

February 2017
Volume 59 Issue 5

Inside This Issue:

Lately Around Jeremiah.....	2
President's Message.....	3
From Anne's Desk.....	4
Notes from Adam Kahan.....	5
Volunteer Spotlight.....	6
Inclusion Committee.....	7
Social Justice.....	8-9
Upcoming Events.....	10-11
Development.....	12
Chanukah.....	13
Brotherhood News.....	14
Women of Jeremiah.....	15
Youth Groups.....	16-17
Adult Learning.....	18
Member News.....	19
Calendar.....	20
Acknowledgements.....	21

TEMPLE JEREMIAH

Rabbi Paul F. Cohen, D.Min., D.D.

Rabbi Emily E. Segal

Robert D. Schreiberman, D.D.

Rabbi Emeritus

Adam Kahan

Cantorial Soloist

Amy J. Zussman

Cantor Emerita

Daniel A. Glassman

Executive Director

Dr. Anne M. Lidsky, Ph.D., RJE

Director of Religious Education

Dr. Allan Tarshish ז"ל

Founding Rabbi

ז"ל of blessed memory

Joel Africk, President

Barb Miller, Executive Vice President

Alene Frost, Vice President

Randi Gurian, Vice President

Sami Levi, Vice President

Scott Levin, Vice President

Alisa Patterson, Vice President

Michael Schack, Vice President

Steve Kleiman, Treasurer

Jeff Krupp, Controller

Linda Stolberg, Recording Secretary

Ed Shapiro, Legal Counsel

Covenant

TEMPLE
Jeremiah

Ministerial Advisory Board

By RABBI PAUL F. COHEN, D.Min., D.D.

Senior Rabbi

rabbi@templejeremiah.org

Dear Friends,

Each year our Social Justice Committee chooses a focus for education, advocacy and action. Last year we spent studying the challenges built into the criminal justice system. Through various speakers and presentations we learned more and more about the injustice that permeates the system in Cook and Lake counties. We began to understand more and more that race and poverty play a crucial role in determining the path you take when and if you get into the criminal justice system. We drew great

inspiration from Bryan Stephenson and his book, "Just Mercy."

The year culminated in a powerful weekend for our congregation and the community at large that we called "Criminal Justice: A Conversation on Race, Morality, and Faith." We hosted a panel discussion that featured Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle, Cook County Public Defender Amy Campanelli, and Lake County Sheriff Mark C. Curran, Jr. We heard about the problems and many of the possible solutions. We were challenged to become more involved with making the criminal justice system more just for all people, especially people of color and people without economic means.

Several months ago I received an invitation from Amy Campanelli to serve on a Ministerial Advisory Board she was creating for the Cook County Public Defender's Office. This invitation came as a direct result of the program we hosted and her presence at the congregation. I went to the first meeting on Dec. 13, 2016. It was an amazing experience to sit with a committed group of clergy representing the diverse faiths of Cook County all dedicated to the work of making our criminal justice system more just and fair. I was so impressed by the work each member of the advisory



"It was an amazing experience to sit with a committed group of clergy representing the diverse faiths of Cook County all dedicated to the work of making our criminal justice system more just and fair."

board was already doing in his or her congregation and community. It was truly uplifting.

The meeting circled back to what we can do for Amy's work and the clients served by the Public

Defender. Amy shared the frustration she faced in bond court. People who are not a threat to the community and are not a flight risk, people who through pre-trial investigation are found to be candidates for no bond, to be released on their own recognizant, or for a very low bond wound up in jail because the judge ignored the recommendation or did not take the time to listen to all of the facts of the case. Even when the judge would ask the family how much they could put up in cash, the ruling too often went

continued on page 7

In this Covenant, you'll learn...

... why some students worked hard to create a surprise gift. *page 4*

... why one of our volunteers loves volunteering so much that she would actually pay to do it. *page 6*

... why 130 congregants braved the snow on a December Sunday night. *page 13*

Lately around Temple Jeremiah



1: JeTY high schoolers and friends at NFTY's Winter Kallah at OSRUI, Dec. 16-18, 2016. **2-4:** Many Menorahs One Bright Light — Temple Jeremiah's Congregational Chanukah Party, Dec. 11, 2016. **5-6:** Jr. JeTY Laser Quest, Dec. 11, 2016.

Temple Jeremiah's Youth Committee

By JOEL AFRICK

President

jafrick@lungchicago.org

Some of my fondest memories growing up were associated with my temple youth groups. Looking back, participation in youth group activities strengthened my Jewish affinity and my connection to my temple. I wasn't thinking in terms of Jewish affinity, of course. I participated because it was fun and because my friends from Sunday school belonged to the youth group. Through the youth group, I

“Now, with a full-time director on board, youth programming at Temple Jeremiah is flourishing.”

developed lifelong friendships with friends, and (I think) I enjoyed Sunday school more because of the friendships I strengthened through the youth group. Youth group also reinforced the importance of temple as the center of my Jewish life.

That is one of the reasons I was excited to support the temple's decision this year to hire its first full-time youth and family engagement director, Naomi Segal. Physically, there is only so much a part-time youth director (who has another full-time job) can do to promote our youth activities. Now, with a full-time director on board, youth programming at Temple Jeremiah is flourishing. Led by Naomi, and guided capably by Rabbi Segal, youth group activities include on-

site and off-site programs (laser tag, Maccabiah Olympic Games, a magic show, and volunteering at A Just Harvest, among other programs).



On a recent Sunday morning, I attended a meeting of the temple's Youth Committee. The youth committee is chaired by a congregant, Avi Greenfield. There I received a refresher lesson on the different youth groups at the temple and the ages they serve: Jeremiah Kids (grades K-2), Club 345 (grades 3-5), Jr. JeTY (grades 6-8) and JeTY (high school). That was just the start. As we sat in the youth lounge, I learned about the strong level of engagement we are experiencing this year, particularly in our youth groups for younger children (some of which have had 50+ participants).

By engaging children in the younger grades, it fosters friendships among the children who will be spending years together in religious and Hebrew school. And it does so before the social barriers of attending different schools (she goes to XXXX high school, and I go to YYYY high school) frustrates the development of those bonds. If all goes well, youth group participation should be symbiotic with religious school engagement and ultimately the congregational connection.

If you would like to be a part of the Youth Committee or volunteer to help out at one of our upcoming activities, we welcome your participation. Please contact Naomi Segal at naomi@templejeremiah.org or Avi Greenfield, the chair of the Youth Committee, at avi312@yahoo.com. ■

Advertise in the Covenant

Our generous sponsors make these newsletters possible and we sincerely appreciate their support. Please take a moment to note the businesses that advertise in the newsletter and patronize these supporters when possible.

If you are interested in sponsoring an ad, please contact Erin Hardy at 1.800.950.9952 x2598 or at ehardy@4LPI.com for details.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE: February 2017

Friday, Feb. 3, 2017

6 p.m. Tot Shabbat
8 p.m. Erev Shabbat Worship with Choir

Saturday, Feb. 4, 2017

8:30 a.m. Tefilah
9:15 a.m. Torah Study

Friday, Feb. 10, 2017

6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Reception
6:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Worship, featuring Shabbat Shira

Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017

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

Friday, Feb. 17, 2017

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

Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017

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

Friday, Feb. 24, 2017

6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Reception
6:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Worship, featuring Inclusion Shabbat

Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017

8:30 a.m. Tefilah
9:15 a.m. Torah Study

Gifts from the heart

By **DR. ANNE LIDSKY**
Director of Religious Education
 anne@templejeremiah.org

I know that I have raved about my teaching staff at every opportunity. Our teachers are dedicated, loyal, warm, and creative. Although they have less than two hours to teach, and only once a week to accomplish their main goal of bringing a vibrant love of Judaism into our children's lives, the teachers create additional opportunities to make connections with their students and families.

One such way is through weekly e-mails sent to parents, to not only inform them of class activities and plans, but also to ignite the spark that helps build relationships or even partnerships between teacher and family. I want to share one such e-mail, written by one of our fourth grade teachers, Alexis Ruda. Just a few weeks prior, Alexis had approached me about a unique idea she had for her class and needed my "participation." The students were at the culmination of a Tikkun Olam unit, repairing the world, one person at a time. Since we truly are one community, "Many hearts, many hands, one home," Alexis and her students decided to create "mini care packages" for congregants recuperating from illness or rehab. To make it even more special, they wanted to donate their gifts, anonymously to the recipients, a higher level of giving. We had a plan!!! I then went out of town, returning in a huge snow storm in December, worrying not so much about crashing, but stressed if I could get to temple to carry out our "surprise." It is all explained in the e-mail below. I'm sharing it with you, to not only describe a very clever strategy (shhh, it's still a secret to the fourth graders), but to highlight the dedication of our staff, for surely Alexis Ruda represents them all.

