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Annual Meeting & Presentation to Rabbi Dressler on her Bat Mitzvah Year at TI - June 25, 2023



From our Rabbi



Rabbi Debra Stahlberg Dressler

The rabbinate is a study in humility. I recall the words a mentor from my pre-HUC days shared, “Don’t believe all of your criticism. Don’t believe all of your praise. *And always remember to turn off your lapel mic before going to the restroom.*”

As a rabbi, both praise and criticism are occupational hazards. They each can shape your rabbinate - each with the same powers to erode and to enrich you on your journey. The “sweet spot” is the proper balance between the two. First, to learn enough from critique and your own mistakes to keep growing in your humanity and professional skills. Second, to appreciate the compliments and congratulations that you receive

in excess of what you have probably earned - to capture enough of those voices of encouragement to cheer you on when your own self-talk may undermine you in your calling to serve.

But success is never something that one crafts alone. Like the uber-practical and face-saving reminder to turn off your mic (even more relevant in the Zoom era!), some of the best guidance comes from common sense - and we never have enough of it resulting from our own education.

Like the sage advice I received on my way to rabbinical school, most of the best things in my rabbinate have come through the help of others. Temple Israel has been a haven for my family in dark times, and a joy to serve as I strive to be worthy of the trust you, my community, have invested in me from the very beginning. In all things, I have received irreplaceable support from so many people. (Please see below for some of the ways this community’s *financial* generosity has helped to fulfill our aspirations through the Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund.)

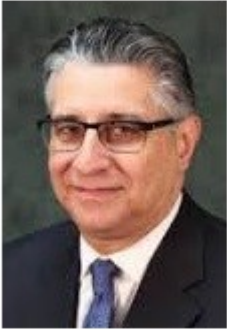
Whether you’ve known me since I arrived in June 2010, or if you have only recently introduced yourself to me as you embark on your Temple Israel journey, thank you - for your patience as I have learned, for your forgiveness as I have erred, and for your constant support and celebration of our accomplishments - thank you.

My “bat mitzvah” year has been a blessing, reflecting on my 13-year tenure at Temple Israel. I am grateful for the relationship that we have, which allows me to continue to serve you into that crazy enigma we call “the future.”

In 13 years, our community has generously donated over \$60,000 through the Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund. Below are only some of the many ways that your generosity has extended the impact of my work and our values:

- Scholarships to Jewish learning, camps, and youth groups
- Professional development for staff
- Tzedakah to organizations at home and abroad supporting Israel, homelessness, hunger, justice, and our natural world
- Seed money and support for transformative interfaith initiatives
- Enhancements to our programs, especially those targeted to young families
- Enrichment of our Religious School beyond the scope of our modest budget
- Digital prayer books and other ritual material
- Technology and training that allowed us to survive the COVID pandemic, and lay the foundation for us to continue thriving in the ever-changing landscape that our future holds
- and much more!

From our President



Jason Mandlowitz

On June 25, 2023, Temple Israel officially moved into summer.

We started by celebrating Rabbi Dressler's Bat Mitzvah: her thirteenth (13) year as our Rabbi. Rabbi was given a Certificate and gifts befitting the occasion.

Next, we conducted our Annual Meeting. The Congregation received our financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2022, and confirmed the appointment of our new accounting firm: Wilkinson Rogers LLP.

Our Annual General Meeting that followed confirmed that our Board of Directors would continue unchanged for the 2023-2024 year. The 2023-2024 Board approved the budget as presented. I want to personally thank our officers and directors for their work on behalf of the congregation. It appears that at least two (2) of our current directors will be serving their final year on the Board. Please consider joining the Board for 2024-2025. You can direct your questions and interest to myself or Susan Dean, our VP of Communications.

June 25, 2023, we also marked the beginning of our annual dues/donation campaign for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. I want to encourage all of our members to consider increasing their dues by 10% which would significantly help meeting our operational and strategic priorities. Daryl and I have already submitted our new dues form and have increased our commitment by 10%.

Having turned the corner on COVID, we are seeing a number of really positive signs. Attendance at Temple services and events, like the June 25, 2023 picnic, has steadily grown. We had over 40 members attend the Annual Meeting and Annual General Meeting and nearly 60 at our picnic. We continue to ensure that our wonderful home/building and grounds are well maintained. Our new access ramp is completed and working very well.

