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Thanking our youth advisors

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Dear Friends,

I have been thinking lately about a way of thinking that we sometimes fall into in the Jewish world. There is a tendency, in the Jewish world in general, to speak about kids and teens as the future of Judaism — future Jewish adults. That a primary goal of our programming of all kinds for youth and for families is to grow kids into connected, devoted Jewish adults. And of course, this is one important goal. When kids become teens and then graduate from high school and move on to college or whatever is next, we certainly do want them to have all of the foundational “tools in the toolbox” that can lead them into adult lives that are Jewishly rich and connected. And if and when they choose to begin families of their own someday, we certainly want them to understand the beauty and value of raising their own children Jewish, should they be blessed with children.

But this is only one piece of the puzzle. The Jewish lives of our kids and teens matters now. Our youth are Jews now, and not just Jews in the making. We do not just want kids to eventually be strong Jewish adults; we want them to have connected, empowered, joyful, thoughtful Jewish lives now. Their Jewish lives are of import not just once they have reached adulthood but right now. It is funny how easy it can be for us to lose sight of the current Jewish lives of this important and large segment of our community, and of our broader Jewish community locally and nationally.

At its core, when done well, youth groups and youth programming are a key element in helping our young people to have rich and meaningful Jewish lives not only in the future but right now. Youth group events and programs often seem social or purely fun or silly. But thoughtful incorporation of Jewish values, experiences, tikkun olam, conversation about important issues in Jewish life, and connection to Jewish ritual and the cycle of the year change what could be pure fun (which is also good!) into a deepening of Jewish identity and connection to the Jewish people and to our congregation for all of our age groups. In concert with our incredible Center for Learning and our teachers, led by Dr. Lidsky, our youth programming and youth groups at Jeremiah are helping to enrich and to lift up the Jewish lives of our young people not just in the future but right now. Together we understand that our youth are not just the future of Judaism, or our future Jewish leaders, but they are the Jewish present and they can be empowered into roles of Jewish leadership in the present, as well.

Youth group advisors play a vital role in making this a reality. They not only arrange all the details — large and small — to create engaging, well-run programming, but most importantly they serve as role models to our young people. They are role models of joyful Jewish living. Not only do they demonstrate love for Judaism, enthusiasm for Jewish living, and thirst for Jewish knowledge, but they also help our young people imagine a next step in

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... why two of our congregants are excited to co-chair a program as husband and wife. page 6

... five reasons to volunteer with Family Promise this summer. page 8

... which congregant is on a mission to end the use of the “r-word.” page 17

Lately around Temple Jeremiah



1: Hebrew school seder. 2: Jr. JeTY at the Northfield Park District. 3: A Walk Through Two Systems. 4: Club 345 at Rockin' Jump. 5: Temple Jeremiah Women's Seder. 6: Songs of Justice Shabbat.

Legacies

By **JOEL AFRICK**

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Is it enough of a legacy to say “nothing bad happened on my watch?” I don’t think so. Yet, when I became Temple Jeremiah’s president, my first wish was that nothing bad would happen during my presidency. I wanted everything we cherish about Temple Jeremiah to continue and thrive. Just as the doctors’ oath says “first do no harm,” I also wanted to make sure that nothing I did deliberately or by inadvertence would disrupt the warm and welcoming feeling of Temple Jeremiah. Would I fail to recognize someone at temple? (I admit I sometimes suffer from what I playfully call FRED or Facial Recognition Disorder.) Would I say something in a meeting that one of our members considered insensitive? Would I fail to see an opportunity for the temple to perform an act of tikkun olam (saving the world)? These things were all on my mind.

Now that I have reached the end of my first year as president, I’d like to reach a little further in setting the tone for the year ahead. I still hope to do no harm, but I also have a few other things on my mind. At the top of my list is my concern that we plan properly for how we are going to meet the long-term capital needs of our lovely but aging temple’s physical plant in the coming years. Fortunately, we are a healthy congregation and there is no emergency. But we need to recognize that our temple building is 45 years old (the building addition is newer). That means we are facing — for the first time in our temple’s life — the need to replace or renovate some major building systems, such as our roof, heating/ventilation system, and eventually our parking lot. The projected cost of these items will be in excess of \$1 million in the years ahead. In terms of legacies, I really don’t want to be known as the “Roof President” (in the same vein as George W. Bush wanted to be known the “Education President”), but I would like to help put a plan in place in the coming months to provide adequately for the needs of the temple’s physical plant, which unfortunately outstrip the resources in our building fund.

Likewise, I am concerned about the cost of congregational Judaism, and I would like to do more to make congregational Judaism at Temple Jeremiah affordable to more. This is especially true for our children’s generation (feel free to substitute your grandchildren’s generation). I believe our Create a Jewish Legacy program is an

important step forward in securing the temple’s financial future and hopefully, some day, making us less dependent on annual commitments to sustain the synagogue.

Finally, I hope to do more in the year ahead to promote a feeling of community throughout our congregation and to promote engagement among our membership. Temple Jeremiah offers so much — I want to make sure all of us know what is available to us, and I hope we can get as many people as possible engaged in one of the many opportunities for our membership to get involved (from adult education to the great inclusion activities we now offer). There is no time like a new fiscal year to make a new year’s resolution to become more involved in the temple’s activities! That’s what is on my mind. What are your priorities for the temple? If you were in my position, what would you want to do in the year ahead other than to do no harm? Please let me know what’s on your mind. Because, ultimately, I am here to serve the congregation, and we should be united in our direction. You may reach me at jafrick@lungchicago.org. I’d really like to hear from you. ■



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Friday, June 3, 2016

6 p.m. Tot Shabbat (6 p.m. Pizza, 6:30 p.m. Songs, 7 p.m. Arts and Crafts)
8 p.m. Erev Shabbat Worship

Saturday, June 4, 2016

8:30 a.m. Tefilah
9:15 a.m. Torah Study
9 & 11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Worship

Friday, June 10, 2016

6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Reception
6:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

Saturday, June 11, 2016

8:30 a.m. Tefilah
9:15 a.m. Torah Study
9 & 11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Worship

Friday, June 17, 2016

6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Reception
6:30 p.m. H(OUR) Shabbat Worship

Saturday, June 18, 2016

8:30 a.m. Tefilah
9:15 a.m. Torah Study
11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Worship

Friday, June 24, 2016

6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Reception
6:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

Saturday, June 25, 2016

8:30 a.m. Tefilah
9:15 a.m. Torah Study
11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Worship

Jews in Canoes

Saturday, June 4, 2016, 4 p.m.

Meet at the Skokie Lagoons — Tower Road, west of Forest Way

Join Temple Jeremiah on a relaxing 1-hour canoe trip on the Skokie Lagoons followed by an outdoor picnic and Havdalah experience.

Children ages 3 and up are able to ride in the canoe and of course, all are welcome to join for the picnic and Havdalah!

