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Temple Emanu-El's
Sid Rose

Connections

In this issue...

Our fourth issue of *Currents* magazine once again celebrates the wonderful blend of Temple Emanu-El families—our accomplishments, our sweetness, our skills, and our simchas. In particular, we celebrate the diversity of ages that can be found among our Temple members.

Our cover article celebrates the Temple's oldest member, Sidney Rose, who is 101 (and a half!). This vibrant centenarian shows how a life of staying fit, always working hard, having a rich family life, and participating in athletics can keep you young!

We also celebrate the talents of Samantha Dormer, our 15-year-old Temple member and soccer phenom, who will be traveling to Israel next summer as part of the US delegation to compete in the 21st Maccabi Games. (Interestingly, the subject of our cover article, Sid Rose, also participated in the Maccabi Games in Israel in 1950, competing in volleyball.)

The Temple also has a very strong and active contingency of young families. Our Neighborhood Spotlight features our Families with Children Neighborhood and all the hugs, crying, giggling, drooling and joy that comes with it.

In what is *almost* a Temple love story, we learn how new Temple members Rob and Amanda Campbell deepened their friendship all the way through Religious School to Post-Confirmation, ultimately marrying 6 years ago. Their 3-year-old daughter just enrolled in Temple Sunday school, making it a four-generation Temple Emanu-El family!

Yes, we are a rich and diverse community. Whether you find yourself at a stage of life with babies, young children, teens, or you are a young family, middle-agers, empty-nesters, or a senior—you are an important part of what makes up the beauty, vitality and strength of the Temple Emanu-El family. *Enjoy!*

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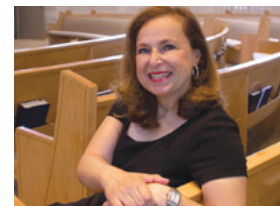
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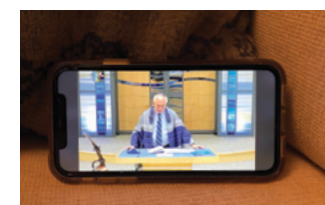
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From the Rabbi's Study: The Jewish Effective Giving Initiative

Rabbi David J. Meyer

From the time we are very young, the *mitzvah* of giving *tzedakah* (roughly, but inaccurately translated as “charity”) has been instilled as a regular and fundamental aspect, not only of our Jewish practice, but of our very Jewish identity.

So highly valued, our Talmudic sages considered *tzedakah* to be equivalent to all the other Jewish practices combined! In addition, our wisdom tradition spanning two thousand years has sought to discern the most effective approaches to our *tzedakah* giving, for not all charitable acts are equal. Doing the most good with our donations, while at the same time, preserving the dignity of the recipients, has been a topic of inquiry down through the generations.

For instance, we study Maimonides’ “Ladder of Charity” in which he prioritized the methods and means of caring for the needy by considering not only the size of

the gift, but how it is transferred. So, the anonymity of both giver and recipient was considered as a high form of *tzedakah*, second only to helping a person help themselves through education, training, and especially with interest-free loans for becoming self-sufficient.

Yes—it is certainly in keeping with our longstanding wisdom and tradition that **The Jewish Effective Giving Initiative** has just been launched through the international wing of our Reform Movement, the World Union for Progressive Judaism. As many readers know, I generally do not solicit our members, except for supporting Temple Emanu-El. However, I think it’s both important and highly meaningful to promote this new initiative, to be certain that it’s on the radar screen of all who wish to see their *tzedakah* philanthropy be as effective as possible, particularly when it comes to the saving of lives.

This new initiative builds on the work of the Effective Altruism movement and is based on a fairly simple truth: in our age of affluence, science, and information, the average person in the First World has the opportunity to save, at little personal cost, dozens of lives throughout his or her lifetime and to alleviate a large measure of human suffering through cost-efficient, carefully chosen donations, focused largely (but not exclusively) on aid work in the developing world.

Spearheading the new initiative at the WUPJ is Adam Azari who noted in a recent blog post:

“As Reform Jews, we are often told to “repair the world.” The inherent enormity of the term can be quite overwhelming, though, and this ancient Jewish imperative has prompted generations of Jews to try to understand what exactly their “world” is and what “repairing” it consists of... The gravest problems of the broader world—the one in which 15,000 children die every day, mostly of completely preventable diseases—seem too big to grasp, let alone repair. Most of us don’t live in that world. In fact, most of us, understandably, try not to even think of that world unless we absolutely have to... Broadening our world—our ‘Olam’—as a movement and embracing effective giving to the developing world would enable progressive Jews to save children from death, blindness, and poverty, a liberating and empowering experience if there ever was one.”

As to the principles guiding the **Effective Giving Initiative**, the WUPJ describes how the growing philanthropic force is built around a relentless effort to find and monitor the charity organizations that are the most effective in actually saving and improving lives, and then encouraging people to donate to them to the best of their abilities. Rather than settling for feel-good gestures, supporters of the movement make it their mission to achieve maximum results—to save and to substantially improve the most lives possible per every dollar spent, based on the best available data and evidence.

Among the most effective charities named in the effort are The Malaria Consortium and Helen Keller International’s Vitamin A Supplemental Program, as well as others spotlighted by GiveWell and Giving What We Can. It is estimated that the cost of saving a single life (a value beyond measure, of course) can be as little as \$3,000 to \$5,000. So, whether the fight is against malaria, extreme poverty, preventable blindness in children, or climate change, the Jewish Effective Giving Initiative will make it easier than ever before to ensure that charitable donations, of any size, truly make an impact.

A growing number of online resources offer more insight and information, including:

<https://www.effectivealtruism.org/articles/introduction-to-effective-altruism/>

<https://www.givewell.org/giving101>

<https://www.thelifeyoucansave.org/>

<https://ejewishphilanthropy.com/effective-altruism-and-jewish-philanthropy/>

As part of this growing movement with the Progressive Judaism world, Temple Emanu-El, along with our Tikkun Olam Neighborhood, will continue to provide updates and information for all who may wish to be part of the effort.

The challenge for us is this:
How can we ensure that,
when we try to help others,
we do so as effectively
as possible?

William MacAskill, “Doing Good Better:
How Effective Altruism Can Help You Make a Difference”

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מתקדמת

The Jewish
Effective Giving
Initiative.

From our Temple President:

An Excerpt from my High Holiday 5782 Speech

Lisa Nagel



Growing up, I was very fortunate to have a Rabbi I loved, admired and respected (just as I do today). He taught me so much about the Jewish tradition in many wonderful and unique ways. One of the greatest moments I looked forward to every year was Erev Rosh Hashana. For many, it was the excitement of the Jewish New Year; for me, it was the revelation of the symbol—what special object would the Rabbi unveil to us and how it would relate to the lives we hoped to lead in the coming year?

