

# TEMPLE SOLEL Pathfinder

February 2022 / SHEVAT—ADAR I 5782

## FEBRUARY— THE MONTH OF AHAVA



It's hard to think of the month of February without thinking about the secular holiday of Valentine's Day. You either love it or you

hate it. The idea of romantic love, however, is a relatively recent phenomenon. It began in France in the late 12th century and quickly spread throughout Europe, even into the insulated Jewish world. Despite this idea infiltrating into our culture, the custom of the 'shidduch' or arranged marriage was very common, and continues in many traditional and Orthodox communities. So, what does Judaism have to say about the idea of romantic love?

Judaism acknowledges the power and attraction of romantic love. But it considers ecstasy temporary and ephemeral, unless it can be transmuted into everyday acts of love: bringing home flowers or taking out the trash, making a lovely meal or offering a compliment. These things all go a long way toward creating a lasting bond between a couple. The choice of a partner also must be done through reason as well as the pure emotion of the heart.

There are different words and concepts in Judaism regarding love. When one speaks of marriage, one uses the word 'yichud,' which implies together (oneness), alone, but separated from others. There is an intimacy and an exclusivity implied here that does not apply to other forms of love. The word 'ahava' is used when talking about love for

"Any love that depends on a specific cause, when that cause is gone, the love is gone; but if it does not depend on a specific cause, it will never cease."

- Pirkei Avot, 5:19.

God, love for our neighbors, love of strangers. Interestingly, there is no commandment to 'love your spouse.' This may be because the idea is strongly engrained that no explicit instructions are needed.

At the end of the day, we need both forms of love in our lives. Whether or not you are in a special relationship, you can experience the love of community, the love of God, love for yourself, and love for the world. You are never truly alone. That is one of the things that makes coming together to worship and to spend time with one another so precious. It lets us know that we are valued and appreciated for who we are. Wishing you a love-filled month,

*Todd Herzog*  
Cantorial Soloist

## אהבה

The mission of Temple Solel is to be a vibrant, inclusive and engaged Reform community, grounded in relationships and deeds, and elevated by Shabbat and Torah.

We see the divine spark in each individual by together:

Warmly welcoming all who enter

Nurturing lifelong learning

Creating joy through prayer and music

Celebrating holidays and sharing life cycles

Fostering a love of Israel, and

Working for tikkun olam — repairing the world



Alice Lillian Bendau, daughter of Chris Bendau and Sonya Placencia –Bendau will become a bat mitzvah February 5th, 2022 at 10:30AM. Alice attends Veritas Preparatory Academy and enjoys reading, video making, and writing scripts for movies. Alice's bat mitzvah project is collecting items for the on going needs of families at the UMOM New Day Centers.



**Vivian Ximena Speyer**, daughter of Rachel Hernandez and Gil Speyer, will become a bat mitzvah February 19, 2022 at 10:30AM. Vivian attends Ingleside middle school and enjoys softball, ceramics, and summers at Camp Stein. Vivian's bat mitzvah project is organizing "RKDA Mavericks Gives Back," collecting school supplies from her club softball teammates to donate to the economically disadvantaged school at whose field the team practices. She is working with her club to make this an annual tradition.



Tamar Frances Kaplan and Adam Micah Rozansky are excited to share Shabbat and their wedding engagement aufruf with the Temple Solel community at February 25th Erev Shabbat services. Tamar grew-up at Solel starting in the preschool at 18 months old. Adam is a desert transplant from rainy Portland, Oregon. They met in college at The University of Arizona's Hillel. Tamar's parents are Pam Kaplan and Ross Wilkoff of Scottsdale; and Andy and Mary Kaplan of Phoenix. Adam's parents are David and Elana Rozansky of Portland.

*View Shabbat and B'nai Mitzvah Services by visiting [templesolel.org](https://templesolel.org) and selecting the "Click here to watch our Streaming services" link at the beginning of each service.*

### Temple Solel is Expanding the Inclusivity of our Single Gender Groups

Temple Solel strives to be an open and inclusive community. To ensure this, the board has recently voted unanimously that our Temple's single-gender groups will be open to people who are trans, gender-fluid, or non-binary but who want to participate in these single-gender groups.

