

Tu Bishvat and Martin Luther King Jr. Day – We are all Interconnected



This year's confluence of Tu Bishvat and Martin Luther King Jr. Day is both happenstance and a perfect coupling.

A little bit about Tu Bishvat: Tu – combines the Hebrew letters tet and vav that together add up to the numerical value of 15. Shvat is the name of the Hebrew month. Therefore, the name of the holiday locates the date, the fifteenth day of the month of Shvat. The date was designated by the Talmudic sages as the New Year of Trees, reminding us of the primacy of the natural world to sustain us physically and spiritually. Tu Bishvat has evolved into a Jewish Earth Day, as we recognize the interconnectedness of all creation and our biblical obligation to be responsible stewards of the earth.

As Camille Vincent, a Volunteer Ambassador at the Martin Luther King Historic Site in Atlanta writes, "Dr. King understood that social justice could not be achieved without environmental justice – including healthier living environments for underprivileged communities, and universal access to clean air, water and soil." As Dr. King expressed in a Christmas sermon in 1967, "It really boils down to this: that all life is interrelated. We are bound up in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied into a single garment of

destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly...We aren't going to have peace on Earth until we recognize this basic face of the interrelated structure of all reality."

Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego's Phoenix Tree and Shade initiative beautifully weaves together Tu Bishvat and Martin Luther King Jr. Day. As journalist James Ross Gardner recently writes in The New Yorker, "In Arizona, more than three hundred people died from heat-related illness in Maricopa County last year



(disproportionately impacting low income Neighborhoods and people of color) —and at least four hundred and ninety-four people statewide...Mayor Gallego, was the first U.S. mayor to sign an agreement with the conservation nonprofit American Forests to achieve citywide tree equity by 2030, a goal

that could require planting as many as ten thousand trees annually—all the more challenging given Phoenix's desert climate and the need for drought-resistant trees like willow acacia and palo blanco."

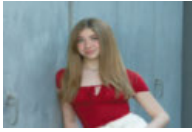
Temple Solel will proudly partner with the City of Phoenix's Plant a Tree: Creating Cool Corridors and Doubling the Tree Canopy By 2030. Be on the lookout for ways you can pitch in financially, helping to purchase trees, and roll up your sleeves to help plant them! What a great way to celebrate both Tu Bishvat and MLK Jr. Day – by caring for the environment and being agents of tikkun olam, messengers of peace and justice.

Rabbi John A Linder

From Rabbi Linder on his upcoming Sabbatical

I will take the 2nd half of my sabbatical this February, March and April. To support Rabbi Stiel with the rabbinic duties of the congregation during this time, arrangements have been made with Rabbis Marty Scharf, Norman Cohen, Tracee Rosen and Ron Shapiro. I am deeply grateful to my clergy partners, Rabbi Stiel and Cantorial Soloist Herzog, along with Executive Director Peter Pishko, the Board of Trustees, and the entire Solel community for this precious time away. I plan to spend my sabbatical, in the spirit of its biblical origins, as a time of renewal. I will spend time with my bride Nancy and family, in the restorative arms of nature, learning and reconnecting with rabbinic colleagues and friends, with a cup of coffee and books, and just being. This will be a time for me to recharge my spiritual batteries, for my own well-being and in service to my beloved Temple Solel community.

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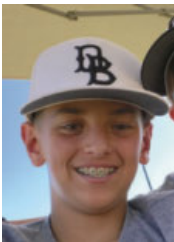


Halle Lauren Gerst, daughter of Mara and Matthew Gerst, will become a bat mitzvah January 8, 2022 at 10:30AM. Halle attends Sonoran Trails Middle School and enjoys dance, basketball and drawing. Halle is working with Arizona Helping Hands, the largest provider of essential needs for children in foster care in the state.