Over the summer and into the fall, we will be planning for the High Holy Days. It's hard to believe how quickly these approach. One of our key priorities is to have ready a new Mobile Ark for services at the JCC and in celebration of the past 50th anniversary of Wally and Linda Zimmerman. As you review and submit your new dues form, please consider donations to the Mobile Ark fund for this amazing tribute.

Let us know if you are celebrating a personal or family event so we can share the good news with our members.

To you and your family, best wishes from myself, Daryl and our family and the Board of Directors for the summer months.



Temple Israel, along with Jewish London, Or Shalom and Beth T'filah, plus four (4) Windsor Jewish organizations joined the Life and Legacy Program. Starting in January 2023, we were expected to obtain eighteen (18) letters of intention from our members. The letter of intention indicates that an individual or family is committing financially to supporting Temple Israel through a financial contribution or inclusion in their will, estate, insurance planning, etc. Our Temple Israel L&L Committee is co-chaired by Jeff Phillips and Jason Mandlowitz, with committee members Susan Dean, Keith Sammit, Wally Zimmerman, and Cindy Monger. With the help of our members, Temple Israel received nineteen (19) letters of intention as of June/23. But the work is not done. Our next step is to obtain another eighteen (18) letters of intention this year.

I know we can reach that goal and continue to prepare for our future. To receive more information about L&L, please contact Jeff Phillips or Susan Dean.

From our Rabbi Cont'd...

Celebrating my “bat mitzvah” year at Temple has prompted me to think about all that has transpired since I moved to London in 2010.

That was then, this is now:

In 2010:	In 2023:
My oldest child was a teen, and my youngest children were starting elementary school	My youngest children are teens, and my oldest went to graduate school and got married
My hair was dark brown, with a little bit of grey	My hair is grey, and probably still has some brown in there somewhere
I had one dog, who was half-poodle	I have two dogs who are <i>all poodle</i>
I had no formal experience working with Muslim and Christian communities	My relationships with local Imams and Christian leaders are some of my most treasured, and our interfaith work together is a centerpiece of our community
I had never known my local government officials	Our city councillors, MPPs, MPs and I greet each other like old friends at a neighbourhood block party
I had a vague-if-skeptical relationship with Skype (remember Skype?)	I hop on and off Zoom more often than I pick up a landline
I carried a cellphone, but lived and worked on landlines	What’s a landline?



Many thanks to Linda Dutsch for organizing a Meal Train for Rael and me throughout his chemo for the last few months. It made a huge difference and we appreciate it so much!

Margie Wienburg

At Gail Bass’s request, Comedy Night proceeds of \$749 were split 50/50 between Temple Israel and My Sister’s Place.

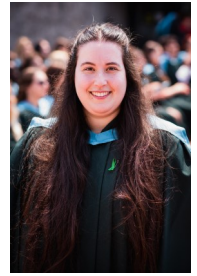


News

Yasher Koach to:

Nevia Frank on her graduation from Trent University Teacher's College in Peterborough and for her new position as the Religious School Coordinator at TI. As well, she is the recipient of both the 2023 ETFO Faculty of Education Award and the 2023 Trent Education Student Association Award.

Erin Jacob, daughter of Jane Jacob, on her graduation from Western with an MBSc and receiving the gold medal in Biochemistry.



Condolences to:

Francee Ender on the loss of her mother Eleanor.

Mazel Tov to:

Jeff & Joyce Phillips on the birth of their new grandson, Jacob Jeffrey Phillips.

Todah Rabah to:

Josh Dubitsky, Stephen State and Wally Zimmerman for leading a Shabbat service.

