Temple Israel



the BULLETIN

September/October 2020

Elul/Tishri/Cheshvan 5780-5781



Rosh Hashanah September 18-19, 2020

Yom Kippur September 27-28, 2020

Shana Tova!

Virtual Worship Schedule

NOTE: SOME SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE BOTH VITUALLY **AND** IN PERSON. WATCH FOR YOUR WEEKLY EMAILS FOR CURRENT INFORMATION

Holiday	Dates	Times		
SHABBAT	Friday, September 4 Saturday, September 5	6:15 pm 10:15 am	Kabbalat Shabbat Service Shabbat Service, Parsha Ki Tavo	
MORNING MINYAN	Thursday, September 10	7:30 am	Morning Minyan	
SHABBAT	Friday, September 11 Saturday, September 12	5:30 pm 6:15 pm 10:15 am	Family Fun Shabbat Kabbalat Shabbat Service Shabbat Service, Parsha Nitzavim/Vayeilech Bar Mitzvah Jack Mandel	
ROSH HASHANAH	Friday, September 18 Saturday, September 19	see page 5 for details	Erev Rosh Hashanah- Rosh Hashanah morning service	
MORNING MINYAN	Thursday, September 24	7:30 am	Morning Minyan	
SHABBAT	Friday, September 25 Saturday, September 26	6:15 pm 10:15 am	Kabbalat Shabbat Service Shabbat Service, Parsha Ha'azinu Shabbat Shuvah	
YOM KIPPUR	Sunday, September 27 Monday, September 28	see page 6 for details	Kol Nidre Yom Kippur	
SHABBAT/ SUKKOT	Friday, October 2 Saturday, October 3	6:15 pm	Family Fun Shabbat Kabbalat Shabbat Service - in appreciation of past Oneg Sponsors Shabbat Service, Sukkot	
SHABBAT/ SIMCHAT TORAH	Thursday, October 8 Friday, October 9 Saturday, October 10		Bat Mitzvah Arielle Viner-Lemelin	
SHABBAT	Friday, October 16 Saturday, October 17	6:15 pm 10:15 am	Kabbalat Shabbat Service Shabbat Service, Parsha Bereshit	
SHABBAT	Thursday, October 22 Friday, October 23 Saturday, October 24	7:30 am 6:15 pm 10:15 am	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	
SHABBAT	Friday, October 30 Saturday, October 31	6:15 pm 10:15 am	Kabbalat Shabbat Service Shabbat Service, Parsha Lech Lecha Tribute to Ellen Asherman, Choir Director	

From the Pulpit



High Holidays 2020/5781 **Everything Has Changed, Or** Has It?

As we now know, our high holidays will look like none other we have experienced before. Rather than going to the Greek Orthodox Church, we will be in our own homes. Accustomed to seeing dear friends, many for whom the holidays are

our chance to re-connect, instead we will be with few, perhaps ourselves. We have a map in our mind of how to begin our year with tradition and routine, this year we will need to find a new way.

Yes, yes and yes. Check out Temple's High Holiday flyer, coming to your inbox soon! But once we look beyond the most obvious, I pray that we will find that our holiday experience will in fact be grounded in that which we value most.

- We can take steps to make our homes into a "mikdash me'at - a small Temple." This will entail preparing our living room to be a source of spirituality and prayer. It ought to be clean, intentional, ready. The device that we use to watch our services ought to be big, well placed, a source of comfort. A resource guide can soon be found online and we are happy to help you to be technologically ready.
- Nothing makes up for real human connection. The holidays can be used as an opportunity to "bubble" for many of us. These are intentional groups of people who we can look to as extended family. We can hug and embrace those within. For some, this will not be possible. In this case we can use telephones and technology to reach out and share holiday chats. We were good at this in March and April, let's do so again in coming days.
- Rest assured, the holidays will look very similar to the worship services that we are used to. The melodies that we crave will be arriving shortly - make sure to sing out loud. The choir is preparing a collection of virtual songs to lift our spirits high. Mort is ready to bring his favorite theatrical Haftarah reading to homes near and far. Dina and Nina are hard at work on the cello and piano to enchant us on Kol Nidre. Rabbi Garten and I are blending the concerns of the day with traditional words to stir our souls and provide nourishment in this difficult time.

Every holiday season we need to take a leap of faith. This year more than most. Looking forward to seeing you soon. I pray that this year will be one of sweetness, meaning and renewal.

Rabbi Daniel Mikelberg

President's Message



For the last Bulletin in March, I exclaimed about a busy first three months. Six months later, I am amazed how much we are achieving in the midst of a pandemic!

The Giving Committee is working on an annual giving plan to foster a culture of philanthropy. The Life & Legacy team is halfway to their goal of 18 letters of intent for the first year.

Our Caring team has called congregants and is following up with those with specific needs. The Health and Safety team is providing ongoing advice to help us manage risks and interpret evolving government protocols. New ushers have stepped forward for outdoor and soon indoor services.

Our choir members rehearsed all summer to record songs to lift our hearts at High Holidays. Rabbi and Ritual Committee have imagined new ways to celebrate virtually. A team of volunteers, staff and consultant professionals are hard at work to realize our virtual HHD services and related celebrations, including offering technical support to congregants on their home viewing set-up.

Our principal is recruiting teachers and consulting School Committee members on detailed school plans that conform to evolving government protocols. Our Junior Youth Advisor is developing a slate of fall activities that also conform. In September, a new Senior (FROSTY) Youth Advisor will begin.

Our Building Renovation Action Committee received a final concept design in July from Figurr Architects Collective and is discussing tweaks and details.

