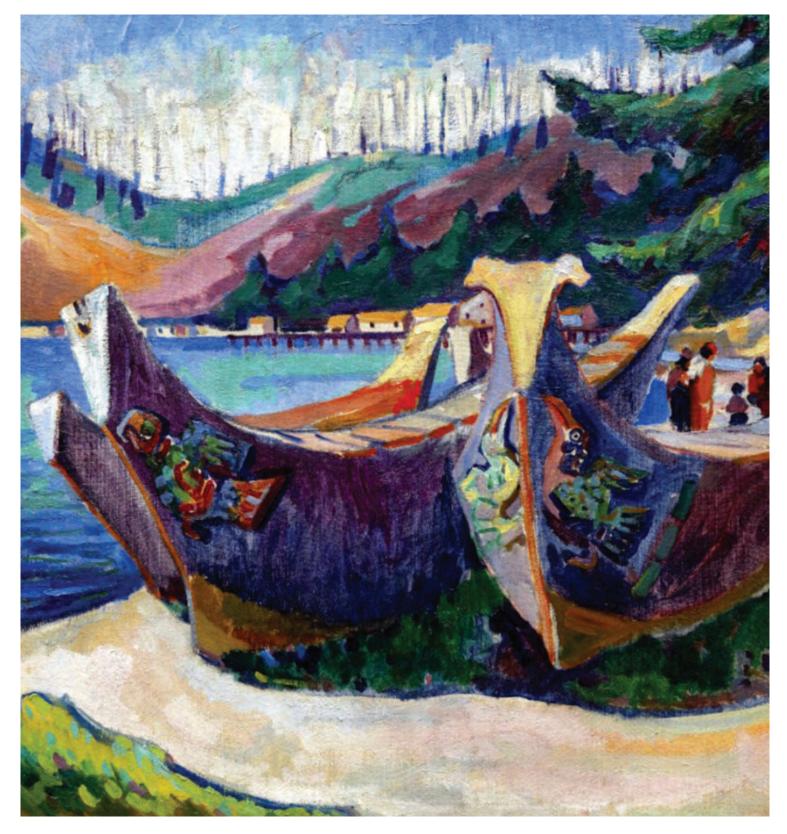
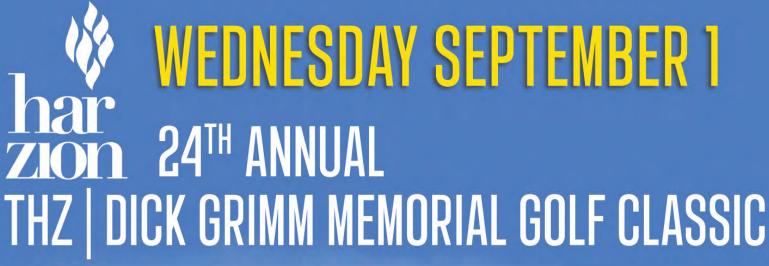


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July 9 - 10

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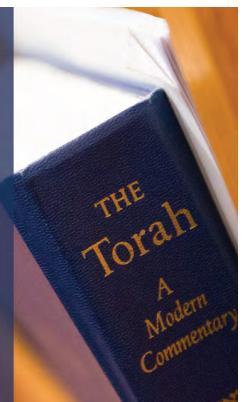
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## Recovery and renewal

### **by Cory Weiss** Rabbi

T he Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR), our Reform Rabbis' organization, recently gave local rabbinic groups a beautiful gift. They paid for us to have professionals come and speak to our groups (in our case, the Reform Rabbis of Greater Toronto) about COVID trauma and recovery. We were blessed to spend two sessions with Dr. Betsy Stone, who spoke to our congregation last year.

Dr. Stone talked to us about growth, and how we grow by experiencing trauma in our lives and then experiencing recovery. Every one of us has been traumatized to some degree in the past year and a half by COVID-19, whether we contracted the virus, suffered through endless months of lockdown, had to learn to do everything we used to do in person by Zoom, or had to be apart from our loved ones for what seems like ages (or were cooped up with our loved ones for what seems like ages!).

She shared with us six areas of post-traumatic growth, and suggested some questions to ask ourselves to aid in our recovery. I wanted to share them with you as we slowly, slowly begin to return to normal (such as it may be in a post-COVID world).

### 1) Awareness of Personal Strengths:

What am I good at? What are my personal skills? Where am I strong? Where do I have an impact?

### 2) Reprioritization of Values:

What matters to me? What things on my very full plate can be postponed?

## 3) Changes in Relationships:

What relationships have deepened or changed over the course of the year? How have I given or received emotional support?

