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Dispelling the darkness

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

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Dear Friends,

I am so greatly heartened by the wonderful and supportive responses I received about my article in last month's Covenant about political conversations at Jeremiah.

Identifying an issue, naming it and defining it, is a necessary first step in finding a solution.

As I have been thinking about our public discourse, I stumbled upon the following text that speaks to the heart of what we are wrestling with today. The spiritual advice of the 19th-century Rabbi Yaakov Yitzchak Horowitz – “You should receive every person

with warmth, listen to their sorrow, and treat them with gentleness as if you were a servant in the palace.

It is part of human kindness to listen to someone talk, even if the person overdoes it.”

What I love about this text is the focus of going beyond what is expected and even going beyond what may be our habit to do. Indeed, we need to break the habits that inure us to the growing polarization of community, our country and the world. At times we want to close ourselves off from the strife, the conflict and the harshness of the rhetoric. I was speaking to a friend who shared with me that her daughter, who is very interested in

politics, has to balance following the news on the Internet with videos of puppies at play. For many, this type of self-care works and allows us to reengage and to listen to those who are hurting and in pain. Often, the pain and the hurt that a person feels manifests itself in words used to lash out at others. So much of the incivility is coming from this place of personal pain.

This takes incredible patience and forbearance. It is human kindness that we exhibit when we are patient with one another and listen. It is human kindness that we

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exhibit when we have the patience to sit and let a person speak from their place of pain for as long as it takes with the words that they choose. It is human kindness that we

exhibit that has the power to reverse the decline we see in the public square. Time and again we are called upon to be a light to the nations. Now we are called to be a light to one another. “The soul of a person is the lamp of God” (Proverbs 20:27). Let us listen, let us be patient, let us shine our light into the world and let us together dispel the darkness that has so coarsened our speech.

Shalom,

Rabbi Paul F. Cohen, D.Min., D.D. ■



In this Covenant, you'll learn...

... why one of our volunteers wants to show his children that it's important to be involved in the synagogue. *page 6*

... how our refugee sisters are acclimating to the United States. *page 8*

... about a unique Shabbat dinner, where our teens got to know a group of local Muslim teens. *page 17*

Lately around Temple Jeremiah



1-3: Women's Seder (3/22/17) **4:** Anne and Jerry Lidsky renew their vows as part of the fifth grade curriculum on Jewish life cycle events (3/19/17) **5:** Jeremiah Buddies (3/19/17) **6:** JK at Noggin Builders (3/18/17)
7: Mental Health Networking Breakfast: Anxiety, Depression, and Judaism (3/8/17) **8:** Chat and Chew (3/8/17)

Reflecting on two years as president of Temple Jeremiah

By **JOEL AFRICK**

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When I meet people and I learn what they do (or I learn about some experience they have had), I often ask one question: What has surprised you most about your job (or hobby, or life experience, or travel adventure, or a family experience)? I ask this question because I think it provides insight into the subject's experience and outlook (or whatever I am asking about) and it also provides insight into the expectations the person brought to that experience — both topics I find to be of interest. It is also an easy ice-breaker question and one that requires a little thought by the subject.

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As I prepare to complete my term as Temple Jeremiah's president, I decided to ask myself the same question about my experience as president.

Describing my biggest surprise at temple requires that I start with what I expected when I assumed the position in June 2015. Based on conversations with past presidents and presidents of other congregations, I was cautioned that this would be a big job. True. I was told it would be a great experience and one that would enrich my soul. True. I was told that it would require some commitments from my family, especially my wife, Julie. True (Julie agrees). And I was told it would be one of the most meaningful volunteer experiences I would have. True again.

So where is the surprise? I guess the surprise is that I didn't fully appreciate the magnitude of the opportunity, the amazing differences that individuals make (whether staff or volunteers), or the satisfaction I would feel from this experience.

Magnitude. At Temple Jeremiah, the president is considered the CEO of the temple. This is not an honorific position (although it is an honor to serve). For two years, I led our congregational

community. I am fortunate we are a strong and healthy congregation and we didn't experience any “crises” during the past two years. But I provided input as the temple addressed some differences of opinion within the congregation regarding the Iran Nuclear Agreement. I provided input concerning the temple's hiring of our first full-time youth and family engagement director. I (and others) welcomed our Congolese refugees at O'Hare in January 2017. And I participated with our rabbinic search committee as we recruited and retained our incoming Assistant Rabbi Rachel Heaps, who will join us in July. None of these things took place with my sole input — thankfully. But together they demonstrate the magnitude of the job.



People. We are so fortunate that Temple Jeremiah offers both staff and volunteers so many opportunities to make a big difference in our community. Likewise, we are lucky that the people in our congregation take on those opportunities with zeal and a high standard of performance every time. The work of so many of our volunteers and staff is truly exceptional. (By now I know better than to start naming names, for fear I will exceed my word limit for this article.) But the people make our congregation special, and I had a front-row seat to view the impact people are making. It's all about the people.

Satisfaction. One past president is famous for saying he wished he could have served as president for more than just his term because the position is so satisfying. He adds quickly and somewhat jokingly that he probably would no longer be married if he did that. I understand both ends of his statement. Serving as President #22 has allowed me to interact with Rabbi Cohen and others in a way that will have a lasting impact on my life. It felt good to be a part of so many simchas at temple, to be able to acknowledge some of the struggles people in our community face, and to be able to represent Temple Jeremiah in our local Jewish community.

