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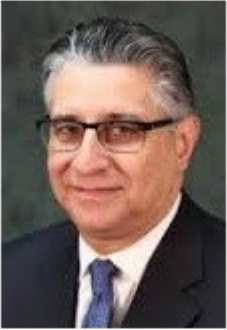
Interfaith Peace Camp - August 2022



Harrison Lebo Bar Mitzvah September 3, 2022



From our President



Jason Mandlowitz

From myself, Daryl and our entire family, best wishes for High Holy Days and a safe, healthy and peaceful new year.

As I write this message, our Board of Directors have supported relaxing many of our COVID protocols in order to make our in-person services at Temple Israel and for the High Holy Days more welcoming.

So far, we have taken a number of precautions to ensure your health and safety. The world continues to change and it is important that we adjust appropriately. The world of 2022 is far different from 2020. While we can't predict the impact of COVID variants, we can still provide you with the tools to decide which precautions to take against future infection. We hope to see you more often at Temple and, of course, at the Jewish Community Centre for our High Holy Day celebrations.

Many thanks to the 50+ respondents to our COVID survey. Your views were extremely helpful in guiding our Board of Directors in moving to our new policy.

Effective immediately, optional masking (replacing our prior policy of mandatory masking) is in place and we will continue to provide 'masking only' sections at Temple and at the JCC. Social distancing will no longer be in effect.

We will, however, continue to require full vaccination status for in-person attendance which will be a minimum of three (3) vaccines with proof of vaccination provided. For services and High Holy Days, we are asking you to pre-register and to provide vaccination certification or medical reasons for not vaccinating: only if you have not done so already.

All services at Temple and during High Holy Days will continue to be hybrid: in-person plus virtual. We have had an overwhelmingly positive response from our congregants as well as our guests to our virtual services and particularly to Shabbat Torah Study.

Thanks to Rabbi Dressler, Susan Dean and Jane Jacob for their work during these difficult times.

I want to personally encourage you to return to Temple for services. We miss you. You are so important to our "family".

Again, best wishes for the holidays.



From our Rabbi



Rabbi Debra Stahlberg Dressler

"...and suddenly it's High Holy Days 5783..."

These years under the yoke of COVID have been a bizarre cycle of time flying, and time standing still. Over and over we discussed "finally getting back to normal," even when we clearly were not. And while COVID still factors into how we live many aspects of our daily lives, I have found this summer's opportunity to travel, and a familiarly busy back-to-school season, to feel more "normal" than any point since March 2020.

The High Holy Days, whether familiar or radically different in virtual form, are an exceptionally busy time in synagogue life. When my kids were younger, my silent mantra this time of year was always, *"Don't get sick, don't get hurt, don't get lice..."* No matter how much preparation and support, surviving the month of Tishrei was the closest I imagine I will ever get to skating on a frozen pond during a warm snap, or performing as a knife thrower's target in the circus.

Thankfully, Rosh HaShanah 2022 doesn't arrive until September 25th. My own turn to experience COVID at the end of August would have been an overwhelming explosion in the middle of an earlier HHD season. Instead, a patient congregation and a forgiving August calendar afforded me the flexibility to rest and recover without incident.

COVID. Back to normal? Not yet. Maybe never.

But back to familiar - in-person on Shabbat, High Holy Days at the JCC, kids going back to school with classes and extracurriculars - familiar feels pretty darn good.

Shanah Tovah - we can't wait to see everyone as our new year begins!



To share the joy of a Shabbat dinner with friends, we are testing out a "Shabbat Supper Club." Once a month, we will meet each other at a local eatery. We will make the blessings together, and then enjoy good company over good food. Watch your email for more information.

Donations

BUILDING FUND

in memory of Harold Sobel from Davida Sobel
in honour of Daryl Fridenberg from Davida Sobel
in honour of Linda Zimmerman from Davida Sobel
in honour of Jeff Phillips from Davida Sobel

LIBRARY FUND

in memory of Samuel Nefsky from Melody Enzel
in memory of Rosina from Arthur & Sandra Benjamin

GENERAL DONATIONS

in honour of the Rabbi and the Board, and all of their work
bringing us through Covid from Michael Shmukler &
Linda Dutsch
in appreciation of Rabbi Dressler from Bob & Cindy Miles
in honour of Stephen State from Yuri & Lara Rybak
from Jacob & Heather Megdell