## 4) Appreciation of Life:

What have been my *Shehecheyanu* moments? What blessings have I received? Some are small (like the first tomato of the summer), and some are big (like the first hugs from family).

### 5) Creativity:

In what ways have I expressed my creativity? Examples: art, cooking, baking, music, writing, crafts

## 6) Spiritual Change and Development:

What is a spiritual experience you've had this year and why would you use the world "spiritual" to describe it?

All of these help us to grow through trials and tribulations, though not all of us experience each one. As the summer proceeds and the High Holy Days approach, these are good questions to be asking ourselves. Perhaps they would make a good Shabbat discussion around the table (or even on Zoom).

This year has been so strange and difficult. I pray that we'll be together soon, and we'll be able to celebrate and revel in the growth we've experienced, and to comfort each other over our losses. I hope this summer will bring good news, and physical emotional, and spiritual recovery from COVID.

L'Shalom, Rabbi Cory Weiss





I pray that we'll be together soon, and we'll be able to celebrate and revel in the growth we've experienced.



## IN-PERSON SHABBAT SERVICES

We are pleased to be able to now allow up to 25 members to attend Shabbat services, in person. This will be on a first come, first served basis. Members wishing to attend in person must first complete a registration and waiver form. This form is available each week for the upcoming Shabbat services from noon Sunday to noon Friday. CLICK HERE to register.



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# Gratitude, community and connection

by Rachael Littman Cantor

Iam honoured to have this opportunity to share the remarks I delivered at the Annual General Meeting and Volunteer Recognition evening.

As my one-year anniversary with Temple Har Zion approaches, it has been hard to tell if this past year has flown by or if it has felt like 100 years. What I do know, is that I am repeatedly struck by how grateful I am to have joined this amazing community. Although the pandemic has obviously made it quite difficult to "meet" and get to know each of you in person, I have had the opportunity to "meet" many of you in a zoom meeting/class/or service. When I first arrived last year, Melissa Kline, Chair of my Welcome Committee, organized Zoom meetings so that I could meet with many congregants. Although I have not had the privilege to connect with all of you, I am hopeful that we will connect in person in the near future.

I first must thank Brena Taylor. From my initial experience at THZ when being introduced to her as the Temple President, I was not only warmly welcomed by an amazing Cantorial Search committee led by Claude Heimann, but also to Brena's invaluable presence and support. I have appreciated seeing her thumbs up during services and I'm grateful that she has been present not only within her role as President, but because Brena is Brena. She has been available for every single question and concern. She continued as our Gabbai and became our COVID Torah holder and so much more. Yet, most importantly to me, Brena has become a dear friend. Brena will always be a treasured gift and support, regardless of her title. Despite this being the end of what on a good day may have been described as an extremely challenging term as President, she will remain precious to me, and I suspect all at THZ.

Every week my parents, both recently retired, have reminded me of how grateful they have been throughout the past year to structure their week around Shabbat. In a million years I would not have believed services that were led from another country could become such an important part of their week, and I hope they are not alone in finding our services meaningful.

I have been incredibly fortunate to work with such a supportive Rabbi. Rabbi Weiss has been respectful and encouraging from my first day at THZ. Being part of a clergy team, staff, and lay leaders that all work well together, provides the ability to make the most of each other's strengths and best meet the needs of our congregation. This is what I had always hoped for and this has made my returning to a full-time pulpit the right decision for me.

There are too many people to thank, but I would be remiss if I did not mention key people who have been present during my transition year. Eleanor Rice has been a privilege to work with, and she has spent hours upon hours making sure that I am familiar with the music of THZ. Working with her has felt easy from the beginning, and we have begun to develop a synchronicity that allows for the creation of something very beautiful. It is something that words cannot describe, and what I pray is conveyed to you and makes you feel part of something special. When our voices join together we create a stronger community.

I feel very fortunate that our community has an amazing Education Director. Judy Silver brings innovation to our Religious School, and inspires the next generation of educators and learners. Julie Sermer, although a fulltime Director of Education at another congregation, will thankfully remain part of our community and continue to join us for Family Services.

Our Financial Administrator Marie Corvese, former Executive Director Carol Handelman and our new Interim Director Morris Maron, and their assistant/events and logistics coordinator Sarah Greene; and of course, our clergy assistant and communications extraordinaire Jaye Goldberg, all deserve thanks. I recognized THZ was a special place even before I became your Cantor. Knowing how significant longevity of clergy and staff is for a congregation, upon realizing that Rabbi Weiss has served your congregation for 15 years I was impressed. It's even more impressive that your Emeritus, Rabbi Michael Stroh, and your recently retired Hazzanit Tara Abrams, both remain a devoted part of our Temple.