Every year, this Rabbi focused his Rosh Hashana sermon on a tangible object, something that represents a message in Judaism, a symbol that reminds you of that message every time you see it. He would then weave that symbol and its message throughout the High Holy Days and the rest of the year.

This past year and a half has had our community in a somber and detached place—the doors of the Temple were closed, masks obscured our smiles, elbow bumps replaced warm hugs, events were shared on Zoom. Many of us experienced feelings of frustration, disappointment, sadness, sorrow, maybe even some hopelessness. It has been hard.

My emotions have certainly run the spectrum this past year, but what I have missed the most is experiencing true joy and celebration.

As Jews, we love to gather together to celebrate so much in our lives: holidays, Bar & Bat Mitzvahs, graduations, weddings, anniversaries, the birth of children and grandchildren. We love to rejoice, honor and memorialize all that is meaningful in our families and our community.

I have missed these moments, these milestones, these significant events that bring us together. I miss the food, the atmosphere, the conversations, the smiles, the laughter, the hugs...but more than anything, I miss singing and dancing.

Anyone who knows me knows that I love to sing and dance at celebrations. There is nothing like hearing a fabulous song, losing yourself in the music, and dancing all over the dance floor.

I am usually the first one out there and the last one to leave. These are the times when I feel incredible joy and happiness.

Of course, the one dance that brings ALL of us together is the hora. When the music plays, family members, friends and even strangers instantly connect in a circle, holding hands and linking arms, singing and dancing, smiling and laughing...it is the ultimate form of joy and celebration.

When we dance the hora, the outside world falls away.

For those few minutes, we are focused on each other and the excitement of the moment. Nothing else matters outside of that circle. Our frustrations, our worries and our sadness disappear because we cannot help but feel happy, connected, and coming together in shared celebration.

I am hopeful that we will be able to be on the dance floor dancing the hora together again soon, and with that sentiment, I would like to offer my special symbol to all of you to commemorate this point in time:



This is a beautiful sculpture of people dancing the hora.

The actual sculpture now sits in the Temple foyer. For me, this is the epitome of joy and celebration for all Jews here and around the world. Dancing the hora stimulates us both physically and emotionally, returning our mindset to a positive carefree place.

Everything outside of that circle fades away and we are focused on the beauty and warmth of the moment.

I hope this sculpture will serve as a reminder to all of you who see it to look and create moments of joy and celebration in your lives and within our Temple community.

It is so important to think about ways to bring more cheerfulness into our lives. What makes you happy? What are the little things in life that bring you joy? I know I will be looking for those opportunities to sing and dance, to smile and laugh, to create more moments of joy and celebration for myself, my family, and my community.

From our Temple Educator:

A Holistic Approach to Education

Rabbi Allison Peiser



...helping kids discover what it means for them to be Jewish, and in the process learn Jewish practices, prayers, culture and more.

We are in the midst of another challenging year. It's a relief that we are able to hold school in person this year, but we only see half of a child's face. We knew that this year would be another "different experience." Over the summer, I participated in conference calls with professional colleagues where we wondered how a year of social isolation was going to impact our students. We asked about new trends that youth professionals saw at summer camps. We theorized how this might extend to our religious schools.

At Temple Emanu-El, our approach to education has always been to view religious school as one piece of a child's experience. We know that there are many conflicting obligations for children and that it is challenging to come

from a full day of secular school to another hour and a half of class time. We do not view ourselves as a silo, separate from a child's overall self. We want to know who each child is outside of the walls of the Temple. This is why we are grateful when parents share information about their child's struggles and achievements outside of the religious school context. If a child has increased anxiety in regular school, we seek to use the same strategies and language to support that child in religious school. If a child struggles to focus in regular school, we want to ensure that they have the appropriate tools to gain from their religious school experience. The pandemic has opened some of these lines of communication. It also helped us prioritize commitments—uplifting the activities

that help children thrive, and eliminating those elements that might overwhelm them.

For many, our religious school experiences were forced upon us as children. Religious school was not an option. Our hope is that students enjoy their time at religious school. This is why we are prioritizing experience over content: helping kids discover what it means for them to be Jewish, and in the process learn Jewish practices, prayers, culture and more.

In this issue of *Currents*, all of our teachers provided favorite teaching memories. They are moments when students connect to their Judaism in a new and different way. They transcend time and place. Our goal is to provide as many memorable moments as possible.

From our Executive Director:

Jaime F. Meyers

You have most likely heard of “Covid puppies,” or “Covid babies”—phenomena unique to this time in history.

However, you probably have not heard of what I’m calling “Covid Temple Newbies.”

Throughout the pandemic, we have all yearned for connection.

Fortunately, Temple Emanu-El has continued to provide this for our community. Because we are a wonderful relationship-building resource, twenty-four new members, families and individuals, have joined the Temple. These are our “Covid Temple Newbies.” On behalf of the Temple leadership and staff, we are honored that they have chosen Temple Emanu-El as their new spiritual home.



Our new members range in age from 33 to 86, and everything in between. We have those new to the area, as well as those that are native “Marbleheaders.” We have a landscape artist, two pediatricians, educators, financial professionals and even a retired flutist. Our new members are from Marblehead, Swampscott, Revere, Lynn, Salem, and Wenham. They are a true sampling of our congregation. We are a diverse, talented, and thriving community. This growth in new members signifies that *Temple Emanu-El is truly a place to Connect. Create. Belong!*



Please join me in welcoming the following new members from the 2021 calendar year:

Geoffrey and Allison Blass
Lisa K. Breslin
Robert and Amanda Campbell
Beverly Clark
Rachelle and Jonathan Dubow
Manya Fine
Scott and Yulia Gibney
Jeffrey and Beth Kasten

Johanna Leitao
Dylan McDonald
Cheryl Miller
Todd and Rosalie Miller
Rachel and Andrew Orenberg
Olga and Michael Quave
George and Ruth Rooks
William and Sari Rudolph

Eric and Kristin Sleeper
Frances and Michael Smith
Mikhail and Alla Sorochkin
Andre Gecik and Anastasiya Temchenko
Calvin and Jodie Titus
Shelley Tregor
Dan and Kate Urman
Gennadiy Vinokur

Spring B’nai Mitzvah

Congratulations to all our upcoming B’nai Mitzvah!