Jake Brovitz, son of Jon and Bonnie Brovitz, will become bar mitzvah on January 15, 2022 at 10:30AM. Jake attends New Way Academy and enjoys baseball, pickleball, swimming, streaming, and playing video games with friends. Jake's Bar Mitzvah project is raising money and awareness for SARRC, whose mission is to advance research and provide a lifetime of support for individuals with autism and their families. We will be following up with everyone that supports our B'nai Mitzvah project and provide them with delicious homemade cookies or brownies. <https://www.autismcenter.org/make-gift> (in comments section Brovitz B'nai Mitzvah)

Caylee Brovitz, daughter of Jon and Bonnie Brovitz, will become bat mitzvah on January 15, 2022 at 10:30AM. Caylee attends Arizona School for the Arts and enjoys theatre, singing, swimming, reading, learning to play ukulele. Mitzvah project is raising money and awareness for SARRC, whose mission is to advance research and provide a lifetime of support for individuals with autism and their families. We will be following up with everyone that supports our B'nai Mitzvah project and provide them with delicious homemade cookies or brownies. <https://www.autismcenter.org/make-gift> (in comments section Brovitz B'nai Mitzvah)



Grady Openden, son of Daniel and Erica Openden, will become a bar mitzvah January 22, 2022 at 10:30AM. Grady attends Vertitas Prep and enjoys baseball, basketball and skiing. Grady's Bar Mitzvah Project is providing scholarships and gently used sports equipment for low income families



Elliott Martin, son of Jenny and Sam Martin, will become a bar mitzvah January 29, 2022 at 10:30AM. Elliot attends Great Hearts- North Phoenix Prep and enjoys spending time with family, caring for "Hydro", his African long neck turtle and playing world domination games on his computer. For his bar mitzvah project Elliot volunteered in the planning and execution of Phoenix Cancer Support Network's 4th annual golf tournament.

View Shabbat and B'nai Mitzvah Services by visiting templesolel.org and selecting the "Click here to watch our Streaming services" link at the beginning of each service.



SHABBAT SHIRA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2022, 6:15PM

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE SHABBAT SHIRA (THE SHABBAT OF SONG) AND THE EXODUS FROM EGYPT. LET US RAISE OUR VOICES IN SONG AND JUBILATION AS WE COMMEMORATE THIS STORY OF FREEDOM AND GLADNESS FOR ALL PEOPLES.

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Happy Birthday Trees!



This month, we celebrate the holiday of Tu B'Shevat. It's one of four different New Years in

the Jewish calendar. It is known as the birthday of the trees, and is often celebrated by eating figs, pomegranates, dates, and olives. You might ask, why are we celebrating the birthday of the trees in the middle of winter? Shouldn't we wait until spring?

The reason for this is interesting. On the 15th day of Shevat, we are exactly halfway through the winter season, and the sap is just beginning to rise in the trees. Even though we cannot see this process taking place with our eyes, we know it to be true. This process corresponds to the quote above from Reb Nachman. When a person has an idea in that crystallizes in her mind, she is already halfway to achieving it. All great accomplishments begin with an idea as their seed.

We become the people we imagine ourselves to be.

**A person is not only where he is physically, but where he is thinking about being.”
Reb Nachman of Breslov**

The fruits and nuts that we consume during Tu B'Shevat serve to remind us of our connection with the land of Israel. Beyond that, they remind us of the potential that lies within each of us.

According to Lurianic Kabbalah, all human beings contain sparks of divinity within them. These sparks are released through specific actions that bring us closer to the feeling of oneness with God. As we begin to see and recognize all of the blessings that surround us,

we nurture this feeling of connection with the Divine and with one another.

As we look around at the beauty of the world, may the fruits of the trees serve not only to feed us but also to inspire us.

Chag Sameach and Happy New Year,

Todd Herzog

Cantorial Soloist

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- Aaron and Kristy Ketchel and children, Owen and Kyle

January Office Closures January 17—Martin Luther King Jr. Day

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Craig and Lauren Brown (17)
Jeff Lipsman and Barbara Jackson (2)
Howard and Judith Rosen (22)
Milton and Gail Scharff (41)
Craig and Robin Fink (49)
Herb Bartick and Harriet Joselit-Bartick (22)
Marilyn Carson and Sandie Leavitt (2)
Jim and Bobbi Moss (44)
Ron and Marilyn Reinstein (50)
Jonathan and Grace Mellen (10)

Al and Sandy Barkov (64)
Ken and Betsy Gometz (36)
Marvin and Karen Leff (53)
Lawrence and Simma Robbins (32)
Len and Norma Suckle (45)
Ori and Mirit Eisen (22)
Jaron and Amanda Gressel (12)
Larry and Fern Kane (34)
Robert and Sheila Press (54)
Steve and Terri Ann Greenberg (33)

WHO SAID THEY WERE THE "TERRIBLE TWOS"?



