

# A YEAR OF LIFE AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

## 2018 (ח"י)

Congregation Temple Israel's  
**ANNUAL REPORT**

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## RECOGNIZING OUR OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

*Receiving a Citation for Religious Leadership Award*

**David Aronson**  
**Hope Edison**

**Carla Feuer**  
**Jayne Fingerman**

**Philip Horwitz**  
**Erin Schneider**

## PILLAR OF THE TEMPLE AWARD RECIPIENTS



**Susie Epstein**, Educator, Temple Israel  
 Susie is an amazing and dedicated Jewish Educator who has served the community at Temple Israel's education center for 25 years. She has had a hand in developing curriculum, leading programming, and building relationships with our students and families that will last a lifetime.



**Linda Kraus**, Chair, The Kahn Foundation  
 The Nathan Kahn-Ernestine Kahn-Charles Kahn Foundation provides aid, assistance, and relief to the elderly within our community, and Linda has been involved since its inception, serving on the committee that put together the guidelines in 1990. For the past 21 years, she has also served as the Foundation's chairperson, handling correspondence, running meetings, and visiting each new organization that is funded.

## PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR CONTINUING EXCELLENCE (P.A.C.E.) AWARD RECIPIENT



**David Chassin**, Vice President, Facilities

David has served on Temple Israel's Board as a Trustee and on the Board Executive Committee, as well as on many volunteer committees. Some of the recent projects accomplished during his tenure include the renovation of the Gall Family Sanctuary entry foyer, seating, carpeting, bimah and ark; the new roof and upgraded ceiling, sound system, and light fixtures in both the Sanctuary and Isserman Auditorium; the conversion of all florescent fixtures to energy efficient LED lighting; and the refreshed Main Temple Office and Meeting Room spaces. David is currently in the process of helping to lead Phases 2 and 3 of the Reimagining Campaign to renovate the exterior and interior of the education center, and we are confident that this project will be completed beautifully because of David's leadership. We are honored this year to present him with the President's Award for Continued Excellence for more than two decades of dedication and service in his many roles as a Temple Israel lay leader.

### SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY TO HONOR TEMPLE LEADERS

CELEBRATE ANY OF OUR INCOMING/OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS OR AWARD RECIPIENTS  
 WITH A **TRIBUTE DONATION** IN THEIR HONOR

*More information on page 23.*





## ROBERT D. LITZ PRESIDENT, TEMPLE ISRAEL

Looking back at my first year as President of the Board of Trustees, I am in awe of what we have accomplished together. Our well-attended Gala was so much fun and raised money for many important programs. Reinvigorating our volunteer committees has turned great ideas into action, providing for even better programs, policies and member experiences. The Temple office was renovated with new carpet and furniture for the first time since 1992. We added new hand rails at the entrance to the sanctuary, next to the May Chapel and next to the east parking lot, completed concrete work on our sidewalks, and repairs to the roof.

We spent a great deal of time planning for our Reimagining project, transforming Temple Israel's education center into a comfortable and safe facility with a 21st century design. We hired a team of Lawlor Construction and Bond Architects to design and build Phase 2 of the project, beginning in 2019, thanks to the generosity of approximately 50 families who committed \$3.5 million. Phase 2 focuses on safety, security, and infrastructure including a new ADA compliant ramp at the school entrance, new entry stairs, canopy, and a new security vestibule, as well as relocating the school office next to the main entrance and replacing the windows and HVAC system. Phase 2 will also include exterior tuckpointing, concrete, and roof repairs.

In early 2019 we'll launch the Reimagining Campaign to raise funds for Phase 3, which will allow us to update the interior of our education center and includes a new infant room, new technology, flooring, wall coverings, and furniture.

We continued to operate within our financial means under the balanced 2018 budget approved by the Board of Trustees. We could not have operated in the black without your financial support. Our High Holy Days Giving Appeal was successful, exceeding our goal. Thank you! We are also thankful for those who pay their annual membership dues, as well as those who support TI as members of the Shofar Society and Rabbis' Circle.

It's no surprise that our support of one another is unparalleled. At Temple Israel, Judaism is better when we do it together. Sometimes that means gathering for Shabbat worship services to sing, pray, mourn, or celebrate. Sometimes we join a class for discussion or debate to learn and grow in our Judaism. We bring our children to the education center to become the next generations of mensches as they soak in Jewish values and traditions. We perform acts of loving kindness (g'milut chasadim) and take steps to repair the world (tikkun olam) as a Temple family. We give to those in need, we serve those who are marginalized, we fight for what's right, and we do it together.

However you and your family choose to express your faith, being a member of Temple Israel means that you gain a diverse and inclusive community of people who will be right by your side as you journey through your Jewish life.

Whether you've been a member of Temple Israel for generations, or just picked up this Annual Report as you sit in our office lobby awaiting a meeting with our staff or Rabbis, there are a few things you should know as you navigate the pages.

Anyone who wants to take part in congregational life is invited to enjoy the programs and opportunities that we offer. We believe that a diverse community creates Jewish vibrancy, and that you add brilliance to this community just by being uniquely you. Our lay leaders, volunteers, staff, Rabbis, and members strive to be audaciously welcoming and we want you to feel right at home envisioning your face or your family on any of these pages. There are no financial barriers to you belonging, and if there should ever be an obstacle, we'll create a new path around it.



We provide a holy space for any program or service you choose to attend, and we're so much more! If it's one service a year that brings you in, keep doing that! If you're looking for more, we've got that too. And if we don't have what you're looking for, let us know. We'd love the opportunity to partner with you to create it.

We embrace change, which is necessary to move forward as an inclusive spiritual home as times and needs evolve. It is you -- yes you, reading this now -- that help us to build upon the last 132 years of innovation to shape Temple Israel for the future.

Planning for 2019, our leadership could not be more excited about the direction in which we're headed. If you joined us for our 132nd Annual Meeting (November 30, 2018), you met the Trustees who were confirmed for a first term of Temple leadership, as well as those who have signed on for another term of board service. Each of our lay leaders, clergy, staff, volunteers, and every person who calls Temple Israel home has a sacred partnership with one another. We believe that our individual and collaborative contributions elevate holiness, and at the Annual Meeting, we celebrated that partnership by rededicating ourselves to another year of working together for the greatest good.