Lucy Flynn
April 9, 2022
Kelly and John Flynn



Isabel Smullin
April 23, 2022
Kelli and Sam Smullin



Stella Charney
April 30, 2022
Alison and Jared Charney



Aaron Brown
May 7, 2022
Stephanie Zweig-Brown and Matthew Brown



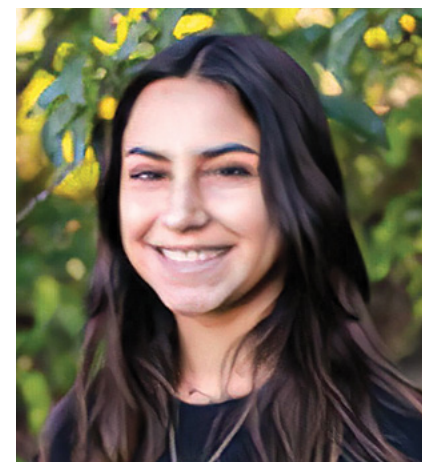
Max Carter
May 14, 2022
Brette and Jeffrey Carter



Brooke Oppenheim
May 14, 2022
Jillian and Brian Oppenheim



Daniella Volf
May 21, 2022
Stacy and Boris Volf



Lauren Orfaly
May 28, 2022
Sharon and George Orfaly



A Closer Look: ★ **SID ROSE** ★

Temple Emanu-El's Oldest Member

In June 1920, the hourly wage was \$.33/hour, Babe Ruth played for the Yankees, Woodrow Wilson was president, and gangsters like Al Capone flourished running speakeasies during Prohibition. It was a time of raccoon coats, jazz bands, flappers and silent movies. But on June 15, 1920, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Temple Emanu-El's oldest member, Sidney Rose, was born to Ester and Esco Rose.

Both of Sid's parents had been born in the United States, but his grandparents originally came to America from Lithuania. Sid's father was a Navy Veteran, having served in World War I. When Sid was just a baby, the family moved to Minot, North Dakota.

Why North Dakota you ask? A boyhood friend of Sid's father, from Michigan, had started a business in North Dakota and asked him to move west and help run it. The business was buying animal hides, furs and wool from farmers and trappers in North Dakota to ship back east to tanneries and furriers. Sid's parents, with Sid just a babe in arms, made the move.

Childhood

Spending his early years in Minot ND, Sid moved to Fargo when he was 13, but not before becoming Bar Mitzvah in Minot. The second of four boys, Sid comes from quite a gene pool and seems to have hit the longevity jackpot. The firstborn, Arthur, is now 102 and lives on his own in Boston. Sid, at 101 years young, lives in Marblehead. The third son, Meyer, passed away two years ago and the youngest son, David, who also lived in Marblehead, recently passed away—they were both in their 90's. Sid believes his father lived to be 102.

Although there weren't a lot of Jews in North Dakota, all four of the Rose boys went to cheder (Orthodox religious school) and became Bar Mitzvah. His grandmother lived with them when he was a youngster, and the family attempted to keep a kosher home. But they could only get kosher meat from Minneapolis, over 200 miles away, so over time the practice was abandoned. Sid recalls his family home was one of the first to have running water.

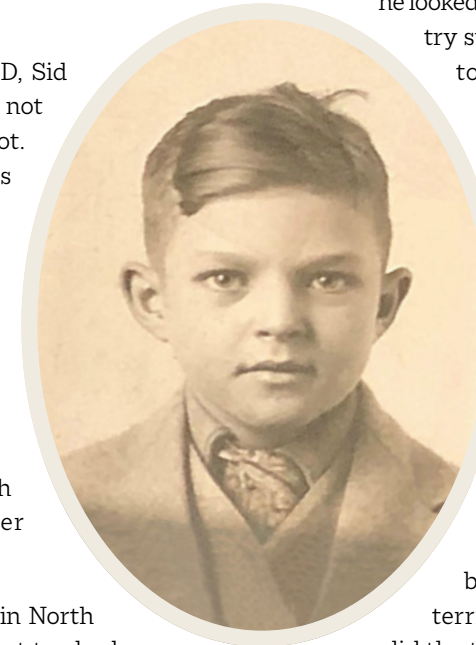
Sports

A mainstay throughout his life, sports (primarily football and basketball), played a big part in Sid's high school years. With great pride, he will still tell you that his high school basketball team won the North Dakota state championships.

At that time, the standard North Dakota roadmap was to finish high school and go on to State Agricultural College. Sid also followed this path, but after only one year, he knew Agricultural College was not the right place for him. It was the outbreak of World War II, and Sid discovered the competitive entrance exams for the service academies—West Point and the Naval Academy—were being administered. He applied, was granted an appointment to the Naval Academy at Annapolis, and in 1940, his life was changed forever.

War Years

After graduating with distinction from the Naval Academy in 1943, and with a new bride, Sid needed to select his area of service within the Navy. He realized that if he were to serve on a destroyer or battleship, he would be one of thousands and he feared he would get lost among the many and have no real responsibility. That did not appeal to him, so he looked for a smaller pool to swim in and decided to try submarines. Luckily, he was selected, went to submarine school for six months and graduated top in his class.



Sid received orders to report as a navigator on the newly-commissioned USS Lapon on her maiden voyage to the Pacific theater. On the way from San Francisco to Pearl Harbor, there was a Pacific swell and Sid was horribly sick the entire journey. After a stay in Pearl Harbor, and as he was about to head off for the battleground, Sid was very nervous about facing another bad bout of seasickness. To strengthen his nerve, he got rip-roaring drunk the night before setting out to sea and woke with a terrible hangover. Amazingly, the hangover did the trick and he was never seasick after that.

He made it a rule that every time he would head out, he would start the journey with a whopper of a hangover.

Sid saw a lot of action during the war. A submarine patrol would last until they had either used all their oil or fired all their torpedoes. On the Lapon, Sid was part of seven patrols in the Sea of Japan and the South China Sea. Returning to either Pearl Harbor or Perth, Australia between patrols, the Lapon was responsible for sinking 20 Japanese ships. Sid was awarded two Navy Commendation Medals and served as "an inspiration to the officers and men."

At a height of 6'1", in such close quarters, it wasn't always easy being on a submarine. According to Sid, "You just had to have a personality that wouldn't grind with anybody else." He loved the mental stimulation and looked at his role as navigator as largely puzzle-solving. Coded messages would come in with orders and locations and Sid would have to translate and present them. When asked if he was frightened during those war patrols, Sid replied, "Not really, I always thought I was just too young to die." After having had enough time at sea, Sid retired from the Navy in 1950 as a Lieutenant.

Photos above from left to right:
Sid at 101 years old, as a Midshipman at the US Naval Academy,
and as a young boy in North Dakota.

Business Life

In 1950, Sid moved his young family to Marblehead and began working as a paper salesman. But after some time, he went out on his own, founding Rose Packaging in Lynn. At 64, when most people are thinking about retiring, Sid reinvented himself and partnered with a British company to form Rose Displays, producing retail merchandising displays and supplies to domestic and international customers. He bought out his British partners in 1987 and saw the company grow, with offices in Marblehead, Lynn and a 40,000 square foot facility in Salem. Sid continued to be closely involved with the business, going to the office every day until he retired at the age of 96 when the business was sold.

Family Life

In 1973, after a blind date at Crocker Park, Sid married for the second time to Ellaine Hoffman of Marblehead. They soon became a blended family of Sid’s three children, Judy, Michael and Larry, and Ellaine’s three sons, Jeffrey, Michael and Todd.