I know that there are many of you who would have joined us in services, in voice or instrument had there not been a pandemic. Nonetheless, I was given the gift of working with some of you. Cheryl Ackerman, an amazing flautist, Ian Silver, song leader and guitarist, Jacob Weiss who plays a mean beat box; Robyn Rozen who has co-led Friday evening services with me; Jessie Saunders-Drutz, our resident Purim Shpiel co-creator, performer, singer, and audio/video producer, and of course our IT expert, Serge Adam, who has spent almost every single Shabbat and Festival with us in the sanctuary.

I look forward to working with our new Temple President Sheree Davis and anticipate continuing a constructive and positive relationship with her and our entire board. In closing, I would like to congratulate all the volunteers who were recognized. Each of you holds a treasured position within our community. My supportive partner Alyssa and I are excited to become even more integrated into the Temple family, and more importantly, to each of your lives.

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# The Temple Community is like a warm embrace

by Sheree Davis President



I may not be a weekly Shabbat attendee, but I have been at Temple a lot these last five years and I missed not being there for programs, services and meetings. Since June 2020, I found that when I thought about Temple, I felt that warm embrace. In a way, it became emblematic of what I missed about Temple - the warm embrace of the Temple community and the connections that lie beneath. It's part of the reason I chose to become President of our Temple. It's why I renewed my Temple membership the day I received the membership package in the mail. I want to be sure that this community survives and thrives.

This past year has been both challenging and unique for our community. Yet, despite not being able to gather together in person, we've managed to worship together, to celebrate our most precious lifecycle events together, to say good-bye

together, express our condolences and compassion together, learn and laugh together, help together, share a l'chaim together and make sure that we continue to flourish together, as a community.

Jewish and non-Jewish media have been writing about the future of houses of worship and whether they will survive, given trends in membership and attendance, especially after their buildings have largely been closed to during COVID. As we lamented our inability to convene in-person family or communal gatherings for Shabbat, holidays and festivals, something unusual happened. More and more people attended Zoom worship. As we transitioned to livestreaming services, attendance increased. Torah Study attendance increased. Sisterhood often attracted attendance of 40 to 70 people for their programs. Morning Minyan attendance increased. We learned to paint with Jill Segal online. We exercised and did yoga with our Temple community online. Our school children studied online, MHarZY participated in Kallot. We came together in larger numbers. We turned to our Temple community. We owe a great deal of thanks to Rabbi Weiss, Cantor Littman, Eleanor Rice, Judy Silver and her teaching staff, Carol Handelman, our amazing office team Jaye, Marie and Sarah as well as our lay leadership — our Board, Executive, Committee Chairs and our many other volunteers.

In particular, we need to celebrate the leadership of our outgoing president, Brena Taylor, her exceptional devotion to Temple, and her broad knowledge and experience in virtually every aspect of Temple life and activity. Anything she did in the last two years was for the membership of Temple. She was the right president to lead our community through this pandemic.



So why am I telling you this? Won't things go back to the way they were as we gradually reopen? Yes and no.

When we're back to offering worship, education and social programming in person, we'll continue to increase access to the services and programs we offer our membership by continuing to provide the option of online access, wherever possible. We will make Temple offerings more accessible.

Just as through the ages, in times of uncertainty and distress, Jews have turned to their Jewish community, our membership and community members turned to the Har Zion community and we were there for them.

Let's be honest, that's only possible because of membership fees, donations, volunteers and lay leadership, and our staff. Our world will continue to change and we will still need to adapt to those changes. New York Rabbi Hyim Shafner suggests that congregations will need to adapt our spiritual tools, expand our concept of community, and review our culture of welcoming. He suggests we need to be flexible enough to meet the varied needs of the Jewish people, secular and non-secular, and embrace innovation.

To do that we need the continuing commitment of membership. Whether or not you are planning to enter the lottery to attend one of our High Holy Days services, I encourage you to continue to support Temple Har Zion and the community that it has built by completing and submitting your member contribution forms as soon as possible to enable this community to continue to adapt and thrive this year, and for many years to come.

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## Did Doris Day write "Que Sera Sera"?

by Eleanor Ackerman Rice Music Director

Recently, when I looked up the lyrics for this song for my Baycrest Sing-A-Long, Google listed the song with Doris Day's name under the title as though she was the composer. The names of the two talented and successful Jewish musicians who wrote the music and lyrics were: Jay Livingston and Ray Évans. It was first published in 1955.

