



Dr. Anne Lidsky's Dessert Reception

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## Fellowship and God's Great Love

By **RABBI RACHEL HEAPS**

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Our Jewish community comes together for many things—in a common sense of responsibility to each other, in a calling to make the world around us around more equitable, in a deep connection to the planet on which we live, and a history that informs our future. None of these holds a candle, though, to the greatest community builder in our community—the Torah.

Our tradition views Torah as a gift, as the origin for everything we do, believe, and become as Jews. Torah is common unifier for all Jews, no matter where we are, what language we speak, what sect or tradition we come from. All of us have Torah at the core of our community.

Yet even Torah knows that the presence of our community can ebb and flow with events and circumstances of the world around us. Just look at this past year and a half, it's been hard for every community to feel connected—distance, digital only access, and the distress of the moment in which we

find ourselves has made it hard to find community. We've done everything we could, and have been mostly successful, but community changed.

This summer, with vaccines and nicer weather, we've been able to resume a semblance of "normal". Kids have gone back to camp, friends and family were able to be in the same room, restaurants and social venues have opened back up, and postponed simchas have been rescheduled. And our Jewish community hasn't quite gone "back to normal," but instead is moving forward with the rest of the world to find a new normal.

In our morning liturgy, the prayer called *Ahavah Rabah* (God's Great Love) discusses this fluctuation of community. It opens with the assertion that Torah is indeed God's greatest gift which unifies us in story and in purpose.



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## Editor's Note



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We're all familiar with Temple Jeremiah's tagline: "the joy of belonging." That tagline is stitched into the fabric of temple community. Here, we not only celebrate our shared experience of Judaism, but also the community we've created with and for each other.

This issue of The Covenant celebrates the sense of fellowship that defines so much of day to day within our community. As you read this issue, you'll learn about our amazing Sisterhood Book Club, which fosters a space within Temple Jeremiah for members to connect and explore Jewish identity through literature. Each month, the Sisterhood Book Club not only dives deep into their monthly reads, but also deepen their connections with each other through the lens of Jewish literature.

Similarly, the July issue also shares memories of the deep sense of community surrounding Dr. Anne Lidsky's impressive Temple Jeremiah legacy. Inside, you can read a heartfelt message from Cantor Amy Zussman as well as pictures from Anne's retirement dessert reception.

These pages not only reflect on important community events celebrating Anne, but also honor the ways that Anne has helped us all come together and grow as a community. This issue also features a Staff Spotlight on Julian Chin. As he leaves our congregation, he shares what the community and fellowship here meant to him and how he will bring that sense of community forward with him to New York. You'll also read a piece from Danny Glassman, our Executive Director, on the importance of family connection through Judaica and heirlooms.

Overall, the July Covenant has collected stories about the role fellowship and community plays here at Temple Jeremiah and in our Jewish community. I'm thrilled to share these stories with you and to continue to be a part of our community.

### GET INVOLVED WITH FEED THE HUNGRY

Temple Jeremiah has been providing lunches for the hungry on the first Sunday of the month for years, and the need is greater than ever.

To get involved, visit: [tinyurl.com/FeedTheHungry2020-2021](https://tinyurl.com/FeedTheHungry2020-2021).

## Weekly Torah Portions

Join us at 9:30 a.m. every Saturday to discuss the week's Torah portion and how it may apply to your life.

To join us on Zoom, visit [zoom.us/j/132889355](https://zoom.us/j/132889355).



July 3, 2021	<b>Pinchas</b>	Numbers 25:10 – 30:1
July 10, 2021	<b>Matot-Masei</b>	Numbers 30:2 – 36:13
July 17, 2021	<b>Devarim</b>	Deuteronomy 1:1 – 3:22
July 18, 2021	<b>Tish'a B'Av</b>	Deuteronomy 4:25 – 4:40
July 21, 2021	<b>Vaetchanan</b>	Deuteronomy 3:23 – 7:11
July 31, 2021	<b>Eikev</b>	Deuteronomy 7:12 – 11:25

## L'dor V'dor: A Case for Keeping Judaica In the Family



By **DANNY GLASSMAN**

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One of the more frequent questions I get asked is “would the Temple be interested in (fill the blank with whatever books,, prized silver collection, art piece, etc. the asker may have)?” And for those who have asked it, I always respond, “thank you for the gesture, but we do not take donations of (fill in the blank)”. I completely understand why people ask me this question. Many of us, as Jews, find ourselves with Judaica that we want preserved, and what's a better place for preserving Judaica than a temple?

