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SHABBAT

Join us for virtual Shabbat services via Zoom on Fridays at 6PM. Log on as early as 5:30 PM to familiarize yourselves with the site.

Due to security we are asking that all participants identify themselves with first and last name in order to be admitted.

MINYAN

Saturdays at 9 AM.

TORAH STUDY

Join us for virtual Torah Study on Saturdays at 10 AM and Mondays at 9 AM.

HAVDALAH

Join us for virtual Havdalah on Saturdays at 6:30 PM.

Zoom links to join the services above can be found at: JUDEAGABLES.ORG/VIRTUALEVENTS Temple Judea is dedicated to connecting and bringing prayer to all congregants, those considering membership, as well as those who may be interested in learning more about our Jewish faith. Live Streaming is one of our temple's local and global outreach program priorities. Visit judeagables.org/temple-judea-live.html to stream our latest videos.





Saturday when Sydney became a Bat-Mitzvah. The service was like none we have ever experienced before, regardless of the fact that it was on zoom. The warmth, relatability, and genuineness of the environment were palpable to all. We have received dozens and dozens of calls telling us how much people enjoyed the service, felt so connected and actually had a really good time! This day exceeded all of our expectations. We are so grateful to the entire team for their hard work and dedication to making this day as special as possible. In the words of little Jordan, 'I had no idea I could have so much fun in Temple'" - Tara Katz













PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CAROLINE MILLER | PRESIDENT@JUDEAGABLES.ORG

And now, a new New Year is upon us. Our High Holy Days of Awe reached a magnificent peak, with wonderful online services, and yet here we are again at a moment of reckoning, looking at a secular New Year, 2021, after the inimitable and unforeseeable, year 2020. And as with the dizzying past months of 2020, we may be approaching 2021 with trepidation – but it is also a time of opportunity, and hope, for our day-to-day lives, and for Temple Judea.

We hope for a vaccine, and for medical advances that will protect the healthy and bring healing and recovery to those who face the Covid virus. This hope is for the precious wellbeing of our families, members and broader community, and also for the presence of Temple Judea in our lives. 2021 is the year that we hope will see a greater opening of our doors and beautiful building, so that we can again meet and worship and celebrate together in person.

At the same time, the lessons we have learned about how to use online platforms to sustain and build a community will remain with us. The business of governing Temple Judea is firing on all cylinders, as our Board of Trustees, pandemic task force, and many committees shift to online meetings - so much more convenient and efficient than in-person meetings in many ways. Our online worship services have made it easier for families to make room in personal schedules to attend, and often with a gathering of family members across generations. Our online breakout-room oneg and other chatty encounters are features well worth keeping, even after we

complement the online with in-person services and events. Adult-education is flourishing online, with many more attending that way than would typically come to the building for classes.

And, necessity being the parent of invention, we anticipate innovative and valuable new experiences during 2021. We learned from our No-Show-Saturday-Night event how much fun an online lighthearted community celebration can be, and we learned from our stay-in-thecar events to visit the sukkah or pick up holiday items that we can temper social-distancing with safe in-person encounters. Expect to see us build on those lessons with new events in 2021. We also will see how a social action program can flourish



in our new conditions. We will plan innovative and safe ways for our young people to come together in community.

So the year 2021 lying ahead of us is full of promise and opportunities. Judaism, and Temple Judea, call to us to resilience, and of choosing life and blessing.

Our Margaux Early Childhood Program is the very essence of hope. To see the children learning, playing, and being taught Jewish ways at Tot Shabbat is to feel the energizing power of hope. The sacred task of educating and socializing the newest generation must continue, and Temple Judea will carry it forward.

So the year 2021 lying ahead of us is full of promise and opportunities. Judaism, and Temple Judea, call to us to bring a spirit of resilience, and of choosing life and blessing. We have the right clergy and staff to lead us in these new paths with imagination and holiness. Within our congregation we have members with the expertise and wisdom to help us know when it is right to resume in-person activity, and how to do that safely. I am honored to lead Temple Judea at this moment, and so grateful to have the help and support of this community in doing so, as we head into the momentous months of 2021.

A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

SENIOR RABBI JUDITH SIEGAL | J.SIEGAL@JUDEAGABLES.ORG

Hallelujah! The year 2020 is coming to an end, and we are all hoping and praying that 2021 will be a much better calendar year ahead. As I write this article in the beginning of October, it is hard to imagine what lies ahead. But the Jewish calendar gives us a framework to find meaning in everything. Right now, in October, we are celebrating Sukkot, though when you read this, it will be around Chanukah. Do you know the connection between these two holidays?

In essence, Chanukah is a delayed Sukkot. The year the Temple was desecrated, and the Maccabees had their military victory and found the oil that miraculously lasted eight nights (all that Chanukah celebrates) was a year that the Jews missed Sukkot. So, they celebrated the miracle of the oil and the military victory with eight nights of lights, singing and miracles, a delayed version of Sukkot.

No matter what else is going on in our world, our Jewish calendar keeps us connected to our history and to Jewish time. No matter how tough things

are, we have time and reason to celebrate, find joy and find inspiration from our tradition. Sukkot is a happy, harvest holiday in the fall, yet it acknowledges the



fragility of life. Chanukah falls during the darkest time of year, yet it is the holiday of lights.

So, I hope that by the time you read this, the world is a little brighter and things are much better. Yet, no matter what, I can assure you that our history has seen so much tragedy and triumph that we will continue to hope for and work toward a better future for ourselves and for our world.

Wishing you a Happy Chanukah ahead and many blessings for the moment.



