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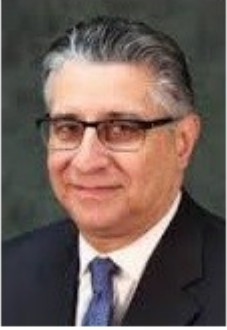
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What's been happening at Temple?

Some of Our Many High Holy Day Participants



From our President



Jason Mandlowitz

Best wishes as we prepare for Chanukah and Share the Warmth. Details of our congregational programs are located throughout this Bulletin and in our regular communications (weekly e-mail and website). Like many of you, I have found the pandemic to be challenging. I remember last March when we thought our lives would be changed for perhaps a few weeks or even a month. As we look forward, what we can be certain of is uncertainty. However, I believe we have much to be thankful for at Temple Israel.

We have been able to maintain our services and programs. Shabbat services continue. Religious school and teen programs continue. Adult education, our book club, JIC, and Lunch and Learn continue.

Thanks to our Rabbi, VP Education (Elizabeth Teevan), office staff, and members for their commitment to us all. Our 2020-2021 dues campaign is ongoing and so far we are right on track to meet our budget projections. At a time when so many religious organizations are struggling, you are ensuring our sustainability. Thank you to those who have remitted their annual dues and for added donations and sponsorships for our Religious School, adult education programs, High Holy Days and donation funds. We have a number of members who have newly established Donor Advised Funds which allows us to better plan for the full year.

During difficult economic times, we need to pause and thank our Founding Families who not only established Temple Israel, but ensured long term sustainability when our building was fully financed – we have no mortgage on the building. Maintenance and repairs, so far, can be handled through your generous contributions to our operating funds.

We have budgeted carefully and are monitoring our expenses.

At the same time we owe a debt of gratitude to the levels of government who are working to safeguard our health and safety. We have been enormously aided by two Government of Canada programs. First, we were able to obtain the CERB loan of \$40,000. When we repay \$30,000 by January 2022 we are allowed to keep the difference: \$10,000. Second, we were eligible and received a non-repayable grant under the CEWS (wage subsidy program) for March-June 2021. We are now preparing an application for at least July and August 2021.

Most importantly, we have not had a single Temple Israel member (nor a family member) report they have been stricken by COVID-19.

Board Notes

Re-opening Committee

The Board met recently and agreed that while they are not making any immediate plans to re-open Temple Israel while COVID numbers are high and increasing, they have already had some interest from individuals to participate in the re-opening process. The Board is inviting more people to consider joining this committee to plan for Temple's future. Please contact the Temple office if you are interested.

Temple Apartment

Board Member and VP Finance, Cindy Monger, is taking the lead in development of a plan of action and budget for renovations to the vacant apartment above the garage. If approved by the Board and congregation, we will then proceed to rent the unit.



Donations

DONATIONS GENERAL

in memory of Lisa Faden MacDougall from Michael & Janice Faden
from Alvin Segal & Janet Merrill
in memory of Minnie Malkis from Marvin & Phyllis Simner
from Effie Heller & Annette Klekner
from Eli Nathans
from Randy Kissack
in memory of Clarice Phillips from Jeffrey & Ruth Seigel
from Shirley Seigel
from the estate of Bill Miller

SPONSORSHIPS - HHB

from Lawrence Hoffman & Gayle Hoover
from John & Susan Dean
in honour of Rabbi Dressler from Marvin & Phyllis Simner
In memory of Bernardo Porzecanski, Stephanie Porzecanski Kochman, Carlos Acerenza and Olga Samarelo de Acerenza from Alex & Ana Porzecanski
from Thomas Casler
from Gail Bass
in memory of Andrew & Lillian McKee and Ellen Brownstone from Desi & Kandice Brownstone
from Linda Freedman
from Al & Louise Levy
in honour of Gilah Jamin from Jason Mandlowitz & Daryl Fridenberg
In honour of Jason and Daryl Mandlowitz & their celebration of their new grandchild from Terry Sicular & Kim Moodie
from Bing Siang Gan & Pearl Langer

SPONSORSHIPS—BUILDING

from Linda Freedman
in memory of Irvine Paghis from Jeffrey & Ruth Seigel
in honour of Jim Stevens from Terry Sicular & Kim Moodie
from Thomas Casler
from David & Thelma Rosner