If you missed the Annual Meeting but are interested in becoming more involved, we would love to meet you here at Temple to share in Shabbat services or to grab a coffee and chat. Whether you know exactly where you fit or don't yet know where to begin, we want to ensure your experience at Temple Israel is fulfilling and meaningful. We invite you into this sacred partnership with opportunities that speak to your soul. You can reach out to me directly, to our Executive Director Rachel Wallis Andreasson, or to our Rabbis, Amy and Michael. Our doors are always open. Thank you for your Sacred Partnership with Temple Israel.



**Rob Litz, President**  
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## TIKKUN OLAM & SOCIAL ACTION

### **SERVICE SQUAD**

Temple Israel's Service Squad gathers for opportunities both at the Temple and around the community to help those in need. Some recent projects include volunteering at the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry, setting up for our High Holy Days, and helping seniors at Covenant Place move into and unpack their new apartments.

### **MITZVAH BAKERS**

This group bakes desserts and other treats for Shabbat Onegs and our annual Rosh Hashanah Lunch, as well as mitzvah opportunities such as the International Institute of St. Louis's New Americans Potluck. Each well-attended baking session has anywhere from 8-12 volunteers ranging in age from 20s-80s.

### **PIES WITH A PURPOSE**

Each year, we bake hundreds of pumpkin pies to donate to the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry for the holidays and to serve at our Thanksgiving Dinner for Those in Need.

### **THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR THOSE IN NEED**

Each year, this annual program serves 400-plus people in need the night before Thanksgiving. With delicious, homemade food, live entertainment, and beautifully decorated tables, people in need are served a meaningful, delicious meal with dignity and respect.

### **MITZVAH MARKET**

For the second year, volunteers have gathered clothing to offer to guests at the Thanksgiving Dinner for Those in Need so that they can enjoy warm outerwear for the winter season.





## MONROE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

Temple Israel volunteers help support Monroe Elementary School, located in the city of St. Louis, in a variety of ways. Tutors work with students individually and in small groups during class; bakers make treats to support teachers and staff; and volunteers help chaperone field trips, staff school-wide celebrations, provide a meaningful holiday for families through our holiday store, and more.

*"I love doing tikkun olam with my fellow Temple Israel members at Monroe Elementary School, because I feel so blessed personally and believe I have a responsibility to lift my fellow man. Both the volunteers and the kids we are serving benefit from feeling valued and valuing others. No matter how sleepy or how hungry or how unstable their home environment is, the students know they can depend on us. We're changing lives just by showing up. Everyone deserves someone to believe in them."*

**Liz**  
Co-Chair of TI's Monroe Elementary School Partnership

## SUPPORT FOR THOSE ON THE FRINGE

We host and/or facilitate various programs to educate our community and support those on the fringe of society. Some of our recent programming has included working with new Americans and refugees, as well as partnering with St. Louis's National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) to host a program informing the community about the perils of sex trafficking.





# THERE'S LOTS HAPPENING AROUND TEMPLE ISRAEL



## CRAFTING FOR COMMUNITY

Crafting for Community is a group for knitters, crocheters, and scrapbookers, or anyone else who enjoys creative hobbies! It's a place that you can work on your crafts with friends, while learning from each other and enjoying tikkun olam opportunities. Crafting for Community meets two Tuesday evenings per month from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm at Temple Israel. Meetings are open to any interested adult congregant and their friends and family. We welcome experienced crafters and beginners alike!

This year, Crafting for Community made knitted knockers for women who have had a mastectomy, thank you notes to accompany hamantashen as parting gifts for Temple Israel's Masquerade Gala attendees, note cards for cancer patients, origami heart necklaces for women receiving chemo on Valentine's Day, and Hanukah cards for Jewish military men and women serving abroad.



## GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION AND MITZVAH COMMUNITY GARDEN

Did you know that Temple Israel has a community garden? We grow lots of fresh produce April through September that we donate to the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry for those in need. The garden is maintained by our Religious School students during their nature (Teva) class, as well as by green-thumbed volunteers with a knack for growing great food.

Throughout the year, we also ask all plant-loving volunteers to help us garden, plant, weed, and trim to beautify our campus grounds for Shabbat Services and as we prepare for the High Holy Days. If you're interested in being a volunteer gardener, let us know. We can accommodate almost any schedule. If you don't have garden tools or gloves, don't worry! We have extra to share.



## WORSHIP

The Worship Committee provides feedback and guidance for liturgical and music opportunities for Shabbat and holiday worship. They share suggestions, review comments, and seek to improve the worship experience for our diverse congregation.

## THE KAHN FOUNDATION

The Nathan Kahn-Ernestine Kahn-Charles Kahn Foundation of Congregation Temple Israel provides grant opportunities for elderly in need in St. Louis. Since its first grant awarded in 1992, the foundation has distributed over \$2,869,000. Some of the programming that Temple Israel seniors and other seniors from around the community have enjoyed this year include the monthly senior lunches, the Jewish Seniors on the Move program, Maturity and its Muse: Celebrating Art for Senior Engagement Chavurat Shira choir concert, the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for Those in Need, and more.



*“The senior lunches are an activity I enjoy tremendously, and look forward to each month. They are a fun place to meet and greet new and old friends, even as far back as high school, to have a delicious lunch – especially at Temple Israel – and enjoy entertaining varied programs, whether musical, educational, or informative; a wonderful afternoon at \$10!*

**Marge**  
Senior Lunch Attendee

## USHER CORPS

The Usher Corps members serve as greeters and ushers for worship and other congregational events. They are the first friendly faces that you see when you walk through our doors, and they provide support for the needs of visitors and members who are at the Temple for special events and services.







## DEUTSCH EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER PARENTS COMMITTEE

The Deutsch Early Childhood Center (DECC) Parents Committee helps support the preschool director, the teachers, the students and their parents. Any parent with a child enrolled at DECC may participate on the committee. Committee activities include organizing fundraisers, serving as room parents, promoting social action projects, showing teachers appreciation throughout the year, and providing caring support to all of our preschool families.

This year, the Parents Committee:

- Provided lunches for teachers on Conference Days, and yummy breakfasts at their monthly staff meetings,

- Supported mitzvah projects for Temple Israel's partnership with Monroe Elementary School, NCJW's Back to School Store, and hurricane victims,

- Hosted two amazing fundraisers: the Barnes & Noble Bookfair and Family Night at the Magic House,

- Provided funds to purchase supplies for the Nature Room and additional supplies for all classrooms, and holiday and end-of-year gifts for DECC's office staff and specialty teachers.