To read more about Racial Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion in the Reform movement visit: <https://urj.org/tags/racial-equity-diversity-inclusion>

### **February Tzedakah**

Gesher Disability Resources [gesherdr.org](https://gesherdr.org)  
Jewish Disabilities Awareness, Acceptance, and Inclusion Month (JDAIM) is a unified effort among Jewish organizations worldwide to raise awareness and foster inclusion of people with disabilities and those who love them.



**MITZVAH  
DAY IS HERE!**

SUNDAY, MARCH 6  
DURING REGULAR  
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL HOURS

**Special Guest Rabbis in February at Temple Solel**

On Friday, **February 4 6:15PM** from our sanctuary, Rabbi Norman Cohen will join Rabbi Stiel and Cantorial Soloist Todd Herzog on the bima. Rabbi Cohen will give the erev Shabbat sermon on this evening. Rabbi Norman Cohen is rabbi emeritus at Bet Shalom Congregation in Minnetonka, Minnesota.

Rabbi Evan Moffic will teach us for our **Zoom Torah study** on **Saturday, February 12**. Rabbi Moffic is the author of 4 best-selling books and serves as rabbi of Congregation Solel in Highland Park, Illinois.

On Friday, **February 18 6:15PM** from our sanctuary, Rabbi Steven Bob will give the erev Shabbat sermon. Rabbi Stiel and Cantorial Soloist Todd Herzog will lead the Shabbat service. Rabbi Bob served as the Senior Rabbi of Congregation Etz Chaim in Lombard, Illinois for 35 years.

Rabbi Simcha Bob will also lead our **Zoom Torah study** on Saturday, **February 26**.

Please join us for all of these opportunities to learn from these terrific guest rabbis.

**HEAR YE! HEAR YE! HEAR YE!**

The Great and Wonderful Festival of Purim Approaches!

By order of King Ahasuerus-  
You are hereby commanded to  
Procure a Costume,

Bake Some Hamantaschen,  
Save the Date and Time,

And Plan to Attend our Purim Shpiel!

Join us on Zoom on Wednesday, March 16  
More details to follow!!

**WE'RE NOT  
IN KANSAS  
ANYMORE.**

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Sarah and Art Selzer and children, Hannah and Eli  
Susan and Barry Brooks  
Marilyn and Stephen Strahl  
Denise and Alan Greenblatt and children, Maxwell  
and Elai  
Deborah Buxer and children, Tyler and Preston  
Ethel and Herbert Spiwak  
Dr JoAnn Yanez and Dr Victor Waters and son, Victor  
Felipe

**February Temple Solel Office Closures**

**February 21, 2022**

**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

Norman and Nancijoy Weissman (60)  
Terry and Deb Rochford (33)  
Yuri Sayapin and Ludmila Brigadier (35)  
Ken and Barbara Love (9)  
Louis Gorman and Peggy Kile (41)  
Nelson and Lisa Lerner (34)  
Abraham and Ina Lieberman (57)  
Craig and Michelle Ganz (19)

Eric and Julie Mininberg (16)  
Sandy and Ginger Wlody (61)  
Herschel and Melissa Fink (16)  
Mick and Robyn Ginis (22)  
Michael and Kristina Horowitz (8)  
Marc and Cathy Joseph (29)  
Steven and Karen Pine (22)  
Jeff and Lee Ratterman (23)  
Alexander and Inez White (69)

### THE BEST PRESCHOOL AGE – THREE YEAR OLDS (maybe)



They call them the “terrible 2’s,” “trusting 3’s” and “pleasing 4’s,” but in reality having a 3-year-old can be harder than the 2’s. Three year olds can really be the best age for preschoolers because their language skill are great, you can understand what they are saying and they usually don’t have an “attitude” yet. Here are some tips to help you appreciate and love being a three year olds’ parent.

#### Get to know your child.

Learn to recognize your child’s needs at any given time. Give your child your full attention in frequent, small doses. This requires looking them in the eyes, asking some questions and listening to the answers. Use body language that indicates you are paying attention, like putting your phone down.

#### Set expectations and boundaries.

Have a list of family rules, but keep the list short and simple. We have to teach our children to want to be obedient by giving lots of positive reinforcement and praise. Try to praise 10 times as often as you correct and be sure to praise a child’s effort or process and not always the outcome. Using a behavior sticker chart is a powerful tool for a three year old, so enjoy and make the process fun.