Cost is \$20 per canoe. Spots are limited, so RSVP soon to Sarabeth at sarabeth@templejeremiah.org.



An exciting new opportunity in Israel education

By **DR. ANNE LIDSKY**
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The moment June arrives, I get into a massive planning mode – what can I create for the next school year that will excite parents as well as the children? After 35 years, I continue to find this challenge to be invigorating and personally energizing, and this year, I'm a bit more "charged."

I knew I wanted to enrich our Israel Experience for families and decided to apply for a grant that would allow me to do this in a new and innovative way. To my delight, I received the following e-mail just weeks ago from Rabbi Scott Aaron, the Executive Director of the Community Foundation for Jewish Education under the auspices of the Jewish Federation of Chicago:

Dear Anne, I am pleased to inform you that Temple Jeremiah has been awarded a JEG (Jewish Education Grant) for Fiscal Year '17 for its Israel Ed program. You will receive an award letter in the near future with the conditions of the grant and the check will be issued in early July after the beginning of the new fiscal year. Yasher Koach on the great work you are doing at your school and we are proud to support your work! Kol tuv [all good], Scott

I want to give you just a taste of what is in store for our next school year by sharing excerpts from my grant proposal. I have been talking and planning with an incredible Israeli Tour Guide/Educator, Uri Feinberg. He and I will partner to make the Israel Experience this coming school year both memorable and impactful for the students and their families.

"The innovative idea of using the skills of an Israel Tour Educator will generate the energy to make 'interactive, Skype-like Israel videos' an effective tool for students and their parents to realize that Israel has both historic and modern relevance to their Jewish journey, and that it is a land with deep roots, a vibrant past and a transformative future. Hand in hand with well-developed lesson plans, these videos will educate 'to the heart' as well as

provide educational information.

Uri Feinberg is a credentialed and talented Israel Tour Educator. With a focus on 3rd – 6th grade students, Uri will 'speak' to the children of Jeremiah through these videos, taking them on adventures throughout the land. 'Shalom ... Hey, who do I see out there? Are those children from Temple Jeremiah? Hi, everyone, it's me, Uri. Come on this journey with me ... and if you have questions, shout them out and I'll be back with answers very soon...' With a created script for each video, our Moreh Derech and Director of Education will have an 'interchange of communication' as if the films were in real time.



Uri will visit the synagogue prior to the school year to work with staff, sharing his methodology, help us prioritize themes and partner in the creation of lesson plan development. Teachers will attend two professional development sessions of teaching Israel and using videos as a tool with our local iCenter's educational experts. Our Moreh Derech will also visit the school during the school year after children and their parents have 'virtually met' him several times on the 'big screen.' Throughout the videos and lesson plans, complete with

experiential opportunities to taste, see, feel, hear and touch 'Israel,' participants will be taken on the emotional and spiritual journey toward the realization of a true trip to The Land. The power of an effective Israel Experience IN ISRAEL, is unmatched and irreplaceable."

Although our focus will be on our 3rd-6th graders, Uri will also be working with me to create terrific experiences for our kindergarten through 2nd grade children as well as our older students. I am SO EXCITED about these plans in addition to other engaging and interactive opportunities for everyone in our Center for Learning.

Register your children for school. Do not delay, and feel good that you are giving them a gift that will last a lifetime – the gift of an exciting, impactful Jewish education. ■

July/August Covenant

Please note: We will have a combined July/August 2016 Covenant, which will arrive via e-mail in mid-June and in the mail near the end of June. Happy summer!

Sundaes on Friday

Friday, June 24, 2016

6 p.m. Reception

6:30 p.m. Worship, followed by ice cream sundaes



There's no better time for ice cream sundaes than on a Friday night following Shabbat worship ... join us for singing, schmoozing, and sprinkles!

A very special seder

By **CAREN BROWN**
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A very special Passover seder was held at Temple Jeremiah on Sunday, April 17, 2016 for families with special needs. It was the first time the Inclusion Committee had created this event, and, based on the responses, this won't be the last! What a joy to see families seated around lovely seder tables in the social hall, everyone learning about the seder plate items, listening to the Four Questions, watching the enactment of the Passover story, singing songs, and tasting the traditional holiday foods! We had a total of 11 families (seven are Temple Jeremiah members), along with 10 committee members, for a grand total of 40 attendees.

The seder really came to life thanks to the enthusiastic participation of:

- Deborah Weinfuss lighting candles and saying the Kiddush
- Amit Sakofs, Ari Margolis, Dena Skinner, and Sarah Mendel asking the Four Questions
- Jonah and Hannah Sternweiler, Lily Agbodza, Howard Bennin, and Ellie and Alexander Hardesty acting out the Story of Passover (complete with props and costumes!)
- Sarah Mendel leading Dayenu
- Ruth Agbodza pointing to the visual schedule on the wall
- Hannah Goldberg and Sarah Mendel serving as table leaders

Who knew we had so many proficient actors and leaders amongst us? They were outstanding participants, and all without a rehearsal!

At this Inclusion event we tried something new -- displaying the visual schedule, plus words to prayers and songs, in a PowerPoint format projected on the wall behind the clergy. It encouraged everyone to focus on

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what was happening at the moment and to follow along. The visual cues (created by Jessica Don) seemed to pull the whole program together. We know we'll be using this format again in the future.

Our seder was made even more special with a beautiful buffet table set with Passover foods, including chopped liver made by Al Sternweiler. It certainly seemed like everyone had fun, especially when everyone found the afikomen under their seats! Guests took home new



haggadot written for individuals with special needs of all ages and laminated placemats of the seder plate. Sarah Mendel said she had a good time at temple and wanted to come again the next day! Several

parents expressed heartfelt thanks for Temple Jeremiah's hosting of the seder, as their families had few opportunities for celebrating Passover in a Jewish community setting.

All of this was made possible by the amazing energy and efforts of the following committee members: Elan Adler, Laura Bernstein, Phyllis Burg, Jessica Don, Alene Frost, Pam Goldberg, Debra Grossman, Barb Kite, Liz and Scott Mendel, Michelle Myers, Laura Perez, Ellen Sternweiler, Pat Weinfuss, Janice Weinstein, and Cantor Amy Zussman. Once again we were inspired by the leadership of Rabbi Cohen, Rabbi Segal, and Adam Kahan.

Passover was the Inclusion Committee's last event for the 2015-2016 season. The committee will meet in the next few months to start planning programs for the 2016-2017 season. We hope you'll join us next year, as we always welcome new faces and ideas for making Temple Jeremiah an even more inclusive congregation. ■

Volunteer Spotlight: Michelle and Jon Fellman

By LIA GOLDFARB

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Jon and Michelle Fellman are two of the new Family Promise co-chairs. We sat down with them to learn more about why they volunteer with Family Promise and Temple Jeremiah.

When did you join Temple Jeremiah and why?

Michelle: Our daughter Anna was going into Sunday school in first grade, around 2007.

