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What's been happening at Temple

JCC London Pride Shabbat Dinner - July 21, 2023



London Interfaith Peace Camp - August, 2023



From our President



Jason Mandlowitz

As you read this message, all of us are eagerly preparing for the upcoming High Holy Day celebrations. Again this year, Temple Israel will be holding hybrid services which will be available in-person and virtually. We look forward to seeing ALL OF YOU soon.

Temple Israel has emerged from the pandemic in relatively good shape. Our membership has remained stable and we thank all of you for your commitment and support. We have been fortunate to welcome a number of new members/families this year. Similarly, we thank our members for their generous financial support through dues, donations, sponsorships, etc.

This does not mean that Temple Israel faces NO new or ongoing challenges.

I want to thank Rabbi Dressler, our Board of Directors, and staff for their work over the past year and for organizing High Holy Day services.

Like so many other organizations, it is surprising to see how much is done by so few. One of the challenges facing volunteer organizations like Temple Israel is what I will call a “crisis of volunteerism”.

Starting next June/July 2024, we know that a number of our current Board members will reach the conclusion of their terms of office. As the “advertisement” below states: “We need you now”! There is no better time in our history for members to come forward and take on new or enhanced roles at Temple.

Like so many other organizations, strategic planning must address the impact of the pandemic, as well as plan for possible recurrences in the Fall. Guided by our by-laws, I am announcing that immediately after High Holy Days, Temple Israel will embark on a strategic planning initiative to plan for our future. Don’t wait for an invitation to participate.

Please contact me directly at jem@mandlowitz.com or 519-601-2486 to discuss a role in these important times. From myself, Daryl and our family, best wishes for a peaceful and healthy holiday.



TO JOIN OUR TI BOARD OF DIRECTORS!!

**MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD
AND HAVE A SAY IN TEMPLE DECISIONS**

CONTACT JASON MANDLOWITZ AT: [JEM@MANDLOWITZ.COM](mailto:jem@mandlowitz.com)

YOU WON'T REGRET IT!



Rabbi Debra Stahlberg Dressler

Shanah Tovah! Is it just me, or was 2023 starting to feel a little “normal?” Yes, COVID is still a factor in everyday life - there are new variants, a new school year, and new vaccines on the horizon. But “living with COVID” is neither as unfamiliar nor overwhelming as it was last year.

I am very excited for this year’s High Holy Days. Last year we did a lot of the legwork to make our services work in a sustainable hybrid model. For Shabbat and HHD, we have our in-person group, our online group, and a few who go back and forth between the two. By offering both, we include more people than we ever would with in-person alone.

Offering a hybrid, including a Zoom option, has opened up new opportunities as well. This year, we have built some wonderful relationships with our fellow Reform congregation, Beth El Windsor. We have a regular cadre joining us for Torah Study, and Chazzan Devorah and I have been able to experiment with some wonderful joint programs during the month of Elul, culminating in our joint “road trip” to Chatham for our Selichot services. These cross-community opportunities will continue this year with the rollout of the Gayle A. Hoover Adult Education Academy. This exciting program begins in October.

As I reflect before the HHD, I find us at a poignant spot between old and new. We have new faces at Temple, including new families and Neviah Frank as our new Religious School Co-ordinator. At the same time, however, we have seen the passing of many of our older members as age and ill health take their toll. It is so very hard to say goodbye to these beloved friends.

New or old, the High Holy Days are always an opportunity for renewal. We count the blessings of the previous year, and set our goals for what we wish to improve in the one to come. I look forward to saying hello and “Shanah Tovah” to you all as we welcome 5784!

Chatham Selichot Service - September 9, 2023



HHD Schedule



SERVICE DATES AND TIMES:

Erev Rosh HaShanah: Friday, September 15, 6:30 pm

Rosh HaShanah Morning: Saturday, September 16, 10:00 am

Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidrei): Sunday, September 24, 7:30 pm

Yom Kippur Morning: Monday, September 25, 10:00 am

Yom Kippur Yizkor (Memorial Service) & N'ilah (Concluding Service): Monday, September 25, 5:00 pm

Pre-registration is required to attend services in-person and online. Go to our website, www.templeisraelondon.ca to register.

Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email with tickets attached (for in-person only).

Reminder emails and the Zoom link will be emailed to you prior to each service.

You need to register only once for any of the in-person or online services you plan to attend.

All services will be held at the JCC, 536 Huron Street, London.

Babysitting is available at all JCC services.

If you would like to donate to help offset the expenses of High Holy Days, please visit www.templeisraelondon.ca, click "donate" and under "Type", select 2 - High Holy Day Sponsorships. Thank you!

