

# The Window

Spirit of Community



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Rededicating Ourselves  
at Hanukkah

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# From the Bimah

TEMPLE CLERGY SHARE THEIR WISDOM, THEIR VOICES  
AND THEIR HEARTS AT THE HIGH HOLY DAYS



**Erev Rosh Hashanah:  
Rabbi Debra Robbins**

It has been really hard since October 7 for me, and perhaps for you too, to hear the melody of “Hatikvah” because it evokes so many conflicting emotions. Israel’s deep internal political

struggles, playing out in its wars on multiple fronts, can make it challenging to maintain an ancient historical bond or even feel a connection to the modern Jewish state.

But this is precisely the time and place to choose hope. Rabbi Andrea Weiss encourages us to see “hope as a muscle...We have to work on building up our capacity to hope, even knowing that disappointment may be around the corner, knowing what we hope for may not happen.” If hope is a muscle, we can train it. We have to use it, even when it’s weak, lest it atrophy. Like learning and maintaining any skill, we have to practice.

Hope can take a long time to reveal itself. I hoped as a child, as others did too, that when my mother died in 1974, somehow my grief would lead to healing. In January, my brother and I hosted an online 50th Yahrzeit Gathering for our mother, Judith Tobias Robbins. As we cried and laughed with friends from across 50 years, I was filled with a lightness and wholeness I never felt before. After five decades of practice, I recited Kaddish, words of thanks and praise, with patient people, hopeful people, who trained me, and taught me, over a lifetime, how to have hope for the future.



**Rosh Hashanah Morning:  
Rabbi Michael Lewis**

What can we learn from the three paths taken by our ancestors in the Amsterdam Jewish community? In response to fear and suffering, it’s easy to lean too heavily one way or another. We can lose

our balance and that can make walking on the narrow bridge even more tenuous. But if we find the *right* balance among particularism, universalism and even a dose of messianism — a dose of optimism that it might just get better — that’s exactly what our Jewish community needs when we are most afraid of the whole world and we feel like we’re on a very narrow bridge.

This is exactly what the great leader Hillel taught us when he said, “If I am not for myself, who will be for me?” this is healthy particularism. Sometimes we need to stand up for ourselves! To care about the particular Jewish people! “But if I am only for myself, what am I?” This is healthy universalism. If we only look after our own, and forget about others and their suffering, then we might find ourselves lost.

“And if not now, when.” This is the healthy dose of messianism. In response to this suffering, we need to remind ourselves that there is hope for a future. That one person isn’t going to come along and solve all of our problems. But that together our community can harness its collective energy and help us overcome our fears and anxieties about the place of the Jewish people in America, in Israel, and around the world.



**Kol Nidre: Rabbi David Stern**

Do you remember that Moses shattered the tablets of the Ten Commandments upon seeing the people worshipping the Golden Calf? And that with God, Moses carved another set?

Well, our sages asked a question. We know, they said, that the second set, the whole set, traveled in the ark of the covenant. But what became of the shattered pieces of the first? And the sages of the Talmud answered: *Luchot v’shivrei haluchot munachin ba’aron* — the whole tablets and the broken tablets were kept together in the ark.

Now usually we use this text to teach the importance of maintaining the dignity of the broken alongside the whole. ...But tonight I’d like to reverse the angle: to say that it is imperative, precisely when we are feeling broken, to keep the whole tablets in mind. Precisely when we are feeling broken, to remember the Judaism of wholeness that inspired us in the first place. Precisely, when we are feeling under siege, when we want to draw the wagons into a circle, to hear the commanding ethical voice of Sinai. Precisely when the threats and the enemies and our fear are real, to deny fragmentation the last or only word.



### Yom Kippur Morning: Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen

It's our melodies, our prayers, our chiming in on a verse or a word, that create the divine throne. It's an ancient and radical idea: our prayerfulness and presence create the space for God to

reside. Our multi-vocal symphony is the foundation of God's presence and strength.

Over the past year, you've whispered my name for the *Mi Shebeirach* and held my hand before Kaddish. When I've struggled to find physical and emotional energy to face a new day, I've imagined our voices joining together on Shabbat evening as the old oak trees through the windows of Stern Chapel seem to dance along to the melodies. Your support has lifted me and my family. And the Psalmist suggests that in each of these small, powerful human acts, we build God's throne. When we pick up the tools of spirit and song, offer gratitude that we are part of a vibrant, resilient people, when we find others who try to seek out greater wholeness in this terribly broken world, we are carpenters of the holy.

### Yizkor: Rabbi David Stern

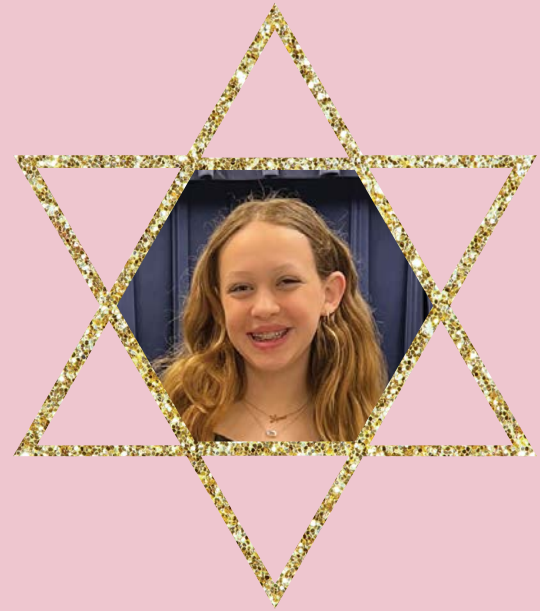
And so, to the personal dimension of this Yizkor hour: I read this sentence by former U.S. Poet Laureate Tracy Smith this summer: "I have been living a long time now with the dead." And I thought: me too.

After all, that is part of what it means to be a rabbi. To stand with families at the crossing between life and death. To sit in the sacred circles when you have all told the stories that bring laughter and tears. To look out at the faces at graveside and see them etched with searing grief and powerful love.

"I have been living a long time now with the dead." And at Yizkor, I think — all of us too. When the tears sneak up on us, or the laughter. When we find ourselves still working through the old wounds, or learning to embrace the best of who they were. When we give *tzedakah* to sustain their legacy. When we do our best with their recipes for Pesach, or for character. Sometimes in struggle, sometimes in sweetness, we have all been living for a long time now with the dead.

### Visit Us on YouTube

Scan the QR code to watch sermons in their entirety, listen to beautiful songs by our cantors, hear remarks by President Bob Krakow and watch "Sally Shofar in the Mishkan," the ever-popular film featuring familiar and beloved characters!



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**RABBI AMY ROSSEL**

and **JUSTIN ROSS**

IN CELEBRATION AS THEIR DAUGHTER

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IS CALLED TO THE TORAH AS A BAT MITZVAH

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2024**

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# HANUKKAH 2024

# The Bright Side

Just as our ancestors rededicated the Temple during Hanukkah, we spend this darkest season rededicating ourselves to bringing light to ourselves and one another.