Enjoy this clever story....

Shalom, Parents—

Once upon a time, hours and hours ago, in a small town called Northfield, there dwelt a Sunday school teacher named Ms. Ruda. All throughout Temple Jeremiah, Ms. Ruda was considered among the very luckiest of teachers because her students were bright, kind, curious, and terribly silly. Every Sunday, Ms. Ruda and her students gathered at temple, where they thanked God for their many blessings, and performed such holy rituals as inventing mitzvah jigsaw puzzles, populating the sukkah with families of Jewish gourds, touring Israel by imagination and floor map, making up Maccabee Mad Libs, and eating gluten-free snacks. Ms. Ruda loved her students, and her students didn't seem to mind her too much either. They all loved being Jewish.

And so it came to pass, in the month known as December by those who follow the Gregorian calendar, that Dr. Lidsky, the Director of Religious Education of Temple Jeremiah, made pilgrimage to southerly lands to partake of the curative power of Caribbean sunshine. All the citizens of Northfield -- indeed, all the citizens of the entire Midwest -- lived in fear of winter and the shoveling, slippery roads, and runny noses it could bring.

Upon hearing of Dr. Lidsky's absence, Ms. Ruda called forth her

students and proclaimed, "Now is the time to do something sneaky!" And so they planned and they plotted, and they came up with a Secret Mitzvah Mission: The students would pack get-well-soon bags with tea, hot cocoa, and anonymous notes, to be given to members of the temple community who were in the hospital recovering from illness or injury. When one student remarked, "Hey, this is just like what we talked about last week with Maimonides. How it's higher up on the tzedakah ladder when you don't tell anyone about your gift!" Ms. Ruda beamed with pride, because she truly had the smartest, most compassionate students in all the land. Ms Ruda's students worked as cheerfully as Maimonides ever could have hoped, and when the last bag of goodies was packed, they tiptoed down the stairs and lovingly placed their offering in Dr. Lidsky's dark office. How surprised she would be to discover it next week! How she would wonder where such a mitzvah could have come from! How fantastic it felt to know that you'd done a kindness for someone who was suffering!



“As Ms. Ruda watched her students try to suppress their telltale grins, she knew that they truly understood what it means to give from the heart.”

Now, there lived in the Chicagoland area a great prognosticator called Tom Skilling. Tom Skilling was believed to have the ability to predict that most capricious of forces, the weather. As the next Sunday neared, Ms. Ruda followed the forecast with worry in her heart, for the weatherman warned that a great storm was destined for

Northfield -- a tempest that could cover every road to Temple Jeremiah with 8-12 inches of snow. 8-12 inches?? And Dr. Lidsky's timely return would depend on O'Hare Airport??? Oy gevalt! This just might require a miracle.

For all of you who don't believe in miracles, heed the end of this story. When Ms. Ruda arrived at temple the next morning, she expected Dr. Lidsky's office to be as dark and empty as it had been last Sunday. But lo and behold, to Ms. Ruda's astonishment, the office was aglow with overhead fluorescent lighting, and Dr. Lidsky was at her desk, suntanned, smiling, and befuddled by the strange package she'd found on her chair. Ms. Ruda dashed up the stairs to her classroom as fast as her giant snow boots would allow, and there she found the second miracle of the day -- nearly 100% attendance!

What a celebration they had! Dreidels were spun; dairy-free chocolate chips were won, lost and devoured; and laughter filled the room. Later, when all of the students and teachers gathered in the sanctuary to sing Chanukah songs and light the menorah, Dr. Lidsky thanked the mysterious benefactors who left the get-well packages in her office, and promised that she and the rabbis would deliver them to congregants who needed a smile. As Ms. Ruda watched her students try to suppress their telltale grins, she knew that they truly understood what it means to give from the heart.

Well, of course they did. They were, after all, the best students ever!

And this very luckiest of teachers is so grateful to call them hers. I wish you all a warm and wonderful break, and a happy (secular) new year!

-Alexis Ruda ■

A musical, magical Shabbat ShiraBy **ADAM KAHAN***Cantorial Soloist*

adam@templejeremiah.org

One Friday in December, something really exciting happened for me ... right in the midst of our Shabbat service.

You may have noticed that we feature different Shabbat worship styles here at the temple, depending on the week of the month, and the third Friday of each month is our H(OUR) Shabbat service. It's fantastic! We set up the sanctuary in "the round" with all the chairs encircling some musicians, the rabbis, and me. Fred Kagan often lends his wonderful guitar skills and our fantastic junior choir members join in to sing beautifully. It's such an inviting atmosphere ... for young and older ... for families ... for those who want to be swept up in music, in warmth.

Often we dim the sanctuary a bit, and bathe the walls in lighting. The music, more guitar-based, is designed to allow our voices to shine even more, and the seating is in that round formation so we can hear each other, lift each other up. Now, I realize that often we use self-deprecating language to say that our own singing voices may not merit being heard ... I call bunk. Each voice adds to the power of the sound, the sheer force of the energy that builds.

Often when we gather, I will notice a particular evolution of people's comfort levels as the service moves along. At the beginning, guests, or even those frequently in attendance, may be a little more reserved. It takes time to get comfortable in a room ... to slow down ... check out the environment ... see who's here, or who is sitting where ... to let go of all that was involved in getting here on this particular night ... to relax.

The service begins, I start singing some melody or prayer, but I can sense that the room is still a bit fragmented. We move into Barchu, Shema, and we are starting to come together a bit more. We turn the corner into V'ahavtah, and more voices join together in the chanting. We come to Mi Chamocha, the prayer about liberation and redemption, and the energy is picking up, the group is gelling. Then we come to Hashkiveinu ... the prayer that speaks of a safe shelter, a sukkah ... a sanctuary in the midst of the world. That's when it happened ... what happened that Friday night ... that pivotal moment.

For more than 15 years I have lovingly sung this Hashkiveinu melody, composed by Craig Taubman. It's actually the melody to which my bride walked down the aisle at our wedding, towards our

chuppah, our own sukkah ... our own delicate shelter. I'll lead that prayer melody in a service, and there happens this wonderful moment when people just start singing, and singing with such strength that we can "launch" our sound. What do I mean by that?

Well, sometimes we need instrumentation underneath us to feel comfortable enough to sing ... to not feel adrift and falling. However, sometimes we have so much strength to our sound, to our bond, to our oneness in singing ... that we needn't any reassurances of our strength. Our momentum builds and our voices are flying and soaring. I picture a hang glider running up to his launch off a cliff. With enough energy, and "oomph," he will soar ... glide in the beauty and openness. That's what happens in that Hashkiveinu, and that's what happened that Friday night. We soared. I got chills. Literally, a shiver when up my back. It was a magical moment in the service. We arrived, and there was no going back.

This month we celebrate what's known as Shabbat Shira. It's a special Shabbat where we read in the Torah about the Israelites coming to the Reed Sea, Pharaoh's army hot in pursuit, and as the waters open, the Israelites march to freedom. Safe on the other shore, they sing ... Shira ... a song. It is customary to make this a special musical Shabbat ... somewhat magical ... and so we will. We will create those moments of soaring, of togetherness ... of being moved by music, joining voices together right from the start of the service. To help in that endeavor, we have our special musical guests: Kavanah. Over those 15 years of playing that Hashkiveinu, I have been honored to craft the melodies with this particular band of musicians, and that group will be here at Temple Jeremiah on Friday, Feb. 10, 2017.

People have asked me, at times, when this band will next be here at the temple because they have loved hearing them in the past, or are excited at the idea of hearing them for the first time. The 6:30 p.m. service on Feb. 10 is that time, making for a perfect night to bring children, families, friends ... to join together for a unique and special exploration of music, song, and community.

