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Rabbi David J. Meyer



*"Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude
of those who have lighted the flame within us."*

- Albert Schweitzer

*"Gratitude rejoices with her sister joy and is
always ready to light a candle and have a party."*

- Rabbi Nachman of Breslov

Deep and joyful *hakarat hatov* – gratitude – comes from my heart for Rabbi David Meyer, who with his beloved Marla now enters the late adulthood stage of his wonderful life and who, since 21 years, has continued to light the flame of Judaism within me throughout my ongoing Jewish journey. May his own upcoming journey not take him very far away from us and be filled with many new blessings.

My admiration, appreciation and affection for him
and his family are beyond measure.

Thank you, David and Marla,
my dear, *eydl chaverim*.

Let the party begin!

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Gala

June 1, 2023

Tonight's Program

- Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres
- Welcome and a Look Back:
Claudia Kaufman and Gail New
- Leadership and Staff: Judith Emanuel
- Musical Tribute:
Jon Nelson and Cantor Lynn Torgove
- Family: Cory and Jeremy Meyer
- Honoree: Rabbi David J. Meyer
- Gift Presentation
- Dessert



Rabbi David Meyer in front of Temple Emanu-El, his congregation for 31 years.

A Closer Look: Rabbi David J. Meyer

“Go West, young man”

is a phrase often attributed to newspaper editor Horace Greely regarding America’s pioneer spirit and its expansion westward. Around 1850, a migratory stream of settlers packed their lives into wagons and set out to seek a homestead and a new life in the West.

It was around that time that the great, great, grandparents of David Meyer settled in Kansas after immigrating from Europe. As part of a primarily German-speaking group of educated immigrants, they came looking for the opportunity that America promised. And in Fort Scott, Kansas, they established a dry goods store and began outfitting covered wagons as they made their way to the big trails heading West. It was the classic Jewish, pre-department store, retail operation.



Fast forward roughly a hundred years to Prairie Village, Kansas, a suburb of Kansas City, where David Joel Meyer becomes the second son born to Betty and Louis Meyer.

Married at what would be considered a young age by today’s standards, Betty and Lou Meyer would have three boys in the next six years—Tom the oldest son, followed two years later by David, and again two years later by Michael. After the three Meyer boys were grown and had left home, the family adopted a fourth son, Eric, to complete the family.

Louis was a jeweler by trade, having been born into a family jewelry business. Betty raised the boys and worked in the family business as well as other settings, doing administrative/secretarial duties.



The Meyer boys (l to r) Tom, David and Michael.

The Meyer household was what you might expect with three growing boys in the sixties. Living in a suburban setting, daily life meant attending good public schools, coming home and playing outside with the neighborhood kids in the streets, the parks, and in each other’s backyards. Games and sports were organized by the kids with no referees or uniforms.

And there was synagogue life. The Meyer parents and their friends were active in their Reform synagogue, because that’s what you did in the 50’s and 60’s. With a relatively small Jewish population, maybe 20,000 in the Kansas City metropolitan area, everyone was affiliated with a synagogue, many being large multi-generational congregations.

For David, synagogue life also provided the temple youth group. The Reform Jewish Youth movement, NFTY, offered young people across the country an opportunity to explore

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Reform Judaism through teen-powered weekends and social justice events. For David Meyer, this would play a huge part in his life story.

NFTY regions are broken out geographically across the country based on population. At that time, places like New York had four NFTY regions, Chicago was its own region. But in the Midwest, Kansas was part of the largest geographic region that included all of Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, Missouri, most of Illinois (except Chicago), and all of Iowa.

This was how Jewish kids often found each other—through the youth groups. For example, it wasn’t unusual for teens in St. Louis to travel to a weekend conclave or retreat in Denver. David was actively involved in his youth group, taking a leadership role during his high school years.



A Star is Born

But more significantly at this time in David’s life, was the convergence of two major avenues and passions. At approximately age 14, without any formal musical training, he began teaching himself to play the guitar. This was augmented by learning many of the Jewish folk songs from Jewish summer camp.

At 16 or 17 years old, during his high school years, David began traveling all over the huge Midwest youth group region, teaching some of these songs to kids who weren’t able to attend or didn’t have access to Jewish summer camps.

During his junior and senior years of high school, David was rarely found at his home in Prairie Village, Kansas. Rather, with backpack and guitar in hand, he would be on a bus to Davenport, Iowa, or Springfield, Missouri, or Decatur, Illinois, or Denver, St. Louis, or Omaha.

He would be “hired” by a regional youth group for a weekend of song leading and teaching creative music for services (“hiring” meant a bus ticket and lodging at a family home). Was this scary to either himself or his parents?

Granted it was a different era and a different place, but like most 17-year-olds, David felt invincible. His parents, on the other hand, were understandably a little uneasy, but their local rabbi encouraged them to let David explore his “free spirit.” When asked about his early accomplishments—teaching himself guitar and developing a love of teaching and performing—David replied, “Although I had no formal music training, I had very good influences. Debbie Friedman, (z”l) (singer-songwriter of Jewish songs and melodies) was a very dear friend, and she really introduced me to a genre of Jewish contemporary musical settings for traditional music...in changing the way people worship. She showed me a lot. And there were some summer-camp, song leaders who I would watch and learn from. But there was also an element of it that just fit my personality!”



Next Stop, College

Only an hour’s drive from home, David enrolls in the University of Kansas, (go Jayhawks!) class of 1980. He starts out in Music Education aiming to be a high school choir teacher. But he later switches his major to Music, which was no small feat for a self-taught musician who at that time, couldn’t read music!

But with tuition bills, etc. David turned professional and said to all the synagogues and communities he had been visiting, “I’ll do a weekend of music—just buy me a bus ticket, some guitar strings, a place to stay and now throw in a hundred bucks!” Music allowed him to pay his own way through not only college but also Rabbinical school.

Right from the start, David’s music was always a repertoire of contemporary and classic Jewish folk music of the 50s and 60s. The idea of *busking* or playing at the local pizza parlor for tips was never what he wanted or enjoyed. “I wanted people to pay attention, to engage with the music. I didn’t want to be background music; I wanted the music to be the foreground.”

Today, David still credits his study of music as a remarkable preparation for Rabbinical school. How, you ask? According to David, music theory is not so different than Aramaic grammar...wait, what?

“You study Aramaic grammar to learn to read the Talmud and sources, but music theory is also a grammar. It has symbols and sounds and rules, and communication—it’s grammar!”

“And in college if I was studying a text, say an operatic score or a symphony, you would



Camp Alonim—
Simi Valley,
California, 1982.

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find and follow the streams of thought through their development. It’s very similar to opening a page of Talmud or the Bible and working with it. Also, at the same time I was doing a lot of work and study in my history and philosophy classes. That also really prepared me for the scholarly work that was going to be demanded of me in Rabbinical school.”



A journey well-traveled:

- Lawrence, Kansas to Jerusalem
- Jerusalem to Los Angeles
- Los Angeles to Calgary
- Los Angeles to Cincinnati
- Cincinnati to San Francisco
- San Francisco to Marblehead



Making the leap to Rabbinical School

How does a decision like entering Rabbinical school come to be made?

“First, I had very positive rabbinic role models growing up. Whether as a child in my family’s synagogue, or at summer camp, or in visiting the different communities I would travel to. So, I had very positive experiences with rabbis in my life.”

“Second, I liked it—I enjoyed and still find a deep meaning and pleasure from studying Jewish sources and texts.”

“Third, there’s an idealistic element to it. I felt that Jewish life is really good for people, and for families, and for the world.”

When enrolling in Rabbinical school in July 1980, almost all of the entering class was coming right out of college. Today many of those entering

Rabbinical school are doing so as a second career. Also, many of David’s fellow students were not sure whether in the end, they wanted to find themselves in a Jewish nonprofit, a chaplaincy, at a Hillel, or in a university setting. But for David, “All it took was that first student pulpit experience to open my eyes to what the possibilities were and what the pulpit rabbinate offers. After my ordination, I never applied for a position aside from a synagogue.”

The road to becoming a Reform Rabbi is a five-year program. First-year Rabbinical students spend a mandatory year in Jerusalem to gain greater fluency in Hebrew, both in modern usage and in traditional sources. This is followed by two years of coursework in Los Angeles, ending in a master’s degree in Hebrew Letters and Literature. The final two years are spent either in New York City or Cincinnati, culminating in ordination.