Your neighbor is still your neighbor even if you disagree on politics.



RABBI JONATHAN FISCH | J.FISCH@JUDEAGABLES.ORG

I want to caution you as we step out of the election and step into a new reality. You will always disagree with others about core values, political and apolitical issues. Climate change, systemic racism, what qualifies as fake news, policing policies, Israel - this list could go on. Actually, for almost all of us this list does go on.

But did you know that as a people, we have always disagreed? We have always known that our neighbor, the one we go to when we need to borrow sugar, might actually believe that what we hold to be true is indeed false. And yet, we still return their mail when it gets misplaced in our mailbox. We still send a text after a hurricane checking in on those in our neighborhood, no matter what the color is of the political sign outside their home. We might even invite them over for physically-distanced drinks. Why? Because more likely than not, what unites us is far greater than what divides us.

I was in college when I became friends with a man named Hamid (pronounced Ha-meed). He and I grew incredibly close. We worked in the same office together at our university, shared similar passions, celebrated each other's successes and brought comfort when sadness struck our families. He is Muslim, I am Jewish, and we came from very different backgrounds. We openly disagreed on Israel, and yet, we saw past that and became close friends.

His friendship was incredibly important to me while in college, and we learned that we could argue and share ideas, even opposing ones, as a way to deepen our respect for one another. While we saw eye to eye on many social issues and concerns, Israel was not one of them. As a proud Zionist, a lover of all things Israel, I thought I couldn't be friends with someone who disagreed with me. But I am not a one-issue man. Just because Israel is incredibly important to me doesn't mean that I couldn't see past that and build a relationship with Hamid.

On the other hand, I had another friend in college whose name was Jake. He was in my fraternity and he was Jewish. He and I were cool. We had a love of Israel and shared in many Jewish moments of connection. His view on one social issue was far different than mine. He couldn't get over this. One night we were sharing pizza and drinks in our fraternity house when

the conversation got heated to the point where perfectly good pizza was wasted, aka thrown away, and I love pizza. Jake could never get over our argument. Because we had one quarrel, he dropped me from his "group of friends."

While college seems so long ago, almost 20 years, I have grown a ton and learned from both Hamid and Jake.

Jake thought that because we were in the same Jewish fraternity we should think and act the same. Hamid knew we had more differences than anyone in my fraternity. However, we chose to set aside those differences and still build upon a meaningful relationship. When Hamid and I would discuss Israel, we did it openly, knowing we wouldn't change the minds of the other person, but wanted to hear a different perspective. From these conversations I grew, he grew, and so did our friendship.

May it be God's will that Adonai can restore our community to a time when we celebrated our differences, listened more and cared more. *Amen*

Our tradition is filled with debate. Rabbi Nachman of Breslov explains that debate is a holy form of communication. The holiness is derived from the way debate echoes the divine process of tzimtzum, making space for the creation of something new. "Just as God entered into an act of self-limitation in order to make possible the created world, so debaters restrain themselves in order to make room for opposing viewpoints." When we create this space between us and those with whom we disagree, we can create a moment of holiness, a way to actually connect with someone else. Differences don't have to divide us if both parties are open enough to it.

The election is over. We have friends who are openly happy and openly sad. We can and should be a friend to both. Our country needs to be united now more than ever. We can only do this by talking with people, by sharing ourselves with others, and by recognizing that although we might disagree with our neighbor or co-worker, there is far more that unites us than divides us. Focus on that.

May it be God's will that Adonai can restore our community to a time when we celebrated our differences, listened more and cared more. Amen

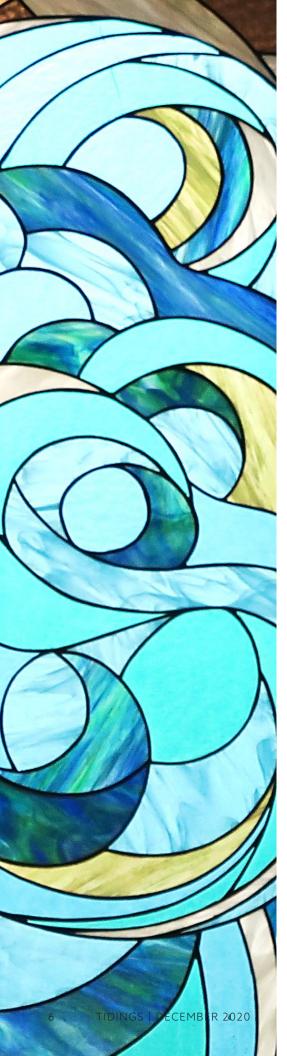


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Temple Judea seeks to create a dynamic community where all who desire Jewish interaction are welcomed. We strengthen Jewish commitment by supporting education, programs that deepen identity and the training of future leaders. Through our initiatives, more individuals and families embrace the positive aspects and joy of Jewish life.

Our L'CHAIM LEGACY SOCIETY members are a group of dedicated individuals just like you who want to guarantee that Temple Judea continues to provide its worship services, programs and community leadership for many years to come. By establishing a legacy through a bequest or planned gift, you, too, can share Temple Judea's mission with future generations.

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE in the lives of others for many years to come.

SUPPORT Temple Judea and its ongoing mission

ENSURE that Temple Judea is here for generations to come.

MEET EMERGING FUTURE NEEDS on our campus and within our community.

HELP TEMPLE JUDEA plan today and execute in the future.

IDENTIFY AND PRESERVE what is most meaningful to you at Temple Judea.

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY to do something impactful for others within your lifetime.









