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ON THE COVER: “Two Geraniums” by artist Claude A. Simard
Quebec artist Simard's compositions reveal not only his love of all aspects of nature but also his deep commitment to preserving his natural environment.



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Mazel Tov to our B'nai Mitzvah!



Elijha Howard
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Mazel Tov to
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Mazel Tov to
Talya & Patrice Gaborieau!

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MORNING Service at 10:30am
in person and via livestream

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Sundays at 9:00am in person and via Zoom;
Monday - Friday at 7:15am via Zoom

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for Zoom links and Siddurim





You're never too old for summer camp!

by Rabbi Cory Weiss

As I'm writing this, I just finished a meeting with my Camp George faculty cohort. My trip to camp this summer will be my 13th or 14th time at George, and it will be Cantor Littman's very first time at sleepaway camp, as camper or faculty! I look forward to helping her learn the ropes (though not the actual ropes, as I'm not great with heights!).

Our URJ camps are so special, and do such a great job of helping our kids learn what it means to live life Jewishly 24/7. It's a privilege to be with our Har Zion campers and staff, and to have them get to know their clergy in a more informal setting. According to the URJ, these are the goals of our summer camps:

- Provide campers and staff with rewarding, challenging and pleasant experiences in a religious environment, and aid in the development of knowledgeable, believing and practicing Reform Jews.
- Provide opportunities to study Torah at graded levels of understanding and appreciation.
- Develop through the natural setting of a URJ Camp an awareness of the presence of God in all life.

- Develop an appreciation and an understanding of the sacred relationships between humanity and God and between the peoples of the world.
- Develop an understanding that life is filled with purpose and good beyond its material manifestations.
- Provide youth and adults with opportunities to experience the fullness of Jewish life through prayer and other meaningful religious experiences.



- Provide youth and adults with intensive training for roles in lay and professional leadership within the Reform Jewish community specifically, as well as the Jewish community at large.
- Translate religious concepts into real experiences, developing or modifying personal character and group behavior in consonance with the ideals of Judaism.

- Provide a creative setting for Jewish learning and living, through integrated religious camp programming, at each URJ Camp.
- Implement the awareness of *K'lal Yisrael* (the unity of the People of Israel) in general and the State of Israel in particular, and to offer campers the opportunity of finding their own creative and active roles in this process.

If you ask any of our Camp George kids how long it is until camp starts again, most of them can tell you how many *months* to go. Some I know can tell you how many *days*! That's the kind of devotion camp creates.

I'll report back to you on how much fun we had, and how you can help send more of our children to camp for summers they'll cherish for life.

In the meantime, have a wonderful summer, come and join us for garden services on Friday nights, and find ways to do some Jewish in July and August.

L'Shalom,



Canaries return to the Choir Bay!

by Eleanor Ackerman Rice
Music Director

It was Springtime and The Canaries returned to THZ! Although they may not have landed exactly back on their perches in the Choir Bay, the choir practiced together, in person for the first time, in over two years.

On Wednesday April 27 at 7:30pm, Robyn, Andrea, Judy, Mirit, Diane, Ruth, Jack, Claude, Julian and Jeff met in the sanctuary, sat separately, wearing masks and sang. We made a joyous sound!

How can a group remain a group when they've been separated for over two years? If you've never been in our choir it's difficult to explain. Maybe it's because our choir is not just about singing.

In the past two years during the "Covid Challenge", our choir members celebrated with each other at very joyous times: the birth of grandchildren, future marriages, and supported each other in painful times of illness and loss.

Making music together is a strange bonding experience.

It's strange because other than the music, these choir singers are so different: different ages, different professions, different life experiences, and different Jewish backgrounds.

Music making is "social glue". It sticks people together!

This is the reason you should join Temple Har Zion's Choir. No matter who you are, what you do, your musical taste, (yes, even if you like Rap!), you could sing in our choir!

If you are a member of Temple Har Zion and you enjoy singing and can carry a tune...

please email eleonor@harzion.ca to discuss the possibility of joining our synagogue choir.

