social service agency offering care to the elderly, hungry, sick and disabled North Texas residents, including hospice care and Meals on Wheels

Vogel Alcove
vogelalcove.org
 Services for those experiencing homelessness

Shabbat Shalom שבת שלום

מקץ

Mikeitz
Genesis 41:1-44:17

Friday, Dec. 3
6PM, Olan Sanctuary
Shabbat Congregational
Hanukkah Celebration
Rabbi David Stern
Cantor Vicky Glikin

Saturday, Dec. 4
10:30AM, Lefkowitz Chapel
Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen
Cantor Vicky Glikin
Bar Mitzvah: Benjamin Reynolds

10:30AM, Stern Chapel
Rabbi Debra Robbins
Cantor Leslie Niren
Bat Mitzvah: Paige Weinberg

ויגש

Vayigash
Genesis 44:18-47:27

Friday, Dec. 10
6:15PM, Stern Chapel
Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen
Rabbi David Stern
Cantor Vicky Glikin
Hallie Weiner, Cantorial Intern

Saturday, Dec. 11
10:30AM, Lefkowitz Chapel
Rabbi Daniel Utley
Cantor Leslie Niren

ויחי

Va-y'chi
Genesis 47:28-50:26

Friday, Dec. 17
6:15PM, Stern Chapel
Rabbi Daniel Utley
Rabbi Debra Robbins
Cantor Leslie Niren

Saturday, Dec. 18
10:30AM, Lefkowitz Chapel
Rabbi David Stern
Hallie Weiner, Cantorial Intern

שמות

Sh'mot
Exodus 1:1-6:1

Friday, Dec. 24
6:15PM, Online only
Rabbi David Stern
Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen
Cantor Leslie Niren

Saturday, Dec. 25
10:30AM, Online only
Rabbi Debra Robbins
Randy Pearlman, Cantorial Soloist

וארא

Va-eira
Exodus 6:2-9:35

Friday, Dec. 31
6:15PM, Stern Chapel
Rabbi David Stern
Hallie Weiner, Cantorial Intern

Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022
10:30AM, Lefkowitz Chapel
Rabbi Daniel Utley
Randy Pearlman, Cantorial Soloist

Become a Member of Women of Reform Judaism

WRJ is a warm and welcoming group of women offering exciting and fun programs, as well as opportunities for advocacy and social justice at Temple and in the community. When you join, you are participating in vital support of our congregation and community through volunteerism and financial partnership. WRJ generously provides sacred hospitality, tuition assistance to families in the Early Childhood Education Center and Youth Learning + Engagement, support of bar and bat mitzvah training, Jewish summer experiences and much more. Wherever you look, you will see the impact of WRJ in making Temple and the larger community a better place.

Memberships start at \$50. Those who join at the \$180 level receive a 15% discount at Judaic Treasures. Visit tesisterhood.org/join-or-renew-membership



Yoga Emanu-El

Yoga through a Jewish lens
Tuesdays, December 7, 14,
21, 28 | 4PM

Join certified yoga instructor
Debbi K. Levy for this weekly
session in Olan Sanctuary.

Contact: Alexandra Horn,
ahorn@tedallas.org

Temple Book Club

All sessions are at 2PM and
online until further notice.
Contact Anjelica Ruiz for
Zoom links and questions,
aruiz@tedallas.org.



December 6
The Color
of Love
by
Marra Gad

Home of Their Hearts



CONGREGANTS DESCRIBE THE TEMPLE MOMENTS THAT TOUCHED THEM IN 2021

Class Acts



All it took was a whiff of memory that took them back to Olan Sanctuary at their bar and bat mitzvahs for an engaged couple to choose the spot for their chuppah.

The path of friendship that has fueled the legacy of two longtime third-grade teachers brought them to Stern Chapel for a special blessing.

The sense of connection from a mountaintop where Herod ruled to Hillcrest Road stayed with a Temple teen throughout her Israel journey.

And the urge to keep chatting after the mitzvah of delivering a welcome bag to a new member forged new relationships for an active Temple volunteer.