**First Candle December 25**

What are ways we can rededicate ourselves to Jewish life during the month of Kislev?

Week one: Rededicate Yourself to Spirituality

Week two: Rededicate Yourself to Learning

Week three: Rededicate Yourself to Justice

Week four Rededicate Yourself to Community

## Hanukkah at NorthPark

**Dec. 17 | 6PM**

Sing, celebrate together and share your Jewish pride at a festive concert for all ages! This annual concert features Cantors Vicky Glikin and Leslie Niren along with the Temple Emanu-El Choir and Kol Shir Youth Choir.



## All-In Shabbat

**Dec. 27 | 6PM**

Experience the light of community as we come together to celebrate the third night of Hanukkah in a festive service for all ages with Rabbi David Stern, Cantor Leslie Niren and the Kol Shir Youth Choir. Bring your *hanukkiyah* and candles to light as a congregation, followed by a Hanukkah dinner complete with latkes and activities for kids.



## Café Emanu-El

**Social Hour for Seniors**

**Dec. 4 | 2-3PM**

Come to Temple to schmooze, sip, and snack with a vibrant community of older adults in Tycher Gathering Space. Our *sh'lichah*, Aya Margalit, will share customs of the ritual of lighting Hannukah candles from different communities in Israel.

## From Time to Time

**Lunch-and-Learn with Rabbi Debra Robbins**

**Dec. 11 | 12-1:30PM**

This session of the class focuses on Hanukkah. See page 23 for details about the class based on the book by Rabbi Dalia Marx.

## Wiener-Sandfield Lighting

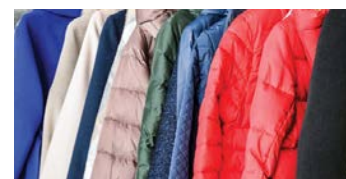
**Dec. 26 | 5PM**

Celebrate Hanukkah with the family of Temple's architect, Max Sandfield, who with Howard Meyer designed the current building. The family invites you to a candle lighting of the *hanukkiyah* created by Sandfield and a short reception following.

## Coat Drive

**Month of Kislev/December**

Help keep our Dallas neighbors warm this winter by bringing new and gently used coats of all sizes to Temple.



Register for events at [tedallas.org/events](https://tedallas.org/events)

# Hungarian Adventure with ATiD: May 18-25

**R**abbi Michael Lewis invites young adults ages 22-39 to join him on a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Budapest, Hungary, with JDC Entwine, an initiative of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

The itinerary is still being created, but sample experiences include touring the historic Jewish quarter, now home to restaurants, bars and galleries; visiting the Dohany Synagogue, one of the largest in the world; exploring an innovative Jewish co-working space; sampling Hungarian cuisine; connecting with young Hungarian Jews through the Neolog progressive Jewish community; and learning about Jewish life in Eastern Europe.

The trip is being generously subsidized by Temple, and organized by JDC, the largest Jewish humanitarian organization in the world. The Entwine program offers global travel and service opportunities to build young Jewish leaders.

For trip details, contact Rabbi Lewis at [mlewis@tedallas.org](mailto:mlewis@tedallas.org)  
For more information about JDC, visit [jdc.org](http://jdc.org)



## SHINE *the light*

### SUPPORT AND RESOURCES FOR SPIRITUAL AND MENTAL WELL-BEING

#### Grief Support on Zoom

First Tuesday of the month, 12-1PM: Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Jan. 7

#### In-Person Grief Support

Last Tuesday of each month, 12-1PM: (adjusted for Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve) Nov. 19, Dec. 17, Jan. 28

#### Jewish Family Service Support Groups

Our community partner, Jewish Family Service, helps adults, children and families navigate mental health challenges and coping skills through a variety of support groups. To learn more, visit [jfsdallas.org](http://jfsdallas.org).

#### Substance Abuse Support for Friends and Families

Thursdays every week from 5:30-6:30PM in person and on Zoom. Contact: Freda Heald, [fredaheald@yahoo.com](mailto:fredaheald@yahoo.com)

#### Here for You

Are you or someone you know struggling with infertility or going through IVF? We are exploring

the possibility of a support group. If interested please reach out to Meredith Pryzant, [mpryzant@tedallas.org](mailto:mpryzant@tedallas.org).

#### 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.

For information or Zoom links, please contact Meredith Pryzant, Director of Member Support, [mpryzant@tedallas.org](mailto:mpryzant@tedallas.org) | 214.706.0000, ext. 3802

# COWBOYS GAME DAY TAILGATE & TREATS AT TEMPLE

Presented by  
Temple Emanu-El Brotherhood

November 10 | 9AM-3PM  
Nasher-Haemisegger Family Atrium

Fuel up for the Cowboys/Eagles match at Brotherhood's pregame experience with a daylong menu of delicious foods including breakfast, burgers, hot dogs and all the classic fixings.

It's a touchdown for everyone and a game day to remember!

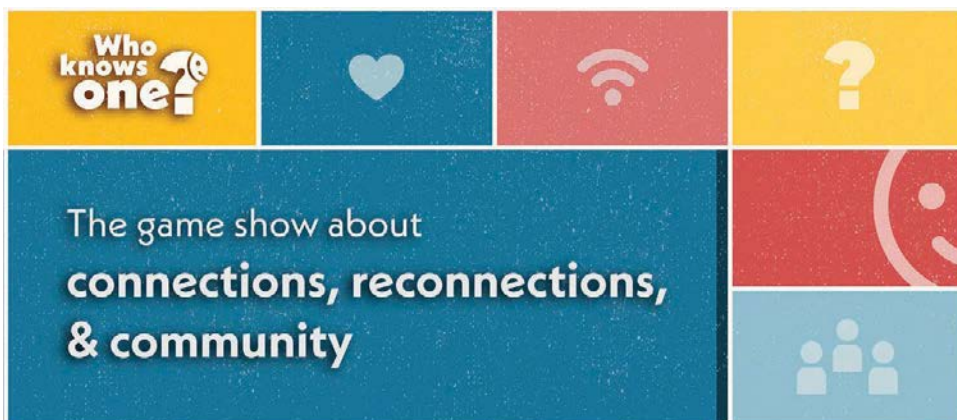


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## WHERE IN THE WORLD?

**Wednesday, Dec. 4 | 7PM | Register: [tedallas.org/events](https://tedallas.org/events)**

Enjoy a fun evening with Micah Hart, creator of "Who Knows One?," a live touring show with interactive games and storytelling. Think "Six Degrees of Separation" meets Jewish geography for this fun game showing us how interconnected we are.



# Temple Forward

CONGREGATION TO VOTE ON A TRANSFORMATIONAL GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

**T**he Board of Trustees has approved a new set of bylaws that, if adopted by the congregation at large, will cultivate more leaders and result in more dynamic decision-making at Temple. “This is an important moment in Temple’s history” said Bob Krakow after the unanimous vote. “The very best of Temple and its leadership came together to make this happen.”