News

Yasher Koach to:

Yuki, Eli and Harrison for their leadership at Peace Camp

Condolences to:

Josh Dubitsky on the loss of his sister, Sylvia Frazer

Allan Michaels on the loss of his wife, Ruth

Todah Rabah to:

Mel Foerster, Marie-Pier Cantin, Elizabeth Teevan and Wally Zimmerman for their ongoing help

Wally Zimmerman and Josh Dubitsky for leading a service

Marina & Michael Glasser for spearheading the summer BBQ

JIC:

Rabbi Dressler will be hosting a discussion group for people participating in the Jewish Information Class. Sessions will be held at 1:00 pm on October 14, November 18 and December 2. Watch your email for more information. For details about URJ's Introduction to Judaism classes, visit our website.

Milestone Birthdays



October Milestone Birthdays

October 5 Sally Cozens

October 17 Jim Stevens

Religious School



Our 2023/24 Religious School classes have begun! We kicked off the year by decorating our classrooms, participating in an outdoor alef-bet scavenger hunt, and creating a beautiful Rosh Hashanah bulletin board. Our staff roster has some friendly faces including Nevia Frank as Religious School Coordinator and teachers Emily, Lucy, Eliana (not pictured) and Jamie. If you are interested in finding out more about our family programs, please reach out to Nevia at: school@templeisraelondon.ca



Nevia



Jamie



Lucy



Emily

Donations

GENERAL DONATIONS

in memory of Carl Rosenblatt, Frieda Rosenblatt & Jack Taub
from Carla Taub
in memory of Josh Dubitsky's sister, Sylvia Frazer by Janie Rother
from Randy Kissack (2 donations)
in honour of Denise & Ron Wexler's 55th anniversary from
Jason Mandlowitz & Daryl Fridenberg

SPONSORSHIPS - BUILDING

in memory of Irvine Paghis & Miriam Paghis from
Jeffrey & Ruth Seigel
from Sharon Marks

SPONSORSHIPS - EDUCATION & RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

from Al & Louise Levy
from Linda Fried
from Sharon Marks
from Jeremy & Dinah Frank

SPONSORSHIPS - HHD

from Sharon Marks
from Jeremy & Dinah Frank
from Tom Casler

SPONSORSHIPS - PROGRAMMING

in honour of Matzah! from Elizabeth Teevan
from Clark Hoefnagels & Arielle Guterman

EDUCATION FUND

in memory of Sylvia Frazer from Andy Barak & Sally Cozens

GAYLE HOOVER MEMORIAL FUND

in memory of Gayle Hoover by Simone Mendel

ART, DECORATION & DESIGN FUND

in memory of Candace Nefsky from Melody Enzel

BUILDING FUND - RAMP PROJECT

in memory of Mort Tansky, Marilyn Tansky, Sadye Tobin, Libby
Benjamin & Rhoda Tilner from Arthur & Sandra Benjamin

MUSIC & CHOIR FUND

in memory of Sonya Sydel from Melody Enzel
in memory of Dr. David Torby from Walter & Linda Zimmerman



LIBRARY FUND

in memory of Samuel Nefsky from Melody Enzel
in memory of Josh Dubitsky's sister, Sylvia Frazer and
Ruth Michaels from Arthur & Sandra Benjamin
from Jeremy & Dinah Frank

RABBI WITTSTEIN CAMP GEORGE FUND

from Stephen State

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND (RDF)

in appreciation for Lunch & Learn from Jeffrey & Ruth Seigel
in honour of Rabbi Dressler from Bing Siang Gan & Pearl Langer
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in honour of Rabbi Dressler's many contributions to our
congregation and broader community from Terry Sicular
& Kim Moodie
from Michael & Sandra Fisman
in appreciation of Rabbi Dressler from Carole & Allen Gumphrich
from Michael & Irina Sanatani
in memory of Sylvia Frazer from John & Susan Dean
in appreciation of the Rabbi from Alan Cohen's children (Sari
Follansbee, Susan Cohen & Deborah Cohen)
from Randy Kissack (2 donations)

RITUAL (ZIMMERMAN 50TH ANNIVERSARY FUND)

from Jeffrey & Ruth Seigel
from Ronald & Denise Wexler
from Sid & Vena Presner
from Bing Siang Gan & Pearl Langer
from Michael & Sandra Fisman
from Stephen State
in memory of Sylvia Frazer from Jason Mandlowitz &
Daryl Fridenberg
in memory of Sylvia Frazer from Walter & Linda Zimmerman
from Jeremy & Dinah Frank
in honour of the Zimmerman anniversary from Thomas Casler

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

from Randy Kissack (2 donations)

Note: Donations included to August 31, 2023. 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.



A 4x4 grid of 16 photographs capturing various moments from an outdoor community event. The photos show groups of people, including families and friends, gathered on a grassy lawn. Some individuals are posing for portraits, while others are engaged in activities like grilling food or playing. The background features lush greenery, trees, and a brick building, suggesting a park or festival setting. The overall atmosphere is festive and social.

Shabbat Supper Club - Sweet Onion Bistro, August 11, 2023