For David, the middle two years in Los Angeles stretched into three years. The Dean approached him about taking a year’s leave-of-absence to work for the college, heading up their admissions and recruiting departments and running their youth programs in LA.

David agreed but only if he could continue his studies with one course each semester, plus have a second year at his student congregation in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. A student pulpit is



We’re engaged! 1983

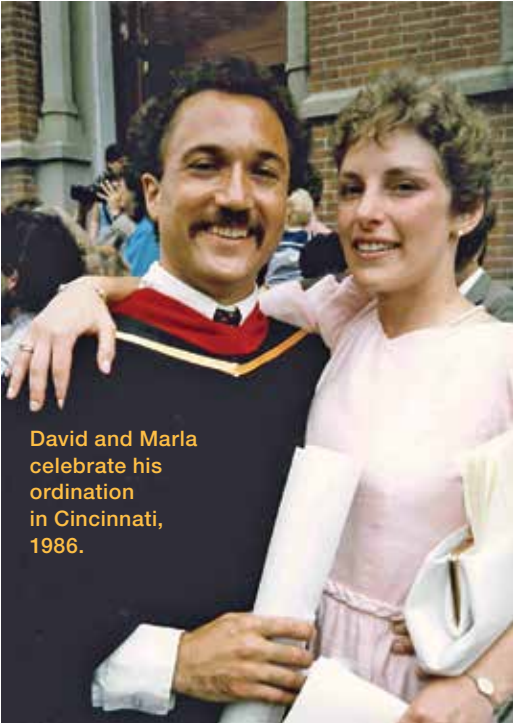
part of the program that assigns students to a synagogue that doesn’t have a full-time rabbi. One weekend a month or so, David would lead services, teach, and work with lay leaders. Remaining close with that still-flourishing congregation, Rabbi visited them and led services in Calgary just before the pandemic.

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During his time in LA, David began dating Marla Pepper, an old friend from youth group and camp days. She was studying at UCLA.

At the conclusion of David’s leave-of-absence year, which coincided with Marla’s graduation from UCLA, they became engaged. They were married in Denver in 1984 and planned for the move for his final two years of study.

Given the choice between living in either Cincinnati or New York City, there was never a question. Being Midwesterners, Cincinnati presented the newlyweds with a more manageable and affordable option, with a campus, no commute and wonderful job opportunities for Marla. Cincinnati it was, and two years later, in 1986, **Rabbi David J. Meyer** was ordained.



David and Marla celebrate his ordination in Cincinnati, 1986.

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Rabbi Martin Weiner, Senior Rabbi Congregation Sherith Israel.

San Francisco

Following ordination, it was time to be placed within a congregation. Rabbi Meyer was eligible to be an Assistant Rabbi at any congregation or have his own congregation at a smaller synagogue of 250 or fewer families.

He wanted the experience of serving as an assistant to a Senior Rabbi who was seasoned and could teach him. All the good advice he was receiving was to choose your Senior Rabbi, not your city. *A good Senior will make any place paradise.* Hitting the jackpot on both fronts, Rabbi Meyer got to work with Rabbi Martin Weiner (z”l) at Congregation Sherith Israel in San Francisco for the next six years.

The ideal Senior, Rabbi Weiner generously and equally shared the pulpit, including High Holiday sermons.

“He opened the possibility for my creativity, and looked out for my growth and well-being—what more could you ask?”

With a long-standing cantor in place at Sherith Israel, Rabbi’s musical talents were tapped when he was charged with heading a singles outreach program where he was able to play a lot of music.

During the San Francisco years, Marla worked in an administrative capacity at law firms. Their time in San Francisco ended with the arrival of baby Cory.



Next up—Marblehead!

After 6 years in the assistant role, Rabbi felt it was time to expand his skill set and take on his own congregation. David and Marla sat down and made the list of criteria for their next home:

- ☑ *in the outskirts of a large city (large enough to have professional sport franchises, but not living inside the city)*
- ☑ *beautiful natural resources, mountains, ocean, lakes*
- ☑ *good public schools*
- ☑ *and good healthcare*

Carmel, California was a possibility because it checked all the boxes, but then Marblehead showed up. For these two Midwesterners, who had never lived east of Cincinnati, the idea of New England was tempting enough to send in an application. Thinking he might be a bit young for a congregation the size of Temple Emanu-El, Rabbi wasn’t sure he would get the job, but we all know how that turned out some thirty-one years ago!

Career Highlights

When asked what parts of his Temple Emanu-El career he is most proud of:

“Playing a leadership role within the communities of faith on the North Shore. Although the groundwork had been laid by my predecessor, a lot of work has been done not only with the churches but also in the intra-Jewish community of synagogues and other Jewish organizations. There have been trips to Israel led with Old North Church, interfaith Seders begun with the ADL, collaborative programs and study, and even finances.” Rabbi Meyer is currently serving his second term as President of the Marblehead Ministerial Association.

“Creating a participatory experience of congregational worship rather than a sedentary one. Maybe one of my strongest professional skills is the ability to bring large groups together and sing beautifully with harmony. Having been trained as a choral leader, it was important to me to make the music sound great. Being able to reshape the worship experience as a participatory one is something I’m very proud of.”

“And watching, for more than the last decade, Temple Emanu-El change the way it operates as a synagogue—with almost every one of our changes being innovative and forward-thinking:

1. Our funding (Pledge) model was different and cutting edge.
2. The creation of our neighborhood structure (member affinity groups) was groundbreaking.
3. And our worship services moved from a professional choir to a participatory model.”

“Changing the way we operate as a synagogue, I think, gives us a much stronger foundation for the future.”



Rabbi Meyer and Rev. Dennis Calhoun of Old North Church at the Western Wall in Jerusalem, 2011.

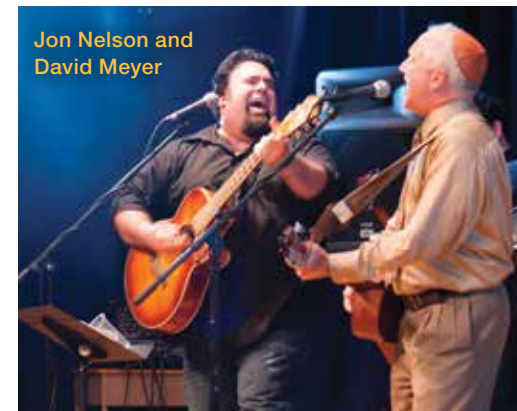
Other Professional Accomplishments

We all know how special he is, but Rabbi has been the recipient of many noteworthy honors from the community for his leadership, and has also amassed numerous achievements.

In 1996, he received his second master’s degree, in theology, from Harvard Divinity School. In a program designed for working clergy, he took one course per semester for four years to earn that degree.

In 2006, Rabbi Meyer received the Leonard P. Zakim Humanitarian Award from the Anti-Defamation League in recognition of his work “building bridges” of understanding between differing faith communities.

And in 2017, in recognition of 25 years of service to the Jewish community as a rabbi, he received an honorary doctorate from Hebrew Union College.



A Mover and a Shaker

Aside from the demanding job of Senior Rabbi, time has always been carved out for a very full, active, and athletic life.

In his forties, Rabbi Meyer ran 15 marathons—10 Boston Marathons for Children’s Hospital, where he became the captain of the Children’s Hospital Marathon team.

To celebrate his fiftieth birthday, he and a friend spent a week at the Kansas City Royals Alumni Fantasy Camp. The week before spring training begins, pitchers and catchers arrive, and the training facility opens to adults who want to *play at being a baseball player* for a week. Getting to play and throw a ball around with George Brett was a dream. Plus, the official Royals baseball uniform has made a couple of appearances at Temple Emanu-El’s Purim Carnivals!

At 60, Rabbi Meyer took another bucket list trip with his college roommate for several days of golf at St Andrew’s in Scotland.

From the time he had his own kitchen to work from, Rabbi has also always loved cooking.

He enjoys playing in and exploring his way around a kitchen and leans toward Israeli/Middle Eastern dishes as well as dishes with “that Kansas City Midwest style!” (A few favorite Meyer recipes follow).

And let’s not forget the production of three music CDs—and that’s just in the last 12 years!

What are you looking forward to?

“I have a number of interests and pleasures, among them—studying, learning, teaching, offering whatever I might be called upon to offer. But the advantage of retirement is that I can have some control over how I fit my interests and commitments into my calendar.”

