Har Zion Herald

November, 2020
Cheshvan/Kislev, 5781

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VIRTUAL ZOOM PROGRAM

Shohet Morning Minyan
Weekdays: 8 AM
Sunday: 9:30 AM
Meeting ID# 799 405 500

Friday Evening Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Friday Evenings, 6:30 PM
Meeting ID# 818 0357 8025

Veteran’s Day Shabbat, Friday Evening
Friday, November 6, 6:30 PM
Meeting ID# 818 0357 8025

Shabbat Morning Service
Saturdays, 10 AM
Meeting ID# 242 651 284 (Zoom, Facebook, & YouTube)

Psalms with Rabbi Glick
Thursdays, 10 AM
Meeting ID# 990 415 095

Jewish Meditation with Rabbi Glick
Sundays, 9 AM
Meeting ID# 489 884 312

JEWNIVERSITY 2.0: November Theme: Self Care (For more information, see “Adult Education” on page 5)

Kabbalah Class: Neshea Yeteira, An Extra Soul, with Rabbi Glick
Sunday, November 8, 10:30 AM
Details to come.

Liturgy Class: V’shamru, with David Schwartz
Monday, November 16, 8 PM
Meeting ID# 940 4734 9261 (Replacing the Pirkei Avot class)

Facebook Question: What do you love doing on Shabbat?
Wednesday, November 18
Discussion on the Har Zion Facebook: facebook.com/wsthz.org

Lecture and Documentary: Catskills documentary, with Cantor Figa
Sunday, November 22, 3 PM.
We’ll learn a little about the Catskills from Cantor Figa, then watch a documentary together

SPECIAL ZOOM MEETING WITH DR. REB MIMI FEIGELSON, THE FIRST ORTHODOX FEMALE RABBI

Dr. Reb Mimi Feigelson, the world’s first Orthodox female Rabbi and a very creative teacher of Judaism, will be doing a session related to Self-Care on Sunday, November 15, at 10:30 AM. The details are being worked out.

WEEKLY ADULT OPPORTUNITIES (ALL ZOOM ONLY)

SUNDAYS AT 9 AM: Meditation with Rabbi Glick; Meeting ID# 489 884 312

MONDAYS AT 8 PM: Pirkei Avot with David Schwartz; Meeting ID# 940 4734 9261

TUESDAYS AT 6 PM: Introduction to Prayerbook Hebrew (see page 6)

THURSDAYS AT 10 AM: Psalms with Rabbi Glick; Meeting ID# 990 415 095
See page 6 for info on Prayerbook Hebrew and Introduction to Hebrew.

Haftarot Readers
Shabbat, November 7
Vayera
Barb Yong
Shabbat, November 14
Chayei Sara
Hai Solomon
Shabbat, November 21
Toldot
Becky Lipton
Shabbat, November 28
Vayetzei
Ed Sachs

Bat Mitzvah
Ella Mellman
December 5
Addison Weinstein
December 12
Dear Friends,

We are seven months into a pandemic and there is a definite toll on our experience of peace and well-being. Add a divisive election and fears about the months ahead, and many of us are faced with an internal battle against despair, worry, and negativity.

In the weeks ahead, many of us will have to confront political tensions with family members and friends. Zoom Thanksgiving meals will present their own challenge (and perhaps opportunities to avoid difficult conversations and hours in the kitchen).

This is why we have chosen “self-care” as the Jewniversity theme of the month. We will have classes and presentations to help us negotiate difficult situations and create new habits to navigate this period.

Judaism is a religion forged with the power of resilience and strength and has much to teach us. The first lesson is the cornerstone of Jewish life: Shabbat. Shabbat is our ancient day of rest and repose. As Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel wrote, it is our “Cathedral in time.” Whenever Shabbat enters, I know I have the gift of rituals and customs that help cut off the endless cycle of news and worry. Even if you do not observe Shabbat, I encourage you to carry out the Friday night rituals and disconnect from devices for 3 hours, 12 hours, or 25 hours (except for attending our online services!).