As I close, I want to wish every strength to the incoming leadership (the annual meeting is still a few weeks away), and I urge anyone in our congregation seeking a volunteer leadership experience to find such an experience here at temple. It will be well worth your time and effort. ■

WORSHIP SCHEDULE: May 2017

Friday, May 5, 2017

6 p.m. Tot Shabbat
8 p.m. Erev Shabbat Worship with Choir, featuring Brotherhood Shabbat

Saturday, May 6, 2017

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

Friday, May 12, 2017

6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Reception
6:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Worship, featuring Rabbi Segal's Farewell Shabbat

Saturday, May 13, 2017

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

Friday, May 19, 2017

6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Reception
6:30 p.m. H(OUR) Shabbat Worship, featuring Camp Sendoff Shabbat

Saturday, May 20, 2017

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

Friday, May 26, 2017

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

Saturday, May 27, 2017

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

Wednesday, May 31, 2017

9:30 a.m. Shavuot Apple Pancake Breakfast
10 a.m. Shavuot Worship and Yizkor

Keeping our children safe from bullying

By **DR. ANNE LIDSKY**
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I usually enjoy browsing through bookstores. The atmosphere is peaceful (if you avoid holiday times), and I love to read. However, it breaks my heart to see more and more books on the topic of bullying. I wept reading "Queen Bees and Wannabes." The pain that girls experienced and shared was so enormous that it left me feeling sick at heart. The fact that there is a need for books like "Little Girls Can Be Mean: Four Steps to Bully-Proof Girls in the Early Grades" and "Stand Up For Yourself and Your Friends" by American Girl says something very sad about our society today.

I have created many opportunities for our students, in all grades, to address the issue of bullying. Some have shared their experiences, their pain, and their strategies for coping. The children around them have been supportive in their responses. However, most of our children do not see themselves as bullies in the usual sense of the word. "I would never bully someone," they all say, and thank goodness we have decent, caring children from decent, caring families. But there is more to delve into around this topic. When I ask children to put "bullying" aside and talk to me about other children being mean, rude, or hurtful to them or to others – hands go flying. When I ask if they themselves have, perhaps, ever hurt another with unkind words or gestures, many cast their eyes to the floor.

"This seat is saved. You can't sit here." "She's so fat. Look at her stomach." "You're such a short nerd." "Don't invite HER to our party!" "No, don't pass the ball to him; he'll never make a shot." "What are you doing after school ... shhhh, she'll hear and we don't want her." These are REAL statements made and overheard by hurt souls. They are heard by great kids who have been injured beyond our understanding. The individuals making these thoughtless statements would not define themselves as bullies. Some of their parents have responded when approached with, "They're just kids fooling around." How sad is that!

We have a crucial job on our hands. We, as parents and educators, must help our children see that they do not need to be physically aggressive or go along with the crowd to be hurtful or destructive to another. When I gather our students together for a service or school assembly, I take every opportunity to ask them what they think is the most important thing they will learn here at Temple Jeremiah. Many respond with Hebrew, history, the holidays, studying Torah and customs. "Yes, I say, these are all important, but not the MOST IMPORTANT."

Now, after many years of my mantra, someone will jump up and

shout, "It's how to be a decent, kind human being and treat others with compassion." "It is all about being a MENSCH." Our good, terrific children sometimes slip. They may say or do hurtful things, without the intent to harm, but it happens. They know the right thing to do, but they sometimes fall short of doing it. Consequently, kids, no different than themselves, are emotionally crushed.



The world can be harsh, but our children must certainly feel safe, protected, and good about themselves at home, of course, but also here in their second home, their temple. Together let's teach our children the value of rachamim, compassion, taking another's feeling into consideration, putting someone else's needs above his/her own. Do not allow your children to exclude a friend or acquaintance when she/he should clearly be included. Together let's teach our children about Lo L'vayesh, do not embarrass another by pointing out their weaknesses, making fun of them, or intentionally saying things that

"The world can be harsh, but our children must certainly feel safe, protected, and good about themselves at home, of course, but also here in their second home, their temple."

could humiliate them. Children need to understand that if a statement is hurtful, it cannot be simply considered as "funny." Let's be sure to praise our children's efforts when they show rachamim or show the value of lo l'vayesh. Let's give them the proud title of a "mensch" and help them understand that "In a place where no one behaves like a human being, we need to strive to be a mensch" (Pirke Avot – The Sayings of our Fathers). How empowering it is to be the one to stand up

for what is the right and kind thing to do. Victims of bullying state that they were able to survive because of one good friend who was there! It is listening to that spark of the divine inside all of us. We need to help our children see that we are happier people when we are kind. How many of us grew up hearing, "If you don't have something nice to say, don't say anything at all!" I will be forever grateful to my own mom for sharing her wisdom with me during my own formative years.

As we strive to be good role models, let us encourage our children to share their experiences and never make light of their emotional turmoil. It may appear as just more "girl drama" (or boy for that matter), but it is real for them and seemingly unsolvable or unending. We all need mentors, and I want you to know that I, personally, am here for every child in our community. I can also speak for the Jeremiah staff, who also deeply care about your children. If, together, we are patient listeners, help children reflect and remain positive about the future, we are then their best support.

Partner with us as we approach summer and continue to teach values that make a difference for each individual human being and therefore, make a difference for this world. ■

Rabbi Segal's Farewell Shabbat

Friday, May 12, 2017, 6 p.m. Reception, 6:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

Join us for a special Shabbat as we say goodbye to Rabbi Segal and wish her well as she moves to Colorado! We'll have a special oneg preceding services.