I won't minimize the commitment: the rehearsal time, the learning

curve and the commitment to attending services. **It is work.**

However, as an old musician once smiled and said to me,

“Aren't you glad your dad made you practice? You'll never work a day in your life.”

Eleanor





Being more security conscious

by Len Bates
THZ Vice President

On March 5, Sheree Davis, Brena Taylor, Serge Adam, Keith Holdsworth, Gwen Yacht, Michael Mortimer and I embarked on taking UJA's six two-hour weekly Community Trustee Program. This program aims to raise situational awareness among the Jewish community. The theory is that the more people are security-aware and have knowledge of security protocols, the safer we will be.

We learned why it's essential to be aware of our surroundings, what to look for, and what to do if there is something or someone suspicious. The goal was not to make ourselves paranoid, just to be more confident and knowledgeable in how to act.

One example that stood out was what to do if someone you didn't know wanted to enter the synagogue's side door. If you are walking by, do you let them in? The natural inclination for many would be to open the door. After

all, we're polite people. Would you let them in? What happens if they were in work overalls, wearing a hard hat and holding a clipboard. They must be legitimate, no?

One way to think of this situation is what would you do if the same unknown person showed up at your home? Would you let them in if you didn't know or expect them? Chances are you wouldn't immediately let them in to wander through your house. Temple Har Zion is a home, too; collectively, our home. So, despite our discomfort in not letting someone in to Temple who we don't know, we must take the same precautions as we do at our own front door. Fortunately, at THZ, we have a security guard, staff and some volunteers who can decide whether to let the person in.

If you see something suspicious, please don't assume someone else will notice. Report what you see to

any of our staff members, clergy or board members. We can all be the eyes and ears of our community.

This complimentary in-person course, which is now offered either in four two-hour weekly sessions or a one-day crash course, is available to anyone in the Jewish community, whether or not one has security responsibilities. These courses are offered every month.

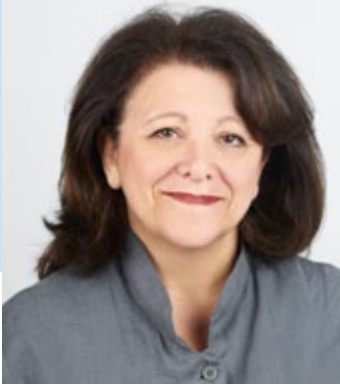
If you are interested in learning more, contact UJA's Community Security Director, Tal Toubiana at:

ttoubiana@ujafed.org or
416.635.2883 ext. 5783

In-person Shabbat and Sunday Morning Minyan Services

ANYONE wishing to attend in person must RSVP ONLINE. Registration is available each week for the upcoming services from noon Sunday to noon Friday. [CLICK HERE](#) to register.





Commitment

by Sheree Davis
THZ President

I've now been in the position of president for 11 months and 21 days, and can tell you without hesitation: being president of Temple Har Zion is *entirely* about commitment, the commitment of our lay leadership; our wonderful office team of Morris Maron, Jaye Goldberg, Sarah Greene and Marie Corvese; our clergy, Rabbi Weiss and Cantor Littman; our Director of Education, Judy Silver and our Musical Director, Eleanor Ackerman Rice; and our committees and volunteers because without their support, experience and energy, the job would be impossible. I thank you each and all.

In the fall of 2020, I had the opportunity to attend the URJ Scheidt Seminar for rising and new presidents. Participants were asked to write down the three things they would commit to focus on during their presidencies. These were my commitments:

1. To safely bring our membership back into our Temple home,
2. To put Temple on a path of fiscal balance, and
3. To ensure the development of a strategic plan and priorities for Temple to direct our next five years.

So how did we do?

Bringing membership back inside our Temple

This is a commitment I share with Rabbi Weiss, Cantor Littman and Temple leadership.