For a period of time, Krystal and I dabbled in the resale market of books and media, and every time we came across Judaica, I struggled with selling it. I had a wall covered with Jewish texts that I never opened, but felt a strong need to keep and protect. My office is very similar. In it, there are many books I hang onto despite only pulling them off the shelf maybe once per year.

I've been thinking about this topic since seeing an article a colleague of mine posted on Facebook. The article, written by Rabbi Daniel Dorsch, was entitled "Our Synagogue does not want your old books." While I am all about grabbing attention using slick marketing, even I'll admit that I was shocked to see this headline published in *The Times of Israel*.

Rabbi Dorsch starts his article in a particularly blunt way: "Attention: Our synagogue does not want any more of your old books for our library. I promise that it does not matter what synagogue you attend: I am speaking on behalf of all synagogues everywhere. Do not bring us your old Jewish books and ask us to take them off your hands. We have plenty."

Rabbi Dorsch proposes that, if you're interested in donating Jewish books to your synagogue, you should instead consider "turning your books into gifts for your children and grandchildren" while celebrating Shavuot, the holiday marking the the giving of the Torah.

The Rabbi goes on to promote the passing down of legacy and tradition, offering examples of the power this sharing of heritage can have. Notably, Rabbi Dorsch shares the story of a young man who discovered an old siddur while clearing the bookshelf of his grandfather, who had recently passed away. To the man, the discovery of this book was profoundly moving.

I, too, have siddurim and other books that my grandparents once used, and each time I look at them, I am transported to a more spiritual place. These texts and items of Judaica not only connect us with the people that matter most in our lives, but also with the culture and rich, religious history we've shared with them.

Another important siddur I own isn't a family artifact, but rather a present from Rabbi Schreiber, who gave me the book while he was condensing his collection and moving books into our Temple library. This siddur is an Orthodox edition of daily prayers, and realistically, I know I won't read from it. However, whether I read from the siddur or not, the text still has immense value to me as both a gift and a Jewish text for which I am responsible.

In his article, Rabbi Dorsch references a *TIME Magazine* piece from 2017 about *dostadning*, the Swedish practice of "death-cleaning." Death-cleaning is exactly what it sounds like: it's the process of cleaning house before you die, rather than leaving that responsibility to your loved ones after you're gone. Aging Swedes will sort through their possessions and organize their homes with the ultimate goal of a spiritual decluttering. The process of death-cleaning concludes when the *dostadners* gift their most important heirlooms and stories along to the next generation.

Rabbi Dorsch believes that, as "people of the book," all Jews should practice death-cleaning, at least when it comes to our books. According to Rabbi Dorsch, we should pass along our precious Hebrew texts to our children, our grandchildren, our great-grandchildren should we be lucky enough to meet them. It is on all of us to give our religious books to the next generation, and, chiefly, tell the next generation the story of why these books are so important to our family and culture.

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The Rabbi concludes his article with a wonderful quote, paraphrased from Rabbi Isaac Kook: "We must take the old and make it new, and take the new and make it sacred."

I have shared on many occasions I don't consider myself a Hebrew scholar. As a matter of fact, in many cases, I find the use of Hebrew to be a barrier for Reform religious engagement, especially for Reform Jews who do not speak the language. I also don't consider myself sentimental. In my house, I'm always the first one to purge unused toys, condiments, etc. However, when it comes to book-*dostadning*, or even more appropriately, Judaica-*dostadning*, this is not the case. There is a strong case to be made for holding onto our Jewish books. They not only can help bring families closer together, but also help us honor and continue our Jewish traditions.

The next time you feel like there is a Jewish artifact you would like to pass on to Temple Jeremiah, think about which family member may be moved by the gesture. Pass along to that family member instead. *L'dor v'dor*, from generation to generation.

