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L'hitraot (see you soon) from Rabbi Segal

By RABBI EMILY E. SEGAL  
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Dear Friends,

I am fond of a particular story from the Talmud (Eruvin 53b); it is one that I am certain that I have shared with you in the past. Rabbi Yehoshua Ben Chananiah said, "Once, a child got the better of me." He explained, "I was travelling and I met a child at a fork in the road. I asked him, 'What is the way to the city?' The child pointed past the fork down one path and answered, 'This way is short but long.' Pointing down the other path, the child said, 'And this way is long but short.' I took the 'short but long' way. I soon came close to the city but found my approach blocked and obstructed by orchards and gardens and brambles. It was practically impossible to pass. So, I retraced my steps and came upon the child again. I said to him, 'Son, did you not tell me that this was the *short* way?' The child replied, 'Didn't I tell you that it was also long?'"

Looking back over these seven years that I have served the Jeremiah community as one of your rabbis, it truly feels that it has been both long and short. In some ways, the time has flown by — filled with holidays and

Shabbatot, youth group events and Women's Seders, social justice and adult learning, Green Team meetings and baby play groups, writing and reading, baby namings and shiva minyans, B'nai Mitzvah and weddings. For me, our time together has indeed flown by and yet it has been so full, overflowing with activity and learning and creating sacred moments together. More than long, more than short, my time as part of the Jeremiah family has, to me, been meaningful and has been an incredible blessing for me and for my family.



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When speaking with colleagues, I often have found myself commenting that I felt like I had "won the jackpot" to have somehow been lucky enough to land at Temple Jeremiah. And I really meant it every single time I said it. I want each of you to know how very special this community is; this doesn't happen at every congregation and this doesn't happen by accident. It is a rare and special thing to be part of such a happy, harmonious, healthy community that does not just "talk the talk" — of education, of social justice, of community-building, of prayer — but "walks the walk" as well. And it is because of all of you. Within the circles of our

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**In this Covenant, you'll learn...**

... what our new temple president hopes to achieve. *page 3*

... what one of our volunteers learned from serving on the Nominating Committee. *page 6*

... the top 10 things one of our staff members loves most about Jeremiah. *page 11*

... fun facts about Jeremiah in our special trivia game. *page 14*

# Lately around Temple Jeremiah



**1:** New Member Brunch (4/9/17)   **2:** Jeremiah Buddies (4/16/17)   **3:** Club 345 Chocolate Seder (4/8/17)   **4:** Passover Seder for Families with Special Needs (4/9/17)   **5:** Jr. JeTY Lock In and Room Escape (4/14/17)   **6:** Religious school Yom Ha'Atzmaut program (5/1/17)

## Sacred leadership

By **BARB MILLER**

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I am writing you from the Scheidt Seminar in Atlanta, Georgia at the end of April. The Scheidt Seminar, sponsored by the URJ (Union for Reform Judaism), gathers incoming presidents to teach them everything there is to know about being a congregational president. The conference is three days long. My initial thought was to wonder what we were going to do for three days that couldn't be done in a day and a half. But, in the end, it turned out there was so much more than could actually be taught in three days.

Here at Scheidt, you are recognized by the name of your congregation, your location, and the size of your membership. At 950 families, I was immediately placed in the "large" group of

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congregations. We were one of the largest temples attending the conference, and most averaged around 300-400 families. I quickly learned that with size came expectations. It seems that I was expected to know things just because

I was from a large congregation. For example, I was asked how we handle social justice, a topic I am very familiar with, but also about board governance, budgeting, capital campaigns, member recruitment and retention, and clergy selection – topics I am just starting to learn about. But there was no question that Temple Jeremiah is viewed as a leader among synagogues. I am both proud and a bit intimidated by that reality.

At Scheidt, the teachers asked us to reflect on what our presidencies

will stand for, what values will we govern by, and what we hope to accomplish. My first observation is that leadership is sacred. The work of Temple Jeremiah is spiritual, and directly affects people's lives. Nothing is more important to me than making a connection with someone and adding to the richness of their lives. Temple should be a place that offers opportunities to be the best person you can be and perhaps to enrich someone else's life as well. I view my term as a privilege, and an opportunity not to be taken lightly. It is sacred.