Temple touched the lives of these members who shared their stories about special 2021 moments. But more than that, their stories touch the life of Temple. They are the energy in Temple's veins, the force that day after day turns a building into a home, an ancient faith into a meaningful way of life.

They both remember receiving their children's Torahs when they started religious school at Temple. It's fitting for these friends and 37-year veterans of teaching third grade at Youth Learning + Engagement.

Sharon Willey and Shelley Wylie have experienced many parallels in their journey through Temple life. They were in DAFTY, formerly Temple's group for teens. They went to North Texas State University (now University of North Texas), were education majors, lived in the same apartment complex, and rediscovered each other when they started teaching at Temple. Then in 1995, they both got married in the same week to husbands Mike Willey and Danny Wylie, who are both Jews by choice. Not surprisingly, Mike and Danny have also been religious school teachers. Mike is still teaching fifth grade.

Every year the two couples go out on the Saturday night between their early September anniversaries (as well as for a Chinese food dinner on Christmas!) As their 25th anniversaries approached in 2020, they set a date for a Shabbat wedding blessing on Sept. 4. Then came the pandemic and a halt to in-person services.

"We decided to wait until we were able to do it in person," Shelley says. So on Sept. 25, these two couples with so many intersections, many of which Temple was part of, received an anniversary blessing from Rabbi Debra Robbins.

"Neither of us were married at Temple," Shelley says. "We both had secular weddings. This year, it was really special because it was with Sharon and Mike, people we've grown so close with over the years, were there with us."

Sharon says that the blessing, during Sukkot, was especially meaningful, as Rabbi Robbins drew parallels between the chuppah and sukkah. "Like a cherry on top, each couple was wrapped in a tallit. I almost held it together most of the way!"



L-R: Mike and Sharon Willey, Shelley and Danny Wylie, received a special anniversary blessing by Rabbi Debra Robbins.



Three Generations Strong



As Alex Kessler and Chad Teiber met with Rabbi David Stern to consider wedding venues for their pandemic season wedding, they knew as soon as they walked into Olan Sanctuary that it would be where they would commit their lives to each other.

Temple is certainly a warm and familiar place to the couple. Both sets of parents, Lisa and Daniel Kessler and Cathy and Todd Teiber, were married in front of the magnificent ark with the iconic Anni Albers tapestry. And two of their four sets of grandparents, Sylvia and Seymour “Sy” Kessler on Alex’s side and Joan and Malcolm Shwarts on Chad’s side, were married at the South Boulevard location.

“What was so cool for us was that our parents got married in the same spot. Nothing’s changed. It looks and smells the same,” says Alex. “It means a lot to us for sentimental reasons to get married at Temple.”

Both Alex and Chad, he a year older, went through religious school at Temple and figured they probably passed each other in the hallways. They started dating in high school and have been together ever since. Like many couples, they postponed their wedding for nearly a year and are happy they can proceed with a Temple wedding the way they had dreamed about it.

“We were not planning a two-year engagement, but if the worst thing to happen is that we have to postpone our wedding, that’s not too bad,” Chad says. “We are very fortunate.”

In another nod to family wedding tradition, Chad plans to wear a white tuxedo jacket and red rose as his grandfather did 69 years ago, and the couple will break the glass with a vintage Teiber light bulb from his family’s lighting company.

They plan to continue their connection to Temple and have their future children attend Temple’s religious school — just as they did! Throughout three generations of both their families: “It’s the one constant that has always been there.”



Chad Teiber and Alex Kessler, with Finley



Daniel and Lisa Kessler



Cathy and Todd Teiber



Chad’s maternal grandparents, Malcolm and Joan Shwarts, were married at Temple.



Linda Kahalnik with Nancy Wiener Marcus

On Top of the World



Ilanna Feldman, a senior at Greenhill, traveled to Israel this past summer and shared her reflections.

When I reflect on the time that I spent in Israel this past summer, I am filled with an overwhelming sense of joy and community. I'm so grateful to Temple Emanu-El for the opportunities I've had that led me to this amazing experience in Israel. I remember hearing all about it as a student in YL+E and I knew for sure that it would be part of my summer one day.

