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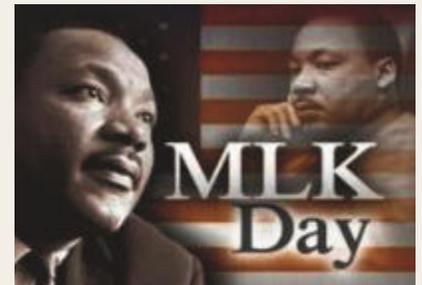


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TIFERETH ISRAEL

## JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL MLK COMMEMORATIVE SHABBAT SERVICE

Friday, January 22 at 6:00 PM  
Livestream at [bit.ly/TTTI-silver](https://bit.ly/TTTI-silver)

The clergy and the Racial Justice Task Force invite you to be part of a special service commemorating MLK Day. We will welcome guests from the community as part of this special service. Watch your email for more information!



## TWA INVITES YOU TO A SPECIAL ZOOM PROGRAM

*How An Irish Catholic Combined Integrity,  
Ethics and Faith to Serve a Jewish Community in Need*

Featuring Bill O'Rourke, Senior Advisor to Value Capture and Retired VP of Alcoa

Thursday, January 28 at 7:00 pm <https://zoom.us/j/93272732031> (passcode: 508082)



On October 20, 2018, a gunman entered the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh killing 11 people and wounding 7 others in the deadliest attack on Jews in United States history. The stunned board of the congregation reached out to Bill O'Rourke to become the interim executive director for the synagogue. He was a leader in the Pittsburgh community who was incredibly empathetic and had legal smarts. It was also an advantage that he was not Jewish because he had no politics to play and could be objective. Mr. O'Rourke accepted the challenge. Our speaker has interesting stories to share of his life and his career and will discuss how integrity, ethics and faith have made him a leader and how he helped the synagogue move forward.

ALL ARE WELCOME! Ronna Sherman and Ina White, Event Co-chairs

THE TEMPLE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

A NEW WAY

*Nefesh Shabbat* | נפש שבת  
TO PRAY

Nefesh Shabbat will be held  
one Friday evening and one  
Saturday morning each month

Saturday, January 9 at 11:00 AM  
Friday, January 29 at 5:00 PM  
Saturday, February 13 at 11:00 AM  
Friday, February 26 at 5:00 PM

Join us via livestream at  
[bit.ly/TTTI-Chapel](https://bit.ly/TTTI-Chapel)

Nefesh Shabbat invites you and your entire family to set aside some time for a spiritual uplift, connection to our community, and to live the Jewish values that contribute to the quality of our lives. This service is innovative, participatory and accessible to everyone – an opportunity for the whole family to explore their own Jewish practices while engaging with other members to discover the many different ways Judaism can enrich our everyday lives, turning the ordinary into extraordinary. Please join us for an hour of joy and rejuvenation as we celebrate Shabbat and other special occasions together.

## SHABBAT SERVICES TORAH STUDY ADULT LEARNING

Kabbalat Shabbat services  
available by livestream at  
[bit.ly/tttilivestreaming](https://bit.ly/tttilivestreaming) and  
Facebook Live

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

Tot Shabbat - 10:30 AM

Kabbalat Shabbat - 6:00 PM

Torah Portion: Vayechi; Genesis 47:28-50:26

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

Torah Study w/Rabbi Klein - 9:15 AM

Adult Learning w/Rabbi Cohen - 3:30 PM

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

Tot Shabbat - 10:30 AM

Kabbalat Shabbat - 6:00 PM

Torah Portion: Shemot; Exodus 1:1-6:1

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

Torah Study w/Rabbi Klein - 9:15 AM

Nefesh Shabbat - 11:00 AM

Adult Learning w/Rabbi Cohen - 3:30 PM

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

Tot Shabbat - 10:30 AM

Kabbalat Shabbat - 6:00 PM

Torah Portion: Va'era; Exodus 6:2-9:35

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

Torah Study w/Rabbi Klein - 9:15 AM

Adult Learning w/Rabbi Cohen - 3:30 PM

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

Tot Shabbat - 10:30 AM

Kabbalat Shabbat - 6:00 PM

Torah Portion: Bo; Exodus 10:1-13:16

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

Torah Study w/Rabbi Klein - 9:15 AM

Adult Learning w/Rabbi Cohen - 3:30 PM

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

Tot Shabbat - 10:30 AM

Nefesh Shabbat - 5:00 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat - 6:00 PM

Torah Portion: Beshalach; Exodus 13:17-17:16

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

Torah Study w/Rabbi Klein - 9:15 AM

Adult Learning w/Rabbi Cohen - 3:30 PM

## ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES ALL ARE WELCOME!

### SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI KLEIN

Saturdays, January 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 at 9:15 AM

Via livestream at [bit.ly/tttilivestreaming](https://bit.ly/tttilivestreaming)

*Deuteronomy and the Deuteronomistic History*

### ADULT LEARNING WITH RABBI COHEN

*The Jewish Life Cycle:  
Moments in Time and Meaning-Making*

Saturdays, January 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM

<https://zoom.us/j/95657590028>

Join us for an exploration of the main life cycle moments we experience and the meaning-making power of our heritage and tradition. Let us learn together what insights Jewish texts and traditions and our Reform teachings offer us regarding the welcoming of new life as well as the mourning of loss, notions of covenant and community, rites of entry into adulthood, and the sanctification of human relationships.