BUILDING FUND - RAMP PROJECT

to the Ramp Project from Bing Siang Gan & Pearl Langer
to the Ramp Project from Charles & Jill Wright
to the Ramp Project from Lisa Manax & Anargyros Skikos
to the Ramp Project from Bonnie Teevan
to the Ramp Project from Clive & Brynah Schneider-Friedman
to the Ramp Project from Jason Mandlowitz & Daryl Fridenberg
to the Ramp Project from Al & Louise Levy
to the Ramp Project from Yuri & Lara Rybak
to the Ramp Project from Simone Mendel
to the Ramp Project from Linda Fried
to the Ramp Project from Michael & Jill Simmons
to the Ramp Project from Vena & Sid Presner
to the Ramp Project from Art & Sandra Benjamin
to the Ramp Project from Roy Green & Sarah Morrison
to the Ramp Project from Cindy Fridenberg & Martin Mador
to the Ramp Project from Brian Kurtzman
to the Ramp Project from Melody Enzel
to the Ramp Project from Sharon Marks
to the Ramp Project from Aron Lubczanski & Susan Hussey
to the Ramp Project from Nancy Davis & Ewan Macpherson
to the Ramp Project from Terry Sicular & Kim Moodie
in memory of Marilyn & Mort Tansky, Libby Benjamin, Rhoda
Tilner and Sadye Tobin from Arthur & Sandra Benjamin
to the Ramp Project from Harold Tilner
to the Ramp Project from Leslie & Nurit Kochav
to the Ramp Project from Stephen State
to the Ramp Project from Tricia Mohan & Jonathan Sloan
to the Ramp Project from Anonymous
to the Ramp Project from Marvin & Phyllis Simner
to the Ramp Project from Susan Agranove
to the Ramp Project from Neville Suskin & Helen Ettler
to the Ramp Project from Debbie Albin & Yair Medini
to the Ramp Project from Laurence Jerome
to the Ramp Project from Dave & Debbie Pfeiffer
to the Ramp Project from Ana and Alex Porzecanski

SPONSORSHIPS - BUILDING

from David and Thelma Rosner
in memory of Irvine Paghis and Miriam Paghis from
Jeffrey & Ruth Seigel

SPONSORSHIPS - EDUCATION & RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

from Al & Louise Levy
from Simone Mendel
from Linda Fried
from Sharon Marks
from Neville Suskin & Helen Ettler

SPONSORSHIPS - HHD

from Ronald & Denise Wexler
from Sharon Marks
from Leslie & Nurit Kochav
in memory of Rachel Lubczanski from Jeremy & Dinah Frank

SPONSORSHIPS - PROGRAMMING

donation towards Summer BBQ from Randy Kissack

LIBRARY FUND

in memory of Samuel Nefsky from Melody Enzel
in memory of Rosina from Arthur & Sandra Benjamin

MUSIC & CHOIR FUND

in memory of Sonya Sydell from Melody Enzel

ART, DECORATION & DESIGN FUND

in memory of Candace Nefsky from Melody Enzel

GAYLE A. HOOVER MEMORIAL FUND

from Behrman House Inc.
in honour of Lawrence Hoffman's 80th birthday from JoAnn
Kurtz and Daniel Henry

RON MARKS FUND

in memory of our dear husband and father Ron Marks from
Sharon, Alisha and Noah Marks

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND (RDF)

with appreciation and thanks to Rabbi Dressler, Jason
Mandlowitz and Temple staff from Francee Ender
in appreciation for the Lunch and Learn discussions from
Ruth & Jeffrey Seigel
from Irina & Michael Sanatani
in memory of Sidney Abraham Kochav from Leslie &
Nurit Kochav
in honour of Casey's marriage from Terry Sicular & Kim Moodie
in appreciation of Rabbi's Lunch and Learn from
Melanie Foerster

Donations Cont'd

IN-KIND BUILDING

from Ronald & Judith Gillatt

IN-KIND PROGRAMMING

from Jason Mandlowitz & Daryl Fridenberg

TZEDAKAH FUND

from Anonymous

EDUCATION FUND

in memory of Rachel Lubczanski from Allen & Carole Gumprich

Note: Donations included to August 31, 2022. If we have inadvertently missed an acknowledgement on your behalf, please let the office know so that we include your kindness in our next publication.