The Stanley C. Golder Interfaith Initiative and the Temple Jeremiah Social Justice Committee Present

Race in America:

Using Faith to Change the Conversation



featuring Clarence Page

Saturday, May 6, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

What do our religious traditions say about the role of race in our country today? How can we, as people of faith, address the problems of racism? Clarence Page, in conversation with Temple Jeremiah's Rabbi Paul F. Cohen, will talk about his perspective on the status of race with a focus on where we have come from, where we are now, and his thoughts for the future.



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Syndicated columnist Clarence Page has chronicled three decades of race, politics, and social change in America. He received the 1989 Pulitzer Prize for Commentary and has been a member of the Chicago Tribune's editorial board since 1984. Page often appears as a political analyst on C-SPAN, ABC's Nightline, and Hardball with Chris Matthews on MSNBC.

ABOUT THE GOLDER INITIATIVE

The mission of the Golder Interfaith Initiative is to promote understanding among every faith and embrace the unifying spirituality of all religions. The event, sponsored by Temple Jeremiah, is free and open to the public.

2017 GOLDER INTERFAITH INITIATIVE PARTNERS

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ADL SUNDAY EVENT: "SKIN DEEP" FILM

Join us on Sunday, May 7, 2017, at 10 a.m. at Temple Jeremiah for a special showing of "Skin Deep," a documentary exploring personal and societal biases. A response to the reappearance of overt racist activity in the United States, "Skin Deep" challenges student and community audiences to examine their own race-related beliefs. The Anti-Defamation League will lead a discussion of the movie and anti-bias exercises.

Volunteer Spotlight: Marc Bernstein

By LIA GOLDFARB

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Marc Bernstein serves on the Board of Directors and on the Communications Committee. We sat down with Marc to learn more about why he is involved.

How long have you been at Jeremiah?

About 13 years. We had belonged to a different congregation and were looking for a place with more vibrant activities on Friday nights, which better matched our schedule with our young children. We found Jeremiah to be such a warm and welcoming place, from the clergy to the staff to the volunteer leaders who we met, that it was an immediate fit for us and we've been incredibly happy ever since.

Did you know you wanted to get involved as a volunteer?

No, it took me a long time to decide. I tried a

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couple of times to involve myself in Brotherhood but I found that career demands and the young age of my kids didn't lend themselves to my volunteer activities. For me it wasn't really until the last year or two that I've found the timing has been right.

What has your recent involvement looked like?

I joined the Board in May 2016 and have been involved mainly in the Board and the Communications Committee. I've also really enjoyed the recent events with the Israel Action Committee. Additionally,

one of the side benefits of being a board member is the opportunity / obligation to usher at Friday night services – and for me, I've found that to be a very pleasant obligation.

How did they find you for the Board?



My good friend Linda Stolberg, whom I've known for 25 years, gave my name to the Nominating Committee last year. I was pretty surprised because I had not had much in the way of volunteer engagement prior to that, but after giving it some thought, I realized this was actually a great way to become more involved in the temple and meet more people in the community. After talking with Ken Lorch, we agreed that my past experience working for nonprofits, combined with some of my technology background in my professional life, might be helpful for the temple.

What's it been like being on the Board?

It's really been a great learning experience. I've learned quite a bit about some of the challenges that the temple faces from a fiscal perspective and challenges facing congregational Judaism as a whole. I have had the opportunity, as I hoped, to begin to develop relationships with other congregants so that when I come to the temple, I feel more connected. Our synagogue is fortunate to have a highly engaged, very passionate, and high-functioning Board of Directors.

How did you get involved in the Communications Committee?

New board members are asked to identify one or two committees they are interested in, and for me, with my background in

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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 March office volunteers: Elan Adler, Diane Albert, Caren Brown, Arnie Fishbain, Hershy Pappadis, Dale Reiff, Barbara Schwarz, and Faith Zelinsky

THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNITY-WIDE TIKUN LEIL SHAVUOT

Tuesday, May 30, 2017 · 6 Sivan 5777

Am Shalom · 840 Vernon Avenue · Glencoe

STANDING ON THE EDGE OF SINAI

An Evening of Music, Poetry, and Prayer

featuring Neshama Carlebach

with Stacey Zisook Robinson and Rabbi Michael Sommer

7:00pm Opening Session

7:30pm Standing on the Edge of Sinai

8:30pm Dessert Reception

9:00pm Shavuot Study

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All are welcome! For more information, please call 847.835.4800

Shavuot Breakfast, Worship, and Yizkor Wednesday, May 31, 2017

9:30 a.m. Apple Pancake Breakfast

10 a.m. Shavuot 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.

By **JENNIFER GONG-GERSHOWITZ**

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As we are now concluding the second month of our mentorship with Geogette and Edwina, the refugee sisters we helped sponsor through HIAS, our project is entering a new stage. In the beginning, there was a flurry of activity surrounding the initial introductions and “firsts.” Then, the mentors worked to get the sisters set up and begin the process of settling in to life in the United States. We are now in an adjustment phase where the mentors are working on establishing routines, reinforcing concepts, and supporting the sisters in more day-to-day issues as they arise. Some examples of things the mentors are working on are reading an analog clock, maps and transportation, coin value and dollars, as well as basic English vocabulary and phrases. Adapting to life in a new country, culture and language is a long process where mentors are setting short-term goals and measuring progress in small incremental steps. Ultimately, our job to help Geogette and Edwina become self-sufficient and our connection to them will be less formal, as the mentors are developing

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personal relationships whose ongoing support will vary among mentors as time progresses.

At our last co-chair project meeting, we reviewed our progress and designated a finance chair, Dave Copeland, who will help oversee the budget for the sisters’ support to ensure that we have the resources needed to ease their transition.