Members had already been attending worship services in person for several months but in limited numbers due to provincial restrictions. Upon the advice of our Back to Shul Task Force, led by our new EVP Seth Cole, we began to slowly and safely increase attendance for worship;

- We reopened the office and increased the attendance capacity for worship
- We accommodated up to 100 members per service attending Temple in person for the High Holy Days; Rosh HaShanah and *Kol Nidre* came close to that target and far more members joined via livestream
- Our students returned to Temple after a year and a quarter online, for in-person learning at our Beit Midrash, Beit Ivrit and Beit Noar
- B'nai Mitzvah resumed in person at Temple, beginning with 50 attendees and gradually increasing over time
- 150 people attended the Cantor's Installation in November;

- Our Purim Shpiel took place in front of a large audience in our Sanctuary, while more livestreamed
- In-person Shabbat worship attendance is getting back to pre-Covid levels
- Our Morning Minyan is meeting in person on Sunday mornings, and via Zoom 5 days a week
- There were 30 people at our Community Seder in the Halberstadt Social Hall
- Our choir has returned to Temple for in-person rehearsals
- On June 16, Sisterhood had over 30 members attend their AGM Closing Dinner at THZ
- On June 17, 90 people attended our Friday night Kol Bo Service and Welcome Back BBQ

All the while, we ensured access to our offerings and meetings through our livestream and Zoom.

Putting us back on a path of fiscal balance

You have received my email in early June, advising you that we have a serious shortfall in our Temple revenue. Simply put, our revenue does not cover our expenses.

Three years ago, we reduced our expenses and we now run very lean.

Operating Temple requires: reasonable salaries for clergy and staff; building and property expenses, such as utilities, gardening, snow plowing and other upkeep; office equipment and supplies like any other workplace; prayer books; and food for every kind of occasion.

Like you, Temple has been hit hard by years of inflation.

My letter also spoke of membership being a privilege and a responsibility. The forthcoming 5% contribution increase and a \$56 increase in security fees are necessary and a responsibility we all share as a family and we are each being called upon to do our fair share.

Even with these increases, we will need to draw down on Legacy Funds in the coming year. Leadership and other volunteers will be identifying and implementing a wide variety of revenue-generating initiatives/programs to redress the revenue gap over the next few years.

A Strategic Plan and Priorities for Temple

Our Strategic Planning Committee, led by VP Peter Drutz has been hard at work and meeting regularly. Thank you to all who completed their membership survey, the information will guide the Committee's planning and recommendations. Focus groups/touchpoints will be convened in August and September to allow membership the opportunity to offer further advice.

The Plan will be presented to the Board in October, and then to our membership at the November Annual Meeting of Members. It will help us become more fiscally balanced in the long run.

Temple has accomplished a lot this year. We've:

- Upgraded our sound system through a generous donation from Isai and Dora Scheinberg
- Repainted our kitchen, and installed new kitchen equipment obtained through a government grant
- Purchased additional hardware called an 'Owl' to allow for in-person meetings and programs to be Zoomed more effectively for online participants in what is our *new normal*
- Held two successful golf tournaments, one in September and another in June
- Upgraded our master key system through an additional government grant
- Yoga took place 3 times a week, Rosh Chodesh, Israel Culture Club, and Knitting for the Needy met monthly, and our Book Club met bi-monthly
- Cantor Littman, with the assistance of Susan Albaum, began *THZ Heals Together* — a support group for those who have experienced a loss, and

- Shabbat Fun in the Sun launches in July.

Between Eleanor's Piano Bar, Mosaic Interfaith, Sisterhood, Brotherhood and Temple we hosted over 65 events this year from Whiskey Tasting, to Women's Health through Mysteries of the Machzor to "Courts, Communities & Hate Crimes", to "A Study in Jewish Political Reactions: The Impact on Trump's Presidency on American Jewry and Israel"; there was a lot happening at THZ to connect, engage and inspire all of us!

In the coming year you will see new programming for families, initiatives to attract new students to our religious school and to entice their families to become members, and efforts to support and engage some of our new members.

I look forward to continuing our good work with our new Board of Directors and our new Executive Vice President, Seth Cole.

Thank you for all your good wishes and support this year, it made the difficult days worthwhile and the good days a joy.

Membership is the lifeblood of Temple Har Zion. So, please continue your commitment to Temple Har Zion through your membership contribution.