#### Consistency is Key

Be consistent. If a child needs to hang up their jacket make sure you don’t “help” somedays and hang the jacket up for them. Consistency doesn’t mean yelling or punishing but rather reminding and addressing the same behavior over and over. Make sure the rules at home, at grandma’s house and at school are as similar as possible. Here is a partial list of the new skills your three year old will have for you to enjoy,

#### Social Skills

- More independent
- More aware of and sensitive to other people’s feelings
- Interested in structured games
- Capable of taking turns and sharing
- Able to develop friendships and be more responsive to other children

#### Motor Skills

- Able to jump down from objects 18-inches high using both feet for takeoff and landing
- Can draw a circle
- Cuts paper into two pieces
- Able to catch a ball with arms extended
- Likes to use “tools” such as paper, crayons, and scissors to make projects
- Can walk up and down stairs while alternating feet.

#### Language Skills

- Uses plurals and pronouns
- Can say their name
- Able to answer the question, “How old are you?”
- May mispronounce words and will become frustrated when they are not understood.
- Speaks in three or four word sentences
- Have fun listening to those adorable three-year-old conversations. Trust me — it makes much of the hard stuff worth it! (Helpful hint: get a notebook and start writing down your kid’s funny quotes... you won’t regret it.)

**\*Enrollment for the 2022-23 school year has begun at The Solel Preschool. Classes fill up quickly, so if you are interested get your registration in early. Visit [www.solelpreschool.org](http://www.solelpreschool.org) to register for the school year.\***

#### A New Year.... A New Healing (Mi Shebairach) List

Over time, our Shabbat Mi Shebairach list tends to grow very long. Members frequently ask that someone be added to the list, but some people may forget to let us know when it is time to take a person off the list. So from time to time we need to start the list anew.

At the beginning of this new (secular) year we are refreshing the list. If we have removed a name from the list who you would like to be on it, please call or email the office, and let us know. We are happy to add any names. Thank you!

#### **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!*

## Do Jewish!



Dear Temple Solel Members,

Israel's President, Isaac Herzog, upon his visit to the Bay Area, set some time aside to speak to a group of students from the Begeg Kefet Hebrew program at the Oshman Family JCC in Palo Alto.

One of his statements caught my attention. He said to the students, "I think that it is very important to protect our Israeli and Jewish identity. It's not simple. We live in a very diverse world, but a part of a person's ability to develop is having an identity that you believe in and belong to." The words, having identity that you believe in and belong to, is the driving force behind Raker religious school.

It is important to me that our students are encouraged to participate in "learning and doing Jewish." As one of our teachers said, she grew up doing Jewish but not knowing the why! Attending religious school and coming to Shabbat services are just two ways your children will start knowing the why. Earlier in the year when I was teaching some of our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students, I discussed with them the idea that with knowledge comes choice. When they come of age, and have knowledge in making a choice of what to believe in or why they are celebrating or how they are celebrating, then their connection to Judaism becomes much stronger. It is not someone telling them to do Jewish, it is through their knowledge that they have made the choice to do Jewish.

Zach Podner, author of Why Do Jewish, explains the importance of doing Jewish using the three "Bs." Belonging, Believing and Behaving. We want our students to feel they belong to the Jewish people, that they are part of a Jewish community, either through Temple Solel, Raker religious school, Jewish camps or Jewish youth events. We want our students to believe in the Jewish traditions and rituals, making them their own and doing them. In addition we want our students to behave in such a way that shows tolerance, kavod and inclusivity. "With knowledge comes choice". With knowledge, we hope the next generation will be choosing to DO JEWISH!

### Upcoming events:

February 6	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade Naming
February 11	Family Shabbat 2/3 grade participation
February 13	PACT for 2/3 grade families
L'Shalom	

Tobee Waxenberg

### 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](mailto:office@templesolel.org)

**Rosh Chodesh**  
**Wednesday, February 2, 2022**  
**Discussion, Learning and Laughter**  
**5:45pm-6:00pm Socializing**  
**6:00-7:00pm – Learning Together**



At the start of each Hebrew month (Rosh Chodesh), we gather for friendship and Jewish learning. Each month, in this female-oriented group, the leader chooses a few short and thoughtful EliTalks (engaging Jewish talks similar to TEDTalks) for us to watch together and discuss on Zoom. We will end with a blessing for the new month. This month Arleen Schwartz will lead us. Zoom registration link is in the weekly eNUZ.