I hope that I have the pleasure of your company, of hearing your voice as part of that soaring song ... to join together as we leave the entrapments of our past weeks behind, and march to freedom together in celebration, in reflection, and in togetherness. ■



Shabbat Shira: Sing a New Song

Friday, Feb. 10, 2017

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

We welcome the band Kavanah to our temple as we fulfill the tradition of Shabbat Shira: Singing in song an exploration of melodies, new and old. This has become a beloved service of incredible music and singing. Join us for a vibrant, exciting, and moving service for all ages.



Volunteer Spotlight: Sybil Stern

By LIA GOLDFARB

Membership and Communications Director
lia@templejeremiah.org

Sybil Stern has been volunteering at Whittier Elementary School through Temple Jeremiah for the past six years, and this past year has also become one of the co-chairs for our Family Promise program. We sat down with Sybil to learn more about her volunteer work.

How long have you been at Jeremiah?

We joined in 2000. We were members of another congregation, but Cantor Amy Zussman and I grew up on the same block and our families were very close, so I wanted to move to Temple Jeremiah. When the rabbi at our other congregation retired, my daughter Heather was getting married, and I asked Amy to do the wedding, and she said yes, so that was when we joined.

“I would pay to do this – that’s how much I like it.”

Did you know you wanted to get involved in volunteering?

Yes, I always did. At my old congregation, I was in charge of Feed the Homeless – it was a big commitment and I didn’t want that anymore, so I wanted to be

involved here but on the outskirts. So I didn’t do as much when I first started here.

How did you start?

It really started with Whittier Elementary School – I’ve been volunteering for them through Temple Jeremiah for at least six years. I love it – I don’t even think of it as volunteering. It’s such a joy to be with these kids – they’re so appreciative, they’re just so much fun, and it’s one of the highlights of my week. Lori Kash is a great coordinator. I would pay to do this – that’s how much I like it.

How often do you go?

About once a week – it’s usually Wednesdays but it varies depending on the teacher. I’d been working with one teacher for the last four years but now I have a new teacher that I’m helping. I was a math teacher earlier in my life, so I do a lot of math, helping the kids who are having trouble.



How many hours are you there?

I come at about 9 a.m. and stay until 11:30 a.m.

What grade are you with?

I help with fourth grade, and I also just recently started reading to first graders.

Are you building relationships with the students?

I think so! They call me “Bibby,” which is what my grandchildren call me. I feel like their grandma. When I get there, the students hug me, it’s great. It’s so rewarding. There were two little girls who were having problems with their multiplication, so I spent the summer teaching them their multiplication tables. We made up raps, like “7x7 is so fine, 7x7 is 49!” and “Wouldn’t you like to learn some more, 8x8 is 64!” If you don’t know your multiplication tables, forget it, you can’t do fractions, you can’t do division.

Why does the school need volunteers in the classroom?

At least 80% of the kids are Hispanic, and many have parents who don’t speak English and can’t help with their homework. It’s crazy to see what these kids have compared to my grandkids – my grandkids

continued on page 9



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 December office volunteers: Elan Adler, Drew Davis, Arnie Fishbain, Hershy Pappadis, Barbara Schwarz, and Faith Zelinsky

February is Jewish Disability Awareness & Inclusion Month

By **CAREN BROWN**
Inclusion Committee
 ceb994@gmail.com

Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month (JDAIM) is a unified effort among Jewish organizations and communities worldwide to raise awareness and foster inclusion of people with disabilities and those who love them. JDAIM is a call to action to each one of us in accordance with our Jewish values, honoring the gifts and strengths that we each possess. Established in 2009 by the Jewish Special Education International Consortium, JDAIM is observed each February.

JDAIM is a special time to champion the rights of all Jews to be included and to participate in all aspects of Jewish life like anyone else. Temple Jeremiah is proud to host a variety of events during February in support of this effort. Please join us for the following programs which will surely be informative, insightful, and moving.

- **Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2017: JUF Synagogue Inclusion Workshop: "Building an Inclusive Spiritual Home,"** 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Inclusion experts, congregational leaders, self-advocates, and parents will address

"JDAIM is a special time to champion the rights of all Jews to be included and to participate in all aspects of Jewish life like anyone else."

how to create a culture of inclusion in synagogues through worship, rituals, and holiday celebrations.

- **Sunday, Feb. 19, 2017: JUF Brunch/Adult Learning,** 10-

11:30 a.m. The speaker will be Izzy Ezagui, an American-born, Israeli soldier who was injured in combat but continues to serve in the military and speaks to audiences about overcoming obstacles and facing challenges.



- **Friday, Feb. 24, 2017: Inclusion Shabbat,** 6:30-7:30 p.m. This Kabbalat service will be created and led by congregants with special needs and their families.

For details or questions about these events, please contact me at ceb994@gmail.com. ■

Temple Jeremiah Bagel Bar: Volunteers Needed

A fun way to get involved at Temple Jeremiah is to help out at the Bagel Bar on Sundays. Sign up with a friend!

E-mail Cindy Morhaim at cindymorhaim@comcast.net or Linda Stolberg at lindastolberg611@gmail.com.



RABBI COHEN, *continued from page 1*

way above the amount presented by the family of the accused. The consequences are dire. Suspects will plead guilty just to get out of jail or they will spend up to a year in jail awaiting trial. In the meantime, they lose jobs, get off track with school, and can become estranged from their families. The guilty plea means they have now been convicted of a felony. This will follow them and potentially ruin their lives.

Our advisory group has agreed to work on setting up a rotation so that one of us will appear in bond court speaking on behalf of the clergy person in the defendant's neighborhood. We would vouch for the defendant and ensure that he or she shows up for court. This has the potential to change outcomes and change lives. A defendant who comes to court from jail does not have the same presumption of innocence that a defendant has who comes from home in his or her

own clothing. To say nothing of the person who will not have to plead guilty just to get home that day. The Public Defender's Office will be able to track the data that will give the judges more evidence to support a different approach to setting bond in future cases where the defendant is not a threat to the community and not a flight risk.

I will be taking part in a field trip to bond court with my colleagues to gain a better understanding of the process and what our role can be. I will continue to provide you with updates of this work. I am so proud of the work our congregation is doing and the energy and spirit of our Social Justice Committee. I am honored to serve on this Ministerial Advisory Board and represent Temple Jeremiah.

Shalom,
 Rabbi Paul F. Cohen, D.Min., D.D. ■

Four kids, pizza, games, and dogs! A grateful Whittier family

By LORI KASH
Social Justice Committee
lorikash1@yahoo.com

Their family is just like yours. Two devoted parents of kids (8, 10, 12, and 13) that are the center of their universe.

They are busy morning until bedtime with school, homework, volleyball, dance and daily chores.

“We are all more alike than we are different.”

their life experiences.

But their family *is* different than most of yours.

Because the parents are the grandparents. The children, for most of their lives, lived in four separate homes. Or no home at all.

The kids came to their grandparents with only the clothes on their backs. When they registered for school they each received one set of donated uniforms. Uniforms *you* have so generously donated.

When the new school year came, they handed down the uniform pieces to the younger sibling and donated what was too small for any of them to wear.

When I asked the grandmother what she would like to communicate

The kids love pizza and breakfast burritos. They love playing family games, pretend games, and doing art projects. They love their dogs.

The parents watch their kids grow, and worry about how they'll handle peer pressure or bullying. They work hard to teach them the coping skills to handle

to the families at Temple Jeremiah, she said, “We are so thankful and grateful to be thought of. The little one says, ‘I feel happy, Grandma’ when he gets a coat, scarf, etc. The kids wear their ‘new’ clothes with pride when they have them and know they are loved.”

Their family IS just like yours. They have

worries, hopes and dreams for their kids like you do. They watch their kids play together.

Four kids, pizza, games, and dogs! We are all more alike than we are different. ■



This Whittier family is just like our families.

A WHITTIER CHANUKAH



In December 2016, **Lori Kash** taught her Whittier students the meaning of Chanukah.

“Each child took a turn pretending to light the candles and they had great questions,” she said. “It was so adorable!”