The Board meets virtually monthly, except July-August. The Board Executive meets more often to coordinate and manage risks. The Nominating Committee is underway. This year's financial audit is in process and our budget is being carefully monitored by the Treasurer and Executive Director.

A Communications Team meets regularly to share ideas and expertise; check out our new web site, regular Temple articles in the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin, soon-to-be released video productions, and plans to manage our photo and image collections.

A Volunteer Award Committee is underway, seeking 2020 nominations for the Singer-Bercovitch Award, the Harriet Schneider Youth Volunteer Award and the Rabbi Award. Stay tuned for details, we plan to present the awards at the November 30 Annual Meeting of Temple Israel.

Not bad for pandemic times! As Yom Tov approaches, let's embrace new experiences inspired by our tradition and create memories to celebrate in the years ahead! Shana Tovah!

Margot Montgomery, President

School News



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Some say that life as a teacher begins the day you realize that you are always learning. When I learn new things, a spark shines within me and I often cannot wait for the opportunity to share that knowledge with others. Pirkei Avot (Ethics of our Forefathers)

tells us that Moses passed down Torah to Joshua, and Joshua to his students, and Joshua's students to their students. Each teacher has a unique gift of knowledge to offer, as do our students. When a teacher enters a classroom (in person or on Zoom!), there are new opportunities to learn.

Being in quarantine has provided many opportunities to learn from others as we navigate our way through this pandemic. The new "normal" has all of us considering the smallest of details so that we can ensure the safety and maintain the good health of our students, teachers, and families. Our goal at TIRS remains to provide quality Jewish education that is engaging, innovative, inclusive, and creative. Our students will achieve a strong Jewish identity through Torah, Gemilut Chasadim (acts of kindness) and Tikun Olam (repairing the world). Students will continue to take a journey through Israel, Hebrew, Jewish history (ancient and current), Jewish holidays, life cycle, Jewish ethics and values.

HaRav Joseph Soloveitchik said that "the principle of the eternity of Torah bestows upon us the promise that it is possible to study Torah and to observe it not only at home ... but everywhere in the world, be it the modern home, the laboratory, the campus or the industrial plant, in public as well as in private life." Holding classes virtually provides an opportunity for our students to learn from home and not worry about traffic, for example, on Wednesdays. The opportunity to learn virtually has increased our ability to create new and strengthen existing bonds. It has also allowed an increase of access for students that live outside of Ottawa.

Our teachers have been busy attending professional development through the month of August and eagerly preparing for the new school year. We are a team, and every member of the team has an opportunity to learn from the others. This privilege of learning as a team is something that has not stopped during the pandemic and I am grateful for that.

The Talmud says, "Much have I learned from my teachers, more from my colleagues, but most from my students." And Maimonides taught: "Just as students are obligated to honor their teacher, a teacher is obligated to honor students and encourage them." Students increase a teacher's wisdom and broaden a teacher's horizons. Just as a small branch is used to kindle a large one, so too a student sharpens a teacher's thinking until, through their conversation together, wisdom shines forth.

I hope that we are all blessed with peace, kindness, posi-

tive relationships, good health, sustenance, and a long life of learning and discovery. May we all find joy in the work of study, and may we support one another fully as a community of learners and be a blessing to one another. Shana tova umetukah – May we all find sweetness and happiness in the challenging year to come.

From my family to yours, Sue Potechin, TIRS Principal





Holiday Schedule at Temple



Join Temple Israel's **High Holiday Celebrations** (2020/5781)

Shana Tovah! Though it is true that we cannot physically pray together: with our melodies, prayers and learning, we can transform our physical houses into sacred spaces. At Temple Israel, we pride ourselves on our commitment to tradition and modernity, observing customs, but also being innovative. This year we are excited to offer a variety of virtual experiences that represent these beloved Temple values.

The following live events will be available via Zoom, which will be provided at a later date. We suggest you create community by viewing these on a TV or large screen in your family or social bubbles. You will need to pre-register. New to Temple Israel? Please give the office a call so that we can welcome you to our community.

Contact the Temple office in advance for any help you need in setting up the technology.

osh Hashanah

Friday, Sept 18th

Hineni-I Am Here! 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.: The emphasis of our first worship service is centering ourselves and being present in the moment. In these crazy times, there are a lot of distractions. We will ground ourselves with rituals, song and learning as we begin the new year. Bring your candles and kiddush cups so we can commence and conclude with communal blessings as one.

Saturday, Sept 19th

Melodies of Rosh Hashanah, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.: Over recent months, we have craved to hear our traditional holiday melodies of Avinu Malkeinu, Unetaneh Tokef and Sim Shalom. Join Rabbi Daniel Mikelberg, Student Cantor Daniel Geigerman, and Temple's Liturgical Choir as we focus on music to guide us through the first half of the morning service.

Climbing Mount Moriah, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.: Our traditional Rosh Hashanah Torah reading is the Binding of Isaac. We reflect on Abraham's journey with his son Isaac. Was he wearing blinders as he ascended the mountain? We will hear the Torah blessings and chanting. Rabbi Daniel Mikelberg's teaching will examine the implicit biases that we carry.

Sunday, Sept 20th

Communal Tashlich, 2:30 p.m.: We are excited to meet in-person at the parking lot of Mooney's Bay with a bag full of crumbs to repent for our transgressions of days past. Our creative, physically distant, Tashlich ritual will also include an open air live shofar blowing. There are additional locations and times across the city to participate in. Of course, you can also follow along virtually on Facebook.