### POETRY THURSDAYS WITH RABBI KLEIN

January 7, 14, 21 & 28

From 4:00 to 5:00 PM

<https://zoom.us/j/96485590983>

Rabbi Klein will lead a Zoom discussion featuring the poetry he and the participants love and invites you to bring some of the poems you love. No need to commit to every week.



Dear Friends,

The Temple is here FOR YOU! If you wish to connect, need guidance, or are experience the discomfort of our times and lives at this time, or if you know someone who does, please know that our virtual doors remain open at all times. Please know that you can always reach out to us confidentially. Our clergy can be reached by contacting Cyndi Wilson at 216.455.1695 or email [cwilson@titi.org](mailto:cwilson@titi.org).

We wish our entire community a safe, healing, and hopeful 2021.

Rabbi Jonathan Cohen

# 2021

## FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY



I hope this note finds you well, and that as 2021 unfolds we increasingly come to feel the blessings of strength, healing, comfort, and connectedness. This is a difficult winter. The COVID-19 pandemic rages among us and increasingly affects our lives. We are deeply impressed by and grateful for the herculean effort to develop both therapies and vaccinations to address this virus. Yet, while the vaccination effort is under way, we know that the coming months will require discipline, patience and perseverance on our parts. In short, we recognize there is a light at the end of the pandemic-tunnel; however, we cannot see it quite yet. It is a difficult winter, but not one bereft of hope, and we will endure it together.

Let “together” be our watch-word for January 2021. This month opens with our reading of the last Torah portion in the book of Genesis and continues on to the book of Exodus and its story of collective redemption. Through our Torah readings of this month, the children of Israel become a defined and distinct community. We may think of Genesis as a book of families: The human, Noahide family, the Abrahamic family, and the families of Isaac and Rebecca, and of Jacob-Israel, Leah, Rachel, Bilhah, and Zilpah following them. If there is one theme that binds these family stories together, it is discord and separation. The children of Noah are set apart by blessing and curse; Abraham and Lot who journey together eventually part from each other to avoid friction; Abraham and Sarah separate following the binding of Isaac; Isaac and Ishmael only gather as adults to mourn their father; Jacob and Esau’s lives are filled with envy and resentment; Jacob grows to distrust Laban and leaves his household without notice, depriving Laban of an opportunity to bid farewell to his daughters and grandchildren; and Jacob’s own sons sell one of their siblings to servitude in Egypt. Yet, toward the end of Genesis, the children of Israel are re-united; the reunification and reconciliation of Jacob’s children offer us a glimpses of goodness and forgiveness, and Joseph’s two sons Ephraim and Menashe become the Bible’s “model brothers” in the eyes of the rabbis. Thus, Genesis ends on a hopeful note.

Exodus is the locus of true community, or nation building, the emergence of common interest and identity, and the journey toward freedom and transcendence. In this respect, our readings of the month of January are about the emergence, the beginnings of “together.” Of course, we are not deluded by notions of harmony, agreement, and respectful, let alone loving discourse among the Israelites and the many who journey with them. However, in spite of the crises, rifts, arguments, errors, and occasional insults and hurt feelings – our purported fore-parents remain “together.” Further, at the most fearful and challenging moments, such as the night-time departure from Egypt, the crossing of the sea, and the acceptance of the Sinaitic covenant, we find common direction and purpose, and uncommon, indeed formidable tenacity and will. These are the moments and experiences that bear re-collecting, re-telling, and re-imagining this winter.

The COVID-19 pandemic struck our city and community on the Purim weekend of the last year, March 7-8, 2020. By March 11, we decided to shut down our facilities and direct our staff and volunteers to isolate and care for their wellbeing and the health and safety of others. Throughout the past ten months, we have demonstrated the ability to reach out, touch, and support each other in spite of necessary limitations and constraints. Together, we brought comfort to hundreds, if not thousands, of our friends, peers, neighbors, and to so many whom we did not know and have now had occasion to virtually meet. Our Temple has undertaken a difficult, painful, and promising effort to restructure our operations and governance structures, and launched an unprecedented effort at programmatic innovation and growth. We have done all of this together, through Passover, Confirmation and Graduation ceremonies, new summer programs, the High Holy Days, Kristallnacht, and most recently - an extraordinary Hanukkah celebration. The months of winter we now experience are especially difficult. Yet, together, in care, support, compassion, appreciation for each other, and ongoing determination, we must and will continue to advance and grow the beautiful and precious heritage of our congregation. Together we can.