Planned gifts to Temple Judea strengthen our reserves so we may always protect and provide, in perpetuity, our sacred and holy community. Estate gifts ensure the fundamental sustainability of Temple Judea beyond your lifetime. Building a bridge to our future through our new L'CHAIM LEGACY SOCIETY is the highest honor you can bestow upon our future generations.

THE L'CHAIM LEGACY SOCIETY eternally recognizes those who have made estate gifts. Such gifts may be designed as a legacy gift to The Rabbinic Endowment, an unrestricted legacy gift to where needed most, or a designated legacy gift to an existing Temple Judea Fund. The Advancement Department can work with you to structure your gift to fit the needs of your family and lifestyle while respecting individual desires.

Temple Judea has created a host of opportunities to provide an estate gift. All legacy donors will be recognized alphabetically within THE L'CHAIM LEGACY SOCIETY collateral in an effort to inspire others to also consider this thoughtful option for their estate planning.

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A Caring Touch

Temple Judea's Chesed Committee



A CARING TOUCH is Temple Judea's Chesed Committee, a group of passionate, dedicated women and men who enjoy doing *mitzvot* and gemilut chasadim, acts of loving kindness, for our temple community. A Caring Touch has been active for a number of years now, and we can do so much more with your help! We are looking to expand our reach with a few new and fun programs. In Pirkei Avot, Ethics of Our Fathers, Rabbi Tarfon says, "It is not up to you to finish the work, yet you are not free to desist from it." Please join us! The smallest act can make the biggest difference in someone's life. With more of you, we can do more for each other.







The Schmoozers - small groups from 1-3 people providing safe, physically distanced outdoor visits. This can be a **Sit and Shmooze** visit in a yard or patio, or a **Walk and Shmooze** visit in someone's neighborhood or other meeting place like a park. We need folks who would like to visit our congregants.

Braided Blessings – the goal of this program is to provide a home-baked challah on a weekly basis until every member receives one, and then we start over. Many of you have already been recipients of these delicious challot. We need challah bakers and deliverers for this program.

Mitzvah Meals – this program provides meals, soups, or baked goods on an as-needed basis. Most meals are home-cooked, but some can be provided from a favorite restaurant. We need cooks and deliverers for this program.

Kesher Krew - the purpose of this program is to provide outreach by way of phone calls, hand-written notes and birthday cards, in order to keep our community members feeling cared for and connected. We need people who enjoy talking on the phone and hand-writing cards.

Soul Stitchers - this group hand-knits beautiful healing shawls and baby bonnets that are delivered to our congregants.

For additional information, or to sign yourselves up, please contact Cantorial Soloist Jodi Rozental j.rozental@judeagables.org.









CHANUKAH JOY

Join your Temple Judea community for 8 joyous nights of Chanukah including chocolate tasting, mixologist drink night, sufganiyot baking teen program, latke making with J-PLEx, fun with Star 123, Club 45, Margaux School and more!

Thursday, December 10-Thursday, December 17 at 6:30 PM | Community Lighting

Kick off our eight days of Chanukah Joy by joining together to celebrate the first night of Chanukah. Even though we are separated in our own homes, the light and joy of Chanukah bring us together as a strong Jewish community. Candle lighting on the second night will be on Shabbat, Friday, December 11 at 6 PM. Then, join us on our Temple Judea Live Stream page Saturday, December 12-Thursday, December 17 to light Chanukah candles at 6:30 PM.

Friday, December 11 at 6 PM | Shabbat Community Lighting and Consecration

Shabbat wouldn't be Shabbat without candle lighting, and Chanukah on Shabbat wouldn't be filled with light if it wasn't for all of us lighting together. This Shabbat will be filled with even more spirit as we welcome our youngest students to Torah with our Consecration ceremony.

Saturday, December 12 at 7 PM | J-PLEx Family Game Night

There is no better way to celebrate Chanukah than with games and a little friendly competition! Join your fellow J-PLEx families for a night of some of your favorite board games, all with a fun Chanukah twist! You won't want to miss out!

Sunday, December 13 at 12:30 PM | Star 123 and Club 45 Chanukah Celebration

Bring your dreidels, get out your favorite Chanukah sweater, and get ready to celebrate the Festival of Lights with your friends in Star 123 & Club 45!

Sunday, December 13 at 4 PM | J-PLEx Family Latke Making

Have you been searching for the perfect latke recipe for Chanukah? Not sure where to begin? Join us for a fun-filled afternoon where we will learn the secrets to making the perfect, yummy latke!

Sunday, December 13 at 7:30 PM | Adult Study Session

Chanukah is more than just a story of how a few beat the many to redeem their freedom. Come study, learn, and gather as we dive deep into the story of Chanukah.

Monday, December 14 at 7 PM | Sufganiyot Baking - Teen Program

Calling all teens! Have you ever made your own sufganiyot before? Well now is your chance to learn during our teen cooking program led by Sarah Cotler! The ingredient list will be included in the confirmation email.

Tuesday, December 15 at 6 PM | Margaux Chanukah Happenings

Join Rabbi Fisch, Ms. Jenny, and the Margaux School Family for Chanukah songs, stories and blessings as well as a tutorial on Chanukah treats with Ms. Maya.

Wednesday, December 16 at 8 PM | Chocolate Tasting

Calling all empty nesters! Chanukah and chocolate have a lot in common, like.... well.... if you want to find out, sign up for a special chocolate tasting program taught by a chocolatier. Each person will receive their own personal chocolate tasting kit. Join Rabbi Fisch and Cantorial Soloist Jodi Rozental for some Chocolate and Chanukah fun. \$35 per kit / \$30 for second kit delivered to same address.