Holiday Schedule at Temple

Yom Kippur

Sunday, Sept 27th

Kol Nidre, 8:00 p.m.-9:15 p.m.: Each year the notes of Kol Nidre pierce our soul. Dina Namer on piano, Nina Gordon's cello and Daniel Geigerman's voice will accompany us on our musical journey. Please bring your candles to the digital service so that we can begin with communal blessings.

Calling all toddlers, as well as the young at heart! Rabbi Mikelberg aka Rabbi
Rogers is back with his friends
Judy and David Gershon.
A fun and fabulous kiddie
centered virtual episodes will
be posted on Facebook on
both Rosh Hashanah and
Yom Kippur.

Monday, Sept 28th

Melodies of Yom Kippur, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.: We will continue our Yom Kippur observance with the melodies of this solemn day. The morning service will include an interactive Vidui; a confession of the soul for the 21st century.

Choose Life, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.: Our traditional morning Torah reading places us at the border of the Promised Land. The Israelites are instructed to make the best of the opportunity before them. First we will hear the blessings and chanting, followed by a teaching from Rabbi Steven Garten on our individual and community responses to the challenges of COVID-19. He will introduce us to the concept of the "Tragedy Test."

Healing Service, 1:30 p.m.-2:15 p.m.: Many of us use Yom Kippur afternoon to nourish our souls. Join Rabbi Steven Garten and Lisa Hans on this musical and spiritual journey to heal as a community. This will be a virtual experience, but a limited amount of participants will be able to participate in person. Please contact the office to reserve your spot.

Sailing the Waters with Jonah, 2:45pm-3:30 p.m.: Mort Bercovitch will take us on a theatrical journey with his reading of Jonah. Rabbi Daniel Mikelberg will continue with a text study of this riveting tale of a naïve man trying to run away from his responsibilities.

Yizkor Memorial Service, 4:00 p.m.-4:45 p.m.: This has been a difficult year for our community as we have lost so many that are dear to us. Even as we may feel alone, we will join together virtually to grieve, support and carry the legacy of our loved ones.

Neila Concluding Service, 5:15 p.m.-6:00 p.m.: This has been a holiday season like none other. As the sun begins to set, we will join together one final time for concluding prayers.

Break the Fast, 6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.: Have your honey cake and gefilte fish ready for a virtual nosh.

http://templeisraelottawa.ca | (613) 224-1802



We're proud of the efforts of our Temple Israel Liturgical Choir in producing extraordinary virtual videos for us to delight in all holiday season.





Need help to get set up for the High Holidays?

Help is available for those wanting some technical advice to connect to the High Holy Day Services. Please leave a message with Cathy or Heather with your name and phone number, and one of our volunteer tech people will get back to you.

Thank you Garry Kessler, Steve Mendelsohn and Allan Silburt for your generous offer to help!



HOW TO CONNECT YOUR LAPTOP TO YOUR TV

- Make sure laptop & TV are turned ON
- 2) Plug HDMI (image 1) or VGA (image 2) cable into appropriate port on side of laptop





- 3) Plug that same cable into the same port on the back of your TV
- 4) Press the INPUT button your TV's remote to find the new source (laptop).



HOW TO AIRPLAY FROM YOUR DEVISE

In those apps, the AirPlay icon will appear when it's available (a triangle pushing into the bottom of a rectangle or three concentric rings, depending on your version of the iOS). Note Airplay only works with Apple products (Apple TV, MAC Computer, etc...)





Condolences



May their memory forever be a blessing.

Condolences are extended

Condolences are extended to the families of

Miki Sheldon

Henry Schneider, beloved husband of Harriet Schneider, father of Dina Schneider (Matt Wilbur)

Zanoby Rogoff, beloved father in law of Irina Iagoda

Emma Sugar, beloved mother of George (Michelle) Sugar

Milton Klyman, beloved father of Mark Klyman (Lauri Gray)

William Greenberg, beloved husband of Gertrude Greenberg, father of Andrea (John) Zagerman

Brian Lingard

Jeannette Gilman, beloved mother of Heather Gilman (Tony Shewchenko)

Rita Levesque Coulombe, beloved mother of Pierre Coulombe (Ann Heathcote)

Nadine Serrouya, beloved mother of Lillian Serrouya

Desmond Doran, beloved father of Kim Doran (David Goldstein)

Eric Cohen, beloved husband of Janet Cohen

Murray Palmer, beloved brother of Mark Palmer (Elly Nadorp)

Jared Daley, beloved son of Cindy Laitinen

Norma Pustil, beloved wife of David Pustil

Jeremy Goldstein, beloved husband of Aliza Rudner, beloved son of Sandra & Stephen Goldstein, beloved brother of David Goldstein (Kim Doran)

Ruth Viner, beloved mother of Gary (Debra) Viner

Johnny Hanes, beloved brother of Roy Hanes (Mindy Finkelstein)

Vera Grushman, beloved mother of Andrei (Ursula) Grushman

Leonora Allen, beloved mother of Sandy (Pam) Allen

Ruth Harris, beloved mother of Stephen Harris

Joseph Kovesi, beloved husband of Vera Kovesi, mother of Tom (Nicolette) Kovesi

JEWISH PASTORAL CARE TRAINING PROGRAM VIA ZOOM



Jewish Pastoral Care is rooted in Jewish values such as 'bikkur cholim' (visiting the sick) and 'gemilut hasadim" (deeds of loving-kindness).