Keith Holdsworth: THZ Volunteer of the Year



Keith Holdsworth has been our Head Usher/Ambassador for 46 years and is being honoured for his lifetime of service. He continues to be the warm and welcoming face of THZ for members and guests during High Holy Days and B'nai Mitzvah. Keith has also served as THZ Brotherhood President and, in his early days, he even worked in the Temple Gift Shop. Always looking for ways to stay current, Keith recently attended the UJA Community Trustee Security Training program.

After 46 years, Keith knows and greets 75-80% of our membership by name and knows the names of their children and grandchildren. He has managed graciously, but firmly, crying children, people without High Holy Day tickets or not registered for an event, sudden illness or accident, frustration while waiting in line, youthful exuberance,

loud voices in the sanctuary, and the logistics of people waiting in the rain. He is reliable, knows what he's doing and puts people at ease.

Born in London, he attended Exeter University and his career as a tunnelling expert has taken him to various locations around the world. While working in South Africa in 1972, Keith converted to Reform Judaism. He met and married his late wife Sheila z"l after meeting her enroute to the US in 1976. She was an early member of THZ and brought Keith into our congregation. Sheila z"l worked in the Temple Gift Shop, was on the Social Committee and was the founding President of our Sisterhood.

Twenty-one years ago, he met his partner Suzi Shillow and together they enjoy life which includes four adult children and six grandchildren.

Keith currently works on the public transit Crosslinks Tunnel project as a specialist in geo-technical engineering. Why? Because he still likes a challenge and sense of achievement. He has an extensive collection of about 800 1/72 scale model buses plus about 100 model railway models.

Keith's work as a volunteer has not been limited to our Temple. He is Past President of the MG Car Club of Toronto; and Past Vice President of the North American MG Register. He has served as the Past Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario; Past Worshipful Master of Mosaic Lodge; Past 2nd Principal of Mount Sinai Chapter and Noble of El Shamaly Shrine.

We honour Keith for not only standing at the door and reliably managing the Temple crowds for over four-and-a-half decades, but also for encompassing the best of who we are as a community, with a bright smile, engaging manner and always welcoming to guests and members alike.



Community is the human expression of Divine love.

It is where I am valued simply for who I am, how I live and what I give to others. It is the place where they know my name.

- Rabbi Jonathan Sacks -

Dara Kideckel: THZ Volunteer of the Year

Dara Kideckel has been a familiar face around Temple Har Zion, since she, her husband Irv and their two sons Mookie and Stevie joined THZ in 2010.

Dara has been a Morning Minyan leader since December 2015 and became the coordinator in July 2016, training each new leader. She coordinates the Book Club including the selection of books, researches the authors, develops the questions, moderates the group's discussions, and prepares the publicity.

Beginning in mid 2017, Dara led the team that revised and produced our new morning service prayer book. After months of drafting and testing, it went into use in January 2018. She also developed the slide presentation used to conduct the Mitzvah Committee-led Zoom shiva services which took place during the restrictions of the pandemic. Dara served on the Daytime Learning Committee as their AV person. She led Torah Study a number of times and taught the Gratitude module of our Chai Mitzvah class in past years.

The volunteers who work with her, describe her as the Boss; proactive, texting a reminder to the daily leader (she loves to effectively use

technology); fills in for someone who can't make it; keeps in touch to see how leaders feel about how things are going; and someone who researches and comes up with a prayer to thank members who have completed their first 30 days of mourning.

Dara's extensive involvement with Reform Judaism began at home. Her family were members of a Reform temple where Dara was youth group president, attended NELFTY camp each high school summer and spent one summer at URJ Torah Corps in Warwick, N.Y.

Following Dara's example, both of her sons took on regional VP leadership roles in NFTY. While at university, Mookie served as a VP on the national board of NFTY and President of Hillel, McGill. Stevie was counsellor at Camp George, president of Temple Har Zion's youth group, and a member of the Friday Night Live band. Upon joining THZ, her husband Irv initiated our THZ baseball team.

We are grateful that Dara, Irv and their sons Mookie and Stevie made the choice to come to the THZ in 2010 – our THZ community is so much better for it. We honour Dara for the leadership she demonstrates, her



commitment to and impact on Temple Har Zion worship and programs, and her compassion and continuing commitment to excellence in everything she does for and with THZ.

