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What's been happening at Temple - Spring

January 14, 2022 Shabbat Shirah with Windsor and Flint Congregations

Rabbi Debra Dressler

Rabbi Jeff Ableser

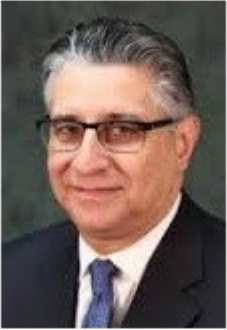
Rabbinic Intern Ashley Barrett

Cantor Tracey Atin

Annual Meeting January 23, 2022

	2021	2020
Revenue		
Revenue (Note 8)	\$ 3,416,822	\$ 3,273,802
Expenditures		
Religious and benevolent:		
Rabbi	133,703	134,363
Cantor	23,732	26,345
School	16,439	19,067
Grants		1,000
CPP & EE - Rabbi	4,076	4,535
Other	2,279	353
Building:		
Maintenance	1,446	7,644
Security	915	432
Grants	5,711	6,753
Utilities	6,442	6,892
Insurance	3,128	3,590
Other	27,492	39,117
Religious:		
Program supplies and religious services	11,779	5,065
School supplies	7,361	2,453
General and office - Schedule 1	14,521	39,233
Excess Of Expenditures Over Revenue	\$ (17,465)	\$ (19,139)

From our President



Jason Mandlowitz

Best wishes as you and your family prepare to celebrate Passover.

Again this year, Temple Israel will not be organizing a Second Seder but, I am happy to announce that on Friday, April 22, 2022, with the end of Passover – Yizkor service at 7:30 pm - our building will be open to in-person services, programs and events.

At the March 27, 2022, Board meeting, re-opening was the central agenda item. The Board approved a plan for hybrid services (in person plus virtual) from April 22 to June 25, 2022.

We will be monitoring the COVID situation during this time and the Board will revisit the conditions for in-person attendance on May 13, 2022, or before as needed.

All congregants are invited and encouraged to attend in-person. However, the following precautions will be in place.

- pre-registration for attendance is required as early as possible before attending an event by contacting the office.
- no capacity limits will be introduced.
- masking is mandatory.
- proof of full vaccination is mandatory and must be provided at the time of pre-registration or building entry, including the Religious School.
- sign-in will be required when entering the building on a Temple form. Hand sanitizing and masks will also be available.
- regular seating will be available in the area between the ark and choir. From the ark to the kitchen, physical distancing will be in effect.
- no food will be allowed. This matter has been deferred to a later date but we will review on a case-by-case basis.

The Board wishes to thank all of our members for their support and understanding during these challenging times. We have taken a very cautious approach, keeping your health and safety as our chief goal and responsibility.

Don't forget to add to your calendar our June 5, 2022, Shavu'ot and Congregational Gathering. This will include the last day of Religious School, family attendance for a study session and outdoor BBQ sponsored by Rabbi Dressler. This is a great opportunity for new members and families to meet and greet. More details will be available as the event date approaches.

We sincerely hope to see you back at Temple Israel.

From our Rabbi



Rabbi Debra Stahlberg Dressler

Every year, as Spring emerges, we embrace the mitzvah to celebrate - “Be happy. it’s Adar!” We count down to the gaiety of Purim. Around the same time each year, we move from Exodus’ dramatic narratives about Moses and the emerging Israelite community to blood-and-guts rituals in the book of Leviticus. These ten parshiot bring only a very few breaks in the Levitical guidebook for priests in the Temple.

Once the Temple was destroyed by the Romans, however, the Jewish people faced a dire crossroads. Would their nascent religion simply die out after its original, centuries-old, sacrificial system could no longer be practiced? The Sadducean priests were out of a job, but the Pharisaic rabbis rose to the occasion, creating the foundations of the Judaism we practice today. Material sacrifices and offerings were replaced by prayer - “sacrifices of the heart ” Judaism entered a new stage of development, not tied to a single place, that could be practiced by all.