In 2018, the first Jewish Pastoral Care Training Program was delivered by Temple Israel, with help from Or

Haneshemah and Kehillat Beth Israel, and with financial support from the Jewish Federation of Ottawa. This course was run in response to a clear need for Jewish Volunteer Spiritual Care teams to be established at two Ottawa hospitals, The Ottawa Hospital, including the Heart Institute, and the Queensway Carleton Hospital. Several other faith groups already had well established teams in place at both hospitals, but there were no Jewish teams. The course was attended by members of the Ottawa Jewish Community who expressed an interest in becoming a Jewish Spiritual Care Volunteer at one of the hospitals. The course is a required pre-requisite for volunteering in Spiritual Care at both hospitals. Until the start of COVID-19, about 50% of those who completed the program in 2018 were actively visiting Jewish patients at the two institutions. Unfortunately, visits have not been allowed in recent months due to COVID-19 but the intention is that once the pandemic ends, those same teams will go back to work, hopefully with additional volunteers on board.

At this time, Temple Israel, Or Haneshamah and Kehillat Beth Israel are delighted to announce that with the help of a new grant from Federation, they will be running a Jewish Pastoral Care Training Program via Zoom on eight Thursday mornings, starting October 15, 2020. The course will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Rabbi Daniel Mikelberg, Rabbi Liz Bolton and Rabbi Eytan Kenter, and trainers from the Ottawa Pastoral Care Program will deliver the program. Besides being of general interest to those providing support in their everyday lives, completion of the course will also meet the necessary prerequisites for joining the Jewish Spiritual Care Volunteer teams at both hospitals.

Please contact the Temple Israel Office at **reception@ templeisraelottawa.com** to register for the course.

The charge for the training program is \$50.

For more information, please contact:



Jane Gordon at gordon.jane38@gmail.com

or Susan Fried at susanfried@rogers.com

Upcoming Temple Events

CANADA WIDE SELICHOT

Saturday, September 12th

An evening of meaningful conversations and worship in partnership with Reform congregations across the country. Look out for Rabbi Mikelberg and a number of additional familiar friends...

9-9:30 pm Special guest speaker: Dr. Larry Hoffman

> 9:30-10pm Discussion facilitated in zoom Breakout rooms

> > <u>10pm</u> Havdallah

10:15pm Worship service



HOT TOPICS

With our Rabbis

We can look to Torah for wisdom on every aspect of lives! Our rabbis will help us delve into some of the more tricky issues of the day with our traditional texts and values as our guide.

> Wednesday September 9th- 7:30 pm Join Rabbi Mikelberg as he discusses Judaism in Covid Times

Wednesday October 14th- 7:30 pm Join Rabbi Garten as he discusses Israeli Annexation

Wednesday November 18th- 7:30 pm Join Rabbi Dara Lithwick as she discusses Jewish Response to Democracy

Please RSVP to the office if you would like to attend

Sukkahpalooza is coming **Sunday October 4th**



More information to follow!

Tribute Service for Fllen Asherman

Saturday October 31st- 10:15 am



For over 2 decades, Ellen Asherman has brought her harmonies to our Temple family as our beloved choir director. She has lifted our spirits high with her passion and care.

Join us on this special Shabbat to honour her work and dedication to the Temple Israel Liturgical Choir.

Upcoming Temple Events



INSIGHT INTO JUDAISM

An Educational and Spiritual Journey

Come and join Rabbi Mikelberg this fall at Temple Israel as we delve into Jewish faith, Jewish culture and Jewish life. This year long journey will be embarked on as individuals and in community. Torah will be our guide.

We will explore tradition and texts, history of the Jewish People, Jewish holy days, ritual and life-cycle events. No previous experience necessary.

Insight Into Judaism includes a weekly Hebrew language component which will have all participants comfortable with essential Hebrew prayers and blessings.

Insight Into Judaism is ideal for anyone, Jewish or non-Jewish, who is interested in learning more about Jewish life and Jewish heritage. It is also for those seeking conversion under Reform auspices. Students are asked to commit to attend weekly classes from September 2020 through May 2021.

The course will run on Monday evenings from 6:30pm until 8:30pm. The first class will meet on September 14, 2020 and will run until May 2020.

The course is \$720 for non members and \$360 for Temple members. Materials included.

If you are interested in enrolling in the course or for any other inquiries, please contact the Temple office at **reception@templeisraelottawa.com** or 613-224-1802 .



Read ahead.....

November, 29, 2020

I am Forbidden by Anouk Markovits will be reviewed by Rabbi Daniel Mikelberg.



We are pleased to continue offering Books & Bagels reviews via Zoom until we can safely resume meeting at Temple Israel. No registration or RSVP is necessary. Simply access the link provided below on the approporiate date at **10:00 am** for the review.

Zoom info: https://zoom.us/j/96875532914

By phone at :1 647 558 0588; Meeting ID: 968 7553 2914

September 13, 2020

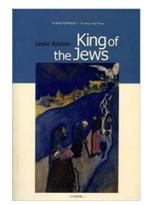


Strangers with the Same Dream by Alison Pick will be reviewed by Gerald Halpern. This novel examines the competing ideals underlying the Zionist movement, by exploring the deep and conflicting feelings of Jewish pioneers who fled the violence and anti-semitism of Eastern Europe to forge a new way of lifethe establishment of kibbutzim.

Gerald is a member of Temple

Israel and a regular reviewer for Malca Pass Book Club. He has had a career in performance measurement and evaluation and is an active volunteer in the community.

October 25, 2020



The King of the Jews by Leslie Epstein will be reviewed by Angus Smith. Angus will revisit Epstein's 1979 imagining of life and death in the Lodz Ghetto, to see what it has to tell us about individual and institutional compromise in the contemporary world.

Angus is a corresponding member of Temple Israel. He lives in rural Nova Scotia with his partner, film producer, direc-

tor and farmer Camelia Frieberg, a lot of poultry and two rambunctious border collies.