SOCIAL JUSTICE CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE:**February/March 2017**

Sunday, Feb. 5, 2017: Feed the Homeless
Tuesdays, Feb. 7 and 21, 2017: Eat and Be Well

Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017: Backpack Blessings
Sunday, March 5, 2017: Feed the Homeless

Tuesdays, March 7 and 21, 2017: Eat and Be Well

Sunday, March 26, 2017: Backpack Blessings

For more information, visit www.templejeremiah.org/socialjustice.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: SYBIL STERN, *continued from page 6*

get iPads in fifth grade, these kids have nothing, half of them don't have internet at home; they just need someone to read with them, to help them with their math. Most of their parents are lovely people who want to help, but they don't speak English so it's hard for them. Next week [editor's note: interview was conducted mid-December 2016] we're doing Chanukah – I'm giving each kid a scarf, a book, a stuffed animal, chocolate coins – a total of eight little gifts for Chanukah. I'm telling them that they have to read their book and name their stuffed animal after a character or an idea in the book; that would be their gift to me if they do that. I will bring in a menorah and show them how to light it. And they always love potato pancakes and apple sauce!

How did you get involved with Family Promise?

I started getting involved when my oldest grandson and I were doing a monthly good deed project. We did Family Promise twice, and I really enjoyed it. I like the people, I find them really interesting and nice. I love to go and play with the kids – I have balloon night, bubble night, coloring night. It's fun.

How long have you been doing Family Promise?

About three years.

Why is it important for Temple Jeremiah to be part of Family Promise?

I think Family Promise is the neatest organization. These people are not homeless, they're displaced, so they stay with Family Promise from two months to a year. They usually work and save their money for an apartment. They are doing it so their kids can have a better life and can put down roots somewhere. One family was paying their rent

but their landlord wasn't paying his mortgage, so they were temporarily displaced.

When's the next time we're hosting Family Promise?

We usually do it during Christmas and in June; we might do another summer week this year too. I'm so lucky to get to work with Jon and Michelle Fellman, and Amy Rubinstein, my fellow Family Promise co-chairs.

Why is it important to volunteer through Temple Jeremiah?

First of all, I enjoy it; that's probably the number one reason. Also,

it's important to give back – I feel so lucky to have the life I have, I'm grateful I was raised in a family that gave me an education so I could have opportunities that a lot of people don't have. It's important to give back – you never know when you will need help and someone will help you. I don't even consider it volunteering – it's a joy for me, it's really fun, I don't feel like I need a thank you but I want to say thank you, thank you for letting me do this. I also want to thank my husband, Larry, for all of his support – I couldn't do it without him.

What do you like about social justice at Jeremiah?

I love that we're not just helping Jewish people, we're reaching out to the whole community. We can show

the world that Jewish people are giving and caring. The people at Whittier and Family Promise have often never met a Jewish person before, so it makes me proud that we can show them the type of people Jewish people are. ■



Sybil celebrated Chanukah with her Whittier students in December 2016.



Taste and Tell LADIES' DAY OUT

Co-sponsored by the Membership Committee and the Women of Jeremiah

This is a fun way to meet the adult women of Jeremiah while sharing good food and great recipes.

Bring one of any of the following:
An appetizer, a main course, a side dish, or a dessert - whatever you would like to share with the women of our temple.

PLUS, you'll get to vote for your favorite dish in each category.



What: Prepare and bring your favorite food to share; whatever is your specialty...

When: Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017

Where: Temple Jeremiah

Time: 12-2 p.m.

Cost: FREE!

RSVP to Caroline Margolis at cmargolis6@yahoo.com by Monday, Feb. 20 and e-mail a copy of your recipe so we can compile them into a Jeremiah recipe book.

Hot Chocolate with Rabbi Cohen

Beat the winter blues with delicious hot chocolate with Rabbi Cohen and your fellow Temple Jeremiah congregants on three winter Sundays. Pop in with your family from 4-5 p.m. and enjoy a warm treat!

Sunday, Jan. 8, 2017 4-5 p.m. Leonidas Chocolate Café 1348 Shermer Rd., Northbrook	Sunday, Jan. 15, 2017 4-5 p.m. Glenview Grind 1837 Glenview Rd., Glenview	Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017 4-5 p.m. Barnes and Noble Café 728 N. Waukegan Rd., Deerfield
--	---	---

Hot Chocolate with Rabbi Cohen

Join us for our February edition of Hot Chocolate with Rabbi Cohen:

Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017

4-5 p.m.

Barnes and Noble Café, 728 North Waukegan Road, Deerfield

Save the date

Mark your calendar for these big events coming up later this year ...

Adult Purim Party: Saturday, March 11, 2017

Purim Carnival: Sunday, March 12, 2017

Women's Seder: Wednesday, March 22, 2017

Passover Day I Worship: Tuesday, April 11, 2017

Last Day of Passover Worship: Monday, April 17, 2017

Last Day of Religious School / Brotherhood BBQ: Sunday, May 21, 2017

Shavuot Worship and Apple Pancakes: Wednesday, May 31, 2017

Thank You Shabbat: Friday, June 2, 2017

Watch your e-mail and mail for more information about these events!



JUF Brunch at Temple Jeremiah
Sunday, Feb. 19, 2017, 9:30 a.m.
“Overcoming Obstacles and Facing Challenges”
with guest speaker Izzy Ezagui



Izzy Ezagui is a one-armed Israeli soldier who was injured in combat and returned to the fight. In May of 2011, Shimon Peres, the president of Israel, awarded him the highest accolade a soldier outside the battlefield can receive.

Born and raised in America, Izzy joined a Birthright group traveling to Israel when he was eighteen. He went in search of fun and returned committed to joining the Israeli army. Soon after he finished his training, war broke out on the border of Gaza. Two weeks later, he was hit by a mortar and lost his left, and dominant, arm. Despite this devastating loss, Izzy’s first thought in the hospital was that he must return to combat. Soon he was doing one-armed pushups, climbing rope, shooting assault rifles and pulling out grenade pins with his teeth. Izzy’s story was not over; far from it! He continued to serve in the military reserves.

Please RSVP for the brunch at juf.org/jeremiah or call Donna at 847.441.5760.

Tu BiShvat Seder:
 Spiritual, Intellectual,
 Environmental
 Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017
 10 a.m.
 Hosted by the Green
 Team and Adult Learning

Come enjoy the traditional delicious foods, meaningful readings, and enriching study that make up the Tu BiShvat Seder.

Tu BiShvat is referred to as “Jewish Earth Day,” marking the beginning of yearly regrowth and blossoming of trees and plants in the land of Israel.

The Tu BiShvat Seder began as a Jewish mystical observance; attend to elevate your soul, enrich your mind, and delight your taste buds.

RSVP is preferred so we can be certain to have enough food* and drink for all. RSVP to Donna at Donna@templejeremiah.org or 847.441.5760.

**Please note: Tree nuts will be served.*



HOW WILL YOU ASSURE JEWISH TOMORROWS?



What aspects of Jewish life do you cherish most—learning, community, worship, caring for those in need or social justice? Whatever you care about most, by leaving a legacy you ensure the things you value are sustained for future generations.



To create your Jewish legacy, contact: Daniel Glassman, Executive Director
daniel@templejeremiah.org • 847.441.5760 • www.templejeremiah.org

TJ celebrates Chanukah!

By **ELAN ADLER, CAREN BROWN, ALENE FROST, and NANCY EISENBERG**

elanadler@gmail.com, ceb994@gmail.com, alene.k.frost@gmail.com, and nleslp@aol.com

In spite of the season's first heavy snowfall, more than 130 hearty congregants gathered to kick off the TJ celebration of Chanukah — Many Menorahs One Bright Light. To enhance the special nature of this program, two members of the Inclusion Committee helped tailor this event to welcome our families with special needs.

We gathered in the lobby to choose from an array of craft materials to create unique menorahs. The entire area was filled with everyone from youngsters to oldsters hard at work, doing their creative best. Once finished, our menorahs were brought into the social hall to be lit simultaneously as Rabbi Cohen and Adam led us in the Chanukah blessings and song. Our tables glittered with satiny blue linens scattered with gelt and dreidels. When Rabbi Cohen turned off the lights, the entire room was aglow!

We basked in the warmth of our temple community as we enjoyed Breakfast for Dinner featuring delicious latkes with all the fixings, Maccabi Muffins and sufganiyot (jelly donuts) for dessert. The evening would not have been complete without Danny Glassman donning his camp director hat and leading our little Jeremiahans in a dreidel extravaganza.

The Chanukah committee wishes to thank Rabbi Cohen, Rabbi Segal, Danny Glassman, Lia Goldfarb, Naomi Segal, Donna Ryback, Jolanta Popielarczyk, and our dedicated maintenance staff who made everything happen. ■





JCFS's JEWISH CENTER FOR ADDICTION PRESENTS

Freedom Song

**A Musical Production About
Addiction and Recovery in the Jewish Community**

This transformative performance brings to life the family experience of addiction within our community. Appropriate for adults and teens, Freedom Song weaves together personal stories of addiction and a family's Passover Seder. An informal Q&A with cast members, all of whom are in recovery at Beit T'Shuvah, immediately follows the performance.

