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WELCOME TO OUR MAGAZINE, "OUR JOURNEY OUR HOME"

At Temple Sinai, we strive to create meaningful experiences for everyone. We hope this year you'll participate in one of our many events, as well as opportunities to learn, worship and volunteer together. Join us for a Brotherhood or Women of Sinai event, learning program, or youth group event. Bring your family to a Tot Shabbat, join us for social gatherings, and worship with us for Shabbat. Visit our Temple Sinai calendar to see what's happening:

templesinaiatlanta.org/calendar hope to see you soon!



A Message from our Clergy



This year in particular, I found comfort in the many messages of the Chanukah Story.

One of the most prominent themes of Chanukah is the ongoing struggle for freedom in the face of oppression. In the case of Chanukah, the Syrian-Greeks forbade Jews to practice their religion, declaring identification as a Jew to be a crime punishable by death. The idea of a strong identity and the freedom to express it therefore became central to the theme of Chanukah.

Chanukah always falls during the very darkest nights, of the darkest season, when there is the least amount of sunlight and minimal moonlight, too. The festival comes just when we need it the most, and its light serves as an antidote to the darkness of the season. It is during this darkest window of time that we begin to light our own lights, in order to dispel the darkness. No matter how dark the world may feel, our celebration of Chanukah teaches there is always a possibility of hope and of bringing light into the world. It's a call from a friend, a gift from a neighbor, a helping hand from a stranger that can add light to the world and lift our spirits, even for just the tiniest moment.

This year, when we celebrated Chanukah, we recalled the heroism

of those who came before us, who fought and prevailed then - and now! - so that we can continue to keep the flames of our tradition burning brightly.

We are taught to place our lit *Chanukiyah* in the windows each night for the entire neighborhood to see. The goal is to publicize the miracle of the oil which lasted for 8 days in the ancient Temple. In Hebrew we call it *pirsum ha'nes*. This season, when we lit our *Chanukiyahs*, we proudly declared to all who can see: The Jewish People Live! Am Yisrael Chai!

Samantha Trief

Temple Sinai STANDS WITH ISRAEL

The events of October 7th have left a permanent scar on our collective soul. We are still trying to wrap our heads around the extent of the tragedy and the implications for our Jewish brothers and sisters in Israel, as well as the larger Jewish world. We send a collective prayer to the brave soldiers of the Israel Defense Forces as they defend our homeland against the genocidal terrorists of Hamas.

In this tragic and devastating time, our hearts go out to all who are mourning the loss of a loved one and all who are praying for the recovery of injured family members and friends. Of course, we especially hope and pray for the safe return of the hostages held captive in Gaza: women, children, the elderly and the disabled, among many others.

We stand in disbelief at the astonishing increase in antisemitism and antisemitic hate crimes around the globe. The resurgence of the world's oldest hatred and most poisonous disease leaves us feeling frustrated and helpless. And yet, we are not alone. Please report any antisemitic act immediately. Together we will expel the darkness and proclaim this truth to the entire world: Israel has and always will be a light unto the nations, and we will continue to advocate for the Jewish homeland no matter where we find ourselves.

Accompanying our own sense of disbelief is the understandable desire to know what we can do to help, any support we can offer our brothers and sisters in Israel as they confront this tragedy and the massive war effort accompanying it.

Temple Sinai now has a dedicated web page where you will find resources to show your support through a variety of different ways.

Am Yisrael Chai!

Visit here https://www. templesinaiatlanta.org/ sinaistandswithisrael or scan the QR code.



A Message from our President



Dear Sinai Family,

The President's Columns in the D'var have historically focused on relevant, pleasurable events, spiritual and educational opportunities, and gatherings at Sinai. A column of that nature does not feel appropriate as of this writing.

The ongoing war in Israel is definitely on our minds. There is great uncertainty and fear for those in Israel and among our congregation, our families, and our fellow Jews.

What resonates as I pen this article is the refuge, comfort, spirituality, and community that Temple Sinai provides during this difficult time.

May our connection to our Judaism through prayer and Torah help us find peace as we commit to each other and our faith. I encourage us to reach out to fellow members as well as to friends and acquaintances outside our community to inquire how they are doing. May our sense of community continue to be a source of strength for our congregation.

Regarding the Sinai calendar, I am happy to report that our plan is to resume Sinai Circles - our small group initiative in January. The launch will be in-person and those interested will have the opportunity to sign up for groups and meet with others to form new groups. There will be additional communications regarding this program. I hope to see many of you there.