“I look forward to returning to music at a high level of creativity. I want to continue writing, performing, and sharing music. There have been a couple of times, including early on in my rabbinate in Marblehead, when I generally set my music aside. Each time when I recovered the music I realized its importance, so I’m not going to make that mistake again. Music will continue being part of what I do and what I love.”

“I want my days to have time for all of it—for study and reading, for music and creativity, time for fitness, for being with family. I’m not going to be bored.”

“Marla is planning on continuing her practice, which is growing, and frankly, is essential. Working with seniors and their caregivers is only growing in importance as we boomers age, and there’s not nearly enough resources to meet the need.”

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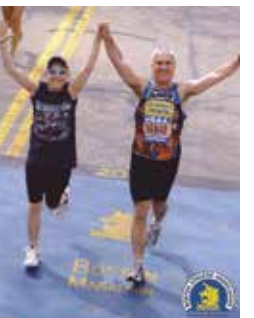
A Big Thank You

We, as a congregation, have been so fortunate to have had more than three decades with such a compassionate, knowledgeable, talented, and dedicated rabbi as David Meyer.

We are also grateful that we do not have to say good-bye to Rabbi Meyer. As he transitions to Rabbi Emeritus, he will still be our neighbor. But mostly, going forward, he will still be our friend who knows our families, our stories, our joys, and our challenges. And for that, and with gratitude, we say “Thank you, friend” for the impact you have made in our lives over the past thirty years. May your retirement bring all the happiness that you and your family so truly deserve. ■



Fielding a grounder at Kansas City Royals Alumni Fantasy Camp.



Rabbi Meyer and son Cory tackle Heartbreak Hill in the 2004 Boston Marathon.



A Closer Look:

Marla Meyer

Who is she? Wife, mother, sister, aunt, daughter, friend, clinical social worker, woman behind the man, challah-baker extraordinaire—let’s find out more.

In 1955, Radine and Morton Pepper built their house in the Hilltop area of Denver, Colorado. Into this home they would welcome their fourth child, Marla, in 1961.

Her lineage was one of true pioneering Jews. Both sides of her family immigrated from Eastern Europe/Russia. Her father grew up in Denver and her mother in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Her maternal grandfather was a homesteader in Chugwater, Wyoming and her grandfather on her father’s side was in the scrap metal business.

The youngest of four children, with two older sisters and an older brother, Marla described her childhood as typical. A product of the Denver public schools, her high school years were anything but typical. In an effort to desegregate, the schools were redistricted,



and in her high school years, Marla became the product of forced busing to North Denver. She attended a trade school in a primarily Black community where the curriculum quickly needed to be modified to serve the new population of incoming bused students. It meant that when it was time for Marla’s AP English class, she would hop on a different shuttle bus to a different high school.

She grew up in a home that supported both the Reform and Conservative synagogues in the community. Her mother was more traditional, having been raised in a kosher home and was not as comfortable at the Reform temple. Her father liked the music and the classical Reform traditions.



Rabbi and Marla serve up some latkes at a Temple Hanukkah celebration.

With a foot in each community, Marla received her all-important Jewish education at Temple Emanuel (just up the street), but still spent the High Holidays with her grandparents in the Conservative synagogue.

Marla attended religious school and Hebrew school, but like her two sisters, did not have a Bat Mitzvah. She fell on the cusp of a time when girls didn’t lead the service or read from the Torah. Her religious education continued through confirmation and in 1978, she was confirmed and awarded the Model Confirmand prize in her class.

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So how does a girl in Denver Colorado meet a young musician from Kansas? Once again, the connection is the temple youth group.

“I first met David in 1977. He was working at Maurice B. Shwayder Camp, a Jewish summer camp in Idaho Springs, Colorado, which was owned by my temple and is still in operation today. Although I was never a camper (Marla spent much of her summer months on the tennis court), I was involved through my temple youth group. Following the camp’s summer program, the facility was used for a week-long youth group Institute held by the Midwest NFTY, (MoVFTY, Missouri Valley Federation Temple Youth).

“I was asked, at 15 years old, to be the treasurer for this Institute and was charged with handling the applications, the checks coming in from registrants, the banking, and hiring the necessary camp staff to stay and work this additional week—this meant **hiring the camp song leader.**”

“I had heard about this guy, David Meyer, who was the Shwayder Camp and regional youth group song leader. I arrived at the camp, stepped off the bus, and met this charismatic, bearded, 19-year-old, who I hired for the week.” During that week, Marla saw first-hand, the *ruach*—the spirit, created when scores of Jewish kids came together singing these Jewish songs—“it was cool, it was hip, it was exciting. It was belonging to something that was moving and really wonderful. It was so popular, and it took youth group by storm.”

That week at Camp Shwayder was the beginning of their friendship. Over the next few years Marla and David’s paths would cross again at (you guessed it) youth group weekend conclaves in varying cities throughout the Midwest, as well as at Camp Alonim, a summer camp in California where Marla was a counselor and David was song leader.

Marla described the importance of this time to her as “you’re immersed in Jewish

observance, Jewish culture, and the vibrancy of Jewish life. When David came in as Music Director, he brought an energy and spirit with his music—he was a Rock Star! He made it cool to be Jewish and to identify Jewishly through music.” She credits her own personal connection with the synagogue beginning with that participatory experience.



From Marla’s work at the camp west of Los Angeles, she developed a love for California. She applied, was accepted, and headed off to UCLA in 1980 to begin her college years. At this time, David was in Rabbinical school, also in Los Angeles, but was spending his first year in Jerusalem. Upon his return from Israel, they found themselves living in the same city. They began dating and became a couple.

They dated through Marla’s college years, she a history major and David in Rabbinical school and traveling to his student pulpit in Calgary. They became engaged in Marla’s senior year and were married in August 1984.

What was her life going to be like as a rabbi’s wife? Marla wasn’t exactly sure—where would they live? what avenues were open to David as a rabbi? what did it mean for her? David had many years of study and on-the-job-training, but for Marla, there wasn’t a lot of preparation for being a rabbi’s wife. Undaunted, the newlyweds headed to Cincinnati for David’s final two years before ordination. While in Cincinnati, Marla worked for the Hillel at the University of Cincinnati doing Jewish programming.

After finishing his program and ordination, David began interviewing at several congregations. Ultimately, he landed at Congregation Sherith Israel, a large, historic San Francisco congregation of over 1000 families. Marla recalls that Sherith Israel was the only congregation where they also wanted to meet with her. She remembers speaking with the Senior Rabbi and Temple President, who expressed their interest in her. “They weren’t hiring me; they were hiring my husband. But they knew that my support would be a crucial element to a successful relationship.” In San Francisco, Marla worked as an administrative assistant for the management of a law firm. Life was good and in March 1991, their first son, Cory, was born.

But the time had come for David to move on to his own congregation. The next thing Marla knew, David was calling her from a town in Massachusetts after having inter-



David at HUC in Los Angeles, 1981.



Marla and David on their wedding day in August of 1984 in Denver.

viewed with a temple called Emanu-El, in a place called Marblehead...on the ocean.

“I remember David calling me after his interviews. He was walking around town, and it was Christmas Walk weekend. He said, I don’t know—there are families, and babies, and strollers everywhere...it just seems like a wonderful place. Are you ready for an adventure? And I said, Yes! Yes, I am!”

In the first years in Marblehead, Marla was a stay-at-home mom to Cory, and then Jeremy, who was born in June 1994. She worked on activities at the Temple, as well as some

special projects with the Federation, such as bringing the Boston Jewish Film Festival to the North Shore. She involved the boys in temple life with things that were age appropriate. She remembers, “the boys loved going to temple, they loved dressing up, they knew it was a special place. Jeremy wore a jacket and tie and carried a plastic briefcase to pre-school every day because he wanted to be like his dad going to work.”

“It was very important that temple was a positive part of their life, and they never saw it as something that took their father away.” The boys went on to what is now the Epstein Hillel School and graduated from Marblehead High School, making friends across the board from the JCC to Hillel, to town sports and finally MHS.”

With Cory and Jeremy in high school and looking at college, Marla decided to start taking some courses at Salem State University as a non-matriculating student. One course led to another, ending with her enrolling in the master’s program at the School of Social Work. Six years later, in 2012, she earned her MSW. Following school, she took a job as the Outreach Coordinator at the Marblehead Council on Aging, and she remained in that position for six years.

In 2019, Marla decided to take the plunge and professionally go out on her own. Today, in private practice, Marla P. Meyer, MSW, LICSW, works with individuals, families, caregivers, mid-life and older adults to provide counseling and geriatric care management.