## TEMPLE ISRAEL RELIGIOUS AND HEBREW SCHOOL

Temple Israel Religious School and Hebrew School seek to provide a strong Jewish educational foundation while fostering a love of being Jewish and a sense of belonging to the Temple, local Jewish community, and to the broader Jewish world. This year we offer Religious School on Sundays for grades K-6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup>. 7<sup>th</sup> grade Religious School meets on Tuesdays, along with our Hebrew School program for grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. Our K-6<sup>th</sup> grade students learn about Torah stories, mitzvot, holidays, lifecycle events, and Jewish culture. 7<sup>th</sup> grade Religious School meets with Rabbi Michael to better understand the joys and responsibilities of becoming a B'nai Mitzvah. 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders discuss the Jewish-American experience, the myriad of ways Jews practice Judaism, and the many other religions practiced throughout the world. Our 10<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation class designs their own course of study with the Rabbis to create a meaningful curriculum and community.

*"Five years ago, we came here solely for the preschool, and we're staying because Temple Israel has become our home."*

**Heather**  
Religious School Parent



## YOUTH GROUP

Temple Israel's Federation of Temple Youth (TIFTY) is specific to this congregation and includes two programs; one is geared toward our middle schoolers (grades 6-8), and the other is structured to appeal to our high schoolers (grades 9-12). The program creates young leaders through active engagement in congregational life and dynamic programs that develop lifelong friendships and a love for Judaism. Many of TIFTY's social events are focused on social action, Shabbat worship and holiday celebrations, retreats, and much more.

This year, the youth group kick-started the 2018-19 school year by hosting a pool party at Temple Israel for all St. Louis area youth group middle and high schoolers, hosted an Israel-themed gathering to celebrate culture and learn about opportunities to travel to Israel, enjoyed a group trip to Flying Spider, and hosted a Hanukkah party. They also did tikkun olam by volunteering at the NCJW Back to School Store and Temple Israel's Thanksgiving Dinner for Those in Need, as well as led Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur High Holy Days Children's Services.

TIFTY is affiliated with the Missouri Valley Region of NFTY, the North American Federation of Temple Youth, and Netzer Olami, the international Reform Zionist youth movement.



*"After spending some time on Temple Israel's website, I decided to try out a class. I came to one, then to others, and now, two years later, I'm still on this exciting journey. Temple Israel has made their educational programming so accessible — I feel invested, not just in learning, but in the entire community."*

**Deb**  
Adult Education Class Attendee

## ADULT EDUCATION

Our Rabbis design classes based on the requests and interests of our members and believe that adult education should be accessible for people of all skill sets and backgrounds. New classes this year include Like Dreamers: Israel in 2019, Torah Tuesdays for Sunday School Dropouts, as well as the return of Temple Israel University, and Saturday Morning Bible Study.



## SPECIAL INTERESTS



### TEMPLE ISRAEL'S WOMEN'S CONNECTION

The mission of Women's Connection is simple: To unite all generations of female members at Temple Israel through periodic events and community service. No matter where you are in your life, Women's Connection provides a welcoming and inclusive space for women to celebrate each other and grow together through Jewish programs, holiday observances, social events, and opportunities to give back to our community and to those in need. Past programs have included a Girls' Night Out, Dressing on a Budget, and the annual Women's Passover Seder.

In 2018, we hosted some spectacular events!

Our Women's Passover Seder was enjoyed by more than 120 Temple Israel women of all ages. We enjoyed a spiritual Seder led by Rabbi Amy Feder with our very own personalized Haggadah; a delicious meal including brisket, salmon, fresh veggies, and dessert; and of course, the mandatory four cups of wine!

Our first ever Rosh Chodesh gathering aimed to celebrate the new moon and inspired each of us to set our intentions for the month to come. We shared food and wine, had an opportunity to donate a blanket to those in need, and enjoyed the company of so many other amazing women from our Temple Israel community.



*"My Jewish journey includes thousands of moments spent in this building, as a student and as a teacher; as a Bat Mitzvah and as the mother of B'nai Mitzvah; as a committee member and as a board member; as a daughter, a granddaughter, a cousin, a friend; as a celebrator and as a mourner. I treasure all of those memories and the loving community I have here."*

**Patty**

*Women's Connection Passover Seder Attendee*

### LGBTQ AFFINITY GROUP

Our LGBTQ members and allies gather together for social opportunities, to work on our annual Pride Shabbat, and to gather for Pride Weekend each summer.





## INTERFAITH INITIATIVE

With the support of the Jonas Weil Endowment of Jewish Federation of St. Louis, Temple Israel serves interfaith couples and families with educational opportunities, date nights out, and other programming and initiatives that aim to celebrate our uniqueness and allow us grow in our faiths, together.

This year, couples have enjoyed two Date Night Out events: a wine sampling event where each couple painted their very own keepsake Kiddush cup, and a Sukkot get-together where guests fulfilled the mitzvah of dwelling in the Sukkah by sharing appetizers, adult beverages, great conversation, and some spiritual enlightenment led by our rabbis. Rabbi Amy also hosted a discussion geared toward interfaith families on how to make meaningful choices that respect both partners' faiths of origin, how to incorporate new traditions, and how to honor tradition without denying the joys of the holiday season.

We showed our support for our refugee community by marching in the Jewish Coalition for New Americans Day Camp "I am an American!" Parade, as well as cooked yummy dishes for the potluck that followed, where new Americans from many countries and varying faiths came together for a day of fun and unity. We also built bridges by mailing outreach letters to more than a dozen churches, mosques, and other houses of worship, where we introduced Temple Israel and invited congregations to experience services and/or a tour of our synagogue.

*"We've loved the interfaith program. It's been wonderful to meet the other interfaith couples and make new friends. The activities have been really meaningful, too. I loved the Shalom wooden signs that we made together (it will become a family heirloom!) and the evening in the Sukkah was just magical. It's another reason that Temple Israel feels like home for us."*

**Lisa**

*Interfaith Couples Night Out Series Attendee*

## ISRAEL ENGAGEMENT

The Israel Engagement Committee seeks to provide cultural and educational opportunities for Temple Israel members to learn about and connect with Israel. A highlight each year is our Annual Israeli Film Festival which is open to the entire community, hosted at Temple Israel, and includes two Israeli films, as well as an intermission with Israeli-style refreshments for all guests to enjoy.