Thursday, December 17 at 8 PM | Mixologist Drink Night

Are you looking for a great date night once the kids are in bed? Would you like to learn how to make some fun drinks for all the friends you aren't having over? Join Rabbi Fisch and a special guest mixologist for a drink class that will be filled with laughter, joy, and cheer. L'chaim! \$50 per couple.

To register for the events above, please visit **judeagables.org/chanukah**











NEW NORMALSAME SENSE OF COMMUNITY

By Danielle Williamson | Parents Association Co-President

I have a friend with a toddler looking to register him in a preschool. She recently asked me about my experience at Margaux school, and if I would recommend it? How has it changed with all the new Covid guidelines? Are you still happy there? Where do I begin?

For me, the most attractive quality about The Margaux School is the resounding sense of community. If you weren't convinced of this before the pandemic hit, then there is certainly no way you could deny it now. From the moment our school shut down last Spring, my text chains and my inbox were flooded with messages from our teachers, our clergy, and fellow parents. It was overwhelming, but looking back it was also comforting. I wasn't the only mom trying to figure out how to entertain 2 kids at home for an entire day (or 7 months). Even the clergy videos provided some fun during the downtime – especially when they involved Rabbi Fisch making silly home-music videos with Ayla and Yael.

It was those little "in it together" tidbits that helped my family make it through the summer and get to the finish line, aka, the FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL. Like many families, we started off the school year with some apprehension. Knowing that parents would no longer be able to walk onto campus, and that there would be many new changes for our little ones, I wondered if my love for the Margaux School would still feel the same.

Not so surprisingly, the Margaux School sense of community shines through every moving piece of this new normal. Every morning we are greeted with stickers and smiles at the temperature

check line. We are welcomed with a slew of both Spanish and English "good morning" sentiments from Ms. Lizbeth at our 8:30 drop-off station. We are inspired as we begin each school day with hugs and positivity from Ms. Lisa at the



8:45 drop-off station. As I drive through the school, I am bombarded with waves and cheers from every other faculty member, not to mention from my dear friends whom I have met here over the years.

Yes, I desperately hope we can one day return to that underappreciated 25-35 minute drop off routine where we would make conversation with every parent, child and teacher we ran into along the way. And yes, I still wish I could enjoy a bagel with friends (in person) at a Coffee and Nosh event while waiting to enter the synagogue for a family Shabbat. But for now, we will welcome Shabbat into our homes over Zoom. My friends and I will line the computer screen with similar expressions of joy as we watch our children sing and dance with their classmates. I am reminded that community is intangible and therefore indestructible. It prevails through a pandemic or any other difficult time. Am I still happy we chose the Margaux School? Absolutely! More so than ever before.

Vanielle Williamson

Parents Association Co-President

TOTSHABBAT 🌣

Join us on **Saturday, December 19 at 10:30 AM** for Tot Shabbat and bring the joy of Shabbat into your own home. Rabbi Siegal, Rabbi Fisch, and Jenny lead this interactive program that will leave the whole family smiling. Be prepared for all kinds of animals, stories, puppets, and more! For Zoom information, please contact Anna at edoffice@judeagable.org

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classroom as parents meet one another and build deep and

The Forgotten Refugees: Lights from Sephardi Voices

By Dr. Henry Green

In 1993, Steven Spielberg released Schindler's List. In the wake of its success, (7 Academy awards), Spielberg led the effort to collect the stories of Holocaust survivors and founded the Shoah Foundation. Today, these 52,000 interviews are housed at the University of Southern California. A few years later, Henry Green, Director of Judaic Studies at the University of Miami, went to research interviews of Sephardi Holocaust survivors that lived under the Vichy government in North Africa. To his surprise, he found hardly any interviews from Arab Jews. In reaction to this discovery, Green founded the project Sephardi Voices to gather testimonies, archival photographs, documents, and portraits of Jews from North Africa, the Middle East and Iran. Rather than focusing on the Holocaust, Green turned his attention to the one million Sephardi Jews that had been displaced in the wake of the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948. Many were refugees, denationalized, and their assets frozen. Invisible and without a voice, Green turned to the Talmud and said, "If not now, when".

Born from Ashkenazi parents, Dr. Green grew up in Ottawa, Canada with a strong Jewish background but ignorant of Jews who lived in the Islamic world in the 20th century. Not until he studied in Israel at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem in the early 1970's did he come face to face with his ignorance. Over the last four decades he has made it his mission to document and research their communities in Israel and the Diaspora. His first book, *Research in Action* (1979), addressed the discrimination of the Ashkenazi Israeli establishment towards the Sephardi/Mizrahi and programs to support their integration into society.

Since launching the international Sephardi Voices project in 2009, over 450 Sephardi interviews have been conducted of Jews who have immigrated to The United States, Canada, the UK, Israel, France and Italy. The goal is to collect 2000 interviews which will be housed at The National Library of Israel and be available to both researchers and the public without cost.

Dr. Yoel Finkelman, curator of the Judaica Collection at the National Library, when asked why the library is partnering with Sephardi Voices, commented that the project addressed "a very important subject. The refugees' children are not returning to Islamic lands and their legacy is at risk. The collection will cultivate pride and a connection to a storied past."