Looking back, what have been the best parts of life at Temple Emanu-El?

“The Temple community has always been so warm and welcoming—30 years later, the community continues to be amazing. And we found all those elements that we were looking for—a great place to raise our children where they felt part of both the synagogue community and the community at large.”

“When your spouse is a rabbi, you’re allowed to share in so many lifecycle events and community events—I’ve never thought of my role as a job, it’s really such a privilege, it’s more like an honor.”

“And in that role, I learn from David every single day. His intelligence, his abilities—he loves this profession and creating community through relationships. What a joy and honor

to be able to share in that, and have our sons share in it.”

“The hardest part is also sharing in the sorrows—the joys are wonderful, but the sorrows are tough. For 30 years we’ve been welcomed into people’s homes, and it’s been very sad to lose some of these people. It’s one big extended family and with that come the sorrows felt in every family.”

Marla’s counseling practice will continue unchanged, but what shifts does she expect in this next phase of life?

“I love the fact that David is going to be in charge of his own calendar, though he is not someone without a bunch of interests. I look forward to being able to spend more time with family, my extended family, David’s family.

And there’s the opportunity for the two of us to do some things we haven’t been able to do. I also would love to be back in Israel with him again.”



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The Meyer family (l to r) Jeremy, David, Marla and Cory.

“I have nothing but gratitude for this amazing adventure that we’ve been on for 38 years.”

With our strongest North Shore accents, we say, “thank you, Mah-lah” for all you’ve done and continue to do for Temple Emanu-El. May the adventures continue for you both! ■

He said...
“Are you ready for an adventure?
And I said,
Yes! Yes,
I am!”



Rabbi and Marla at Purim.

From The Meyer Kitchen

You'll need:

- 12 lbs. apples—mostly Jonathan and Macintosh and Golden Delicious but with a few Braeburn and Granny Smith and/or Red Delicious for added complexity. Those will take somewhat longer to cook down.
- 3 cups water
- 3 cups sugar (or maybe a bit less)
- 1 tbsp. plus 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1 tbsp. ground cloves
- 2 tsp. Chinese Five-Spice or Ras al Hanout (which I prefer)



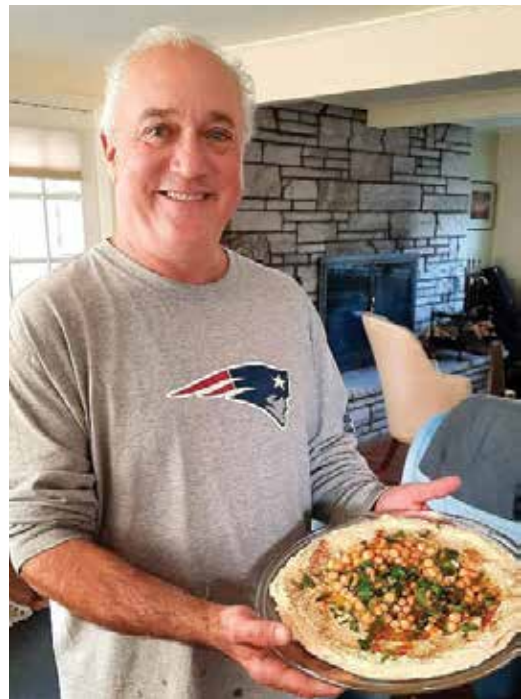
Rabbi Meyer's "Blue-Ribbon" Apple Butter

We serve this with our Shabbat and holiday challah. It's great at other times, too, but because it's "pareve", we can enjoy it with "meat" meals. This makes about a year's worth, with enough to gift some jars for friends and family.

STEP 1: Wash and quarter the apples, taking out the stems. Cover and cook in a non-aluminum pot along with the water until the apples are soft. Rub the apples through a sieve, (or better yet, use a food mill with medium grater) discarding the seeds and peels. This produces about ten cups of pulp.

STEP 2: First, combine the sugar and the spices, and then add to the pulp, stirring until the sugar is well dissolved. Return to heat and allow to gently simmer for about two hours, partially uncovered. Stir frequently and with some mild exertion.

STEP 3: When it has thickened, pour immediately into sterilized jars and seal properly at once.



You'll need:

- 1½ cups (250 grams) dried chickpeas
- 1 tsp. plus 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 cup raw tahini
- 2 tsp. lemon juice (or from 1/2 lemon)
- 1 to 2 cloves crushed garlic
- 1 tsp. cumin (or a bit more)
- salt, to taste

Real Israeli Hummus (4 to 6 servings)

STEP 1: Place the chickpeas in a large bowl with 1 tsp. of baking soda. Generously cover the chickpeas with cold water and soak overnight (at least 8 hours).

STEP 2: Drain the chickpeas, rinse and place in a large pot. Cover with several inches of water and add 1/2 tsp. of baking soda. Bring to a boil then turn down heat, cover and simmer for around an hour until the chickpeas are very soft. Feel free to keep on cooking them down a bit longer. (I also remove some for garnish after about 20 minutes.)

STEP 3: Now we need to save the delicious cooking liquid! Strain, and set cooking liquid aside.

Disclaimer: You can use 2 cans of chickpeas and they come out almost as good. But then you don't get the great cooking liquid, which is a wonderful broth, base for soup, or blended for aquafaba. If using canned, still save the liquid.

Here's the magic move:

STEP 4: In a separate bowl, mix well the tahini, lemon juice, a tablespoon or so of the cooking liquid, cumin and salt. Either add in the minced garlic, or just toss into the food processor bowl and mince before adding the cooled chickpeas and tahini sauce. Blend and blend some more. If it seems too thick, add another tablespoon or two of the reserved cooking liquid.

To serve:

STEP 5: Spoon a big blob into the center of a bowl or plate and make an indent in the center of the hummus with the spoon. Then spread the hummus around the edges. Make sure you keep a little crater in the middle of the hummus where all the delicious toppings will hang out. (I do this while keeping a big spoon in the center and spinning the plate around it.)

Serve with warm pita, and maybe some fun pickles on the side.

Toppings:

- extra virgin olive oil / paprika / pine nuts / parsley leaves / hot chili pepper, chopped or *schug*

FYI:
Don't forget
some freshly
baked pita
bread!

You'll need:

- 1 cup lukewarm water
- 1/4 to 1/2 cup honey (depending on desired sweetness)
- 1 tbsp. (more than one envelope) dry yeast, sprinkled on top
- 2 eggs
- 1½ cups flour (I prefer unbleached white, or 1/2 cup rolled oats and 1 cup flour)
- 2 tsp. salt
- 2/3 cup safflower or vegetable oil
- 4 more cups of flour



Marla's Challah (makes two good sized loaves)

STEP 1: In a large non-metal bowl combine water, honey, dry yeast, eggs and 1½ cups of flour. Stir this batter with a spoon counting to 100. Cover the bowl with a towel and let the mix form a "sponge"... about 15 to 20 minute.

STEP 2: After the "sponge" is formed, stir in the salt, safflower or vegetable oil.

STEP 3: *Then add to the mixture*, 4 more cups white flour, (I prefer unbleached) 1/2 cup at a time. Continue to fold in flour until the dough comes away from the bowl (gluten is developed), or until it forms a single piece. Turn dough ball out of bowl on to a clean, floured surface for kneading.

STEP 4: *Begin kneading the dough*, continually adding flour, until the enlarged dough ball begins feeling "stretchy," or dough bounces back when you poke a finger into it... about 5 to 10 minutes. Place dough ball back into the bowl and drizzle the oil left in the measuring cup over the top. Cover with a towel, set in a warm place and let rise.

STEP 5: Once the dough has doubled... about 3 hours. *Punch down the dough all over, cover and let it rise again, for about an hour.*

STEP 6: Now it's time to "*take challah*" (*Hafrashat Challah*).* Take a small pinch of the dough, about the size of an olive and roll it into a little marble to be cooked crisp alongside the loaves.

* This little marble is the actual challah itself, a reminder of the offering of flour prepared in the ancient Temple in Jerusalem. (Look at a box of Matza sometime, and notice the phrase, "Challah has been taken." That means that a similar marble of flour was separated.)

Recite the following blessing:

"Baruch atah adonai, eloheynu melech, ha-olam, asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzvivanu, l'hafrish challah. Praised are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, who has sanctified us by your commandments, and commanded us to separate the challah."