## Temple Solel Book Club

Greetings, Fellow Book Lovers!

The book club meets this month 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.

On **April 19** we will read and discuss *The Physician*, in which an orphan leaves Dark Ages London to study medicine in Persia in this "rich" and "vivid" historical novel from a New York Times–bestselling author, Noah Gordon. It is a little on the long side, and you may wish to get a head start reading in March. The book is available in the Scottsdale and Phoenix public libraries.

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](mailto:books@templesolel.org).

Later book club dates: March 17, in which we will have a wonderful surprise. June 21 (tentative)

Happy Reading

*Judy Schaffert*

## February Zoom Events

Jewish Meditation

Tuesday

February 8, 2022

February 22, 2022

10:00-10:30 am

Lunch and Learn

Wednesday

February 2, 2022

February 16, 2022

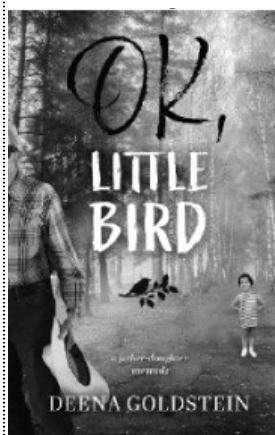
12:00-1:00 pm

See eNUZ for links to all events listed.

**Deena Goldstein will talk about her new book *OK Little Bird***

**Wednesday, February 16 from 12-1pm**

Rabbi Stiel will interview Temple Solel member, Deena Goldstein, about her just-released memoir about her unique, irreverent



and touching relationship with her quirky, loveable cowboy father. The book takes the reader on a bouncy ride from laughter to tears. Deena wrote this book after her father succumbed to a terminal illness during the COVID pandemic. There will be time for questions. The

Lunch and Learn registration link will be available in the weekly eNUZ.

# 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:

**Birthday Calls**  
Arlene Bonime

**Knitting for a Purpose**

Arlene Bonime  
Carol Brillman  
Jill Loebel  
Beverly Nathan  
Alli Nilsson  
Margie Rahilly  
Linda Ribnik  
Judy Schaffert

Jean Schulman  
Beth Sennett  
Judy Sirkis  
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](mailto:office@templesolel.org), and we'll add you to our volunteer email list for upcoming opportunities.*

## Caring Community News

The Year 2022 began with soup making and door delivery to folks in need of some “Jewish penicillin”. Happy to report all have recovered. The Caring Community wished Joyce Madorin Happy 100th Birthday with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

We want to send a huge thank you to Audrey Sobel, who has retired as our wonderful correspondence chair after many, many years of service. Audrey wrote the most beautiful get well wishes and we will miss her. Joyce Lipner has graciously agreed to take over.

We had hoped to be able to get together in person in January but the Omicron virus makes that impossible. Please everyone stay well and stay tuned for further developments!

As always, should you need the Caring Community’s assistance you can reach us at [caring@templesolel.org](mailto:caring@templesolel.org) or through the Temple office.



Dottie Braun-Cohen  
Coordinator

## “Bedazzled” at Torah Study



This month in Torah Study we encounter an intriguing question: Are there any drag queens in the Torah? I’m a fan of drag queens because they support LGBTQ+ causes and help people like me. I have been Jewish and queer my whole life. Yet I’ve struggled to find the best way to present myself in the communal space of a synagogue. Are there any helpful tips in the Torah?

One clue comes in Terumah, a Torah portion we read in February. In Terumah, the Israelites are encamped in the desert and they desire God’s presence. So they design a mishkan, or garment, for God to wear on earth. Surprisingly, this vestment is a dazzling masterpiece. It features “gold, silver, and copper fixings; blue, purple, and crimson yarns; lapis lazuli and other gemstones” (Exodus 25:1- 9). Like a singer taking the stage, God debuts in luminous style. To me, God is a queer Jewish icon.

Additionally, God is queer in more ways than dress. God is a boundary crosser, constantly moving between heaven and earth. Similarly, LGBTQ+ folks live in constant motion. We move back and forth, and inhabit liminal spaces, between masculine and feminine qualities; between social rejection and acceptance; and between the anatomy of our bodies and the truth of our souls. We are the tribe of the boundary crossers, known as the tribe of the Hebrews, since the word “Hebrew” means “to cross over.”