Maybe I was sensitive to the way the song was listed because I have written some of the compositions you've heard at Temple Har Zion.

of the gift that God has given me, Rabbi Weiss, David Saslove, Julian Pencharz, Ian Silver and many other people who are able to create something original with just twelve notes. Yes. It is true. While there are fifty-two letters in the alphabet, there are only twelve notes for us to play with.

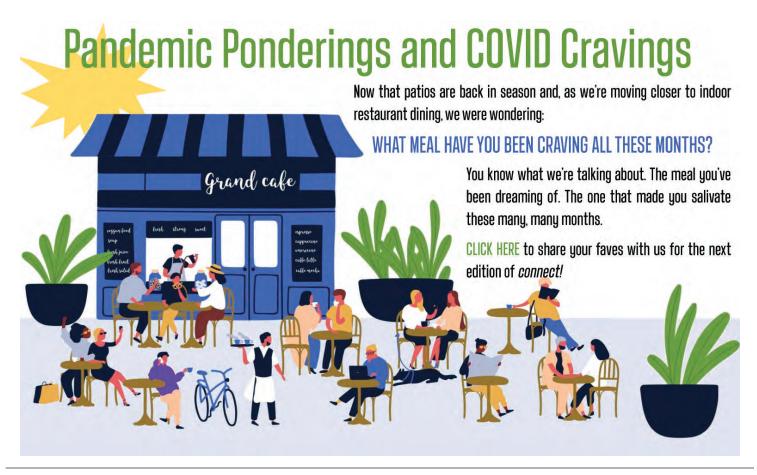
Sometimes I think there should be a playbill at services, so you could appreciate the composers of the wonderful melodies and arrangements you love to hear there.

Maybe I have a certain appreciation I know that sometime soon, when

you are back in your seats in our sanctuary, and you hear Shebeirach by Debbie Friedman, or Shalom Rav by Ben Steinberg, or Modim by Rabbi Weiss - or maybe even one of my Mi Chamochas you'll know, even with your eyes closed, "There's no place like home". Do you know who wrote "Over the Rainbow?" Google it and I hope you don't find Judy Garland's name under the title.

Hoping our music continues to help us Connect, Engage and Inspire.

Eleanor





# Introducing Morris: He's here to help

by Morris Maron Interim Executive Director

I am thrilled to have the opportunity to join Temple Har Zion as its Interim Executive Director. I want to thank the Officers and Board, the Rabbi and Cantor, the staff, and especially the members who have talked to or emailed me, for the wonderfully warm welcome I have received.

I am a native Montrealer and have a daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter who just turned two-and-a-half years old.

While in Montreal, I received my CA designation and was actively involved in the Jewish Federation as the Campaign Chair of the Young Adult Division, Chair of the Community Planning and Allocations Committee, and Treasurer of the Federation.

Beginning as a partner in a small firm of Chartered Accountants, I was later recruited by a large US computer company that was setting up a branch office in Montreal. They then sent me to Toronto to head up an acquisition they had made and became Branch Manager and Sr. Business Development Manager. This was a wonderful opportunity as it also allowed me to be with my daughter who had previously moved here.

Settling in Thornhill, I joined the Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto synagogue (BAYT) and remain a member today. While at the BAYT, I was a Fundraising Chair, cochair of the HR Committee, served on the Board as Secretary, and then Treasurer. After a lengthy search for an Executive Director, the President at the time asked me if I would take on the role, which I did

because I have always had a passion for community involvement. My contract has since ended and now I'm delighted to be working at Temple Har Zion.

We are all working hard at THZ in preparation for opening the building and welcoming our members back to the synagogue and getting ready for the High Holy Days. I look forward to seeing you all, and I'm here to help with any questions you may concerning membership including your membership renewal, which hopefully you will do within the next little while.

Please feel free to reach out to me by email, morris@harzion.ca or by phone, 905-889-2252 ext.103.

Morris



# 5782 Book of Remembrance

This is truly a special way for remembering and honouring your loved ones who are no longer with you, in addition to supporting Temple with this meaningful fundraising endeavour.

To remember your loved ones in this year's Book of Remembrance, please CLICK HERE.

Submissions will be closed on August 3.

## Meet our new Board Members

## Peter Drutz, Vice President



Peter and his family joined Temple over 20 years ago when his youngest daughter was in the nursery school run by Rickie Glickman.

Since 1980, Peter has been married to Laurie Saunders, and together they have two beautiful daughters, Gillian (30) and Jessie (26). Har Zion has become like a second home to his family through regular worship and

lifecycle events from Bat Mitzvahs and Confirmation to funerals (and in August 2022, a wedding!) Jessie is known to many for her annual work on the Purim Shpiel, singing at services, writing, directing and producing *L'chi Lach*: A Tribute to Tara Abrams and was Volunteer of the Year in 2020.