In Jewish tradition, Shabbat is more than a set day to restore our well-being, it is a day that is in direct line with the cycle of the heavens—what our rabbis called Olam She Kulo Shabbat, a world that is completely Shabbat.

How do we fight negativity? By connecting to the Olam She Kulo Shabbat.

Luckily, as a second lesson, Judaism has endless practices that open up moments to find peace during the day. Before we eat a meal, we say a berakhah. When we enter a home, we kiss the mezuzah. We can always pick up a chumash (a printed edition of the Torah) and study a few verses from the Torah. This may sound like a habit that is unfamiliar to us but travelling with a book of psalms or a sefer, a holy book, is a very common Jewish practice. Of course, in the age of COVID-19, we can simply sit down at our desk, open a siddur or book, and put our mind in a different place.

Some good old fashioned Jewish humor and an “oy vey zmir” does not hurt either!

Finally, I would like to propose a Jewish practice close to my heart as the perfect remedy to the negativity of this period: meditation. Nearly four decades ago, Rabbi Aryeh Kaplan, wrote about the history of Jewish meditations and surmised that the ancient prophets of the Bible meditated. How else could they come so close to the Creator and overcome so many impossible challenges? Meditation is a tool that helps us control our minds and our inner space. It releases tension. It gives us a space to find a deeper location from where we live our lives.

Most importantly, meditation connects us and binds us to a meditative peace and wholeness. This peace is described by the mystical tradition as an “even shitiyah,” a foundation stone as the stone that upheld the ancient Temple in Jerusalem. If we rest on solid ground, we also carry that into our environment and to our loved ones.

Fortunately, I teach a Zoom meditation class every Sunday at 9 AM. Please see our regular announcements to join. All—beginner and advanced alike—are invited.

As we enter the month of November, may we all find our even shitiyah, our foundation stone, and be a positive influence in our surroundings and to our loved ones.

RABBI ADIR GLICK
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Dear Friends,

Our Yom Kippur Appeal is our annual fundraising campaign and Temple Har Zion’s main source of operating support beyond membership dues and tuition. This year we are fortunate enough to have an anonymous family guarantee $100,000 in matching funds. This very generous family will match, dollar for dollar, every donation to our Yom Kippur Appeal up to $100,000.

Gifts to our Yom Kippur Appeal enable us to continue responding to our communities ongoing needs, while making much needed repairs and necessary upgrades to our building.

It is only through the generosity of our members that we are able to continue our mission of welcoming all individuals and families to our warm, nurturing Jewish community and be true to our vision statement; to be a vibrant inclusive Jewish community that shares simchas, friendship, and life events through worship, learning and celebration.

If you have not already donated to our Yom Kippur Appeal, go to: www.wsthz.org/payment.php, call the temple office, or send in your Yom Kippur Appeal card.

Sincerely

JULIANN Y. GELDNER
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The music recording industry in the United States is predominantly centered in New York and Los Angeles, but there is a high-quality Chicago recording label that has made an impact internationally and provided local musicians with golden opportunities to nurture their creativity right here in our great city. Cedille Records was founded in 1989 by a then recent graduate of the University of Chicago, James Ginsburg (yes, son of the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg) who, like his mother, is a knowledgeable lover of great music.

I and my group The New Budapest Orpheum Society are among the fortunate artists who have worked with Jim over the years, Cedille Records having released 3 CDs of our unique brand of Jewish music.

Predominantly a classical label, in his 31 years of heading Cedille Records, Jim has built up the company with a roster of over 180 artists and has garnered 6 Grammy Awards and 18 Grammy Nominations; I am proud to display one of those Grammy Nominations in my office. Jim Ginsburg is passionate about music and helping local artists in their careers.