Two year olds are my favorite age. They can talk and have a great outlook on activities and life in general. This age has gotten an undeserved bad reputation because of some common behaviors including frustration, gigantic emotions (laughing or screeching at the top of their lungs), biting, hitting, crankiness and wanting to do everything by themselves. Here are some ways to handle this behavior. Most importantly, try to stay calm and think of this stage as a positive growing time for you and your child.

Children get cranky when they are tired or hunger so stick to a regular nap schedule when possible and always have some healthy snacks around.

Routines help a child feel safe and are very important.

Children love to be able to predict what will happen next. Brain research has shown that a child's brain lights up with endorphins when they are able to predict the next activity.

Pick your battles. Saying no all the time can make a child feel unheard. Just don't give in to a request during a tantrum.

Give your child a choice between 2 different cereals or two different shirts. A child needs to know there is no choice when it is related to safety, so a car seat is a must, but the book to read in the car is a choice.

Catch your child being good and give a specific complement: "Thank you for using your words" or "You were so helpful to your friend on the playground"

A parent knows their child better than anyone else but just remember that all children don't do everything at the same rate. Here are some milestones to look for:

Social/Emotional - Uses sentences with 2 to 4 words, can follow simple instructions and points to pictures in a book and names some of the objects.

Language/Communication - Gets excited when with other children, shows defiant behavior, copies older children or adults.

Movement/Physical Development – climbs onto and off furniture without help, runs, kicks a ball, stands on tiptoe.

Cognitive (learning, thinking, problem-solving) – plays make-believe, builds towers with 4 or more blocks, completes sentences and rhymes in a familiar book.

If you have concerns about the way your child acts, moves, plays or speaks talk with your child's doctor or nurse.

Just remember your two year old just wants you to have fun, be independent and love you with all their heart. Enjoy this special time together.

Mary Ann Bloom

Director of Early Childhood Education

Thank You!

Thank you, Temple Solel community, for your generous giving to help refugee families. Your holiday gifts of food, supplies, and cash/gift cards were truly appreciated.

COVID Impact on Upcoming Events:

Please remember that all of our events are subject to change/possible cancellation due to COVID infection rates. Temple Solel takes COVID-19 precautions and protections very seriously and our teams continue to meet as benchmarks and research change and adapt over time. We appreciate your patience and flexibility!

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Happy and Healthy New Year!



Dear Temple Solel Members,

Raker Religious School has finished the first semester of an exciting return to our building for Sunday mornings of learning, singing, praying and community building. As I look forward to our next semester, I would like to detail what we have been doing and what will occur as we move forward.

What has been going on;

- We have had several family Shabbat services, some with participation by our Madrichim, sixth grade and our sweet youngest students, Mazel Tots, Kindergarten and First grade. Each grade will have an opportunity to participate in a Shabbat service.
- T'filah, at the end of every Sunday morning of religious school, is thirty minutes of ruach, singing and dancing led by our students. What a wonderful way of starting a new week.
- On any Sunday morning, we might celebrate Havdalah (so our students have an understanding of the purpose of Havdallah, explained beautifully by Todd), who also teaches music to our students in grades MT-6th grade.
- When you walk the halls of Temple Solel, on a Sunday morning, you will hear Hebrew, Bible stories, Mussar values, Holocaust stories, and information about comparative Judaism, life in Israel, stories of our prophets, Shabbat and the chugim! A very successful PACT program for our sixth graders and their parents, bringing parents and students together to study, learn and create.

What is coming up?