Today, when I enter a synagogue, I enter with God, both of us looking fabulous – God in a coat of many colors, and me in a rainbow tallit and sparkly kippah. Both of us feeling grateful to be Jewish, queer, and loved. I’ve learned that the best look is feeling comfortable with who you really are.

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

Matthew Kozinets



## February Lunch and Learn at Temple Solel

### Study with Rabbi Ron Shapiro

#### Wednesday, February 2 from 12-1pm

Rabbi Ron Shapiro is rabbi emeritus of Congregation Shalom in Milwaukee, Wisconsin where he served as the Senior Rabbi from 1980 - 2015. Rabbi Shapiro served as past-president of the Midwest Association of Reform Rabbis, and served on the Executive Board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. He served as the president of the Wisconsin Council of Rabbis and as a member of the Rabbinic Cabinet of the United Jewish Appeal. The Lunch and Learn registration link will be available in the weekly eNUZ.



**PACT**  
PARENTS & CHILDREN TOGETHER

2ND & 3RD GRADES  
**Sunday, February 13**  
DURING RELIGIOUS SCHOOL HOURS  
(9:30AM-NOON)

"Exploring the Jewish practice of Mussar"

Raker Religious School

TEMPLE  
**SOLEL**

Torah Study

Saturdays  
at 9:00AM

GREATER PHOENIX  
**JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL**

26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
GREATER PHOENIX  
JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

**2022 VIRTUAL FILM FESTIVAL**

FEBRUARY 10-27

Purchase virtual tickets and household passes online.  
**GPJFF.ORG | 602.753.9366**

The festival is, in part, funded by The City of Tempe - Community Arts Grant, The Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Phoenix, the City of Scottsdale and the Arizona Commission on the Arts.

### 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](mailto:collegeconnections@templesolel.org)



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# TU BISHVAT AT THE SOLEL PRESCHOOL



**FAMILY SHABBAT**  
 with Religious School  
 2nd-3rd Grades participation  
**Friday, February 11**  
 February Birthday Blessings **at 6:15 PM**

TEMPLE SOLEL  
 Kikar Religious School

“ Please join our Religious School 2nd & 3rd Grade students for a special Shabbat inspired by the Jewish wisdom of Mussar. ”





**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](http://jnf.org/BFIdesertstates)  
 Sponsorship Opportunities Available

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More Information  
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**Registration Now Open**

**Limmud AZ 2022**  
 FEBRUARY 6, 2022  
 9:45 AM - 2:00 PM  
 Presenters to be announced soon

Registration \$18 through February 5, 2022  
 \$36 on February 6, 2022



**VALLEY BEIT MIDRASH**  
 A Global Center for Learning and Action

- Peace-Building Insights After Eight Years of Meeting Palestinians  
**February 2 @ 10:00 am - 11:00 am MST**  
 A virtual event presentation by Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger
- How to Answer a Fool  
**February 3 @ 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm MST**  
 A virtual event presentation by Professor Christine Hayes
- Interreligious Heroes – Book Talk  
**February 8 @ 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm MST**  
 A virtual event presentation by Rabbi Dr. Alon Goshen-Gottstein
- A Nation That Dwells Alone: Questions and Implications  
**February 9 @ 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm MST**  
 A virtual event presentation by Dr. Noam Weissman
- Noah’s Wine vs. Pharaoh’s Beer: The Barroom Brawl and Culture War that Shaped Jewish History  
**February 10 @ 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm MST**  
 A virtual event presentation by Dr. Jon Greenberg  
**Register at [valleybeitmidrash.org](http://valleybeitmidrash.org)**

**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

## Temple Solel Endowment Foundation

Securing Our Future | February 2022

A Mandatory Donation?

Parashah Terumah Ex 25:1 – 27:19

Our early parashah for February, 2022 is called **Terumah** calls for “God instructing Moses to tell all Israelites whose heart so moved them to bring gifts of gold, silver, copper, colored yarns, fine linen, goats' hair, tanned ram skins, acacia wood, oil, spices, lapis lazuli, and other fine stones to make a sanctuary — the Tabernacle (*Mishkan*, — תִּשְׁבַּע and its furnishings, so that God could dwell among them.” God instructed them to make the Ark of the Covenant for the commandments too. God commands the Israelites to give a *terumah* or gift. For what purpose, and how does this relate to the Temple Solel Endowment Foundation? Because growing long-term funds for the future of our Jewish community, our Solel community is giving a *terumah*!