## COVID-19 Operating Procedures Update

By TEMPLE JEREMIAH'S COVID-19 TASK FORCE

Dear Fellow Congregants,

The COVID-19 Advisory Task Force met this month and reviewed our current operating procedures, along with data from the CDC and Illinois Public Health. As of June 11th, we are making some significant changes that more closely align with the recommendations put out by the CDC and the State of Illinois. Please see the updated policy below. We continue to keep *Pikuach Nefesh*, the preservation and protection of life, front and center. This one command supersedes almost every other command in our Jewish tradition. We are optimistic that we will be able to make updates as the situation evolves later this spring and into the summer.

Drawing upon guidelines established by other faith communities and the recommendations of the CDC, we have initiated a phased reopening as outlined below. The COVID-19 Advisory Task Force evaluates our procedures every six weeks to determine the best course of action moving forward. The following procedures will be applicable to all synagogue gatherings (both onsite and offsite), usage of the facility by synagogue partners, and all who enter into a rental agreement with Temple Jeremiah.

### CURRENT SPECIFICS (AS OF JUNE 2021)

We will follow all guidelines as indicated by Cook County, the State of Illinois, and the CDC, yet reserve the right to further enhance our procedures to fulfill our number one goal: the health and safety of our community.

- Individuals who are fully vaccinated will not be required to wear a mask. Masks will be required for those not yet vaccinated. We strongly encourage all those who are eligible to receive a vaccine.
- There is currently no limit on the number of individuals allowed at in person events. We will continue to follow the state's guidelines regarding attendance limits.
- Seating will be modified to maintain physical distancing

- Guests need to bring their own tallit and kippah.
- All worship and programming being held within the physical building will continue in a digital, multi-access format as possible.

The building will continue to follow stringent entrance and safety procedures which include:

- There will be designated entrances and exits to help maintain physical distance.
- If you have symptoms (i.e. cough, fever) please stay home.

Please note: when entering the temple and participating in temple activities, you assume risk and acknowledge that while Temple Jeremiah regularly cleans and sanitizes our building, we cannot guarantee that you will be protected from the spread of COVID-19.

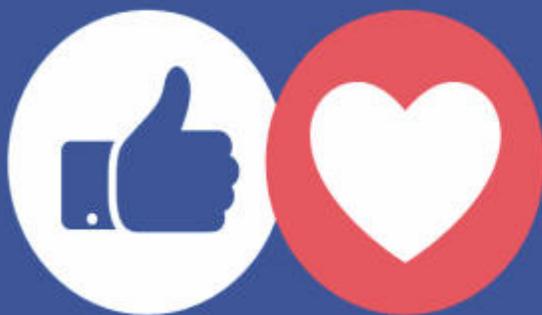
We will also follow the above guidelines if the clergy is officiating at a lifecycle event at a different location, such as a funeral or wedding. The above guidelines will stay in effect until such time as new information has been released by the Governor and the CDC, or health officials.

To say that these are very trying times seems so inadequate. We join you in the prayer and the hope that we will see a more normal world soon. Until that time, know that we are doing everything we can to keep our community safe and connected.

Best,

### Temple Jeremiah COVID-19 Advisory Task Force

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## Save the Date: Young Family Events This Summer

Hello Temple Jeremiah Families! Temple Jeremiah is thrilled that the weather is getting warmer and that we're all able to meet in person again. To ring in the summer and the return to in-person events, the temple is hosting a series of family-friendly programming. We invite you to learn more about a few of these programs below:

Temple Jeremiah is thrilled to announce that Bim Bam Baby, an in-person music class for little ones, has returned! This fun, energetic five-week class for toddlers and their parents or caregivers offers lively, developmentally appropriate songs and activities with your little one and the opportunity for parents to get to know one another! Registration for the current session is full, but keep your eyes open for information about upcoming classes.

We also invite you to save the date for some special in-person Young Family Shabbats this summer! Join us for pop-up Young Family Shabbat and Havdallah celebrations in July. We will gather in neighborhood parks, each other's backyards (including at the home of Cantor Susie Lewis Friedman on July 10th and Dina

Bauwens' home on July 31st), and the temple's own playground. Plus, you will have a chance to meet Temple Jeremiah's new Director of Congregational Learning, Matt Rissien!