Toward the end of Genesis, in chapter 48, Jacob-Israel encountered Joseph’s children, his grandchildren, for the first time. There, we first read “And Israel saw the children of Joseph,” (v. 8) followed by “and the eyes of Israel grew heavy from old age, he could not see” (v. 10). Here, the Biblical text invites us to consider what Jacob saw. Perhaps in the first instance. Jacob saw an unexpected and unknown future full of promise and potential, and was then unable to determine its qualities. Perhaps we are all like Jacob, able to see the promise of tomorrow and frustrated at the uncertainty entailed in its unfolding. Yet Jacob uttered a blessing to Joseph, and through him to these children, bearers of the future, and said: God before whom my ancestors walked, God who has shepherded me from my birth to this day, the power that shields me from all evil, bless these lads. May my name and the names of my ancestors be recalled through them, and may they be fruitful and impactful throughout the land. The blessing of Israel has descended from generation to generation to this very moment. Together, let us cast our eyes and see a future full of promise and potential, and bless each other with the strengths of deep heritage and invention, determination and compassion, realistic insight and understanding, as well as hope. May our future be one of goodness, fruitful and impactful throughout the land. May the powers that have shielded us from evil and affliction remain with us and protect us and those we love, now, through 2021, and forevermore.

## How Can Our Learning Help Us Strengthen Ourselves As We Wade Our Way Through The Pandemic?

One of my favorite family pictures hangs on the wall in my parents' dining room. It is a picture of my grandfather surrounded by his parents and siblings. My grandfather was an incredible athlete, strong, determined and he happened to be wearing a dress. No one is smiling in the picture, one because no one smiled in pictures at that time, and two, you could see the pain and sadness in their faces.

He wore a dress because our family could only afford one outfit per size. It was a time when clothing was even more gendered than it is today. Girls only wore dresses and boys only wore shirts and pants and yet, my grandfather and his siblings wore an outfit no matter what it was as long as it fit.

This was only one of the side effects of surviving the Great Depression. This was a physical remnant of their experience. I could see other remnants of this difficult time in his life when we were together even in his later years. Last spring, when the pandemic first began, one of the things I began to wonder was what will our pictures of this time look like? How will the challenges and difficulties change us and how we live our lives? What will remain with us and how can we best support our students as we wade our way through?

It was clear then as it is clear now, that we will need to strengthen our skills to address a whole host of issues. One of the best ways possible is through powerful teachings in Judaism. Our *La-bri'ut* – To our Health and Wellness curriculum does just that.

So far we explored how to identify and create shelters of peace. We challenged ourselves to identify big feelings that we are experiencing and develop inner-strength to fully experience them. Now this month, we begin our third unit on *gevurah* – courage. We will identify our greatest strengths and how we can utilize these strengths now and in the future.

What is so powerful is creating time to focus on the emotional world that is being created within us, normalizing it, and providing powerful texts that deepen our understanding of how to make it through. All of the units help us to internalize the maxim by Rabbi Hillel in Pirke Avot 1:14. I am grateful we can provide the time and space to focus on this critical work.

If I am not for myself, who will be for me?

If I am only for myself, what am I?

If not now, when?

– Rabbi Stacy Schlein

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Eliana Brown shares examples of Sukkot Shalom in her life.



### A ZOOM ART TALK

Monday, January 25 from 2:00 to 3:00 PM

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/92508003859> (passcode: 156333)

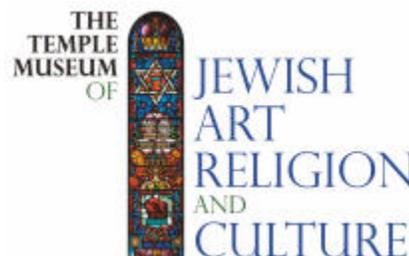
***Jewish Art in the Cleveland Jewish Archive***

**With Guest Sean Martin**

**Associate Curator for Jewish History at Western Reserve Historical Society**

The Cleveland Jewish Archives at the Western Reserve Historical Society (WRHS) include the papers of Rabbis Abba Hillel Silver and Daniel Jeremy Silver and extensive materials from Jewish families and organizations. These materials include papers and photographs from, among others, Joseph B. Horwitz, Dorothy Davis Kates, and the Warshawsky family. Among the artists represented in the holdings of the WRHS Museum are Samuel Bookatz, Max Kalish, Abel Warshawsky, and Alexander Warshawsky.

Martin will discuss the work of the Cleveland Jewish Archives to support research in Jewish studies with special attention to the collections related to Jewish art.



## PEGGY & JOHN GARSON CHALLENGE OUR BOARD AND CONGREGATION TO BE ALL IN!



We are thrilled and grateful to share that Peggy and John Garson have created a matching gift program, which we're calling the "Garson Board Challenge" for the 2020-2021 All In Campaign. This means that Peggy and John **will double every new or increased dollar from our Board of Directors to All In up to \$100,000**. Inspired by this challenge, we hope to double Board giving to All In this year for a total impact of \$200,000!