Jim got the idea to start his label when he heard the great Russian pianist Dimitry Paperno playing live on the Chicago classical music station WFMT only to discover that there were no recordings of his available. Paperno, a pianist of considerable stature whose career was crushed by Soviet anti-Semitism, immigrated to the United States in 1977 and joined the DePaul University music faculty. Ginsburg proposed a project to Paperno, and Cedille Records was born. Ginsburg asked Paperno why he had never recorded, and the shy artist said, “No one ever asked me.” (In a sad coincidence, only days before this writing, Dimitry Paperno died at age 91 of natural causes. To read Howard Reich’s appreciation of the pianist, go to: https://bit.ly/TribDmitryPaperno)

Ginsburg is enthusiastically hands on for all of Cedille’s projects and was in the recording booth for most of the New Budapest Orpheum Society sessions. He has produced other CDs of Jewish interest including Sephardic Journey, by the virtuosic Cavatina Duo; and Silenced Voices, by the Black Oak Ensemble, an intriguing album of works by six promising early 20th century Jewish composers, all but one of whom perished in concentration camps or elsewhere in Nazi-occupied Europe.

Check out Cedille Records at: https://www.cedillerecords.org

CANTOR STEWART FIGA
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Shalom!

Our holidays were different, but filled with joy and laughter both in the school and during our virtual services for families with young children.

We are delighted to welcome the Panicucci family to the preschool from Iowa and pleased to announce that our preschool is filled to its COVID-limited capacity with a waiting list already for next year! In February, we will begin enrollment for summer 2021 and the 21–22 school year.

DONATE TO THE PRESCHOOL

AMAZON WISH LIST: We continue to update our Amazon Wish List and appreciate anything you can donate: https://bit.ly/HarZionECE

FINANCIAL DONATION: If you would like to make a financial donation to the preschool, please go to: https://www.wsthz.org/preschooldonations

Warmly,

Lorrie

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YOUNG FAMILIES HIGH HOLY DAYS CELEBRATIONS

Clockwise, from top left: Miss Claudine (Guralnick), Miss Carol (Flank), and Saba Alan (Peres), teaching our enthralled youngsters and their parents.
This fall, millions of American Jews will be celebrating Thanksgiving. But what’s Jewish about this holiday? Plenty, as it turns out.

The very word “Jew” comes from the tribe of Judah, the most numerous of the remaining tribes after the Assyrians carried off the Ten Lost Tribes in 722 BCE. The name “Judah” was given by Leah, one of the wives of Jacob, to her fourth son. She said, “I will give thanks to the Lord.” “Judah” is related to the word ṭodah, meaning “thank you.” To be a Jew is to be a thanks-giver.

As we discuss in the Koven Religious School, one of the Big Jewish Ideas is having an “attitude of gratitude.” That’s why the very first thing we are supposed to say upon waking is Modeh Ani, a prayer of thanks to G-d that we lived to see another day. When we eat, we are supposed to say blessings before and afterwards, thanking G-d that we have food. Thanking G-d is supposed to inculcate in us a habit of saying thank you to the people who make our daily lives possible.

Not only is the general idea of Thanksgiving very Jewish, but Thanksgiving foods have Jewish stories too. Nobody knew if the turkey was kosher, because turkeys are native to North America. Jews had to send naturalists to study the turkey, to figure out if it was a bird of prey (and thus treif, or not kosher) or a vegetarian (and thus kosher). Fortunately, the turkey turned out to be fine. Pumpkins too are native to the New World. They first were brought back to Spain in 1492. When the Jews were expelled from Spain, they took the pumpkin with them. Pumpkin ravioli in Italy was a Jewish food. Pumpkin even became part of the Sephardic Rosh Hashanah Seder, because the word for “pumpkin” was “kra,” and one can make a pun with that for both “tear up” and “call out.” Thus, when we eat pumpkin on Rosh Hashanah, we say that G-d should tear up the evil decrees that have been called out against us.

Thanksgiving is connected with the Jews in other ways too. When the Pilgrims were looking for a harvest holiday to express their gratitude to G-d, they looked in the Bible. There, they found the Feast of Tabernacles, which we know as Sukkot. That became their model for Thanksgiving. This connection became immortalized in the children’s book Molly’s Pilgrim, by Barbara Cohen.