For Two Loaves*

STEP 1: Divide dough in half, then divide each half into thirds. Roll each third into long strands, 8" to 10" each, and after pinching one end together, braid the strands into loaves. Pinch the end strands together. Tuck under ends if necessary.

* The custom of having two loaves goes back to the Bible. When our ancestors were wandering for forty years in the desert, they received a double portion of manna on Erev Shabbat.

STEP 2: *Let braided loaves rise*, 15 to 30 minutes.

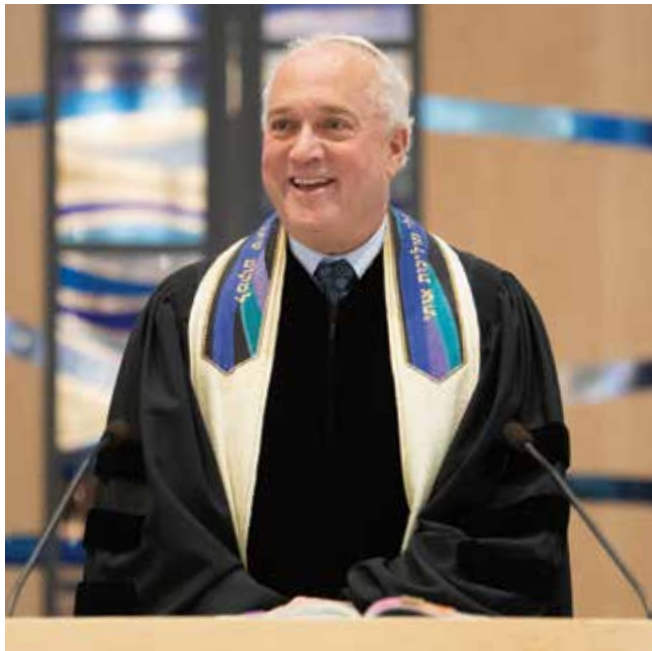
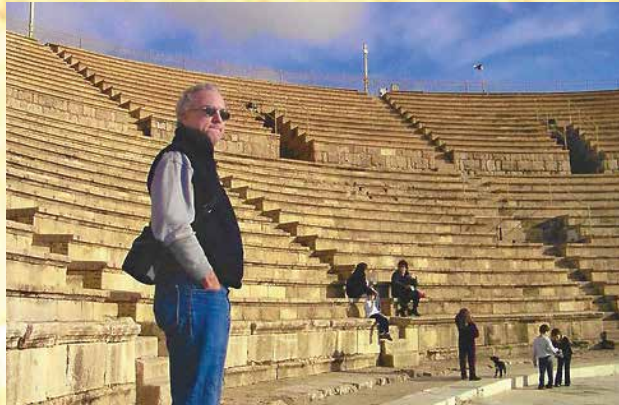
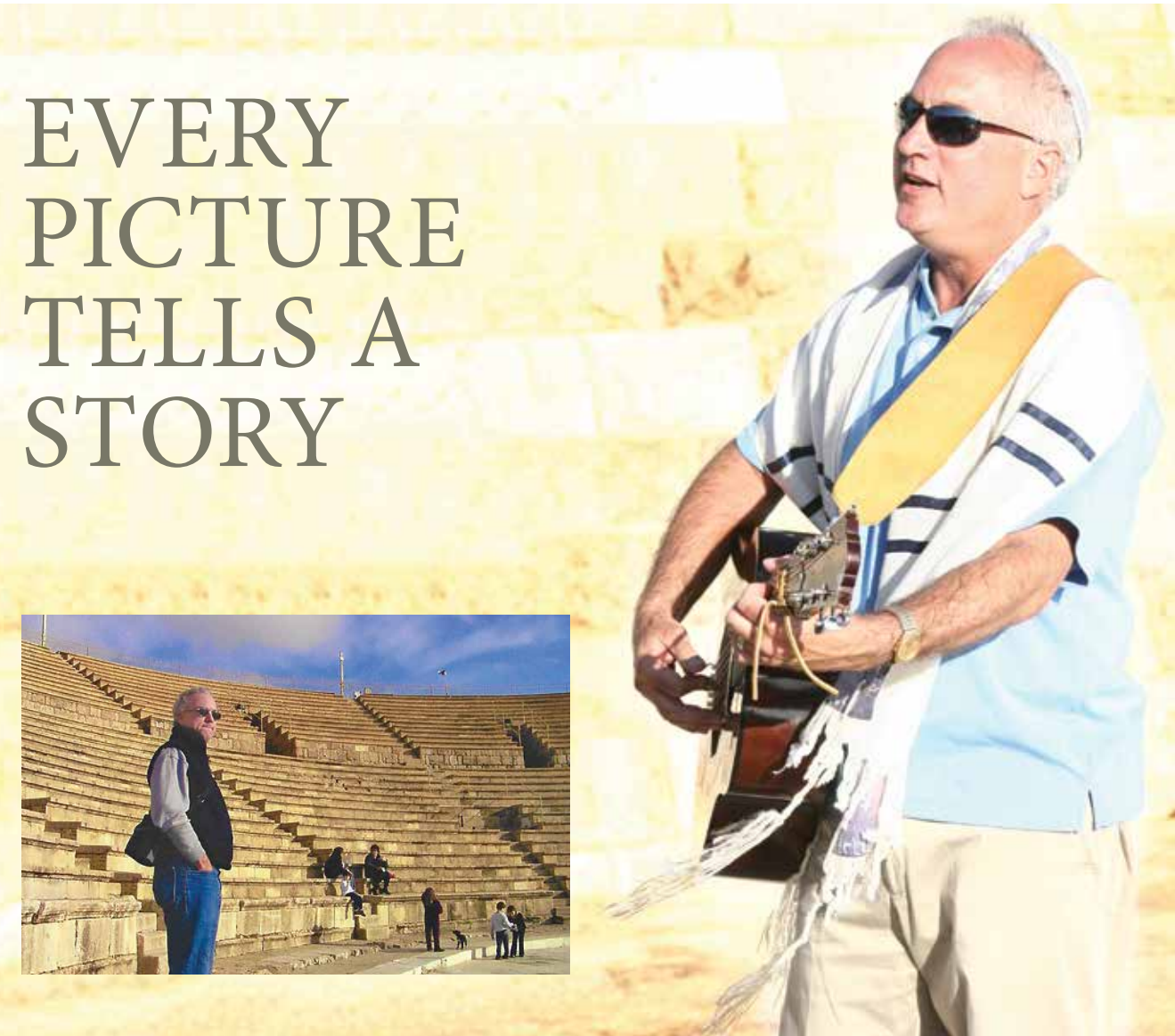
Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.

You'll need:

- 1 beaten egg (some people just use yolk)
- 1/2 tsp. sugar (optional)

Combine for egg wash:

STEP 3: Paint egg wash on loaves with pastry brush. If desired, sprinkle poppy seeds or sesame seeds on top. Bake 40 minutes, until golden brown. You can test a loaf by tapping it, and you will hear a hollow sound.





*Best wishes to
Rabbi Meyer*



**from Suzanne and Brian Fin,
Zak, Robyn, & Jessica**

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Dear Rabbi,

We are so grateful for your guidance,
friendship, and support over the years.

We wish you, Marla, Cory, and Jeremy
good health, and much nachas.

Steven & Deborah Field

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*Rabbi—our Temple and our North
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because of your leadership, knowledge,
and judgment—all provided with love
and warmth—and appropriate humor!*

Thank you!



*With much love
Jerry Somers and Family*

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***With admiration and
profound thanks for decades
of ever-fresh leadership,
wisdom, inspiration,
comfort and cheer.***

- ROB SHAPIRO



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**With love, admiration and gratitude
for years of devoted service
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Now, on to the next wonderful adventure!

*Love,
The Dennis Aikman &
Patricia Uhlmann Families*

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The first day we met 11 years ago
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We appreciate you, your sense of humor
and your kindness.

Thank you for your incredible service
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*Today we are celebrating you and
your outstanding career!*

*May your second act be as exciting
and fulfilling as your first.*

*Thank you for all you've been and
all you've done for our community.*

Claudia and Michael Kaufman

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**Rabbi Meyer, thank you for your inspiring
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*Congratulations
on your retirement*

Terra, Scott, Marissa, and Nate Samuels



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Dear Rabbi Meyer,

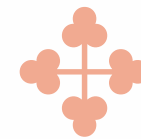
We wish you nothing but health, happiness and relaxation in your well deserved retirement. You have been a source of strength, comfort and inspiration to our entire family.