As the 2nd anniversary of the Covid-19 pandemic has come and gone, it is easy to see our congregations as wrestling with similar existential challenges. A few of us are ready to be in the synagogue buildings again; others of us aren’t. Plus, we must consider all the people who are either home-bound or far-flung, who have been attending so many of our Zoom services and programs. We want our tent to remain large enough to embrace them all.

The word for “sacrifice” in Torah is “korban,” from the Hebrew root meaning “to draw near.” In their time, sacrifices of animals and staples were the visceral language of communing with God. In Rabbinic Judaism, ritualizing speech and actions - from celebrating to eating, from washing to grieving - became the currency of expressing our innermost hopes and regrets before God as we gathered as sacred congregations. In the Covid-Zoom era, we had to grapple with a new sacrifice - community itself. For so much of the last two years, we have only seen our friends and family through webcams and screens - they were our necessary means to “draw near” - as we strived to connect spiritually. “Drawing near” was trumped by “social distancing.”

As our doors begin to open again, let us remember the essence of what we seek. As a “Kehillah Kedoshah” - a “holy assembly” - we seek to be nourished and supported by each other’s presence. We gather to give a safe and welcoming space to all who need it. We will retain the tools we have learned by necessity, allowing technology to expand our reach, and we will continue to transform Judaism to meet the challenges of the future.

Around the Property

As we thaw out from the winter, there is much to do: Ramp redesign is close to approval from the city; we have tenants above the garage; the apartment has been upgraded with AC, paint job, with the old carpeting removed and improved laundry facilities; garage doors have openers for use by the tenant and the Rabbi; the drone pictures were used again for a second roof repair; we are not contracting out grass cutting for the month of April for a saving of \$500.00; the car park and driveway have new lighting; and security film has been added to the windows in the sunroom.

Donations

2022 MARTIN BASS MEMORIAL COMEDY NIGHT

from Lorna Brooke
from Moira Stewart
from Deborah Albin
in memory of Martin Bass from Michael & Jill Simmons
from Lisa Klinger
from Louise & Al Levy
from Loretta Gilbert

DONATIONS GENERAL

from Elizabeth Kolar
from Randy Kissack
in honour of Casey and Jake from Jason Mandlowitz & Daryl Fridenberg
in memory of Martin Bass from Jason Mandlowitz & Daryl Fridenberg
in memory of Frida & Carl Rosenblatt & Jack Taub from Carla Taub
in honour of Stephen State from Jane Jacob
in memory of Edward Malkis from Marvin & Phyllis Simner from Michael & Irina Sanatani
in memory of Louis Starnbach from Marvin & Phyllis Simner on the occasion of the marriage of Casey Wright and Jacob Kraus from Richard and Jan Lubell
from Anonymous
in honour of Temple Israel from Holly & Shawn Hudes

SPONSORSHIPS - HHD

from Eduardo Krupnik & Paola Caponetto
from Ana and Alex Porzecanski

SPONSORSHIPS - EDUCATION AND RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

in memory of Dr. Bernard Langer from Barbara Lent & Robert Solomon
in honour of Margie Wienburg and her contribution to Temple Israel from Peter Levitt

MEMORIAL PLAQUES

in memory of Louise Shanfeld by Leah Shanfeld & Anne Freeman
In memory of Gayle Hoover by Simone Mendel, Arielle Mendel & Lawrence Hoffman
in memory of Merrill Gerofsky by Eilene Gerofsky
in memory of Monte Swartzman by Allan Shapiro & Leora Swartzman
in memory of Bill Miller by Sharon (Sam) Cuttell
in memory of Art Ender by Francee Ender
in memory of Joseph Edward Blustein by Vena & Sid Presner

GAYLE A. HOOVER MEMORIAL FUND

in memory of Gayle from The Tea Haus

EDUCATION FUND

in honour of the upcoming wedding of Casey and Jacob from Allen & Carole Gumprich

in memory of Rose Philip from Rael & Margie Wienburg
in honour of Jane Jacob in receiving her MTS Degree from Arthur & Sandra Benjamin
in honour of Judith Wiley from Michael Wiley

MUSIC AND CHOIR FUND

in honour of the Bar Mitzvah of Henry Sidney Zimmerman
from Jason Mandlowitz & Daryl Fridenberg