- The continuation and rebuilding of our teen program, Reform Teen Coalition. RTC is a group of dedicated teens from all the Reform Temples in the valley who come together for social, educational and social action projects.
 - Continuation and expansion of the Wednesday night, one on one Hebrew tutoring program.
 - Introduction of the ADL program, "No Place For Hate", will be led by our teens on the January 23rd hike.
 - PACT for grades 4/5, January 30, for grades 2/3 on February 13, and for grades K/1 on April 10th
- The Elective classes: Torah study, Mosaics, Chess, Israeli dance, Nutrition, Cooking and Song leaders will begin this next semester for grades 2-6. I want to thank all our parent volunteers and teachers who will be working with our students in the elective classes

Of course, Temple Solel's students are the recipients of a fabulous group of teachers:

Elis Legler, Raker Religious School Coordinator, Eliana Mazel, RTC advisor, Susie Miller, Alla Shnitman, Hannah Miller, Robyn Ginis, Denise Lieberthal, Natalie Waxenberg, Ariella Feld, Allison Collins, Jay Levinsohn, April Goodman, Andrea Eisen, Nick Hummel, Gilah Nemiroff, Ayelet Blit, and Moshe Blenkitni.

Have a Happy and Healthy New Year! I hope 2022 brings all of us good health.

L'Shalom,
Tobee Waxenberg

THE SOLEL ALUMNI PICNIC
Saturday, January 29 - 4-6 PM
MCCORMICK-STILLMAN RAILROAD PARK
Fenstermacher Ramada
across from the Western Town and Jail

What to bring?
BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC
(Food and Drinks)
BRING YOUR FAMILY'S FAVORITE
LAWN & OUTDOOR GAMES!

We Need to Know...

Please inform the Temple Solel office when a family member or friend is in the hospital. Too often we find out about illnesses, crises and hospitalizations long after they occur. This is a missed opportunity for visits from the rabbi and calls from the Caring Community as well as other assistance offered by the temple. **We need your help in order to offer ours.**

If you'd like to let us know about a member that is ill, has a surgery date coming up, or is experiencing any other health-related issue that the rabbis should know about, please call the temple office at 480.991.7414 or email office@templesolel.org and



Temple Solel Book Club

Greetings, Fellow Book Lovers!

On December 21, we enjoyed Sarah Hurwitz's *Here All Along: Finding Meaning, Spirituality, and a Deeper Connection to Life--in Judaism (After Finally Choosing to Look There)*. Thanks to all for a wonderful discussion.

As you may know, this month we will not meet, allowing everyone time to take a breath and to read our own selections. Because at the time I write this, the Omicron and Delta coronavirus strains are still widespread, we do not have a date when we will meet in person. We'll thus continue to meet on Zoom until further notice. We hope for our traditional indoors potluck once the pandemic subsides sufficiently to do it safely. Meanwhile, if you haven't done so already please do get vaccinated or boosted to attend future in-person meetings. Here's a preview of upcoming books for us to enjoy together soon:

The book club will come roaring back on February 15 at 6 p.m. with *The Lake on Fire* by Rosellen Brown. Kirkus Review describes the novel as "[a] transporting drama of class and love, steeped in period feeling, written with beauty and conviction." It is an impoverished immigrants' tale told in the time of the Chicago Columbian Exposition of 1893. There's family conflict, love, devotion, thievery, and a lot of excellent writing, according to the reviews. Phoenix and Scottsdale public libraries have copies.

On March 15 we will explore a 20th Century classic, *Herzog* by Saul Bellow. Bellow was awarded the Pulitzer Prize, the Nobel Prize for Literature, and the National Medal of Arts for his literature. This 1965 National Book Award winner tells the story of Moses Herzog, great sufferer, joker, and moaner, cuckold, charmer, a survivor of not only his private disasters, but also those of the age. First published in 1964, it won the acclaim of both critics and readers. Herzog was a long-time best seller, and in 2005 Time magazine named it one of the 100 best novels in the English language since the magazine's founding in 1923.

Try something new in 2022. Any book club participant can step up to lead a discussion. We are happy to provide pointers or support if asked. To volunteer, to receive the Zoom links for our virtual meetings, or to be removed from the mailing list, send an email to books@templesolel.org.

Upcoming book club dates:

April 19

May 17 June 21 (tentative)

Judy Schaffert

January Zoom Events

Jewish Meditation

Tuesday

January 11, 2022

January 25, 2022

10:00-10:30 am

Lunch and Learn

Wednesday

January 5, 2022

January 19, 2022

12:00-1:00 pm

See eNUZ for links to all events listed.