B'shalom,

Robert Sinsheimer

Our New Lehrman Rabbinic Garden



Our new Lehrman Rabbinic Garden is a peaceful spot. Ina Enoch, chair of the landscaping commitee, spent many hours helping to envision and create this new space and she shares her thoughts here.

Ina Enoch: "My husband, Harold and I have been members of Temple Sinai for over 30 years.

Harold and I have served on the board and held various positions at Temple Sinai over the years. We truly feel that it is our home and have not been in any other congregation that is more warm and welcoming. We love all of the clergy as well as the staff and know what a special place this is for us as well as so many other families.

My latest position at Temple Sinai is Chair of the Landscaping Committee. Over the past few years we have focused on making the building and grounds as warm and welcoming on the outside as it is on the inside.



The latest renovation was completing the new Lehrman Rabbinic Garden. I had a vision of creating a special space where congregants would be able to gather in small or large groups. The congregation made this vision come to life with the generous donations made in honor of Rabbis Kranz and Segal.

This beautiful new space has places for individuals as well as small groups to gather and spend time with one another. The hope is that the space will be used for educational as well as social gatherings. The addition of a fountain that was generously donated helps to create a more peaceful place to gather.

It has been so special to see congregants young and old using the garden during the High Holy Days as well as each time that I have visited. Congregants feel that they now have a place outside to gather while their children attend the preschool or Noar.

We are thankful to the generosity of the Cohen family for making this new space a reality."

Shirley Cohen, whose endowmend helped fund this new space, shares her thoughts here.

Shirley Cohen: "Our family has been members of Temple Sinai for many years. Our daughter Angie and son Todd both celebrated Bar and Bat Mitzvahs at Temple Sinai and our grandkids all went through preschool and became B'nei Mitzvah here.

My husband Stanley, z"l, served as President of Temple Sinai and was always an active participant there. He created an endowment fund to be used for improvements to or around the building. When we were presented with the idea and saw the plans of the Lehrman Rabbinic Garden, our family immediately liked what we saw. It is so beautiful and peaceful. When we came to look at it, we loved seeing people just relaxing on the benches and enjoying some peace and quiet. We can see how the space will be used now - not only for reflection but also for functions. Our family is happy that we were able to help make this happen.'

Chai Celebration Honoring Rabbi Bradley G. Levenberg



We are so excited to honor Rabbi Brad Levenberg's eighteen years at Temple Sinai. A Chai Celebration honoring this milestone, chaired by Candy and Steve Berman and Robin and Adam Mayer, will be held at the Westin Perimeter Buckhead the evening of Saturday, March 23, 2024. We will also honor his tenure with a special Shabbat Service on Friday, March 22.

If you are interested in serving as a sponsor for this exciting celebration, opportunities are available online at www.templesinaiatlanta.org/chai. Individual tickets will be available in early 2024.

If you are interested in helping to plan the weekend's celebrations, please email Shelly Dresdner at sdresdner@templesinaiatlanta.org

Stay tuned for more opportunities to show your support for Rabbi Brad over the coming year!

Mazel Tov to Jan Jay, Our 2023 Ner Tamid Award Recipient

Jan Jay was awarded with the Ner Tamid Award during this past year's Annual Meeting. The award is given to a member who volunteers their time selflessly. Below are remarks given by Rabbi Sam Trief, honoring Jan during the meeting.



The Ner Tamid, which translates as "eternal light", hangs prominently above our bima. The Torah teaches that the Ner Tamid is an essential component for a Tabernacle or our modern day sanctuary to exist.

Our tradition also reminds us that each of us has our own ner tamid, an ever-present flame for us to access when we need it most, waiting for us to bring mitzvot into the world, limitless in its capacity for kindling and sharing. So, what a fitting award to present to our friend Jan Jay, for she is an ever-present flame for our community, truly limitless in her capacity for kindling her own ner tamid and sharing it with others.

Jan is a Do-er, a Dreamer, a Supporter and an advocate. Not only has she

served our community through large and outward facing Temple Sinai groups and initiatives such as Hineini, our inclusion committee, Women of Sinai, our Board of Trustees and our Culture of Belonging Lab Team, she is constantly participating in lesser known projects that truly impact society. Whether driving for Second Helpings, or delivering machzors to members of our community who are homebound, spending the night at Sinai's Family shelter, replenishing our Shalom Station in our lobby, hosting groups at her home to make sandwiches for the sandwich project, or providing meals from Sinai to the staff at the Northside ICU during covid, she is always the first to raise her hand to help and to think of ways to contribute.