Free Admission!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017
11:30 am – 1 pm Temple Jeremiah
937 North Happ Road, Northfield

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2017
7 - 8:30 pm Anshe Emet Synagogue
3751 North Broadway, Chicago

RESERVE YOUR SEAT TODAY
bit.ly/JewishCenterAddiction

For more information
847.745.5422

SPECIAL THANKS TO

Partnering Synagogues
Anshe Emet Synagogue
Temple Jeremiah

Supporting Organizations
Anshe Sholom B'nai Israel
Anshe Tikvah
Chicago Board of Rabbis
Congregation Etz Chaim
Emanuel Congregation
Mishkan Chicago
North Shore Congregation Israel
Oak Park Temple
Solomon Schechter Day School
Temple Beth Israel
Temple Shalom of Chicago
West Suburban Temple Har Zion

And more...







Beit T'Shuvah
Temple Shalom of Chicago



BREAKTHROUGH
FUND

The Jewish Center for Addiction: Prevention, Help and Hope. We provide support, resources and education about addiction and recovery to individuals and families in Chicago's Jewish community.

Sponsored by the JF/JUF Breakthrough Fund and the JF/JUF Fund for Innovation in Health (funded by the Michael Reese Health Trust). JCA is a program of Jewish Child & Family Services, a partner with the Jewish United Fund in serving our community.



**Jewish Child
& Family Services**
Redeem the Whole

Brotherhood News

By **RUSTY COLMAN**
Brotherhood Publicity Chair
 wcolman435@comcast.net

The past several months have been exceptionally busy for Brotherhood. In late December, a group of brothers brought holiday gifts to Anixter House in Evanston. Anixter provides residential services and support to people with disabilities “in a caring manner that honors individuals, their abilities and their personal choices.” Brother Joel Rovner and his daughter Jackie (who works at Anixter in Evanston and knows the residents there) shopped for the gifts earlier in the month.

At our January meeting, one of our congregants, Dr. Scott Tiplitsky, a urologist who specializes in sexual dysfunction, gave an extremely informative talk. Many thanks to the doctor and to president Gerry Lane who coordinated the event.

Brotherhood will supply matching funds up to \$1,000 to help the temple's immigrant family program, sponsored by the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society. The funds will help a family — who has not been selected at this writing — from either Syria, Sudan, or the

Congo settle in the Chicago area. Anyone wanting to take advantage of this program should send their contribution to the temple office and enclose a note requesting our organization's matching funds. Brother Charles Laurito also requests that anyone having furniture, clothing, or other articles should contact the temple if they would like to contribute those items to the family.

Speaking of charitable programs, the deadline is fast approaching for youngsters who would like to apply for one of the \$1,000 Al Brottman scholarships to Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute this summer. All interested children should send a 1-3 paragraph essay explaining why they would like to attend. The compositions should be sent to me at wcolman435@comcast.net.

“Brotherhood will supply matching funds up to \$1,000 to help the temple's immigrant family program, sponsored by the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society.”

Coming up: Brotherhood will help fund the Adult Purim Party on Saturday, March 11, 2017.

And finally, our organization made a tzedakah contribution to the Career Resource Center, an organization that helps unemployed individuals prepare to re-enter the work force, in addition to our monthly contribution to the Northfield Township Food Pantry. ■

“Like” us on Facebook!



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

Visit www.facebook.com/templejeremiah and click “Like”

Tell and Kvell

Congrats to our congregants who are doing great things!

Mazel tov to Jeremiah member **Victoria Weisenberg** on earning a Certificate of Merit from the Chicago Botanic Garden. Victoria was recognized for her artistic talent, and completed seven core courses and 60 elective units in the history and techniques of traditional botanic art. “Most art, as it is taught in many contemporary schools today, encourages one to work from the heart, but this program is very rigid in requiring one to learn to produce works that are historically in the mode of classic art forms,” she said. “It is more about using creative discipline than emotional expression to produce beautiful results. It was also a joyful experience to meet new people, stretch one's limits, and escape some of the stresses of life.” Congrats, Victoria!



Calling all Mah Jongg players!

Come join the Women of Jeremiah Mah Jongg Group! We play every other Friday at 1 p.m. in the temple library. Bring a friend or come to make new ones.



In February, we're playing on 2/10 and 2/24. Play once or every game.

If you haven't played with us before, please RSVP to Lori Kash at lorikash1@yahoo.com or 847.612.4998.

Mezuzah Hanging Ceremony in the Gift Shop

Sunday, Feb. 19, 2017
12:15 p.m.

Please join the Women of Jeremiah in the gift shop as Rabbi Segal explains the mitzvah of hanging a mezuzah at our Hanukat Ha'Bayit (dedication of our "house") ceremony.

Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome to stay for a brief meeting immediately following.

Women of Jeremiah Gift Shop

All mezuzot are 25% off this month! Come to our gift shop for a beautiful mezuzah for your home or as a gift for a friend.

Regular shop hours are during Sunday school from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and during Hebrew school on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30-6 p.m. We are also available by appointment.

Contact Lynne Amos at 847.571.8707 or lynne.jolles@yahoo.com or Melissa Celnik at 847.296.6461 or mrsclcnik@yahoo.com.

Volunteers are always welcome!



Our P.O. box no longer exists!

A few years ago, we used to have a P.O. Box as part of Temple Jeremiah's address. Please make sure you update your records and do not send us mail to that P.O. Box — we won't receive it, even if our street address is listed, too.

Our address should read:

Temple Jeremiah
937 Happ Road
Northfield, IL 60093

JEREMIAH YOUTH PRESENTS

SING

THE PURIM CARNIVAL • SUNDAY, MARCH, 12, 2017
 10-10:45 a.m. Carnival for those with special needs
 11 a.m. Purim Schpiel • 11:30a.m.-1p.m. Purim Carnival
 CARNIVAL GAMES • FACE PAINTING • MOON BOUNCE
 KARAOKE • ARTS & CRAFTS • PRIZES



Babies & Bagels

Playgroup at Temple Jeremiah



Little ones will enjoy toys, songs, and fun while adults enjoy coffee, bagels, and getting to know each other!

When: Once a month on these Sunday mornings (third Sunday of the month):
 Sept. 25, 2016 Jan. 29, 2017 April 30, 2017
 Oct. 30, 2016 Feb. 26, 2017

Time: 9-10 a.m.

Where: Temple Jeremiah Youth Lounge - 937 Happ Road, Northfield

Who: Members and non-members, moms, dads, grandparents, and caregivers

RSVP: E-mail Naomi at naomi@templejeremiah.org




Jeremiah Buddies

Toddlers, preschoolers, and their families are invited for playtime, a craft, and a snack

9-10 a.m. on these Sundays:

10/16/16	2/19/17
11/20/16	3/19/17
1/15/17	4/16/17

Temple Jeremiah Youth Lounge
 937 Happ Road, Northfield

And it's FREE!




JK: Jeremiah Kids
(K-2nd Grade)

Noggin Builders

Saturday, March 18, 2017

4-6 p.m.

at Noggin Builders in Northbrook

Save the date for our March program! Join us for a hands-on and interactive afternoon as we explore the world through the lens of science and problem solving. At least one parent must attend this event with your child. Siblings welcome, too!

Club 345: Jeremiah's Intro to Youth Group
(3rd-5th Grade)

The Blast Zone

Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017

6-8 p.m.

at Blast Zone in Vernon Hills

Join Club 345 and have a BLAST! Gear up and drive the Turbo Bath Tub go-karts, climb the 20-foot monkey tower, have a blast shooting foam balls with the Bazooka Ball Blasters, and celebrate Tu BiShevat (the birthday of the trees).

Jr. JeTY: Junior Jeremiah Temple Youth (6th-8th Grade)

NFTY-Chicago 678 Junior Youth Group

Kallah

Feb. 24-26, 2017

at OSRUI in Wisconsin

NFTY678 JYG Kallah is a weekend retreat that gives 6th-8th graders the chance to explore NFTY and meet other middle schoolers from across Minnesota and Wisconsin. We will celebrate Shabbat together, participate in programs like Color Wars and social action projects, and have a ton of fun at an indoor water park. All of Jr. JeTY is invited to this event, and Naomi will be there too!