Second, leadership should be transparent. In an effort to be transparent and informative, I plan to include in my monthly column some discussion about what our Board is working on. I will provide a summary of the previous board meeting and a short financial statement. If you would like additional information on a regular basis, please let me know at [bmiller54@comcast.net](mailto:bmiller54@comcast.net).

Third, leadership should consider the future. "Think about the long term" are words that were emphasized repeatedly during my stay in Atlanta. It is easy to get stuck in the here and now, but leadership needs to secure the long term. What do we want Temple Jeremiah to look like in five years? What steps must the temple take so it can continue to thrive? Identifying and pursuing those steps will be the goal of my term.

As I conclude my time at the Scheidt conference I am still searching for the perfect words to express the one guiding principle that will inform my presidency. It may take me an entire term to find the words, but I will keep you posted! Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president. ■

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE: June 2017

### Friday, June 2, 2017

6 p.m. Tot Shabbat  
8 p.m. Erev Shabbat Worship featuring "Thank You Shabbat"

### Saturday, June 3, 2017

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

### Friday, June 9, 2017

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

### Saturday, June 10, 2017

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

### Friday, June 16, 2017

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

### Saturday, June 17, 2017

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

### Friday, June 23, 2017

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

### Saturday, June 24, 2017

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

### Friday, June 30, 2017

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

## Summer Hebrew practice

By **DR. ANNE LIDSKY**  
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Warm weather! Easier schedules! No Hebrew homework ... No, no, no – please support our efforts to keep your child's Hebrew skills at a solid level. Four months without a formal class is too long, unless children spend 5-10 minutes reading ALOUD several times each week. Hebrew 1 students should utilize the latter part of their textbook and Hebrew 2-4 students need to re-read prayers they learned during the year. In regard to "practicing prayers," it is not very helpful to simply recite words from memory. Students need to READ words, perhaps out of order or starting at the end of a prayer, or something with which they are less familiar. All Hebrew 2, 3, and 4 students receive reading sheets throughout the year – use these a few minutes a day. Your children will re-enter in September as strong, confident readers with just a few minutes of work each day. Enjoy your summer!

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Also...try something new this summer:

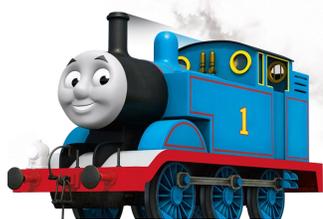
1. If you have young children at home, choose a "Jewish book" every Friday night for your bedtime ritual (books are available for borrowing for children as young as 2 years old through the intermediate years).
2. Collect tzedakah by putting extra change in a special container at the end of each day. Every couple of weeks, count your collection and decide, as a family, which organization will be the recipient. Call if you need ideas.
3. Try making your own challah on a

Friday morning or afternoon. Take the easy, but aromatic route, by purchasing Rhodes frozen dough. Let one loaf defrost, then divide into three parts, roll out "snakes," braid, let rise for one hour, brush with egg and sesame seeds and bake for 20 minutes. Your kitchen will smell like a bakery. ■



## Hebrew words of the week

Have you noticed our Hebrew words of the week in our e-newsletters and on our digital screens? Here are some of our recent words in case you missed them.



רַכָּבֵת

Rah-KEH-vet  
 "Train"



צִפּוֹר

Tzee-POR  
 "Bird"



מִתְּנָה

Mah-tah-NAH  
 "Gift"



חַלוֹן

Chah-LONE  
 "Window"

## School Registration for 2017-2018

School families: School registration is open now! Visit the Temple Jeremiah website and click on "Member Login." Please make sure your account is up to date so you can sign up for classes. If you have special requests for a class friendship, specific time or day, remember that classes fill quickly. If you have a financial question, connect with our bookkeeper, Jennifer (jennifer@templejeremiah.org), or our executive director, Danny (daniel@templejeremiah.org). Send any school-related questions to Sheila (sheila@templejeremiah.org).