Peter sat on the Temple Board in 2000 and has volunteered

on the Chesed Committee, Out of the Cold, led Morning Minyan, spearheaded a recent project to connect THZ and IRAC (the Israel Religious Action Center) and is on the Executive Director Search Committee.

Peter said: "I wanted to join the Executive Committee to help continue the wonderful work that has been done during COVID-19. If the Temple community can remain as involved and cohesive as it has during the times we have experienced, imagine our potential in more halcyon days."

Outside of Temple, Peter is President of Comfort Keepers Canada (a nation-wide business that provides in home care for seniors and others in need) and was previously an executive with American Express and Indigo Books & Music. He holds an MBA from Schulich School of Business, sits on the Board of a publicly traded company, and spent four years on the Board of Bayview Golf & Country Club.

#### Serge Adam



Refugees from Montreal, Clare and I joined Temple Har Zion in 2008, with the idea of not getting involved too much.

This incredible community draws you in, and over the past 10 years I have been the Webmaster, worked on various AV committees, chaired the IT committee and I can be seen most

Shabbat behind the mixer, running sound. I'm also a regular attendee at Torah study.

We have 2 sons, Daniel, a Chartered Accountant who makes his living in the cyber security practice at Deloitte in San Francisco and Michael, a teacher in Stockholm.

Professionally, I have been working in IT since, well a long time ago...

Jack Furman



Hi, I am Jack Furman. My wife, Andrea and I joined THZ in 2010 and we enjoy being part of a vibrant and caring community. We have four adult children who attend services with us at various times during the year. I graduated from McGill University ('79) with a Bachelor of Science degree in Genetics and Psychology. I then attended the University of Ottawa where I

obtained both my law degrees LLL ('82) and LLB ('83). I have been a lawyer for 38 years and now work from my home office. During the Pandemic, we have continued to attend

services, life cycle events, lectures on various topics and social activities on zoom or live-stream from THZ.

I am a former member of the THZ choir and am also a member of the very dedicated Mitzvah Committee which provides Shiva services when required by our members. I have had the honour of chanting both Torah and Haftarah during the High Holy Days. Andrea and I lead very active and busy lives with family, friends and many THZ activities.

I am looking forward to being a THZ board member and will do my best to represent the voices of the congregation to help maintain THZ as a warm, caring and successful place of worship.

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## Martin Ginsherman



Martin and his wife Debra, and their sons Paul and Jay, joined Temple Har Zion in 1999 in time for Paul to start his Bar Mitzvah studies. The family quickly became quite involved with Temple. Debra has been a choir member since then and was Chair of the Youth Committee. The Executive Director at the time, Karen Grimm, asked Martin to work on the Temple Bulletin, which he did for a while.

Unfortunately, Martin was required to stop all his volunteer activities from 2002-2010 while he served as an adjudicator on the Immigration and Refugee Board. Both Paul and Jay attended Hebrew and Religious School at Temple and in time both were madrichim. The boys were active in MHARZY; Paul became the president and Jay a Social Action Vice President. Both boys had their Confirmations at Temple and attended Camp George. Martin and Debra and Jay went on the Temple's first trip to Israel in 2005, and Jay went to Israel on the NFTY high school tour. Both boys also went on Birthright trips. Jay has returned to Israel several times, most recently for a long-term program in 2020 but had to return after 3 months due to COVID-19.

Martin has served on various Temple committees since 2010,

including: Members Helping Members, Passover Seder, Chadesh Beiteinu (sanctuary renovation), and Security. He is most proud of being Temple's Co-Volunteer of the Year for his leadership role in the Syrian Refugee Project.

Now semi-retired, Martin keeps busy by working as a Designated Representative with the Immigration and Refugee Board. In this role he helps people with serious mental illnesses or minors appearing before the Board's four divisions. He draws from his past experiences working at the Refugee Protection Division and the Ontario Ministry of Health in Community Mental Health where he was a Senior Policy Advisor. Martin also regularly presides at mock refugee hearings at Matthew House, a Toronto refugee shelter. He assisted in the development of the Mock Hearing Program, where refugee claimants benefit from mock hearings that prepare them for the types of questions they will have to answer at their real hearings. Martin was also President and a Board member of a vacation timeshare association for many years.

Martin is extremely excited to be nominated to the THZ Board of Directors. He looks forward to working with leadership to keep Temple Har Zion a viable and exciting congregation.