Jan is truly a leader: from her days as a TSPS parent and serving on the Early Childhood Education Committee, to creating our special needs parent group, by serving our larger Atlanta community through her leadership with the Jewish Abilities Alliance and continually working to support inclusion efforts in both the Preschool and Noar. Jan is also so committed to helping provide resources and support to parents who have children with special needs. She was the Co-Chair of Sinai T'micha, our Autism Support group, and she always assures that teachers in both the Preschool and Noar are trained to recognize the red flags for a child who might be experiencing any kind of learning difference.

Jan is an advocate for racial equity and justice in our community and served as a MitzVotes Volunteer. There are certainly things that are missing from this extensive list of Jan's contributions, and there is certainly more that she will do, but we are profoundly grateful for you Jan, and your Ner Tamid, your eternal light that you bring to all that you do for your family, for Sinai and for the Jewish world. Thank you Jan, we are better because we know you, and you inspire us to live up to our potential, Mazel Tov.

Partnering with the Community Assistance Center (CAC)

Temple Sinai has had a long standing relationship with the CAC. Our lay leaders share their experiences here.





CAC Committee Chairs: Andi Kaufman (Left) and Sheri Weiner (Right)

Q: Tell us about the volunteer work Temple Sinai does with CAC.

A: Temple Sinai's volunteers come together to help in many areas of the CAC. Our energetic and dedicated committee assists in two different food pantry locations on the 1st Monday and 3rd Saturday of every month. Volunteers assist clients in shopping for food, sorting deliveries of food, stocking shelves, and more. Another initiative we participate in falls during the holiday season. Temple Sinai adopts CAC families in order to fulfill childrens' holiday gift wish lists, as well as providing grocery store gift cards to help the families with their holiday celebrations. Another touchpoint in which our volunteers make a significant contribution is tax preparation. Volunteers from our community are trained to help individuals and families in submitting their taxes for both the current and previous years. This Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program, an initiative of the IRS, is offered at the CAC to help clients get their income tax returns filed accurately and on time, ensuring all eligible tax credits and refunds, while avoiding costly preparation fees. Lastly, we hold regular drives at Temple Sinai further supporting the current needs of the CAC families. Our dedicated committee is just getting started with our CAC impact. There are many additional CAC areas in which we plan to expand our support and we are excited for the future of Temple Sinai's positive impact on our community through the CAC.

Q: What about the volunteer opportunity has been meaningful for you?

A: Spending a few hours a month helping at the food pantry organizing food donations, sorting deliveries and helping the CAC families who are facing food insecurity has been a very rewarding experience for us all. Understanding that our Temple Sinai volunteers are such an integral part in assuring these families can get the food they so desperately need is both a humbling and a heart-warming experience. Together, with volunteers from other congregations, churches and volunteer groups, we connect with each other and truly help make a difference in preventing homelessness in our community.

Another aspect of our Temple Sinai CAC Volunteer Corps that is particularly special is that our team is comprised of Sinai members between the ages of 15 - 70+! The CAC committee offers a tremendous opportunity for us to work together across generations. This is a very unique, fulfilling and wonderful opportunity awarded to volunteers on our team.

In addition, it was tremendously moving in December as we organized our second Adopt-A-CAC Family for the Holiday season. Our Sinai families signed up to provide gifts for 75 children within days! Our social hall was filled with donations of toys, bikes, scooters, diapers, baby clothes and more! This experience made us all feel both proud of our committee and also aware of the generous hearts of our congregants!



High Holy Day Food Drive Chair, Camille Lefkowitz:

Q: How much food was collected during the food drive?

A: A heartfelt thank you to those who donated generously to the Community Assistance Center during our High Holy Day food drive. We collected 8,003 pounds that will go to those in need in Sandy Springs.

Q: Tell us about your involvment with CAC.

A: I have helped with the food drive for 5 years and it has been wonderful to see the continued generosity of the congregation. Each year participation has grown and Click-a-Mitzvah has definitely made donating quick and easy. Over the years, I volunteered at the The Atlanta Food Bank, Second Helpings, Backpack Buddies and local food pantries, and I understand food insecurity can affect children and adults everyday. Any small contribution can make a difference and the CAC plays a vital role helping and supporting the Sandy Springs community. I have really enjoyed being a part of this wonderful annual event.