## Cycles

By ADAM KAHAN

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I'm writing from the tarmac at Newark Liberty Airport, just outside of New York City. I don't know if anyone has ever described Newark as relaxing, or the scene of great stress relief, but this little stretch of asphalt jungle is exactly that for me right in this moment. I am preparing to return home after nearly a week in New York City, completing the third year of my cantorial studies. Three down, one to go. Well, I actually have a paper yet to write on the impact of American culture on Reform Jewish worship music. Believe it or not, that topic was of my own choosing ... and it is actually fascinating (to me, at least). Even though I still have this paper outstanding ... oh, I also need to fulfill the expectation that I will develop five different family and adult education sessions on Sukkot, Chanukah, Tu B'Shvat, Passover, and Purim. So yes, there is still some work to be done, but I must take a moment to appreciate all that just happened.

I wish you could meet my classmates, and witness what they just accomplished. Each one presented a 30-minute setting of service music, ripe with classic cantorial chanting, modern melodies ... even some secular pieces. Each of these classmates also presented on a paper on a selected topic of their choosing (like my American worship music paper). These subjects ran the gamut from Sephardic Music (of Spain and the Middle East) to music of the Golden Age of Cantors, the Music of Tin Pan Alley, and an intense look at the beautiful poem L'cha Dodi. We learned, we taught, we sang. It was amazing and inspiring. Many in our Jewish community would, understandably, figure that a cantorial education would only focus on music, but it has encompassed so many more areas of academia and practical application ... and as I witness my classmates' growth, and absorb the amazing scholarship, I am just filled with pride.

While it has been extremely rewarding, it has, in all honesty, also been extremely challenging. The push to complete the work, and maintain my integrity to our Jeremiah community, and my family, has required diligence, commitment, and perseverance at a level I never knew before. I mean that not as a personal lament, or as self-aggrandizing praise. Rather, operating at that level of energy ... pushing and pushing to get the work done over the last several months in anticipation of this past week, I now recognize the importance to stop, appreciate, acknowledge, and release. So it goes with cycles. So it goes, whether we are discussing our work, our studies, our lives ... so it goes with cycles. We must stop and assess. Stop and appreciate. Stop and take note.

There is no possible way that I could embark on this education

without your support, and the support of all of Temple Jeremiah. Now, when I teach a group of kids, and we discover a new perspective on their Judaism ... on what it is to be a human being trying to figure out childhood, life ... well, know that you made that happen. When I have the pleasure of learning from, and teaching to, a group of our adult temple members ... please know that you allowed me to gain the knowledge that I hope to pass on. When we gather together in prayer, and the vibrations of music bring us to a place of needed expression, that exists only in our sharing, in our mutual support.

There is no possible way that I could keep all the plates spinning without the amazing commitment of my coworkers here at the temple. No doubt, I could go on and on acknowledging the individuals who do so very much, on a daily basis, here on our staff.

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You would likely be amazed at all the work enacted in producing the results of this institution ... it is stunning. I would, though, like to take a moment to acknowledge Lia (Lehrer) Goldfarb, who, by the time this bulletin reaches you, will be taking some time away from the temple. As

Lia and her husband, Adam, anticipate the arrival of a daughter in June, Lia has shared her intention to step back from a full-time role moving forward. So comes an end to a cycle of her life and the joyous beginning of the next. I have appreciated all the times I got to smile in Lia's presence, witnessing her transition to engagement and then marriage, and now the anticipation of parenthood. I have smiled as we talk about a mutual appreciation, say nerdiness, about chanting Torah, and I marvel at her commitment to enriching the lives of the next generation of Jews. Her love for her Judaism, and desire to make a difference is tremendous. I am beyond delighted that she intends to remain a tutor in our B'nai Mitzvah program, so that our students can continue to learn from her wisdom.