LIBRARY FUND

in memory of Rose Philip from Arthur & Sandra Benjamin
in honour of Rachele Benjamin for earning her PhD degree at UBC from Arthur & Sandra Benjamin

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND (RDF)

in honour of Casey and Jake's Auf Ruf from Shlomit Acciaroli
in appreciation of Rabbi Dressler from Anonymous
in honour of the Auf Ruf of Casey and Jacob from Josh & Kay Dubitsky
in honour of the Auf Ruf of Casey Wright and Jacob Kraus from Michael & Jill Simmons
in memory of Bernie Langer from Arthur & Sandra Benjamin
in honour of the family's Auf Ruf from Debby Albin
in memory of Simon Tobin & David Tilner from Arthur & Sandra Benjamin
on the occasion of the birth of our grandson, Jacob Stephen Duncan Price from Elyse & Duncan Fisher
in honour of the wedding announcement of Casey Wright & Jacob Kraus from Clive & Brynah Schneider-Friedman
in honour of Essya's Bat Mitzvah from Michael & Irina Sanatani from Michael & Irina Sanatani
in memory of Abraham Benjamin from Arthur & Sandra Benjamin
in memory of Lynda Usprich from Syd Usprich

URJ CAMPS EISNER & GUCI - KRAUS/WRIGHT AUF RUF

in honour of Casey & Jacob from Peter Fendrich
on the occasion of Casey & Jake's marriage from Arthur & Sandra Benjamin
on the occasion of Casey & Jacob's Auf Ruf from Louise & Albert Levy
in honour of Casey & Jake's Auf Ruf from John & Susan Dean
in honour of the Kraus/Wright Auf Ruf from Desi & Kandice Brownstone
in honour of Casey & Jake from Sharon Marks
in honour of Casey & Jacob on the occasion of their Auf Ruf from Vivian Macdonald
on the occasion of the Auf Ruf of Casey Wright & Jacob Kraus from Alex & Ana Porzecanski
on the occasion of Casey & Jacob's Auf Ruf from Thomas Casler

SOCIAL ACTION FUND - FOOD BANK

in memory of Elizabeth Rohekar from Ruth & Gary Rohekar
in memory of Isaac Rohekar from Ruth & Gary Rohekar

Donations Cont'd.

RABBI WITTSTEIN CAMP GEORGE FUND

in honour of the forthcoming marriage of Casey & Jacob
from Anonymous
in memory of Rabbi Wittstein from Linda Freedman

Note: Donations included to March 15, 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 closed, 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.



WITH THANKS FROM CASEY AND JACOB

We would like to extend a special thank you to everyone who helped us celebrate a wonderful Auf Ruf with the Temple Israel community. We appreciate everyone who joined us on Zoom, and are so grateful for the many donations that were made in our honour. We look forward to seeing you the next time we are in London - hopefully in person! With love, Casey and Jacob