We welcome and encourage any help for this great organization. Individuals can send an email of interest to: Andi at andi.kaufman4@gmail.com and/ or Sheri at sheriweinerhome@gmail.com. We will email you back detailed information about each CAC volunteer opportunity, as well as add you to our CAC volunteer email distribution list. We are a committee of congregants who are welcoming and enthusiastic about our time volunteering with the CAC!

Spotlight on Talent Art Show



The SPOTLIGHT ON TALENT Art Show & Sale was a HUGE success!

Featured artwork, from members of both our congregation and the arts community, included paintings, fused, slumped and mosaic glass, jewelry, pottery, fiber, wood sculptures and functional ware, metal sculptures, multimedia, photography and paper sculptures. Saturday evening's event, attended by 150+ people, featured wine and a beautiful, delicious selection of charcuterie boards, accompanied by socializing and very active sales. Adding Sunday's full day of sales, Temple Sinai and the Fine Arts Committee proudly exceeded

anything we had anticipated, and sold approximately \$40,000.00 in merchandise - with more than 30% being split between the Fine Arts Committee for future projects and the Israel relief organization called Artist 4 Israel: Healing Arts Kits. Created by psychiatrists, therapists, first responders, parents and teachers, and based on a combination of cutting-edge science and on the ground experience working with Israeli children living through rocket attacks from Gaza, Artists 4 Israel's Healing Arts Kits intend to slow or stop the onset of new cases of PTSD. Available immediately, the Kits work in the critical first 30 seconds and 30 minutes when traumatic memory is permanently stored.

"SPOTLIGHT ON TALENT" took an entire year of planning, including the exceptional assistance from the Temple Sinai Staff and Clergy. As a result of such a positive outcome, the Fine Arts Committee is already



planning for the next one, when we hope to also include the works of some very talented Noar students and teens. Having just endured a week of the horrific news from Israel, all who attended showed a resilience and desire for something "normal". All through the show, clusters of both artists and buyers could be heard acknowledging the war, while concentrating on the art – much like Israelis who have dealt with life and war side by side forever.

Look forward to hearing about the next show! The Fine Arts Committee will welcome you to get involved in any capacity, and you'll be glad you did!

Immigrant and Refugee Justice Committee Update



By commitee Chairs Janie Fishman and Leslie Walden

The Committee for Immigrant and Refugee Justice has been quite busy over the past several months. We want to share with you some of the worthwhile and meaningful projects we've been working on.

During the summer we sponsored one week of camp for 200 refugee children! Temple Sinai volunteers supported the staff at Friends of Refugees at a variety of camp activities. The children loved it and so did our volunteers! It was a rewarding

and fun experience for everyone! Peter Savitz, a member of our committee, coordinated with the Afghan American Alliance of Georgia (AAAGA) to provide volunteer drivers to transport refugee boys and girls to and from a summer soccer camp. The program was sponsored by Atlanta United. The kids were thrilled to participate in this program and to play soccer, a game they all LOVE! In addition, we donated \$600 in Uber credits to the AAAGA which provided rides for Afghan families to medical and other appointments.

We are currently involved in a tutoring project at Friends of Refugees in Clarkston. Temple Sinai volunteers are working with Afghan women who were never allowed to attend school in their country. The women are illiterate in their own language and are thrilled to be in a classroom learning English!



If you would like to be part of the Committee for Immigrant & Refugee Justice and support some of our projects, please contact:

Janie Fishman Jf9870@gmail.com

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Welcome New Members...

David and Janet Aarons Mitchell Abes Jared Allen Andrew Aman

Miranda Barzey

David Beznos and Cynthia Liu; Daniel and Penelope

Aaron and Carly Blynn; Collins & Tyler

David Brown

Adam and Amy Coffsky

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Megan Danz

Ryan Danz

Barry and Shelly Danz

Ed and **Dana Denker**; *Ruby and Benjamin*

Michael and **Carey Dermer**; *Jack and Maggie*

Emily Diamond

Sara Diamond

Amy Drooker

Rachel Filipov and Franck Ellenbogen; Sara and Mila

Samantha Freedman

Margaux Galitz and Benjamin Gust Jennifer Gerson and Corey Farris; Arden & Sidney

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Steven and Roseann Gerson Francie and Frederick Glassman Sarah and David Gomel; Livvy & Allie Sarah Goldstein and Noah Hanover

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Thomas Zebrowitz

Mazel Tov to...