Overall, the sisters are doing well and continue to amaze our mentors with their warmth, resilience and determination. They miss their family – mother and father, sisters and brothers, who are still in a refugee camp in Zambia and whose travel documents are set to expire in April. Due to the halt in refugee admissions, there is much uncertainty as to whether Geogette and Edwina’s family will be able to join them. This has caused sadness and stress that the mentors are helping with as much as they can.

We thank you, the Temple Jeremiah community, for your ongoing support. ■

Please help Feed the Homeless

By **MINDY KURTZ**

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Thanks to all of our wonderful congregants whose combined efforts made more than 3,000 lunches this year! Those lunches helped to feed men and women on the west side of Chicago and in the northern suburbs of Lake County.

A different Sunday school grade level gathered in the lobby each month to assemble lunches made with the food the students so generously donated. A family who wishes to remain anonymous gathered each month in one of the member’s homes to produce 100 lunches. Empty nesters made a special trip to the temple to bring lunches. This year was one in which we had the most diverse ages of volunteers to assemble and deliver those lunches. I am so proud to be a part of this group of people who are teaching their children from an early age what it looks and feels like to be hungry. Your lessons will continue with them into adulthood!

Our program continues year-round on the first Sunday of each month, and especially over the summer, we need lunches! Since Sunday school is on vacation over the summer, we do not get the usual lunches from congregants on their way into school or temple activities. We need families to sign up on our Sign-Up Genius to help deliver the lunches, but most important we need everyone to make lunches at home and drop them off at the temple by 11 a.m.!

A heartfelt thank you to all who have helped feed the hungry in the past and a plea to continue to support this much needed service to the poor. ■



SOCIAL JUSTICE CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE:

May/June 2017

Tuesdays, May 2 and 15, 2017: Eat and Be Well

Sunday, May 7, 2017: Feed the Homeless

Sunday, May 7, 2017: Backpack Blessings

Sunday, June 4, 2017: Feed the Homeless

Tuesdays, June 6 and 20, 2017: Eat and Be Well



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

Jeremiah volunteers needed for Family Promise in July

By MICHELLE FELLMAN
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Looking for a meaningful way to give back to others, fulfill a Tikkun Olam project or community service hours, or get your family involved in an activity that highlights your good fortune?

“Looking for a meaningful way to give back to others?”

Promise with other North Shore congregations throughout the year.

Volunteers may bring nutritious meals, dine with guest families and/or entertain the guest children. Volunteers also may spend the night, arriving at 8:30 p.m. and leaving the next morning at 7 a.m. — a job that past chaperones have described as “simple” and “easy” and that can be done by a single adult, or an adult and child.

Sign up by clicking the Temple Jeremiah/

Consider volunteering for Family Promise at Temple Jeremiah this summer.

Temple Jeremiah will host several families in its classrooms July 9–23, 2017 as they find employment and establish a permanent housing plan. Temple Jeremiah takes turns hosting Family

Family Promise Sign-Up Genius link at templejeremiah.org/familypromise. If you don't have a Sign-Up Genius account, you may register for one when you sign up, or e-mail one of the coordinators: 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. ■



SUMMER SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT

WHITTIER SCHOOL IN WAUKEGAN NEEDS 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? The mild winter will soon give way to spring, and the end of the school year. Our children will bring home even more school supplies.

Our partially used supplies can be donated to help the students at Whittier! The families there greatly appreciate anything you can contribute for their students.

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)

We will have a designated box at the temple **June 12–22, 2017** to gather these gently used or brand new items.

If you would like to volunteer to help sort the donations on Thursday, June 22, 2017, please contact Randi Carr rsc60015@gmail.com or 847.767.0177 by June 15. Thank you!

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If you are interested in sponsoring an ad, please contact Ben Rancman at 262.247.7857 or brancman@4lpi.com.

Shabbat and Purim for Families with Special Needs

By **CAREN BROWN**

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It might be May, but I'm still thinking about the Shabbat service on Feb. 24, 2017, when Temple Jeremiah celebrated Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month (JDAIM). In case you missed it, it was a very special evening!

Many hearts and many hands went into the creation and delivery of that Kabbalat Shabbat service – from ushers and bakers to interpreters and technical people. Leading us in song and prayer were Jonah Sternweiler, Deborah Weinfuss, Sarah Mendel, and Sarah Weinstein. We heard Divrei Torah written by

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Inclusion Committee members Scott Mendel, Debra Grossman, and Michelle Myers. They told personal stories about their own or their loved one's disabilities and their relationships with Temple Jeremiah. Their pieces were moving and meaningful.

For the first time, a “visual schedule” was used during the service and projected on a large screen for all to see. This was similar to the one used during the separate holiday programs for families with special needs. The visual schedule provides structure,

focus, and simplified meaning for each part of the service so that everyone can follow along and participate more easily. Many congregants commented that it was an attractive and welcome addition to the service.

For me, the service on Feb. 24 was a reminder that Temple Jeremiah can be a spiritual home for people of all ages and abilities. I hope you'll plan to attend the JDAIM Shabbat service next February.

On Sunday, March 12, 2017, the Purim Carnival for Families with Special Needs was, once again, fun for all ages. The Carnival was opened before the Purim Schpiel so that people who needed a quieter environment could enjoy the same carnival as everyone else, just with fewer people, less noise, and adjusted game rules as needed. There were two bounce houses this year -- one for younger, smaller people, and one for older, bigger people -- and boy, did they get used, especially the bigger bounce house! The photo booth and toss games were very popular, as usual, and plenty of prizes were won by all.