Jon: We wanted to join a synagogue for Sunday school and develop a tie to our community. We liked Jeremiah because of Rabbi Cohen – we came to a service, we tried it and we enjoyed it.

M: We liked how family friendly it is.

Did you know you wanted to volunteer?

J: No, it happened over the last few years when we started spending more time here. We started with Backpack Blessings, then Feed the Homeless, then Family Promise. We wanted to get more involved in the synagogue and expose our kids to those kinds of activities.

M: After we learned about how you could volunteer with your kids, especially during the Christmas week when we have nothing going on, we decided it would be nice to do something to give back to the community.

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always purely happy either. They are aware that these are homeless families.

What was it like volunteering with Feed the Homeless and Backpack Blessings?

J: We really enjoyed those programs. We took the kids to the Feed the Homeless dropoff site downtown. The kids had fun putting together the lunches. When we got downtown, they were a little tentative, it wasn’t purely happy; Family Promise isn’t



directly helping people immediately.

J: You’re helping people who are really trying to help themselves.

How many times have you volunteered with Family Promise?

J: Probably every session over the last three years. We’ve brought a meal, played with the kids, I’ve slept over.

What’s involved with sleeping overnight as a Family Promise volunteer?

J: It’s really easy. You sleep on a cot. You could bring your kid and have a sleepover together. It sounds hard but it’s actually really easy. You make sure the lights are out, you make sure the alarms are on, the doors are locked; you’re there in case of emergency, but it’s easy.

What does it mean to be two of the Family Promise co-chairs?

J: It’s a continuation of how we’ve approached it already – being committed to staying involved and doing what we can to be helpful. It’s remarkable when you talk to these families – the circumstances that led them to be homeless. Whatever sacrifice we’re making is very small compared to what they’re doing to get back on their feet and keep their families intact.

Why do you enjoy Family Promise?

M: Our kids like to be hands-on – if there’s a little boy at Family Promise, our little boy will play Matchbox cars with him, or they’ll play in the game room.

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Volunteer in the temple office

Volunteer in the temple office: Do you have a few extra hours each week? Help out the office staff with mailings, answering phones, and other tasks during the week or during school hours. If interested, please contact Sheila at sheila@templejeremiah.org. Check www.templejeremiah.org for more volunteer opportunities.

Thank you to our April office volunteers: Elan Adler, Drew Davis, Eileen Brottman, Bart Gordon, Arnie Fishbain, Lillian Kalin, Linda Goorvich, Barbara Schwarz, and Bonnie Sorkin

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MICHELLE AND JON
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J: A high school kid will talk to our daughter, who's around their age. It drives home the fact that there are homeless families that she can identify with. It teaches you that everyone is a couple of bad breaks away from being in a bad situation.

Is there a story that sticks out in your mind from your Family Promise experience?

J: There's a guy with a master's in information technology, a single dad with a son. He lost his job as part of a restructuring, then got sick, and didn't have health insurance because he didn't have a job, so he lost his home. He's doing what he can to provide for his son, but finding a job was difficult for him. But he's a success story – he was in the Family Promise program for six months, he got a job, got an apartment, and he and his son are rebuilding their lives.

M: I was always struck by the families – the range of ages of the children in the program. Some babies, some high schoolers. The parents are somehow able to maintain their routines while living in these churches and synagogues – it's not easy not to have a real home.

J: You're connecting with the people and getting to know their stories, challenges, and struggles.

“It's not just donating money, it's a time commitment and an emotional attachment.”

What's it like co-chairing this program as husband and wife?

M: I think it's really good for our family, our kids seeing us both get involved.

J: They know that Family Promise is important to us – not just to one of us, but

to both of us.

M: Rather than preaching it, they're seeing us do the work. It's not a chore, it's what we're doing as a family.

J: It's not just donating money, it's a time commitment and an emotional attachment.

Why is it important to volunteer through your synagogue?

J: We derive a lot of happiness through our involvement with Temple Jeremiah as a family.

M: It's a nice communal activity.

J: This extends that experience. Our kids are growing up and hopefully connecting Family Promise with their experiences in Hebrew school and Sunday school and the various activities they've

THANK YOU for volunteering.
THANK YOU for donating your time.
THANK YOU for answering the call to help.
**THANK YOU for making a difference at
Temple Jeremiah.**

*Thank You
Shabbat*

Join us as we say THANK YOU during a special Shabbat service that will include:

- Recognition of our amazing volunteers
- Installation of the 2016-2017 Board of Directors and recognition of our retiring board members
- Awarding of the Toddie Gray and Diane Mary Katz Scholarship to an outstanding Jeremiah teenager
- Awarding of the Robert H. Goldberg Award for Service to the Temple Jeremiah Community

Friday, June 3, 2016

Erev Shabbat Worship

8 p.m. in the sanctuary

Temple Jeremiah, 937 Happ Road, Northfield

Reception following worship service



done with Temple Jeremiah. Family Promise matches well with the core values of Temple Jeremiah – keeping families together, helping those suffering through a challenge.

To volunteer with Family Promise June 26 through July 3, 2016, contact Jon at Jonfellman@hotmail.com or Michelle at mich@wirthfellman.com. ■

By BARB AND STEPHEN MILLER

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Jeremiah hosts criminal justice panel

On Sunday, April 10, 2016, Temple Jeremiah hosted a “coffee table conversation” on criminal justice with Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, Cook County Public Defender Amy Campanelli, and Lake County Sheriff Mark Curran. Moderated by Jennifer Vollen-Katz of the John Howard Association, the event was a huge success and drew 350 people and rave reviews, according to Social Justice Committee organizers.

Also attending were state senators Julie Morrison and Daniel Biss and state representatives Laura Fine, Elaine Netkritz, and Robyn Gabel. Other attendees included Oak Park Police Chief Rick Tanksley and Cook County Judge Thaddeus Wilson.



From left: Mark Curran, Amy Campanelli, Toni Preckwinkle, Jennifer Vollen-Katz, Rabbi Paul F. Cohen

Problems with the justice system discussed:

- Black and brown citizens are arrested at much higher rates than whites; there is institutional bias in the pre-trial and trial phases
- Prisons are overflowing with drug and other non-violent offenders at a tremendous cost to taxpayers
- There is systemic racism in policing and a lack of empathy by prosecutors.
- Many “career prosecutors” have lost their ability to identify with

the people they are prosecuting

Solutions presented:

- Rethink the idea of crime and punishment. Should drug offenders even receive jail time or should it be treated as a public health issue?

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The top five reasons to volunteer for Family Promise this summer

By MICHELLE FELLMAN

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1. It's more than writing a check: Your volunteerism helps other families get back on their feet after they've experienced a financial blow that caused them to lose their home.
2. See immediate results: You get a chance to meet and interact with the people you're helping.