## **LIFECYCLE EVENTS**

Our Rabbis are called upon nearly every week to officiate at lifecycle events. These include Hebrew namings, brit milah ceremonies, consecration, B'nai Mitzvah, Confirmation, conversions, weddings, get ceremonies (for divorce), anniversaries, hospital visits, and funerals.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership is so important to us here at Temple Israel, we've decided to create two distinct focus areas to better support our congregation: Continuing Synagogue Support and Engagement. Both are critical and intertwined.

## **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Temple Israel maintains the utmost confidentiality when it comes to members' dues and philanthropic giving. This year, we did an in-depth look at Temple dues and reached out to those members we had not heard from to ensure they still wanted to be a part of the community. We are proud that we do not turn anyone away because of financial hardship, while at the same time, membership dues are critical to our operations. Fifty-seven percent of our congregation pays dues at the standard level or above and 43% pay below standard, and we could not continue to supplement those in financial hardship without the generosity of our Shofar Society and Rabbis' Circle members.



## LIFECYCLE & MEMBERSHIP

### MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT

This past year, the Membership Committee focused on creating a more personalized and individual connection with each member. Some of our accomplishments were:

We created a volunteer survey to share with the congregation during High Holy Days Services which aimed to spread awareness around the multitude of volunteer opportunities at Temple Israel. Throughout the upcoming year, we'll be advertising these opportunities through our Temple communications which we'll link to a special webpage where members can share their passions and interests and get involved. Take a peek! [www.ti-stl.org/Volunteer](http://www.ti-stl.org/Volunteer)

We designed and printed Mazel Tov, Todah Rabah, and Mi Shebeirach cards to send to our members to congratulate them, recognize special lifecycle events and milestones, thank them for their volunteerism, and/or share spiritual and emotional support during tough times.

We launched our online membership application to provide a more convenient way for potential members to join the community.

We're now matching current members with new members so that they may feel included and welcomed to the Temple Israel family the moment they join.

We're fostering an atmosphere of audacious hospitality Temple-wide and revitalizing the membership committee to reflect that value as we become more inclusive and active.

We're working on plans for engagement-driven activities where Temple members can make meaningful connections with each other.

*"I came to Judaism after my son's death, seeking a way to make meaning of what had happened. Temple Israel embraced my family, my questions, and my pain, and they have given me not just a religion, but a home. After everything we've been through, knowing there is a place for my whole family to belong is priceless."*

**Claudia**

*Chose Judaism and Temple Israel as her Spiritual Home*



# ENSURING RESOURCES & LONGEVITY

## DEVELOPMENT

Our Development Committee is comprised of business and development professionals and Temple members who work to build a culture of philanthropy, inspiring members to take an active role in the Jewish tradition of tzedakah. Part of their focus is on planning and facilitating ways to give that fund Temple operations; but more importantly, the committee creates opportunities for members to support efforts that are meaningful and fulfilling to them personally.

This year, the committee focused on:

- Hosting our bi-annual Gala, a Temple-wide celebration and fundraising event planned by an incredibly talented committee comprised of Temple members

- Our annual High Holy Day Giving Campaign that aims to raise general operating funds that support an array of Temple programs and services

- Planning the direction and strategy behind Temple Israel's Reimagining Campaign, a campaign to raise the necessary funding to enhance our education building's infrastructure and aesthetic

- Planning events that recognize, honor, and thank our Rabbis' Circle members, our Shofar Society, and past and present campaign donors

In the year to come, the committee is excited to focus their efforts around planned giving and growing our major gift program participation.

*"We believe that our collective giving is a Temple-wide commitment to ensuring a vibrant and thriving holy space for our next generation to call home."*

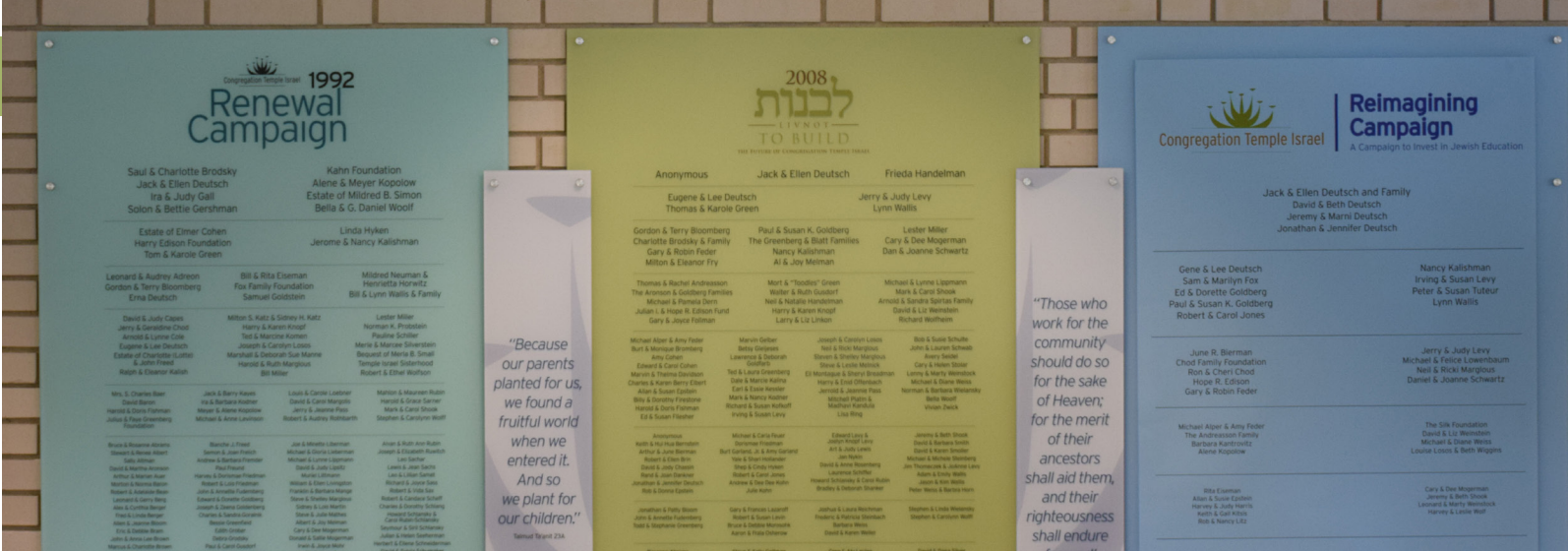
**Jeffrey**  
*Chair, Development Committee*

## FINANCE

The finance committee gives assistance to staff on financial reporting and budgeting, as well as guidance on key financial decisions. The 2017 audit was completed on time and within budget by the auditing firm, CliftonLarsonAllen. The committee members also serve as consultants to the Board and ensure all bids and expense projects fall into the policies of the Temple.







