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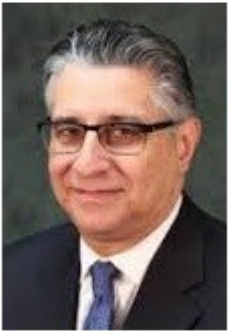
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What's been happening at Temple

Chanukah Party & Share the Warmth December 18, 2022



From our President



Jason Mandlowitz

I want to thank all of our members for their generosity and timeliness in responding to our 2022-2023 synagogue dues campaign. We are well on the way towards meeting the financial targets set in our annual budget. Preliminary figures show that about 60% of members maintained their dues at the same level as last year despite the ongoing challenges from COVID. A further 33% increased their dues.

Your support is vital as the maintenance costs on our wonderful building/home continue to increase. Our new access ramp is almost complete. Winter storms have already created damage to our roof which will need to be repaired as Spring approaches. Our original front wood fence has decayed and needs to be replaced. Please consider a donation to our Building Fund so that we can continue to ensure that our home is well maintained.

More optimistically, Temple Israel has never planned and/or offered more programs. Shabbat services are being offered in-person followed by a Kiddush. Services plus Torah Study are also available on-line. It would be great to see more of you in-person as we are slowly reaching pre-COVID attendance levels.

It is hard to believe that we are in January and already beginning to plan for High Holy Days for the fall. To meet our commitment to you from last year, we are working to build a new mobile Ark and replace our old Torah covers.

Check our website, weekly e-mails and bulletins for information on upcoming events. In particular, please HOLD Saturday, April 1, 2023, in the evening for our Comedy Night.

I believe that our major issue for the current year, and the near future, is addressing anti-semitism generally and in London. Our Board discussed this issue at our January 15, 2023, meeting. The significant increase in anti-semitic activity is obvious and regrettable. Data from a number of Jewish organizations shows that 2021 saw the highest number of anti-semitic acts in our history. Our Board agreed that we need to be more active but as part of a coordinated London community. As an example, we were contacted by the London District Catholic School Board in late 2022 to dialogue on how Temple Israel could participate in the LDCSB efforts/plans to better educate their students about Jewish life.

2022-2023 will be a very busy year. If you have the interest and time to help, please contact our Office.

Note: Tax receipts will be emailed to you in early February.



Family & Religious School Shabbat December 9, 2022





Rabbi Debra Stahlberg Dressler

Dear Friends -

Life seems to move more slowly in the heart of winter. Yet, life at Temple seems to be speeding up. Our communal events continue to shift and develop as we move into our “Covid Light” model of synagogue life. There have been ongoing conversations at TI about the shape and number of our programs - educational, holiday, and ritual - as we try to meet the ever-more-diverse needs of a hybrid community.

Some emerging perspectives:

- Nearly *half* of our participants in worship continue to be online
- Online participation *does not supplant* in-person attendance
- Online attendees would *likely not* be able to participate often in person
- Our small but growing population of *young families* are eager for services and programs
- Non-traditional, “*out-of-the-box*” approaches are welcome, if they increase access

As we prepare for Purim and Passover, expect some fresh ideas - we hope you will try them out and then let us know what you think.

“*Al tifros min ha-tzibbur...*” Our sages taught, “Do not separate yourself from the community.”

Our continued investment in utilizing technology to expand our reach may be changing how we stay connected. But even as we approach the third anniversary of the Covid-19 pandemic, the connections we call “community” remain at the heart of our congregation.

“Our Big Fat Temple Bat Mitzvah”



Watch for Temple families over the years to start joining us at services to share their memories of b’nei mitzvah celebrated with us.

- February 18 - The Rosners and other early families
- June 2 - Adult B’nei mitzvah classes
- June 10 - The Marks family, including Ron Marks’ yahrzeit

Other Shabbat service dates available: March 4, April 29, May 13, and more.

If you celebrated your simcha around the same years, please join us on those dates, or sign up for another. Please contact the office for more information.