“Your volunteerism helps other families get back on their feet after they’ve experienced a financial blow that caused them to lose their home.”

which Temple Jeremiah and other North Shore synagogues and churches give shelter and meals to families — many with small children — who need it temporarily as they find employment and figure out a plan to return to permanent housing.

3. It provides opportunities for a tikkun olam project for a Bar or Bat Mitzvah.
4. It offers a chance for teens to fill high school service hours.
5. It's a great way for families to involve their children in a meaningful activity that highlights their good fortune and the importance of giving back.

There are many other reasons to volunteer for Family Promise, a program through

For the Malmed family, who volunteered for Family Promise by bringing dinner for and spending time with families at Temple Jeremiah in December, the experience served as a reminder to the entire family of their good fortune and the importance of giving back.

“It was a really enjoyable evening with our families all dining and playing together and getting to know each other a bit,” according to the Malmed family, which includes 6th graders Jack and Zoe. “As much as we did not speak at all about what brought them to need the services of Family Promise, we had learned of their stories and could see how the simplest strokes of bad luck can make any of us vulnerable. We will definitely do it again.”

Temple Jeremiah families will receive more opportunities to volunteer for Family Promise from June 26 to July 3, 2016, when several of Temple Jeremiah's classrooms will be converted to bedrooms for up to 15 adults and children. Volunteers are needed to bring nutritious meals, dine with guests and entertain the guest children. An additional volunteer is needed each night to sleep over, arriving at 8:30 p.m. and leaving the next morning at 7 a.m. — a job that has been described as “simple” and “easy” by past volunteers.

To volunteer, please select the day and task via Sign-Up Genius on our website, www.templejeremiah.org/familypromise, to schedule the opportunity that works for you.

In the meantime, feel free to contact us for more information: Michelle Fellman at mich@wirthfellman.com, Jon Fellman at jonfellman@hotmail.com, Amy Rubinstein at arubinstein5@comcast.net, or Sybil Stern at sybilstern@att.net. ■

6th Annual Keshet GADOL Art Fair a huge success ... again!

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More artists than ever participated this year in the art fair, featuring the artwork of the young adults in the Keshet GADOL program. Congregants, students, and artists enjoyed a lively, busy art fair where everyone interacted and the art was bright, colorful, and in high demand!

The GADOL program helps adults with special needs to learn and use skills to accomplish, enjoy, earn money and lead fulfilling productive lives. The artists prepare for a year, all the way up to the show weekend, to create beautiful original works of art in different mixed media.

Jon ("JW") Weissbrot had his amazing tropical hotelscapes, and Estelle Levin brought her much anticipated floral paintings. She sold my favorite, and I have commissioned her to paint another similar one ... I can't wait. This happens most years ... more demand than supply! There were also greeting cards with copies of the paintings, which are a huge hit and can be used all year round.

Not only do all proceeds of the day go directly to the artists, but we all benefit from the warmth in the relationship that our partnership

with Keshet GADOL has created.

The artists have grown to feel comfortable in the Temple Jeremiah environment. Each year we all become closer as we all get to know each other better, building a strong rapport of mutual enjoyment and respect. It is a joy to watch the religious school classes browse wide-eyed, as they pick out paintings that they hope their parents will purchase for them! They intently listen to social justice member Carey Gelfand as she explains the art and gives them insights into the artists.

Carey's company, Corporate Artworks, generously donates all of the matting and wrapping for the 80-plus paintings ... a much-appreciated contribution to this special day.

Once again, congregant Ben Michel, a junior at Deerfield High School, was on hand to interview the artists and capture the day in video. A huge thanks to Ben.

For the sixth year in a row, this was a great event for Temple Jeremiah as well as the GADOL artists! ■



SUMMER SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT

WHITTIER NEEDS YOUR GENTLY USED SCHOOL SUPPLIES!!!

Wishes for Whittier

Let the love rain down for our friends at Whittier Elementary School in Whittier with your gently used school supplies!



Please Save Your Gently Used School Supplies for Whittier

Doesn't everyone have a drawer or closet of school supplies their children don't use anymore? And soon it will be overwhelming as the kids bring even more of them home at the end of another school year!

Our partially used supplies can be donated to help the students at Whittier!

Save your clean items such as (*most needed):

- Folders that are still in good shape
- Spiral notebooks with a few pages ripped out*
- Binders still in good shape*
- Pens (especially red)
- Erasers
- Loose-leaf paper
- Glue bottles and glue sticks* (at least half full)
- Markers that still have good color*
- Pencils*
- Colored pencils
- Crayons (don't need to be in the box, could be in a zipper bag)*
- Rulers
- Backpacks (clean & in good shape)

June 12-23 we will have a designated box at the temple to gather these gently used items during this time period.

If you would like to volunteer to help sort the donations on Tuesday, June 23, please contact Randi Carr at rscc60015@gmail.com or 847.767.0177 by June 16.

Lessons from Bryan Stevenson

By DEBRA GROSSMAN
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On April 7, 2016, I went to hear a speech, from Bryan Stevenson (author of "Just Mercy") about his work, his life, and how he wants the world to change. He knows from experience how awful things are, and can be, partially from his own life experiences as a lawyer trying to get people off of death row.

Mr. Stevenson stated four excellent examples of (if adhered to) a way to change to world.

1. **Proximity:** We need to be closer together to understand and care for and about each other. Proximity helps end segregation.
2. **Vocabulary:** We need to end slurs of any kind. We are born, brought up with hate or love, and our souls define us – whether we are people who commit acts of goodness/ kindness or acts of hate/rage.
3. **Hope:** We all need hope. With hope comes power and the ability, the strength, the need, the want to change things.
4. **Being Uncomfortable:** We need to be uncomfortable, to REALLY feel/see "the other side" of life. If we don't see what someone has to deal with, we don't know the person or experiences they have.

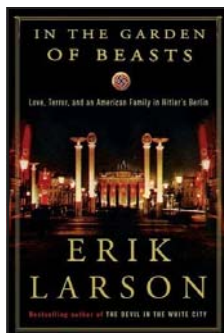
Bryan Stevenson is right: With these 4 things, the world can and will change for the positive. ■

Women of Jeremiah Book Clubs

Summertime and the reading is easy ... check out our June and July WOJ Book Club titles!

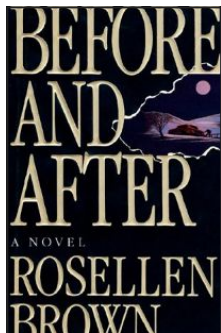
For more information or to sign up, contact Vicki Siegelman at vsieg@gralynn.org.

WEDNESDAY EVENING GROUP



Wednesday, June 1, 2016
6-7:30 p.m.

"In the Garden of Beasts"
by Erik Larson

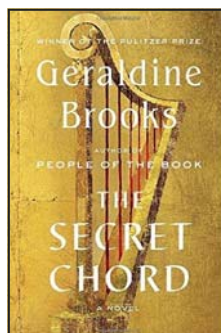


Wednesday, July 6, 2016
6-7:30 p.m.