Modern Hebrew “*terumah*” means donation which is collected ‘from every person who heart so moves him.’ The act of giving is a voluntary one and no one can judge those who do not give. But should a *terumah* or donation be considered mandatory? The torah states the *terumah* (donation) is giving to God, but why does God need worldly riches or a sanctuary that he “may dwell among them.” God does not need a physical sanctuary. As humans, Jewish humans, or the humans of the Solel community enjoy having a physical sanctuary that enables us to feel and know that God is part of us. It is why we ask for voluntary donations, but voluntary contributions, dues, events etc. do not always sustain our synagogue.

As a Jewish community of Solel, we are dependent on the members giving something that is not only voluntary but what about considering it mandatory in a sense to sustain the whole community. There is a fine line between voluntary and mandatory as both are needed to sustain an organization. The *terumah* is asking us in present day to give the community, both religious and spiritual something that we want to have. I see “*terumah giving*” is also for the long-term sustainability of our Solel community – to the Solel Endowment Fund. Yes, it is a voluntary (tax-deductible) contribution, or should we consider it a mandatory one to preserve our Jewish life for the next generation. Like Israel’s Defense Service Law, the enlistment to the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) is mandatory for all Israeli citizens who have turned eighteen, or the LDS Church uses tithing funds (approximately 10% of one’s income after living expenses) for building and maintaining temples and to fund the church's mission and education efforts. What exactly must we give as our *terumah* depends not only on what we want and are able to give, but also on the needs of our Solel community. Consider the long-term power of your contribution or your *terumah* to the Solel Endowment Foundation.

*Gail Zucker*  
Board Member

Make your *terumah* or gift to sustain and grow the Solel Endowment Foundation.  
Please contact Robert Siamon, President of the Foundation, at [rsiamon@yahoo.com](mailto:rsiamon@yahoo.com)  
for any type of current or Legacy Gift contribution.

### The Temple Solel Endowment Foundation (Foundation)

The Foundation is separate and distinct 501(c)(3) from Temple Solel that has been formed and organized to raise, invest, and manage funds through endowments and gifts for the sole purpose of financially supporting the activities, programs, practices, and growth of Temple Solel. If you are interested in the work of the Foundation, please contact Foundation Board President Robert Siamon at [rsiamon@yahoo.com](mailto:rsiamon@yahoo.com).

**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**  
Barrie and Bellarri Adleman

**In honor of**  
**Sarah Kaufman. Wishing you a**  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY and year**  
**ahead.**  
Mel Epstein

**2021-22 Cantorial Soloist Todd Herzog's Discretionary Fund**

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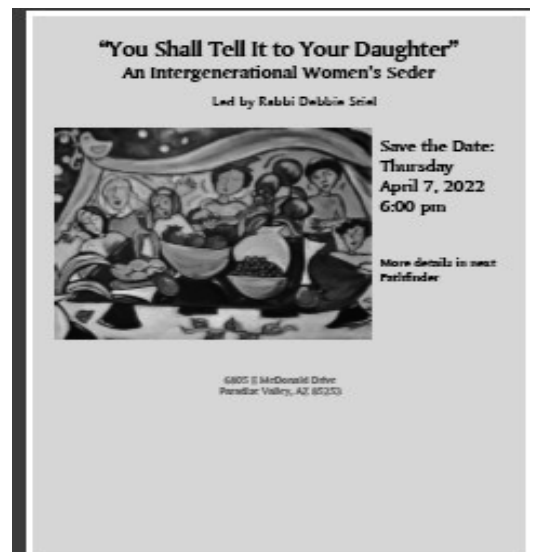
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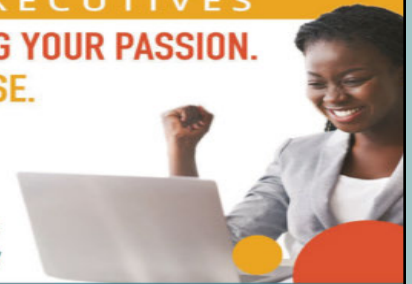


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