The Carnival was attended by two families from Temple Jeremiah and four families from the community who had heard about our event from advertising and e-mail messages. It was nice to see familiar faces, as well as new ones. The players ranged in age from 2 to 18 years old, but even the adults seemed to have fun.

Acting as “carnies” were JeTY and Jr. JeTY kids, and Inclusion



Committee members Elan Adler, Valerie and Jay Slotnick, Debra Grossman, Sarah Weinstein, Caroline Margolis, Shelly Trilling, Phyllis Burg, Barbara Miller, Michelle Myers, and Cantor Amy Zussman. Sincere thanks to everyone for a great job!

By the time you read this, our Passover Seder held on Sunday, April 9 will be over. I'm sure it will have been wonderful, especially with our clergy leading the Seder and our participants acting out the Maggid. Watch for a review of the program in the next Covenant. ■

Jeremiah is heading to Israel!

By SARABETH SALZMAN

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Have you had a chance to travel to Israel with our Jeremiah community, led by Rabbi and Cathy Cohen? If not, it is time to cross it off of your bucket list!

On June 5, 2018, a group of families, couples, and individuals from Temple Jeremiah will be boarding a plane and heading to Israel for a unique, 10-day community trip with Rabbi and Cathy Cohen! On this trip, you will have opportunities to visit places such as the Dead Sea, Masada, Tel Aviv, and Jerusalem. We will experience an archeological dig, the outdoor markets of Jerusalem and Tel Aviv and we will tour the IDF Tank Force Museum and Independence Hall. This is only a taste of what you will find on the itinerary.

However, there is no doubt that two of the more powerful moments of this trip will be spending Shabbat together as a community in Israel and being witness to some of our own Jeremiah students becoming Bar and Bat Mitzvah.

By the time you return to Chicago on Friday, June 15, 2018, you will inevitably be coming home with new and stronger relationships with fellow congregants and of course, Rabbi and Cathy Cohen. You don't want to miss out on this opportunity. Please reach out to me if you are interested in learning more.

Michelle and Jon Fellman, past participants

on Jeremiah's community trip to Israel, said it best. "Our Israel trip was a fantastic experience in every way," they said. "The tour guides and Rabbi Cohen shared so much knowledge. We felt more connected than ever to our world community. Our daughter, Anna, also celebrated her bat mitzvah, which was meaningful for the entire family."

Please note: This trip is open to ALL congregants (individual, couples and families), regardless of if you are celebrating a Bar/Bat Mitzvah on the trip. ■



We are going to Israel!

Temple Jeremiah Intergenerational Trip to Israel

If you haven't been to Israel with Rabbi Cohen and your Jeremiah community, *this is your chance.*

Summer 2018:

Depart from Chicago on
Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Return to Chicago on
Friday, June 15, 2018

This trip is designed for people traveling as individuals, as couples, and as families — whether or not you have a Bar/Bat Mitzvah student.



If you're interested in learning more about this incredible opportunity, please contact Sarabeth at 847.441.5760 or sarabeth@templejeremiah.org AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Entering College Freshmen: Apply now for the Toddie Gray and Diane Mary Katz Scholarship Deadline: Friday, May 12, 2017

In memory of Toddie Gray and Diane Mary Katz, a college scholarship is awarded each year to a Temple Jeremiah high school senior who actively participated in or provided service to the temple or school. Applicants should also meet one or more of the following criteria: academic or other notable achievement, financial need, and service to the community.

To apply, a student who will be entering his/her first year of college this fall should write a letter to Rabbi Cohen telling about him/herself, interests and goals and describing his/her qualifications for being considered to receive this scholarship. Rabbi Cohen will review all applications with the scholarship committee. The deadline for receiving applications this year is May 12, 2017. Presentation of the scholarship will be made at a Shabbat service. Good luck!

PURIM 2017

Between our murder mystery-themed Adult Purim Party, Shushan Shuffle, Purim Carnival for Families with Special Needs, Purim Schpiel, and Purim Carnival, we all had an amazing Purim celebration at Temple Jeremiah.



OUR THANKS:

Thank you to our amazing Purim Carnival sponsors:

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More thanks:

Thank you to Gabrielle Feldman, the Women of Jeremiah, Avi Greenfield, and all of the teens who volunteered at the carnival. We couldn't have done it without you!



Brotherhood News

By **RUSTY COLMAN**
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Brotherhood is very pleased to announce this year's Brottman Scholarship winners. They are Avery Copeland, Freya Blomquist, Julia Pitluk, and Ruby Werber. We also have three runners-up. They can contact Rabbi Cohen or Rabbi Segal who will be able to grant them a scholarship from their discretionary funds. They are Max Copeland, Rayne LeBoyer, and Rebecca Pitluk. Thanks to Rusty Colman, committee chairman, and committee members Bruce Zimmerman, Charles Gurian, and Alan Turover, all of whom spent a great deal of time reading the essays. By the way, we had a record number of applicants this year, much of it due to the cooperation of Youth and Family Engagement Director Naomi Segal. Many thanks to Naomi for her assistance!

Last month, Brotherhood had its annual jazz night. A large group of brothers went into the city, as was the case in the past few years, to

hear some terrific jazz. Thanks to Brother Mike Pfeifer for chairing this event.

May is an especially busy month for Brotherhood. On May 5, 2017, we will have our annual Brotherhood Shabbat Dinner and Services. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. and services will begin at 8 p.m.

Reservations should be sent to chairman Joel Rovner as soon as possible at jrovner@comcast.net. The following Sunday, May 7, 2017, we'll have our monthly Kibbitz 'n' Bites breakfast at 8:45 a.m. Drop off the kids at Sunday school and head

over to Max and Benny's for some great food and terrific conversation. As always, Brother Larry Tracey will be in charge. On Sunday, May 21, 2017, we will have a Brotherhood meeting. In June, we'll host a BBQ for the congregation on June 23, 2017.