# Sisterhood year in review

by Fran Isaacs and Elaine Stein Members of Sisterhood Executive

Throughout this past year, our Sisterhood worked to provide interesting programs and events with a broad range of appeal such as a paint night, a movie review, learning opportunities, inspiring stories, and even a social/fundraising with Sue and Dwight. Truly, Sisterhood was very active and visible within our Temple home and even further afield using Zoom.

At this time, we have confirmed programs that feature Len Bates, Karen Weiss, and Shirley Kehimkar for our 2021-2022 season and are looking forward to arranging other interesting and informative evenings.

Central to Sisterhood is the role that each member plays in making us what and who we are. The unique personalities and talents of our members meld together to help make us strong and creative. We acknowledge the life cycle events of our members. We also distribute a quarterly newsletter, *Schmooze, News & Views*. In this way, Sisterhood has created strong bonds, but our bonds are flexible so that

we are open to welcoming anyone that wants to be a part of our community and what we do. So, if this coming year is the one that allows you to be more involved, let's talk.

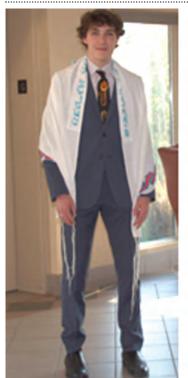
At the end of a book of Torah we say "Hazak, Hazak, Venithazzek," "let us be strong, let us be strong, let us strengthen one another." It is appropriate to use that phrase to describe our Sisterhood and its members as we close one year and look towards the next.

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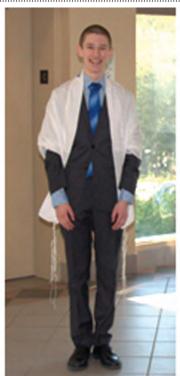
## Mazal Tovs and Milestones



CONFIRMATION CLASS: Front row: Judy Silver, Rabbi Weiss, Cantor Littman. Back row: Isaac Rubinstein, Samuel Rudner, Jacob Rozen, Jeremy Theimer









From left: Samuel Rudner, Isaac Rubinstein, Jacob Rozen, Jeremy Theimer

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**CONFIRMATION CLASS** Back row: Cantor Littman, Rabbi Weiss. Front row: Jeremy Theimer, Samuel Rudner, Isaac Rubinstein, Jacob Rozen.



MHarZY GRADUATION BBQ

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MHarZY GRADUATION BBQ: Front row: Olivia Agazadeh, Jakey Berman, Jeremiah Silver, Carly Beard .
Back row: Rabbi Weiss, Brian Rybak.

# Reflections on B'nai Mitzvah and Chai Mitzvah

Our Adult B'nai Mitzvah class shares their thoughts on the experience, and what the program meant to them.

My Bat Mitzvah journey has meant so much to me. I have learned Hebrew, chanted prayers, enriched my Jewish history and traditions, and connected more to my Judaism. Finally, and so important, I read from The Torah! What a blessing this time has been!

Also, I have learned that there are some amazing people in this world who volunteer their time above and beyond. Thank you to everyone who helped out and especially to Paulette Volgyesi z"l, Fran Isaacs, and Karen Weiss for initiating, organizing, and administering this B'nai Mitzvah program, and keeping us going for 3 years. And Karen Weiss, thank you for your Hebrew and Judaism teachings and much more.

Finally, I am so grateful for the friends I have made,

classmates and teachers alike. We have formed a special bond through this very unique time in our history.

Barbara Scheinert



After being refused a Bat Mitzvah 65 years ago, this has been fulfilment of a long-awaited promise to myself.

Thanks to our dedicated and devoted teacher and leaders, Karen Weiss, Fran Isaacs and Paulette Volgyesi z"l, I've enjoyed the unique combination of improving my Hebrew skills, more clearly defining and understanding my

Jewishness, studying with an interesting mix of fellow students and forming new friendships.

Because of COVID and after three years of study, unfortunately, we couldn't celebrate together the way we originally planned. But, make no mistake, when the time is right, there'll be a party like no other!

Frances Halperin

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The Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class, with the amazing support from Karen Weiss, Paulette Volgyesi z"l, Fran Isaacs, and the group of learned educators, has been an incredible journey in discovery of my Judaism. My reason for participating in Chai Mitzvah was to broaden my knowledge in various aspects of Judaism from a spiritual, philosophical, and religious aspect.

Learning Hebrew was no doubt challenging! Coming together with the group was fun and engaging. We had some bumps in the road and the unexpected passing of my beloved husband Lanny on June 7, 2020 made the journey that much more challenging. But like Parashat Sh'Lach L'Cha, I did not want to be a slave to my sadness and fears. I accepted the challenge and am happy that I accomplished my journey.