With some children away at school and some living at home, it was a fluid and friendly family arrangement. Michael Hoffman and Larry Rose were closest in age. They played on the same baseball team, became fast friends and attended each other’s Bar Mitzvahs at Temple Emanu-El. All the children attended the Temple Emanu-El Religious School.

Lifelong Athleticism

Sid’s love of sports continued after the war when he discovered volleyball and was the star and special spiker of

a JCC team that played and won tournaments throughout New England and New York. His team won the US Jewish Centers North American Championships on several occasions. In 1950, with sponsorship from Harold Zimman, a mentor to Sid and a leader in the American Olympic movement, Sid’s team traveled to the Maccabiah Games in Israel, where his team finished in third place.

Along the way, Sid also became interested in tennis and played competitively with his first wife, June. In their years playing together, they won several mixed doubles championships. According to Sid, at 101, “I’ve got a bad leg right now, so I’ve stopped playing, but I expect to be back playing soon!”

Sid credits athletics as one reason for his long life. He has always stayed fit and eaten a healthy diet—just because it’s the right thing to do. He continues to be competitive, is very driven and believes that “when you run into the competition, you do your best.”

Fatherhood

With three biological children, three step-children, eleven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, Sid has had a lot of experience as a father. His step-son Michael Hoffman recalls him being strict and all about doing well in school, finding a sport and enjoying life. Thursday evenings were special to him growing up because every Thursday night, Sid, Michael and Larry would go to the JCC in Lynn, play volleyball, and finish with an ice cream.

Sid’s son Larry, a lawyer now living in Park City, Utah, also described Sid as a

“ I always thought I was just too young to die. ”



Celebrating Sid at the last family Hurrah! (Hoo-rah).



Sid and Ellaine Rose enjoy a glass of bubbly.



Sid Rose and Michael Hoffman lathering up in mud during their 2011 trip to Israel.

disciplinarian. He recalls his sister’s friends referring to Sid as the *Commander*. Larry believes that Sid’s disciplinary nature is a consequence of being raised in a strict household, his years at the Naval Academy plus his years in the Navy.

A father passes down many gifts to his children and in Sid’s case it could be said he gave the gift of leadership to his daughter Judy, love of travel to his son Michael and a love of tennis and the law to his son Larry. To his step-children—sailing with Jeff, philosophy with Todd and business with Michael.

When asked what adjectives and phrases they would use to describe Sid, the following were offered up: warm, thoughtful, competitive, driven, optimistic, analytical, stubborn, structured, involved, an incredibly hard worker and someone who loved reasoning and questioned authority.

Enjoying Life: the Hoo-rah

Under the heading of “enjoying life”, Sid and Ellaine also created a legacy to connect children, grandkids and friends. It became known as the Hurrah (Hoo-rah). Held every few years, most often on Sid’s birthday, these get-togethers were part family, part adventure, relationship-building, personal development, culture and fun! With sometimes upwards of 30 attendees, these adventures were held in many different locations—the Laurentian Mountains in Canada, Costa Rica, Barbados, as well as at Sid and Ellaine’s second home in the Lugano area of Switzerland. Their Hurrah mission of bringing a far and wide family together across generations has proven successful. The grandchildren from a wide and deep family tree having formed bonds after spending time together and now meet among themselves.

Temple Life

Sid has been a life-long member of Temple Emanu-El. Sid’s children all went through the Temple Emanu-El Religious School. Jewish identity and culture were an important part of family life, and the family took great joy in celebrating all the holidays.

In 2011, Sid and Ellaine, along with Michael Hoffman, traveled to Israel on an inter-faith trip with Rabbi Meyer, other Temple members, and a group from Marblehead’s Old North Church. Sid recalls having a great time, making many new friends, and even finding a few new tennis partners.

Centennial Proclamation

On June 15, 2021, on Sid’s 101st birthday, the town Selectmen recognized Sidney Rose as an Honorable Centenarian of the Town of Marblehead. It was one year past Sid’s 100th birthday, which could not be celebrated because of COVID-19 restrictions.

Sadly, Sid’s wife of 47 years, Ellaine died on January 4, 2021. The June 2021 weekend honoring and celebrating Sid’s life began with a memorial service for Ellaine. For the family, it was one more Hurrah, coming together to remember Ellaine, witnessing the town toast Sid, and finishing off with a celebration at the Boston Yacht Club.



Sid’s 100th birthday celebration, celebrated a year later on his 101st birthday.

Key to a Long Life

A question commonly asked those who pass 100 years old is *What are the secrets to living a long life?* When Sid was asked this question, he first replied that with all the things he’s seen in his life he’s learned that “When times get tough, just know that this too shall pass.” But he then went on to add, “My father taught us all to be independent. I have an older brother who is 102, lives alone and is close to being in perfect health.” With Sid’s competitive spirit and with an older brother still alive, he added, “He is my role model, and I’m just not going to let my brother beat me!”



OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FACULTY



**MADELAINE (MAD)
McELROY**

Pre-Kindergarten

I love teaching because it keeps me learning and interacting with young children—it's so much fun! A favorite memory from Temple Emanu-El is the chocolate Seder where the parsley is represented by green M&M's. In my spare time, I like to go to the beach and hang out with my dog, Ivy.



CELIA JEPSKY

Kindergarten/Grade 1

I love teaching because there is nothing better than learning through a child's eyes. Kindergartners bring such excitement and light to learning! Fun fact: I coordinate the adoption floor at the Northeast Animal Shelter! It keeps life extremely busy, but seeing animals that would not have a chance to otherwise find homes makes all the hard

work worth it! I've placed over 1,000 pets in homes since the start of quarantine.



STEFANIE GLADSTONE
Grade 2-3 and Hebrew

I love teaching because children bring a lot of fun and energy to a classroom and that always makes me smile! My favorite things to do are walk, read, and spend time with my family. I have two sons, Jason and Jordan, a wonderful husband, Bob, and a golden retriever named Shiro.



**CANTOR
ROSALIE TOUBES**
**Family
Engagement
and
Pre K-3rd
Grade
Coordinator**

The first time I led Tot Shabbat, just out of cantorial school, I found myself a bit nervous. The service had decidedly less music than a traditional Shabbat service, so that wasn't it.

As a parent, I understood the wish for my children to have the best of everything and, of course, I wanted the service to have the best. But it wasn't that either. I realized as I began to sing with the children that night, that I was intent on connecting with them and making sure they left with *something*. That *something* was a sense of belonging and a sense of the joy of Shabbat and Jewish music.

My own first "tot" loved music. I gave birth to her five days after I was ordained as a Cantor. Whether she was ordained too, because I was still pregnant at my ordination, is up for grabs. But I feel in my heart that as I sang during my pregnancy, she was listening and absorbing Jewish music. She's 18 now and a talented musical artist. I am happy she had that *something* that I want all young Jewish children to have—the early experience of Jewish music and liturgy.