## INVESTMENT

The Investment Committee's role is to safeguard the marketable investment assets of the Temple and to ensure that these assets provide income for current Temple services and needs along with growth of the portfolio. In addition, the committee strives to invest the funds of the endowment in accordance with the mission of the Congregation Temple Israel, "a caring inclusive community committed to living Reform Judaism and participating in the sacred destiny of the Jewish people and Israel through education, worship and repair of the world."

The investment of the Temple's funds is guided by a professional investment advisor. Throughout the year, the Investment Committee reviews portfolio performance and considers the recommendations made by the investment advisor.

In 2018, performance for the Endowment account through September 30, 2018 is up +1.82% net of all fees and expenses.

Returns in 2018 were driven mostly by asset allocation as determined by the investment policy of Temple Israel. To help limit risk, our Investment Policy restricts the equity portion of the portfolio to no more than 65% (60% traditional equities and 5% in alternatives). Bonds and cash make up the remaining percentage of the portfolio.

As the markets have continued to increase, we have recently sold off a percentage of our equities to keep equity allocation below the 60% restriction.

We continue to maintain the asset allocation thresholds as mandated by the guidelines as the equity market reaches new highs, and interest rates rise.

The current allocation of the Endowment portfolio is as follows:

- 5.20% Cash (Money Markets)
- 31.10% Fixed Income (Bonds)
- 59.00% Equities (Stocks) - 32.40% US, 20.80% international, 5.80% emerging market
- 4.70% Equities (Alternatives - MLPs and REITs)

## HUMAN RESOURCES

The Human Resources Committee has focused on performance review forms for the leadership staff, as well as development. Marci Mayer Eisen from JPRO came to TI on two different occasions to give the TI staff tools and resources to ensure the success of the congregation. The focus for 2019 will be around updating the staff handbook and focusing on restructuring benefits and payroll to increase efficiencies.

# FACILITIES, TECHNOLOGY, AND COMMUNICATIONS

## FACILITIES

Next time you're on Temple Israel's campus, take a look around! Our Facilities Committee has led many changes and updates, both inside and outside of the building. Here are a few highlights:

### Upgrading the main Temple Israel office

- New cubicles, office furniture, and carpet
- Conversion of an extra office into a small conference space
- New benches in the May Chapel foyer area
- New carpet leading down the stairs to the Hirsh Auditorium
- New carpet, paint, and blinds in the Meeting Room

This project was budgeted for \$60,000 and came in on time and under budget.

### Completion of our Homeland Security Grant

This grant allows us to invest in new hardware and technology that provides increased safety and security for all our members and guests

This project was budgeted for \$150,000 and is in line to come in on budget.

### The Reimagining Campaign to upgrade our Education Center

Phase 1 was completed in 2017 and included new handicap accessible bathrooms, a fire suppression system, upgraded plumbing, and some site improvements to the pool and playground areas

Phase 2 funds have been raised and will include an updated HVAC system, new windows, and additional safety and accessibility features

Phase 3, when funded, will involve completion of the interior renovations to the Education Center

Town Hall meetings have been held to share details about this exciting investment in our future. The official kick off for Phase 3 will be in the first quarter of 2019. We hope you'll join us to be a part of this special piece of Temple Israel history!

*"Our community is built on a tradition of generosity, and we're so excited to see what we can build together."*

**Rachel**

*Executive Director, Temple Israel*







## TECHNOLOGY

The Technology Committee was instrumental in helping Temple Israel reduce costs, while increasing the technology footprint. Here is a recap of the accomplishments:

**Firewall:** A new firewall, Forticlient, was installed which will be able to help us control content accessed throughout the building.

**Laptops:** We purchased twelve new laptops for the Education Building as well as storage/charging cases. Funding came through generous supporters of our Wish List, as well as the Hermann & Erna Deutsch Student Resource Center Fund.

**Wireless:** Multiple new wireless access points were installed throughout the building to provide better coverage.

**Live Stream:** The TV by the main sanctuary now streams services.

**Server:** The server was relocated prior to the office rehab project, to allow more room in the main office.

**Homeland Grant:** New entrance security, as well as new hardware and software, was installed to comply with the requirements of the Homeland Security grant received in 2016.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Our communications committee is comprised of marketing and PR professionals, writers and editors, and creative minds, as well as Temple Israel members who enjoy steering our messaging and moving our brand to the next level. This year, the committee has contributed to the look and messaging of our Annual High Holy Days Giving appeal, chosen the creative agency who facilitated our Reimagining Campaign brand, written articles for our blog, contributed to and edited countless Dateline Bulletins and creative materials, and have shared their expertise, guidance, and creative direction both individually and as a group for a multitude of special projects.

## AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS



### BOY SCOUT TROOP 11

Temple Israel sponsors a Boy Scout Troop that includes boys of all religious backgrounds from the community. Beyond their regular scouting opportunities, they serve as volunteers at Temple Israel programs and host regular retreats at the Edison Retreat Center.

*“The Jewish faith is based around respect, tradition, and education. At Temple Israel’s prayerbook burial ceremony every participant gained a deeper understanding of each.”*

**Tyler**


*Young adult Temple Israel Member & Prayerbook Burial Volunteer*



### NEW MOUNT SINAI CEMETERY

Temple Israel and Shaare Emeth co-own a beautiful cemetery located in Affton, MO. This Reform cemetery is one of the only Jewish cemeteries in St. Louis that allows interfaith couples to be buried together. New director Don Meissner has spent this year updating the cemetery’s social media, finding new ways to make people aware of the cemetery, and maintaining the space beautifully.





keeping  
commitments

finishing  
self-imposed  
tasks

Photo by Heather Stump  
Taken at our S'lichot program on Saturday, September 1, 2018





# THANK YOU

*Thank you for being a part of the Temple Israel community. We are so glad that you are here!*





**2018 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Left to Right - Top:** Dr. David Weinstein, Debbie Schultz, Jeremy Shook, Dee A. Mogerman, Louise Losos, and Brad Arst