SPONSORSHIPS - EDUCATION & RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

in honour of Margie & Rael's 50th wedding anniversary from Lawrence Hoffman & Gayle Hoover
from Neville Suskin & Helen Ettler
from Al & Louise Levy
from Sharon Marks
from Linda Fried

SPONSORSHIPS - TECHNOLOGY AND WEB

in memory of Miriam Paghis from Jeffrey & Ruth Seigel
from Charles & Jill Wright
from Al & Louise Levy
from Linda Freedman

FUND - EDUCATION

in memory of Peter Borwein from Robert Solomon & Barbara Lent
In honour of Margie & Rael's 50th anniversary from Lisa Manax & Anargyros Skikos
in honour of Lillian and Hannah's Bat Mitzvah from Michael & Sandra Fisman
In memory of Morris Yashinsky & Fay Rabinovitch from Al & Louise Levy

FUND - SOCIAL ACTION - FOOD BANK

from Bing Siang Gan & Pearl Langer
from Anargyros Skikos & Lisa Manax
from Randy Kissack
from Sharon Marks

FUND - BUILDING

in memory of Betty Hussey from Jeremy & Dinah Frank

FUND - TZEDAKAH

In memory of Pearl and Charles Michaels and Betty Wayne from Allan & Ruth Michaels

FUND - LIBRARY

in memory of Barry Bernstein's mother from Arthur & Sandra Benjamin
in memory of Clarice Phillips, and in memory of Peter Borwein from Arthur & Sandra Benjamin

FUND - RDF

In honour of Rabbi Dressler from Bonnie Teevan
from Michael & Sandra Fisman
in memory of Roberto Mendel from Lawrence Hoffman & Gayle Hoover
in memory of Rita Robinson and in honour of Rabbi Dressler from Leslie & Nurit Kochav
in honour of Rabbi Dressler from Sharon Marks
in memory of Elizabeth Earley from Linda Fried
from Neville Suskin & Helen Ettler
in honour of Desi and Kandice Brownstone from Leonard & Maxine Silverstein
in honour of Rabbi Dressler from Francee Ender
in honour of Sara Mara Pfeiffer Bligh from Dave & Debbie Pfeiffer
in memory of Yolana Pal from Leslie & Nurit Kochav
in honour of Temple Israel and Rabbi Dressler from Henry & Claire Bendheim
in honour of Gilah Jamin from Arthur & Sandra Benjamin
in memory of Clarice Phillips from Clive & Brynna Schneider-Friedman
In memory of Alice Greene Sicular & George Myer Sicular from Terry Sicular & Kim Moodie
in memory of Marilyn and Mort Tansky, Sadie Tobin, Libby Benjamin and Rhoda Tilner from Arthur & Sandra Benjamin
In memory of Peter Borwein from Stephen State
In honour of the Rabbi from Jeff & Joyce Phillips

Note: Donations included to November 13, 2020. 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.

Upcoming Events

TI Annual Meeting

January 24, 2021

At the Annual Meeting, members will be presented with the June 2020 year end financial statement and will be asked to reappoint Marcus & Associates as our accountants for another year.

TI Book Club

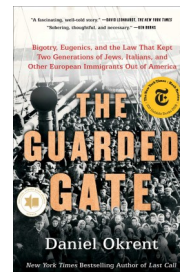
The Temple Israel Book Club meets at 2:00 pm on Saturday, December 12 to discuss *The Guarded Gate* by Daniel Okrent.

Upcoming Meetings:

February 6, 2021 - *The Betrayers* by David Bezmozgis

March 6, 2021 - *Hunting the Truth-Memoirs of Beate and Serge Klarsfeld*

bitly.com/tibookclub



JEM Programs Online - Save the Date

1. Sinai: The Real Story

Presented by Jim Stevens on January 4, 2021

2. The Bible in the Age of #MeToo: Reading Rape Narratives

Presented by Carl Ehrlich on January 11, 2021

3. Leaving Harry for Rocco Perri: The Ambiguous Identity of Jewish Mob Boss Bessie Starkman

Presented by Monda Halpern on January 18, 2021

News

Kol Hakavod to:

Stephen State on the birth of his new granddaughter, Eve

Barb Lent, co-producer of "The Gender Lady"

Shmuel Fahri & Cammileah Beth on the birth of their baby daughter, Victoria Beth

Susan Dean on her performance in "Quarantine Story"

David & Thelma Rosner whose daughter, Anna, recently published "Journey Man", a book for kids 10 and up about the career of an indigenous hockey player, Jamie Leach.