To view the latest edition of our Volunteer Recognition Book, click on the pic...





Thank you! Todah rabah!

by **Judy Silver**
Director of Education

It is incredible to believe that a school year has flown by! It has been a year of ups and downs, in-person and online and yet we have had a great school year. Our students have grown as learners alongside and online with their classmates and teachers. My personal highlights of the year (in no specific order) are:

- Welcoming Cantor Littman to our community with a beautiful piece of artwork that each student contributed to.
- The gorgeous Hanukkiah that our Beit Ivrit students created and is on display at Temple Har Zion.
- Our Lilmod B'Yachad programs (Family Education days). Our K-2 families discovered the beauty of the blessings in our world and our grades 3-6 families played, created and experienced the fun and traditions of Pesach.



- All our cooking days with Marnee - both in person and



online. Eating our way through the Jewish world was a lot of fun!

- The ease and ability of our teachers to switch back and forth between in-person and online teaching.
- Our ShinShinit Mika — her enthusiasm, creativity, and ability to learn all the students' names! She brought Israel to us in a thoughtful and fun way through her online Israeli Culture Club sessions and her weekly Sunday and Tuesday activities with our students.
- Our Beit Noar and Confirmation classes on Monday evenings. Serious learning and serious fun.

- Beit Ivrit — it is simply a joy to watch our students learn and enjoy the Hebrew language and to witness many “aha!” moments as students discovered and developed their own Hebrew skills and abilities.





I want to thank everyone who made this year a successful one! The Youth Education & Engagement Committee (YEEC), the Back-to-Shul Task Force, Temple office staff and Clergy. Har Zion's board members and president. Our amazing teachers. Our wonderful madrichot, substitute teachers and volunteers. The custodial and security staff. Our students, parents, and guardians.

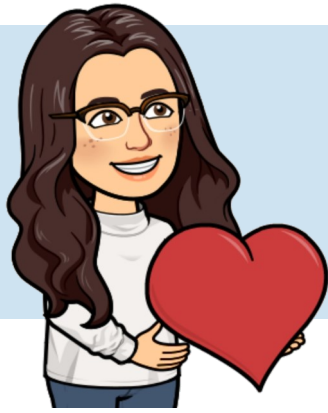


We all worked together to make this school year a successful and memorable one, and I couldn't have done it without you.

Have a great summer and see you back here in the fall of 2022!

July





I love you all!

by **Mika Sela**
2021/22 ShinShinit

For those of you who I haven't had the honour of meeting throughout the year, my name is Mika Sela, and for the past year – I have been the UJA ShinShinit at Temple Har Zion.

A ShinShin is an 18-year-old Israeli who comes to Toronto for one year (a gap year between school and the IDF), and works at various Jewish institutions around the GTA bringing an Israeli perspective into some of the institutions' programs.

Although I grew up in Israel, a Jewish state, and studied Tanach in school (with a diploma to prove it!), I truly did not know much about services and Torah reading, certainly not about the way those are done in Reform Judaism.



I was anxious about working in a synagogue, a place that I was not familiar with at all.

Temple Har Zion did a wonderful job in proving me 1000% wrong.

I was immediately welcomed into the Har Zion family, quite literally: staying with my amazing host families – Judy and Ian Silver for the first half of the year and Yael and Steve Greenwood for the second half, coming to services and



reading my D'var Israel, diving into the work with Har Zion's younger members at Beit Midrash, Beit Ivrit (and even a bit of Bit Noar), and having monthly ICCs with the Shul's community.

Not long after arriving here, I realized that working at Temple Har Zion was a blessing – a prize that I don't know how I won, but I did.



I got to meet the most incredible, accepting, intelligent, fun and amazing group of people.

Bringing Israel to you this year by building programs and writing my thoughts on issues in my country was such a pleasure. I hope I left my mark on Har Zion, because Har Zion certainly left a mark on me forever.



I want to thank everyone that I met and worked with this year for giving me the greatest experience I could've asked for. Thank you for welcoming me into your family and for believing in the importance of bringing Israel into your synagogue.