**Left to Right - Bottom:** Allan Epstein, Rob Litz, Amy Lampert, and David Chassin

**Not Pictured:** Neil Marglous, Kathy de la Garza Ortals, and Michael Weiss

## **SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY TO HONOR TEMPLE LEADERS**

CELEBRATE ANY OF OUR  
INCOMING/OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS OR AWARD RECIPIENTS  
WITH A **TRIBUTE DONATION** IN THEIR HONOR

### **MAKE A TRIBUTE ONLINE:**

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AND MAKE YOUR TRIBUTE TODAY:

**[WWW.TI-STL.ORG/ANNUALMEETING](http://WWW.TI-STL.ORG/ANNUALMEETING)**

### **MAKE A TRIBUTE BY MAIL:**

MAIL IN THE NAME OF THE PERSON YOU'D LIKE TO HONOR ALONG  
WITH A CHECK TO TEMPLE ISRAEL AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

**PO BOX 790379, ST. LOUIS, MO 63179-0379**

*Full Slate of Nominees on page 3.*

The following members of our Rabbis' Circle and Shofar Society voluntarily contribute at levels that exceed standard dues. Their generous gifts represent almost half of our annual revenue from synagogue support, helping us to bridge the gap between dues income and operating expenses and enabling us to welcome all who seek to join our congregation, regardless of their financial means.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our Rabbis' Circle and Shofar Society members for their generosity. If you would like to join the Rabbis' Circle or Shofar Society, please contact Rachel Wallis Andreasson, Executive Director, at [randreasson@ti-stl.org](mailto:randreasson@ti-stl.org) or **314-548-9743**.

(\*) Denotes new members of the Rabbis' Circle or the Shofar Society

(\*\*) Denotes moving up a level

## RABBIS' CIRCLE

### HILLEL

Sam & Marilyn Fox  
Irving & Susan Levy

### AKIBA

Thomas & Rachel Andreasson  
June Bierman  
Harold & Elaine Blatt\*\*  
Eugene & Lee Deutsch  
Jack & Ellen Deutsch  
Jeremy & Marni Deutsch  
Jonathan & Jennifer Deutsch  
Hope Edison  
Allan & Susie Epstein

Judy Gall  
Paul & Susan Goldberg  
Morty Green  
Earl & Essie Kessler  
Howard Lesser  
Jerry & Judy Levy  
Michael & Felice Lowenbaum  
Cary & Dee Mogerman  
Jay & Heather Padratzik

Mark & Jeniffer Rubenstein\*  
Joseph Silverman\*\*  
Noma Simon & Robert Stone  
Adam & Emily Wallis  
Jason Wallis  
Lynn Wallis  
Peter Weiss & Barbra Horn  
Vivian Zwick

## SHOFAR SOCIETY

### TEKIAH GEDOLAH

Gordon & Terry Bloomberg  
Norman & Barbara Hausfater  
Nancy Kalishman

Gary & Frances Lazaroff  
Herman & Hilde Rochman  
Dan & Joanne Schwartz\*\*

### TERUAH

Donald Blum  
Eric & Elaine Bly  
Robert & Ellen Brin  
Matt Bruckel & Katherine Green Bruckel  
Henry & Ellen Dubinsky  
Rita Eiseman  
Bettie Gershman  
Edward & Dorette Goldberg  
Joe & Abby Goldberg  
Kenneth & Helen Goldstein

Howard & Alice Handelman  
Neil & Natalie Handelman  
Eugene & Joan Kraus  
Constance Levy  
Mont & Karen Levy  
Larry & Liz Linkon  
Larry & Patty Malashock  
Neil & Ricki Marglous  
Joy Melman  
Steve & Leslie Melnick

Bruce & Caryn Sandweiss  
Laurence Schiffer  
Arnold & Sandra Spirtas  
Leonard & Marty Weinstock  
Howard & Bonnie Weiss



## SHEVARIM

Leonard & Audrey Adreon  
Stewart Albert  
David & Martha Aronson  
Keith & Hui Hua Bernstein  
Marcia Bernstein  
Robert & Susan Bernstein  
Ivan & Linda Blumoff  
Jeffrey & Katie Brodsky\*\*  
Amy Cohen  
Edward & Carol Cohen  
Pamela Dern  
James & Carolyn Eiseman  
Charles & Karen Elbert

Gary & Robin Feder  
William & Dorothy Firestone  
Doris Fishman  
Fred & Barbara Flegel  
Jeff & Lotta Fox  
Sarijane Freiman  
Gary Handelman  
Suzanne Hoffman  
David & Barbara Kantrovitz  
Jerome & Linda Kraus  
Lois Levin  
Adele Lewis  
Michael & Lynne Lippmann

Mark & Wendy Ludwig  
Debbie Manne  
Shelley Marglous  
Dorothy Meyerson  
Leslie Nackman  
Aaron & Frala Osherow  
Jules & Joyce Pass  
Melvin & Aileen Rabushka  
Betsy Rubenstein\*  
James Schiele  
Robert & Nancy Spewak  
Richard & Lecie Steinbaum  
Arnold & Dotty Tepper

Jim Thomeczek & JoAnne Levy  
Peter & Susan Tuteur  
Chad & Sarah Wallis  
Pamela Becker Weilitz\*\*  
David & Liz Weinstein  
Michael & Diane Weiss  
Norman & Barbara Wielansky  
Stephen & Linda Wielansky  
Don Wiley  
Jeff Winnick

## TEKIAH

Scott & Robin Alton  
Arthur & Marian Auer  
Fred & Joy Balis  
Barry & Susan Barber  
Phil & Beverly Barron\*  
Mark & Joelle Biernacki  
Les & Ruth Block\*  
Lawrence & Janice Brody  
Jeff Brown & Amy Fenster Brown  
Craig & Elizabeth Buchman\*  
David & Jody Chassin  
Ronald & Cheri Chod  
Darryl & Kathy Cohen  
Bill & Lisa Cohen  
Michael Dern\*  
Ryan & Laura Fields  
Terrence & Pepe Finn  
Ed & Susan Fliesher  
Gary & Joyce Follman  
Shanon & Naomi Forseter  
Charles & Elaine Fremder  
Robert & Mary Ellen Freund\*  
Milton & Eleanor Fry  
Arthur Gale  
Burton Garland, Jr. & Amy Garland  
Leonard Gaum  
Robert & Cathy Goldsticker  
Karole Green  
Richard Greenberg & Claire Schenk  
Ronald & Jan Greenberg