The Babylonian and Persian communities are integral to the foundations of Judaism. It is the birthplace of Abraham and Sarah, the holiday of Purim and the writing of the Talmud. The Golden Age of Spain not only produced the Zohar, but also prominent rabbis like Maimonides. But after the UN voted in 1947 to partition Palestine, persecution of Arab Jews worsened, and life became unbearable. The Zionist enterprise was a two-edged sword: it brought hope of a



return to Zion and at the same time stirred up anti-Jewish feelings. Although most were well integrated into their societies, there was no future. Professor Green estimates that about 70 percent of those displaced are no longer alive. The interview process often brings back horrid memories of pogroms and other atrocities during and after World War Two: the Farhud - the killing of 200 Iraqi Jews on Shavuot in June 1941; the slaughter of 130 Libyan Jews killed in Tripoli in 1945; and the murder of dozens of Jews in Egypt in 1948. Following the establishment of the State of Israel, more than 95 percent of Sephardi Jews were victimized, traumatized and scattered throughout the world. Their stories untold.

South Florida is one epicenter in the collection. Over 50,000 Sephardi live between Boca and Miami. Some emigrated from Israel; some left brutal regimes and war in South America (Argentina, Columbia, Venezuela); and some

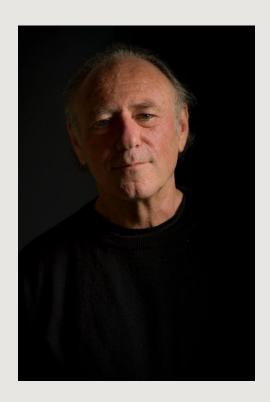
bolted from the growing anti-Semitism in France following Charlie Hebdo. By recording the stories of Sephardi Jews, their memories live on----d'or le d'or--- a continuity that nourishes Sephardi/Mizrahi identity and celebrates traditions and culture. Hanukah reminds of miracles and freedom. We are lights that shine brightly.







Sephardi Voices invites you to reach out and help. If you are Sephardi from an Islamic country or know someone, please contact us. www.sephardivoices.com



The Forgotten Refugees: Lights from Sephardi Voices December 10 at 1 PM

Prepare for the festival of freedom by attending this engaging presentation with Dr. Green, the Founder and Chair of Sephardi Voices. Jews have lived in North Africa, the Middle East, and Iran for millennia. In the aftermath of World War Two and the founding of the State of Israel, Jews were displaced from their native lands and scattered throughout the world. Their experience is rarely documented, their plight ignored, and their heritage overlooked. Sephardi Voices is the first comprehensive digital archive that documents and preserves the life stories of Jews who lived in Islamic lands. Register now at judeagables.org/ adult-learning for this moving and eyeopening program.



BETTER TOGETHER

BY SARAH COTLER | EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR



Since the fall of 2015, Temple Judea has participated in the Better Together program - pairing teenagers and senior citizens. Over the past five years, the program has evolved and has truly become a highlight for our teens. For several years, we partnered with The Palace in Coral Gables, an assisted living facility where many of our congregants reside. With the pivot necessitated by COVID-19, we rethought this meaningful program as a way for our teens to connect with seniors in the Temple Judea community. Better Together is a program that has been beloved by our teens for many years, and they are just as excited as ever to engage in our new and improved "Better Together in a Box", our virtual Better Together experience.

Our Temple Judea teens are excited for the opportunity to form meaningful connections and relationships with senior citizens from within our own temple community. Jordyn Lazar (11th Grade) says "I am most looking forward to meeting the elder congregants and helping to make them happy." Throughout the course of the year, our participants will engage

in programming that is made up of teen-only experiences as well as intergenerational opportunities. Our teens are paired with an older congregant in order to build a connection, discuss various issues (through a Jewish lens), share stories, and learn together. Elliot Myers (11th Grade) shared that he is "looking forward to forming a great relationship with someone who can share their wisdom with me."

Forging these relationships across the generations in our community is a way that we can live our Temple Judea's



brand, because "With Us, It's Personal." The Temple Judea rabbis will be regular participants in this project as well, framing each session before the teens and older adults break off (via zoom) for deeper conversations. We have seen through the years how impactful this program has been for our teens, and we are excited to now bring it to our wider Temple Judea community as well!

B'NAI MITZVAH



People ask me all the time "How are B'nai Mitzvah families doing these days with everything they had planned for their simcha? Are they canceling their dates? Are they just

celebrating with immediate family? How is it celebrating during this pandemic?"

After virtually attending several of our B'nai Mitzvah services, I can tell you that although we aren't able to be all together in the sanctuary, hugging each other and physically present, the warmth, the happiness and the pride is all the same. Having a service live through Zoom gives people the opportunity to participate in the ceremony and be in the comfort of their home, all while experiencing the joy and pride of celebrating their relatives or friends. We spotlight each home during the singing of "Yismechu" so they get to dance and rejoice. Family members are able to see each other after months apart and the B'nai Mitzvah student feels the love all around. I'm proud of the beautiful moment these families are creating and how our families are able to celebrate the coming of age of a wonderful young man or woman.

- GABY ENSER TANGIR b'nai mitzvah director

MATTHEW SOSLER | NOVEMBER 7



My name is Matthew Sosler, I attend Palmer Trinity School and I am in 7th grade. I love to play tennis and basketball and I am an avid sports fan. I am most grateful for my family and good friends. I am also thankful for all that I have and especially good food! My Bar Mitzvah is a big milestone and it means that I am taking on more responsibility. For my mitzvah project I am doing many things to feed the hungry, including donating to the JCS Food Bank and cooking individual meals for the soup kitchen to distribute. I am also participating in the Young Lions of Judah program to learn more about

the Holocaust from a survivor, David Schaecter. I hope to continue participating in youth group and getting to spend time with my Temple Judea friends. My family was planning on going to Israel this December, but due to COVID-19 we had to cancel, but I hope to go one day soon.