The entire trip was filled with many different emotions, highlights, and meaningful experiences, but my all-time favorite part of the trip was the three-night camping trip.

We began by floating in the Dead Sea, followed by camel rides and a night in Bedouin tents. The next morning, we woke up at 3AM to climb Masada before sunrise. We spent the morning learning about the ancient desert fortress and toured the remains of King Herod's palace. We then began the hike down and headed to Kibbutz Yahel for the afternoon. We had delicious Asian food for dinner that the tour guides from Kibbutz Yahel cooked for us. We learned about the different constellations and how we should always be able to find the north star. We closed out the program by singing "Stars in the Sky," our favorite song that we sing at camp each summer. This experience was incredible for me because I had never done anything like it, and it really pushed me out of my comfort zone.

The next morning, we snorkeled by the coral reefs in the Red Sea. This was followed by our last night in the desert. We climbed up a mountain near our camp where we could see Israel, Syria, Jordan, and Lebanon all from this one mountaintop. Our tour guide told us that one of the most freeing feelings is screaming at the top of your lungs on top of a mountain where there is no civilization for miles. All of my friends and I held hands and screamed our hearts out. It was an amazing feeling like I was on top of the world and in that moment, I knew that I felt at home.

The Gifts that Keep on Giving



Nancy Wiener Marcus loves to connect with people. Once she felt comfortable enough to start participating in person at Temple, she jumped at the chance to deliver welcome bags to new members. She received three names and immediately made phone calls to set up in-person deliveries.

The first recipient was someone who had lived in Dallas 50 years ago and had gone to the University of Texas like Nancy had. She and her husband were back in town and wanting to reconnect with people. The second recipient had just moved in the last two weeks and was appreciative of Nancy's friendly hello. "We had such a lovely chat!"

Nancy and the third recipient, Deborah Morris, discussed Temple life. "I asked her if she wanted to become active with Temple and gave her Linda Kahalnik's email. [Linda is director of member services.] I told her about sisterhood too, and let her know she could call me about anything." Nancy and Deborah also discovered they had so many things in common that they decided to get together for lunch.

"We moved here from Los Angeles, where I was very involved with my temple," Deborah says. "I had not found my people yet in Texas yet until I walked into Temple Emanu-El. And getting to meet Nancy is a really good way to get people even more committed. I'm around the people I want to be around."

As Nancy explains: "I was on such a high after my three phone calls," Nancy says. "After connecting with the people, I thought, 'wow this is just a good mitzvah all the way around for Temple.' "



Ilanna Feldman, second from left, with friends Lily Garfield, Lillian Klein and Lacey Yoss

EIGHT WONDER-FULL NIGHTS

Hanukkah continues through Sunday, Dec. 5. Don't miss these exciting events. For more details, see tedallas.org/prayer/hanukkah

Dec. 1 | 6PM

Cantor in the Kitch, live with Cantor Leslie Niren and Jessica Brammer of Lenore's Bagels

Dec. 2 | 6PM

Concert at NorthPark with our cantors and Jason Mesches

Dec. 3 | 6PM

Congregational Shabbat Celebration with special guests Baba Yaka Orkestar

Dec. 4 | 5:30PM

Wiener-Sandfield hanukkiyah lighting and Havdalah with the family of Temple's architect Max Sandfield | Celebration Garden

Dec. 5 | 5:30PM

Zoom hanukkiyah lighting with Rabbi Debra Robbins

SHINE THE LIGHT

Hanukkah Mental Health Resources

The Blue Dove Foundation, an organization that addresses the issues of mental illness and addiction in the Jewish community and beyond, has created a list of resources that highlight the connections between this holiday that celebrates miracles and light and the organization's efforts to celebrate resilience, strength and turning darkness into light.

Each of the following contain inspirational and informational resources for all, whether you are dealing with mental illness for yourself or a family member or just want to learn more.