I ♥ MAH JONGG

PURCHASE MAH JONGG CARDS FOR 2022

Hadassah is selling 2022 Mah Jongg cards. The cards cost **\$9** for the standard size and **\$10** for the large ones. Checks must be made payable to Hadassah. A current address needs to be on your check. Please mail checks to Sheryl Socoloff, 12193 E. Paradise Dr., Scottsdale, 85259. The deadline for placing orders is **January 29, 2022**. Include your phone number and email and indicate that you want email confirmation of your order.

Any questions? Contact Sheryl Socoloff
sherylsocoloff@gmail.com or 480.277.1454

HADASSAH
 Valley of the Sun

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Thank You! Volunteer Recognition

Volunteers are an essential part of Temple Solel. We would like to thank the following volunteers for their time and efforts:

Birthdays Calls

Arlene Bonime

Knitting for a Purpose

Arlene Bonime
Carol Brillman
Jill Loebel
Beverly Nathan
Alli Nilsson
Margie Rahilly
Linda Ribnik
Beth Sennett

Judy Sirkis
Lisa Trotta
Nancy Weinstein
Gail Zucker

Office Assistance

Cheryl McMullin
Toby Goldberg

Yahrzeit Notices

Cynthia Marcus

Would you like to volunteer at some point in the future? We'd love to have you! Email office@templesolel.org, and we'll add you to our volunteer email list for upcoming opportunities.

Caring Community News

In December several members of the Caring Community got together to make latkes and applesauce that were delivered to congregants in need of some cheering up. Thanks to Lois Bell, Bob Ransom and Susan Wine and Dottie and Bob Cohen.

Our bereavement team headed by Joan Matlock, attended a Shiva each of three nights to offer support and assistance. Thanks to Susan Wine and Bob Ransom, Dottie and Bob Cohen. Milly Kaplan and Allison Collins, Joan Matlock and Lois Bell.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2022.

You can reach the Caring Community at caring@templesolel.org or through the Temple Office.

Dottie Braun-Cohen
Coordinator

"Purpose" at Torah Study



January is an exciting month for Torah Study. According to rabbinic tradition, five Torah portions (parashot) are assigned to January. Taken together, they embody the central legend of the Jewish people – our journey from Egypt to Mount Sinai, where we received the Torah. This legend is at the heart of Judaism because it affirms that the life of every Jew has profound meaning. At Sinai, God gives us a purpose to live.

We begin on Saturday, January 1, with the reading of Vaera. In this parashah, we recall the plight of our ancestors, crying out to God for a release from slavery and from all their pain and troubles. Miraculously, God responds: "I am the Eternal who will free you from your burdens and deliver you from your bondage. I will redeem you and take you to be my people" (Exodus 6:6-7). In every death there is a seed for new life.

Later, on Saturday, January 22, we read Yitro. In this parashah, God tells the people to use their newfound freedom wisely. God gives them instructions on how to cultivate justice and mercy. And so we read: "All the people answered as one, saying, 'Everything that the Eternal has asked of us we will do!'" (Exodus 19:8). In one precious calling, God awakens the people to a rewarding life.

Today, it's common to feel ambivalent. We often ask: "What is my purpose? Why am I here?" But we don't have to wonder in angst. The Torah tells us that we were saved from Egypt to follow God's instructions and to increase love, healing, and peace in the world. When we fill our days with such holy goals, we manifest a purposeful life.


Torah Study meets virtually every Saturday morning at 9:00 am. See eNUZ for Zoom link and info. Please join us!

Matthew Kozinets

SOCIAL ACTION AT TEMPLE SOLEL





Saturdays
Torah Study at 9:00AM

THE HEBREW READING CRASH COURSE

Temple Solel is offering a 5 week, 90-minute per week, basic Hebrew class. The course will cover learning the Hebrew alphabet and basic reading skills. The class is free and will use the National Jewish Outreach Program's Hebrew Reading Crash Course. The class will be meeting via Zoom on Wednesdays starting January 5 at 7pm. If you are interested, send an email to rabbistiel@templesolel.org by January 3.