Please mark your calendars for these special services:

Friday, March 24 - Disabilities Acceptance Shabbat: “Disabilities through a Jewish Lens”

Saturday, April 15 - Reconciliation Shabbat: “Decolonizing the Synagogue” (tent.)

June - LGBTQ+ Celebration Shabbat - TBD

From our Rabbi Cont'd.

Purim:

Please note that due to numerous absences among Temple leadership, our Purim celebration will have to be postponed to after March Break (tentatively March 26). Please watch your email for updates!



Save the Date:

Passover "Tastes and Temptations," Sunday, April 2, at 12:30 pm

Learn how to make matzah, manage food sensitivities, and make dessert matzahs.

Then, sample a variety of types of charoset made by volunteers.

(For people joining via Zoom, pre-packaged charoset "samplers" will be available for pickup that morning)

Note: Lunch available for those coming from RS.

Want to share a charoset for the congregation to sample? Please contact the office!



News

Yasher Koach to:

Hannah Byrne-Wolfson, our Religious School Teacher, for being accepted to Hebrew Union College



Condolences to:

Audrey Sombrano on the loss of her husband, Emmanuel

Todah Rabah to:

Josh Dubitsky for leading a Shabbat service

Wally Zimmerman, Rael Wienburg and Elizabeth Teevan who regularly take wonderful pictures at our events

Welcome to New Member:

Leanne Greig

TI Kids and More



Around the Property



Some of you may have noticed damage to the ceilings in some of the classrooms. This is due to roof leaks from the severe storms we experienced last year. The roofers will install metal roof peaks on the places shown on the east side of the building. They have to wait until the roof is properly dry or it is too slippery to walk on.

Religious School Latke Making - December, 2022



Susan Dean's on Stage!

SILVER SPOTLIGHT THEATRE, A BRANCH OF MUSICAL THEATRE PRODUCTIONS, PRESENTS

RODGERS & HART'S

BABES IN ARMS

MARCH 24 – APRIL 2, 2023
THE AUBURN STAGE – THE GRAND THEATRE

TICKETS AVAILABLE
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Temple's Susan Dean will be appearing in the inaugural production of Silver Spotlight Theatre's "Babes in Arms" at the Grand's Auburn Theatre. A wing of Musical Theatre Productions (MTP), Silver Spotlight features senior-aged performers, crew and staff with a mission of presenting full-scale Broadway musicals.

Performance dates are:
 Friday March 24 7:30 - SOLD OUT
 Saturday March 25 7:30 pm
 Sunday, March 26 1:30 - SOLD OUT
 Wednesday March 29 7:30 pm
 Thursday March 30 7:30 pm
 Friday March 31 7:30 pm
 Saturday April 1. 7:30 pm
 Sunday April 2 1:30 pm - SOLD OUT

Contact the Grand Theatre Box Office for available tickets.

Donations

GENERAL DONATIONS

in memory of Marion Rogers' granddaughter from Anonymous
in memory of Pamela Samuels from Rabbi Howard &
Elaine Hoffman
from Randy Kissack (2 donations)
on the occasion of Hanukkah from Shawn & Holly Hudes
from Rudolf Stahlberg

IN-KIND DONATIONS - BUILDING

from Jason Mandlowitz & Daryl Fridenberg (2 donations)

IN-KIND DONATIONS - PROGRAMMING

from Jason Mandlowitz & Daryl Fridenberg (3 donations)
from John & Susan Dean

SPONSORSHIPS - EDUCATION & RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

in honour of Dinah Frank in obtaining her Doctor of Education
Degree from Western University from Carole &
Allen Gumprich
in memory of Max Gumprich from Allen & Carole Gumprich
in honour of Stephen State from Jayne Garland
on the occasion of the Benjamin's 65th wedding anniversary &
the arrival of a great grandson from Anonymous
from Michael Shmukler and Linda Dutsch
from Sharon Marks