Rael's challah in support of Ukraine's blue & yellow flag



Membership Committee Meeting
February, 2022



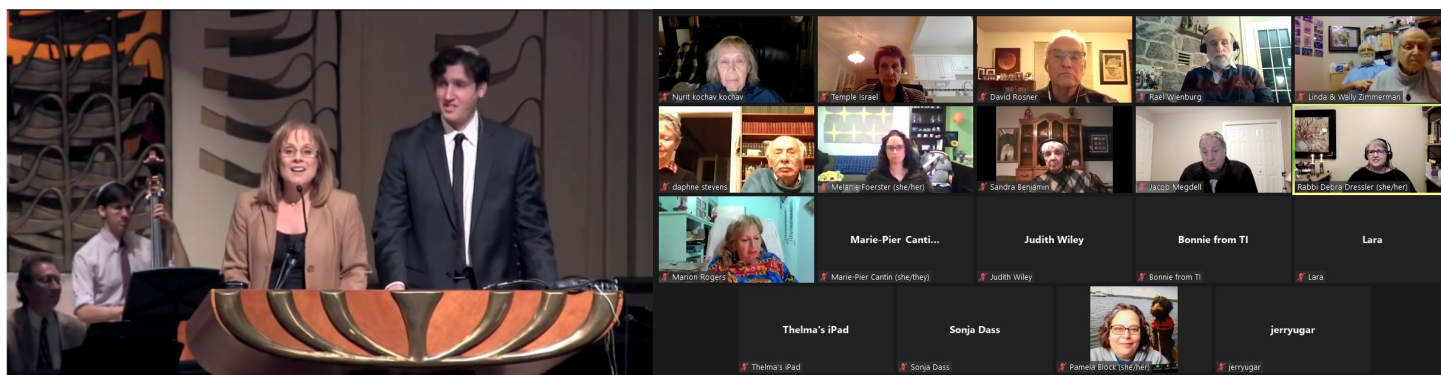
Social Action Committee

Members of the Social Action Committee and our congregation have recently been able to return to the London Food Bank to help sort food for the community. The Food Bank is limiting the numbers of volunteers at this time, but we hope that more people will be allowed to participate soon. Please contact the committee if you are interested in joining this fun group! Members of the committee have also been using this time to collect and donate gently used home goods and clothes to the local organizations that can use them best. We've been happy to donate goods to Goodwill and to The Mission Store. If you are interested in Decluttering for a Good Cause, Linda Zimmerman has compiled a handy list of organizations which accept a range of donations. The list is available on our website: templeisraelondon.ca under the heading "Donate Your Stuff."

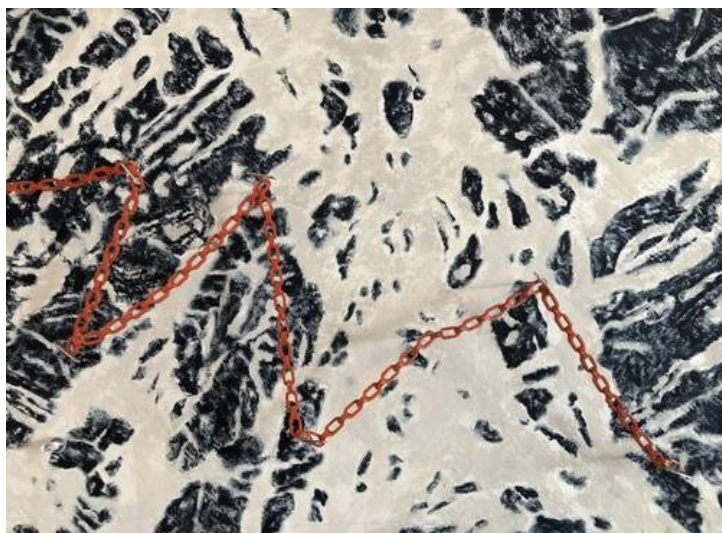
January 15, 2022 Movement Gathering of Leaders for Healing and Prayer for Cong. Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas



January 21, 2022 Shabbat for Colleyville, TX



THELMA ROSNER EXHIBIT



Temple Israel member & artist, Thelma Rosner, has an exhibit entitled "Where Can I Go Now" at McIntosh Gallery, Western University, until April 16, 2022.

Throughout her practice, Thelma has consistently employed narrative as a means to reflect on the Jewish diaspora. The catalyst for this exhibition was an autobiographical work written by Elisabeth M. Raab, a survivor of Auschwitz concentration camp during World War II. Beginning in 1944 with the forced transport from her home in Hungary to Auschwitz, Raab ultimately went on to make seventeen separate journeys over the ensuing five years. Permanently displaced following her liberation by Allied forces in 1945, Raab no longer had a home to which she could return and was left to travel throughout Europe without any clear connection to place.