JeTY: Jeremiah Temple Youth (9th-12th Grade)



Coffee with Naomi

Warm up after school with Naomi and coffee. First drink is on us! Mark your calendars for the specific date that Naomi is coming to a coffee shop near your school. More details will come out a few weeks before the date.

New Trier: Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2017

GBN: Thursday, Feb. 9, 2017

Deerfield High School: Thursday, March 2, 2017

GBS: Tuesday, March 14, 2017

Nosh & Mingle

Mondays and Wednesdays, 3:45-4:25 p.m.

Join us for treats and games in the youth lounge each week before Hebrew school!



For more information on our youth group programming, contact Naomi Segal, our Director of Youth and Family Engagement, at naomi@templejeremiah.org.

You can also follow us on Instagram at **JeremiahYouth**.

February programs: Pulse, Tu BiShevat, JUF, I Kings

By RICHARD GELINE
Adult Learning Chair
rgeline@sbcglobal.net

Pulse of Our World

Sunday, Feb. 5, 2017, 10 a.m.

The February Adult Learning program opens with the Pulse of Our World discussion led by Rabbi Paul Cohen. Always relevant and always important, Rabbi Cohen will help us view the issues of the moment from the Jewish point of view whether they are philosophical, historical, or political.

Tu BiShevat Seder

Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017, 10 a.m.

On Feb. 12, led by Rabbi Emily Segal and co-hosted with the Green Team, once again we will enjoy the Tu BiShevat Seder. Enjoy the traditional foods, meaningful readings, and enriching study that make up celebrating "Jewish Earth Day," the beginning of yearly regrowth and the blossoming of trees and plants in the Land of Israel. This can be a spiritual and meaningful way to utilize the teachings of Kabbalah to connect with the earth and our role as guardians and cultivators of nature.

JUF Brunch

Sunday, Feb. 19, 2017, 9:30 a.m.

The annual Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago brunch will be held on Feb. 19.

JUF is one organization that impacts every aspect of local and global Jewish life providing human services for Jews and others in need,

creating Jewish experiences and strengthening Jewish community connections. It is based on a set of values to give help and hope to the most vulnerable, stand in solidarity with Israel and the Jewish people worldwide, advance Jewish learning and identity, build a Jewish community, and foster a sense of peoplehood along with cultivating Jewish continuity from generation to generation.

All should attend and support the singular organization that brings the community together from across the spectrum of Jewish life to take part in collective action and ensure the Jewish future.

See more information on our guest speaker on page 11.

But Wait, There's More! I Kings

Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017, 10 a.m.

On February 26 Rabbi Segal will continue our exploration of the TaNaKh (Torah Prophets and Writings) with discussion of the book of I Kings.

A brief summary of the story tells us that as the illustrious life of King David

draws to a close, only some quick thinking by the prophet Nathan and Solomon's mom Bath-sheba prevents Adonijah from stealing the throne from Solomon, the rightful king. Solomon has Adonijah executed along with the rest of his enemies, and gets to work building an empire. He prays for God to give him the wisdom to rule, and God delivers big time, throwing in riches and long life to boot. Solomon becomes the wisest, richest, most powerful king in the world, and begins construction on a temple to worship the Lord.

Come and enjoy an in depth exploration of an intriguing part of our history. ■

"JUF is one organization that impacts every aspect of local and global Jewish life."

Downtown Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Cohen: "Talmud for Today: Applying Ancient Jewish Text to the 21st Century" 12-1 p.m. at various locations downtown (RSVP for address)

Join us for these informative sessions at downtown office buildings. At each meeting Rabbi Cohen will bring in a text from the Talmud for us to study together and then apply to our time. Absolutely no experience or knowledge of Hebrew is needed. Participate as much or as little as you wish. Each meeting stands alone, so it's no problem if you can only make one or two. Yes, you can bring a friend, whether or not they are a member of Temple Jeremiah, although please remember to include the names of all attendees in your RSVP.

Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2017
Wednesday, April 12, 2017
Wednesday, May 17, 2017

Please RSVP to Art Gunther at agunther@gunthergroup.com.

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.

Feb. 8 Bo | Feb. 11 Beshalach | Feb. 18 Yitro | Feb. 25 Mishpatim

OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES ON THE LOSS OF*:

Louise Cohen, aunt of Jean Young

Howard Goode, ex-husband of Sheila Goode

Betsy Morris, sister of Jo Sawyer

Lewis Segal, father of Carl Segal

MAZEL TOV TO*:

Sima Browne, on the birth of her great-grandson, Elijah David Browne, great-nephew of **Julie and Jim Ford**

Judi and Jeff Goldman, on the birth of their granddaughter, Molly Elizabeth Goldman

Barbara and David Milsk, on the marriage of their daughter, Rachael, to Jesse Ugglä

Jennifer Wicks and Jason Milton, on the birth of their daughter, Hazel Riley Milton, granddaughter of **Maralee and Ed Wicks**

MAZEL TOV TO OUR FEBRUARY B'NAI MITZVAH**CANDIDATES:**

Eleanor Stern, daughter of Amy and Mitchell Stern

Elijah Stern, son of Amy and Mitchell Stern

Dylan Weiss, son of Nicole and Randy Weiss

**Please note: The information for the Condolences, Mazel Tov, and New Member sections of this page is from December. For January news, please see the March Covenant, and for February news, see the April 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.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

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

Cathy Atkins • Bruce Brandt • Julie Davidson • David Fishman •
Larry Goldberg • Patricia Hamu • Charlotte Projansky • Kevin
Schrimmer • Gary Zussman

**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES:**

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

40 Years

Diane Stumpf and Arthur Sutton

20 Years

Melinda Streicker and James Burda

Calendar of Events							February 2017	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
			1 3:45 p.m. Nosh & Mingle	2 3:45 p.m. Nosh & Mingle	3 6 p.m. Tot Shabbat 8 p.m. Erev Shabbat Worship with Choir	4 8:30 a.m. Tefilah 9:15 a.m. Torah Study		
5 Feed the Homeless 10 a.m. Adult Learning: Pulse of Our World 10:30 a.m. Backpack Blessings	6 3:45 p.m. Nosh & Mingle	7 10 a.m. Eat and Be Well	8 12 p.m. Lunch and Learn Downtown 3:45 pm. Nosh & Mingle	9 10 a.m. Women of Jeremiah Book Club	10 6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Reception 6:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Worship, featuring Shabbat Shira	11 8:30 a.m. Tefilah 9:15 a.m. Torah Study 11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Worship 6 p.m. Club 345 at Blast Zone		
12 9 a.m. Jeremiah Buddies 10 a.m. Adult Learning: Tu BiShevat Seder 4 p.m. Hot Chocolate with Rabbi Cohen (Barnes & Noble Café in Deerfield)	13 3:45 p.m. Nosh & Mingle	14 10 a.m. Eat and Be Well	15 3:45 p.m. Nosh & Mingle	16 11 a.m. Chai Society: The Life and Music of Marvin Hamlisch	17 6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Reception 6:30 p.m. H(OUR) Shabbat Worship 7:30 p.m. 4th Grade Shabbat Dinner	18 8:30 a.m. Tefilah 9:15 a.m. Torah Study 11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Worship		
19 9 a.m. Jeremiah Biddies 9:30 a.m. Adult Learning: JUF Brunch	20 <i>No Hebrew School: Teachers Meeting</i>	21	22 3:45 p.m. Nosh & Mingle	23	24 6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Reception 6:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Worship, featuring Inclusion Shabbat	25 8:30 a.m. Tefilah 9:15 a.m. Torah Study		
26 9 a.m. Babies and Bagels Playgroup 10 a.m. Adult Learning: But Wait, There's More! I Kings 10:30 a.m. Backpack Blessings 11:30 a.m. Freedom Song Performance	27 3:45 p.m. Nosh & Mingle	28						

IN SUPPORT OF

Backpack Blessings

-Sara and Martin Liebman
-Rachel and Marvin Siegel

Prayer Book Fund

-Patty and Marc Turim

Temple Jeremiah

-David Adelstein
-Dee and Dick Bittman
-Randi and Bari Carr
-Diane and Howard Cohen
-Melissa and David Copeland