Temple Har Zion will always hold a place in my heart as the intimate, familiar place that welcomed me with open arms and became a home to me. I am so grateful to have had this opportunity.

Toda Raba! Ani Ohevet Etchem.

(Thank you so much! I love you all)

Mika

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Mazel Tov to our Confirmands and their families!

James Castiglione,
son of Andrea Shattner and Sam Castiglione
Harrison Greene, son of Sarah and Kevin Greene
Joely Rybak, daughter of Heidi and Brian Rybak
Monique Theimer,
daughter of Mireille Mouscardy and Brian Theimer
Leah Ziv, daughter of Adrienne Levy and Mark Ziv



Rabbi Cory Weiss, James Castiglione, Harrison Greene, Joely Rybak, Leah Ziv, Monique Theimer, Judy Silver and Cantor Rachael Littman



Connections, engagement and inspiration!

by Sarah Greene
Confirmand Parent and Educator

After his first Confirmation class my son, Harrison, said to me, "This was the best religious school class I have ever had."

This comment was not meant to negate the 10 years that preceded this year as they were great. Learning with the Rabbi has had an amazing impact on him and the other students in the class and it has been a great way to end this part of his Jewish learning journey. Throughout the year, the class addressed topics in a more philosophical way and dove deeper into aspects of Judaism that could be discussed on a more mature level guided by the Rabbi.



The last weekend in April, I had the privilege of accompanying the group to New York ... and what a weekend it was!!! If you asked the students what they thought of the trip, the first thing they would tell you is we walked and walked, and walked some more. Every half hour or so someone would check the health app on their phone to report the number of steps they had accumulated throughout the day. The first day alone we walked over 20,000 steps. I think that is more than some walked during all of Covid! All kidding aside, this trip was a once in a lifetime experience. We were in a city with over one million Jews, Jewish and non-Jewish tourist attractions, a Broadway show, delicious food, while socializing with the Rabbi! Wow! What a weekend!!

The last couple of years have been rough, but these students have been able to stay together and are, to this day, a tightknit group. Most of them have been together since kindergarten, celebrating many milestones together. From Consecration, the Matan Siddur service, B'nai Mitzvah to preparing for and executing the Confirmation service, these experiences have made every one of them a better well-rounded Jew.



Have I convinced you yet, that all students need to join Confirmation for a year of learning with the Rabbi? Don't take my word for it. Here are some thoughts from the other families and students about Confirmation 2022.

Andrea Shattner and Sam Castiglione

James developed a better understanding of the history of Judaism and what it means to be a Reform Jew. We could tell that James found the confirmation class engaging. On many Monday evenings, he would come home and share the topic of the week, along with some of the interesting facts that he had learned from Rabbi Weiss.



Heidi and Brian Rybak

Confirmation is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the years of formal Jewish education that Joely has participated in since Junior Kindergarten. It's lovely for her and her classmates to be publicly recognized for their commitment and dedication. As students, the Confirmation year is special and totally different. It allows them to engage in discussions with the Rabbi (and others) on a different level and about a wide variety of topics. Mazel Tov class of 2022!

James Castiglione

In confirmation class, I was given the opportunity to discuss more mature and in-depth ideas of Reform Judaism. The knowledge one can gain from this program enhances the Jewish studies learned as a child.

Joely Rybak

One of my favourite things about confirmation was the trip to New York City, but that's not all. I also love that confirmation gave me a chance to share my personal opinions about a variety of different and interesting topics. Confirmation

was also a fantastic way to make new bonds and strengthen other ones.

Confirmation is awesome!

Mireille Mouscardy and Brian Theimer

With Monique now graduating formal Temple education by confirmation, we are happy and proud that both our children have stayed on for all the years of



excellent education to become Jewish adults. We are very grateful for the rich experience that the confirmation class provided, since they directly engaged with the Rabbi, got prompted to answer deeper questions, and discovered the fun that can be had in learning about their Jewish heritage. Monique was always happy to go on Monday nights, not just because of the pizza that will be sorely missed.



Monique Theimer

To me, confirmation helped me learn about other people's opinions of the Torah, which helped me get to know others. Another thing confirmation helped with is to form my own values and opinions based off of experiences in the Torah.