The sweeping changes resulted from 16 months of work by the Bylaws Task Force, which included an audit of Temple’s bylaws, benchmarking with other large congregations, and dozens of interviews with congregants of different ages and levels of involvement.

Here’s a guide to the changes that will be presented for a vote at a special meeting of the congregation on January 21, 2025.

## Bylaws FAQs

### **What are bylaws and why are they important?**

Bylaws are the rules by which Temple governs itself. They allow for the congregation to authorize the Board of Trustees to manage the affairs of Temple.

### **Why are we voting to change them?**

The current bylaws were enacted in 1974. They are significantly outdated due to substantial changes in Temple’s structure and operations, changes in Texas nonprofit law and changes in best practices for nonprofit governance.

### **What are the main changes?**

1. A more streamlined and engaged Board of Trustees where each of the 27 trustees will have oversight for a committee or portfolio — a task currently performed by the 10-member Executive Committee.
2. Creation of a new 30-person Leadership Council that represents diverse constituencies of Temple to provide guidance on significant matters and serve as a pathway for those interested in serving on the Board.

3. A new year-round Nominating and Governance Committee that will focus on leadership development, on identifying leaders and matching their skills to committee opportunities at Temple.

### **What is the timeline?**

Upon approval of the bylaws of the congregation, a transition committee will begin implementing the new structure. The new Board term will start in June. All current trustees and officers will complete their terms.

### **How can I learn more?**

Over the next three months, you’ll have plenty of opportunities to learn more about the changes from Temple communications, videos, the Temple website, town halls and committee meetings. Plus, our task force leaders and President Bob Krakow are happy to visit with you. Email them at addresses below:

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### **How do the new bylaws impact Temple?**

The new bylaws are designed to strengthen the role of committees in helping to oversee and manage Temple operations and initiatives, as well as to provide opportunities for engagement and leadership development.

### **Do the leaders I know and respect support this?**

The proposed bylaws have been unanimously approved by the Bylaws Task Force, the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees. In addition, the task force had meaningful discussions with Temple’s past presidents, Rabbi David Stern and Executive Director Meredith J. Fried Fedyk.





# AT A GLANCE | Board Structure

	Proposed	Current
<b>Board Composition</b>	21-27	68
<b>Officers</b>	4	10
<b>Leadership Council (New)</b>	Advisory body of 30 members	NA
<b>Lifetime Board Appointments</b>	None	Past Presidents
<b>Non-Elected Representatives</b>	Immediate Past President	5 appointed representatives and all living Past Presidents
<b>Board Terms</b>	3 years, 2-terms limit	2 years, 2-terms limit
<b>Committee Oversight</b>	Spread out among Board of Trustees	Concentrated in Executive Committee

# AT A GLANCE | Decision Makers

## Leadership Council

**Purpose:** Advisory body and forum for strategic input to Board

**Size:** 30 members selected from a broad representative base of congregants, plus lifetime membership for Temple past presidents

**Relationship to Board:** Chairperson attends all Board and Executive Committee meetings

**Terms:** 1 year, 4-terms limit

**Time Commitment:** Meets regularly at least four times per year, and in special circumstances; lower time commitment than Board

**Sample Areas of Deliberation (based on recent issues):** Perimeter barrier, strategy review of budget priorities, social justice goals and input, proposed bylaws changes

## Board of Trustees

**Purpose:** Decision-making body of the congregation

**Size:** 21 to 27 trustees, including President, Vice-President and Immediate Past President

**Voting:** Most decisions made by majority; a super-majority of two-thirds of the Board is required for a handful of major decisions such as hiring clergy or incurring new debt

**Oversight:** All trustees will be more directly involved in committee oversight either as committee chairs or as supervisory liaisons to committees and task forces.

**Time Commitment:** Meets regularly at least six times per year, and more frequently as required by circumstances; higher time commitment than Leadership Council and expanded responsibilities for trustees. vis-à-vis current Board structure

## Nominating and Governance Committee

**Size:** 9 members selected by the president and approved by the Board; past chair and immediate past president are ex officio

**Responsibilities:** Nominations for Board of Trustees, officers and Leadership Council; recommendations of leaders for committees and task forces; leadership development for existing and emerging leaders

**Frequency:** Operates year-round, a change from current practice of meeting every January to nominate trustees for the next year's board



## Bylaws Task Force

Sara Albert, co-chair  
 Greg Gerstenhaber, co-chair  
 Lauren Bender  
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 Larry Ginsburg  
 Mark Kleinman  
 Katherine Krause  
 Nancy Rivin  
 Scott Rosuck  
 Jeff Zlotky  
 Bob Krakow, ex-officio  
 Julie Meyer, staff liaison



## Benchmark Congregations

Synagogue	City	Member Households	Executive Committee	Board of Trustees
Central Synagogue	New York	3,000	7	30
Temple Israel	Bloomfield Hills, Detroit area	3,000	6	40
Temple Emanu-El	Dallas	2,527	10	68
Congregation Beth Yeshuran	Houston	2,000	8	34
Temple Emanuel	Denver	2,000	6	18
Congregation Emanu-El	San Francisco	1,900	5	21
Temple Beth El	Boca Raton	1,850	none	18
Congregation Rodeph Shalom	New York	1,700	7	25
The Temple	Atlanta	1,700	8	44
Congregation Emanu El	Houston	1,650	9	33
Congregation Beth Israel	Houston	1,600	8	31
Temple Sinai	Atlanta	1,600	11	32
Temple Israel	Boston	1,500	none	18

# From Stage to Stern Chapel

Meet the musical duo behind the Marcy & Zina Show!

**M**arcy Heisler and Zina Goldrich sat next to each other at a musical theater workshop on a hot day in New York 30 years ago and bonded over sundresses.

“I don’t remember who said, ‘I like your dress’ first,” Marcy recalls. “Did Rodgers and Hammerstein say that to each other? We struck up a convo and a friendship.”

The two musicians were each working with someone else, but after a couple of years, they decided to try writing a song together. They’ve collaborated together ever since.

“We complement each other. We round each other’s voices out. Sometimes the work comes from two different places, but the music is always from one heart,” says Marcy.

Zina, who writes music to Marcy’s lyrics, describes her partner as an “amazing wordsmith, whether it is a comedy song that evokes emotions or a dramatic ballad that makes you laugh. Nothing is all sad or all happy; there’s nuance. It’s so great to be able to put music to it.”

The pair will perform at 4PM on November 17 in a cabaret-style, free performance in Stern Chapel as part of the MAC (Music, Arts and Culture) season. They have been deeply grounded in the New York musical scene since the '90s and have written for several productions. Zina says they’ve been fortunate to have many Broadway artists record their songs, including Kelli O’Hara, Kristin Chenoweth, Audra McDonald, Brian Stokes Mitchell, Alan Cumming, Michael Feinstein and Megan Hilty.