As I begin my role here at Temple Emanu-El, I am grateful for the opportunity to make sure that, at the very youngest age, our congregants learn Jewish prayer through music. I am happy that they can try out instruments, sing, and dance. On any number of days, you can see them socialize, do baby yoga, Jam with Jon, or Wiggle and Giggle. They are led in prayer, craft, and storytelling at Tot Shabbat and Family Shabbat. I will work hard to make sure they can listen, laugh, and learn.

L'shalom!



**JILL SIMMONS-
WETMORE**

Grade 4 and Hebrew

A favorite part of teaching at Temple Emanu-El is working with all age groups as the youth director of SMARTY (Swampscott/Marblehead Area Reform Temple Youth). Facilitating the children's participation in recreational, social and service-learning activities with their Jewish peers is a joy

to watch. Fun fact: I was the first female officer in the Point of Pines Yacht Club's 100-year history—Vice Commodore for 4 years!



CINDY LEONG

Grade 5

I love teaching for when you know that you have made a difference in your student. For 35 years, I've been part of the Jewish and Temple Emanu-El community. Ten years ago, I started teaching in the Religious School and have taught Pre-K, 5th, and 6th grades. A favorite memory is the generosity of one of my 5th-grade classes that

purchased five trees for Tu B'Shevat. The students were so proud of the beautiful certificate they received from the Jewish National Fund.



HEATHER GREENBERG
Grade 6 and Hebrew

A cherished memory I have from teaching at Temple Emanu-El is writing and creating much requested raps with a former colleague for our Pre-Confirmation students. A fun fact about myself is that I create and make jewelry.



CARA MANEY

Art

I am amazed to see the unique results of an art project when I assign the same set of directions. In my opinion, teaching art leads students to their own discovery. It's rewarding knowing they are expressing their individual knowledge of Judaism through art.



RACHEL JACOBSON
Sababa

I love the involvement of the parents, and grandparents, and the programs and activities for every age group, especially seeing our teens staying connected in the "Madrichim" program. Joining the staff this year was a real joy for me. Israel is part of me and the love I have for this country is passed on to my students.



AVIVA SUMMERS
Pre-Confirmation

My favorite part of teaching at Temple Emanu-El is working alongside my mother's former students (she taught Jill Simmons-Wetmore at Hillel). Fun fact: I am a graduate of Hillel and currently teach at the Epstein Hillel School. I am also a British Art Deco furniture historian.



NEIGHBORHOOD SPOTLIGHT: Families with Children

One of the Temple's busiest (and sometimes noisiest) Neighborhoods, our Families with Children group helps young parents and their children **connect, create** and **belong** by providing learning, bonding and just plain fun activities.

Currents asked each of the four Neighborhood chairs, Erin Cullen, Sarah Waelchli, Jamie Yomtov and Gwen McCoy to tell us more about this important and successful Neighborhood.

ERIN CULLEN

Q How did the Families with Children Neighborhood first get started?

When I joined Temple Emanu-El there were not many programs outside of Religious School for children my daughter's age, about 1-ish. At the time, the Temple was holding house meetings to see what the different interests were among members. I wanted more programming for young families. So about eight years ago, when the decision was made to create the Neighborhoods system, I thought this was a wonderful idea and volunteered to help. Meredith Freed and I chaired the Under 8 Families with Children Neighborhood. We both had young children at the time and together we brainstormed ideas to get the youngest kids involved. We worked well together and have been friends ever since.

Q How has the Families with Children Neighborhood changed through the years?

Today we have many more events than we ever had, there have been collaborations with other Neighborhoods and we've made room for different branches, like the group for babies. The wonderful thing about the Families with Children Neighborhood is that it is always evolving—there's always room for new ideas and programs.

Q What makes you the proudest or happiest for starting the group?

Two things. First, I am really proud of Family Shabbat. Meredith Freed and I worked hard to get that program going and sometimes we were the only ones that showed up! But now it's very successful. It's a great place for parents to come to services and not feel uncomfortable that their kid is being a kid. Rabbi Meyer and the congregation are always very welcoming with children, but when your child screams at the wrong moment, it doesn't matter how welcoming people are, it's embarrassing as a parent. Family Shabbat is a safe space where that



is the norm. It also gives children a chance to learn, to have access to the Torah and to experience services.

The second is the Giving Menorah. That is such a wonderful program. I can't believe we just finished our 5th year. This year we were able to supply gifts for 80 children in need. I love teaching our children about giving back. Sarah Waelchli and I started this program with a lot of help from Shelby Chapper-Pierce who made the

connection with the state Department of Children and Families. Every year the congregation has been so generous.

Q What have been some of your favorite memories from past Neighborhood events?

There was a sweet moment early on when Family Shabbat had just started. Rabbi Meyer handed my daughter Gwendy one of the Torah finials to hold while he read from the Torah. She got such a kick out of that, and took her job very seriously. Now when I see all the people who come to **Family Shabbat**, I just get a warm fuzzy feeling inside. And here are a few more great things:

- I also loved when we brought in the **Eyes on Owls** folks for the owl presentation during the Noah's Ark portion of Family Shabbat. That was cool!
- At our **Decorate the Sukkah Party**, we helped put up all the decorations and the kids made foam flower stickers for the Sukkah.
- The **Make Your Own Car**, drive-in movie night was super fun watching the kiddos make a car out of boxes and then sitting in them to watch a movie and eat pizza.
- Jon Nelson's **Puppet Purim** show is always hilarious! It keeps both the kids and adults completely engaged. Making hamantashen afterward is always delicious.
- There have been so many years of wonderful programs, it's so hard to just pick a few. I feel so grateful that I have been able to be a part of it.

SARAH WAECHLI

Q How did you become involved with the Families with Children Neighborhood?

Shortly after joining the Temple, I got to know Erin. My husband and I are an interfaith family raising our children to identify as Jewish. As the non-Jewish member of the family, I wanted a way to feel involved with the Temple that felt comfortable for me. Initially, our Neighborhood was focused on hosting Family Shabbat services, and those were such a nice way to get to know the congregation and have our children feel comfortable in a low-stress environment.

Q Does each Neighborhood chair have a special area of responsibility or do you all just do what needs to be done?

We do a lot of brainstorming and planning at the beginning of each year, and then we all just pitch in to do whatever we can to carry out those plans. Because we all have younger children and careers or other commitments, we often have a lot on our plates, so we work together to figure out who can do what.



JAMIE YOMTOV

Q How did the "Babies Division" of the Families with Children Neighborhood come to be?

The Families with Children Neighborhood has been around for quite some time and organizes wonderful events for school-age children. In 2018, as new parents, my husband Rob and I were looking for a community of other Jewish families with young children. As parents of an infant, we were looking for those in a similar life situation who were experiencing what we were: sleepless nights, endless diaper changes, coos and giggles that make your heart melt, and all of the firsts that come so quickly as a baby learns new things every day! **Babies and Bagels** was born as a Sunday morning hang-out for parents of young children, ages birth to four years, to meet, schmooze, and have some nosh. Also important, it provided an opportunity for young children to socialize with one another, observe each other, and gain play skills.