This column will be on hiatus until the fall. Brotherhood wishes all Jeremiahs a fun summer! ■

Caring Community is here to help!

By **BARB KITE and PATTY TURIM**
Caring Community Co-Chairs
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We want to thank those members who took the time out from their busy schedules to bring a meal to those that have been a little under the weather!

- Gail Modro

Joining Caring Community is an easy way to volunteer ... and we need more members who can help. Please sign up and help when you can!

Please contact Barb Kite at BKite1002@gmail.com or Patty Turim at PandMT@aol.com and let us know how we can help or to join! ■

Not getting our e-mails?

We send out a weekly e-newsletter, Good and Welfare notices, and other announcements via e-mail.

If you're not getting our e-mail, or if you want to change your e-mail preferences, please contact Lia at lia@templejeremiah.org.

Be in touch with us!

Call the office at 847.441.5760 whenever you need us.

Our office is open Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Fridays 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Our website, www.templejeremiah.org, is open 24/7.

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.



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

Women of Jeremiah Gift Shop

The ENTIRE store (except for tallitot) will be 50% off on the last day of Sunday school, Sunday, May 21, 2017.

Regular shop hours are Monday and Wednesday, 1-6 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 1 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!

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FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2017

CAMP SHABBAT:

A SENDOFF TO ALL THOSE
GOING TO CAMP THIS
SUMMER!

6-6:30 p.m. | Kabbalat Shabbat Reception

6:30-7:30 p.m. | H(OUR) Shabbat Worship

7:30 p.m. | Dinner for campers and their families going to camp this summer

Are you going to day camp or sleepaway camp this summer? If so, join us for a special Shabbat service where anyone going to camp this summer will get a special gift and a sendoff blessing wishing them a great summer!

RSVP to Naomi@templejeremiah.org for the camp dinner by Wednesday, May 17.

\$10 per person for dinner, kids 3 and under are free.





VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: MARC BERNSTEIN, *continued from page 6*

technology, I thought I could have an impact on the Communications Committee. I think that's turned out to be a good choice.

What has the Communications Committee been involved with since you joined?

When I came on, the committee was already engaged in a redesign of the Temple Jeremiah website, so I was glad to be able to have an opportunity to provide a few insights before the upcoming launch (which will be soon!). In addition, we've had requests from some of the committee chairs and program leads for guidance on how best to communicate and market temple programs to the congregation. The committee has been working on developing some guidelines for the chairs, which will hopefully set expectations as well as streamline the work for the temple staff.

What have you gained through your involvement?

The main thing is that I've had an opportunity to interact closely with some of the committee members and develop personal relationships with them, so that's been very satisfying.

What do you like about Friday night services?

I enjoy the musical nature of our services. I always leave a Jeremiah service feeling more energized and at peace than when I went in.

Why is it important to volunteer with your synagogue?

L'dor vador (from generation to generation) – it's important now that my kids are past their Bar/Bat Mitzvah, and I'm able to find the time to give back to the temple, to ensure that all of the great benefits we received over the years are available to the next generation. My parents, especially my mother, were very active in synagogue life when I was young, and I hope to set that model for my children.

What do you like about Jeremiah in general?

No question, it's the warmth, friendliness, and connectedness of all of the leadership here. I love the vibrant community with all of the activities from adult learning to social justice to our world-class religious education – they provide plenty of opportunities for anyone to be involved in the synagogue. On top of that, we have a beautiful sanctuary and a fabulous intimate chapel, which I find to be unique.

**“It is imperative that we
continue to develop new leaders
to guarantee that the strong
traditions of our congregation
continue into the future.”**

What would you tell someone

thinking about getting involved here?

I think being involved in the temple is a really rewarding experience. It is imperative that we continue to develop new leaders to guarantee that the strong traditions of our congregation continue into the future. ■

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

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

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

Waterpark Adventure

Sunday, May 21, 2017

11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

2nd*-8th graders: Come and splash around with friends at a water park as we celebrate the last day of religious school and the end of a great year in Club 345 and Jr. JeTY! \$25 includes admission, lunch, and bus, which will depart from and return to Temple Jeremiah. RSVP to Naomi at Naomi@templejeremiah.org. Please note: If high school students want to help out at this event, please contact Naomi! *2nd graders are invited to this event too!

Interfaith Ramadan & Shabbat Celebration

Friday, June 9, 2017

7-10 p.m.

Celebrate Shabbat and Ramadan with our Muslim youth group friends at the SABAH mosque with a delicious meal! This event is for 8th-12th graders. We will carpool to and from the SABAH mosque. RSVP to naomi@templejeremiah.org.

JeTY Interfaith Shabbat Dinner

By NAOMI SEGAL

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On a cool Friday evening, 20 Muslim and Jewish high school students gathered around the dinner table for a delicious meal. Many of them were meeting for the first time. As the teens introduced themselves, it was difficult at times to tell who was Muslim and who was Jewish. The intention of this gathering was to celebrate Shabbat with Muslim teens from the SABAH Mosque (Society of American Bosnians and Herzegovinians) in Franklin Park and learn about each other's religion and traditions. Everyone brought a different dish to the dinner, reflecting both religions, and the diverse array of food reminded us that Muslim and Jews have similar food traditions (i.e. no pork). As the meal progressed, the conversation took on a variety of topics — from what everyone was studying in school, to Instagram, to what symbols mean in each of our religions.