Annual Picnic - June 25, 2023



Donations

GENERAL DONATIONS

in honour of Denise & Ron Wexler's 55th anniversary from
Jason Mandlowitz & Daryl Fridenberg
in memory of Eleanor Ender from Bernard & Ellen Joy Lazarus
in honour of the five adult B'nei mitzvot honoured on Friday -
Susan Dean, Heather Megdell, Elizabeth Teevan, Lisa
Manax and in memory of Lisa Faden from Anonymous
from Randy Kissack
in honour of the 20th anniversary of Benjamins in London from
Arthur & Sandra Benjamin
in honour of Susan Dean's anniversary of B'nei mitzvah from
Al & Louise Levy
in honour of Sandra & Art Benjamin's 20th "London" anniversary
from Walter & Linda Zimmerman
in memory of Eleanor Ender from Marilyn Cohen
in memory of Eleanor Ender from F. Van Berkel
in memory of Carlos & Olga Acerenza from Alex & Ana
Porzecanski
in memory of Eleanor Ender from Lorraine & Larry Gray
in memory of Eleanor Ender from Francine & Harvey Kam
in memory of Eleanor Ender from Carolyn & Leo Goodman
in memory of Eleanor Ender from Al & Louise Levy
in memory of Eleanor Ender from Daniel Caplan
in memory of Eleanor Ender from Ben & Judy Goldberg
in memory of Eleanor Ender from Gail Goldrath
in memory of Eleanor Ender from Michael & Penny Lander
in memory of Eleanor Ender from Sonia and Gary Johnson
from Robert Solomon & Barbara Lent
from Nancy & Ivan Cohen
in memory of Max Jacob Cohen from Nancy & Ivan Cohen
in memory of Hazel Ginsberg from Marvin & Phyllis Simner
in memory of Louis Starnbach from Marvin & Phyllis Simner
in honour of the Martin Bass Comedy Night from
Jason Mandlowitz & Daryl Fridenberg
in honour of David Rosner for leading Shabbat services and the
choir from Jason Mandlowitz & Daryl Fridenberg
in honour of Josh Dubitsky leading Shabbat services
from Jason Mandlowitz & Daryl Fridenberg
in honour of Stephen State for leading Shabbat services
from Jason Mandlowitz & Daryl Fridenberg
in honour of Wally Zimmerman for Jewish London magazine
contributions from Jason Mandlowitz & Daryl Fridenberg

IN-KIND DONATIONS

from Susan & John Dean
from Jason Mandlowitz & Daryl Fridenberg
from Rabbi Debra Dressler & Casey Wright (2 donations)
from Arthur & Sandra Benjamin

SPONSORSHIPS - EDUCATION & RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

in memory of Eleanor Ender from Cindy Pearlstein
in memory of Helmuth Gumprich, Monya Gumprich, Tillie
Sturman, and Harry Sturman from Carole and Allen
Gumprich

GAYLE HOOVER MEMORIAL FUND

in memory of Gayle Hoover for Adult Ed lunches
from Michael Shmukler & Linda Dutsch
in memory of Eleanor Ender from David & Thelma Rosner

EDUCATION FUND

in memory of Jack Blitz from Andy Barak & Sally Cozens
In memory of Eleanor Ender from Andy Barak & Sally Cozens

BUILDING FUND - RAMP PROJECT

in honour of Art and Sandra Benjamin from Sharon Marks
in memory of Eleanor Ender from Cookie Gigan
in memory of Eleanor Ender from Denise and Ron Wexler
from Anonymous
from Bonnie Teevan

RON MARKS FUND

in memory of Ron Marks from Arthur & Sandra Benjamin
in memory of Ron Marks from Jason Mandlowitz
& Daryl Fridenberg
in memory of Ron Marks from Michael Shmukler & Linda Dutsch
in memory of Ron Marks from Michael & Penny Lander
in memory of Saul Marks, Phyllis Marks, Lianne Marks and
Georgina Hedden from Sharon, Alisha and Noah Marks
in memory of Ron Marks from Sharon, Alisha and Noah Marks

LIBRARY FUND

in honour of Art & Sandra Benjamin's 20th year at TI from
Michael Shmukler & Linda Dutsch

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND (RDF)

from Michael & Irina Sanatani
in honour of Ruth and Allan Michaels from Elizabeth Teevan
in memory of Sidney Abraham Kochav from
Leslie & Nurit Kochav
from Michael & Irina Sanatani
from Randy Kissack
in appreciation of Rabbi Dressler from Francee Ender,
Cindy Miles and Joel Ender
in memory of Eleanor Ender from Roslyn and Monty Caplan
in memory of Eleanor Ender from Ian & Bernardine Ketelaars
in memory of Eleanor Ender from Ricki & Eddie Romberg
in memory of Eleanor Ender from Randy Zittner
in memory of Eleanor Ender from John & Susan Dean
in honour of Stephen State from Randy Kissack

RITUAL (ZIMMERMAN 50TH ANNIVERSARY FUND)

from Jason Mandlowitz & Daryl Fridenberg
in honour of the Benjamins' 20th anniversary at Temple
from Susan & John Dean
in honour of the Benjamins' 20th anniversary at Temple
from Jason Mandlowitz & Daryl Fridenberg
in honour of Josh & Kay Dubitsky's 50th wedding anniversary
from Jason Mandlowitz & Daryl Fridenberg

Donations Cont'd...