Q When did you decide to add enrichment activities?

As interest in Babies and Bagels grew, it was decided that we would have an enrichment activity as the focal point of the meet-up, and this has been very successful! We meet throughout the year and have had meet-ups centered around **music with Jon Nelson, baby/toddler yoga, a drumming session, and a movement session**, as some examples. The success with Babies and Bagels led to the expansion of Family Shabbat Services, and we now have Saturday morning **Tot Shabbat**, led by our new Pre-K through 3rd grade Family Engagement Coordinator, Cantor Rosalie Toubes. This fun, young-child-centered Shabbat service gives children exposure to prayers, songs, customs, and traditions, in a fun, interactive format with the opportunity to have some challah, too, of course! New this year we also have a Friday morning enrichment activity geared towards young children.

This fall, we had a series of music sessions, **Jammin' with Jon**, led by Jon Nelson, where the children had the opportunity to sing along with Jon and play age-appropriate instruments. Most recently, we had a series of movement classes, called **Wiggles and Giggles**, led by Joyce Speicher, where children had the opportunity to sing and dance! We will be continuing with a new series after the new year.



GWEN MCCOY

Q As the newest chair of the Neighborhood, why did you agree to the position?

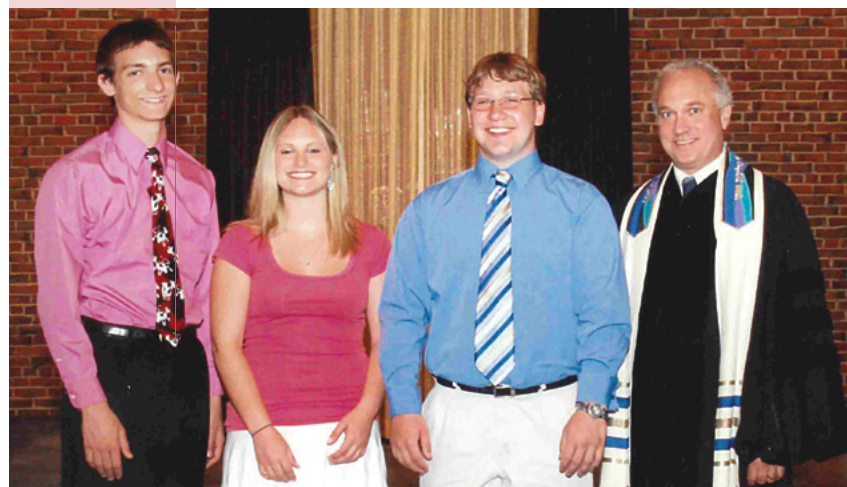
The Neighborhood was such a great way for me and my family to meet other Temple members; it was an easy decision to participate as a co-chair! Simply gathering with other families to share in a service, a meal, or an activity has been a very rewarding experience. My boys always ended up having fun with the other kids, but it was just as enjoyable making connections with the other parents.



Thank you to Erin, Sarah, Gwen and Jamie for their hard work in developing our youngest members and building community. Erin stressed that the group loves suggestions and welcomes all volunteers. Reach out to Shelby Chapper-Pierce in the Temple office if you would like to get involved!

“I Told You So”

Sometimes couples meet through a mutual friend, a blind date, or at a party. Sometimes they are online swiping left or swiping right...but for one young couple, their early years at Temple Emanu-El were key to the final outcome.



The 2008 Post-Confirmation Class with Rob Campbell and Amanda Neilson.

Post-Confirmation class of 2008. On Sundays, Rob would pick up Amanda and drive to Temple for class, which was always followed by breakfast for the two of them at Red's in Salem.

They both enjoyed their Confirmation classes. According to Rob, “It was more of a dialog, an open discussion. I liked being able to ask questions, talk about where our traditions came from and how to make sense of them, both in a historical and modern context. It was more interesting than the traditional educational format.” Amanda added, “Plus there were definitely debates. Rob likes to debate a lot, and there was always a lot of discussion on what we agreed with and what we didn't.”

Outside of the Temple, Rob first asked Amanda for a date at the age of 13 but sadly, she said no. Undaunted, Rob persisted through their high school years, but Amanda continued to say no. “We were friends—he was my **best** friend—and I just didn't think of us like that,” she said.

Rob's mother, Arlyne Campbell, remembers that they were always the best of friends and most times, when a gang of high school friends would end up at Rob's pool, Amanda would be in the kitchen baking cookies. “I always thought Rob was pretty much in the Friend Zone with Amanda,” said Arlyne.

After high school, they headed off to different schools, but one summer they both found themselves based in Marblehead, and Rob once again asked Amanda on a date. She finally said yes. Thus began four years of dating, eventually leading to their marriage in 2016.

When it comes to Amanda, Rob acknowledged he played the long game, but in the end, he was successful in winning the girl. **Just to prove his point, he had “I Told You So” engraved in Amanda's wedding ring.**

Paula Neilson, Amanda's mother, also acknowledged she never thought they would end up together. “They were just very different people...they still are!” she said.

As youngsters, Amanda Neilson and Rob Campbell were classmates at both the Village School and Temple Emanu-El's Religious School. They met when they were around age 10 and became good friends at 13, each attending the other's Bar/Bat Mitzvahs. But during their high school years, they grew to become best friends.

Temple was a part of family life for both of them. Rob belonged to SMARTY (Swampscott Marblehead Area Reform Temple Youth), spending his spare time at Temple and going on trips. As they got older, both Rob and Amanda were members of the very small Temple



Emilia Black, Arlyne Campbell, Rob Campbell, Thea May Campbell holding Natalie Campbell with Rich Campbell behind them. Amanda Campbell, Paul Neilson and Paula Neilson.

But she relayed a story that she shared at their wedding reception. Apparently in high school, in two different English classes, they were each asked to write a letter to themselves about their lives, hopes, dreams, etc. It would be mailed to them in five years. And in fact, five years later their letters arrived. Amanda's was filled with things about her activities and her friends, but Rob's letter had an entire paragraph devoted to Amanda, including this excerpt:

“And then there is Amanda Sue Neilson. She is your best friend and you can tell her anything. If you're not still friends with her you should find her because I love her so you should love her.”

Their life together started in Brighton. They moved on to Lynnfield, then to Beverly, and now back to Marblehead, which was always the plan, seeing that both sides of the family live here.

Rob is presently a software engineer for Foundation Medicine which does genomic sequencing for patients who have cancer to help them find clinical trials or targeted therapies when standard lines of care haven't worked. Amanda is currently a stay-at-home

mom to 3-year-old Thea May and newborn baby Natalie. Before giving birth to her daughters, Amanda worked as a pre-school teacher at the JCC.