They say their Jewish backgrounds help to guide their music. Zina has also written some liturgical music, including versions of the *Mi Shebeirach* and Sim Shalom prayers.

“Our love of music and tradition informs our work; there’s a sense of comedy and a sense of family,” Marcy says.

What can we expect from a cabaret-style performance? Marcy and Zina explain that there’s a longstanding tradition in New York musical theater that writers working on and off Broadway get together in living rooms to share works in progress. The salon-style sessions offer both a sneak peek and a focus group.



“We have found that it’s not only enjoyable for us but educational too,” says Marcy. “Projects often take about seven years to be put in front of an audience. We learn what is and isn’t working.”

Both women say that connecting with the audience is one of the most memorable parts of their work.

“At first they don’t know us at all, but they leave being a part of it all,” says Zina.

Adds Marcy: “Our songs are about desire for connection, and a somewhat neurotic optimism we all share. Some roads can be painful, like the roads to love and achieving your dreams. We share our specifics, in a comedic and heartfelt way, we touch a chord with our audience and our audiences touch a chord with us.”

Reserve your spot now at [tedallas.org/events](https://tedallas.org/events).

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NOVEMBER 17, 2024 | 4PM

THE MARCY & ZINA SHOW



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# GRATITUDE TO OUR HIGH HOLY DAYS VOLUNTEERS

WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!

Temple clergy, staff and the High Holy Day Advisory Team thank the hundreds of volunteers who added so much beauty and spirit to our celebrations this year. You baked, greeted, fed the hungry, uplifted us in song, polished silver, taught and so much more.

*Kol ha kavod!*

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Andrew Zusman



# Passport to Hanukkah

Celebrate and Shop  
Presented by Women of Reform Judaism

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10  
9AM-3PM

Tycher Gathering Space and Linz Hall  
A feast for the senses | Incredible gifts  
Hours of browsing and schmoozing fun

Meet our marquee vendors selling one-of-a-kind merchandise!



Vivian Judson

Temple member and creator of the Menschie Mahjong set. [goldielox.com](http://goldielox.com)



Judaic Treasures

Fresh from a buying trip to Israel, check out gift shop manager Kay Schachter's fabulous finds.



Kerry Silver

A Temple member and glass artist, Kerry creates functional and decorative glass art and Judaica. [lahoyaglass.com/journal](http://lahoyaglass.com/journal)

Plus:

**Sarina Schick:** Wire-wrapped handmade jewelry. [designsbysarina.com](http://designsbysarina.com)

**Rahav Eppstein:** Israeli potter, living in Dallas, known for her black-and-white designs. On Instagram [@eppstein](https://www.instagram.com/eppstein)

**Urban Spikes:** Plant shop offering modern botanical designs, a favorite of ECEC moms! [urbanspikes.com](http://urbanspikes.com)

# Celebration and Remembrance

Compiled by Thomas Booe

## BECOMING B'NAI MITZVAH



**Samuel Noam  
Leybovich-Glikin  
November 2**  
Son of Cantor Vicky Glikin  
and Vlad Leybovich  
Highland Park Middle School  
Tikkun Olam: North Texas  
Food Bank



**Ella Seidenstein  
November 2**  
Daughter of Lauren and  
Mickey Seidenstein  
Renner Middle School  
Tikkun Olam: Lemon  
Aide Society



**Jack Ettinger  
November 9**  
Son of Stacy and  
Scott Ettinger  
Parkhill Junior High  
Tikkun Olam: Team  
Izzy Foundation



**Layla Wilson  
November 9**  
Daughter of Rachel and  
Scott Wilson  
The Hockaday School  
Tikkun Olam: Dallas  
Holocaust and Human  
Rights Museum



**Cayman Orlowski  
November 16**  
Son of Tina and  
Marcus Orlowski  
Ann & Nate Levine Academy  
Tikkun Olam: Patriot Paws



**Leona Ross  
November 23**  
Daughter of Rabbi Amy  
Rossel and Justin Ross  
Parkhill Junior High  
Tikkun Olam:  
Friendship Circle



**Sofie Elena Tortorice  
December 2**  
Daughter of Michelle Hicks  
and Justin Tortorice  
The Hockaday School  
Tikkun Olam: Legacy  
Midtown Park



**Dylan Harris  
December 7**  
Son of Renee and  
Jacob Harris  
Parkhill Junior High  
Tikkun Olam: North Texas  
Food Bank



**Eli Chartan  
December 14**  
Son of Rebecca and  
Eric Chartan  
Parish Episcopal School  
Tikkun Olam: VNA Meals on  
Wheels



**Brooke Kahn  
December 14**  
Daughter of Kimberly and  
Ryan Kahn  
Shelton School  
Tikkun Olam: The Ronald  
McDonald House



**Emma Greenstone  
December 21**  
Daughter of Joanna and  
David Greenstone  
Greenhill School  
Tikkun Olam: Bye Bye  
Bags for Voge Alcovel



**Dinny Nichols  
December 30**  
Son of Lee and Josh Nichols  
The Hockaday School  
Tikkun Olam:  
Friendship Circle

## MITZVAH MOMMENT

### LIAM CALDER

Liam, who celebrated his bar mitzvah on Sept. 7, chose to read from Temple's Czech Torah scroll. He shared the significance of getting to read from this special Torah, which originated in Klatovy in southwestern Czech Republic. It was among more than 1,800 scrolls saved by Jewish curators during World War II. It has been in Temple's care since 1976, as part of the Czech Memorial Scrolls Trust.

In Liam's own words: "The collective efforts to hide, preserve and restore this Torah make me feel part of a larger international Jewish community. It ties me to my European

ancestors and reminds me how supportive, resourceful and committed we are to celebrating the beauty of Torah in both good and challenging times.

This Torah has a real sense of history and power that I feel lucky to have experienced. I am a small piece of this Torah's long story.

I first learned about the Czech Torah scroll in Youth Learning + Engagement when I saw the Sofer repairing it. (See p. 26 for a story on the Sofer's next visit.) My teacher mentioned that it might be available for bar mitzvahs. I loved its survival story and asked Rabbi Robbins at our first bar mitzvah meeting if I could read from it."