The need within our own congregation caused by illness, isolation, and financial devastation has never been greater. And Jewish community, Jewish values, and Jewish learning are more important than ever in this time of polarization, deepening class divisions, and rising intolerance and anti-Semitism.

As John Garson said, "We recognize what's going on here and want to do our part to support The Temple through this challenging time." Peggy Garson added, "We are inspired by all the ways The Temple is rising to the challenges of this time and hope to likewise inspire others to give."

The Temple leadership has been deeply engaged in crisis management related to COVID-19. And we are still moving forward! The congregation is revamping programs and services as evidenced by our wonderful virtual High Holy Day services. With your help, The Temple will weather this storm and emerge a stronger twenty-first century congregation with compelling programs. We will attract new members and allow our synagogue and our community to thrive for the next century.

Peggy and John's visionary gift challenges our Board of Directors, and we hope it will also inspire each of you who is able to give generously to our ALL IN Annual Campaign this year.

**The Temple's Racial Justice Task Force presents:**

### RACIAL JUSTICE BOOK DISCUSSION

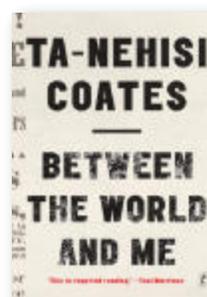
**Wednesdays, January 6 & 20 at 7:00 PM via Zoom**

**<https://zoom.us/j/99080721796> (passcode 252009)**

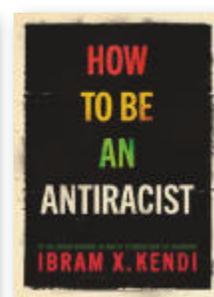
Is one of your New Year's resolutions to repair the world? Then please join the Racial Justice Book Discussion Group to examine two critically relevant books this January.

**January 6 - Ta-Nehisi Coates' *Between the World and Me***

**January 20 - Ibram X. Kendi's *How to Be an Antiracist***



January 6



January 20

## DOING A LOT OF AMAZON SHOPPING THESE DAYS?

Did you know that Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchase to The Temple Foundation every time you shop!



**JUST LOG INTO: [smile.amazon.com/ch/26-1874206](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/26-1874206) to link your donation to The Temple Foundation**

After that, just log onto [Smile.Amazon.com](https://Smile.Amazon.com) every time you shop and the donations will go to The Temple.

# ROSH CHODESH WITH TWA

Thursday, January 14 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/99616799454> (passcode 232205)

Rosh Chodesh is the celebration of the full moon and the new month. It is a celebration full of history and rituals. Join Rabbi Dadoun, Rabbi Schlein and Cantor Kathy as they guide us through this uniquely women's holiday. Start your New Year off with this celebration of sisterhood.

RSVP to Joanie Rubinstein at [joanierubinsteinrdh@gmail.com](mailto:joanierubinsteinrdh@gmail.com)

## Thank You! Thank You! for the Voluntary Donations to TWA

All Temple women have been gifted a free membership to TWA this year as we felt that TWA IS THE PERFECT ANTIDOTE to dealing with our challenging times. The large attendance at our virtual programs is proving that this is indeed the case. Members have greatly appreciated the programs and goodie bags that have been provided to boost their spirits and TWA has greatly appreciated the many donations that we have received from our members. While we are not charging dues this year, these dollars help to offset the cost of the programs and treats that have been either dropped off at your homes or picked up at the Temple. If you have not and are able, please consider making a donation. You can mail a check, payable to TWA to Debbie Kalette, 2705 Inverness Rd., Shaker Hts., OH 44122 or donate online at [bit.ly/twadues](http://bit.ly/twadues).



THE TEMPLE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

# VIRTUAL BOOK DISCUSSION

January 11 at 3:00 PM via Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/92674607186> (passcode 568443)

Ellen Harris will lead us in a discussion on

*The Girl from Berlin* by Ronald Balsar

Join us on February 8 when Ruth Friedman and Judith Saltzman will lead a discussion on *Nightingale Sonata* by Thomas Wolf.



Contact Judith Saltzman at [jcsaltzman@gmail.com](mailto:jcsaltzman@gmail.com) for questions or information

# THE TEMPLE'S HANUKKAH CELEBRATION WAS RECORD-BREAKING!

On Friday, December 11, The Temple handed out over 300 goodie bags, hundreds of catered dinners, and joined together to break the world record for the most hanukkiyot lit at one time. We had 483 families on Zoom, and many had multiple hanukkiot so we are certain a record was made. Watch for updates!