This year, along with joining Temple Emanu-El as a family, Amanda and Rob enrolled Thea May in Temple Sunday school, both to introduce her to Temple and to let her know that Temple is a fun place! They both admit it also provided an opportunity for them to meet other Jewish parents and make new Jewish friends. According to Amanda: “Rob and I are very excited to be back at Temple Emanu-El and to cultivate relationships within our Jewish community while exposing our daughters to the traditions we love.”

“Both Rob and I connected to our Jewish identity as children, and for Thea May, I'd like her to have a sense of belonging and have friends who share the same traditions, same culture and learn all about who she is and where she comes from.”

Prior to Covid, on the first Friday of every month, Rob and Amanda would host a Family Shabbat dinner, inviting both sides of the family to celebrate.

These days, Rob, Amanda, Thea May and Natalie celebrate Shabbat every Friday night as a family, using Thea's wooden Shabbat kit. They light candles, recite the blessings, eat a meal and end with reading a book.

With the addition of Thea May and Natalie, there are now four generations of the family belonging to Temple Emanu-El—their great-grandmother, Emilia (Emy) Black, as well as their grandmother Arlyne Campbell and her sister Jessica Black (who currently sits on the Temple Board of Trustees).

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Great grandmother Emilia Black with Thea May and Natalie Campbell.

We welcome Rob and Amanda's family into the Temple Emanu-El community with open arms. As Savta (grandma) Arlyne said, “I was so glad to have them move back to Marblehead and join the Temple. It just continues the family tradition!”



GOAL!

Samantha Dormer heads to Israel for the Maccabi Games.

Now a sophomore at Marblehead High School, 15-year-old soccer star Samantha Dormer began playing when she was just six years old. Each soccer season, fall and spring, Samantha could be found on the field as part of Marblehead Youth Soccer. In more recent years, she has played on the varsity soccer team for Marblehead High School.



But even as Samantha has become highly skilled at soccer over the years, the level of competition will be even more intense this summer, as she will be part of the USA delegation to Israel for the 21st Maccabi Games! Often called “The Jewish Olympics,” the Games are the world’s largest Jewish athletic competition and are held every four years, in the year following the Olympic Games.



The Maccabi Games are open to Jewish athletes from around the world, as well as to all Israeli athletes, regardless of ethnicity or religion. It is the third-largest sporting event in the world, with 10,000 athletes, representing 85 countries, competing in 45 sports. The 21st competition will



Photo: Salem News

Samantha’s controlled footwork supports her dominating offensive play.

take place July 12-26, 2022, with the opening ceremony on July 14th.

The middle child of Temple members John and Melissa Dormer, Samantha traveled to Philadelphia last summer for the three day Maccabi try-outs (also held in Los Angeles and New York). The days consisted of some small games, scrimmages, and testing of individual soccer

skills like dribbling, shooting and passing. Samantha didn’t know anyone at the try-outs and commented that normally people don’t talk much to each other during competitive try-outs. “But in Philadelphia, everyone was very friendly and nice,” she added.

The Dormers didn’t get word for several months that Samantha had made the team seeing that players from all

over the country were trying out. “Following Philadelphia, we didn’t have a sense if she made it or not. We didn’t see the competitors at the other try-out locations and it took so long for the decision, we weren’t at all sure she had made the team,” said Samantha’s mom, Melissa.

Samantha was accepted to the U16 Girls’ Soccer Team for those born in 2006-2007. Since finding out she has made the team, she has kept in touch with a few of the other players she met in Philadelphia. The team also had a Zoom call to watch the World Cup games together.



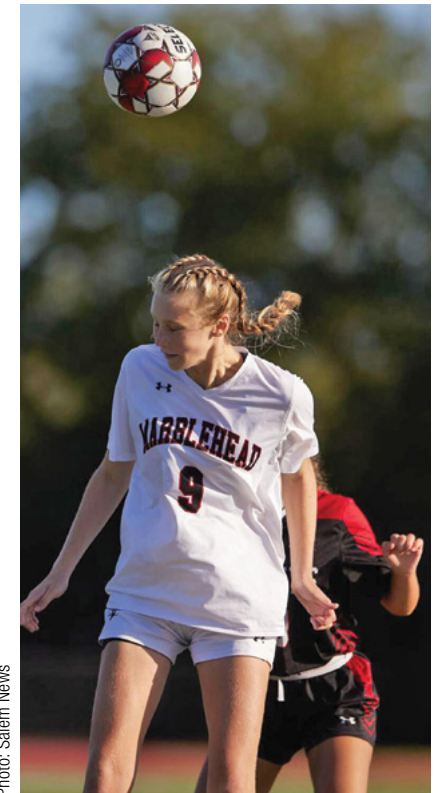
What happens next?

Samantha and her fellow Youth athletes will travel to Israel in early July 2022. They will first participate in a six-day program (called Israel Connect) prior to the opening of the World Maccabiah Games. During this time, the athletes will travel to cultural and historic sites to experience firsthand their own connection with Israel and Judaism. Then there will be approximately two weeks of training as the team comes together, with the games starting in mid-July. Competitions will take place in Haifa, Jerusalem, Netanya and Tel Aviv. But a specific schedule of the sport, age categories and venues will not become available until the Spring of 2022. Like the Olympics, Samantha will be part of the US delegation in the opening and closing ceremonies. How exciting!

Mom and Dad, John and Melissa, are not yet sure if they will be going to Israel with Samantha. “We will not be getting any details around trip options for parents until some time in February 2022, so we won’t know if it makes sense for us to make the

During Israel Connect, the athletes will travel to cultural and historic sites to experience firsthand their own connection with Israel and Judaism.

Photo: Salem News



An awesome header maneuver by Marbleheader Samantha Dormer.

trip. We are so proud that Samantha tried out for the Maccabi Team and we are thrilled that she made the team. Samantha is going to have so much fun playing soccer but we also think spending a month in Israel will be an awesome experience that she will never forget,” said John.



Samantha usually plays attacking mid-field or any offensive position. She was the leading scorer on her team this year and is considered one of her team’s biggest midfield and scoring threats. But her athletic skills

don’t stop there; Samantha also plays varsity basketball at the high school. “I love both basketball and soccer, but the soccer team’s spirit is unmatched” added Samantha. “When it comes to the Maccabi Games, being on a team with other Jewish kids will be something completely new for me. I’m so excited to go to Israel—I’ve always wanted to go and am really looking forward to it.”

Also a Madrikha for the third-grade students at Temple Emanu-El’s Religious School, Samantha’s life is pretty busy. She will surely have a strong team of Marbleheaders following her success in Israel next summer, including her Temple Emanu-El family! This unforgettable experience of competition, adventure and culture will provide a lifetime of memories.



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Always Lots of Smiles at Temple Emanu-El...