"Before and After"
by Rosellen Brown

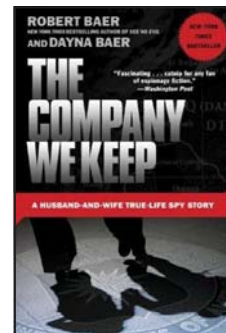
Feel free to bring your dinner!

THURSDAY MORNING GROUP



Thursday, June 9, 2016
10-11:30 a.m.

"The Secret Chord"
by Geraldine Brooks



Thursday, July 14, 2016
10-11:30 a.m.

"The Company We Keep"
by Robert and Dayna Baer

Temple Jeremiah Gift Shop

It's summer and a perfect time to display beautiful jewelry. Take 20% off jewelry in the gift shop in the month of June.

The gift shop is open in the summer by appointment only. To come in, contact Lynne Amos at 847.571.8707 or lynne.jolles@yahoo.com or Melissa Celnik at 224.805.9273 or mrsclcnik@yahoo.com.

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- Photos from school and temple events
- Updates and fun facts
- Jewish articles
- Community articles
- Articles about our congregants - YOU!
- Networking and connecting
- and much, much, more!

Shavuot

Join us as we celebrate the holiday of the giving of the Torah ... and we promise, there will be apple pancakes involved!

2nd Annual Community-Wide Tikkun Leil Shavuot with Michael Hunter Ochs and Alaa Alshaham in THE PURSUIT OF HARMONY

Saturday, June 11, 2016, 7:30 p.m.
at Am Shalom in Glencoe

Join a host of Chicagoland synagogues to celebrate the holiday of Shavuot, commemorating the giving of the Torah. This year, we welcome celebrated Jewish American songwriter/producer Michael Hunter Ochs and noted Palestinian songwriter/recording artist and peace activist Alaa Alshaham in THE PURSUIT OF HARMONY. Hear their Torah of truth in story and song, so that we can experience one another's humanity, and begin building bridges, together.

Shavuot Breakfast, Worship, and Yizkor

Sunday, June 12, 2016

9:30 a.m. Breakfast

10 a.m. Worship and Yizkor
at Temple Jeremiah

We will celebrate the holiday of Shavuot with a yummy



apple pancake breakfast, followed by the festival worship, which includes Yizkor, the memorial service.

Behind-the-scenes photos on Facebook

Have you been to our Facebook page lately? You may have noticed that we post weekly "behind-the-scenes" photos, like this one. Make sure to "like" us at facebook.com/templejeremiah for more posts like this.



BEHIND THE SCENES AT TEMPLE JEREMIAH THIS WEEK [posted April 13, 2016]: Jennifer Rosen, our bookkeeper, is working on processing event payments. Based on the payments she processed today, it looks like it will be a nice group for tonight's Women's Seder. She's also very proud of her "trustworthy, reliable" Ten Key calculator – "I couldn't do my job without it," she said. Thank you for your hard work, Jennifer!

Thanking our newest Families Helping Families donors

By JILL NUTKIS

Administrative Assistant

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A few months ago, we thanked all of our Annual Fund: Families Helping Families donors. This month, we'd like to thank all of our additional Families Helping Families donors. With your help, we are able to keep our wonderful Jeremiah community open and available to all.

- Ruth and Chuck Adler
- Roberta and Frank Bachenheimer
- Elaine and Henry Baron
- Carole Bellows
- Leslie and Marsha Block
- Arden and David Brenner
- Randie and Lew Bricker
- Laurie and Eric Chern
- Shirley Craven
- Erica Regunberg and Rob Dann
- Ami and Greg Denenberg
- Jennifer and Steve Dolins
- Brenda and Lance Feis
- Scott Schwartz and Melissa Field
- Pam and Paul Fisher
- Julie and David Fishman
- Carole and William Fishman
- Deborah Flapan and James Howard
- Sandra and Carlos Frum
- Nancy and Michael Gilmore
- Krystal and Danny Glassman
- Elaine and Al Glatt
- Barbara and Larry Goldberg
- Bruce and Jamie Hague
- Jennifer Rosen
- Mary Pat and Charles Heftman
- Hil and Guy Hollingsworth
- Jill and Mark Holtzer
- Yale and Marilyn Kaplan
- Andrea and Doug Kaplan
- Susan and Andy Katlin
- Christine and Aaron Katz
- Marilyn Kennedy
- Cindy and Rob Klein
- Amy and Scott Levin
- Eryn Levis
- William Levis
- David Lornson and Mark Duris
- Sherry and Robert Margolis
- Robert and Lauren Matles
- Erin Mayer
- Marlene and Bruce Moyer
- Ellen and David Muslin
- Gail and Mark Pierce
- Bonnie Price and Jack Hirsch
- Dawn and Bradley Rochlen
- Elizabeth and Ron Rooth
- Susan and Gary Ross
- Brittney and Noel Saks
- Patricia and Steve Salk
- Lisa and Brian Schurgin
- Alison and Dan Schwartz
- Marcy and Michael Seiler
- Amy and Michael Shmarak
- Sally and Steven Smith
- Joyce and Michael Suchsland
- Mark Sulkin & Shelley McNaughton-Sulkin
- Bonnie and Edward Tefka
- Kimberly and Keith Weinberger
- Leo and Kyle Weinstein
- Jean and Robert Young ■

Helping Jeremiah with your IRA Charitable Rollover

By MARK SULKIN

Development Committee

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April 15, the deadline for paying State and Federal taxes is now behind us. Did you pay too much in taxes in 2015?

As of Jan. 1, 2016, Congress has extended the **IRA Charitable Rollover** and made it permanent up to \$100,000. If you are over age 70 ½, there is a simple and easy way to reduce your income tax rate for 2016. You can make a **Rollover Gift of your Required Minimum Distribution** by directing your custodian to transfer a portion of your IRA directly to Temple Jeremiah.

Are you taking your **Required Minimum Distribution** even if you

don't need the extra income?

Gifts made from your IRA may prevent you from being bumped into a higher tax bracket, falling into the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) or hitting the phase-outs on your itemized deductions. This is an excellent method to make charitable contributions to Temple Jeremiah and any of your other charities.

Contact your IRA plan administrator to learn the procedure for making a rollover gift to charity. We can also provide you with a sample letter and assistance if you need it.

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This information is not intended as tax, legal or financial advice. Gift results may vary; consult your personal financial advisor for information specific to your situation. ■

Thanking our Circles of Giving participants

By JILL NUTKIS

Administrative Assistant

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In 2010, Temple Jeremiah established Circles of Giving as a way for congregants to help support other temple families who are unable to meet the full financial commitment.

Last year, we opened Circles of Giving to congregants and families

who contribute \$720 or more cumulatively throughout the year, above and beyond their dues. Since then, the list of those who contribute has grown. We would like to once again recognize the members of Circles of Giving, as well as acknowledge our new members, noted with an asterisk. Every bit helps, and we are tremendously grateful to all those who participate.