The Temple office may be open for limited hours, but the office remains open virtually. If you would like to make a donation, please call the office and leave a message at 519-858-4400 or email: office@templeisraelondon.ca.

Around the Property

Inspection Completed Notice
The Corporation of the City of London
Building Division

London
CANADA

Date: 2022-08-03
Permit Number: 22-016436 Location of Inspection: 605 Windermere Road
Description of Work: RAMP REPLACEMENT AT ENTRY FOR EXISTING SYNAGOGUE

Type of Inspection: Structural Framing/Rebar Inspection
Status of Inspection: Passed/Part
Inspection Completed By: Jack Domaracki
E-mail: jdomarac@london.ca
Comments and Conditions:
Floor framing okay. Guardrails to be installed.

The ramp still requires a handrail. The chosen supplier was too expensive and a new supplier was found. The work is not expected to be complete until near the end of September. Subject to the approval of the handrail, inspections are complete.

Significant rot was found around all the large windows at the Temple. A boat primer was obtained through Amazon. The wood was sanded, primed, and painted to match the old colours. This should provide a waterproof surface in future.



The big storm brought down a large tree on our neighbour's property, which took out five trees on our property. The neighbour paid for all the removal of our damaged trees. The fence has yet to be repaired.

Upcoming Events

Lunch and Learn

Lunch and Learn resumes Tuesday, November 1 at 1:00 pm



Jewish Information Class

Joint Classes with GTA Congregations starting in September



London Food Bank Sort

Wednesday, November 2 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Email office to volunteer: office@templeisraelondon.ca



Interfaith Tree Planting

Sunday, October 30 from 2:30-5:30 pm, Cresthaven Park (704 Longworth Road)



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Did your family celebrate a bar or bat mitzvah at TI? Feel like reminiscing about these special family and community moments? If you are willing to share your photos and your memories, please email the Temple office.

News

Kol Hakavod to:

Arik Pasternak & Kamila Myszak on their recent wedding.

Pam Block & Matthew Lebo on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Harrison.

Debbie and Dave Pfeiffer on the birth of their new grandchild.

London Interfaith Peace Camp celebrates its 10th year.

Condolences to:

Ewan Macpherson and family on the loss of his mother, Joyce Macpherson.

Aron Lubczanski and family on the loss of his mother, Rachel Lubczanski.

Yasher Koach to:

Josh Dubitsky, Stephen State and David Rosner for leading Shabbat services and to David Rosner and Michael Simmons for providing the musical accompaniment.

Welcome to New Members:

Barbara & Sheldon Derrick

Simone Mendel

Do you have some happy news to share with the TI family? Please send a message about your Simcha to the Temple Office.

Are you observing shloshim or a recent yahrzeit? Please feel free to share a photo of your loved one which we can include during our services.

Linda Foerster, mother of Mel Foerster, one of our active JIC members, made this unique table from the wood that Temple was offering to anyone who would like it.

Linda would like to pass along her thanks for all the wood. It's been great for her woodworking and especially woodturning projects. "We haven't used any of it for firewood as it's such great wood!"



Pride Shabbat Dinner - July 15, 2022

Janie Rother-Shabbat Blessing



Rabbinical Student Rebecca Chess



More Interfaith Peace Camp 2022



Religious School & Family Programs

- ◆ Our Family HHD Program will be held on Sunday, October 2, 10:00 am
- ◆ There are no classes on Thanksgiving weekend
- ◆ Religious school classes begin on Sunday, October 16, 9:30 am to noon
(With Consecration/Simchat Torah that same evening at 6:30 pm)
- ◆ Preschool with Ailene Wittstein, Sunday, October 23, 11:00 am
- ◆ Tot Shabbat with Ailene and Rabbi Dressler, Saturday, October 29, 10:00 am



Milestone Birthdays & Anniversaries



September Milestone Birthdays

September 12 Linda Dutsch
September 22 Jeff Seigel



September Milestone Anniversaries

September 2 Roy Green & Sarah Morrison
September 3 Alvin Segal & Janet Merrill
September 13 David & Shari White



October Milestone Birthdays

October 11 Elinor deVries
October 24 Allison Solomon
October 31 Art Benjamin



October Milestone Anniversaries

October 11 Gary & Norma Weisz
October 11 Aron Lubczanski & Susan Hussey