We wish you the best!

The Strasnick, Carter & Oppenheim Family

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**Congratulations
and Thank You**
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*Thank you for being our light through joy and sorrow.
We hope that you and Marla enjoy a long, healthy
and fulfilling retirement together.*

*Every day, may you both feel like you are so much
"younger than that now,"
and not in the way Dylan meant it!*

Fondly,

Heather, Scott, Cameron, Kendall & Avery Burke

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Susan Jeffrey Max Ben Eric

Thank you for your guidance and support throughout the years. Your wisdom and teachings have had a profound impact on our lives and have helped us grow both spiritually and personally.

Your compassionate and kind nature has made a lasting impression on all of us. We feel so grateful to have had you as our rabbi and as a role model for how to live a meaningful life.

Your dedication to social justice and community service has inspired us to make a difference in the world. Your leadership at Temple Emanuel has made it a welcoming and inclusive place for all.

We will always cherish our memories, whether it was during a service, a study session, or just a conversation. You have been a true mentor and friend.

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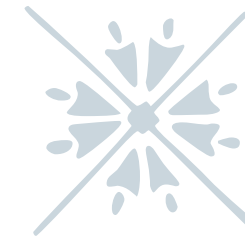
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David and Marla,

How fortunate and privileged we have been ever since you arrived here.

Your leadership, passion and imagination in everything you do has been an inspiration to us as Jews, congregants, families and individuals.

May you continue to inspire, study, teach, travel, fish and enjoy all that life has waiting for you.

Ruthie and Robert

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With heartfelt thanks for your gracious presence at the life events of the Steinberg Family.

“A door closes, and a window opens.”

Enjoy!

Josene Steinberg and David Fromm

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*You have been a beacon
of light and support
in our family's life.*

Ann and Michael Strem

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*Congratulations
on your retirement!*

*You've made an everlasting
impact on our community.*

Allison, Matthew, and Jesse Swartz



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*Thank you for your time and solidarity.
Your physical absence will be missed but your
wisdom and love for us and the community
will remain in our hearts forever*

Ximena and Eric Talcofsky and Family

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spiritual leader, and wonderful tour
guide; incredible community leader,
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runner extraordinaire; solid amateur
golfer; very lucky angler; creative
jewelry designer; apple butter
confectioner; inspired music
composer; great chef; amazing friend.

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THANK YOU, RABBI MEYER, *for the many years of guidance and wisdom you have provided us. Your thoughtful insights and sage advice have been invaluable to us as we worked to raise our children in the principles and values of the Jewish faith. Thank you for leading us in our celebrations and lifting us through our sorrows. We are truly going to miss your joyful presence in our lives. Much love to you and Marla as we wish you all the best in your well earned retirement.*

With love and gratitude,
Valerie and Mark Cohen
Leo, Harry, Sam, Eli and Lucy

With affection,
Stuart Cohen

Dear Rabbi Meyer,

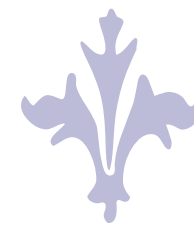
Thank you for your leadership, guidance and care of our community during your tenure at Temple Emanu-El.

I feel lucky to have been able to enjoy and learn from your many inspiring sermons, and have you officiate over my most meaningful life events.

Thank you! And warmest wishes for a joyful retirement!

Fondly,

Tamar Salter Frieze and Family



*David and Marla, celebrating 30 years of
friendship, and looking forward to 30 more!*

LOVE YOU BOTH.

Judi, Jeff, Danielle, Alexa, and Jake Goldman



*With gratitude, respect, and heartfelt affection,
we wish you, Marla, Cory, and Jeremy
a blessed and healthy future.*



*We thank you for being so central
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*We wish Rabbi Meyer
much love and laughter
on his next adventure!*

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We wish you much success in your future endeavors,

Howie and Evie Rosenkrantz

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Thank you for all you have done
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Thank you, Rabbi Meyer, for your decades of dedicated service to the Jewish community and beyond. You made a lasting difference in the lives of countless families.

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to create many ripples.”*

-Mother Teresa

Rabbi Meyer,

Your inspirational leadership to Temple Emanu-El,
our community, and Israel has created endless
ripples of kindness.

With admiration,

Roz and Brian Moore
Anne and Bob Selby



To our Rabbi, our colleague, and friend–

*Congratulations! Thank you for all that
you have done for the community.*

With admiration,

Julie, Jaime, Shelby, Rabbi Allison,
Liza, Andrea
“The Team”



Thank you
from the Smullin and Jakious Families

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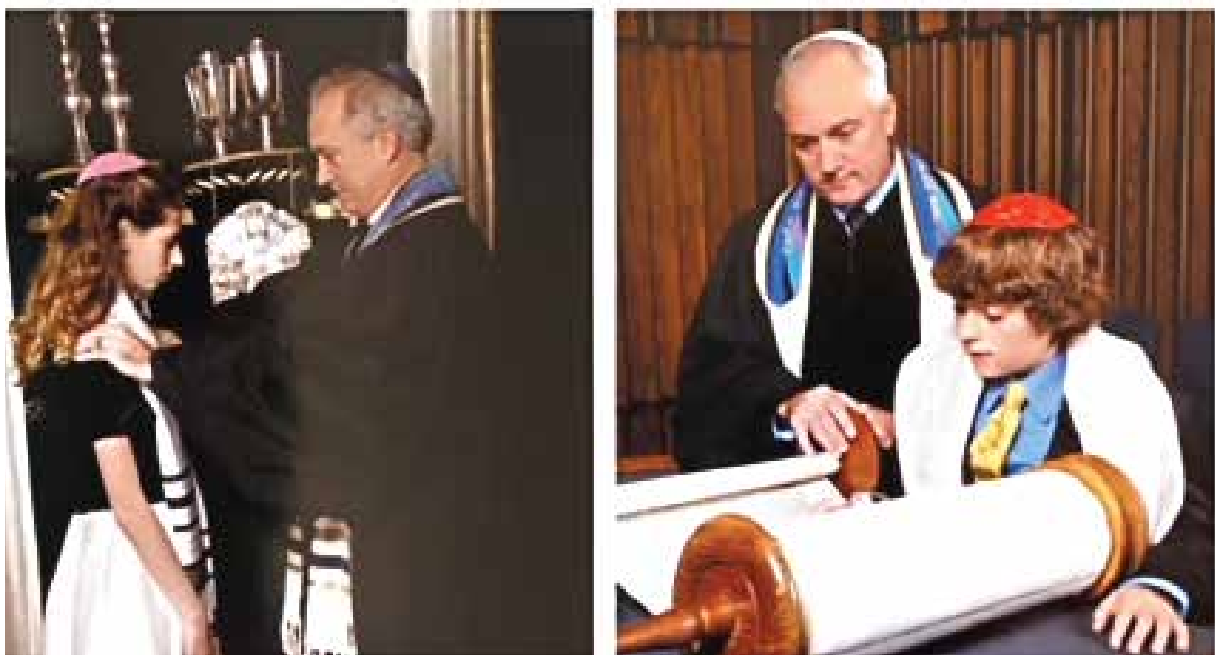


*For all your years of leadership and
dedication making our community
a better place, we thank you Rabbi.*

**With love and appreciation,
Debbie and Jack Tatelman**



Thank you for your spiritual leadership, celebrating our life events, and your friendship! Yasher Koach!
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***Thank you for your many years of service
to our community. You have played a special
role in all of our lives and we wish you much
happiness in all of your future endeavors.***



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Eric, Susan, Jesse and Korey Cohan



Thank you for your years of dedication and commitment
to Temple Emanu-El and our community.

Wishing you and Marla the best of everything
going forward.



Linda and Larry DuKatz



Thank You Rabbi Meyer!

You have touched the lives of generations of our students and have made a lasting impression on the North Shore Jewish community. You will always have a home at Epstein Hillel School. Mazal Tov on your retirement!



Congratulations on an amazing run!

We are so grateful to everything you
have given our family and community.

Enjoy retirement.

Brant Firestone and Rosie Barrett

**We are truly blessed to have had you as our Rabbi and
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stories, and caring guidance has touched us deeply.**

With much gratitude and love,
Amy, Adam, Joshua, Ethan + Olivia Forman
Carole and Jason Snyder

Wishing my wonderful Rabbi
and magnificent human being
much joy in your future.