Ted & Laura Greenberg  
Robert Hahn & Amy Knoblock-Hahn  
Harvey & Judy Harris  
Arnold & Myrna Hershman  
Philip & Linda Horwitz  
Warner & Helane Isaacs  
Dale & Marcie Kalina  
Michael & Jodi Kaplan  
Jonathan & Sally King  
Mark & Nancy Kodner  
Richard & Lisa Kraner  
Amy Lampert  
Jayne Langsam  
Greg & Aly Levine  
Robert & Susan Levin  
Robert & Marjie Levy\*  
David & Elayne Lieberman  
David & Judith Lipsitz  
Rob & Nancy Litz  
Louis & Carole Loebner  
Daniel & Lisa London  
Joseph & Carolyn Losos  
Louise Losos & Beth Wiggins  
Kenneth & Loren Ludmerer  
Donald & Sallie Mogerman  
Dolores Newport  
Jan Nykin  
Bob & Kathy Ortvals  
Michael & Diane Packman  
Laurence & Cheryl Perlstein

Paul & Judith Putzel  
Robert & Mary Rosenblum  
Steven & Karla Rosenblum  
James & Diana Rothbarth  
Marcos & Cathy Rothstein  
Norman & Michele Roth  
Norma Scallet  
Howard Schlansky & Carol Rubin  
Debbie Schultz  
Bob & Susie Schulte  
Julian & Helen Seeherman  
Avery Seidel  
Bradley & Debbie Shanker  
Walter & Jennifer Shifrin  
Jeremy & Beth Shook  
Mark & Carol Shook\*  
Marcee Silverstein  
Robert & Elizabeth Snidman  
Judith Stenzel  
Jeffrey & Martina Stern  
Cary & Helen Stolar  
Mark & Jane Tucker  
Scott & Rita Waldman  
David Weiss & Bobby Sanderson  
Edward & Barbara Weiss  
Marlita Weiss  
Terry & Phyllis Weiss  
David & Karen Weller  
Brett & Kimberly Wolf

*"The Shofar Society is a mitzvah...a good deed...and really, a commandment; but more than anything, it's a privilege to open the doors to all who want to join us."*

**Jan**  
*Shofar Society Member*

# ANNUAL HIGH HOLY DAYS GIVING 2018

Stephen M. Ackerman <i>In honor of Julia Steinback</i>	Matt & Anna Bukhshtaber	Sarijane Freiman	Sally I. Heller & Ron Van Fleet <i>In honor of Delores Heller</i>
Leonard Adreon	Gary & Kim Bussard	Robert & Mary Ellen Freund	Roy & Susan Hendin
Michael Alper & Amy Feder	David & Debbie Caplin	Milton & Eleanor Fry <i>In memory of Susan Fry</i>	Carolyn Henges <i>In honor of Victoria Drier</i>
Thomas & Rachel Andreasson <i>In honor of the Biernacki family's contributions during the High Holy Days</i>	F. Chasen	Gary & Joyce Follman	Lisa Hirshberg
Anonymous	David & Jody Chassin	Judy Gall	Dan & Janie Hochman
Anonymous	Edward & Carol Cohen	David & Sabina Garfinkel	Philip & Linda Horwitz
Anonymous	Kay Cohen <i>In memory of Robert S. Cohen</i>	David Gitt	Larry Jablonow
Harriette Arkin <i>In memory of Lloyd Arkin</i>	Peter & Gisela Cohen	Janice Gitt <i>In honor of Larry Malashock</i>	Dale & Marcie Kalina
David & Martha Aronson	Harold & Paula Colton	Eleanor Glick	Nancy F. Kalishman <i>In memory of Jerry Kalishman</i>
Brad & Alissa Arst	Jerrold Comensky	Ed & Dorette Goldberg	Brett & Tzivia Kalmes
Randy & Cathy Arst	Richard & Mary Dalton	Paul & Susan Goldberg	Wayne & Gloria Kaufman
Craig Altman	Paul & Robi Damyan	Jay Goldburg	Earl & Essie Kessler
Alex Belotserkovsky	Michael Dern	Marvin Goldfarb <i>In memory of Al Bohne Goldfarb, Melba Goldfarb, Wesley Goldfarb, and Lori Shelton</i>	Irene Kessler <i>In memory of Ralph Kaufman</i>
Igor & Raisa Belotserkovsky <i>In honor of Boris Belotserkovsky</i>	Pamela Dern	Jerry Goldstein	Amanda Klopfenstein <i>In memory of Nick Roodman</i>
Alex & Cynthia Berger <i>In honor of Rabbi Amy Feder</i>	David & Beth Deutsch	Linda Goldstein	Richard & Susan Kofkoff
Marcia Bernstein	Gene & Lee Deutsch <i>In memory of Erna &amp; Hermann Deutsch</i>	Ralph Goldsticker <i>In memory of Helen Goldsticker</i>	Alene Kopolow
Robert & Patricia Bernstein	Jack & Ellen Deutsch	Robert & Cathy Goldsticker	William & Peggy Kornfein
Rob & Anna Bertman	Jonathan & Jennifer Deutsch	Jim, Cary, Jill, and Joey Goldwasser	Edward & Judith Koshner
Jessica Billhymer	Tom & Kathy DeWoskin <i>In honor of Terry &amp; Phyllis Weiss</i>	Lisa Goozh	Eugene & Joan Kraus
Beryl Binowitz	Gary & Irina Dubinovsky <i>In honor of S. Stanislavsky</i>	Morty Green	Jerry & Linda Kraus <i>In honor of the Temple Israel Choir</i>
Mark Blackwood <i>In memory of Delores Bossie</i>	Hope Edison	Richard Greenberg & Claire Schenk	David Kravitz
Les & Ruth Block	Allan & Susie Epstein	Sandra Greenberg	David & Martha Kreipke
Harry J. Bluestein	Jerrold Epstein	Ted & Laura Greenberg	Bernard Kunitz
Ivan & Linda Blumoff	Jerome Faintich	Dan Grossman	Amy Lampert
Marc Braun	Ron & Sarah Falkoff	Paul & Carol Gusdorf	Suzanne Lasky <i>For Alvin Lasky &amp; Jack Ansehl</i>
Sharol Brickman	Christopher & Emilie Fan	Lev Guter & Katie Rice-Guter	Gary & Frances Lazaroff
Jeffrey & Katie Brodsky	Gary & Robin Feder	David & Robin Gutmann	Benjamin & Lois Lefton
Burt & Monique Bromberg <i>In memory of Margy &amp; Jake Bromberg</i>	Mark Feldman	Robert & Amy Hahn	Joy Lending
Jeff & Amy Brown	Marge Fenster <i>In memory of Ronald Fenster</i>	Chuck Halpern	David & Esther Levine
Ronald Brown	Steve & Dena Ferman	Harvey & Judy Harris	Jeff & Louise Levine
Craig & Liz Buchman	Michael & Carla Feuer	David & Renee Hartstein	David Levinson
	Mitchell & Jayme Fingerman	Howard R. Hearsh <i>In memory of Betty Hearsh</i>	
	Ed & Susan Fliesher		
	Julius & Susan Frager		