## BUILDING UPDATE

By Jennifer Mendelson, Director of Operations

### Happy 2021! As we move into a new calendar year, just a few logistical reminders:

The Temple is still closed to the public, but Ganon Gil Early Learning Center is open. Our building is operational and staff members report daily. If you need to come to the building for any reason, please make arrangements in advance. Our main phone system has moved to an automated directory. When you call our main number, 216-831-3233, dial "8" to leave a voicemail in the general mailbox and someone at the Temple will return your call by the next business day.

### To reach a specific person or department, please use the following extensions:

**Clergy:** Rabbi Jonathan Cohen, ext. 117 • Rabbi Roger Klein, ext. 126 • Rabbi Stacy Schlein, ext. 133  
Rabbi Yael Dadoun, ext. 115 • Cantor Kathy Sebo, ext. 127

**Clergy Suite:** Cyndi Wilson, ext. 114 or 216-455-1695  
(clergy requests, funeral arrangements, hospitalizations, Memorial Book, and yahrzeits)

**Executive Director:** Christie Yonkers, ext. 103

**Membership:** Allison Shippy, ext. 102

**Finance and Donations:** Louis Innenberg, ext. 104 • Suzanne Utley, ext. 105 • Hope Miller, ext. 107

**Building Operations:** Jennifer Mendelson, ext. 109 or 740-319-5538 (building and security issues & emergencies)

**The Temple Museum of Art, Religion & Culture:** Sue Koletsky, ext. 108

**Ganon Gil Preschool:** Erica Wilkov, ext. 131 • Rachel Smylie, ext. 130

**The Learning Center:** Rabbi Stacy Schlein, ext. 133 • Gloria Grischkan, ext. 122

**Website & Social Media:** Patti Carlyle, ext. 199

**Database:** Carol Fleeter, ext. 121 (address and email changes)

**Communications:** Debbie J. Friedman, 440-488-2340

Visit our website at [www.ttti.org](http://www.ttti.org) and our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/TheTempleTiferethIsrael](http://www.facebook.com/TheTempleTiferethIsrael) for all current and updated information about our online programs and events.

Hang on, friends - we will all be together very soon. Be safe and stay healthy during these long winter months.

## THE CHAI LIFERS INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE BEETHOVEN'S 250<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY!

### Piano Recital by Daniel Shapiro

Sunday, February 21 at 4:00 PM via livestream



Daniel Shapiro continues to gain recognition as a leading interpreter of Schubert, Mozart, Schumann, Brahms, and Beethoven, and as a teacher and coach at the Cleveland Institute of Music. He has given critically acclaimed performances across the United States, in Brazil, Britain, Ireland, Spain, France, Italy, Korea, and China, at the Amsterdam Concertgebouw, and at Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles. He has twice performed Beethoven's thirty-two sonata cycle; his third cycle is taking place during the 2020/21 season to celebrate Beethoven's 250th birthday year.

Chai  
Lifers



## SHARING MI SHEBEIRACH & SHEHECHIYANU

While we are all finding new and creative ways to maneuver through this pandemic, we would love to share your celebrations and/or healing prayers with our Temple family.

**To submit information and photos for your celebrations, go to [bit.ly/ttisharing](http://bit.ly/ttisharing).**

**To submit information for healing, go to [bit.ly/tttihealing](http://bit.ly/tttihealing).**

## IN MEMORIAM



### DONALD ETTKIN

Father of Scott (Lisa) Etkin,  
Grandfather of Dylan and Tyler

### LOUIS FODOR

Husband of Patricia; Father of Joanne Deas, Susan R. Heller, Lesli (Rick) Susick, the late Patricia Nichole Custer; Grandfather of Adam Heller, Lauren Heller, Jessica Susick, Erin Susick; Great-grandfather of Ethan Thompson

### ALAN HARTZMARK

Father of Nancy (Marty) Landry, Kathy (Jay) Sokol, Bruce (Cindy) Hartzmark, Marcy (John) Fekete; Grandfather of Kristen (Frank) Powell, Jennifer (Kevin) Sutphen, Brian (Katie) Kleinman, Karen (Andrew) Porter, Brandon (Jessica) Sokol, Jacob Fekete, Joey Fekete; Great-grandfather of Ashlyn, Dayton, Autumn, Daniel, Ella, Gavin, Eli, Naomi, Tucker and Harper; Brother of the late Lee (Dolores) Hartzmark

### MILDRED SOMMERS HORVITZ

Wife of the late Harry Richard Horvitz; Mother of Judy Horvitz; Sister of the late Edith (Allen) Gottlieb; Aunt of Randy (Wendy) Gottlieb, Gary Gottlieb (Debi Stephens)

### IRWIN KORNBLOTH, MD

Father of David (Wendy); Grandfather of Rachel and Jason Kornbluth

### HOWARD S. STERN

Father of Brian (Susan) Stern

### LILA MAE WAGENHEIM

Grandmother of Lindsay (Scott) Engel; Great-grandmother of Simon and Noah Engel

### JANET (BAILEY) WALSH

Mother of Jon (Alisa) Walsh; Grandmother of Kalib and Lizzie Walsh

### MAXINE LOIS ZAVELSON

Mother of Daniel (Nancy) Zavelson

If the deceased was not a temple member, only family members belonging to The Temple are listed here.