Finally, Thanksgiving was originally not only about having enough food, but having it in America, away from the English king (whom the Pilgrims considered to be like Pharaoh). For Jews also, there is much to be thankful for about being in the United States. We’ve had our share of anti-Semitism here, of which the worst were the shootings in Pittsburgh and Poway, California, but there have not been government-instigated pogroms here, nor special taxes that only Jews have to pay. On the whole, the United States has been the safest place for Jews in the Diaspora, and that is one large reason why generations of Jewish immigrants to America have embraced Thanksgiving.

The Jewniversity theme for November is “Self-care.” Gratitude is a form of self-care. Not only does it lead to a happier day-to-day experience, but to, perhaps, a longer life. A study of nuns found that those who were more consistently grateful in their 20s were more likely to live at least to their 90s.

This year, may we find opportunities to be “thanks-givers” on Thanksgiving and every other day!!

Rabbi Hillel said: Do not separate from the community. — Pirkei Avot 2:5

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ADULT EDUCATION
Jewniversity 2.0 and other Opportunities

Friends,

As we begin our Jewish journeys in 5781, we are all seeking many things—meaning, community, and wisdom, just to name a few. One of the ways that Temple Har Zion will be there for you is through Jewniversity 2.0. This year we will have learning opportunities centered around themes—the goal is to have learning that provides meaning in our lives, builds community, and even shares some wisdom.
The themes for 5781 are the following:
- October—Protection
- November—Self-care
- December—Jewish Identity
- January—Relationship with the Earth
- February—Character Strengths
- March—Freedom
- April—Relationship with Israel
- May—Relationship with G-d

Opportunities to interact may include:
- Classes with Rabbi Glick
- Classes with David Schwartz
- Guest Lectures and Classes
- Sermons
- Pre-recorded Videos
- Weekly Emails
- Facebook Posts
- JCFS resources
- Renown teachers, speakers, and scholars

Here is our “self-care” schedule for November:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8: Kabbalah Class: Neshama Yetevira.
How do we receive an extra soul on Shabbat? Rabbi Glick will to explore the unique soulfulness of Shabbat and how it can transform our life.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16: Liturgy V’shamru w/ David Schwartz
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15: Dr. Reb Mimi Feigelson, the first Orthodox female Rabbi; details to be determined.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18: Facebook Question: What do you love doing on Shabbat?

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22: Join us at 3 PM to learn more about the Catskills, then watch a documentary together.

Additionally, we will still have our regular rotation of learning opportunities:
- SUNDAYS AT 9 AM: Meditation with Rabbi Glick
- MONDAYS AT 8 PM: Pirkei Avot with David Schwartz
- TUESDAYS AT 6 PM: Introduction to Prayerbook Hebrew (see below)
- THURSDAYS AT 10 AM: Psalms with Rabbi Glick

There may also be opportunities to learn about Yiddish with Cantor Figa and to learn with Marc Stopeck; please email me if you are interested.

Prayerbook Hebrew and Introduction to Judaism

New this year is a Prayerbook Hebrew class offered in partnership with Anshe Emet Synagogue. If you can read Hebrew but want to build your fluency and/or understand what’s in the Prayerbook, this class is for you! Please contact Naomi Weiss (nweiss@ansheemet.org) for more information.

We will also be offering “Introduction to Judaism” on Sunday mornings about twice a month. Whether you are officially Jewish or not, whether you know a little or a lot, there is much to learn from these classes. Email me with any questions. See the back cover for more!

I’m looking forward to sharing my Jewish journey with each of you this year. Please be in touch as you have questions or thoughts.

Best wishes,
David Schwartz, dschwartz@wsthz.org

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!
NOVEMBER 3: Ed Lyons & Jean Susman
NOVEMBER 4: Gerry & Allyn Clemons
NOVEMBER 7: Peter & Laurel Saltzman
NOVEMBER 12: Eran Loewenthal & Emily Hauser
NOVEMBER 13: Craig & Karen Marcus
NOVEMBER 15: Scott Frankel & Laurie Myers
NOVEMBER 18: John Gottlieb & Robin Cowen
NOVEMBER 22: Hai & Carol Solomon
NOVEMBER 25: Leonard & Robin Soffer
NOVEMBER 27: Paul & Fran Elstein
NOVEMBER 28: Richard & Karen Dale
NOVEMBER 30: Charles & Rosa Herckis

Ilana Rashes, daughter of Haran and Nikki Rashes, was recently married to Jeremy Levy.
Mazel tov to the joyful family!