RITUAL (ZIMMERMAN 50TH ANNIVERSARY FUND) CONT'D

in memory of Eleanor Ender from Walter & Linda Zimmerman

SOCIAL ACTION FUND - FOOD BANK

on the occasion of the Adult B'not Mitzvah Anniversary
from Elizabeth Teevan

in memory of Lisa Faden from Lisa Manax & Anargyros Skikos
in memory of Eleanor Ender from Susan Richmond
in memory of Eleanor Ender from Allan & Lori Katz
in memory of Eleanor Ender from Frank Johnson

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

from Randy Kissack

TZEDAKAH FUND

from Hannah Rachmel

MARTIN BASS MEMORIAL COMEDY NIGHT

from Mary Warner

from Denyse & Larry Reagan

from Carmen & Ron McNish

from Lisa Klinger

from Michael Shmukler & Linda Dutsch

Note: Donations included to June 30, 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.

Shabbat Service with Marks Family in Memory of Ron, then and now - June 10, 2023

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Reconciliation Shabbat - April 15, 2023



Around the Property

Photos show removal of upright fence posts by digging out the solid posts and cutting them with a chain-saw. Rotted posts were levered out and metal posts extracted. Weeds were removed in the front of the sunroom and kitchen and disposed of. Jim and Beth (Jim's helper) also cut down a huge amount of brush from branches that obstructed the lawn maintenance people. The heavy logs were cut up and placed on the woodpile beside the garage if anyone needs firewood. Either squirrels or raccoons chewed their way through the sides of an upstairs window, which has since been replaced with plywood.



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Each Chapter of Canadian Magen David Adom is dedicated to providing the maximum amount of support to Magen David Adom in Israel in its humanitarian mission through membership, donations, bequests, and special projects and functions.

We Save Lives!

Canadian Magen David Adom actively raises funds to support Israel's team of trained volunteer and professional medical responders and aids in providing the entire nation's pre-hospital emergency medical needs, including disaster, ambulance and blood services. MDA is an active member of the international Red Cross / Red Crescent Society.

Together with other Divisions throughout Canada, we in London continue to make a contribution to the cause of saving lives in Israel.

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Shabbat Supper Club at East Side Mario's - April 14, 2023



Shabbat Supper Club at Mykonos - May 5, 2023



Benjamins' 20th Anniversary at TI - May 27, 2023



Adult B'not Mitzvah Anniversary, then & now - June 2, 2023

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HHD Information and Milestone Birthdays & Anniversaries



July Milestone Birthdays



July 3 Allan Michaels

July 7 Joel Frank

July Milestone Anniversary



July 11 Kenneth Milne & Barbara Lubell - 30 years

August Milestone Birthdays



Aug 3 Shosh Lebo

August Milestone Anniversary



Aug 22 Jill & Charles Wright - 30 years

Aug 24 Wally & Linda Zimmerman - 55 years

September Milestone Birthdays



Sept 11 Michael Raskas

Sept 20 Michael Shmukler

September Milestone Anniversary



Sept 22 Jordi Mandlowitz & Marcus Jamin - 10 years

OCTOBER 16-17, 2023
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ANTISEMITISM

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ABOUT THE EVENT

This comprehensive conference includes two days of advocacy training for Jewish leaders, students, community advocates, advocacy professionals, and other faith and ethnic community leaders and partners on the critical issues facing the Jewish community.

WHAT TO EXPECT

You will learn the most effective strategies to engage the government and how to articulate the issues that matter most to our community. Participants will have opportunities for face-to-face meetings with key policy- and decision-makers on the Hill.

You will be part of the largest community gathering from coast to coast to coast standing strong, speaking with one voice.

You will go home empowered to be the change-maker our community needs right now.

In addition to international keynote speakers, panel discussions, advocacy training sessions, and networking opportunities over delicious meals, *Face It, Fight It* also offers:

- Meeting and engagement opportunities on Parliament Hill
- Reception with Parliamentarians and guests
- A chance (for first-timers) to attend Question Period
- An optional tour of the National Holocaust Monument hosted by a Member of Parliament

AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, WHILE SHOWING OUR COLLECTIVE SUPPORT FOR THE PEOPLE AND LAND OF ISRAEL, YOU WILL JOIN FORCES WITH LIKE-MINDED JEWISH CANADIANS AND ALLIES FROM ACROSS OUR COUNTRY IN THE FIGHT AGAINST ANTISEMITISM.