-Amy and Ira Dolnick
-Elizabeth Blodgett and Jonathan Don

-Ilene and Gerson Field
-Susanne and Roger Fein
-Carol and Arnie Fishbain
-Jennifer and Michael Gershowitz

-Diane and Mark Gluskin
-Adrienne Goodman

-Randi and Charles Gurian
-Jamie and Bruce Hague

-Bonnie and Herb Horn
-Nancy and Wenxin Jiang

-Susan and Jules Joffe
-Dawn Lavin

-Deborah and Frank Leibow

-Lisa and Steve Levy
-Lauren and Harry Major

-Carol Mitchel
-Dorothy and Dick Nopar

-Julie Rosner and David Fishman

-Patricia and Steve Salk
-Andrea and Ron Sandler

-Sheila Schlaggar
-Carolyn Sherman

-Linda and Gary Stolberg
-Peggy and Jim Swartchild

-Howard Teitelbaum
-Shelly Trilling

-Stephanie and Steven Victor

-Jamie and Richard Zelvin

IN APPRECIATION OF

Rabbi Paul Cohen

-Lynn and Jim Foster

Temple Jeremiah Senior Staff

-Valerie and Mitch Slotnick

IN HONOR OF

Jonathan Addis

Son of Lisa and Jeremy Addis, *on the occasion of him becoming a Bar Mitzvah*
-Lisa and Jeremy Addis

Craven Family

-Shirley Craven

David Golder

On the occasion of his special birthday
-Janet and David Blum
-Stephanie and Steven Victor

Sadie Chandler Grant

Granddaughter of Diane and Brian Albert, *on the occasion of her baby naming*
-Diane and Brian Albert

Josh Gurian

Son of Randi and Charles Gurian; grandson of Bill and Norma Brown, *on the occasion of his marriage to Perrin Romine*
-Myrna and Michael Millman
-Dolly Moline

Ken King

On the occasion of his special

birthday

-Joanne Keeshin

Jake Matles

Son of Lauren and Rob Matles, *on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah*
-Lauren and Rob Matles

Hazel Riley Milton

Daughter of Jennifer Wicks and Jason Milton, granddaughter of Maralee and Ed Wicks, *on the occasion of her birth*
-Ronda and Dan Franks
-Alene and Skip Frost
-Mindy and Randy Kurtz

Miri Shure

Granddaughter of Peggy and Jeff Nitzkin, great-granddaughter of Edryce Cadden; *on the occasion of her birth*
-Susanne and Roger Fein

IN MEMORY OF

Gerald Bard

Father of Loryn Kogan
-Cathy and Harvey Friedman
-Loryn and Norberto Kogan

Charles Berman

Brother of Carolyn Sacks, uncle of Judi Ruttenberg and Jeff Sacks
-Ruttenberg and Sacks Families

Myrtle Berman

Mother of Carolyn Sacks, grandmother of Judi Ruttenberg and Jeff Sacks
-Ruttenberg and Sacks Families

Stephen Berman

Nephew of Carolyn Sacks, cousin of Judi Ruttenberg and Jeff Sacks
-Ruttenberg and Sacks Families

Louise Cohen

Aunt of Jean Young
-Susanne and Roger Fein
-Carol Maxon

Anna Fishman

Mother of William Fishman
-Carole and William Fishman

Sol Feinberg

Father of Ellen Toban
-Ellen and Allen Toban

Marsha Garlovsky

Mother of Elizabeth Garlovsky
-I.S. Garlovsky

Barbara Gilbert

-Muriel Kaplan and Chuck Hirsh

Stanley C. Golder

Husband of Joan Golder, father of David Golder
-Joan Golder

Nathan Kamensky

Step-father of Ellen Toban
-Ellen and Allen Toban

Ruth Kamensky

Mother of Ellen Toban
-Ellen and Allen Toban

Herman Kaplan

Uncle of Ellen Toban
-Ellen and Allen Toban

Leyb Khazin

Father of Roza Hersher
-Roza and Richard

Hersher

Lenard Levine

-Audrey and Ron Snyder

Betsy Morris

Sister of Jo Sawyer
-Nancy and Arnee Eisenberg

Rosalyn Pearlman

Aunt of Rabbi Paul Cohen
-Randi and Charles Gurian

William Sacks

Husband of Carolyn Sacks, father of Judi Ruttenberg and Jeff Sacks
-Ruttenberg and Sacks Families

Lewis Segal

Father of Carl Segal
-Susan and Ken Lorch

Andi Ship

Daughter of Muriel Kaplan
-Shari and Lorry Brown
-Nancy and Allen Hirschfield
-Muriel Kaplan and Chuck Hirsh
-Marcie Segall

Audrey Stewart

Mother of Don Stewart, grandmother of Melissa Feldman
-Melissa and Chad Feldman

Leon Toban

Father of Alan Toban
-Ellen and Allen Toban

Donations help support the following funds:

Special Funds: Education Fund • Temple Jeremiah Annual Fund • Stanley Golder Interfaith Lecture Fund • Marshall B. & Viola R. Schwimmer Library Fund • Prayer Book and Torah Commentary Fund • Rabbi Allan Tarshish Fund for Humanity • The Bill and Norma Brown Fund for Lifelong Learning • Endowment Fund • The InterAct Fund for Youth Programming • The Fern M. Kamen Fund for Youth • Joseph H. Goldberg Family Fund for Special Needs Programming • The Cantor Amy Zussman Fund for Music • Social Action • Family Promise • Backpack Blessings • Caring Community • Discretionary Funds: Rabbi Paul F. Cohen • Rabbi Emily E. Segal • Adam Kahan • Women of Jeremiah Funds: Programming Fund • Brotherhood Funds: Ernie Bloch Memorial Tzedakah Fund



Standard Mail
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit #269
Skokie, IL

Contains Dated Material

937 Happ Road
Northfield, IL 60093

Phone: 847.441.5760
Fax: 847.441.5765
School Phone: 847.441.0202

*An affiliate of the Union
for Reform Judaism*

Visit us at www.templejeremiah.org

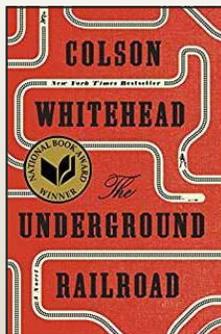
Women of Jeremiah Book Club — Temple Library

Cozy up to a good book this winter, then come discuss with us!

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

Thursday, Feb. 9, 2017, 10-11:30 a.m.

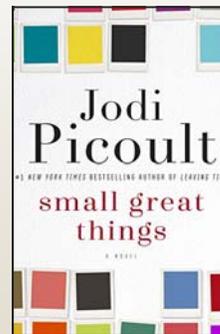
“The Underground Railroad” by Colson Whitehead



Winner of the 2016 National Book Award and rave reviews all around! Join us for this historical fiction account chronicling a young slave's adventures as she tries to escape from the pre-Civil War South.

Thursday, March 9, 2017, 10-11:30 a.m.

“Small Great Things” by Jodi Picoult



Jodi Picoult is true to form with another riveting story! This time an African-American labor/delivery nurse is pitted against a white-supremacist father as race and prejudice is examined from all angles.

RENATA TAILORING
STUDIO



1865 Waukegan Rd, Glenview, IL | 847.998.1743 | www.renatatailoringstudio.com

JOHN'S ROOFING, INC.
847-297-9984
Roofing • Gutters • Siding
Soffit • Fascia
Insured Free Estimates



Marc Turim
847-236-9000
400 Lake Cook Rd.
marcturim@allstate.com



Allstate
You're in good hands.
© 2016 Allstate Insurance Co.

BRATSCHI PLUMBING
A Family Business Providing Complete Plumbing Service Since 1937
Licensed & Insured
(847) 446-1421
801 Oak Street, Winnetka
www.bratschiinc.com

companions for seniors 

www.companionsforseniors.com
affordable non-medical in-home care
Call Sam Tatel: (773) 259-8420

Ridgebrook Travel, Ltd.
OmniTours



Since 1978, Mitchell and Valerie Slotnick and the staff of Ridgebrook Travel have been helping North Shore businesses and families plan travel to destinations around the world.