For more information on Circles of Giving, please contact Danny Glassman at 847.441.5760 or Daniel@templejeremiah.org.

CHAI CIRCLE

- Julie and Joel Africk
- Diane and Brian Albert
- Marla and Charles Alexander
- Wendy and Howard Allenberg
- Jeanne and Gabe Angres
- Elaine and Henry Baron
- Randi and Howard Berger
- Minda and Michael Bernberg
- Steven Blinderman
- Lisa and Judd Brody
- Norma and Bill Brown
- Edryce Cadden
- Randi and Barry Carr
- Doris and Ronald Cohen
- Erica Regunberg and Rob Dann
- Judy Denenberg
- Barbara Ron Dickstein
- Susanne and Roger Fein*
- Julie Rosner and David Fishman
- Julie and Jim Ford
- Maria and Michael Fox
- Carol and David Golder
- David Goroff and Jay Behel
- Sharon and Joel Greenburg
- Jamie and Bruce Hague
- Mary Pat and Charles Heftman
- Bonnie and Herb Horn
- Trudy and Seth Jacobson
- Lindsay Avner and Gregg Kaplan

- Lori and Gary Kash
- Christine and Aaron Katz
- Abby and Ed Lasky*
- Charles Laurito
- Sara and Marty Liebman
- Amy and Scott Levin*
- Susan and Ken Lorch
- Lauren and Harry Major
- Randi and Jim Mayer
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- Ellen and David Muslin
- Ann and Brent O'Connor
- Marcia and Jerry Osher
- Betsy and Ron Rooth
- Brittney and Noel Saks
- Suzy and Richard Salerno
- Laurel and Edward Shapiro
- Shelly Trilling
- Anne and Marcus Wedner
- Gary Weiner
- Sue and Dan Weitzman
- Jamie and Richard Zelvin
- Laura and Bruce Zimmerman
- Renee and Gary Zussman
- Anonymous (2)

TZEDEK CIRCLE

- Martha and David Berzon
- Janet and David Blum
- Cheryl and Robert Byron

- Brenda and Lance Feis
- Carole and William Fishman
- Nancy and Allen Hirschfield
- Marilyn Kennedy
- Cindy and Rob Klein
- Deborah and Frank Leibow*
- Sherry and David Rothenberg*
- Shari and Jeff Sacks
- Jo and Robert Sawyer
- Sheila Schlaggar
- Ellen and Alan Toban
- Anonymous

SIMCHA CIRCLE

- Lynn and Jim Foster*
- Randi and Charles Gurian
- Barbara Ken Kaufman
- Lisa and Steven Kleiman
- Gail and Howard Lanznar
- Carol Maxon
- Valerie and Mitchell Slotnick
- Heather and Eric Wilensky
- Anonymous (3)

*Denotes new members of Circle of Giving ■

Advertise in the Covenant

We appreciate the support of all of our current advertisers and sponsors who support the Covenant. If you would like to advertise your business or profession, or if there is a specific cause for the temple that you would like to draw attention to, advertising in the Covenant is a nice way to do that.

Please remember, the newsletter is published at no cost because of the continued support of the congregants and surrounding businesses that advertise in the newsletter.

Please contact Dan Hrdi at dhrdi@4ipi.com if you would like to participate or have any questions for advertising in the publication.

Words of farewell from our youth advisors

This summer, as we welcome our new full-time youth and family engagement director, Naomi Segal, we also say goodbye to our amazing youth advisors, Lizzy Scheinkopf and Mike Greenstone. They would like to share these words with you.



It has been a pleasure getting to know everyone involved with Club 345 and Jr. JeTY over the past two years. My additional involvement with JeTY, Sunday school, Hebrew school, Adult Choir, Inclusion events, and so many other great opportunities has left no doubt in my mind that Temple Jeremiah is a very special place for Jewish families and friends to grow and learn together.

Though I am leaving, I will always consider this community to be a very important part of my life, and would love to hear from anyone who wishes to stay in touch. Shalom and Lehitraot (see you later)!

—MIKE GREENSTONE



Thank you, Jeremiah families, for including me in this wonderful community for the past three years. It has been a great experience to connect with so many of you during my time here and I hope to maintain those connections into the future. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to work with such terrific children and teens as well as the incredible Jeremiah staff. Keep in touch!

—LIZZY SCHEINKOPF

Know someone new to the area?

It's fun to have your friends, family, and neighbors be part of your temple, so why not encourage your unaffiliated friends to join the Temple Jeremiah family?

Ask your friends to contact Lia at 847.441.5760 or lia@templejeremiah.org to schedule a tour, or send Lia their information and she will reach out to them.

BIM BAM BABY



MUSIC CLASSES FOR LITTLE ONES WITH A JEWISH TWIST.

WHEN: Fridays, running July 1, 2016 through Aug. 19, 2016
10-10:45 a.m. for 12-24-month olds 11-11:45 a.m. for 0-12-month-olds

WHERE: Temple Jeremiah, 937 Happ Road, Northfield

COST: \$65 per child; twin discount of 50% for second child (for 8 sessions)

REGISTER: Sign up at www.juf.org/bimbambaby and www.juf.org/bimbamtots

This program is made possible by a grant from jBaby Chicago, a program of the Jewish United Fund.



jBaby Chicago

Mazel tov to the 5776 Temple Jeremiah Confirmation Class

Ashley Ball

daughter of
Robert and Rhonda Ball

Charles Gordon

son of
Alex and Julie Gordon

Olivia Rocklin

daughter of
Andrew and Leigh Rocklin

Noah Zelinsky

son of
Rick and Faith Zelinsky

Rachel Bernstein

daughter of
Marc and Claire Bernstein

Lanie Keller

daughter of
Jim and Valery Keller

Nathan Shapiro

son of
Edward and Laurel Shapiro

Adam Brandt

son of
Timothy and Rachel Brandt

Evan Lerner

son of
Michael and Belle Lerner

Jessa Snower

daughter of Steve and Jocelyn
Snower

Eleanna Eimer

daughter of
Micah and Jonna Eimer

Graham Michelson

son of
Robert Michelson and Loree
Sandler

Allison Torf

daughter of
Jason and Amy Torf

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, *continued from page 8*

- “Making bail” may no longer make sense other than for violent criminals
- Alternative forms of detention like home monitoring and mandatory check-ins would reduce the prison population, resulting in savings to invest in drug treatment and job programs
- Expunging criminal records for old crimes thereby giving people the chance to reintegrate after paying their debt to society

President Preckwinkle said Cook County has already begun to implement reforms and has reduced the jail population by some 7,000 people, a drastic decline in just a few short years, with no added risk to society.