Most books are available through the Ottawa Public Library and the Greenberg Families Library at the JCC and the Temple library.

For more information please contact Lily Cox at *lilycox@bell.net*

Temple Celebrations

Bnai Mitzvah



Saturday September 12, 2020 **JACK MANDEL** Son of Tatiana & Len Mandel

> In honour of his Bar Mitzvah, Jack will donate to the Tamir Foundation



Saturday October 10, 2020 ARIELLE LEMELIN-VINER Daughter of Alisa Viner & Jeff Wheeldon and Paul Lemelin & Lindsay Gavey

> In honour of her Bat Mitzvah, Arielle will donate to the Parkdale Food Centre



Saturday October 24, 2020 BENJAMIN COTSMAN Son of Luana & David Cotsman

> In honour of his Bar Mitzvah, Benjamin will donate to the Ocean Legacy Foundation

Bnai Mitzvah Booking

Is your child born in 2008?

We are now booking Bar/Bat dates through the end of April 2021.

If the answer is yes, and you have not yet booked a Bar/ Bat Mitzvah date, please contact Heather at execdir@templeisraelottawa.com to request an application form.

web designer



Debbie Holzman

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<u>eptember Anníversaries</u>

Sandy & Al Bennett Hilary Myron & Rob Billingsley Alison & Matthew Caplan Fern Doctoroff & Steffan Hammonds Nathalie Thibault-Garber & Richard Garber Tamara Taub & David Handelman Colleen & Rick Labovitch Rebecca & Benjamin Leikin Patty & Richard Levitan Jordana Globerman & Sean McSorley Miriam Salamon & Bob Moon Andrea & Thomas Purcell Deirdre Neuss & David Redekop Anna Chodos & Larry Rubenstein Cathy & Larry Tarof Susan Mchardy & Brian Weitzman Zelda & Leon Zelikovitz

October Anniversaries

Pam & Sandy Allen Miriam & Mario Burke Louisa & Leonard Comm Beryl & Michael Corber Cindy & Christopher Cottin Lily & John Cox Rachel & Johan Daniel Carole Beaudoin & Howard Ellison Deborah & James Farrow Jane & Martin Gordon Denyse Charlebois & Alan Guberman Mindy Finkelstein & Roy Hanes Sharon & William Holzman Deborah & Mark Holzman Marianne & Michel Jacobs Tejaswinhi Srinivas & Michael Kalin Lillian & Stuart Lazear Suzanne Lepine & Paul Lyons Ilana Hanes & Joshua McCaughen Janet Werk & Harry Peng Ruth & Mark Phillips Renee & Andy Robert Jessie & Jim Robinson Margo & Frank Rosen Miriam Vanderhoff-Silburt & Allan Silburt Codie Allen & Gabriel Wolinsky

Life & Legacy Update

"Jess and I recognize how much time, effort and money the generations before us contributed to ensuring we have the kind of incredible community we have been blessed with. It is our duty to do that for future generations, and I believe that by funding an endowment, we are providing that building block."



Micah Garten, Temple member, who has signed the Life and Legacy Letter of Intent

During these crazy times of COVID-19 our Temple continues to be wonderful - checking in on us, offering online and outdoor services, classes and school programs, and ensuring our senior

members have protective masks, just to name a few.

The Life and Legacy team has been busy as well. Have you noticed the L&L tagline and logo at the end of all weekly updates or checked the L&L dropdown box on the new Temple website?

After a 3 month pause, due to COVID, we have begun to reach out to members to learn about their connections to Temple. When did you join Temple and what brought you to walk through our doors.

What is the most meaningful experience you have had at Temple? What is it that Temple does that you'd like to see continue long into the future? How can we ensure that future dream?

The team is very excited to announce that we are almost halfway to our goal of 25 Letters of Intent for 2020!! These letters are the initial step to indicate interest and participation in the program with the plan of formalizing a Legacy gift within a year.

As a reminder, a Legacy gift, large or small, comes in the form of an after lifetime bequest, through a person's will or life insurance policy which will benefit our Temple for generations to come.

For more information please email Margo at life&legacy@templeisraelottawa.com

"As the child of founding members, I have experienced every facet and life cycle event at Temple. Our grand-kids are now 4th generation members attending TIRS! Temple Israel is in my bones, my heart and soul. My parents would be proud to know that we have decided to leave a legacy gift to Temple."



Margo and Frank Rosen have signed a Letter of Intent for Temple's Life & Legacy program.







Mazal Tov to *Brian and Susan Gold* on the birth of their granddaughter, Millie Faye Kaiman-Gold on July 19 2020, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Also to the parents, Rachel Gold and Rabbi Danial Kaiman, and sister Shula Isabel.

Mazal Tov to **Zelda & Leon Zelikovitz** on the birth of their first great-granddaughter, a granddaughter for Martin Zelikovitz.



Mazal Tov to *Merle Haltrecht-Matte & Guy Matte* on the birth of their grand-daughter, Jade Matte. Also to the parents, Lianne Pelletier & Alexandre Matte (Sudbury) and sisters Magali and Katia.

Family, Fun Shabbat Monthly early services for young families



Bring Your Stuffies, Bake Your Challah, Blast Off to a Family, Fun Shabbat celebration.

Rabbi Mikelberg will join Rabbi Lithwick, Sue Potechin

and Ranit Braun in leading creative Shabbat activities for the smallest of our friends as well as pre-teens.

Format will depend on our numbers, the weather, and various safety precautions, please register with the office to join the fun.