Ellen Sue Levy & Carl Desenberg <i>In honor of Jerry Levy's 84<sup>th</sup> Birthday</i>	Leslie Nackman	Jeremy & Beth Shook	Michael & Diane Weiss
Jerry & Judy Levy	Steven Natuman	Mark & Carol Shook	Sanford & Ellen Weiss
Mont & Karen Levy	Julie Nichols	Stephen Shrager	Terry & Phyllis Weiss <i>In memory of Lillian Karsh Hendin</i>
Arthur & Judy Lewis	Jan Nykin & family <i>In memory of Enid &amp; Harry Offenbach</i>	Barbara Silver	David & Karen Weller
Thomas & Adele Lewis	Andrew & Julie Olschansky	Noma Simon <i>In memory of our loved one</i>	Mickey & Sam Wendling
Joe & Minnette Liberman	Bob and Kathy Ortvals	Steven & Lael Simon	Steven & Linda Wielansky
Myra Link	Leanne Ortvals	Mark & Nancy Sophir	Kenneth & Eva Wilde
Elizabeth & Larry Linkon	Robert & Lori Ortvals	Bob & Nancy Spewak	Deborah Withington
Michael & Lynne Lippmann	Amanda Packman	Melford & Sharon Spiegelglass	Alan & Eleanor Wolff
Arthur & Adele Litz <i>In memory of Michael H. Litz</i>	Ella Raber	Clifford Spinner	Rich Wooten & Julie Follman
Rob & Nancy Litz <i>In honor of Adele &amp; Arthur Litz</i>	Howard Rader	Arnold & Sandra Spirtas	Aubrey Yawitz <i>In memory of Juanita Yawitz</i>
Joseph & Carolyn Losos <i>In honor of Louise Losos</i>	Andrew Rehfeld & Miggie Greenberg	Martin & Karen Stein	Valeria Yershov
Louise Losos & Beth Wiggins	Mark Rivkin <i>In honor of Mark Shook</i>	Irvin & Sharon Steinberg <i>In honor of Michael, Michele, Miriam, and Jessica Steinberg's reading on Yom Kippur</i>	John Yunker
Michael & Felice Lowenbaum <i>In honor of Rabbi Amy Feder</i>	Herman & Hilde Rochman	Michael & Michele Steinberg	Fran Zamler <i>In memory of Ruth Berger</i>
Loren & Ken Ludmerer <i>In memory of our parents</i>	Lorraine Rosenberg <i>In memory of Theodore Rosenberg</i>	Arthur & Susan Stiefel	
Mark & Wendy Ludwig <i>In honor of our parents</i>	Steve & Karla Rosenblum	Jeffrey & Martina Stern	
Craig Mandel	Tom Rosenfeld	Cary & Helen Stolar	
Jordan Mandel	Jim & Dana Rothberg	Bob Stone	
Neil & Ricki Marglous	Maya Samoylovich	Elaine Tatkow	
Shelley Marglous	Barbara Sandmel	Jim Thomeczek & JoAnne Levy	
Sidney & Marjorie Martin <i>In memory of Lois Martin</i>	Bruce & Caryn Sandweiss <i>In honor of our wonderful Rabbis</i>	Mark & Jane Tucker	
Matthew May & Erin Wolfman May	Ron & Darcy Scharff	Peter & Susan Tuteur	
Betsy Mehlman	Laurence Schiffer	Scott & Rita Waldman	
Morgan, Matt, Lila, Grey, and Jack Meyers	Howard Schlansky & Carol Rubin <i>In memory of Ruth Ann &amp; Rabbi Alvan Rubin</i>	Lynn Wallis <i>In memory of Bill, Gigi, and Grandpa</i>	
Dorothy Meyerson	John & Erin Schneider	Harmon Wasserman	
Cary & Dee Mogerman	Debbie Schultz	James & Pat Wedner	
Ronald & Stephanie Moidel	Christine Schulze & Jeremy Hodess	Pam Weilitz <i>In honor of Alan Weilitz</i>	
Jackie Moore	Dan & Joanne Schwartz <i>In honor of our grandchildren</i>	Andy & Amy Weinhaus	
Marvin & Sandra Muchnick	Julian & Helen Seeherman	David & Liz Weinstein	
	Ilya Shlafshhteyn & Zhanna Bershteyn	Leonard & Marty Weinstock	
		Michael Weiser <i>In honor of Dan &amp; Joanne Schwartz</i>	
		Evan & Amy Weiss	

# ABOUT TEMPLE ISRAEL

## MISSION

**Congregation Temple Israel** is a caring, inclusive community committed to living Reform Judaism and participating in the sacred destiny of the Jewish people and Israel through education, worship, and repair of the world.

## VISION

Since its founding in 1886, Congregation Temple Israel has been a leading synagogue within Reform Judaism and the United States.

Our legacy is the product of a deep love of God, Torah, and the Jewish people, and of the generosity, commitment, and vision which such love engenders. Continuing our pursuit of excellence and well-being, and building upon our Strategic Plan, the following represents our vision for Temple Israel as we look to the future.

**Our caring shall know no limits.**

**Our inclusiveness shall be unqualified.**

**Our Judaism shall be living and nourishing to the soul.**

**Our love of the Jewish people and Israel shall be overflowing.**

**Our education shall prepare and inspire us to engage in living Judaism.**

**Our worship shall bring the Divine Presence into our midst and nourish our souls.**



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Congregation Temple Israel's  
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