## NEW: MAIMONIDES FUND

According to Maimonides, Jewish law aims at two things: the improvement of the body and the improvement of the soul. Some of the highest forms of charity support these improvements anonymously. Our Maimonides Fund, created by an anonymous Temple member with an initial gift of \$25,000 offers an opportunity to give in such a way that neither the donor nor the recipient are known.

Distributions will help congregational families with basic needs like food, shelter, clothing, education, healthcare, insurance or tools necessary to maintain or gain employment, or during a family crisis. Donations, though acknowledged, are listed publicly as Anonymous. Gifts from the fund may be granted by any of The Temple Clergy. Gift distributions will be confidential within the Temple staff and community.

## THANK YOU TO OUR ONEG SPONSOR!

Despite the current situation not allowing us to gather in person, we are grateful to the following sponsors for their ongoing support of The Temple!

**January 8 - Linda Angart**

In loving memory of Linda's twin brother on their birthday

## BIMAH FLOWER FUND - JANUARY

The beautiful flowers that grace the bimah on Shabbat are made possible through donations by the following:

In loving memory of William B. Cohen and Lillian Koblitz Cohen by their daughter Suzanne Cohen, Mrs. Richard L. Cohen, grandsons Eric Shaw and William and Thomas Cohen, and grandchildren

In loving memory of Leonard M. Task by his children Cookie and Alan Hartman, Susie and Jerry Strom, Jeanne Task, grandchildren and great-grandchildren

In loving memory of Dr. Irving S. and Carolyn Lieberman by their son James, and family

In loving memory of Ellen Bonnie Mandel on her birthday by her father Jack Mandel, of blessed memory

In loving memory of Jared A. Faulb by his wife, Elizabeth, of blessed memory, and children

In loving memory of H. Shan Carran by his sons, Ronald and Roger

In loving memory of Anne and Henry Biales by their children, Ilene and David Saginor, and their grandchildren

In loving memory of Sue Blaugrund by her loving children, Marsha Frauenthal and Carole and Charles Rosenblatt



## CONTRIBUTIONS

Donations can be made easily online at <http://bit.ly/tttdonate>.

### TRIBUTE FUNDS

#### Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Discretionary Fund

In honor and appreciation of Rabbi Jonathan Cohen by Cookie and Alan Hartman  
In honor and appreciation of The Temple's Kristallnacht Service on Nov. 13, 2020 by Joan Kohn and Andrew Kohn

In honor and appreciation of Rabbi Cohen on the stone setting for Arlyne Rubinstein by Marc Rubinstein

#### The Harty Coven Camp Scholarship Fund

In memory of Lila Wagenheim by Marcia Coven, Steve Joseph, and Jack Coven

#### Rabbi Yael Dadoun Tribute Fund

In honor and appreciation of Rabbi Dadoun and Cantor Sebo for a wonderful program together by Suzanne and Bill Utley

#### The Larry and Deedra Dolin Library Fund

In honor of Carol Eisenberg's milestone birthday by Bev Stearns

**Ganon Gil Preschool Fund**

In memory of Dr. Eugene Gitin  
by Lori Kowitz and David Kowitz

**Jonathan Lee Gross Memorial Museum Fund**

In memory of Jay Gershen  
by Hallie Gross and Dan Gross  
In memory of David Rothenberg  
by Howard and Michelle Klein  
In memory of Jonathan Gross  
by Howard and Michelle Shear  
In honor of Peter Freimark's milestone birthday  
and bike ride by Hallie and Dan Gross

**Rabbi Roger C. Klein Discretionary Fund**

In memory of Jim Chessin  
by Janyce and Ed Bails  
In memory of Morrie Dannenhirsh  
by Sandy Zieve  
In honor and appreciation of Rabbi Klein's  
support of the Chai Lifers' recital on  
October 27 by Elaine Berg  
In honor and appreciation of Rabbi Roger  
Klein by Cookie and Alan Hartman  
In honor and appreciation of Rabbi Klein's  
wisdom in support of Evan Weisman  
becoming a Bar Mitzvah  
by Debbie and Jim Weisman

**Ricky Levine Memorial Fund**

In memory of Phyllis Levine  
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and Doug Mayers. Karen and Dale Nash.  
Sandra Perrick. Carole Rosenblatt. Richard  
and Ronni Savran. Ronna Sherman.  
Michelle K. Stern. Lynn Weisman. Ina White