This event was a great accomplishment for Temple Jeremiah and the Social Justice Committee. Please visit our temple website (Get Involved -> Advocacy -> Criminal Justice) and sign up for our criminal justice e-mail updates. ■

RABBI SEGAL, *continued from page 1*

Jewish life after they launch into early adulthood. This is important for youth of all ages but for our teens in particular. Having Jewish role models who are not parents or family members is incredibly valuable for our young people. And in these relationships, youth advisors have the chance to convey to our young people that we value them now, and we know that their lives and their leadership in the Jewish world matter in the present, as well.

Lizzy Scheinkopf and Mike Greenstone, our youth programs associates — our youth group advisors — know keenly the importance of these relationships with our kids and teens. As we say goodbye to Lizzy and Mike in mid-June, I want to take this chance to express my gratitude to both Lizzy and Mike for their efforts to grow and strengthen our youth groups through fabulous events and programs and through growing and tending relationships with our youth and their families. Lizzy has served our Jeremiah community for three years and Mike for two. And during this time, have seen our teens become more connected to our regional and national youth group, NFTY (and have recently had our 2nd JeTYite elected to the regional board of NFTY — mazel tov, Spencer Lavin!), our youth of all ages engage in acts of tikkun olam and advocacy, our teens spend school breaks doing hands-on tikkun olam work, our younger children connect to the holidays and to the cycle of the year, and we have seen our middle and high schoolers in particular step into roles of leadership and develop the confidence to lead their peers—which is

no easy task! Lizzy and Mike have led this programming with care and enthusiasm and for this, I know I speak for the staff and for the members of our community when I say that we are incredibly grateful to you.

And as we approach this transition, I also want to express my personal gratitude to Lizzy and Mike for partnering with me in continuing to build and grow our youth programming. I value everything you have done for our community and for the Jewish people, and I am excited to see what lies ahead for each of you, professionally and personally.

As this programming year for youth groups draws to a close, we are so happy to be celebrating another year of growth and success for our youth groups. We thank Lizzy and Mike for their hard work and dedication in helping our youth program to flourish. And as Naomi Segal joins our Jeremiah family as our Youth and Family Engagement Director in late August, we look forward to even more wonderful, fun, meaningful youth group events, close friendships, and Jewish connection through youth group and religious school in the years to come as our youth program continues to build and to thrive.

Shalom,
Rabbi Emily E. Segal ■

Israel Action Committee volunteers at Maot Chitim

By **MARK SULKIN**
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On Sunday, April 17, 2016, members of the Temple Jeremiah Israel Committee volunteered at Maot Chitim to help pack Passover boxes for needy members of the Greater Chicagoland Jewish Community. These food packages enabled families and individuals to observe the holidays in a traditional and dignified manner. It also allowed committee members to provide tzedakah and unite with a broad cross section of the Jewish community.

"Maot Chitim" refers to the centuries-old custom of gathering wheat to provide the poor with matzoh and other items for the observance of Pesach. The organization works closely with places like The ARK, Chai Lifeline, Shalva, Ezra, Lutheran Social Services, CJE SeniorLife, and Catholic Charities in order to identify people in need.

Hundreds of volunteers assisted in the early morning at the

warehouse and then served as delivery drivers for the rest of the day. More than 4,500 individual boxes along with bulk shipments to over 25 organizations were delivered, feeding close to 12,000 people for the holiday. To volunteer, visit maotchitim.org. ■



Ed Lasky was one of the TJ Israel Action Committee members who volunteered at Maot Chitim.

Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) with Sandhill Family Farms

We're thrilled to announce our 3rd season of partnership with Sandhill Family Farms! Please take a moment to learn more about them:

Sandhill Family Farms is a partnership of farms and farming families serving CSA members in the Chicago suburbs for over 15 years.

We offer delivery of local farm products grown by us and by our partner farms. Our CSA members sign up in advance to receive a share in the harvest during the growing season. This is often referred to as Community-Supported Agriculture, or CSA. Members choose from five different types of shares—organic vegetables, fruit, free-range eggs, artisan dairy and responsibly raised meat. Members receive a weekly newsletter including recipes, storage tips and stories from the farm. Members are also invited to CSA member farm events.

Shares are picked up from one of our convenient community pick-up sites, with one pick-up location conveniently located here at Temple Jeremiah. CSA shares available to members here on Wednesdays from 2-7 p.m. in the lobby.

The 2016 CSA registration is available now, and we'd invite you to visit our website to learn more:
www.sandhillfamilyfarms.com.

We thank you for your interest in supporting local foods, healthy communities and family scale farming!

*~Jen & Jeff Miller, Matt & Peg Sheaffer
Sandhill Family Farms*



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Congrats to our community members who are doing great things!

Ending the use of the “r-word”

Congrats to Temple Jeremiah congregant **Randi Gillespie** for being featured in the Northbrook Star. An excerpt of the article is below.

Northbrook mom pushes for end to use of the “r-word”

By Sophia Magdalin Tarlas

Randi Gillespie is on a mission to help people be more mindful of what they say to each other.

The Northbrook resident's daughter, Maddy, has Down Syndrome. Her daughter's birth 11 years ago prompted her to become an advocate for people with intellectual disabilities.

As part of that effort, she speaks two or three times a year at local schools about Down Syndrome and the need to remove the “r-word” - retarded - from everyday speech.

“Language impacts attitudes, and attitudes impact actions,” said Gillespie, also mother to Sarah, 12, and Liam, 8. “The increasing use of any slur perpetuates the stigma and negative stereotypes. I am providing teachable moments for children. How to be a good friend, [and] what you say to someone that might be upset.”

She learned the power of words shortly after Maddy was born, while they were still in the hospital.

“There were tears. There was difficulty. There were questions,” she said. “I was already pondering Maddy's future. Would she drive? Would she be able



to live a full life? She was barely a day old, and I was already thinking those things.”

There was a pivotal moment when Gillespie was in the hospital that she said helped direct the course of her life.

...

Gillespie has since volunteered for Spread the Word to End the Word, a national campaign to end the use of the r-word. She previously worked for the National Association for Down Syndrome as a family support coordinator, where she trained nurses, social workers, doctors and others in the medical field who might discuss a Down Syndrome diagnosis with families.

Read the rest of the article on the Northbrook Star's website. ■

Teddy bears for comfort

Mazel tov to Temple Jeremiah congregant **Sami Newman**, daughter of **Jenny and Eric Newman**, granddaughter of **Ruth and Chuck Adler**, for being featured in the Chicago Tribune. An excerpt of the article is below.



After a stuffed bear made Donald Liebson her MRI less scary, teen pays it forward
By Donald Liebson

Sami Newman

was 8 years old when she saw her first MRI machine. ...

The doctor was concerned that Sami, who had been diagnosed with precocious puberty, had a benign brain tumor that was sending false messages to her adrenal glands, stunting her growth.

Sami assumed her first MRI would be her last. But the doctors didn't find anything, and she had to have another three months later. Even listening to

the “High School Musical” soundtrack on her headphones couldn't calm her anxiety.