## BABY NAMINGS



**Matilda "Tilly" Jane Delagi**  
 Daughter of Sydney and Matthew Delagi  
 Granddaughter of Beth and Greg Delagi



**Solomon Fine**  
 Son of Clara and Jonathan Fine  
 Grandson of Chitra and Joshua Fine  
 Great-grandson of Brooke Fine



**Alexander Edward Fullington**  
 Son of Hannah and Ian Fullington  
 Brother of Madeleine Fullington



**Isaac Nathan Grimm**  
 Son of Krystle and Joseph Grimm  
 Brother of Grayson and Oliver Grimm



**Colby Gundersen Hochster**  
 Daughter of Caroline Gundersen and Zach Hochster



**Micah Gabriel Palmer**  
 Son of Ana and Noah Palmer  
 Grandson of Wendy and George Palmer



**Eliza Esperanza Ruiz**  
 Daughter of Anjelica Ruiz and Stephen Tinnin



**Zoe Ro Tobolowsky**  
 Daughter of Lisa and Zachary Tobolowsky  
 Sister of Isla Tobolowsky  
 Granddaughter of Debbie Tobolowsky

## IN MEMORIAM

### **Freda Ballas**

Sister of Jack Ballas, Albert Ballas and Maurice Ballas

### **Selma Kirschner Bookatz**

Mother of Dr. Barnett "Bart" Bookatz and Steve Bookatz

### **Renee Ellen Cobbel**

Sister of Sandra Gorman

Mother of Dennis Cobbel, Gary Cobbel and Lori Alexander

### **Stephanie Cohen**

Mother of Amy Bauman, Charles Kotler and Cobby Shereff

### **Pauline "Polly" DeNur**

Mother of Bobbi Feldman Kornblit, Rita King, DeDe Watkins, Jack DeNur and Robert H. Shelton

### **Grigory Fainshtein**

Husband of Elena Fainshtein

Father of Anat Borodyansky and Daniel Fainshtein

Brother of Elizaveta Kolometseva

### **James Lynn Greenstone**

Father of David Greenstone, Pamela Greenstone and Cynthia Olander

Brother of Janet Bennett

### **Karen Haney**

Mother of Tori Seigel and Chrissy Haney

Sister of Jim Wiggins

### **Mona S. Hersh-Cochran**

Mother of Ken Hersh, Paula Hersh and Susan Geller

### **Harold Lee Horne**

Stepfather of Laurie Drazner and Linda Burka

### **Jo Klein**

Wife of Bert Klein

Sister of Patricia Clifton, Roy Clifton, Garry Clifton and Ray Clifton

### **Richard Marcus**

Husband of Nancy Lubar-Marcus

Father of Lisa Schlachter and Lesli Gernsbacher

### **Florence "Flossie" Ann Pack**

Mother of Jay Pack and Dee Pack

### **Lewis Phillip Ring**

Husband of Sue Ring

Father of Steven Ring and Adam Ring

Stepfather of Greg Ebenholtz, Leslie Bowen and Gayle Calderon

### **Jo An Rosen**

### **Belle Sanders**

Mother of Barry Sanders, Alan Sanders, Richard Sanders and Steven Sanders

### **Peggy Titens**

Mother of Michael Titens and Joan Titens

Sister of Seymour Glick

### **Roslyn Wechsler**

Mother of Arthur Wechsler and Jill Goldin

Sister of Gloria Abromowitz

### **Rabbi Sherwood Weil**

Husband of Dr. Joan Berger

Brother of Jerry Weil and Monica Weil

Father of Valerie Bergin, Daniel Weil, Caren Germinio, Keith Weil, Kevin Weil, Brandon Weil, Lauren Weil and Ashley Weil

Stepfather of Seth Berger, Ari Berger, Monica Berger and Joel Berger

### **Blanche Weinberger**

Mother of Barry Steinberg, Jack Steinberg, Andy Steinberg and Paul Steinberg

## NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS

**Matthew, Panjola and Isabella Abel**

**Vered, Alejandro, Ariel and Aiden Abeles**

**Jeff, JoAnna, Gabrielle, Samuel and Jonah Apfel**

**Jonah, Lily and River Balakhaneh**

**Adam Broscow and Jordan Lehrner**

**Lisa Cervenka Seiden, Jason and Samuel Seiden**

**Abigail Cook, Thomas, Theodore and Gideon Booe**

**Danielle, Kennedy and Pierce Coyle**

**Alissa and Hannah Crooks**

**Kenzie Dickman and Celeste Grace**

**Saul Frankford, Shira DeCovnick, Henry and Eleanor Frankford**

**Diane and Jerry Gardner**

**Courtney Haas Bauch, Dominik, Levi, Lula and Jack Bauch**

**DR Hanson**

**Anne, Nick, Henry and Jane Hendrix**

**Zach Hochster, Caroline Gundersen and Colby Hochster**

**Liz Horowitz**

**Meredith and Jake Jopling**

**Jamie, Lane, Rhys and Ferris Kasselman**

**Sarah Katz**

**Jeremy Kerber and Lexy Young**

**Craig, Ryan, Connor and Jordan Kessler**

**Jared Leidner and Bess Lovern**

**Presley Lisner**

**Leslie Freed**

## WEDDINGS



**Delaney Patterson and Tyler Margaretten**



**Mandy Shapiro and Al Spencer Martin**

**Julie Plott**

**Phil Polishook, Amy and Alexandria Hampton**

**Henry Roseman**

**Charlie Saginaw**

**Gustavo Sebran, Cynthia Villacorta-Sebran and Julian Sebran**

**Danny Shoham, Hayley Stulmaker, Ellie and Even Shoham**

**Solomon, Leslie, Jack and Claire Spiegel**

**Cori, Michael and Howie Stethem**

**Zach and Jenny Sturman**

**Patricia Vojack**

**Stephanie Weiner**



# CONVERSIONS



Joel Archer



Levi Skora Cervantes, Noah Skora Cervantes and Rey Cervantes



Colin Conrad



Jennifer Ebinger



Sarah Krasprzyk



Marissa Moyer



Brooke Salisbury



Tatyana Kravetz and Ethan Shrayber



**Memory of Bea Schneider**  
by Lynn & Mark Bernstein  
**Memory of Ben Schneider**  
by Lynn & Mark Bernstein  
**Memory of Dianne**  
**Betty Schonwald**  
by Kim & Avrum Schonwald  
**Memory of Gerald Paul Silber**  
by Suellen & A.J. Rosmarin  
**Memory of Seymour Thum**  
by Sylvia & Malcolm Cohen  
**Marriage of Nina Stern**  
by Ettie & Melvin Weinberg

**(ATiD) Young Adults Fund**  
*Support of Jewish engagement of young adults in their 20s and 30s*

**Memory of Libby Goldberg**  
by Mindy & Rick Cohen  
**Memory of Abe Kalmikoff**  
by Barbara & Jerry Wells  
**Memory of William Kimmel**  
by Mindy & Rick Cohen  
**Memory of Charles**  
**Rubenstein**  
by Mindy & Rick Cohen  
**Memory of Marcus Wells**  
by Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Wells  
**Memory of Richard Wells**  
by Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Wells



## SOCIAL JUSTICE

**Hunger Relief Fund**  
*Collection of funds for hunger relief throughout the year, especially during High Holy Days and Passover*  
**Memory of Maurice H. Behrendt**  
by Lynn & Bob Behrendt  
**Memory of Selma Bookatz**  
by Lisa & Jim Albert  
by Susan & Daryl Beck  
**Memory of Ann & Buddy Cohen**  
by Harriet L. Cohen  
**Memory of Esther Cohn**  
by Mary Ann Lustig  
**Memory of Harold Knop**  
by Nancy & Richard Fincher  
**Memory of Edna Lowenberg**  
by Julie & Michael Lowenberg  
**Memory of Richard Marcus**  
by Helen Feldman  
by Joyce & Joe Rosenfield  
**Memory of William Mexic**  
by May Sebel