**Cantor Kathryn Wolfe Sebo Discretionary Fund**

In honor of Susan and Howard Levine,  
and wishing them a happy Hanukkah  
by Lisa Levine  
In honor of the birth of Barbara and Moe  
Blatt's great-grandson, Archie Sebo  
by Nanci and Earl Stein  
In honor of Cantor Kathy and Rommie Sebo's  
new grandson, Archer Sebo  
by Nanci and Earl Stein  
In honor and appreciation of Cantor Kathy  
Sebo by Cheryl and Jeff Apisdorf. Cookie  
and Alan Hartman. Sidney Macey.  
In honor and appreciation of Cantor Sebo  
and Rabbi Dadoun for a wonderful program  
together by Suzanne and Bill Utley  
In honor and appreciation of Cantor Sebo's  
contribution to Evan Weisman becoming a  
Bar Mitzvah by Debbie and Jim Weisman

**The Temple - General Fund**

In memory of Lester Bamberger on his  
yahrzeit by Susan and Roger Bamberger.  
Roberta and Richard Bamberger.  
In memory of Marion & James Halle on their  
yahrzeit by Wendy and Richard Halle  
In memory of Morton B. Reese on his yahrzeit  
by Susan S. Howard Reese. Robert M. Reese.  
In honor of Phil Wasserstrom's birthday  
by Betty Lou and Joe Blumberg  
In honor of Marvin Danziger's milestone  
birthday by Harriet and Burt Siebert  
Wishing a successful surgery and speedy  
recovery for Larisa (Laya) by Tatiana Sorokina

**Temple Hunger and Social Justice Fund (Includes Hanukkah Night of Giving donations)**

In memory of Dr. Edith Kobler for the  
Hanukkah Night of Giving  
by Eugenia and Dr. Ronald Strauss  
In memory of Irving Glick  
by Joyce and Eric Wald  
In honor of Cantor Kathy Sebo  
by Phyllis Burk and Mel Burk. Susan and  
Howard Levine. Sharon and Paul Priesand.  
In honor of Cantor Sebo and Marshall Griffith  
for their wonderful Thanksgiving program  
by Debra and Jason Hollander. Larry Mack.  
Chuck Miller. Marcy and Ed O'Connell.  
Suzanne and Bill Utley.  
In honor of Eden, Yasha, and Ella Cohen  
for the Hanukkah Night of Giving  
by Eugenia and Dr. Ronald Strauss  
In honor of Rabbi Klein by Eugenia Strauss  
and Dr. Ronald Strauss  
In honor of Rabbi Cohen  
by Eugenia and Dr. Ronald Strauss  
In honor of the Social Action Committee  
by Joanna and Matt Wyner  
In honor and appreciation of Cantor Sebo for  
the Thanksgiving program  
by Ina Sharkansky. Anne and Jay Singer.  
In honor and appreciation of Rabbi Cohen,  
Cantor Sebo and Marshall Griffith for their  
Thanksgiving programs by Linda Angart  
In honor and appreciation of Rabbi Schlein  
by Donna and Allan Fried  
In support of Giving Night of Hanukkah  
by Margo Vinney and Jeff Chaitoff. Nancy  
and Marty Emerman. Beth Dery and Steve  
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Claudia Woods and David Osage.  
In support of the Giving Night of Hanukkah  
and in honor of Rubin's Bar Mitzvah  
by Debra and Greg Harris  
Joy and Sandy Fox  
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**The Temple Torah Study Fund**

In memory of Dr. Irwin Kornbluth  
by Ginny Sukenik  
In honor of Rabbi Klein  
by Robin Herrington-Bowen  
In honor of Carol Marshall being honored in  
the 2020 class of CJN 18 Difference Makers  
by Sandy Zieve

**The Temple Tzedakah Fund**

In support of helping others at Thanksgiving  
time by Anonymous

**The Temple Women's Association Fund**

In honor of Suzanne Singerman receiving the  
Deborah Honor from the Women of Reform  
Judaism by Ruthie and Doug Mayers  
In honor of Debbie Kalette's milestone  
birthday by Ruthie and Doug Mayers  
In honor and appreciation of Marcy  
O'Connell by Cookie and Alan Hartman

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In memory of Phyllis Levine  
by TWA. Sandy Zieve.  
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by Barbara and Marc Bloch  
In honor and appreciation of Regina Krieger's  
support and teaching for Evan Weisman's  
Bar Mitzvah by Debbie and Jim Weisman

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In honor of Keith Libman being awarded the  
Gries Family Award for Community  
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Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver  
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Our families lost 11 irreplaceable, beautiful Jewish souls. The sorrow and agony was deeply personal and unending. Through your unwavering support, you showed us that we are all one in our sorrow. You showed that the mindless hate that stole our loved ones has no place in America.

Thank you for showing us that we are one Community - one Jewish, one interfaith, one Pittsburgh, one country, and one world. We are truly stronger together.