To receive more information or if you're interested in hosting a Shabbat or Havdallah near you, please contact Danny Glassman at [danny@templejeremiah.org](mailto:danny@templejeremiah.org).

Also, our long-standing social justice program Feed the Hungry continues year-round and we could use more volunteers over the summer! This is a wonderful way to perform a mitzvah with the whole family and all you have to do is pack lunches at home and drop them off at the temple on the first Sunday of the month. To learn more about Feed the Hungry, please visit: [tinyurl.com/TJFeedtheHungry2021](https://tinyurl.com/TJFeedtheHungry2021).

We can't wait to enjoy all these family programs with you this summer. If you would like to be notified of other programs for young families, please fill out this very short form: [templejeremiah.shulcloud.com/form/TJ-YoungFamilies](https://templejeremiah.shulcloud.com/form/TJ-YoungFamilies).



### IAC Israel Fun Fact: Did you know...

*The popular mobile mapping program, Waze, was developed in Israel. Google purchased the GPS-based navigation app in 2013 for a reported \$1.3 billion.*

## RABBI HEAPS (continued from page 1)

But the second half of the prayer includes an odd line: *"V'havienu l'shalom mei-arbah kanfot ha-aretz,"* "gather us from the four corners of the earth," it says. In the same prayer that sees Torah as the thing that brings our community together, it acknowledges that there will be times when we are spread apart and perhaps, need a little help in finding our way back to each other.

It is through the lens of *Ahavah Rabah* that we begin to understand that community is not one single thing for all time. It grows and adapts. It fluctuates and reinvents itself. It is what we need it to be, when we need it, and responds when called upon. Jewish community is no different. The community that each of us partner in creating today is not the same as the one we entered 2020 with. The community that will soon enter into 5782 is one unique to our current needs and becomes what each Jeremiah-ite puts into it.

Even still, I am certain that the things that make our community

wonderful haven't changed. Torah will always be at our center, and we will always strive for the betterment of ourselves, those around us, and the world at large. Our core values remain strong and true, even if the way we express them has pivoted in this new normal. How do I know this? As *Ahavah Rabah* says, it's a choice. Each one of us has the ability to choose closeness, choose respect, choose curiosity and compassion. We can choose to be a part of something greater than ourselves, to write our names into the great narrative of the Jews. In essence, each of us has the ability to choose Torah, and form a community of meaning and purpose with each other. God's gift to us is the choice of Torah. Our gift to each other is saying yes.

Whatever comes in this next year, whatever challenges we might face, I have trust and faith in each and every one of you and the choices you make. Because of you, we are stronger, more agile, and more determined to keep our community going from strength to strength, together.

## Literature and Community with the Sisterhood Book Club

This June, the Sisterhood Book Club read Rochelle Distelheim’s *Jerusalem as a Second Language*, a novel detailing the culture clash a Russian family experiences when it finds itself a part of the wave of Jewish immigration to Israel after the collapse of the Soviet Union.

While Sisterhood Book Club meetings always promise thought-provoking discussions, the June meeting hosted a special guest who offered unique insight into *Jerusalem as a Second Language*. Ellen Distelheim, the daughter of the author of *Jerusalem as a Second Language* and an instrumental figure in the book’s posthumous publishing, joined the Book Club over Zoom to share facts about her mother’s life and understanding of Jewish identity.

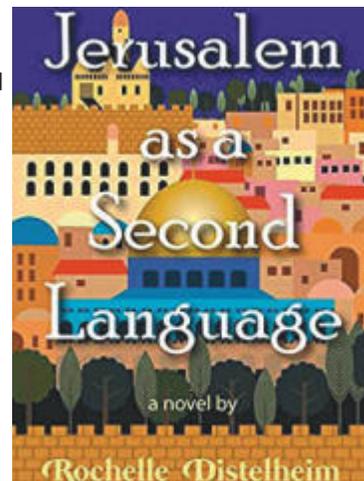
Ellen mentioned that this meeting was taking place just a couple of days prior to the first anniversary of her mother’s death and how particularly poignant it was for her to discuss her book with the group at that time.