Maelyn Alexander, Elie Carrier, Benny Griset, Jake Isenberg, Ryan Kaiser, and Olivia Siskin on their participation in the AJC Leaders of Tomorrow Program

Andrew and **Blair Bekker** on the birth of their son Henry Maxwell Bekker

Jared Belsky on the launch of his second book "You Get the Agency You Deserve"

Jason and **Caryn Bernstein** on the marriage of their son, David Bernstein, to Ruth Allard.

Harris and **Geri Botnick** to celebrate Worthmore Jewelers 30th anniversary.

Andrew and Allie Chinsky on the birth of their second child, Lucas Mitchell. Mazel Tov to big sis and TSPS student Emmie Chinsky as well.

Marc Cohen on his Golden Helmet award for 50 years of service at Delta Sigma Pi

Michelle Cooper on Put it There Professional Organizing celebrating 20 years.

Alex and Maria Deitch on the birth of their second child, Levi Alexander. Mazel tov to big brother Jacob, grandparents Susan and Earl Wasserman, Aunt Samantha Ellis, and Uncle David Wasserman, as well.

Lori Denton and **Andy Wolf** on their marriage.

Amy Dosik on her installation as the new board chair of Hilels of Georgia

Richard and **Geri Fitterman** on the marriage of their daughter, Jodi Fitterman, to Mark Grossman.

Carolyn Friedman, daughter of David Friedman and Julie Zweig, on being awarded a grant from the Fulbright program to teach at the university level in Bogotá, Colombia.

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Lois Frank on receiving the Federation's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Susie Greenberg on being named one of the National Council for Jewish Women (NCJW) Sheroes: Women Who Dare, for her tireless work as an advocate for women, children and immigrants.

David and **Carrie Gamsey** on the birth of their grandson, Issac Wheeler Gamsey

Mike and Halli Jones on the marriage of their daughter, Marlee Jones, to Charlie Sprott.

Dori and **Jeff Herald** on the birth of their daughter, Maren Ava Herald.

Roberta and Alex Hoff on the birth of their daughter, Ella Rose Hoff. Mazel Tov to grandparents, **Beth** and **Steve Scheuer**, as well.

Shelby and **Andrew Jagor** on the birth of their daughter, Crosby Reagan Jagor.

Brennen and **Nathan Joseph** on the birth of their daughter, Rayna Joseph.

Kevin Levine and **Erin Ensley** on their marriage.

Rick Lenner and **Carolyn Oppenheimer** on the birth of their grandson, Abraham Oppenheimer.

Sloan and Megan Lipman on the birth of their daughter, Riley Tess Lipman. Mazel tov to grandparents Heidi and Paul Lipman, great grandparents Brenda and Mark Rappaport, and aunt and uncle Betsy and Scott St. Lifer, as well.

Paul and **Heidi Lipman** on the marriage of their daughter, **Betsy Lipman** to **Scott St. Lifer**. Mazel Tov to brother **Sloan Lipman**, as well.

Jason Margolies and **Tamara Loscak** on their marriage.

Melvin Marsh on the release of his book *Leaving Bacon Behind: A How-to Guide to Jewish Conversion*.

Robin and Adam Mayer on their daughter, Rachel Mayer, being accepted into an Accelerated Masters Program in Public Relations, as a sophomore at the University of Alabama.

Jaclynn Morris for being honored by JFCS Shalom Bayitat this year's event: "Empowering Survivors: Celebrating 30 Years of Shalom Bayit"

Jaclynn and **Bruce Morris** on the birth of their grandson, Clark Morris Strasfeld.

Brian and Bridget Oxman on the birth of their son, Blake Patrick. Mazel tov to grandparents, Darcy and Joe Oxman, aunt and uncle Melissa and Ari Shapiro, and big brother Beau as well.

David and **Robin Perlis** on the marriage of their daughter, **Hayley Perlis** to **Nathaniel Rubin**.

Katherine Poch on being named Salutatorian of the Holy Innocents' Episcopal School Class of 2023 and on receiving the 2023 Hadassah Chesed Student Award.

Dan and **Susan Raskin** on the birth of their granddaughter, Zoe Marks Schechtman.

Si and Madeline Sater on the marriage of their daughter, Stacie Sater to Nicholas Olague, and on the marriage of their daughter, Samantha Sater to Darren DelSignore.