**Memory of Annette**  
**Morganstern**  
by Linda & Garry Kahalnik  
**Memory of Frieda Simon**  
by Evelyn & Eugene Fox  
**Memory of Harriet Simon**  
by Evelyn & Eugene Fox  
**Memory of Marcus Simon**  
by Evelyn & Eugene Fox  
**Memory of Max Vernon**  
by Miriam Vernon  
**Memory of Sherwood Weil**  
by Linda & Garry Kahalnik  
**Marriage of Alexa Boorstein & Allen Levy**  
by Brenda & Steve Zuckerman  
**As a Contribution**  
by Rebecca & Kenneth Bruder  
by Judith & Andrew Finger  
by Arlene & Michael Glazer  
**Birth of Annie Jane Ronan**  
by Vesta Snider  
**Birthday of Beth Gold**  
by Julie & David Fields

**The Jill Stone Tikkun**  
**Olam Fund**  
*Support of Temple's social justice programs including initiatives, advocacy, projects and lectures*  
**Memory of Norm Bleicher**  
by Sarith & Rich Abramowitz  
**Memory of Selma Bookatz**  
by Tricia & Matt Gold  
**Memory of Carl B. Flaxman**  
by Peggy & Dave Millheiser  
**Memory of Harriet Gold**  
by Tricia & Matt Gold  
**Memory of Doris Knop**  
by Nancy & Richard Fincher  
**Memory of Richard Marcus**  
by Julie & Michael Lowenberg  
by Sally & Rick Rosenberg  
**Appreciation of Louise Applebome**  
by Nancy & Richard Fincher  
**Appreciation of Brad Blumenthal**  
by Nancy & Richard Fincher  
**As a Contribution**  
by Sally & Rick Rosenberg

**Social Justice Youth Education Fund**  
*Support of worthwhile educational causes for youth in need*  
**Memory of Lena Kimmel**  
by Mindy & Rick Cohen  
**Memory of Mary Kurtz**  
by Cindie & David Kurtz

**Memory of Richard Marcus**  
by OriAnn Phillips & Scott McCartney  
**Memory of Lillian Tavensky**  
by Mindy & Rick Cohen  
**Memory of Blanche Weinberger**  
by Linda & Garry Kahalnik  
**Anniversary of Myra & Bert Fischel**  
by Sharon & Irvin Kasser



## YOUTH AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

**William P. Budner Youth Library Fund**  
*Purchases of Judaic Books and publications for students*  
**Memory of Marcus Wells**  
by Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Wells  
**Memory of Richard Wells**  
by Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Wells

**Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC) Fund**  
*Support of ECEC programs*  
**Memory of Selma Bookatz**  
by Ethel Zale  
**Memory of Renee Cobbel**  
by Ethel Zale  
**Memory of Laura B. Darver**  
by Sherri & Alan Darver  
**Memory of Allen V. Drew**  
by Susie & Joel Litman  
**Memory of Bette Miller**  
by Frada & Alan Sandler  
**Memory of Robert Nobleman**  
by Frada & Alan Sandler  
**Memory of Florence Ann Pack**  
by Frada & Alan Sandler  
**Memory of Blanche Weinberger**  
by Ethel Zale  
**Blessing of Eliza Ruiz**  
by Marcia Grossfeld  
**Birthday of Pauline Graivier**  
by Ethel Zale

**Gina Rosenfield Levy Greene Family Camp Scholarship Fund**  
*Financial assistance to families for Greene Family Camp*  
**Memory of Laurie Gidlow**  
by Phyllis & Phil Stoup  
by Sarith & Rich Abramowitz

**Lomdim Project**  
*Support of an open and inclusive community for YL+E children with special needs*  
**Memory of Carol Berman**  
by Phyllis & Zachary Saletan

**David B. Shalom Religious Education Fund**  
*Financial assistance for religious education of Temple members*  
**Memory of Selma Bookatz**  
by Joanie & Shelly Weinstein

**Martin & Charlotte Weiss Religious School Fund**  
*Scholarships for YL+E fees, books and additional expenses*  
**Memory of Norm Bleicher**  
by Sally & Rick Rosenberg  
**Memory of Selma Bookatz**  
by Carol Hirsh  
**Memory of Judy Frank**  
by Carol Hirsh & Family

**Shor/Lowenstein Youth Scholarship Fund**  
*Financial assistance to families for participation in youth programs*  
**Memory of Hank Pearson**  
by Robin Kosberg  
**Birthday of Julie Fields**  
by Ruthie & Alan Shor  
**Birthday of Danna Hayden**  
by Ruthie & Alan Shor  
**Conversion of Joel Archer**  
by Robin Kosberg  
**Conversion of Sarah Kasprzyk**  
by Robin Kosberg  
**Honor of Michelle Brown**  
by Ruthie & Alan Shor  
**Honor of Beth Gold**  
by Ruthie & Alan Shor  
**Honor of Jamie Hayden**  
by Ruthie & Alan Shor  
**Honor of Wendy Stanley**  
by Ruthie & Alan Shor

**Metz Youth Fund**  
*Scholarships for Jewish activities sponsored by Temple or other Jewish organizations*  
**Birthday of Karlyn Herlitz**  
by Laurie Sutkin

**Seth Davidow Family Youth Fund**  
*Distribution from the Temple Emanu-El Foundation supporting youth programs*  
**Memory of Martin Golman**  
by Arlene Leibs



**WRJ**  
*Funds to support activities of Women of Reform Judaism*

**YES Fund of Sisterhood**  
*Support of the Youth, Education and Service programs of Women of Reform Judaism*

**As a Contribution**  
by Gail Arbetter  
by Marla Bane  
by Betty Jo Bell  
by Tammy Cancela  
by Yuh Min Chook  
by Rachele Weiss Crane  
by Michele Galen  
by Kristy Goltz  
by Kari Gould  
by Jo-Sandra Greenberg  
by Carrie Hatfield  
by Ann Kahn  
by Pam Karpel  
by Roz Katz  
by Debbie Koeppl  
by Robin Kosberg  
by Debbi Levy  
by B. Rose  
by Celia Saunders  
by Denise Siegal  
by Jan Timmons  
by Tina Wasserman  
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**Freda Gail Stern Fund**  
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by Pam Karpel  
by Roz Katz  
by Debbie Koeppl  
by Jacquie Schwitzer  
by Denise Siegal  
by Betsy Teitell  
by Jan Timmons  
by Tina Wasserman  
by Sue Weiner