SOCIAL ACTION AND ADAMAH/GREEN COMMITTEE

REACHING ACROSS AUSTIN: For November, we are having our next “drive” for the Austin People’s Action Center. This time they need baby items including disposable diapers, wipes, formula, baby bottles, baby body wash, lotion, shampoo, and pacifiers. There is a particular need for newborn diapers. Also new or “gently worn” baby coats/jackets, warm baby clothes, onesies, and baby blankets. Please bring these packaged or in zip-top bags or the like to prevent bringing more germs into the temple building where the preschool is. Drop your donations in the bin at the temple west door.
Last month we sent Reaching Across Austin a check for $2,402 from your donations to the Social Action Fund. Thank you, congregation! We are also working to get our volunteers started.

HOUSING FORWARD MEALS: Thanks to all helping with lunches for PADS. Our November date is the 8th. Contact Carol Flank with questions.

ADAMAH GARDEN: The temple garden has been put to bed. Thanks to Cindy Banai, Norma Kanter, and Rachel Newman Glick for their helping hands throughout the growing season, to temple building manager Jim Shirley for occasionally watering when we couldn’t get there, and also to Jay Michaels who set up a good path for our extra-long hose. The preschool garden will be the last to close down.

CHICAGO JEWISH COALITION FOR REFUGEES: The committee has responded to the need to challenge proposed regulations that dramatically limit the ability of people to seek asylum here. If you are interested in actions to take on behalf of refugees, please contact Phyllis Rubin.

PLASTIC BAG UPDATE: I forgot to thank Cindy Banai who was part of the team making plarn mats for the preschool and is now working on a plarn bed roll. Remember ways to reduce plastic use during COVID. Grocers are allowing you to bring in and use your own bags now that the bag fee has been reinstated. And when you carry out food, remember to tell them not to include plastic utensils or straws, or give them back if they include them. You are bringing the food home and won’t need them. Also ask if they have an alternative to plastic or Styrofoam containers. Request compostable or foil.

Haven’t Registered/Voted Yet?
There is still time to do both.

REGISTER AND VOTE—If you have changed your address or will have turned 18 by November 3, you need to (re) register. Online registration is closed, but Illinois now allows on-the-spot registration if you go to your currently assigned voting location on Election Day. Go to https://ova.elections.il.gov/PollingPlaceLookup.aspx to check where that is.

And be sure to go and vote on November 3 if you haven’t already!
Celebrate Our Refugees

Celebrating Our Refugees

Last June in honor of World Refugee Day and National Refugee Shabbat, temple member Marisol Guzman shared her heartbreaking story of leaving Guatemala and seeking refuge in the United States. After listening to Marisol, I asked her if she would describe the hurdles and challenges that she and her family had to overcome before finding safety, the Social Action Committee decided to ask other congregants if they would share their stories.

Beloved longtime member Marcelle Farhi agreed to describe the story that she and her family told when they left Egypt. This is Marcelle’s story as told to her daughter, Dr. Moselle Brodtman.

During the mid 1950s, when Marcelle was 26 years old and living in Alexandria, Egypt, the government decreed that all Jewish must register a nationality. Before that time all citizens in Alexandria were considered Egyptians. Since my mother and her family spoke French, they decided to register French as their nationality. Shortly after registering, the government issued a new decree: all French Jews must abandon their belongings and businesses and leave the country.

My parents were to be married a week later so they were given permission to remain in the country. My grandparents, however, were not allowed to stay in Egypt for the wedding and left after the decree.

My parents were married on December 26 in a double ceremony with my mother’s sister who married my father’s brother. Sadly there was a death in the family so newlyweds remained in Egypt for the burial and shiva.