“In a way, *Jerusalem as a Second Language* served as the culmination of my mother’s literary and political work,” said Ellen. “She was able to use a medium so close to her heart to explore the feminist values she championed for nearly 70 years.”

Although Rochelle did not publish her first book until she was in her 90s, Rochelle’s love for the written word was a constant throughout her life. For nearly five decades, Rochelle was an integral part of a weekly writers’ workshop in Evanston. Notably, this workshop allowed Rochelle to connect with Temple Jeremiah member Liz Trager-Mendel, who also attended this Sisterhood Book Club meeting to offer insight into Rochelle’s writing process.

Drawing upon context Ellen and Liz provided about Rochelle, the Sisterhood Book Club’s discussion explored various intricacies of

*Jerusalem as a Second Language* and shared stories from their lives that they felt were reflected in the novel. For example, Shelly Trilling found connections between the olim’s experiences and her own visits abroad. Recounting her journeys out of the country, Shelly remembered her concerns about showing her Jewish identity in places where Judaism was practiced in a far different manner.



The June Sisterhood Book Club meeting carried out the group’s tradition of celebrating a shared loved of books with Jewish themes and characters. “We enjoy our books, and we also enjoy our discussions and each other’s company,” said Sisterhood Book Club Coordinator Vicki Siegelman.

Vicki also emphasized that all members of Temple Jeremiah’s Sisterhood were welcome to join Sisterhood Book Club meetings. “It doesn’t matter how often you can come to our discussions,” said Vicki. “We even have Sisterhood members come who haven’t read the book yet. They are very welcome, as long as they don’t object to hearing plot spoilers in our discussion! The women of Temple Jeremiah can always drop in and join us.”

The Sisterhood Book Club meets on the second Thursday of each month from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. at Temple Jeremiah. To learn more about the Sisterhood Book Club’s schedule and how to get involved, please check out the graphic below or contact Vicki Siegelman at [vsieg@gralynn.org](mailto:vsieg@gralynn.org).

**NOTE:** We will be meeting in person at Temple Jeremiah

Thursday, July 8th, 2021 - 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

***The Lost Shtetl***, By Max Gross



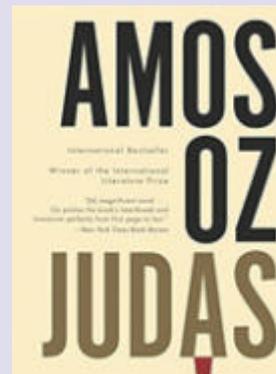
**Winner of the William Faulkner Gold Medal for Novel and the National Jewish Book Award**

What if there was a Jewish Rip Van Winkle? What about an entire town gone to sleep? Well, it just so happens this town did exist, AND this town, this shtetl, is about to be found! “I was blown away....”

— Jewish Week,

Thursday, August 12th 2021 - 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

***Judas***, By Amos Oz



**Finalist for Man Booker Prize and Winner of the International Literature Prize**

“[A] magnificent novel . . . Oz pitches the book’s heartbreak and humanism perfectly from first page to last.” — New York Times Book Review; “A [big] beautiful novel . . . Funny, wise, and provoking.”

— Times (UK)

Contact Vicki Siegelman at [vsieg@gralynn.org](mailto:vsieg@gralynn.org) for more information or to join.

## Staff Spotlight: Julian Chin

Each issue, Temple Jeremiah highlights one of our wonderful staff members with a profile in *The Covenant*. This month's Staff Spotlight is Julian Chin, our Music Director. We invite you to learn more about him by reading the interview below:

### TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF

I'm a native of Chicago, grew up in Rogers Park and attended Decatur Classical School through second grade before transferring to Francis W. Parker School for the remainder of my school years. I then attended Oberlin Conservatory, where I received a degree in piano performance with a focus in jazz studies. Between then and my time at Temple Jeremiah, I played just about every style of music you could imagine (and probably a few that you can't), both locally in Chicago as well as touring nationally and internationally. I also worked as an educator of the performing arts, first for a program called After School Matters, and then as a faculty member at the Chicago High School for the Arts (ChiArts). Through this work I got the chance to work with some of the most talented teens in Chicago, and it's been a great joy to see many of them go on to successful careers in the arts as they grow.