111 Pfingsten Road, Deerfield, IL 60015
847/480-2100
fax 847/509-0055
www.ridgebrooktravel.com
mail@ridgebrooktravel.com
www.omnitours.travel

THREE TARTS
BAKERY AND CAFE
www.threetartsbakery.com

 HOWARD WEISBART ENDODONTICS
HOWARD WEISBART D.D.S.
JILL YOUNG D.M.D.
4905 Old Orchard Center, Skokie IL 60077
(847) 676-3636
36 Years Of Serving Our Community

MAGGIANO'S
LITTLE ITALY
Let us plan your next Bar or Bat Mitzvah!
4999 Old Orchard Center
Skokie, IL 60077
847-933-9555

BB&G
BRISKMAN • BRISKMAN • GREENBERG
WE TAKE YOUR INJURY PERSONALLY™

Representing individuals and families who have been injured or lost loved ones as the result of someone's carelessness.

www.briskmanandbriskman.com
FREE CONSULTATIONS • 312-222-0309
Chicago • Joliet

Please Don't Text & Drive!

WHY PAY MORE? OUR NEW JEWISH SECTION, *L'DOR VADOR*, OFFERS:

- ▶ REASONABLE SPACE PRICING
- ▶ SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED INTERMENT COSTS
- ▶ UPRIGHT GRANITE MONUMENTS
- ▶ MEMORY LAKE VIEW

CALL OR VISIT US TO COMPARE OUR COSTS & SERVICES TO OTHER NORTHWEST SUBURBAN JEWISH CEMETERIES.

MEMORY GARDENS & MAUSOLEUMS
MEMORY GARDENS & MAUSOLEUMS IS PROUDLY OWNED AND OPERATED BY SCI ILLINOIS SERVICES, INC.

2501 E. EUCLID AVE.
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL 60004
(847) 255-1010

TAKE THIS NEW CAR WASH FOR A SPIN.
THE TOWELS ARE TWIRLING IN NORTHBROOK.



See what all the excitement is about at the **NEW Waterway Carwash.**



Located on Waukegan Rd. just north of Wilbur Rd. at Wilbur Festival.



← VISIT US TODAY

 WATERWAY.COM | f | t | in |

RICK SHOEMAKER President/Owner



AutoCare & Collision Repair
1500 Old Skokie Road
Highland Park, IL 60035
Phone: 847-831-3165
Fax: 847-831-6044

COMPUTER HELP

PCs & Macs Slow Speed
Phones & Tablets Setup
Viruses Training
Data Backup Plus More!

(224) 336-1940
Daniel@BeckerTechCo.com

AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE

Contact Ben Rancman to place an ad today!
BRancman@4LPi.com or (800) 950-9952 x5857

What Are You Waiting For??
To plan your next trip to Israel contact:

 **Puzzle Israel**
Travel • Eat • Connect

Deb Zaluda
847-436-6849
deb@puzzleisrael.com
www.puzzleisrael.com

NORTHFIELD RESTAURANT
Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner - Carryouts
Open 7 Days
Georgia Pappas • Gus Pappas
847-446-3808
391 Central, Northfield, IL 60093

 A law firm concentrating its practice in estate planning, business succession planning, trust and estate administration and real estate law

Hamilton Thies & Lorch LLP
Bob Hamilton | Rick Thies | Ken Lorch | Tom Duffy | Marcia Owens
200 South Wacker Drive, Suite 3800, Chicago, IL 60606
P: 312.650.8650 | www.htl-law.com

 **Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Wisconsin, Inc.**
Granting the wishes of children with life-threatening illnesses.
1-800-236-9474

lower electric llc
helping clients pay less for energy

Lower Electric, a utility consulting firm, helps businesses reduce their electricity and natural gas costs!

Phone: 847 272 0700 | Fax: 847 498 4873
E-mail: info@lowerelectric.com
Web: www.lowerelectric.com
Licensed by the ICC — Fully insured and bonded



Shalom Memorial Funeral Home Shalom Memorial Park

Serving our community faithfully - Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow.
One Number, One Call, One Shalom
847-255-3520

DESIGN | BUILD | REMODEL



HOME ADDITIONS
&
KITCHENS

FOREST GLEN
CONSTRUCTION

847-236-0895

www.ForestGlenConstruction.com



Mitzvahs • Weddings • Kiddush's • Shivas
Oneg Shabbats • Shabbat Dinners

2005 & 2006
nominees as one of Chicago's Best Caterers

847-459-1100
www.peartreecatering.com



Signature Collection
NORTH SHORE PLACE
a Senior Lifestyle community

North Shore Place is a Senior Lifestyle signature community featuring luxurious apartment homes partnered with award-winning care services, which defines us Best-In-Class. Schedule your personal tour now.

Assisted Living | Memory Care
1000 Sunset Ridge Road | Northbrook, IL 60062 | 224-326-2600
www.seniorlifestyle.com

WHIRLYBAR MITZVAH



You are invited to experience the joy
for yourself at our

BAR/BAT MITZVAH OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, February 19th • Noon – 3 pm
285 Center Drive • Vernon Hills, IL 60061
RSVP by February 17th to 800-894-4759
or rspv@whirlyball.com

**KOSHER CATERING
AVAILABLE**

800-894-4759
WHIRLYBALL.COM/MITZVAH

SHABBAT-IN-A-BOX

(Serves 4-6 people)

- Sweet & Sour Meatballs or Chopped Liver • Matzo Ball Soup
 - Oven Roasted Chicken or Lean Roast Brisket Au Jus
 - Oven Roasted Potatoes or Rice Pilaf
 - Green Beans & Carrots • Rugelach & Mandel Bread
- \$79.00**



RESTAURANT - DELI - BAKERY - CATERING
(847) 272-9490
Info@MaxandBennys.com

Add a Bottle of Wine for only \$15.00
(Alfasi Merlot, Marro Bay Cabernet, or Sabuck Chardonnay)

BUILDING THE FOUNDATION FOR THE SMILE OF A LIFETIME

Janzen, Janzen & Chwa Orthodontics, Ltd Since 1965

1220 Meadow Rd., Northbrook
847-272-0600

Only Positive Paws PET TRAINING

- Positive learning experience for people and their dogs
- Hourly rates
- In-home training for dogs and for their owners comfort
- Certified PMCT1
- Member ADPT

Congregation Member – JOEY WOLFSON
847.272.2532 • leaddog@rta-inc.com



- LANDSCAPE DESIGN
- CONSTRUCTION
- MAINTENANCE
- NURSERY

**GUY
SCOPELLITI
CO., INC.**

33553 N. Hunt Club Rd. • Libertyville
847.816.7006
1282 Old Skokie Rd. • Highland Park
847.432.0120

PAINTING
VENETIAN PLASTER
TEXTURE - GLAZING
COMPLETE FAUX FINISH
FREE ESTIMATE



773-771-5592

CALL JOHN

EMAIL: allin1distributing@gmail.com

ARRANGEMENTS IN OUR
CHAPELS OR IN YOUR HOME

PROUD PROVIDER OF THE
TEMPLE JEREMIAH
FUNERAL PLAN

CHICAGO
JEWISH
FUNERALS

The way it should be.
847-229-8822
chicagojewishfunerals.com

Party at Josh's

- ★ most affordable party pricing
- ★ Mitzvahs, birthdays, anniversaries and more
- ★ newest, coolest party space
- ★ full menu-including fresh salad bar
- ★ event coordination
- ★ AV system
- ★ easiest party you'll ever host

Josh's

ON THE SQUARE

224-804-8701

or

gail@joshshotdogs.com

740 Waukegan Rd. Deerfield

www.joshshotdogs.com

Party at Your Temple

- ★ delicious tray catering
- ★ pick up or delivery
- ★ on-site grilling available
- ★ full service catering
- ★ have your party at your temple, we do the catering

LEONARD'S BAKERY

Sweet in Taste, Rich in Tradition, Five Generations Proudly Serving You

TRAYS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

Coffee Cake, Cookie & Combo Trays • Happy Anniversary • Baby Naming
• Shiva • Business Meetings • Thank You • Holidays • Get Well
with Card and Optional Balloon Delivered ANYtime ANYwhere

2776 Dundee Rd., Northbrook
847-564-4977



Complete Collision Repair

Two Locations

272-3080

926-9650

Northbrook

Highland Park

AVAILABLE
FOR A LIMITED TIME

ADVERTISE YOUR
BUSINESS HERE

Contact Ben Rancman to place an ad today!
BRancman@4LPi.com or (800) 950-9952 x5857



For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • www.4lpi.com

Temple Jeremiah, Northfield, IL.

B 4C 01-1175