Roberta Frost Rosenthal



Rabbi Meyer, thank you for 30 years of dedication, guidance, education, and most of all your amazing music. As parents, grandparents, and students our whole family will treasure the memories of all our mitzvahs you made special. Wishing you many years ahead full of good health and happiness.

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Wishing you all the best in your next chapter.

Merry + Dan Glosband

**You Have Been a Blessing
to So Many**

What a blessing for everyone
that you heard the calling

and pursued your career
with such passion and vigor!

May you take with you
more blessings than you gave

*Thank you for sharing your
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You have my loudest Tekiya!!

*Wishing you and your family
lots of 'naches' - Mazel Tov*

★ Don Ganz



*Thank you for your years of dedication and
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*Many thanks for your
leadership and friendship.*

Maxine Goldman

David and Marla—
L'hitraot! Not goodbye!!
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To Rabbi & Marla Meyer with Gratitude

Love, The Goldstein Family

*Thank you for your many
years of leadership and
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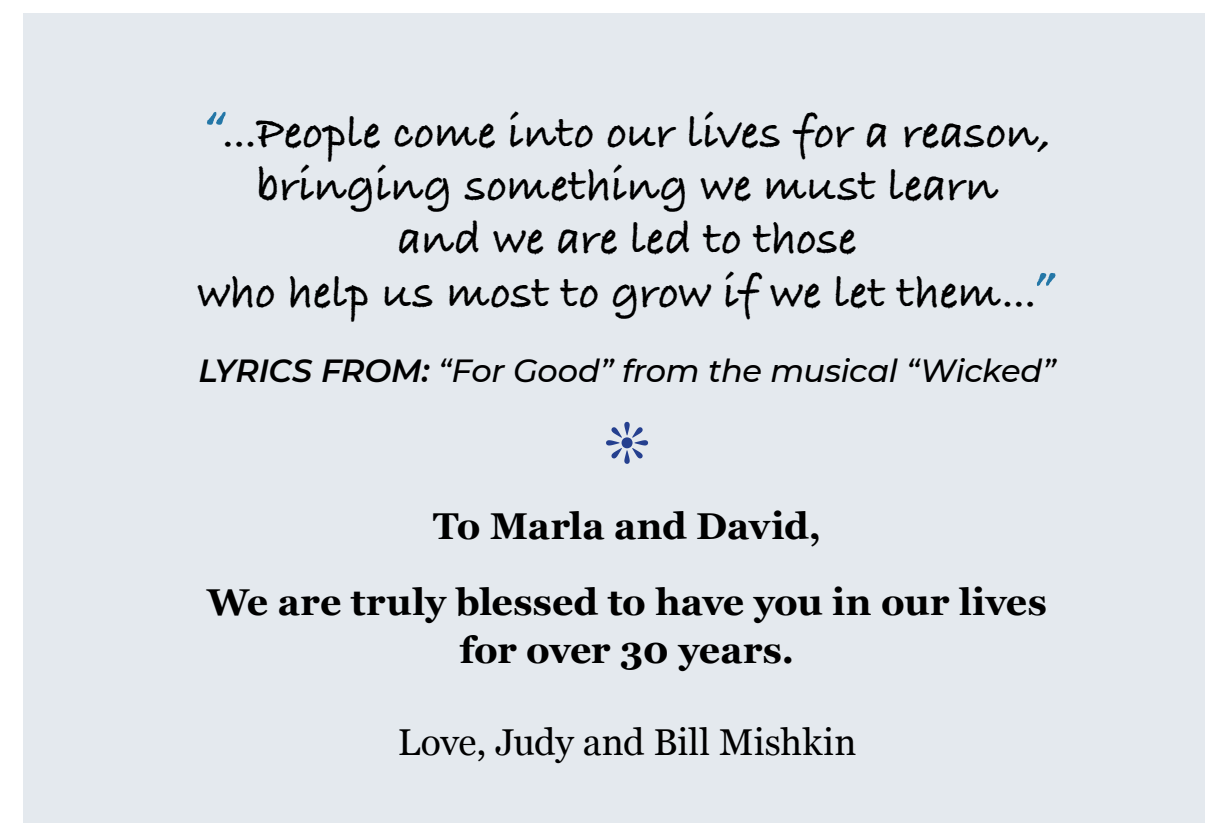
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Thank you
for your guidance
and leadership.



Thanks for the many years of service.
You have truly been a God-send.

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and we are led to those
who help us most to grow if we let them...”

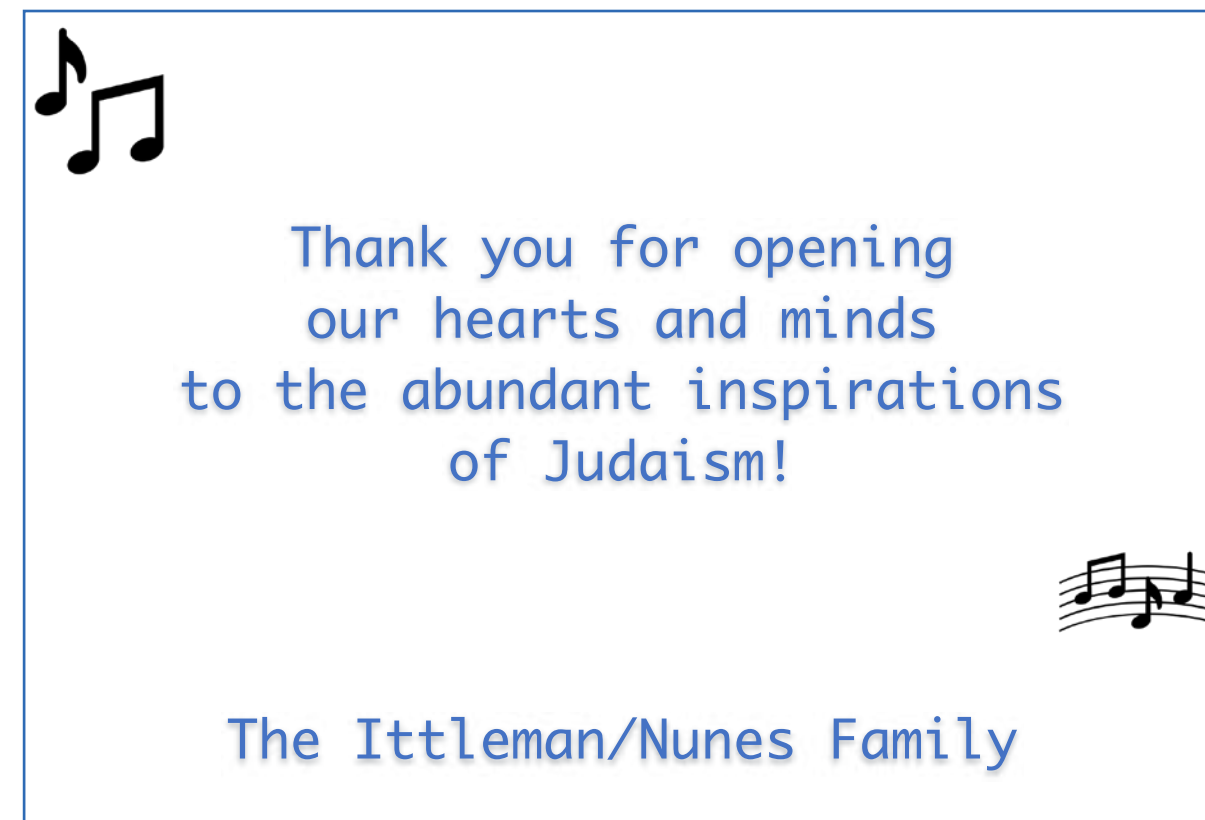
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To Marla and David,

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for over 30 years.**

Love, Judy and Bill Mishkin



Thank you for opening
our hearts and minds
to the abundant inspirations
of Judaism!

The Ittleman/Nunes Family



Rabbi,

*It's been an incredible journey...30 years of memories
and simchas. Thank you!*

WITH MUCH LOVE,
Sharon, George, Andrew, Jason, and Lauren Orfaly

With gratitude to you David for your support and
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In appreciation
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Thank You!

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and Family

“Always remember, dear friend.

You are the bread that fed us.