I have the rare pleasure (and occasional burden) of having made a career out of my main passion, so it's fair to say I'm a bit obsessed with music! Growing up I was a devotee of bands including The Who, Frank Zappa, and Phish, and since then my tastes have become increasingly eclectic. Lately though, I've been feeling that there's never been a better era for music than the 1970s! Outside of music, I enjoy movies (both highbrow and lowbrow), cooking (especially Indian cuisine), and tabletop roleplaying games.

Currently, I'm preparing to make a planned departure from Temple Jeremiah for a move to New York City. My wife, Beth Reinstein, is a rising second year cantorial student at Hebrew Union College and we are making the move so she can (finally) attend in-person classes there. We (along with our cat, Percy) will be leaving at the beginning of August.

### WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO TEMPLE JEREMIAH?

Cantor Susie Lewis-Friedman, of course! We met many years ago through my wife, when they were both working at Beth Emet in Evanston, and I was able to play a couple services with her there. I got a call from her a few years later asking if I would be interested in working with her on a more permanent basis. I, of course, jumped at the opportunity, the Cantor being (if you weren't already aware) an exceptionally talented musician! It's been a great pleasure to share a musical partnership with her over the years here, and to learn about Jewish music from her.

### WHAT DO YOU DO AT JEREMIAH?

I am the Music Director for Temple Jeremiah. That means that I assist the Cantor in everything musical that happens at the Temple. On a regular basis, you'll see me at the piano accompanying services on Friday nights and Saturday mornings. I also work closely with the choir, accompanying their weekly

rehearsals, and sometimes conducting them during services. On a more occasional basis, I'll work with the Cantor to prepare and perform special temple musical programming, and also provide accompaniment for special holiday services. Over the pandemic, I also mixed and edited all of the wonderful choir videos we prepared for use in online services.



*Julian Chin and Beth Reinstein*

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE TEMPLE JEREMIAH MEMORY?

It's difficult to pick one, but I'd have to say it was my first Yom Kippur at the temple in 2019. It was my first time preparing for the High Holidays as a Music Director, and getting through it successfully was a big accomplishment for me personally. More importantly, the 2019 High Holidays were my first opportunity to get to see the full Jeremiah community and to truly understand the scope of what goes on here. It was also a moment in which I was particularly proud of the temple choir. All the choir members learned a truly staggering amount of music with just a few rehearsals a week!

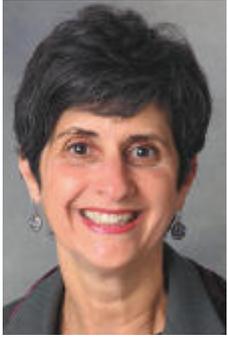
### WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT JEWISH MUSIC AND WORSHIP SONGS?

I could write a whole essay on this! To try to make it short, I love that the Reform movement's music combines tradition and modernity, and that the movement has been around for long enough that we've gone through several different ideas of what is "traditional." That means in one service, we're hearing the folk-influenced music of the late 20th century, the classical-influenced music of the early 20th century, and of course the Cantorial chanting tradition which goes back thousands of years. On top of that, there's an incredibly diverse field of new Jewish music that we can bring to the community, that includes both fresh takes on tradition and totally new styles. For someone like me who enjoys hearing and playing in many styles, it's wonderful.

### WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT JEWISH MUSIC AND WORSHIP SONGS?

For me, the Joy of Belonging is all about reciprocity and community. The more you put in to your community, the more you'll get out, and as a result your joy on both ends will increase. In a more literal sense, it's something I've had the pleasure of experiencing every day I've worked here!

## Honoring Dr. Anne Lidsky: The Bus Ride



By **AMY J. ZUSSMAN**  
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Temple Jeremiah president Scott Levin contacted us in February. He asked us to “drive the bus” and lead the Celebrating Anne committee to its destination. What a ride we had! We knew we wanted to find a way for congregants of all ages to have the opportunity to wish our beloved Dr. Anne Lidsky good luck on her retirement. How was that possible during a pandemic?