Blessings and Readings: thebluedovefoundation.org/hanukkahs-connection-to-mental-health

The Mental Health Menorah: thebluedovefoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/mental-health-menorah-7.pdf

The Conversation Project

As you gather for winter breaks this month, please keep in mind that it's a great time to have intergenerational conversations about end of life wishes. It's a serious topic, and a powerful one, that can help families treat one another with respect and dignity in the event of accidents, tragedy or illness. To learn more, visit the video of the October event: vimeo.com/642034985 And, great news! The next Conversation Project events will be on Feb. 16-17. Watch Temple communications for more details.

TEMPLE EMANU-EL ANNUAL FUND

Spotlight on Elise Plaksen and Nikki Gibson

The Annual Fund is the highest fundraising priority at Temple. The funds raised help make Temple the vibrant place that it is, and provide resources for unwavering help and support for you and your loved ones. As Temple looks ahead to its 150th anniversary, we take time to share stories with you of today's engaged leaders who are helping to assure a strong tomorrow.



Nikki Hurst Gibson and Elise Rossman Plaksen

Elise Rossman Plaksen

Chair, 2021-2022 Annual Fund
Commercial Real Estate Developer

Hometown: Philadelphia

Temple Involvement: Member since 1987, Adult Learning including Torah study, Stepping Stones and Mussar; facilitator for Wise Aging; Music Arts and Culture Committee; Budget Committee; Board of Trustees; social justice work with North Texas Food Bank and voter registration

Memorable Temple moments: Seeing my son, Scott, celebrate his bar mitzvah at Temple in 2001 with our friends and family; my own adult bat mitzvah in 2017 and reading the Haftarah blessing and verses at Rosh Hashanah 2018

Why did you say "yes" to the Annual Fund? I feel so very strongly about Temple and our members. Temple provides so many opportunities and initiatives for so many people both within and outside our physical walls. I'm so proud to be giving back for all

that Temple has given me by doing my part to help raise funds to supplement the budget.

What is the biggest impact of the Annual Fund? Temple has a huge annual budget that allows us to support the congregation's many varied needs. Clergy, staff and lay leaders work hard to keep expenses in check and are always conscious of the stewardship that goes along with that responsibility. Our membership dues cover less than 36% of the operating budget. The Annual Fund helps to fill that gap, which then helps Temple provide a myriad of programs, initiatives and sacred work that positively impacts so many people.

Is there anything you wish more people knew about the Annual Fund? The Annual Fund is a collection of approximately 110 volunteers who have joined together to engage in this important work. By getting involved with such a dynamic, varied group of people, we all grow and thrive. As the theme of the campaign states, we are creating possibilities together.

Nikki Hurst Gibson

Vice Chair, 2021-2022 Annual Fund

Partner, Bell Nunnally & Martin, commercial finance practice, and chair of the firm's Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Hometown: Dallas; lived in Scarsdale, New York, and North Palm Beach, Florida, before returning to Dallas to attend law school.

Temple Involvement: Adult member for 35 years and third-generation member; Social Action Committee, Just Congregations Committee, Budget Committee, Board of Trustees

Memorable Temple Moments: As a child, it was attending the Sisterhood luncheon when my mother was president and giving the blessing over the bread. I grew up at Temple until we moved to New York, and my family was very involved. I have fond memories of napping on Rabbi Olan's shoulder as we drove to Tyler, Texas, where my grandfather was the rabbi and being honored. As an adult, my husband and I attended an interfaith group led by Rabbi Zimmerman and also served as leaders for a Mitzvah Day, where we painted a house. My children's confirmations were memorable as well as my niece's bat mitzvah.

Why did you say "yes" to the Annual Fund? I served on the Annual Fund Board for Duke University and know the power and importance of the Annual Fund. Just like tuition, dues cannot do all that is necessary to provide the vibrant and engaging programming for our community. The Annual Fund is essential to Temple and allows it to address the interests and needs of the Temple community. Saying yes means insuring that Temple is here today and in the future. I also have had a wonderful time getting to know more members of Temple and learning more about Temple.