MORGAN SHAPIRO | DECEMBER 12



My name is Morgan Shapiro, I attend Palmetto Middle school and I am in 8th grade. Some of my many interests include basketball, spending time with family, and hanging out with friends. I'm grateful for my family, friends and my blessed life. Having a Bar Mitzvah means that I am entering a new stage in my life, which includes new responsibilities and privileges. Additionally, I get to follow my family's long-time traditions and beliefs. For my Bar Mitzvah project, I worked with the S.T.A.R.T. program in Coconut Grove and made weekend food bags for families experiencing food insecurities

during the summer. In the future, I plan to connect with Judaism and Temple Judea by attending Judea High and eventually going to Israel.

BAR MITZVAH THROWBACK

I am so grateful to have been Bar Mitzvah'd at Temple Judea. I cant believe it has been 10 years already. My advice for upcoming students is to enjoy your practice sessions with Gaby, enjoy your friends, and family. Keep doing what you love and make the most out of this amazing time in your life! You will remember it forever! - **Blake Goldman**







WOMEN OF TEMPLE JUDEA



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE MARSHA BOTKIN marshabot@gmail.com

"TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

Women of Temple Judea (WTJ) has a 70-year history of being a

strong part of Temple Judea. When WTJ first started it was about food, friendship, entertainment, and support of various programs at temple. It included the Oneg Shabbats, apples and honey on Rosh Hashanah, and, in some years, the women made food for the shiva minyans. Fast forward to today where the main focus of WTJ is still to support Temple Judea and foster new relationships, but we are also dedicated to improving the lives of people outside of our community.

Because the needs are so varied and necessary, our Board recently held two retreats led by our own very talented TJ member, Candice Maze, to better define our goals for the year and how we were going to achieve them. We were forced to make some difficult choices to determine how we will navigate this year. We have decided that the temple needs our financial support for various programs such as the High Holy Days Production Team, Margaux Preschool Shabbat, and this year's preschool graduation, Consecration, and B'nai Mitzvah Gifts.



The Community Service arm of WTJ is busy planning the JAFCO Toy Drive for October 20 - November 20. In addition, we have continued to provide dinners for the residents at Casa Valentina, organized a very successful school supply drive for the students at Toussaint Elementary school, and collected kosher food for the JCS Kosher Food Bank.

Enriching the lives of women at temple has always been the impetus to bring new ideas and skills to our members. We recently held the Pink Challah baking event in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness, with Dr. Elizabeth Etkin-Kramer who discussed Jewish Genetics, and Abby Fisch who demonstrated how to make the perfect challah.

I hope to see you participate in many of the events that WTJ will be sponsoring over the next two months.

Please let me know if you'd like to get involved by emailing me at marshabot@gmail.com

Looking forward to the time when we can be together in person.







NOVEMBER/DECEMBER COMMUNITY SERVICE:

It's hard to believe that Chanukah is just around the corner! WTJ is once again organizing the JAFCO Chanukah Gift Drive to help complete Chanukah wish lists for a group of abused and neglected Jewish children in South Florida. Last year, Temple Judea fulfilled all 8 NIGHTS OF CHANUKAH WISHES for over 25 children in our community! That is more than 200 gifts! We are working to make even more wishes come true this year. In order for everyone in our community to have the opportunity to participate and for the collection to be touchless and easy, all of the children's gift requests have been added to an Amazon wish list this year. Purchases should be made on Amazon and sent directly to JAFCO by November 20th. Any questions, please reach out to Heather Sosler (hsosler@gmail.com).

WTJ also helped bring this tzedakah opportunity into preschool classrooms this year. Each of the seven preschool classes and their families are helping to fulfill Chanukah wishes for JAFCO and the children are decorating cards to send along with the gifts.

In the past, a group of temple members have caravanned to JAFCO to help wrap presents and decorate the village and shelter for the children. While we will not be able to visit in person this year, we are still sending our love and lots of Chanukah miracles their way. Together our community is making the 2020 holiday season a little brighter for these children.

WTJ is also continuing the tradition of helping our Miami-Dade Partner School, Toussaint Elementary. Once again we will be donating Publix gifts cards during Thanksgiving time. The school administration will disseminate the cards to the most deserving and needy families to help with their holiday meal. A tentative date for Toussaint's Career Day has also been set for January 20th, 2021, which will most likely be in a virtual format. Many congregants have participated in the past and have helped make it a really interactive and fun day for the children. Details are still being worked out, but please contact **Rebecca Lago** (rebeccaglago@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating.

TOUSSAINT ELEMENTARY THANKSGIVING CARDS AND CAREER DAY

Food insecurity has been particularly challenging for many in our community, and we were able to make a difference this Thanksgiving season by supplying Publix gift cards valued at \$50 each for 11 Toussaint Elementary School families. We would like to thank our Temple Judea community for helping us purchase 3 of them, with the remainder funded by WTJ. The families and school faculty were beyond grateful.

CASA VALENTINA

It takes a village, and we would like to extend a big thank you to some of our WTJ members for adding a home-made touch to the Thanksgiving tables of Casa Valentina residents this year. Sharon Goldman prepared a beautifully carved



turkey, Emily Demar baked two delicious pumpkin pies, and Shona Blonsky whipped up 5 scrumptious pecan pies! Heather Sosler delivered these items and helped staff members box everything up into individual portions for the residents.