In February Temple Jeremiah was only connecting remotely. This was going to be a challenge! Who knew what the world would be like in May and June?

A committee of unbelievably creative, enthusiastic, hardworking individuals was formed. We met often through Zoom discussing a plan, tentatively scheduling events on the calendar, and considering as many scenarios as possible.

Our top priority was to keep our congregants safe and to celebrate Anne in the way she so richly deserved. Restrictions and COVID-19 rules changed and evolved in March and April. More and more people were able to receive vaccines.

Sunday, May 16th a festive outdoor celebration on the temple parking lot took place and over 100 congregants of all ages came to drive in a car parade, sing along with Cantor Lewis-Friedman, hear the voices of Shir Joy, play games provided by JeTY, dance to the music of the Spice City DJs; sponsored by the Inclusion Committee and enjoy a visit from the ice cream truck sponsored by Brotherhood.

By the end of May it was obvious that Illinois was going to allow indoor in person gatherings. A beautiful Kabbalat Shabbat worship happened on June 11th. Seats were specially arranged and over

200 people sat in the sanctuary together for the first time in over a year. Lovely flowers adorned the bima sponsored by Sisterhood and other extras were made possible through the sponsorship by the Temple Jeremiah Social Justice Committee.

The music, the tributes, the emotions in that sacred space were overflowing! In addition, those attending the service by Zoom were also able to share in the joy of the evening. It was thrilling—a wonderful moment of reunion and cohesiveness for our Jeremiah family, and an outpouring of love for Anne.

Our plans for a small dessert reception for 50-100 people changed, too. With the “opening up” of restrictions, Danny arranged for the rental of a huge tent which allowed over 200 people to attend Saturday evening, June 12th and over 30 households to attend remotely. It was a beautiful evening, a wonderful culmination of celebration and the “bus ride” of a lifetime!

Thank you to an amazing committee who worked tirelessly and joyfully to make all of the celebrations so special: Julie Becker, Adrienne Breen, Cathy Cohen, Leorah Eisenberg, Alene Frost, Andrea Goodman, Bonnie Horn, Dianna Kaufmann, Mindy Kurtz, Roberta Mallon, Gail Modro, Alisa Patterson, Gail Pierce, Karen Rohrbach, Lori Ruskin, Sheila Schlaggar, Patti Schreiberman, Valerie Slotnick, Alisa Srulovitz, Dr. Scott Levin, Danny Glassman, Cantor Susie Lewis Friedman, Rabbi Rachel Heaps, Rabbi Paul Cohen, Stacy Dudick, Anne Kaplan, Katie Bick, and our phenomenal Temple Jeremiah Maintenance crew.

Thanks too to our dessert delivery drivers: Caren Brown, Randi Gurian, Scott Levin, and Mark Sulkin.

With Gratitude From the Bus Drivers,  
Fern Kamen, Barb Kite and Cantor Amy Zussman

P.S. Look for the fabulous montage highlighting Dr. Anne Lidsky’s 40 years at temple on the Temple Jeremiah website! Simply go to [templejeremiah.org/celebrating-dr-anne-lidsky](https://templejeremiah.org/celebrating-dr-anne-lidsky) to review this montage, the temple’s celebrations for Dr. Anne Lidsky, and information about Anne’s wonderful career.

## Honor Dr. Anne Lidsky's Retirement This July

### Donate To The Anne Lidsky Endowment

To honor the tireless work and legacy of Dr. Anne Lidsky, Temple Jeremiah has established the Dr. Anne Lidsky Educational Endowment Fund.

We encourage those whose lives have been touched by Anne to consider contributing. To contribute in Dr. Anne Lidsky’s honor, please visit [templejeremiah.org/give/donate](https://templejeremiah.org/give/donate). For questions, please contact Leslie Landman at [leslie@templejeremiah.org](mailto:leslie@templejeremiah.org).