(This will be in place of Totally Shabbat)

Mark your calendars with these dates:
Friday Sept 11
Friday October 2
Friday November 6



Put your business card size ad in the Temple Israel Bulletin, only \$180 for six issues. Please contact the office at 613-224-1802 for information.

Temple Committee Updates

Renewing Temple Israel report from BRAC

They say that Rome was not built in a day, nor was Solomon's Temple, nor even the Mishkan in the desert. Temple Israel has undertaken a major building redevelopment, with a beautiful new sanctuary, larger school space, better facilities for staff, for catering, for the washrooms, for access, for security and more, but it will not be ready for several years.

Nothing replaces gathering in person, and we certainly miss being together. While some may wonder why we persevere in the face of Covid-19, when we cannot meet in our building, we know that there will be an end to the pandemic and the restrictions on congregating will be lifted, so we have carried on all through the past months working with the architectural team. Figurr Architects have provided us with the first set of drawings for discussion by the BRAC team and our advisors from the Temple community who have vast experience in the building business. We have asked the architects to return to the drawing board for some changes, and have also put an upper limit on the cost of the project. Present trends in building costs require that we be careful not to overreach in this regard. However, we can say that the design that was presented is inspiring, beautiful, spiritual and original. We will create a very prayerful space for our sacred community.

All the costs of the architects and the engineering studies to date have been covered by special donations to the building fund.

All in all, we are very optimistic that Temple Israel will, within a few years, be welcoming congregants and guests into a lovingly renewed building. We are excited to bring the architects' drawings to the congregations as soon as we can. We are going forward, one careful step at a time. Slow and steady will win the race.

Patsy Royer and Shirli Penner Co-chairs, Building Renewal Action Committee

Members: Steve Asherman, Margot Montgomery, Lorne Rachlis, Victor Bier, Rick Garber

Staff: Rabbi Mikelberg, Heather Cohen, Sue Potechin

Temple Prayerbook Donations

Temple has purchased some Mishkan Prayerbook for Shabbat to be added to our donated Mishkan T'fillah for weekdays, Shabbat, Festivals and other occasions inventory.

Prayerbooks can be dedicated for \$180.00 (tax receipt provided)

GIVING COMMITTEE THANK YOU.....

Last year the Temple Israel Giving Committee launched the "Oneg Shabbat" fundraising project. Co-Chair, Deidre Butler spoke during High Holiday services about the need for Temple members to support the onegs at Shabbat.

We are so pleased to report that over \$13,000 dollars has been raised to date. So many of you generously participated You celebrated anniversaries, special events, joined with friends to make a "group" donation; or you chose an event that had meaning to you or your family.

This project will continue this year even in the face of our "virtual" shabbats as there continues to be a need to support our community in different ways as we celebrate shabbat.

You will notice that the "Donate" page on Temple's website has been refreshed and please visit it to see a range of areas where your support through volunteering your time or through a donation is welcome. The pandemic has placed challenges on every synagogue and being able to respond to community needs is important. Your support will allow Temple to do that.

The Giving Committee is helping the Board build a strategic plan for "giving" that knits together all of the wonderful work done by many people.

We will be holding a "Thank you" Shabbat Friday, October 2nd to thank all of you who have volunteered and donated to support Temple this past year.

As we move into the fall please look for information on how you can support Temple on "Giving Tuesday" and we are still hopeful that other events will be able to move ahead.

If you have any questions or suggestions please let either of us know. And if you have a bit of extra time to join the Giving Committee please let the Temple office know - we'd be happy to have you.

Happy New Year and THANK YOU again

Kim Doran and Deidre Butler Co-Chairs Temple Israel Giving Committee

Did you know

If you would like to make a donation to Temple or pay your annual commitment with a transfer of **stock** certificates, please contact the office to obtain a special form for this purposes.

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Temple Israel Ottawa Foundation

 $\begin{array}{c} In \ Our \ Hands, \ Our \ Future \\ \text{Mark Klyman, President} \ . \ Allan \ Maslove, \ Treasurer \end{array}$

To support one of these funds with a donation, call Bobbi Soderstrom 613 230-5865 or email foundation@templeisraelottawa.ca

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In appreciation of Lisa Rosenkrantz
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In memory of Johnny Hanes Lisa Rosenkrantz & Michael Walsh

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR TEMPLE VOLUNTEER AWARDS



The **Bercovitch/Singer Volunteer award** was created to honour adults who provided extraordinary service to the Temple community. Specific criteria:

- This shall be awarded to a member in good standing whose volunteer work at Temple and/or the community at large is deemed exemplary.
- The individual or individuals must be a member of Temple Israel for no less than five years
- The individual or individuals shall be eligible for the award if in the committee's determination the volunteer work is substantially beyond the expected volunteer work of Temple members.
- Serving on the Temple Board of Trustees in and of itself should not be deemed sufficient to attain this award.
- While the award is intended to honour voluntary work at Temple Israel there will be individuals whose total resumé will include volunteer work beyond the Temple which will make them worthy for this award.

Harriet Schneider Youth Award shall be awarded to a member(s)in good standing whose volunteer work with youth is deemed exemplary.

- The term youth shall be understood to refer to any Temple or Jewish community program dedicated to students. This may include elementary, High School or University college age students.
- The individual (s) may be an adult volunteer or a youth volunteer, as defined above.
- Teachers in the Temple Israel Religious School may be considered for this award. Teaching in and of itself should not be deemed sufficient to attain this award.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

Please contact **JANET COHEN** (*jgcohen18@gmail. com*) with your nominations or for more information.



Temple Donations

Temple donation cards are a lovely way to wish someone mazel tov, celebrate a birth, extend condolences, and for any and all occasions.