When the newlyweds did finally leave, the sisters stitched their jewelry into the hems of their dresses since the decree stated that people could only take with them what they could carry. Both brothers were professionals: a doctor and a pharmacist. Their father worked at the stock exchange. The two young couples traveled around Europe working menial jobs in order to save enough cash to settle in France.

Because the sisters were not able to communicate with their parents who had already arrived in France, my grandfather would meet every train in the hope of reuniting with his daughters and their husbands.

Neither my father nor my uncle were allowed to work in France, but they soon learned of work in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Both sets of newlyweds packed their belongings and settled in Brazil where they remained for several years. Both my oldest sibling and my cousin were born in Brazil. During that time my father worked as a door-to-door salesman and my uncle worked as a pharmacist. The four adults and two small children shared a single room apartment.

After a few years my father learned that he could redo his medical training at Mount Sinai and Michael Reese Hospitals in Chicago. So my parents moved again, this time to Chicago. My aunt and uncle remained in Sao Paulo.

In Chicago, my family lived on my father’s meager salary as an intern. They were grateful to a neighbor who would purchase meat for them. After my father finished his training and found work in Oak Park, my parents joined West Suburban Temple Har Zion. One of their first temple friends was Norma Berlin.

When I was a child, my mom often began conversations with, “Back in Egypt...”. She always spoke favorably about growing up in Egypt. In 2010 I took my mom back to Alexandria and even though we witnessed deplorable poverty and overcrowding, my mom remarked that if my father had been alive they would have moved back to Egypt.

I hope that my family’s story paints a picture of the challenges they overcame in order to reach the United States.

—Moselle Brodtman

Kulanu: Help is Needed More Than Ever!

Now is the time to step up to volunteer for Kulanu. What a mitzvah it will be to help others while we can’t congregate in large groups and are home from school and work! Helping those who are homebound or sick is something we can do!

To observe the highest precautions, we can pickup and drop off on porches or in lobbies of buildings so we don’t come in direct contact with each other. Also newspaper sleeves make excellent protective gloves when you are delivering.

To volunteer for Kulanu, contact either Sue May Wilde smcwilde@gmail.com or Phyllis Rubin phyllis.rubin@comcast.net.

STAR Thursday Afternoon Retirees

Join the STAR community for these programs Thursdays, 1–3 PM:

NOVEMBER 5TH: Abby Schmelling presents on Danish Jews in World War II

NOVEMBER 12TH: Author Melanie Weiss interviews Liza Wiener about Liza’s book The Assignment, based on a true incident.
Contact the office for our online program password.

### Pulpit Flowers

**November 6–7**
- Robert Henkin, in memory of his wife, Denise Henkin
- David & Bonnie Klass, in memory of her father, Benjamin Cantor
- Ted & Myra Lawrence, in memory of Ted’s friend, Claire Morrison
- David & Shirley Lieb, in memory of Shirley’s uncle, Jacques I. Hootnick
- David & Shirley Lieb, in memory of David’s father, Bernard Lieb
- Yale Roe, in memory of his father, Herman J. Roe
- Tauba Rosin, in memory of Tauba’s brother, Moses Lightstone
- Edward Sachs & Judith Grobe Sachs, in memory of Edward’s father, George E Sachs

**November 13–14**
- Robert & Rosemary Goldstine, in memory of Robert’s mother, Anna Goldstine
- David & Shirley Lieb, in memory of Shirley’s aunt, Evelyn F. Hootnick

**November 20–21**
- Shirley Braun, in memory of Shirley’s sister, Phyllis Ruder
- Shirley Braun, in memory of her brother, Ira Singer
- Henry & Sally Guralnick, in memory of Henry’s mother, Sarah Guralnick
- Robert Henkin, in memory of his wife, Renae Henkin
- Marlene & Jennifer Mann, in memory of Marlene’s husband and Jennifer’s father, Joe Mann

**November 27–28**
- David Benditzson, in memory of his father-in-law, Joseph Simon
- Michael & Rosena Kruley, in memory of Michael’s father, Harold Kruley
- Barry & Jean Schub, in memory of Jean’s aunt, Sarah Kahanowitz
- George & Donna Srajer, in memory of George’s father, Martin Srajer

**Not Previously Listed:**
- October 20–21: Laura Gottlieb Kohnke, in memory of her father, Alvin Gottlieb
Simcha Tree
Honor your family simcha with a donation to the WSTHZ Simcha Tree. Your gift of a leaf will create a lasting reminder of the occasion: wedding, birth, bar/bat mitzvah, a birthday, or a thank you for a job well done.

