



TEMPLE ALIYAH
CREATING COMMUNITY • CELEBRATING TRADITION

The Afid^{} Fund*

The Rabbi Carl M. Perkins Fund
for Experiential Education

*Hebrew for “Future”

Rabbi Carl Perkins

biography

After 31 years, it is time to celebrate the many ways Rabbi Carl Perkins has inspired the Temple Aliyah community. His leadership has fostered tremendous growth both in membership and in the depth and range of opportunities to explore Jewish learning, culture, and identity we have enjoyed. With his retirement this year, Rabbi Perkins leaves Temple Aliyah considerably stronger than he found it.

A skilled teacher, Rabbi Perkins has consistently brought intelligence, wisdom, and deep learning to any topic he addresses, whether in the classroom or on the bimah. He has worked to create a culture at Temple Aliyah in which education serves at once to enrich us as individuals and to build community through shared experience. This dual purpose helped shape our family retreats at Camp Yavneh, the Me'ah program offered in Needham in collaboration with Temple Beth Shalom and Hebrew College, and our community-wide Torah writing project. A commitment to learning, community, and shared experience was also at the heart of the five different congregational trips to Israel led by Rabbi Perkins.

For three decades, Rabbi Perkins has been a part of our lives, helping us mark our joy at weddings, baby namings, brises, and B'nai Mitzvah celebrations, while drawing on his learning and humanity to offer support at more challenging moments.

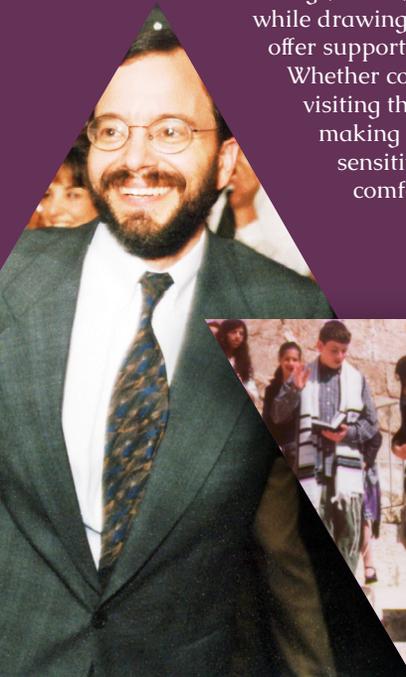
Whether counseling a congregant in distress, visiting the sick, officiating at a funeral, or making a condolence call, in a quiet and sensitive way Rabbi Perkins has brought comfort and wisdom to those in need.

With the current pandemic, Rabbi Perkins brought a flexibility and openness to the question of how we use technology to continue our mission of celebrating tradition, creating community, and educating our members. Our programs, classes, and religious services have been attended remotely during the past two years by people in different regions of the country and different parts of the world, and Rabbi Perkins has been instrumental both in preserving our community and expanding its reach during these difficult last two years.

Every generation of Temple Aliyah's congregants — from the founders to the youngest children in our preschool — has been touched by Rabbi Perkins' love of Judaism and his commitment to building our community. We wish him the best as he devotes himself to continued study and to well-earned time with his family — Elana, Rabbi Leora Kling Perkins and Matthew Goldstone, Shani Fox and Jeremy Perkins, and of course, his granddaughter, Reena.

Thanks to Rabbi Perkins' leadership, the Temple Aliyah community has indeed risen to heights unimaginable 31 years ago.

*Kol HaKavod, Rabbi.
Todah rabah.*



introducing Atid*

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Inspired by, and in tribute to, Rabbi Perkins’ values and accomplishments, Temple Aliyah proudly announces *Atid*, The Rabbi Carl M. Perkins Fund for Experiential Education. Meaning future in Hebrew, *Atid* will strengthen Temple Aliyah’s future by fostering creative, interactive, and vibrant opportunities for our community to find meaning in our Jewish heritage and in Jewish life.



The Fund will be used to:

- enhance the spiritual, educational, and cultural environment of Temple Aliyah;
- help members of all ages enrich their Jewish lives through engagement in Jewish learning and practice, and through furthering connections with the Jewish people, here and abroad;
- expose congregants to a range of Jewish ideas, values, expressions, and perspectives;
 - enable congregants to participate in meaningful Jewish encounters, immersive experiences, and hands-on programs — in community groups, large and small, and for adults and children — including such things as retreats, trips, camping, enhanced Jewish holiday celebrations, and artistic experiences.

To this end, it will:

- help to fund synagogue programming;
- invest in family educators and other instructors; and
- make synagogue programming financially accessible for all.



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The Atid Fund *giving levels*

We encourage and welcome community-wide participation and support. As a community, we can accomplish the most when we all participate. Every gift at every level has an impact and makes a real difference. All contributions to the Rabbi Carl M. Perkins Fund for Experiential Education will be acknowledged in both print and digital publications, or may be made anonymously.

"When I was born into this world, I found many carob trees planted by my father and grandfather. Just as they planted trees for me, I am planting trees for my children and grandchildren so they will be able to eat the fruit of these trees."

—The Talmud (Ta'anit 23b)

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Donations can be made by check, Temple Aliyah member account, credit card, wire transfer, or securities transfer. Gift commitments of \$10,000 and above may be contributed over a period of up to three years.

We hope this multi-year flexibility will encourage and facilitate congregation-wide participation and 'stretch' giving. We are eager to build the fund today and the programming it will support.

For additional information including donation and transfer forms, please email AtidFund@templealiyah.com.