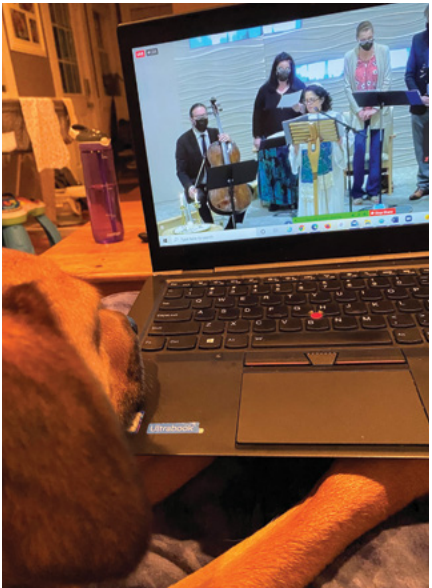
(even if they are tucked under a mask!)



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Shabbat Crossword Puzzle

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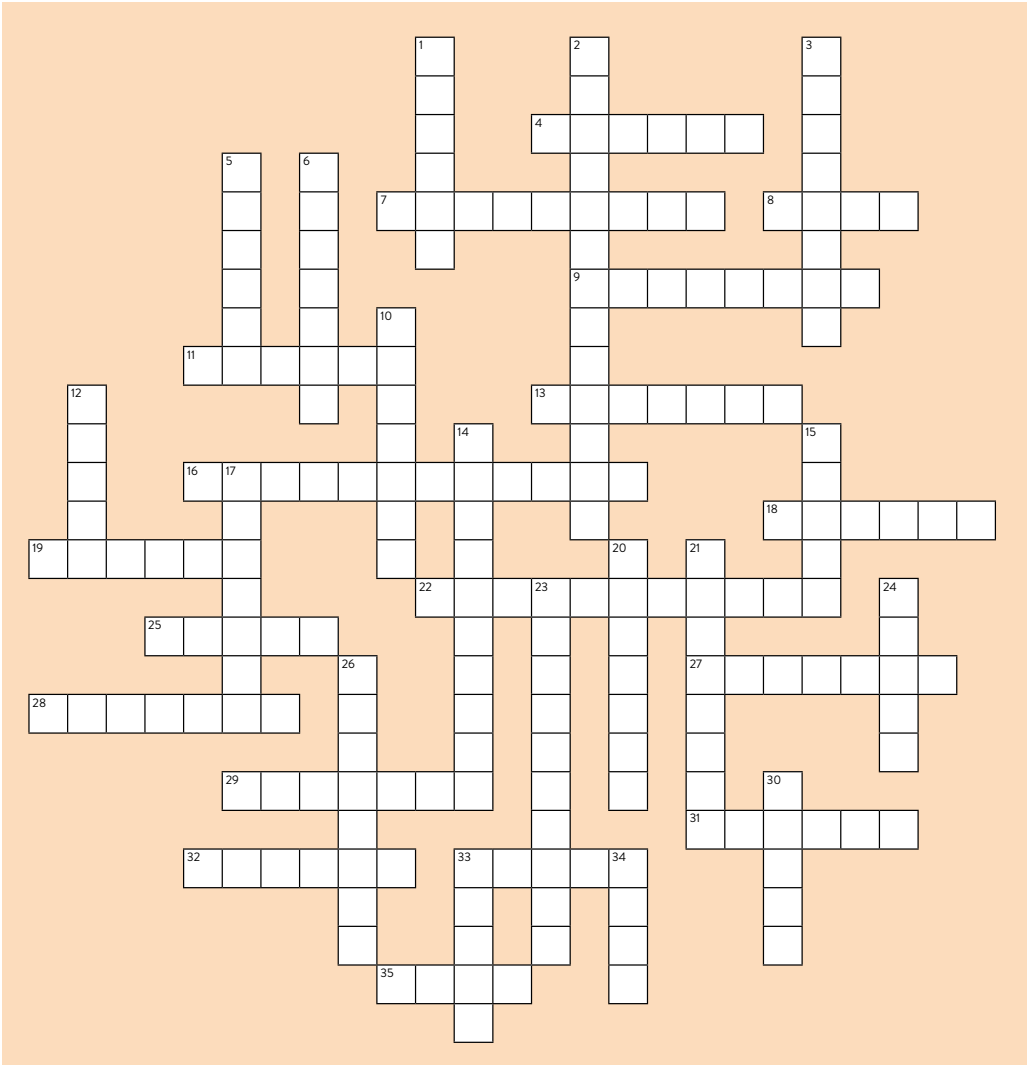
- 1. Skullcap
- 2. Sabbath greeting
- 3. "Receiving," as in the Sabbath
- 5. Weekly Torah portion
- 6. Braided loaves of bread
- 10. Saturday's traditional stew
- 12. Baked noodle or potato casserole
- 14. When a boy comes of age
- 15. Three of these mean it's nightfall
- 17. What we do when we rest on Shabbat
- 20. Challah is _____ with at least three strands
- 21. Sewn satin or felt cap, Yiddish
- 23. Wine for kids
- 24. "Shalom"
- 26. "Separation"
- 30. Challah dipped in this is extra sweet
- 33. Oneg or kiddush lunch staple
- 34. Airline that doesn't schedule flights on Shabbat

Across

- 4. Meat, dairy and _____
- 7. Sinker or floater
- 8. Can be sprinkled over challah
- 9. Collected in a box
- 11. "Holy"
- 13. The blessing over bread

- 16. Collective members of a Jewish house of worship
- 18. Prayer shawl
- 19. Aromatic spices
- 22. See candlelight reflected in these
- 25. Hand-written parchment scroll
- 27. Literally, a commandment

- 28. Traditional meat dinner
- 29. "Sanctification"
- 31. Book of Moses that first mentions Shabbat
- 32. Commonly used word to describe a Jewish house of worship
- 33. Shabbat is referred to as this woman in white
- 35. Shabbat joy



Across:
1. KIPPAH / 2. SHABBATSHALOM / 3. KABBALAT / 5. PARSHA / 6. CHALLOT / 10. CHOLENT / 12. KUGEL / 14. BARMITZVAH / 15. STARS / 17. OBSERVE / 20. BRAIDED / 21. YARMULKE / 23. GRAPEJUICE / 24. PEACE / 26. HAVDALAH / 30. HONEY / 33. BAGEL / 34. ELAL / 4. PAREVE / 7. MATZABALL / 8. SALT / 9. TZEDAKAH / 11. KADOSH / 13. HAMOTZI / 16. CONGREGATION / 18. TALLIT / 19. CLOVES / 22. FINGERMAILS / 25. TORAH / 27. MITZVAH / 28. CHICKEN / 29. KIDDUSH / 31. EXODUS / 32. TEMPLE / 33. BRIDE / 35. ONEG

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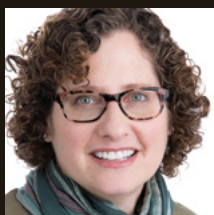
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