**Yolanda Clark Fund**  
**As a contribution**  
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by Betty Jo Bell  
by Yuh Min Chook  
by Rachele Weiss Crane  
by Michele Galen  
by Kristy Goltz  
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by Carrie Hatfield  
by Nancy Jellinek  
by Pam Karpel  
by Roz Katz  
by Debbie Koeppl  
by Julie Lowenberg  
by Cynthia Salzman Mondell  
by Bonnie Rosenberg  
by Jacquie Schwitzer  
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by Betsy Teitell  
by Jan Timmons  
by Tina Wasserman  
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by Deborah Wormser

**Women of Reform Judaism**  
**In Memory of Marilyn Rich**  
by Debbie & Howard Haile



# Together We Can

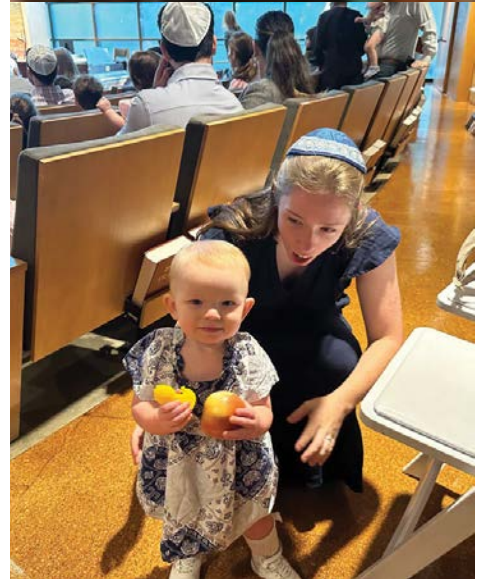
## 2024-2025 ANNUAL FUND

Our community thrives because of you. With your support, we can continue to offer a welcoming space for worship, learning and connection. Temple's Annual Fund is a vital effort that helps us sustain the programs, services and community initiatives that define our shared experience.

Your Gifts Supports:

- **Youth & Adult Education:** Inspiring a lifelong love of Jewish learning.
- **Worship & Spiritual Growth:** Creating meaningful, inclusive services for all.
- **Community Outreach:** Building social justice programs that make a real impact.

Every contribution — no matter the size — helps us grow and thrive together. Join us, because Together We Can ensure that Temple remains a vibrant hub of spiritual and communal life.



# Beyond Election Day

Now that you've submitted your ballot, collected your "I Voted" sticker and tuned into election results, you've practiced democracy, right? Yes, and...

**D**emocracy is both a Jewish value and a living practice. We don't wrap it in tissue paper and put it in a closet for the next time we're ready to use it. At Temple, we're fortunate to have an active civic engagement group and professionals who promote it in their work and volunteer lives.

Following is a dialogue among Robert Elkin, Rabbi Kimberly Herzog Cohen, Jeff Kitner and Elena Dufner Paull, leaders of our community for whom democracy is a verb day in and day out.



**Robert** is Co-founder and Board President of March to the Polls, a nonpartisan voter engagement organization focused on electoral participation in underrepresented communities, primarily youth and people of color. He has recently received the AARP Purpose Prize Award for founders of nonprofit organizations. [marchtothepolls.org](http://marchtothepolls.org)



**Jeff** is Chief Operating Officer of the North Dallas Chamber of Commerce, overseeing operational, legal, public policy and advocacy matters at the Chamber at the municipal, county, state and federal levels. [ndcc.org](http://ndcc.org)



**Rabbi Herzog Cohen** is clergy liaison to Temple's social justice and advocacy efforts.



**Elena** is Vice President of Operations for A More Perfect Union, which mobilizes Jewish civil organizations to protect and strengthen democracy. [jewishdemocracy.org](http://jewishdemocracy.org)

## How do your Jewish values guide the work?

**Robert:** I am drawn to Judaism's theme about the oneness of God, which is manifest in how we are all interconnected and interdependent. When young people are not voting, it feels like a tear in the social fabric. So, I think about this work as repairing that tear.

**Elena:** Jewish tradition demands that we care for our neighbors and honor the humanity in each person, and democracy demands that we commit to and prioritize the collective... Jews have done better in the United States than anywhere else in the diaspora because of the protections of American democracy, including freedom of expression and freedom to worship. We have an obligation to protect and strengthen democracy so it can continue to protect and strengthen vibrant Jewish life.

**Jeff:** *Tikkun olam* guides my work at the Chamber, which exists to make Dallas the best place to live, work, build a business and raise a family. I'm also privileged to serve on other boards and commissions which allow me to make a positive difference in our community, both at Temple and externally.

**Rabbi Herzog Cohen:** The mystic Rabbi Isaac Luria believed the people of Israel are a single body, and the whole depends on the health of every limb and organ. As Reform Jews, we recognize our unique identity, and our universal responsibility as Americans and as part of humanity.



Postcard writing for getting out the vote is one way Temple makes democracy a practice.

### Other than on Election Day, how do you develop your own practice of democracy?

**Jeff:** Voting is important, but it's only a small component of what we all can be doing to have a positive impact on the world. There are many ways to practice democracy. I love working with others in a collaborative way to get stuff done.

**Rabbi Herzog Cohen:** For me, it's not only a moral duty to vote and participate in our public square weighing the issues of our day through a Jewish lens — it's a spiritual practice. To be civically engaged is to understand that our actions and our involvement impact the whole. Amidst a shattering year, it feels even more essential to affirm the ways we are connected, one single organism, all of us with a role to play in the entire system.

**Robert:** Through the year-round work of March to the Polls, but also trying to stay informed about issues and forcing myself to try to consider opposing positions on issues.

**Elena:** Civil society institutions — including Jewish organizations like Temple, Jewish Family Service and the Jewish Federation — are the safety net and community center for so many people. And history shows us that when democracies falter, institutions are the backstop to ensuring that services and communities can still function. By connecting with people, participating in communal institutions and staying educated, I hope that I am helping to counter that societal fracturing and foster a stronger democracy.



### GETTING DIRTY FOR GOOD

**Tzedek Emanu-El**, the social justice curriculum of Youth Learning + Engagement, is visiting one of its two partner gardens at McShan Elementary School from 1 to 3PM on Nov. 10. This is geared to families; volunteers will learn about the garden and help plant new beds, weed and so much more. The other partner garden is a hydroponic garden at MLK Arts Academy.

**Register:** [tedallas.org/events](https://tedallas.org/events)

### FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS

Temple collected 610 bags of food during the High Holy Days Hunger Relief Drive. Our 7th grade students from Youth Learning + Engagement delivered the bags to North Dallas Shared Ministries on Oct. 20. Thanks to all who contributed food and nearly \$12,000!



# Take Time for Learning

RABBI DEBRA ROBBINS TO TEACH NEW MONTHLY LUNCH-AND-LEARN CLASS



Connect with Israel, our Jewish calendar, and other learners at this new, in-person-only, monthly class led by Rabbi Debra Robbins. We'll use the book "From Time to Time: Journeys in the Jewish Calendar" by Rabbi Dalia Marx to explore holidays that are new to Israel, Israeli poetry and ideas that will shape the future of Jewish culture and celebrations.