*You are the salt that flavored
our lives. ”*

--Patricia Polacco

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*Thank you for being a part of our family.
We will always remember your com-
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and the joyful moments with my adult
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All the wonderful Friday evening and
Holiday services. We enjoyed your music
and your sermons. Passover will not be
the same without you. Thank you for
welcoming us into your home with your
family during Covid for Passover.*

*Good luck and best wishes to you and
your family.*

**Warm regards,
Jeanne, David and Justin Brewster**

Thanks for these
many years!

Enjoy

Judy and David Cohen



Here's wishing
Rabbi David Meyer
our deepest appreciation
for his service to
the Jewish Community

Enjoy Retirement!!

*Wishing you
health, happiness
and well being.*

Deanna Cooper and Family



“—A good Jew, is what?

--I don't know, rabbi.

--It is someone who, in thinking about him or herself, says: I don't know.”

Elie Wiesel, The Beggar of Jerusalem



Thank you, Rabbi Meyer—

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Thank you for all your wonderful work in the community.

Enjoy your retirement.

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Thank you

for all the wonderful years
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*Rabbi Meyer, thank you
for all you've done for our
community and our family.*
The Goldstein Family

For all your messages which echoed out to your community, this one is for you. "An echo is a happy thing. You call a tune so it may ring. And when you call it loud and clear the echo will reflect your cheer!

Happy retirement!

Judy & Martine Wayne

All the best wishes always to Rabbi and Marla Meyer with love and many thanks.

Sylvia and Darlene Goldstein



Dear Rabbi Meyer

We want to thank you for being there for us when we needed to share our worries and woes and also when we wanted to share our many blessings.

You are truly a great Rabbi. Brilliant, funny, compassionate and very down to earth.

We will miss you.

With love and kindness,
Gail, Bruce, Brett and Haley Goldberg

*Thank you Rabbi Meyer,
we will miss you!*

With gratitude and excitement
for your journey ahead.

Heidi and Bob Greenbaum

Thanks for all your service to our Temple and community.

We've been blessed
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*Peter, Connie,
Greg & Jenna Harris*

Todah rabah, Rabbi Meyer!

**You are a shining star
in our community.**



With love and respect,
Leslie, Michael and Danielle Harsip

Thank you

for all you've done for our
family and our community.

The Heit Family

Thank you David and Marla—

*it takes two—
for helping keep the joy
of Judaism alive in our lives.*

Claire and David Helfman

Rabbi Meyer—

*It's been a pleasure working
with you and knowing you
for more than 30 years.
Enjoy your retirement with Marla.*

Edward + Elaine
+ Laurie Hymanson



Thank you for being there for all of us,
in sympathy and celebration.
We are grateful to you!
All our love, The Kucharsky Family



*Congratulations
Rabbi Meyer!*

Thank you for all your support
over the years and wishing you
a fabulous retirement!!!

Ann, Sarah, & Rachel Laaff

*Mazal Tov
on your retirement.*

Enjoy every moment.

Brian, Wendy, Hannah,
and Matthew Lewis

*With appreciation for all you
have done for my family and me.
Here's to your next chapter.*

Andrea Liftman

*Thank you Rabbi Meyer for your
commitment, leadership and
dedication to Temple Emanu-El.*

Enjoy your retirement!
Julie Ann and Eric Littmann

*With much gratitude
and warm wishes for
a joyous retirement.*

Joan, David, Samantha
and Joshua Lovins

David Lowy
and
Ginny Buckingham

*Thank you
Rabbi David Meyer*

*For your 30-year dedication
to our community
and your commitment
to social justice, diversity,
and the arts.*

You have made a difference!



*Thank you for sharing
our simchas, milestones,
and memories.*

The MackRosen Family

*Our sincerest thank you
Rabbi Meyer for your inspiration
and support and our best wishes
for many healthy and
fulfilling years to come.*



Cindy and Ron Matloff
Johanna and Steve Reilly
Caleb and Norah

**Wishing you
all the best.**

McCarriston Plumbing and Heating



Thank You

Dear David,

Thank you for your leadership and friendship.

With love, Shari, Steve,
Emma and Lily McGuirk

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*Rabbi Meyer, You have been a
constant presence in our lives
for more than 30 years.*

*Thank you for your guidance,
support, and friendship.*

*With warm best wishes for a
happy, healthy, and fulfilling
future.*

**Sandi Goldfarb, Jim Murphy,
and Julia Murphy.**

Dear Rabbi Meyer,

**Thank you for your inspiration,
guidance, love and friendship.**

**You have been a true blessing for
our family and our community.**

**We wish you all the best in your
new endeavors.**

**All our love,
Lisa, Dave, Jacob, Ben and Lilah
Nagel**

Thanks for officiating at all of our family's special life cycle events, both happy and sad.

Wishing you, Marla and family much health and happiness.

We send our love,
Laura and Jim New

Big shout out from The Moody Blues congratulating Rabbi Meyer on his retirement. Another community contribution has been 30+ years of ball playing in the MACS (Marblehead Adult Coed Softball) league. His defensive prowess at shortstop earned him the moniker "Dominican Dave" in honor of the many great defensive ball players from the Dominican Republic.

Our "Dominican Dave" is a wizard on the field, strong batter and great teammate! The Moody Blues congratulate "Dominican Dave" on his retirement from the pulpit at Temple Emanu-El.

WE LOVE YOU!
MACS Teammates

Happy Trails
Jeffrey & Carol Phillips

Wishing you & your family all the best in this next chapter.

With deep gratitude for your leadership & support.



The Pilarski-Remis Family

Dear Rabbi Meyer,

Thank you for your inspiration, guidance, love and friendship.

You have been a true blessing for our family and

Thank you for all your life lessons, honesty and kindness. You have been an inspiration to us.

Steven and Ellen Price

We appreciate everything you have done.

The Rafey Family

Laura, Bruce and Kate



Thank you for everything you have done for our family and the community.

We'll miss you.

Joel, Rosie, Alix and Jenna Segil

Thank you both for your support and friendship.

Betsy, Dan, Josh
and Rebecca Rooks

*Thank you, Rabbi Meyer,
for being our
spiritual compass.*

With love,
**Mark, Nicole, Mica and
Reece Sherf**

**Thank you
for your leadership
and support, Rabbi Meyer.**

Ronnie + Jason Shrinsky

*In Celebration,
for all of your warmth,
sense of humor, music,
compassion and for being
a very special spiritual leader
in the community
and to our family.*

**Louise Ansell Speicher
and Family**

*Thank you Rabbi
for your 30 years of
leadership and compassion.*

Enjoy your retirement!

Pauline and Vincent Spirito



**The
Gruskin-Smith
Family**

*David, it was great having
you for over 30 years.*

**Jack, Arlene, Susan,
Elizabeth + David Stahl**

**Thank you for
all you have done
for our community!**



**The Schneider
and
Stickevers Families**



*Temple Sinai of Marblehead
congratulates Rabbi Meyer on his
upcoming retirement.*

*We respectfully honor his many years of
service, commitment to the community,
teaching of Torah, partnership, leadership
and Menshlikite.*

*We wish him great health, joy and
tremendous hatzlacha in all his new
endeavors.*

*To Rabbi and Marla with love,
gratitude, and well wishes.*

From the Tregor Family

**A wonderful
human being.
A Mensch!!!**

**With Love
Roger & Elaine Volk**

*David - thank you for all the years
of love, dedication and kindness
you showered on our family
and our community!*

You are very loved and will be missed!

Enjoy what's ahead!

The Watkin Family

***Thank you to
Rabbi and Marla Meyer
for over 30 years of making
our Temple community a
special place to call home.***

Wendy and John Webber
and family



With heartfelt thanks for all you
have given to our Temple Family
and best wishes for a future filled
with many joys and blessings!!

Love and Shalom,

Sue Weiss

*To a wonderful Rabbi.
Wishing you a happy
and healthy retirement.*

**Steffi and Jerry Garfield
Kailie Winkeller**

Many thanks for your years of
guidance. Best wishes with plans
for the rest of your story!

Elana, Julie, Lynn and Marc

Rabbi Meyer: You have been
an important person in our
lives for 30 years.

Thank you from the
bottom of our hearts.

***Zarinsky, Sussman, Lackstrom
Families***

David And Marla,

TODAH RABAH!

*It has been a privilege to be
part of this ride with you.*

Where did 30 years go?

***All my love,
Judith***

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*Congratulations and
all our best wishes in
your future endeavors!*

Andrea and John Bonn



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*of blessed memory

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A round of applause and our deep thanks

to every team member for each of The Big Send-Off events.
GREAT JOB!

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