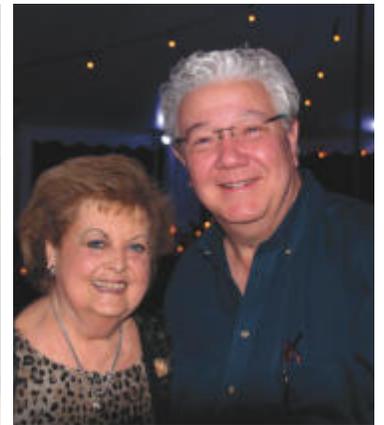
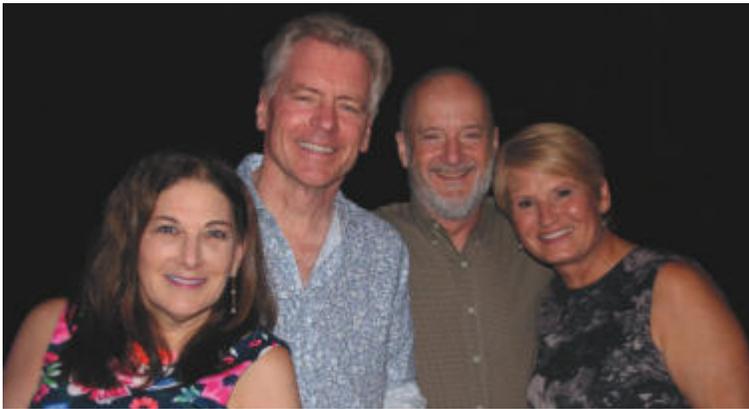
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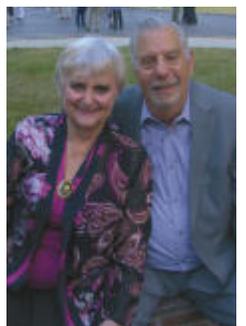
In April, the Association of Reform Jewish Educators (ARJE) and Rabbi Rachel Heaps created a video to celebrate Dr. Anne Lidsky and all the work she’s done for the Jewish community.

To view this lovely tribute to Dr. Anne Lidsky and to learn more about the tremendous strides she’s made in the world of Jewish education over her storied, forty year career, please visit [tinyurl.com/ARJETHankYouAnne](https://tinyurl.com/ARJETHankYouAnne).

*To review the many ways Temple Jeremiah celebrated Dr. Anne Lidsky this summer, please visit [templejeremiah.org/celebrating-dr-anne-lidsky](https://templejeremiah.org/celebrating-dr-anne-lidsky)*

 Dr. Anne Lidsky's Dessert Reception







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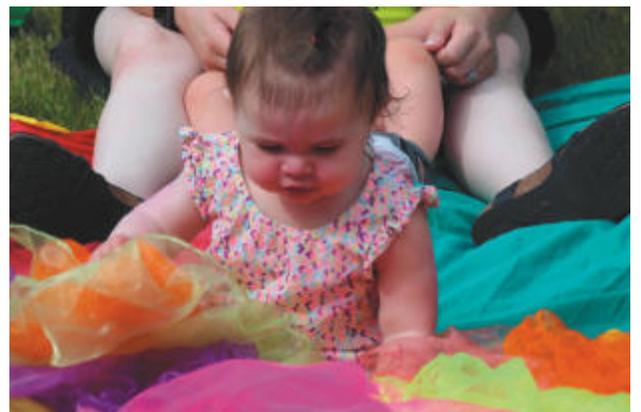
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**Email your photos to:**  
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Bim Bam Baby 6.12.2021

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-Barb Kite

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*For his pastoral work*  
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*On the occasion of her retirement*  
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*On the occasion of her marriage to John Michael Guevara*  
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*On the occasion of his marriage to Alicia Kovarsky*  
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*On the occasion of him receiving the Robert Goldberg Volunteer of the Year Award*  
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*On the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary*  
-Alene Frost

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*On the occasion of her becoming a Bat Mitzvah*  
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**CORRECTION**

In the June issue of the Covenant, we incorrectly listed Louise Abrams as Alan Jacobs' mother rather than his sister. We apologize for this error.



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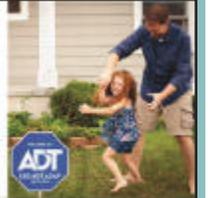
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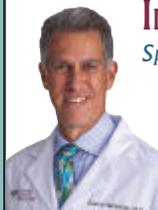
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