WTJ BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

SHARI BYRD Co-Chair of Fundraising

I first became involved in WTJ when my children were at the TJ Margaux Pre-School, serving in the role as Co-Pre-School Liaison. Over the years, I have remained a member of WTJ and am excited to take a more active role this year as Co-Chair of Fundraising. It is a wonderful way to connect with our larger TJ community.



WTJ BOOK CLUB

Our next book club meetings are on Wednesday, December 16 at 7:30 PM, when we will discuss The Lying Life of Adults, by Elena Ferrante and January 13, 2021, at 7:30 PM, when we will be ready to talk about The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett.



MAH JONGG PLAYERS: It's time

to order your 2021 cards! When you purchase through WTJ, the National Mah Jongg League makes a donation back to our sisterhood, which supports our awesome projects! The league has new pricing: \$9 for a standard card and \$10 for large print. To place an order please contact Susan Sternstein at 305.668.9394 or Michelle Eisenberg at jmrmeis@aol.com before January 22, 2021.



PROGRESSIVE DINNER:

WTJ Progressive dinner has progressed to March 6, 2021! Everyone who has already registered and paid for the Progressive Dinner will be contacted via email with more information as the date approaches. If you did not register and would still like to join us in this novel twist on our annual Progressive Dinner, please contact Elyssa Lewis elyssalewis@gmail.com or Jen Posner jenposner@gmail.com.

MEMBER CHAI-LIGHTS

THE BLACK EPSTEIN FAMILY

BEN, KADIE, JACOB & ALIZA

What year did you join Temple Judea and what brought you to Temple Judea? This is a homecoming for us. We moved to NYC in 2014 and moved home to be closer to family in August 2020. There was no question we wanted to rejoin Judea and once again be part of this incredible community. We are so happy to be back at our spiritual home.



What is your occupation? Kadie is joining the team at Kristi House Child Advocacy Center as their Director of Development. Kadie is looking forward to doing this impactful and important work. Ben will be trying his hand at being a stay-at-home dad and helping the family transition back to Miami.

What is your favorite Jewish holiday & why? Purim is our favorite Jewish holiday because we get to celebrate a brave and courageous heroin. We enjoy being silly so it's a great excuse to dress up and spread joy. For us Jewish holidays are a wonderful way to teach our children Jewish lessons and values.

What is the best or worst Chanukah gift you have ever received? My mother-in-law gifted us a beautiful travel menorah which we cherish. It has allowed us to celebrate on a sail boat, overseas on vacation, in Central Park with friends, and has helped us bring light wherever we might be celebrating Chanukah.

Describe your perfect Sunday: Dropping off the kids at Hebrew School and having a day date.... oh wait, that's not possible these days. We love being back in Miami. We have missed the beaches, being out on the water, and having a backyard. These days our favorite Sunday is spending it together. Cooking for J-PLEx Culture Class and enjoying an afternoon of boating, swimming, or staying in and watching movies.

What is your earliest memory at Temple Judea? When our youngest started pre-school at Judea we knew we had found our spiritual home. We both grew up in Miami going to other Reform temples. Judea was the loving, inclusive, and nurturing place we had always wanted. We missed it dearly while we were in the northeast.

One recipe you'd be willing to share (Kosher style): Ben makes a bomb noodle koogle! See side column for the recipe!

If you could have a Shabbat dinner with anyone who has passed away or is living, who and why? We would love to invite Adam and Eve over for some apples, challah and beef flanken so we can get to the bottom of what really happened in the Garden of Eden.

If you are a new member, what are some things you're looking forward to experiencing at Temple Judea? We look forward to having our children learn what it means to be part of a mutually beneficial spiritual community and gain the important values rooted in Judaism that will serve them throughout their lives. We look forward to a time when we can be together in person dancing and singing during Friday night services.

If you had your Bar/Bat Mitzvah, what would you tell your 13-year-old (or age at B'nai mitzvah) self today? Mistakes don't define you. They are often lessons that help serve as building blocks that prepare you for the future.

Is there a question you would like to ask the rabbis? Aliza, age 5, would like to know how G-D made eyes. Jacob, age 9, would like to know who made G-D.

BEN'S BOMB NOODLE KUGEL

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup raisins (optional) you may substitute other fruits like peaches or pineapple
- 12 oz wide egg noodles
- 6 large eggs
- 1 lb sour cream (2 cups)
- 8 oz cottage cheese (1 cup)
- 8 oz cream cheese, softened OR farmer's cheese, crumbled (1 cup)
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup unsalted butter, melted
- 1/4 tsp salt
- Cinnamon and sugar for dusting
- Nonstick cooking oil spray

You will also need: large pot, food processor or blender, 9x13 baking dish

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MAZAL TOV!

Mazal Tov to Jan and Albert Cohen on the birth of their granddaughter, Elle Mason Rechtman.

Mazal Tov to Shelley and Adam Booken on the birth of their daughter, Margot Sloane Booken. Margot joins siblings, Sophie and Oliver.

Mazel Tov to Joanne and Richard Waldorf on the marriage of their son, Michael Waldorf (Riverstone) to Aislynn Rose Blair Waldorf in Eugene, Oregon.



TEMPLE JUDEA'S COVID-19 EMERGENCY MITZVAH FUND

The COVID-19 Emergency Mitzvah Fund has been established by concerned congregants of Temple Judea. The purpose of this fund is to assist current Temple Judea members and their immediate family, in obtaining relief from financial hardship caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, whether due to illness, caring for an ill person, loss of job or other economic hardship.

Temple Judea recognizes that often it is hard to ask for help. But we are your community, and we are here for you in good times and in the more challenging ones.