### Marilyn Kartash



Participating in the Chai Mitzvah/B'nai Mitzvah experience at THZ has been a truly wonderful experience for me and has far exceeded my expectations. I am not entirely sure I had clear goals when I signed up, other than to improve my connection to the community at THZ and to improve my confidence and skills reading Hebrew. Although we all laugh that we have had the

longest B'nai Mitzvah class ever, I feel so lucky that the COVID changes allowed us all to continue our educational journey for an extra year. We were so fortunate to have had many educators teach us many aspects of the Chai Mitzvah curriculum, and strong leaders in Paulette and Fran to guide our learning process, Tara to teach us trope for our Torah portions, Rabbi for in-depth discussions on important Jewish issues and Karen Weiss' unending enthusiasm and patience to teach us Hebrew. I have met so many wonderful like-minded friends, thoroughly enjoying our study and learning together. What a wonderful gift this entire process has been.

### **Kerrie Stanley-Cantor**



Our two-year B'nai Mitzvah class turned out to be a three-year journey, three years of study and learning with temple friends under the creative direction of our passionate teacher, Karen Weiss. It was a meaningful journey from where I started to where I am today.

Karen Fisher



The last two and a half years of adult B'nai Mitzvah class has been an enlightening experience in many ways. I expanded my knowledge of Hebrew so I can better participate in services. I met and shared with interesting classmates and instructors.

Many thanks to Karen, Fran, Paulette,

Tara, Rabbi Weiss, Cantor Littman, and all the other guest instructors for making this a worthwhile experience.

### **Hugh Smith**



This class has meant more to me than I originally imagined. As a child I embraced my Jewishness to please my Dad. As I got older, I realized how important being Jewish is to me. My Bat Mitzvah is a culmination of my learning and loving of my religion. Thanks to all the teachers and advisors who helped with this class.

### **Bonny Halberstadt**



The Adult B'nai Mitzvah program was a journey that I shall never forget. It all began over two years ago and since then, new friendships have been forged, a new language has been learned and the Mitzvah of reading from the Torah was indeed the highlight.

I would be amiss if I didn't thank our wonderful Rabbi, Hazzanit Tara Abrams, Temple Har Zion's own Cantor Littman, and our guest teachers during the Chai Mitzvah components. To Karen Weiss, who went above and beyond to ensure our learning was engaging and on point, as well as Fran Isaacs and Paulette Volygesi z"l who moderated and coordinated many, if not all of our sessions, I am forever grateful.

#### **Andrea Merling**



Adult B'nai Mitzvah Surprises:

- Meeting an exceptional, special, likeminded group of people
- Getting an in-depth knowledge of Sh'lach L'cha, which I discovered eventually had a permanent and devastating effect on the Israelites
- Discovering who I am, and what and who I strive to be.

All in all, a positive experience.

### **Marlene Smith**



The B'nai Mitzvah Class was such a fun, informative and a great Hebrew language learning opportunity for me. It was fun due to the wonderful people that made up our class and its top teacher Karen. It was also a wonderful opportunity to get to learn so many informative things from our guest teachers. The experience of a lifetime!

Claudia Dihel



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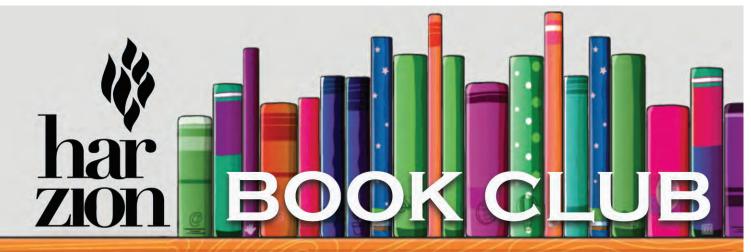
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MONDAY at NOON: Zoom with the THZ Knitters

The Temple Knitters continue to stay connected! Have a great time socializing, knitting, and sharing patterns. If you can't knit, they'll teach you! New members are always welcome to join in!

JULY 5

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## Temple Family News

#### A hearty Mazal Tov to the following families:

#### **BIRTHS**

Marlene and Howard Waiser on the birth of their grandson Max Bear Solitrin, son of Sarah and Justin Solitrin

Fran and Stephen Isaacs on the birth of their granddaughter Sylvia Xuan Isaacs-Ho, daughter of Hayley Isaacs and Hai Ho We extend our sincere condolences to the following Temple members and their families:

Paula Akman for her brother Dr. Joseph Beitchman

Merna Glowinsky for her mother Helen Mosoff Julie Sermer for her grandmother Zuzana Sermer

Paul Sermer for his mother Zuzana Sermer

#### Welcome to our new member:

Edina Landesman

## Tributes and Acknowledgements



The Temple Har Zion Board of Directors is pleased to announce the renaming of the "Chesed Fund" to the "Paulette Volgyesi Memorial Chesed Fund".