> Please choose from one of various funds for Temple Israel;

Bernard Pearl Landscaping Building/Temple Rejuvenation CCRJ Camp George Library **Joseph Ginsberg Educational Kiddush Fund Liturgical Resource Library** Oneg **Pentateuch Prayerbook Piano**

Rabbi's Discretionary Rabbi Steven Garten Fund for Jewish Living and Education

> **Ritual Music Social Action**

Potechin Accessibility Fund Sylvia Goldblatt Leadership Youth Development Temple Israel TIRS Youth Scholarship

Please note: donations are \$18 minimum. Tax receipts are given.

A package of 10 cards/envelopes may also be purchased for you to send yourself. Please contact the office to arrange, cost is \$175 for the package. A tax receipt is given for this donation. If you provide card details to the office, the information will be included in our Bulletin.

You can also call either Sandy or Diane (contact information below) and they will send out a card on your behalf.

Sandy Bennett tel 613-435-5842 email donationssb@templeisraelottawa.ca

Diane Parkin tel 613-729-9163 email donationsdp@templeisraelottawa.ca

GENERAL FUND

Deidre Butler

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND In memory of Veronica Grushman

Andrei Grushman

In appreciation of Rabbi Mikelberg Michael Corber

In memory of Moishe Gold Sharon & David Michaelson

RABBI GARTEN FUND FOR JEWISH EDUCATION

In appreciation of Rabbi Garten

Sandy & Pam Allen

In appreciation of Lisa Hans & Rabbi Garten Angus Smith

In appreciation of Heather & Gary Cohen Angus Smith

In memory of Brian Lingard Angus Smith

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

In appreciation of Temple masks Zelda Shore

TEMPLE ISRAEL FUND

In appreciation of Heather Cohen Michael Corber

In appreciation of Catherine Loves

Michael Corber

In memory of Jeremy Goldstein Alanna & Joe McGeough

In memory of Leonora Allen Alanna & Joe McGeough

TEMPLE ISRAEL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

In memory of Eric Cohen

Angus Smith

In memory of Vera Grushman Angus Smith

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In honour of Karli Speevak-Sladowski and Sam Levine on their wedding

Lisa Rosen



September 4-5 Ki Tavo

Charles Benovoy Nancy Bercovitch Max Mende Brauer Abbey Evenchick Tillie Feldman Anne Gencher Bertha Ginsberg Harry Gross Sheila Hammer Ethel Hartman Michael Hollenberg Rose Klein Pearl Labow Mollye Lyons Perry Margel Rebie Schwartz Fred Smeltzer William "Bill" Sternberg Ted Tomiuk

September 11-12 Nitzavim/Vayeilech

Salvatore Albagli
Ernest Chernick
Audrey Crook
Lily Hislop
Pauline Kell
Harvey Koch
Bernard Robert Mortimer
Betty Polowin
Howard Schneiderman
Irene Swedlove
Gloria (Cuadrado) Taller
Isadore "Gus" Weinstein
Adela Wertman

September 18-19 Rosh Hashanah

Albert Bossin Harry Chochinov David Finkelberg Sophie Mortimer Gyula Salamon Selma Schneider Sonia Segal Israel Seligman Machelle Shapira Rebecca Spector Saul Wertman

September 25-26 Ha'azinu Shabbat Shuvah

Boris "Bo" Blacher
Michael Dudar
Sam Gershon
Lillian Lasker Godine
Matthew Ben Gorham
Louis Aaron Kalin
Harry Max Kalin
Shlomo Lupo

Yahrzeits

Mildred Merson
C. Harry Rotstein
Joseph Sadowski
Samuel David Shaffer
Jeffrey Shaffer
Eva Shore
Nathan Carl Singer
Helen Sparks
Jean Spunt
David Taller
Gizella Trattner-Vondra
Murray Webber
Shirley Weiner
Florence Weisz

October 2-3 Sukkot

Renate Beare Maurice Clarke Harry Fine Mervyn Ginsburg Louis Harris **Bess Kamins** Andor Klein Philip Levenson Harry Levenstein Norman Nemerofsky Allan Pearlman Andre Robert Alfred Charles Schwartz Jack Vinokur Julius Weiss Albert Winer

October 9-10 Shemini Atzeret

Abraham Beare Carleton Collins Israel Feldman Ben Fishbein Edna Frank Frances Garten Minnie Goodman Manfred Hoexter Harry Karp Miklos Katz Alvin Koch Arthur Lazear Raja Miller Carleton Morrill Annie Redekop Ida Shapiro Morris Weiner Sam Zigman

October 16-17 Bereshit

Eva Chodos
Peter Delicate
Frank Gold
Arthur Goldman
Manny Klein
Anshel Klodawski

Boris Livshits Lazarus Jacob Loeb Albert Mandel Lillian Ticktin Mendel Llovd Minovitch Sara Rumstein Lucien Sahal Samuel Saslove Fred Schwartz Nachman Sharon Dorothy Shragge **Gerald Simmons** Valerie Simmons Norma Sirett William Sokoloff **Ruth Strauss** Ida Wexler Bella Zelikow

October 23-24 Noach

Sandor Balint Mae Bolker Mavis Dover Lillian Evenchick Sarah Farrow Harry Gencher Jack Handel Barbara Shane Kaplan Sydney Klinger Seymour Levine Annette Lipsey Vincent McGeogh Lionel Mortimer David Powell Champlain Rosen William Sarkas Sidney Schecter Robert Schleifer Harry Sigler Karol Sladowski; Marie-Renee Sladowski Ricarda Smith Gitta Taub **Nance Thomas** Annette Werk