*With love from the families of:*

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					<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>Tot Shabbat</b> 10:30 AM</p> <p><b>Kabbalat Shabbat</b> 6:00 PM</p> <p><b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b> Offices Closed</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>Torah Study</b> 9:15 AM Livestream bit.ly/TTTI-Hartzmark</p> <p><b>Adult Learning</b> 3:30 PM Zoom</p> <p><b>Shabbaton</b> 5:00 PM Zoom</p>
<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>Sunday Learning</b> 9:30 AM Zoom</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>Chai Learning</b> 6:30 PM: Hebrew 7:00 PM: 7th - 12th In person</p> <p><b>TLC Skype</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>TLC Skype</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>Midweek Learning</b> 4:00 PM Zoom</p> <p><b>Racial Justice Book Discussion</b> 7:00 PM Zoom</p> <p><b>TLC Skype</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>Poetry Thursdays</b> 4:00 PM Zoom</p> <p><b>TLC Skype</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>Tot Shabbat</b> 10:30 AM</p> <p><b>Kabbalat Shabbat</b> 6:00 PM</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>Torah Study</b> 9:15 AM Livestream bit.ly/TTTI-Hartzmark</p> <p><b>Nefesh Shabbat</b> 11:00 AM Zoom</p> <p><b>Adult Learning</b> 3:30 PM Zoom</p> <p><b>Shabbaton</b> 5:00 PM Zoom</p>
<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>Sunday Learning</b> 9:30 AM Zoom</p> <p><b>Cavani Quartet Concert</b> 4:30 PM Zoom</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>Book Discussion</b> 3:00 PM Zoom</p> <p><b>Chai Learning</b> 6:30 PM: Hebrew 7:00 PM: 7th - 12th In person</p> <p><b>TLC Skype</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>TLC Skype</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>Midweek Learning</b> 4:00 PM Zoom</p> <p><b>TLC Skype</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>Poetry Thursdays</b> 4:00 PM Zoom</p> <p><b>TWA Rosh Chodesh</b> 7:00 PM Zoom</p> <p><b>TLC Skype</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>Tot Shabbat</b> 10:30 AM</p> <p><b>Kabbalat Shabbat</b> 6:00 PM</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>Torah Study</b> 9:15 AM Livestream bit.ly/TTTI-Hartzmark</p> <p><b>Adult Learning</b> 3:30 PM Zoom</p> <p><b>No Shabbaton</b></p>
<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>No Sunday Learning</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>No Chai Learning</b> <b>No TLC Skype</b></p> <p><b>MLK DAY</b> Offices Closed</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>No TLC Skype</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>Midweek Learning</b> 4:00 PM Zoom</p> <p><b>Racial Justice Book Discussion</b> 7:00 PM Zoom</p> <p><b>TLC Skype</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>Poetry Thursdays</b> 4:00 PM Zoom</p> <p><b>TLC Skype</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>Tot Shabbat</b> 10:30 AM</p> <p><b>MLK Kabbalat Shabbat</b> 6:00 PM</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>Torah Study</b> 9:15 AM Livestream bit.ly/TTTI-Hartzmark</p> <p><b>Nefesh Shabbat</b> 11:00 AM Zoom</p> <p><b>Adult Learning</b> 3:30 PM Zoom</p> <p><b>Shabbaton</b> 5:00 PM Zoom</p>
<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>Sunday Learning</b> 9:30 AM Zoom</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>Art Talk</b> 2:00 PM ZOOM</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>Midweek Learning</b> 4:00 PM Zoom</p> <p><b>TWA Program w/ Bill O'Rourke</b> 7:00 PM Zoom</p> <p><b>TLC Skype</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>Poetry Thursdays</b> 4:00 PM Zoom</p> <p><b>TLC Skype</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>Tot Shabbat</b> 10:30 AM</p> <p><b>Nefesh Shabbat</b> 5:00 AM Zoom</p> <p><b>Kabbalat Shabbat</b> 6:00 PM</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>Torah Study</b> 9:15 AM Livestream bit.ly/TTTI-Hartzmark</p> <p><b>Adult Learning</b> 3:30 PM Zoom</p> <p><b>Shabbaton</b> 5:00 PM Zoom</p>
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### Thank you for a successful Giving Night of Hanukkah

Thanks to our wonderful congregants, the Giving Night of Hanukkah initiative enhanced the holiday season for 162 Thomas Jefferson students, by gifting \$25 gift cards to each student!

### Temple Members Staying Connected With Other Temple Members

Kudos to volunteer callers for their continued monthly outreach to Temple Kesher members. A special recognition to Kathy Gottlieb for her heartfelt weekly conversations with three lucky congregants! Also, our sincere appreciation to Cyndi Wilson for her coordination and support of this important Temple program.

### Feeding The Soul

An abundance of thanks to Maureen Ordman Fike and Joanie Rubinstein, along with their dedicated crew of volunteers, who quarterly provide meals to our friends at The Transplant House of Cleveland. If you are interested in helping cook, the next hosting is February 10th.



### Hats Off

To Rita Saslaw and her team for knitting hats and scarves for our friends at Citizens Academy!

**For more information or to participate in Social Action initiatives, contact Faith Schaffer at FS321@aol.com**