Each class will focus on a month in the calendar, and advance reading of short sections is expected. Classes will include discussion and reflection on personal and communal opportunities for intellectual and spiritual growth.

Books are available at Judaic Treasures, on Kindle or Google Play, and from CCAR Press. Classes will start promptly at noon, so come early to have your lunch, settle in, and visit with friends.

**Schedule: All classes are on Wednesdays from 12 to 1:30PM**

**Register: [tedallas.org/events](https://tedallas.org/events)**

2024	2025	
November 13	January 8	April 8
December 11	February 12	May 14
	March 12	

## Got Jewish Questions? He has Answers!

Temple welcomes Rabbi Mark Washofsky, Ph.D., a member and professor emeritus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, as a scholar-in-residence on Dec. 13-14. Rabbi Washofsky will deliver the sermon at the Shabbat evening service and teach a lunch-and-learn after the Shabbat morning service from his new book, "Reading Reform Responsa: Jewish Tradition, Reform Rabbis, and Today's Issues."

Responsa literature consists of rabbinic answers to questions about Jewish law, or *halachah*. In his book, Rabbi Washofsky explores how Reform Judaism is guided by *halachah* as it constantly adapts and evolves in the modern world.

Rabbi Washofsky served as the chair of the Responsa Committee of the Central Conference of American Rabbis from 1996 to 2017. His book is available for purchase at Judaic Treasures, CCAR Press and Amazon.



# FALL INTO FUN

It's been a busy semester for our schools! From our littlest learners to our Temple teens, there's exploring, friendships and Jewish connection to be found around every corner. Enjoy this snapshot of all the excitement.



Mila Wolf enjoys a sensory experience.



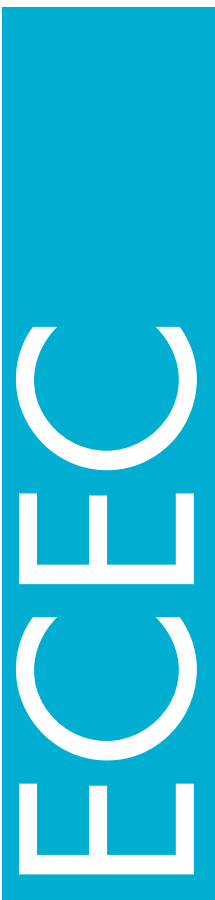
Riley Diamonstein explores the light table.



Eliza Ruiz enjoys Shabbat ritual items.



Kindergarteners practice yoga with their bodies and minds.



ECEC children explore the wonders of Gan Shalom.



Emory Jacobs uses her fine motor skills in a Rosh Hashanah provocation, or open-ended activity to stimulate imagination.



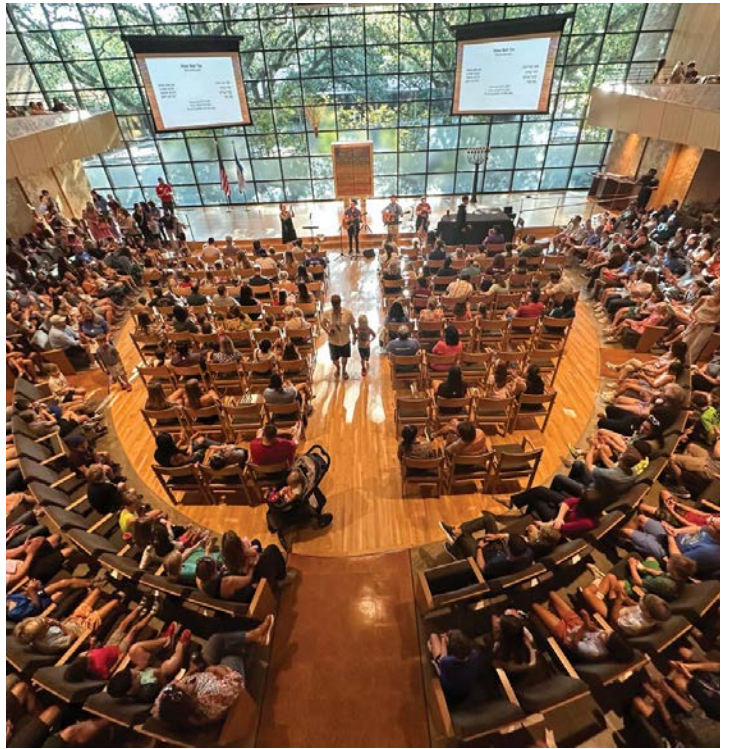
Max King and Walter Silberman experience touch, sight and smell.



# YL+E



Jamming in the Temple sukkah with Jacob Spike Kraus.



Opening day t'filah



Above, below: The 8th and 9th grades host a delicious Israeli brunch.



It's time to deliver donated food at North Dallas Shared Ministries!



Kindergarten practices for Consecration.



Teens take some time for reflection with Rabbi Michael Lewis on Yom Kippur.

# Roll With It!

## ALL ABOUT THE TEMPLE TORAHS

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Spend a fun and informative morning on Dec. 8 learning all about Temple's Torahs. The Torah Team, a group of congregants who help care for our sacred scrolls, will introduce some of our Torahs and share their unique histories and stylistic differences. Then, you'll have a chance to watch sofer Rabbi Moshe Druin at work. Rabbi Druin, of Sofer on Site, visits annually to help keep our scrolls in good condition. He will talk about this unique form of Jewish ritual art and share the story of our Czech Torah, which survived the Holocaust and was restored to its sacred status this past year.

The event is open to all congregants, and students in grades 5, 8 and 9 will also visit with Rabbi Druin. Adult registration is requested so that we can prepare adequately to welcome you.

### Meet the Torah Scrolls Morning!

**Sunday December 8 | Register: [tedallas.org/events](https://tedallas.org/events)**

**9:30-10AM**

*An Introduction to our Temple Emanu-El Torah Scrolls*

The Torah Team will introduce some of our sacred scrolls and share their unique histories and stylistic differences.

**10:15-10:45AM**

*Watch the Sofer (Torah Scribe) at Work*

Rabbi Moshe Druin, of Sofer On Site, comes annually to keep our scrolls in good condition. He will talk about this unique form of Jewish ritual art as well as share the story of our Czech Torah which survived the Holocaust and was restored to its sacred status this past year.



# Israel Connections

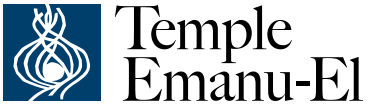
Israel continues to be part of the Temple heartbeat. Over the fall holidays, Temple *sh'lichah* Aya Margalit created an Israel art exhibition and activities in A Peaceful Place on Yom Kippur afternoon. She also introduced Sukkot HaYotzer, an event from her kibbutz, at All-In Shabbat, where congregants of all ages created beautiful art.

## Yom Kippur Israel Room



## Sukkot HaYotzer





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