What to you is the biggest impact of the Annual Fund? Providing additional resources to meet and exceed the expectations of the Temple community. Temple dues only go so far in providing the necessary funds to carry out Temple's mission and operate Temple. The Annual Fund bridges the gap and enables Temple to serve and support our community needs.

Is there anything you wish more people knew about the Annual Fund? Every gift matters and makes a true impact on what Temple can do.

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Tributes for Sustaining Temple

OUR CONGREGATION

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Distributions by Rabbi David Stern to individuals in need of financial assistance, particularly in dire situations

Memory of Gerald Alan Barnes

by Erica Bloom Foland

Memory of Lilly Berman Bluestein

by Susan & Joel Litman

Memory of Arnold Bresky

by Lauren & Gary Bresky

Memory of Lawrence Burk

by Doty & Lew Weinstein

Memory of Bill Colen

by Artyce Colen

Memory of David Echi

by Doty & Lew Weinstein

Memory of Debbie Freed

by Irma Grossman

Memory of Jim McGinnis

by Carla Sherman

Appreciation of Rabbi David Stern

by Betsy & Daniel Zellman

Birthday of Alan Gold

by Irma Grossman

Birthday of Rita Sue Gold

by Irma Grossman

SUSAN SALOM CLERGY GOOD WORKS FUND

Distributions to charitable organizations, individuals in need or community causes by Temple's clergy

Memory of Jacob Brodsky

by Marcie & Michael Brown

Memory of Elayne Brown

by Marcie & Michael Brown

Memory of Sylvia Fink

by Joyce & Alan Goldberg

Memory of Debbie Freed

by Lotty & Peter Casillas

by Judy & Robb Steinberg

by Cathy & Todd Teiber

Memory of Jennifer Friedman-Ackerman

by Judy & Robb Steinberg

Memory of Claire Greenberg

by Paul Greenberg

Memory of Rabbi Barton Lee

by Julie & Michael Lowenberg

Appreciation of Cantor Leslie Niren

by Joyce & Alan Goldberg

Appreciation of Rabbi Debra Robbins

by Sally Glickman

Appreciation of Rabbi David Stern

by Brad Blumenthal

by Joyce & Alan Goldberg

Appreciation of Rabbi Dan Utley

by Jodi Clark

As a Contribution

by Barbara & Donald Zale

Bar Mitzvah of Asher Yoffe

by Shlomit & Nechemia Proter

Birthday of Margie Levin

by Judy & Robb Steinberg

Honor of Cantor Vicky Glikin

by Paul Greenberg

Honor of Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen

by Karen & Craig Goodman

Marriage of Lauren Glick & Nathan Levick

by Cathy & Craig Glick

Unveiling of Paul Siegel

by Jodi Clark

ANNE AND SAM KESNER CARING CONGREGATION FUND

Assistance for Temple members through all phases of life including hospitalization, elder care, military service, mental health challenges and grief

Memory of Gerald W. Bernstein

by Paula & Norman Feldman

Memory of Lila Borovay

by Bobbie & David Repp

Memory of Jacob Brodsky

by Melanie & Howard Rubin

Memory of Claire Greenberg

by Sylvia & Malcolm Cohen

Memory of Rita Power

by Lynne Rabiner Rossow

OUR TEMPLE AND CEMETERY

ROSE MARION AND LEE H. BERG BUILDING FUND

Upkeep and maintenance of our historic building

Memory of Frank Belzacki Bell

by Betty Jo & David Bell

Memory of Alan L. Berger

by Helaine Trachtenberg

Memory of Lawrence Burk

by Janet & Sonny Hershman

by June Leib

by Sally & Bob Rosen

by Morris Rutchik

Memory of Anatoliy Chernyavski

by Sofiya Samsonova

Memory of Norma June Cohen

by Morris Rutchik

Memory of Ellyn Crohn

by Helaine Trachtenberg

Memory of Matthew Evan Crohn

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Memory of Harry B. Rosenstock