October 30-31 Lech Lecha

Care Cohen
Linton Crook
Kurt Ekler
Sydney Hartman
Pauline Eleanor Hodgins
Theodore Isaacs
Abe Izenberg
Solomon Kaufman
Isidore Koch
Bertha Koch
Julius Kretzmar
Lillian Sylvia Lubitsch
Moe Pellerin
Nathan Schneiderman

Fanny Shapiro
Sydney Murray Sobel
Morris Spector
Solomon Thomas Swadron
Sarah Gottdank Torontow
Gloria Weldon

November 6-7 Vayera

Juan Berlie
Rose Dubinsky
Elizabeth Finberg
Harry Fradkin
Jack Gerson
Sarah Isaacs
Mary Sherman Kalin Heller
Aaron Kamins
Millicent Maisie Levison
Charlotte Rosenzweig
Phyllis Sadowski
Belle Stein
Freida Weiner
Abraham Weitzman

Yahrzeit: Remembering on the Anniversary of a Death

Yahrzeit is a Yiddish word meaning anniversary of a death. It is the yearly anniversary of a loved one's death. Jews observe yahrzeit at home by lighting a special long-burning candle in memory of the deceased and at Temple yahrzeit is observed by reciting the Mourner's Kaddish at services. The names of deceased with yahrzeit during the preceeding week are read at our services on Friday nights and Saturdays.

In addition to lighting yahrzeit candle many individuals choose to make a donation to mark the observance of a yahrzeit. If you would like to make a donation to Temple or sponsor a Kiddush in observance of a loved one, please contact the office.

Calendar

September 2020							
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	
		1 12 Elul	2 13 Elul	3 14 Elul	4 15 Elul	5 16 Elul	
			12:45pm TALMUD		Kabbalat Shabbat	Shabbat Services	
6 ^{17 Elul}	7 ^{18 Elul}	8 ^{19 Elul}	9 20 Elul	10 ^{21 Elul}	11 22 Elul 5:30PM	12 ^{23 Elul} Torah Study	
			TIRS HOT TOPICS	BOARD MEETING	FAMILY FUN Kabbalat Shabbat	Shabbat Services Canada Wide Selichot	
13 ^{24 Elul}	14 ^{25 Elul}	15 ^{26 Elul}	16 ^{27 Elul}	17 ^{28 Elul}	18 ^{29 Elul}	19 ^{1 Tishri}	
TIRS TIRS Car Parade 10:00 am Books n Bagels	TIRS		12:45pm TALMUD		Kabbalat Shabbat Erev Rosh Hashanah	Torah Study Shabbat Services Rosh Hashanah	
20 ^{2 Tishri}	21 ^{3 Tishri}	22 ^{4 Tishri}	23 ^{5 Tishri} 12:45pm TALMUD	24 ^{6 Tishri}	25 ^{7 Tishri}	26 ^{8 Tishri}	
NO SCHOOL	TIRS		TIRS	Morning Minyan	Kabbalat Shabbat	Torah Study Shabbat Services	
27 ^{9 Tishri}	28 ^{10 Tishri}	29 ^{11 Tishri}	30 12 Tishri				
TIRS Kol Nidre	Yom Kippur		12:45pm TALMUD TIRS				

TEMPLE VISION STATEMENT

Temple Israel is Ottawa's Reform congregation where Jewish Life Happens --committing ourselves to Kehilah K'lal Yisrael, and Tikun Olam.

We are a dynamic and welcoming congregation (Kehilah) where varied Jewish experiences offer pathways to learn and to experience God for all, respecting tradition and creating new celebrations.

We are an active liberal presence in the larger Jewish community (K'lal Yisrael). We strive through social action to fulfill the Mitzvot of caring for others (Gimilut Chasadim) and repairing the world (Tikun Olam).

Calendar

October 2020							
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	
				1 ^{13 Tishri}	2 14 Tishri Kabbalat Shabbat ONEG SPONSOR THANK YOU	3 15 Tishri Torah Study Shabbat Services SUKKOT	
4 16 Tishri TIRS SUKKAHPALOOZA	5 17 Tishri TIRS	6 18 Tishri	7 19 Tishri TIRS 12:45pm TALMUD	8 20 Tishri Morning Minyan	9 21 Tishri 5:30PM FAMILY FUN Kabbalat Shabbat	10 22 Tishri Torah Study Shabbat Services BAT MITZVAH ARIELLE LEMELIN-VINER	
11 ^{23 Tishri} NO SCHOOL	12 ^{24 Tishri} NO SCHOOL	13 ^{25 Tishri}	14 26 Tishri TIRS 12:45pm TALMUD HOT TOPICS	15 27 Tishri BOARD MEETING	16 ²⁸ Tishri Kabbalat Shabbat	17 29 Tishri Torah Study Shabbat Services	
18 30 Tishri	19 ¹ Cheshvan	20 ² Cheshvan	21 ³ Cheshvan 12:45pm TALMUD TIRS	22 ^{4 Cheshvan} Morning Minyan	23 5 Cheshvan Kabbalat Shabbat	24 6 Cheshvan Torah Study Shabbat Services BAR MITZVAH BENJAMIN COTSMAN	
25 7 Cheshvan TIRS 10:00 am Books n Bagels	26 8 Cheshvan TIRS	27 8 Cheshvan	28 10 Cheshvan 12:45pm TALMUD TIRS	29 11 Cheshvan	30 12 Cheshvan Kabbalat Shabbat	31 13 Cheshvan Torah Study Shabbat Services Honouring Ellen Asherman	

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