ANNABEL, BERNARD AND OREN CARMI ABRAHAM FUND: enabling children from families with financial need to receive a Jewish education
Frank Vozak & Terrie Rymer, in memory of Richard Johnson
BUILDING FUND: Maintaining & improving the building
CANTOR’S MUSIC FUND: Provides musical programming
Howard & Norma Berlin, in memory of Zoe Shapera’s mother, Marlene Libby Goodfriend
Howard & Norma Berlin, in memory of Kristina Katzovitz’s mother, Cecile Timm
CHILDREN’S SHABBAT
FAY STOPECK SHABBAT MUSICAL FUND: Supports Friday night musical services
Scott Frankel & Laurie Myers, in honor of Morris Applebaum on his being named Har Zion Hero
GROPPER WINDOW PROJECT FUND: Supports the restoration of the Gropper Windows
GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT FUND: To support the long-term stability and viability of the congregation
JACK JOSS MEMORIAL FUND: For the expansion and maintenance of the Catherine and Jack Joss Tot Lot
JANICE PATTERSON KALLAH SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Supports Kallah expenses and helps families attend
JEWISH JOURNEYS FUND: Supports learning and spiritual development in the community, including programs, ritual items and Jewish learning stipends
KIDDUSH & BREAKFAST FUND: Provides for Shabbat & festival Kiddushim, and weekday minyan breakfast
KOVEN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND: Provides equipment, programs & scholarships for the Koven Religious School
Lance & Janet Bolonik, in memory of Zoe Shapera’s mother, Marlene Libby Goodfriend
Marc & Heidi Kieselstein, in memory of Zoe Shapera’s mother, Marlene Libby Goodfriend
Carol Koenig, yasher koach to all who provided beautiful service under these unusual times.
Carol Koenig, in memory of Zoe Shapera’s mother, Marlene Libby Goodfriend
Laura Gottlieb Kohnke, in memory of her father, Alvin Gottlieb
Phyllis Rubin, in honor of Ruth Zuraw’s great mat crocheting
Phyllis Rubin, in honor of Temple staff and Board for guiding us through the challenge of COVID
Phyllis Rubin, in memory of Fred Rosin
Phyllis Rubin, in honor of Madeline Shiffman’s birthday
Phyllis Rubin, in honor of Micah Shapera’s bar mitzvah
Phyllis Rubin, in memory of Irene and Samuel Brodkin
Phyllis Rubin, in memory of Peg Maretta
Phyllis Rubin, in honor of Alana Slade’s bat mitzvah and great mat crocheting
Helena Stancikas, in memory of Doris Markman Gruskin
Paul & Judith Wolfman, in honor of the Rabbi, Cantor, staff, and all those who helped make this year’s High Holiday services spiritually meaningful through their masterful use of social media
TZEDAKAH FUND: Supports a variety of charities
Paul & Judith Wolfman, in memory of his grandmother, Beatrice Krieger
YONG FAMILY CAMP FUND: Provides partial scholarships for members’ children to attend Jewish camps

Contact the office for our online program password.
November 13–14

Annie Arbetman
Leonard Bloom
Leo Brodsky
Kate Brown
Shelly Iris Creinin
Ida Crystal
Aron Einhorn
Benjamin Fishbain
Isadore Gethner
Louis Ginzberg
David Glick
Natale Carol Goldstein
Anna Goldstine
Samuel Harris
Simon Hershovitz
Lena Hoffrichter
Evelyn F. Hootnick
David Paul Lieb
Ruth Elisabeth Marx
Rosemary Marx
Alejandro Palomares
Howard T. Raymond
Abraham Rose
Harry Sadove
Rose Savin
Abraham Schultz
June Small
Charles Turek
Chaica Wolfman
Edward Yalowitz