“I was crying and shaking,” she recalled.

Again, the doctors found nothing. Three months later, she had to go back for a third bout with the MRI machine.

“I refused to go in,” she said. “I was crying and kicking for over an hour. But then someone from social services brought me a teddy bear I could take into the MRI. Right away, it calmed me. I named him Mr. I.” ...

Today, Mr. I — get it? — is having the same reassuring effect on hundreds of children experiencing serious health issues or frightening medical procedures. That's because Sami, a junior at north suburban Deerfield High School, and her family have launched Mr. I Children's Charity, a nonprofit organization that donates branded Mr. I teddy bears to partnering hospitals (www.mrichildrenscharity.com). ...

Her first attempt to make that happen was her mitzvah project for her bat mitzvah. She collected more than 100 teddy bears from friends and family and donated them to what is now the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, where she was originally treated.

Read the rest of the article on the Chicago Tribune's website. ■

Looking back on our 2015-2016 year of Adult Learning

By **RICHARD GELINE**

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With the 2015-2016 Adult Learning program now complete, this month's issue of The Covenant gives opportunity to pause and reflect on the year gone by and also look ahead to the 2016-2017 program.

Looking back on the year just completed, my first thought is to express appreciation and thanks to all who contributed to making the program a success. Clergy, Jeremiah staff, and committee members all deserve our heartfelt thanks for their efforts. Without their input, there would have been no program. With their efforts we have completed a successful year.

Looking ahead, the 2016-2017 schedule is now in process of coming together. As everybody knows, our Adult Learning Committee tries to present a variety of topics each with its own connection to Judaism. History (past and present), biography, the arts, literature, music, politics, poetry, finance, science, athletics and more are but some of the general headings under which specific programs can fit.

In truth, there are no boundaries or limits to program content and the only measure used is will any given topic be of interest to the attendees.

As chairman of the Adult Learning Committee, I welcome all suggestions for program topics at this time and I'm looking forward to bringing the congregation an interesting and exciting

menu of presentations in the coming year. ■

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But Wait, There's More!

Exploring the “NaKh” (Prophets and Writings) of TaNaKh together

We study the Torah every week and focus on our weekly reading from these “Five Books of Moses.” But what about the rest of Tanakh (Torah, Neviim/Prophets, and Ketuvim/Writings)? The end of Deuteronomy brings us to the very edge of the Promised Land. But what happens next?

No prior knowledge necessary. Join us for our last session:

Monday, June 6, 2016, 7 p.m.: Ruth (Shavuot)

RSVP is preferred; please contact Donna at 847.441.5760 or donna@templejeremiah.org if you plan on joining us.



Weekly Torah Portions

For our Torah Study blog, which will be updated weekly with information and discussions on the weekly Torah portion, visit templejeremiahtorahstudyblog.edublogs.org.

For a breakdown of chapters and verses, visit www.reformjudaism.org/learning/torah-study.

June 4 Bamidbar June 11 Naso June 18 B'haalotcha June 25 Shlach L'cha

OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES ON THE LOSS OF*:

Mary Becker, sister of Susan Ardell
 Sheldon Cogan, father of Michael Cogan
 Ada Dubach, grandmother of Lisa Kamen
 Fraya Feferman, remembered by Temple Jeremiah
 Robert Green, father of Sue Weitzman
 Joel Shellist, brother-in-law of Mimi and Jay Weisbach
 Ruth Spero, mother of Peter Spero
 Jeanette Warren, grandmother of Julie Weinberg

MAZEL TOV TO*:

Lucy and Herb Blutenthal, on the birth of their granddaughter,
 Sage Mabely Cafe
 Ken and Susan Lorch, on the marriage of their daughter, Lesley, to
 Ryan Kraft
 Carol Maxon, on the birth of her great-grandson, Jackson Jerard,
 great-nephew of Janet and Rick Hyken
 Elizabeth and Ron Rooth, on the engagement of their daughter,
 Jenny, to Michael Bilodeau
 Peter and Sally Spero, on the recent engagement of their son,
 Greg, to Kristen Hard; mazel tov to Greg's aunt and uncle,
 Richard and Susan Newman

MAZEL TOV TO OUR JUNE B'NAI MITZVAH

CANDIDATES:

Delaney Firmin, daughter of Rene and Simon Firmin
 Ryan Firmin, son of Rene and Simon Firmin
 Leah Gray, daughter of Juliet and Michael Gray
 Molly Kirsch, daughter of Mandy and Bryan Kirsch
 Zachary Goldberg, son of Pamela and Brett Goldberg
 Lucie Abbott, daughter of Stacey and Michael Abbott
 Alexis Babich, daughter of Debbie and Mark Babich
 Jack Sands, son of Suzanne and Matthew Sands

WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Marion Glicksberg • Debra and Matt Mish • Ruthie and Eric
 Swibel

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES:

Anniversaries are listed on the decade (30th, etc.). This month's honorees are:

40 Years	Fritz and Nancy Hirsch
30 Years	Michael and Deborah Cogan Steve and Patricia Salk
20 Years	Bruce and Caren Appelton Joshua and Tracy Kadish David and Ellen Muslin Brian and Danielle Ruben



JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

Birthdays are listed on the decade (30th, etc.). This month's honorees are:

Robert Ball • Andrea Barber • Bradford
 Block • Dean Chalmers • Jon-Paul Contreras • Jackie
 Eisenberg • Nina Furman • Susan Hartman • Ann Israel •
 Jennifer Kahn • David Kamen • Rochelle Kleczynski • Eric
 Newman • Corinne Pitterman • Bonnie Price • Howard
 Rosenberg • Carl Segal • Mike Silverman • Judith Stein



**Please note: The information for the Condolences, Mazel Tov, and New Member sections of this page is from April. For May news, please see the July/August Covenant, and for June news, see the September Covenant.*

Share your news

Do you have news to share with the congregation? Whether positive or negative, please share your life cycle events with us. Our clergy can provide supportive services, and our Caring Community members are happy to cook a meal for you in a time of need.

If you have news to share, please let us know by contacting Phyllis Burg at 847.441.5760 or Phyllis@templejeremiah.org.

<i>Calendar of Events</i>							<i>June 2016</i>	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
			1 6 p.m. Women of Jeremiah Book Club	2	3 6 p.m. Tot Shabbat 8 p.m. Erev Shabbat Worship, featuring "Thank You Shabbat"	4 8:30 a.m. Tefilah 9:15 a.m. Torah Study 9 & 11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Worship 4 p.m. Jews in Canoes		
5	6 7 p.m. Studying Ruth (Shavuot)	7	8	9 10 a.m. Women of Jeremiah Book Club	10 6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Reception 6:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Worship	11 8:30 a.m. Tefilah 9:15 a.m. Torah Study 9 & 11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Worship 7:30 p.m. 2nd Annual Community-wide Tikkun Leil Shavuot at Am Shalom		
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