by Toby Gruber

Memory of Rose Louise Rosner

by Helaine Trachtenberg

Memory of Charlene & Jack Stoller

by June Leib

Memory of Ike Trachtenberg

by Helaine Trachtenberg

As a Contribution

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Birthday of Margie Levin

by Fonda Glazer

Birthday of Sarah Yarrin

by Cherie & Neal Small

Honor of Michael Hoffman

by Esther & Burt Balkin

Honor of Leslie Levy

by Margie Landau

TEMPLE EMANU-EL CEMETERY ENDOWMENT FUND

Distribution from the Temple's foundation supporting the maintenance and improvement of the cemetery grounds

As a Contribution

by Marcia & Ed Fitzmaurice

RABBI GERALD J. KLEIN

MEMORIAL CEMETERY FUND

Beautification and improvements of the Temple Emanu-El Cemetery

Memory of Adelaide Cohn

by Mary Ann Lustig

Memory of Isadore Cohn

by Mary Ann Lustig

Memory of John Ira Kirk

by Mary Ann Lustig

Memory of Ruth L. Kirstein

by Mary Ann Lustig

Memory of Neal Nierman

by Renée & Buddy Gilbert

RABBI GERALD J. KLEIN

GARDEN FUND

Maintenance of the Klein Garden

Memory of Albert Darver

by Sherri & Alan Darver

Memory of Debbie Freed

by Joan & Malcolm Shwarts

Memory of Anita Rady

by Helen Stern

Memory of David Alan Vogel

by Marguerite Burtis & Peter Vogel

ALEX F. WEISBERG LIBRARY FUND

Purchases of Judaic books, publications and entertainment media

Memory of David Braslow

by Sylvia & Malcolm Cohen

GENERAL

TEMPLE EMANU-EL GENERAL OPERATING FUND

Support of Temple's general programs and events

Memory of Gerald Barnes

by Mary Lee, Michael, Katie & Brian Broder

by Arlene & Michael Glazer

by Nan Kirkpatrick

by Michael Lee, M.D.

by Carol, John, Katherine & Allen Levy

by Alice & Jim Skinner

Memory of Ralph Bubis

by Jan Watson

Memory of Lawrence Burk

by Sheryl & Gordon Bogen

by Judy & Jamey Clement

by The Dannis Family

by Sherri & Alan Darver

by Don Farris

by Gary Hoffman

by Gary Kahn

by Pamela Sarkisian Denesuk

by Ann & Larry Stern

by Carl Weisbrod

Memory of Debbie Freed

by Eileen Ray

Memory of Lillian Hammer

by Barbara Jo & Geoffrey Crowley

Memory of Jules Novick

by Michael Novick

Appreciation of Roberto Longoria

by Anjelica Ruiz

Appreciation of Rabbi Dan Utley

by Barbara Jo & Geoffrey Crowley

As a Contribution

by Judy and Jamey Clement

Birthday of Alan Gold

by Larry Golman

Honor of Rabbi Dan Utley

by Jan Watson

TEMPLE EMANU-EL ENDOWMENT FUND

Distribution from the Temple's foundation supporting Temple's programs

Memory of Gerald Barnes

by Hila & Nat Ekelman

Memory of Charles Bennett

by Janet & Mitch Jacobs

Memory of Jack Corman

by Catherine Corman

Memory of Arthur Friedman

by Natalie Friedman

Appreciation of Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen

by Catherine Corman

As a Contribution

by Andrea & Norm Bleicher

MUSIC AND PRAYER

MUSIC FUND

Enhancement of Temple music programs

Memory of Gerald Barnes

by Barbara & Philip Einsohn

Memory of Judith Frank

by Barbara & Philip Einsohn

Memory of J.Y. Golden

by Renée & Buddy Gilbert

Memory of Joseph M. Redstone

by Sue & Marcel Weiner

Appreciation of Cantor Vicky Glikin

by Barbara Roseman

by Phyllis & Joe Somer

Appreciation of Cantor Leslie Niren

by Phyllis & Joe Somer

by Betsy & Daniel Zellman

Appreciation of Rabbi Debra Robbins

by Joan Becker & Family

Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Chaput

by Vicki & Brian Shiller

ADULT PROGRAMS

ATID (YOUNG ADULTS)