Rosner considers Raab's postwar experience within a recent historical trajectory, making connections between post-war displacement and the plight of contemporary refugees. In preparation for this project, Rosner consulted immigrants to Canada, including members of her own family, personal acquaintances, and new Canadians met through the London Cross Cultural Learner Centre. After interviewing each person, Rosner requested permission to photograph a significant object brought with them on their journey to Canada. Each object is linked to a past life and carries profound emotional resonance. Inextricably connected to memory and place, these objects are souvenirs in the truest sense of the word. In the absence of their original contexts, they form tangible connections to a past life, evoking memories, emotions, stories. As Susan Stewart reminds us, "this capacity of objects to serve as traces of authentic experience is, in fact, exemplified by the souvenir. The souvenir distinguishes experiences. We do not need and desire souvenirs of events that are repeatable. Rather we need and desire souvenirs of events that are reportable, events whose materiality has escaped us, events that thereby exist only through the invention of narrative." Displaced from their points of origin, each of the objects that Rosner depicts evokes a narrative that keeps memories from fading into impermanence.

For more information, go to <https://mcintoshgallery.ca/exhibitions/current.html> or visit in person.

March 3 - April 16, 2022

 **Western**
McIntoshGallery 1151 Richmond Street, London ON

Five Years' Passage (detail). Mixed media installation. Courtesy of the artist.

Upcoming Events

Seder Meal Pick-up

Saturday, April 16 from 12-2 pm
(see flyer included with bulletin for details)



Seder Zoom Service with Beth El Windsor

Saturday, April 16 at 6:00 pm
(see flyer included with bulletin for details)

Lunch and Learn

Tuesday afternoons at 1:00 pm via Zoom

Jewish Information Class

JIC will resume in May - dates to follow



Food Bank Sort

Wednesday, April 6 from 6:30-8:00 pm
Email office to volunteer: office@templeisraelondon.ca



Shavu'ot Study Session

Sunday, June 5



Summer Kick off BBQ!

Sunday, June 5



TI General Meeting

Sunday, June 26 at 3:00 pm via Zoom

General Meeting



News

Kol Hakavod to:

David & Thelma Rosner on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Josh
Davida Sobel on the marriage of her son Steven Buchalter
Allie & Stephen Price and Elyse & Duncan Fisher on the birth of their new baby boy & grandson, Jacob
Tricia Mohan & Jon Sloan on the birth of their new baby boy Gabriel
Clive & Brynah Schneider-Friedman on the marriage of their daughter Raphaela
Wally & Linda Zimmerman on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Henry
Gail Bass for organizing the Comedy Night

Condolences to:

Shari White on the loss of her father Barrie Segall
The family of Rose Philip
The Sanatani family on the loss of their family member Ilya Zingman
Pearl Langer on the loss of her father Bernie Langer

Welcome to New Members:

Shannon Beliak & Brad Nussbaum

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.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



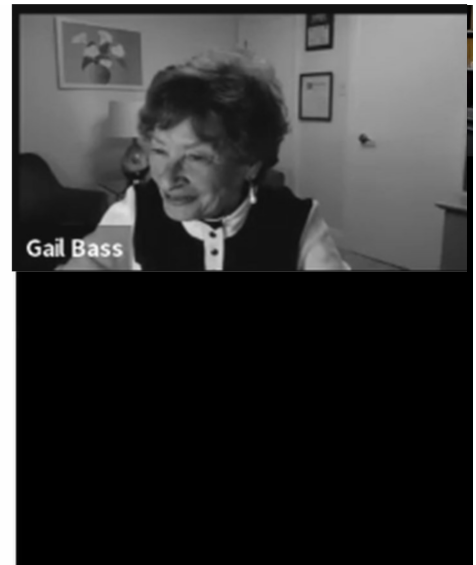
CASEY & JAKE'S AUFRUF - March 5, 2022



Temple Israel
London presents

The Martin Bass
Memorial (Zoom)
Comedy Night

March 5, 2022



Gail Bass

**THEY SAID A MASK
AND GLOVES WERE
ENOUGH TO GO TO
THE GROCERY STORE**

**THEY LIED,
EVERYBODY ELSE
HAD CLOTHES ON**

When you work from home but still
miss the metro



Learning the Internets
from your son



Audience
Participation

Next comedy night



in person



I HATE IT WHEN PEOPLE
ACT ALL INTELLECTUAL
AND TALK ABOUT
MOZART WHILE THEY'VE
NEVER EVEN SEEN ONE
OF HIS PAINTINGS...

Vintage Buddy Hackett