We will always be grateful that Paulette Volgyesi z"l put her heart and soul into our Chesed Committee.

May her memory be for a blessing.

## **TEMPLE HAR ZION FUND**

Toni Capozzi to Karen Fisher in celebration of her Bat Mitzvah; and to Barbara Scheinert in celebration of her Bat Mitzvah

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Ora's mother Maxima Nassau

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Perri-Anne and Charles Magerman on the Yahrzeit of Perri-Anne's father S.W. Grossman

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Stephen and Myra Marcus in honour of the Adult B'nai Mitzvah class

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Rose's mother Silvia Teitelbaum

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Zena and Ray Havelock in celebration of Marlene and Sid z''l Smith's B'nai Mitzvah

Claude and Adele Heimann to Joe and Lauren Nadler and family in memory of their father, father-in-law, grandfather and great-grand-father Leon Nadler; and to Paul and Susan Sermer and family in memory of their mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great grandmother Zuzana Sermer

Esther Kurtzman to Karen Fisher in celebration of her Bat Mitzvah; and to Barbara Scheinert in celebration of her Bat Mitzvah

Judith Ross to Ray and Zena Havelock in celebration of their 60th anniversary

Joyce Zweig to George Volgyesi and family in memory of their wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great grandmother Paulette Volgyesi

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Sharon and Joseph Wiesenfeld to George Volgyesi and family in memory of their wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great grand-mother Paulette Volgyesi

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Corey Adler and Melissa Snider-Adler on the Yahrzeit of Corey's father Alfie Adler

Melissa Snider-Adler and Corey Adler and family to Julie Sermer and Paul Beard and family in memory of their grandmother and great grandmother Zuzana Sermer

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David and Karen Saltz to Sim Greene in celebration of his 80th birthday

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Peter Drutz and Laurie Saunders and family to Paul and Susan Sermer and family in memory of their mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great grandmother Zuzana Sermer
Brena and Tom Taylor to Cantor Rachael

Littman and Alyssa Gilman in memory of their aunt Sheila Slade

## DAVIS YACHT GARDEN - GAN MOSHE

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THZ Sisterhood to Vlad Sorin in appreciation of his Bee Program presentation

Vlad Sorin to Joe and Lauren Nadler and family in memory of their father, father-in-law, grandfather and great-grandfather Leon Nadler

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**Shawna Adler Soever and Ivar Soever** on the Yahrzeit of Shawna's father Alfie Adler

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Zuzana Sermer

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Ronald and Rosalind Smith to Sherry Gluck and family in memory of their husband, father, father-in-law and grandfather Dennis Gluck; and to George Volgyesi and family in memory of their wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great grandmother Paulette Volgyesi

George Volgyesi to Joe and Lauren Nadler and family in memory of their father, father-inlaw, grandfather and great-grandfather Leon Nadler; and in memory of his wife Paulette

Volgyesi

### MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS FUND

Faye Gitter to Karen Fisher in celebration of her Bat Mitzvah

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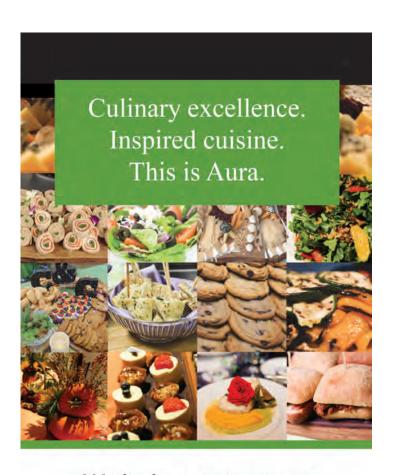
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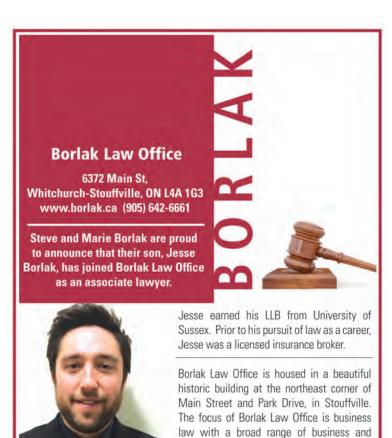
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