Support of Jewish engagement of young adults in their 20s and 30s

Appreciation of Rabbi Dan Utley

by Phyllis & Joe Somer

KATHERINE F. BAUM ADULT EDUCATION FUND

Support for adult education programs

Appreciation of Rachel Tucker

by Anjelica Ruiz

SOCIAL JUSTICE

HUNGER RELIEF PROJECTS

Collection of funds for hunger relief throughout the year, especially during High Holy Days and Passover

Memory of Debbie Freed

by Lisa & Jim Albert

Memory of Ludwig Guckenheimer

by Miriam Vernon

Memory of Benjamin L. Hochberg

by Katherine Kosut & Lawrence Hochberg

Memory of Zanne L. Hochberg

by Katherine Kosut & Lawrence Hochberg

Memory of Charlene & Jack Stoller

by Helen Feldman

As a Contribution

by Betty Jo & David Bell

by Linda Brenner

by Judy & Don Cohn

by Arlene & Allen Feltman

by Lynda & Gordon Newman

by Phyllis & Phillip Stoup

by Helaine Trachtenberg

Birthday of Charlotte Danto

by Susan & Daryl Beck

THE JILL STONE TIKKUN

OLAM FUND

Support of Temple's social justice programs including initiatives, advocacy, projects and lectures

Memory of Gerald Barnes

by Stacy & Stuart Simon

Memory of Lawrence Burk

by Annette Corman

Memory of Louise Eiseman

Soul Tide Shabbat

JANUARY 7-8 | ♿ ♻ ♻ ♻



Deborah Sacks Mintz



Rabbi Josh Warshawsky



Coleen Dieker

Experience a weekend of communal singing and prayerful music with **Deborah Sacks Mintz** and **Rabbi Josh Warshawsky**, accompanied by violinist extraordinaire **Coleen Dieker**.



JANUARY 7

Shabbat Evening Service | 6:15PM | Stern Chapel

Welcome Shabbat through song with Deborah, Josh and Coleen as they bring to life some of our favorite musical settings of prayers.

JANUARY 8

Torah Study | 9AM

"Singing at the Sea, Lamenting by the River: Song Narratives in Our Collective Story," taught by student rabbi Deborah Sacks Mintz

Shabbat Morning Service | 10:30AM

Embark on a spiritual journey with Deborah, Josh and Coleen in this reflective service featuring melody and silence.

Concert and Havdalah | 6PM

Enjoy a picnic and get ready to dance, sing and clap during this joyful concert.

Register: participate.tedallas.org/soultideshabbat

Contact: Alexandra Horn, ahorn@tedallas.org

Memory of Herman Marcus
by Nancy Lubar & Richard Marcus

Memory of Barbara Rabin
by Phyllis & Joe Somer

Memory of Danny Sikora
by Phyllis & Joe Somer

Birth of Davy Jade
by Susan Hoffman & Sam Gottlieb

Honor of Scott McCartney
by Annette Corman

PRISCILLA R. STERN MEMORIAL LITERACY FUND

Support of literacy projects in the general and Jewish communities

Memory of Lawrence Burk
by Ethel Zale

Memory of Freida Fischer
by Kim & Avrum Schonwald

Memory of Rabbi Barton Lee
by Jody & Melvin Platt

Memory of Beatrice Schneider
by Lynn & Mark Bernstein

Memory of Ben Schneider
by Lynn & Mark Bernstein

Appreciation of Rabbi David Stern
by Phyllis & Joe Somer
by Kerry, Michael, Walter & Sophia Fogelman