Thus, in order to better assess individual needs and, in an effort to create a clear path to potential assistance, all those who seek financial resources from the COVID-19 Fund are asked to please submit a written or electronic request providing pertinent information.

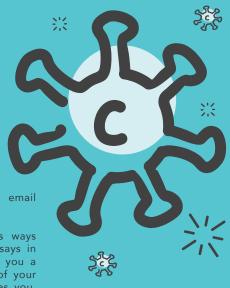
Please address all requests to: COVID-19 Emergency Mitzvah Fund, Rabbi Judith L. Siegal, Temple Judea, 5500 Granada Boulevard, Coral Gables, Florida 33146. Or you may email to Rabbi Siegal at j.siegal@judeagables.org or Rabbi Fisch at j.fisch@judeagables.org. All requests shall be kept confidential to respect and protect the privacy of our applicants.

If you have any questions, please email Rabbi Siegal or Rabbi Fisch.

Our tradition teaches us in numerous ways to care for the poor among us, as it says in Deuteronomy 15:7, "If there is among you a poor person, one of your kin, in any of your towns within your land which God gives you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against them, but you shall open your hand to them, and lend them sufficient for their needs, whatever they may be." Therefore, we will always have the obligation to look after and care for those who need our support.

As a Kehillah Kedosha during these challenging times, there will be people among our members who lose jobs, lose salaries and are in need of help, perhaps for the first time. We are here for our community to help in any way that we can. We are grateful to donors who give to help support those who are struggling during this time.

Temple Judea welcomes the continued support of our community through directed donations in support of this fund. If you wish to donate to the COVID-19 Emergency Mitzvah Fund, you can do so by visiting JUDEAGABLES.ORG/PAYMENT.PHP



APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS: COVID-19 EMERGENCY MITTVAH FUND

A committee made up of Temple Judea's two rabbis, and an officer as designated by its President, shall decide the amount and recipients of distributions from the fund, by majority vote of the committee. Please note that recipients may not include any donor to the Fund, or any member of the committee or their respective immediate family members.

CAROL MAGIDSON MEDICAL INSURANCE FUND

Established by David Magidson along with family and friends in memory of Carol Magidson, this fund assists uninsured Temple Judea members and their immediate family/families in obtaining one year of medical insurance coverage.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

MIAMI'S JEWISH COMMUNITY IS HERE TO HELP

Jewish Community Services has quickly adapted to meet the changing and challenging needs of the community. Loss of employment, underemployment and school closure led to an increase in the amount of food needed by existing and new clients. Seniors dependent on Meal Sites were added to the Meals on Wheels program. If you or someone you know is in need of emergency counseling, financial assistance, food, bereavement support, domestic abuse assistance or help facing other challenges, call 305.576.6550 for guidance and support. Operated by Federation's partner agency, Jewish Community Services of South Florida (JCS), this confidential helpline is open 24/7 every day of the year.

Congregants who would like to support the efforts of JCS to assist our seniors, Holocaust Survivors and Kosher Food Bank may visit JCSFL.ORG/DONATE. Every donation, no matter how small, is greatly appreciated.

EMERGENCY CORONAVIRUS FINANCIAL IMPACT LOAN

In response to the coronavirus pandemic, the Hebrew Free Loan Association (HFLA) of Miami, a Federation program, is providing interest-free emergency loans to qualified Jewish borrowers in need in Miami-Dade County. The emergency loans of \$1,000 can help with expenses related to the pandemic, such as lost wages due to being unable to go to work, childcare costs due to school closures, related medical expenses and more. For more information, visit their website at HEBREWLOAN.ORG/WEB/LOANS/.

JEWISH VOLUNTEER CENTER

JVC needs volunteers to make telephone reassurance calls to Jewish seniors in our community. These calls are intended as a friendly check in and a well-being check. Volunteers will receive a list of names, a script to guide the conversation and a link to an online needs-assessment survey to document each call. Based on survey answers, seniors will be linked to services in the community. Register online or contact Lori Tabachnikoff, Director, Jewish Volunteer Center, 305.680.9353.

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We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who support Temple Judea by remembering and honoring loved ones and friends through generous contributions

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In memory of Emil Dumitrescu In memory of Peter Pallot by Rosalind and Jack Zacks

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BEN'S BOMB NOODLE KUGEL CONTINUED FROM PAGE 24

Place a rack in the middle of your oven and preheat to 350 degrees F. Cover the raisins with hot water and let them soak to plump while you prepare the other ingredients.

Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Add the noodles to the pot, bring back to a boil, and let them cook until tender (not overly soft), about 5 minutes. Drain and return the cooked noodles to the pot.

In a food processor or blender, blend together the eggs, sour cream, cottage cheese, cream cheese, sugar, melted butter, and salt.

Pour the egg mixture over the cooked noodles in the pot and stir until well combined.

Drain the raisins. Stir them into the noodles.

Spray a 9x13 inch baking dish with nonstick cooking oil. Pour the noodle mixture into the dish.

Top the kugel by sprinkling generously with sugar and lightly with cinnamon. Alternatively, you can use your favorite kugel topping (streusel, crushed graham crackers, cornflakes, etc.).

Bake the kugel for about 60 minutes, turning once halfway through cooking, till the center of the kugel is set and the tips of the noodles turn golden brown. Remove from the oven.

Let the kugel rest for 15-20 minutes before slicing. Kugel can be served warm or cold.



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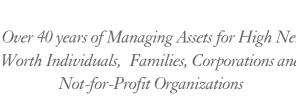
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