November 20–21

Reuven Barookh
Eleanor Bass
Charles H. Berman
Gertrude Colletti
Louis M. Dolnick
Max Dublin
Jack J. Friedman
Harry Gaines
Dora Garland
Herman Gershon
Adolph Ginsberg
Anne K. Eisenberg Golden
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Renae Henkin
Fannie Hurwitz
Mark Hurwitz
Rose Kahn
Lillian Katzen
Albert Levin
Joe Mann
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In Memoriam

The Congregation extends its deepest sympathy to the families of:

Richard Johnson

We are saddened to announce the passing of Richard Johnson, longtime staff member, and devoted husband and father. Richard will be missed by many.

Doris Gruskin

Longtime congregant, age 102, wife of the late Alex; mother of Nancy and David Warner and Mark and Betty Gruskin; grandmother of Abigail Warner, Rachel (Zack) Lutz, and Yoni Gruskin; and great grandmother of Jude Lutz

“The memory of the righteous is a blessing” — Proverbs 10:7
The Shabbat Morning services are streamed three ways (Ask the office for the Zoom password if you need it):

- On Zoom: [https://zoom.us/j/242651284](https://zoom.us/j/242651284), with the usual Zoom password
- To the temple's Facebook page: [https://www.facebook.com/WSTHZ/](https://www.facebook.com/WSTHZ/) (no password)

The rest of the services are streamed only on Zoom; the Zoom ID numbers are below.

Sign up for the Introduction to Judaism class at: [https://www.wsthz.org/form/Introtojudaism5781](https://www.wsthz.org/form/Introtojudaism5781)

Register for the November 7 Havdalah on Zoom for Families with Young Children at [https://www.wsthz.org/event/havdalah-on-zoom.html](https://www.wsthz.org/event/havdalah-on-zoom.html)

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Contact the office for our online program password.
How can Judaism add meaning to your life?

Friends,

Have you always wanted to catch up on what you missed in Hebrew School?

Do you or someone you know always wanted to learn more about Judaism?

Do you want to take an interactive 18 session course on Judaism, with inspiring teachers from our own community including: Rabbi Glick, Rabbi Mirelman, Cantor Figa, David Schwartz, Dr. Amy Guralnick, and more?

There’s still room for you to learn more about Judaism! Please join us for our overview of Judaism classes—whether you know a lot or a little, there’s always more to learn about how Judaism can enhance your life. To register, go to: https://www.wsthz.org/form/Introtojudaism5781

See below for testimonials from previous participants:

JOHN HOWLAND, SEEKER 2017-18: Class bonding was key. I love how different people from the congregation were teaching and you got to meet them in a different way. Each of us connected with different things as we explored Judaism, and it was okay. Judaism is so organic that sometimes it is unnerving.

There is no pressure to convert or join. There is very much a sense of welcome and acceptance and warmth. It is the feel of things. There was never a sense of we know all this and you don't.

Rather, it feels like we are all on a journey together, veteran congregants wanted to take the class, newcomers, Jews and non-Jews. Oh and the humor. The richest moments are the asides. People who have lived life.

MONICA NORLANDER, MEMBER, CONVERTING, MARRIED TO JEW: The “Introduction to Judaism” class was amazing—it was a meaningful yet fun space to learn more about Judaism. The instructors were very knowledgeable and such genuine people. I learned so much: how to keep kosher; how to celebrate Shabbat; and how to raise Jewish children. Thanks to the class, I enhanced and made many friendships and felt comfortable approaching class instructors who are also congregants. My husband and I were grateful that babysitting was an option and joked that our infant was in pre-Hebrew school while we were in class. Our daughter will join the pre-school this fall and my conversion mikvah is this summer 2018. While I have much more to learn about Judaism, this Introduction to Judaism class taught me that being and learning how to be Jewish is a lifelong journey. L’chaim!

Please be in touch as you have questions—we would love to have you!

Warmly,
David Schwartz, dschwartz@wsthz.org