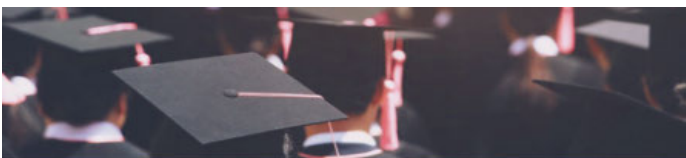
PACT
PARENTS & CHILDREN TOGETHER
4TH & 5TH GRADES
SUNDAY, JANUARY 30
 DURING RELIGIOUS SCHOOL HOURS (9:30AM-NOON)

Additional information about the PACT program will be shared via a separate email to the 4th & 5th Grades families.

Want to Learn More About Judaism?

The Union for Reform Judaism will be offering a 15 week **Introduction to Judaism Class** in Phoenix from January through May, 2022. It will be hosted this spring by Temple Chai. Rabbi Stiel will be one of the instructors. The class is on Tuesday nights from 7-9pm and is appropriate for those considering conversion and for Jews and non-Jews who want to learn more about Judaism.

The cost is \$280 for those who are not affiliated with a URJ congregation and \$200 for those who are affiliated. The class will be taught in-person. To find out more or to register go to: <https://reformjudaism.org/learning/judaism-classes/introduction-to-judaism> (and type in Phoenix).



DO YOU HAVE A CHILD WHO IS A COLLEGE STUDENT IN THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR?

TEMPLE SOLEL COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

Sign your college student up to receive holiday-themed care packages throughout the year!

If you have questions or are interested in volunteering, reach out to our College Connections team at collegeconnections@templesolel.org

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HANUKKAH AT THE SOLEL PRESCHOOL



Teen Civic Council with Rabbi Stiel

SOLEL FAMILY HIKE 2022

A Shabbat experience on the trail for STUDENTS & their FAMILIES!

Sunday, January 23
at 9 AM
Cave Creek Regional Park

RSVP REQUIRED
Additional information on Raker News!





JEWISH NATIONAL FUND USA

BREAKFAST FOR ISRAEL

Thursday, February 3, 2022
 7:00 am · Registration
 7:30 am · Program
 9:00 am · Major Donor Meet & Greet*

Register at jnf.org/BFIdesertstates
 Sponsorship Opportunities Available

More Information
 Leila Mikal, Director, Arizona
 RSVPARIZONA@jnf.org · 480-447-8100 x808

RSVP REQUIRED DIETARY LAWS OBSERVED
NO COST TO ATTEND HYBRID EVENT



JEWISH NATIONAL FUND USA

Your Voice in Israel



- The Social Justice Torah Commentary
 Book Talk with Rabbi Barry Block
 January 13, 2022 @ 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm MST
- Hiddur Mitzva: A Journey Through Jewish Ritual Art
 A virtual event presentation by Rabbi Chaim Seidler Feller
 January 19, 2022 @ 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm MST
- Requiring Brit Mikvah for female trans converts?
 A virtual event presentation by Rabbi Adina Lewittes
 January 20, 2022 @ 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm MST
- Early Zionist Approaches to the Existing Arab Population
 A virtual event presentation by Lauren Cohen Fisher
 January 24, 2022 @ 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm MST
- From Flood to Rainbow
 A virtual event presentation by Rabbi Avi Strausberg
 January 31, 2022 @ 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm MST
Register at valleybeitmidrash.org



info@limmudaz.org
 www.limmudaz.org

Save the Date

Limmud AZ 2022
 (virtual conference)
 FEBRUARY 6, 2022
 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
 Details to follow soon!

LIVE STREAM REMINDER

Temple Solel records/live streams Friday Night and Shabbat Morning Services to accommodate family and friends of our community who may be unable to attend in person. While the camera is primarily focused on the Bimah and other areas at the front of the sanctuary, others in attendance may be seen on the live stream and recorded. If you have any reservations about your image being streamed or recorded for others to view, please let someone know so that we may attempt to seat you in an area less likely to be on the live stream and recording. Please note, however, that we are unable to guarantee that your image will not appear. We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding.