"I was expecting that this gathering was going to be a big culture shock," said Spencer Lavin, a senior at New Trier. "I was pleasantly surprised that the other teenagers were the same as us; they just practice a different religion. I was amazed at how similar we were even though the media exaggerates differences between Muslims and Jews. I also really enjoyed getting to know more teenagers from Temple Jeremiah."

Marley Ruskin, a sophomore at Deerfield, had a similar experience during the evening.

"I think it was good to be exposed to a different culture and I enjoyed



learning about their food traditions," she said. "I thought it was also good that it showed that Muslims are no different than Americans and vice versa. I also liked getting to know the girls more and see how things were the same and different in their daily life compared to mine."

Everyone had such a great time that we want to get together again with our friends at SABAH. JeTY is planning on visiting the Muslim teens at their mosque on Friday, June 9, 2017, to help them break their fast for Ramadan and for us to celebrate Shabbat. This gathering is open to all 8th-12th graders, so if you did not have a chance to come to this dinner, we hope that you can join us on Friday, June 9! ■

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

May program: Pulse of Our World featuring 'Skin Deep' film

By **RICHARD GELINE**
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Pulse of Our World: "Skin Deep" Film Sunday, May 7, 2017, 10 a.m.

The 2016-2017 Adult Learning program comes to a close on May 7 with the final Pulse of Our World discussion. Join us for a special showing of "Skin Deep," a documentary exploring personal and societal biases. A response to the reappearance of overt racist activity in the United States, "Skin Deep" challenges student and community audiences to examine their own race-related beliefs. The Anti-Defamation League will lead a discussion of the movie and anti-bias exercises.

As this year's program comes to a close, I would like to extend thanks to all members who attended the sessions. Ultimately your presence is the final determinant of our success. With your presence and support the program cannot fail; without your presence it cannot succeed. Equally important is thanks extended to all the Adult

Learning Committee members and Temple Jeremiah staff, whose efforts help make the program a reality.

"With your assistance we can further enhance the value of membership at Temple Jeremiah."

Planning is now underway for the 2017-2018 program. Now is the time to gather ideas for topics to be presented. If you have heard a special presentation, learned about a special event, an organization with a special

mission or an individual with special and interesting knowledge please forward the ideas to me at rgeline@sbcglobal.net for possible incorporation into our 2017-2018 program. Remember there are no boundaries. History past and present, art, music, biography and more are all welcome. With your assistance we can further enhance the value of membership at Temple Jeremiah. ■

Annual Board Meeting and Dinner Monday, May 22, 2017, 6:15 p.m. Dinner, 7 p.m. Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting includes the election of our officers and directors as well as reports on our finances and activities. This is your chance to learn how your financial commitments are spent and the scope of our programming. Watch your e-mail for more information on our special program that night. Please RSVP to Donna at 847.441.5760 or donna@templejeremiah.org.

Downtown Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Cohen: "Talmud for Today: Applying Ancient Jewish Text to the 21st Century"

12-1 p.m. downtown (RSVP for address)

Join us for our last session of the year, which will take place at a downtown office building. At each meeting Rabbi Cohen brings 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. 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, 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.

May 6 Acharei Mot-Kedoshim | **May 13** Emor | **May 20** Behar-Bechukotai | **May 27** Bamidbar

OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES ON THE LOSS OF*:

Bruce Cooke, step-father of Carol Golder

Ethyl Evans, grandmother of Abbi Gurevitz

Richard "Dick" Homer, husband of Judith Homer, father of Laurel Shapiro

Constance "Connie" Kimmel, mother of Ellen Muslin

June Luxmore, mother of Shelley Cohen

Dolores (Dee) Oberman, mother of Larry Oberman

Isaac Pilossoph, father of Jackie Pilossoph

Donald Wetzel, father of Doug Wetzel

MAZEL TOV TO*:

Diane and Brian Albert, on the marriage of their daughter, Gina, to Evan Granat

Susan and Jules Joffe, on the birth of their granddaughter, Jordyn Rachel Joffe

Sheryl and Jim Lewis, on the birth of their granddaughter, Scarlett Gayle Lewis

Cynthia and Andy Miller, on the engagement of their son, Brett, to Lynnley Rothenberg, and on the engagement of their daughter, Marti, to Brad Lipkin. Congrats to Brett and Marti's sister, Marissa Miller.

Catherine and Mitch Orpett, on the marriage of their daughter, Jacqueline, to Aaron Piatowski

MAY BIRTHDAYS:

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



Bonnie Bachenheimer • Richard Baum • Judd Brody • Peggy Clancy • Barbara Dickstein • Marilyn Friedman • Elizabeth Hart • Gary Rockoff • Sally Rotter-Fishman • Patti Schreiber • Stephen Stabner • Scott Tiplitsky • Ellen Toban

MAZEL TOV TO OUR MAY B'NAI MITZVAH

CANDIDATES:

Billy Fradin, son of Bari and Rick Fradin

Caleb Katz, son of Pam and Craig Katz

Jessica Hammersley, daughter of Tami and Howard Hammersley

Sloane Shabelman, daughter of Beth and Doug Shabelman

Bailey Onix, daughter of Felissa and Micah Onix

Chloe Bergstein, daughter of Sharon and Jeff Bergstein

Jane Pinsky, daughter of Lisa and Mark Pinsky

MAY ANNIVERSARIES:

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



40 Years Jeffrey and Shari Sacks

30 Years Leo and Kyle Weinstein

20 Years Terry and Marie Mikell
Ronald and Deborah Kalish
Allan and Michelle VanEvery

10 Years Debra and Matthew Mish

WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Laura and Jonas Cannon

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

Calendar of Events							May 2017	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
	1 3:45 p.m. Nosh & Mingle	2 10 a.m. Eat and Be Well	3 3:45 pm. Nosh & Mingle	4	5 6 p.m. Tot Shabbat 6:30 p.m. Brotherhood Shabbat Dinner 8 p.m. Erev Shabbat Worship, featuring Brotherhood Shabbat	6 8:30 a.m. Tefilah 9:15 a.m. Torah Study 11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Worship 7:30 p.m. Golder Interfaith Initiative featuring Clarence Page		
7 Feed the Homeless 9 a.m. Brotherhood Kibbitz 'n' Bites 10 a.m. Adult Learning: Showing of "Skin Deep" Film 10:30 a.m. Backpack Blessings	8 3:45 p.m. Nosh & Mingle	9	10 3:45 pm. Nosh & Mingle	11 10 a.m. Women of Jeremiah Book Club	12 6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Reception 6:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Worship, featuring Rabbi Segal's Farewell Shabbat	13 8:30 a.m. Tefilah 9:15 a.m. Torah Study 9 & 11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Worship		
14 <i>No Religious School — Mothers Day</i>	15	16 10 a.m. Eat and Be Well	17 12 p.m. Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Cohen	18	19 6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Reception 6:30 p.m. H(OUR) Shabbat Worship, featuring Camp Sendoff Shabbat 7:30 p.m. Camp Sendoff Shabbat Dinner	20 8:30 a.m. Tefilah 9:15 a.m. Torah Study 11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Worship		
21 Last Day of Religious School 11 a.m. Club 34-5 and Jr. JeTY Waterpark Adventure 11:30 a.m. Confirmation	22 6:15 p.m. Annual Board Meeting and Dinner	23	24	25	26 6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Reception 6:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Worship	27 8:30 a.m. Tefilah 9:15 a.m. Torah Study 11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Worship		
28	29 <i>Memorial Day — Office Closed</i>	30 7 p.m. Community-Wide Tikun Leil Shavuot Program at Am Shalom	31 <i>Shavuot — Office Closed</i> 9:30 a.m. Shavuot Apple Pancake Breakfast 10 a.m. Shavuot Worship and Yizkor					

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Jackie Andelman
*On the occasion of her special
birthday*
-Marcy and Morry
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David Atkins
Son of Cathy and Ed
Atkins, *on the occasion of his
marriage to Faith Botica*
-Holly and Terry Goldin

Josh Fein
*On the occasion of his
Deerfield Varsity hockey team
being awarded "Coaches
Choice"*
-Susanne and Roger Fein

Kay Gordon
*On the occasion of her
birthday*
-Bobbie and Sam Goldman

Scarlett Gayle Lewis
Granddaughter of Sheryl
and Jim Lewis, *on the
occasion of her birth*
-Cindy and Hal Schwartz

Anne Lidsky
*On the occasion of her special
birthday*
-Barbara Kite

Anne and Jerry Lidsky
*On the occasion of their 50th
wedding anniversary*
-Mindy and Randy Kurtz

Marty Polin
*On the occasion of his special
birthday*
-Shelly Trilling

Joel Rovner
-Fay and R.A. Wasserman

Dylan Zbaraz
Son of Stacy and Tobby

Zbaraz, grandson of Fern
and Michael Kamen and
Deety and Bruce
Winograd, *on the occasion
of him becoming a Bar
Mitzvah*
-Bonnie and Herb Horn

IN MEMORY OF

Bruce Cooke
Step-father of Carol
Golder
-Marjorie Gilbert
-Gilbert-Koplow Family
-Craig, Debbie, and Alan
Marlowe
-Sheila Schlaggar

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-Susanne and Roger Fein

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Mother of Sheila
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-Carol and Arnie Fishbain
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-Bonnie Sorkin and Peter
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Hartman
-Susan and Michael
Hartman

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father of Laurel Shapiro
-Jeanne and Gabe Angres
-Howard Brenner
-Joan Golder
-Bobbie and Sam Goldman
-Kay and Bart Gordon
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1. Mail in a check (be sure to include a note as to what the donation is for and which fund you prefer).
2. Call Jill at the temple office (847.441.5760).
3. Visit the Member Login section of our website and click on "make a donation" to donate online via credit card. If you do not have your user name and password, call the temple office.



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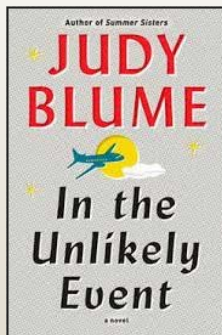
Women of Jeremiah Book Club

Summertime ... and the reading is waiting! Join us in the temple library.

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

Thursday, May 11, 2017, 10-11:30 a.m.

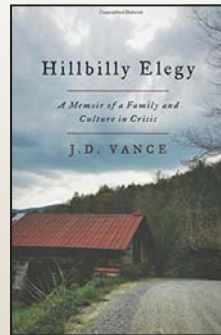
"In the Unlikely Event" by Judy Blume



Three planes crashed in Judy Blume's hometown one year, and these actual happenings serve as the backdrop for her novel. She transports us back into the '50s with great attention to detail as her characters probe what it means to live with disaster.

Thursday, June 8, 2017, 10-11:30 a.m.

"Hillbilly Elegy: a Memoir of a Family and a Culture In Crisis" by J.D. Vance



This NYT #1 bestseller has been named by the Economist, Wall Street Journal and NYT as one of the best books to help explain our confusing political times. It is a memoir of a poor Appalachian working class family struggling to make a better life.

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