GAYLE A. HOOVER MEMORIAL FUND

in memory of Gayle Hoover from Walter & Linda Zimmerman

EDUCATION FUND

from Ryan Goldenberg

BUILDING FUND - RAMP PROJECT

in memory of Steffi and Bernardo Porzecanski from Alex
& Ana Porzecanski
in honour of Susan & John Dean from Andrea Chapman
in honour of Rael Weinberg from Arthur & Sandra Benjamin
in memory of Pam Samuels from Arthur & Sandra Benjamin
in honour of Bonnie Teevan from Arthur & Sandra Benjamin
in memory of Michael Bernstein's mother from Arthur
& Sandra Benjamin
In memory of Shirley Siegel from Arthur & Sandra Benjamin
in honour of the birth of the first great grandson for the
Benjamins from Arthur & Sandra Benjamin
in memory of Shirley Siegel from Desi & Kandice Brownstone
on the occasion of Art & Sandra's 65th anniversary &
Art's 85th birthday from Ellen Morrow
from Jim & Daphne Stevens
on the occasion of Sandra and Arthur's 65th anniversary from
Oslynn Benjamin & Jamie Stewart
in honour of Arthur and Sandra Benjamin's 65th Anniversary
from Judy Silver

BUILDING FUND - RAMP PROJECT CONT'D.

on the occasion of Sandra and Arthur Benjamin's anniversary
from Diana Toby & Benjamin Abramson
in honour of Arthur and Sandra Benjamin from Vera &
Herb Benjamin
on the occasion of Arthur and Sandra Benjamin's 65th wedding
anniversary & Arthur's 85th birthday from Yvon Bertrand
from Bonnie Teevan

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND (RDF)

in appreciation of Rabbi Dressler from Allen & Carole Gumprich
in memory of Pam Samuels from Desi & Kandice Brownstone
in memory of Rita Pearlman, Lisa Pearlman's mother
from Eilene Gerofsky
on the occasion of the baby naming of Jacob Stephen Duncan,
son of Allison and Stephen Price by Elyse & Duncan Fisher
in honour of Rabbi Dressler from Jeffrey & Ruth Seigel
in memory of Abraham Robinson from Leslie & Nurit Kochav
in memory of Rita Robinson from Leslie & Nurit Kochav
from Michael & Irina Sanatani
in memory of Pam Samuels from Michael & Sandra Fisman
from Randy Kissack (2 donations)
in memory of Lynda Usprich from Syd Usprich
in memory of Louise Shanfeld from Leah Shanfeld

RITUAL - ZIMMERMAN 50TH ANNIVERSARY

in memory of Shirley Seigel from Walter & Linda Zimmerman

SOCIAL ACTION FUND - FOOD BANK

from Bradley Gold & Patricia Filek
from Desi & Kandice Brownstone
from Nancy Davis & Ewan Macpherson
from Janie Rother & Grant Edwards
from Josh & Kay Dubitsky
from Michael Shmukler & Linda Dutsch
from Simone Mendel
from Anonymous

SOCIAL ACTION FUND-SHARE THE WARMTH

from Walter & Linda Zimmerman

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

from Randy Kissack (2 donations)

TZEDAKAH FUND

from Anonymous

FUND - RABBI WITTSTEIN CAMP GEORGE

in honour of the birth of Leyla Joie to Justin & Cara Reinsilber
from John & Susan Dean

Note: Donations included to January 15, 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 Supper Club at Mykonos December 16, 2022



Family & Religious School Shabbat Service - December 9, 2022



**Martin Bass
Memorial**

**Comedy
Night**

Both in-
person
and on
Zoom

Watch your
email for
more
details

**Saturday, April 1, 2023
at 7:30 pm**

Rabbi Wise Visit to TI December 3, 2022



Milestone Birthdays & Anniversaries



January Milestone Birthday
Jan 7 Alex Porzecanski



January Milestone Anniversary
January 11 - 25 years Barbara & Sheldon
Derrick



February Milestone Birthdays

February 1	Ruth Michaels	February 13	Anna Kras-Dupuis
February 2	John Dean	February 15	Holly Hudes
February 9	Claude Cherniak	February 20	Leora Swartzman
February 12	Kamila Myszaki	February 25	Clive Schneider-Friedman



March Milestone Anniversary
March 11 - 55 years Alex & Ana
Porzecanski