As a Contribution
by Ruthie & Alan Shor

Birthday of Natalie Goldstein
by Judy & Ronald Foxman

SOCIAL JUSTICE FUND FOR YOUTH EDUCATION

Support of worthwhile educational causes for youth in need

Memory of Judith Frank
by Barbara & John Cohn

Appreciation of Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen

by Phyllis & Joe Somer

Appreciation of Rabbi Debra Robbins
by Phyllis & Joe Somer

YOUTH AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

WILLIAM P. BUDNER YOUTH LIBRARY FUND

Purchases of Judaic books and publications for students

Bat Mitzvah of Elaine Carte Engel
by Lynn & Bob Behrendt

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER (ECEC) FUND

Support of ECEC programs

Memory of Socorro Alvarez
by Laurie & Bob Gidlow

Memory of Claire Greenberg

by Cheryl & Max Batzer
by Barbara & Burton Einspruch
by Lois & Ross Finkelman
by Janet & Jonathan Kutner
by Susan & Scott Portnoy
by Mary, Evelyn & Bob Raedisch
by Margot & Rust Reid

by Suzy Renz

by Janice & Art Weinberg
by Joyce & Stan Zeldin

Memory of Thelma Gruber
by Storrow & Murray Gordon

Memory of Ida Mondell
by Cynthia & Allen Mondell

As a Contribution
by Nancy & James Hoak

Bat Mitzvah of Briana Layne Solomon
by Jane & Cameron Larkin

Bat Mitzvah of Eres Stone
by Jane & Cameron Larkin

B'Nai Mitzvah of Gregory & Liliana Cunningham
by Jane & Cameron Larkin

JEANETTE AND RAYMOND ISRAEL TEACHER TRAINING FUND

Funds for continuing education for YL+E teachers

Appreciation of Rabbi Debra Robbins
by Phyllis Wylie

GINA ROSENFELD LEVY GREENE FAMILY CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Financial assistance to families for Greene Family Camp

Memory of Lily Bloom
by Jacque & Freddy Roberts

Memory of Joseph M. Brown
by Jacque & Freddy Roberts

Memory of Adolph Stoup
by Phyllis & Phillip Stoup

LOMDIM PROJECT

Support of an open and inclusive community for YL+E children with special needs

Memory of Beatrix Reid Lawrence
by Gail & Dana Lawrence

METZ YOUTH FUND

Scholarships for Jewish activities sponsored by Temple or other Jewish organizations

As a Contribution
by Brad Blumenthal

MARTIN AND CHARLOTTE WEISS RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

Scholarships for YL+E fees, books and additional expenses

Memory of Lillian Deutsch
by Shelley & Richard Hirsh

Memory of Sylvia Fink
by Carol & Robert Hirsh

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Financial assistance to families for participation in youth programs

Memory of Alan Cohen
by Mindy & Rick Cohen

Memory of Claire Greenberg
by Robin Kosberg & Mark Washofsky

Memory of Annette Kimmel
by Mindy & Rick Cohen

Appreciation of Rabbi Amy Ross
by Phyllis & Joe Somer

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Support of the Youth, Education and Service program of Women of Reform Judaism

As a Contribution
by Joan Jackson
by Jacque Schwitzer

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January Save-the-Dates

Looking ahead to 2022, mark your calendars now for an incredible month of learning, music, holidays and prayer. Watch Temple communications for more details.

Learn with Rabbi Josh Taub | Jan. 6, 13, 20 and 27

Topic: How's This for a Theory: The Exodus from Egypt Never Happened

If we consider what one scholar calls "literary based historical geography," the Hebrew Bible will show that the famous Israelite migration (The Exodus) never involved Egypt, slavery to Pharaoh or a journey across the Sinai peninsula. The narrative in the Torah is an allegorical tale about internal strife in the unified Israelite nation.

Soul Tide Shabbat | Jan. 7-8

You've hummed, tapped and clapped to their mesmerizing melodies. Now hear them live. See p. 15 for more details.

Shabbat Shirah | Sabbath of Song | Jan. 14-15

Tu BiSh'vat | Holiday of the Trees | Jan. 16-17

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day | Jan. 17 | Volunteer Opportunity

Winter Film Series: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion | Jan. 13, Jan. 27, Feb. 3