Temple Solel Endowment Foundation

Securing Our Future | January 2022

*As my parents planted for me,
so do I plant for my children.*
Talmud Ta'anit 23a

I am a lucky person. My parents raised me in a traditional Jewish home with solid Jewish values. They taught me, as I am teaching my daughter, that giving is a privilege. Sharing is a mitzvah. A big part of being a Jew is paying it forward. I have tried to do that. It feels good.

We are a community here at Temple Solel - not just a loose collection of schlemiels who scramble for parking spots in the same lot on High Holidays. We are here for each other. We help each other. Hands on.

Rabbi Linder and the Temple Solel Endowment Foundation Board Members keep reminding me how important it is to support the Foundation, keep it alive and help our spiritual community grow. Because of it, we can support Jewish tradition, education and teach our colorful observances. It is essential to have that endowment in place, with annual gifts the Temple can count on.

Less than eighty years ago, almost an entire generation of our families – not strangers – people who actually looked like us, with our surnames - were murdered, only because they wanted to go to their synagogues to practice Judaism. But now, here at Temple Solel, we enjoy all the religious freedom we could ever dream about.

Look at it from a strictly pragmatic point of view. You have a choice.

- A. Add a provision in your estate plan to make a generous legacy gift to the Foundation. With that said, we also welcome current contributions.
- B. Write those dreadful, soul-squealing checks to the Internal Revenue Service. Truthfully, we are nicer, and we serve much better bagels.

Imagine what it would be like for our spiritual community without you and your legacy gifts. Our sanctuary could possibly be dark, not able to observe Shabbat, and have cobwebs on the mezuzah at the front door. We would not feel our desert sunrise streaming through the stained-glass windows. Shemah, Kol Nidre and Hatikvah would be stone silent. There would not be a place to say Kiddish or Kaddish, get married, break the glass, celebrate our children's Bar and Bat Mitzvoth -- or simply to feel at home in a cold, isolated world.

We are Temple Solel! Our name means Pathfinder. By definition, we lead the way down new roads to better lives for our families. "We get by with a little help from our friends" – The Beatles. Be mine. And thank you for being generous.

Please consider supplementing your generous support of Temple Solel with a gift to the Endowment Foundation; legacy or current gifts or both! As always, we suggest you discuss these strategies with your estate attorney and tax advisor to determine what might be appropriate for your situation.

Geoffrey Harris
Board Member
Temple Solel Endowment Foundation

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The Temple Solel Endowment Foundation (Foundation)

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Contributions

We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who support Temple Solel by remembering and honoring their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions.

2021-22 Annual Campaign

A donation was made by
Mal and Jane Jozoff
Michael and Alexandra Sklar

In memory of

Sandy Canter
Larry and Catherine Kasper

2021-22 Cantorial Soloist Todd Herzog's Discretionary Fund

Healing of Leon Wall
Lucia Wall

In honor of

Kyla Tucker's Bat Mitzvah
Brian and Kathleen Tucker

Mr Miles Chovnick. Thanks, Todd for your help and your beautiful music.
Wendy Chovnick

In memory of

Our beloved fathers and grandfathers,
Michael Miller, Morrie Bauer and Leo Miller
Bonnie Miller and Family

2021-22 Caring Community Fund**In honor of**

The installation of Rabbi Debbie S Stiel
Al and Sandy Barkov

In memory of

Michael Danoff
Jon and Martha Jo Siegel

Henry Hollander
Leonard and Robin Balon

Howard Levey
Leonard and Robin Balon

Edward M Lavine
Marilyn Carson

2021-22 Edward and Celia Linder Interfaith**In honor of**

Mr Miles Chovnick Bar Mitzvah!
Wendy Chovnick

In memory of

Daniel Leff
Marvin and Karen Leff

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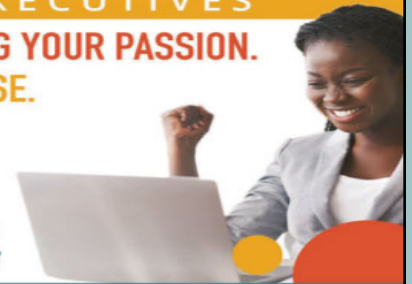


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