Adrienne Levy and Mark Ziv

Confirmation gives our children a very unique experience. They get to work with the Rabbi and discuss real life issues. They then share their learning with us.

Leah Ziv

Confirmation was a whole new dynamic that I never experienced before. It taught me different parts of Judaism. I am so grateful that I had this opportunity.

So, there you have it!

Confirmation **ENGAGES**, **INSPIRES** and **CONNECTS**.

It connects friendships for life, engages our youth in furthering their Jewish education and inspires new ideas and thoughts about Judaism.

Scrub



Zoom with the THZ Knitters



First Monday of the month
at noon

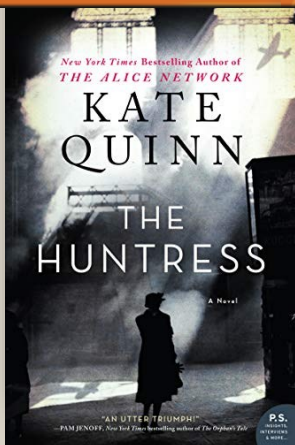
In-person Yoga with David Kendal is back at THZ!



Mondays at 10am | RSVP in advance


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BOOK CLUB



AUGUST 9 7:30pm via Zoom
The Huntress by Kate Quinn

From the author of the bestselling novel, *THE ALICE NETWORK*, comes another fascinating historical novel about a battle-haunted English journalist and a Russian female bomber pilot who join forces to track the Huntress, a Nazi war criminal gone to ground in America. In the aftermath of war, the hunter becomes the hunted...In this immersive, heart-wrenching story, Kate Quinn illuminates the consequences of war on individual lives, and the price we pay to seek justice and truth.

The future looks bright!

by Jacob Rozen

My sister and I had an amazing time at URJ Camp George for NFTY-NEL's Spring Kallah! The weather was gorgeous, and the weekend was full of fun, with meaningful and intriguing programs all weekend long. It had been over two years since I had seen my friends from New York and Ohio, and it was so nice to reconnect with them.

For me, it was the first time I was able to song lead in person, despite having been part of the NEL song leading team since the end of Grade 9.

For my sister, Hannah, it was her very first regional event. She was able to make tons of new friends and get her first taste of the NFTY-NEL experience. She is already so excited to go back again this fall for L'dor V'dor Kallah.



While it was sad to say goodbye to the Grade 12s as it was their last event, it was also incredibly exciting to install the new regional board ahead of another great year of leadership, including Temple Har Zion's very own Samuel Rudner who was appointed to the position of "nebbish". The future of NFTY-NEL looks bright, and my sister and I are incredibly glad to be a part of it.

Jacob

Temple Family News

A hearty Mazel Tov to the following families:

BIRTHS

Emily and Matthew Dicker on the birth of their son Cole Marlow Dicker

Tara and David Abrams and Carol Goodman on the birth of their grandson and great grandson Cole Marlow Dicker

Morris Maron on the birth of his second granddaughter Aiden Romy Kamien

BAR/BAT MITZVAH

Talya and Patrice Gaborieau in celebration of their daughter Shayna's Bat Mitzvah

Kim Morris in celebration of her son Elijah's Bar Mitzvah

WEDDINGS

Sandra and Arthur Benjamin in celebration of their grandson Toby Abramson's marriage to Diana Bellissimo

Judy and Ian Silver in celebration of their son Toby Abramson's marriage to Diana Bellissimo

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sincere condolences to: **Melissa Cait** in memory of her mother Lee Shaw

Marci Capland in memory of her father Leonard Panet

Laura Farbstein in memory of her sister Elena Schlanger

Selig Greenberg in memory of his brother Gerald Greenberg

Fran and Stephen Isaacs in memory of their sister-in-law Marion Santer

Alan Spergel in memory of his father Gordon Dean Spergel

Rachael Sweigman in memory of her father Edward Nelson

Karen Tabachnik in memory of her father Charles Tabachnik

Bonnie Usprech in memory of her husband Philip Usprech

If you have news you'd like to share with your Temple family, click [here](#)

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