Savanna and **Jacob Simon** on the birth of their daughter, Willow Simon. Mazel Tov to grandmother **Caren Simon** as well.

Jacqueline and **Reed Schlesinger** on the birth of their daughter, Rylee Mara Schlesinger.

David and Joelle Wasserman on the birth of their son, Micah Benjamin. Mazel tov to grandparents Susan and Earl Wasserman, uncle Alex Deitch, and aunt Samantha Ellis, as well.

Sheri and **Ron Weiner** on the marriage of their daughter, Dana Weiner, to Alec Rubin.

Condolences to...

Nhora Abril-Neufeld on the passing of her father, Alvaro Abril.

Rachael Abt on the passing of her brother-in-law Jason George Webster.

Paul Alexander on the passing of his father Michael Alexander.

Alli Allen and Carolyn Wallace on the passing of their mother Inge Robbins. Condolences to grandchildren Heather Bernes, Amanda Scott, Jared Allen, and Miles & Cleo Wallace, and great grandchildren Jackson & Austin Bernes and Holden Scott, as well.

Dara Anker on the passing of her uncle, Sheldon Schrager.

Bernie Berkeley on the passing of his wife Jessica "Jessie" Berkeley.

Rita Burnat and **David Gamsey** on the passing of their father Milton Linwood Gamsey.

Scott Butler on the passing of his father, Joel Butler. Condolences to grandchildren Amy and Emily Butler and to Joel's former spouse and close friend **Eleanor Schwartz** as well.

Valerie Cohn on the passing of her father William David Fricks. Condolences to grandchildren Aaron and Jacob Cohn as well.

Christina Corcorran on the death of her stepmother Maureen Corcorran and the death of her mother in law Linda Sue Davis. Condolences to grandchildren Nathan, Anya, and Eli Corcorran-Davis as well.

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Robert D'Agostino on the passing of his wife, Claire D'Agostino. Condolences to her daughter Gaby Sussman and grandchildren Sophia, Jack, and Ana Sussman as well.

Jessica Deitch on the death of her grandmother, Mary E. Colonies

Jack Feldman on the passing of his uncle, Mike Feldman.

Patricia Fonts on the passing of her husband, Larry Fonts. Condolences to niece Susan Newman, as well.

The family of Betty Golden.

The family of Jack Goodman.

Alan Greenberg on the death of his stepmother, Shirley Greenberg.

Lori Greenwald on the passing of her husband, David Greenwald. Condolences to his children, Morgan, Lindsay, and **Corey Greenwald** as well.

Amy Harris on the passing of her father, Milton Weinman.

Louise Hecht on the passing of her husband, Guenther "Gunner" Hecht.

Cindy Hopkins and **Jonathan Schwartz** on the passing of their uncle, Norman Schwartz.

Alan Hytowitz on the passing of his brother, Robert Hytowitz. Condolences to nephew **Neil Hytowitz** as well.

Sharla Kahn and Joel Berger on the passing of their mother, Joan Berger. Condolences to grandchildren, Brook Pastroff and Hayley Levinson as well.

Howard Karchmer on the passing of his brother, Kenneth "Kenny" Irving Karchmer. Condolences to niece **Sandi Solow** and great-niece Carly Solow.

David Kurzweil on the passing of his father, Martin (Marty) Kurzweil. Condolences to grandchildren, Matthew and **Emily Kurzweil** as well. Faye Landey on the passing of her brother-in-law, Marty Kleinman. Condolence to great-nieces Sharon Clark and Leah Blum, as well.

Eric Lang on the passing of his father Al Lang. Condolences to grandchildren Jacob, Julianne, and Benjamin Lang as well.

Stephanie Lampert on the passing of her father, Bernard "Bernie" Tuvlin.

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During Noar, children have learned about the importance of standing with Israel. While our support of Israel education continues throughout the year, we held a special day on Sunday, October 15 focused on Israel. The students all wore blue and white and each class from PreK to 6th grade participated. The younger grades



(PreK- 3rd) learned how to be good friends with a discussion on how we as American Jews can be a good friend to Israel. They created buttons to show support, wrote notes for the Kotel and created friendship bracelets. In grades 4 and 5, our students learned about the Prayer for the State of Israel and visions of peace including



original artwork with the word Shalom. As our 6th graders have been more exposed to what is happening, they learned about the history of Israel and were able to process the information in a self-selected way through journaling, studying the prayer for peace, poetry, or art.



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