Special Thanks to:

Volunteers who helped distribute challah, cider and prayer books at our drive-through

Congregants who participated in recording HHD messages (wish we had room in the bulletin for everyone's picture!)

The HHD Choir and the HHD Ushers

Volunteers who called our members (twice!) & those who delivered Chanukah gifts

The Shmukler family who baked many batches of latkes

Nevia Frank & Rachel Okazaki for all their work on the online Religious School curriculum and for regularly delivering materials to our RS families

Condolences to:

Neil Kapp on the loss of his father, Manfred Kapp

Josh & Kay Dubitsky on the loss of their brother-in-law, Larry Frazer

Janet Merrill on the loss of her mother, Patricia Merrill

Jan Lubell on the loss of her sister, Linda Zemel

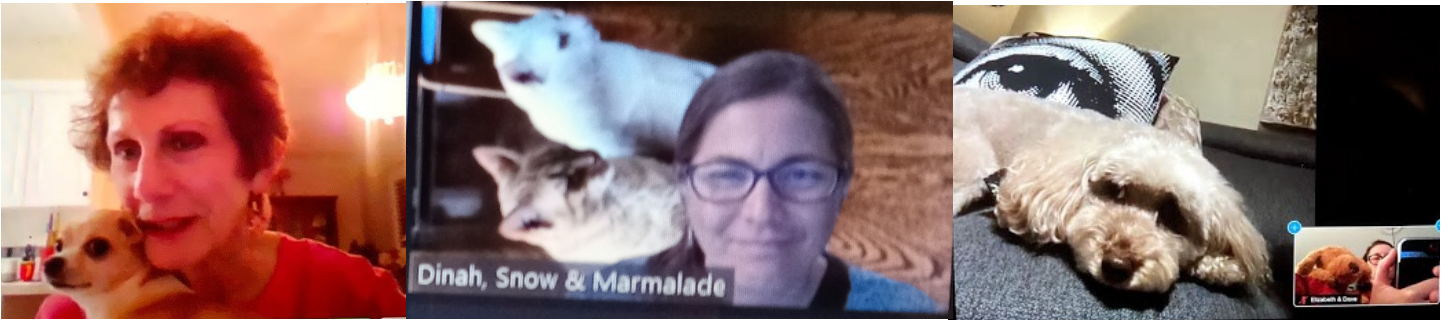
Thelma Llewellyn on the loss of her brother, Everard

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.

Challah, Apple Cider & Prayer Book Drive-Through



Blessing of the Animals



Gayle Hoover, aka RBG



HHD Zoomers





Education

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

The fall session of Religious School has Zoomed into being and into the homes of our families with a curriculum especially designed for pandemic times and specially modified to suit our students. Each Sunday, Rabbi Dressler and our teachers have been engaging our students in lessons anchored in Jewish texts and focused on skills that build resilience and strategies for managing challenging times. Each lesson includes a hands-on activity that uses the contents of the activity boxes that the teachers have prepared and delivered to the students' homes. The Sukkat Shalom unit has just been completed and all are now looking forward to exploring Ometz Lev.

ADULT EDUCATION

Rabbi Dressler is outdoing herself with a plethora of offerings safe for pandemic times! In addition to weekly services and Torah study, Tuesday evening is an exploration of progressive views on Israel; Wednesday is Lunch and Learn, currently exploring Reform views of God; and Sunday afternoon is Jewish Information Class. All of these classes are designed for entry at any point, so come Zoom in for study and for community. Check our weekly email for dates and times.





Chanukah may be virtual this year, but it's still going to be full of SIZZLE

Sunday, December 13 at 1:00 pm

The world's biggest, boldest food competition series will head north during the Festival of Lights to deliver all of the world-class dishes, high-stakes drama and engaging personalities that are the hallmark of Iron Chef.

Temple Israel's most renowned Latke chefs face off in a head-to-head battle with their favourite latke recipe.

Then, they will be challenged to up their fried potato game using featured "secret ingredients."

Each chef's dishes are judged on taste, presentation and originality by a panel of culinary experts drawn from our very own Temple Israel family.

The chef with the highest score wins supreme bragging rights as the first-ever *Iron Chef of Temple Israel*.

Following the latke face-off, we will join together to light the candles for the 4th night of Chanukah.

Have your menorah and candles ready to join us!



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.