We may sometimes hesitate to acknowledge an individual for fear of leaving someone else out, and yet we don't want to miss the opportunity to acknowledge someone out of that fear. Maybe it's just about thanking just one person, or letting them know how you appreciate them. I appreciate all here at Temple Jeremiah, and I relish this opportunity to also highlight one who has been walking her walk of a commitment to her Jewish community, our Jewish community, and to the world. As we say, B'hatzlachah ... “With great success” as we reflect on her amazing completion of one cycle, and embarking on the next...and B'sha'ah Tova ... may the arrival of that next contributor to the journey come “at a good hour.” ■



## Save the date for High Holy Days at Temple Jeremiah:

**Erev Rosh HaShanah:** Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2017

**Rosh HaShanah Day I:** Thursday, Sept. 21, 2017

**Erev Yom Kippur:** Friday, Sept. 29, 2017

**Yom Kippur:** Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017

# Volunteer Spotlight: Avi Greenfield

By LIA GOLDFARB

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*Avi Greenfield is a member of our Board of Directors, recently also served on our Assistant Rabbi Search Committee, and is the chair of our Youth Committee. We sat down with Avi to learn more about why he's involved at Temple Jeremiah.*

### How long have you been at Jeremiah and why did you join?

We joined in 2010, having recently moved from Chicago to Glenview. When our daughter Sloan was ready for kindergarten, we knew we wanted to join a temple. It was pretty clear right away when we came here that this would be a great fit for us. The warmth, the energy that we felt here, the services; we loved the music and the worship felt very comfortable and familiar to us. Everyone was just so welcoming and engaging, it felt like a great fit for us.

### Did you know you wanted to volunteer?

It took me a few years to get involved on the volunteer front. I had been traveling a lot for work and that made it challenging to get involved in any meaningful way. Then I did the Leadership Development cohort in 2014-2015 and that was a great experience –

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it was very eye-opening in terms of everything that goes on here. We got a good understanding of what it takes to keep this place running and meeting the needs of our community.

Later in the year I participated in the Nominating Committee, and that's when I really recognized what remarkable people we have here in terms of volunteer leadership. Our staff is great, our clergy is great, but participating in the Nominating Committee and having the opportunity to join the Board really opened my eyes in terms of all of the effort, energy, and talent that the volunteer leaders

contribute to making this a great place. So when I joined the Board, I knew I wanted to do more to contribute in other ways, and that coincided with fewer travel commitments for work and having more



time available.

### What's it been like being on the Board?

It's been good, very interesting. I think that Joel has been a really excellent leader. When you get 20+ people – especially 20+ Jews – in a group, you'll get a lot of opinions, some pretty strongly held, but I think that in general the Board has been terrific in terms of cooperating and collaborating, recognizing different points of view but still coming to a consensus in terms of how to move forward on most things. It's been very rewarding to see the process, to see the commitment of the leadership, both professional and volunteer.

### How did you get involved with the Youth Committee?

Last fall I agreed to chair the Youth Committee – Joel knew that I have daughters in 7th and 5th grade, and he knew about my past background with youth leadership as a teenager. It's been a very cool and rewarding experience. It's been great doing this right as Naomi Segal came on board, and we really ramped up the programming for the youth – it's been very rewarding to see all of the energy and participation in those programs.

### What does the Youth Committee do?

The Youth Committee is involved in guiding and advising Naomi. We help provide volunteers at programs like the Purim Carnival, etc. It's been terrific having a full-time professional in the role, especially someone with the energy and enthusiasm Naomi has. Going forward, I'm looking to build up the membership of the committee a bit more, making sure we have representation of all the age ranges of the kids and their parents, and working together to make sure the programming continues to be interesting and meaningful to the kids and encourages them to stay involved.

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## Volunteer in the temple office

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

**Thank you to our April office volunteers:** Elan Adler, Arnie Fishbain, Hershy Pappadis, Dale Reiff, Suzy Salerno, Stacy Sims, and Barbara Schwarz

## Mazel tov to the 5777 Temple Jeremiah Confirmation Class

*Julia Belian*  
daughter of  
Terry & Gail Belian

*Jenna Katlin*  
daughter of  
Andy & Susan Katlin

*Adam Odzer*  
son of  
Jill Odzer

*Gilbert Salerno*  
son of  
Richard & Susan  
Salerno

*Abbe Brenner*  
daughter of  
Bob & Lisa Brenner

*Mya Kaufman*  
daughter of  
Mark & Christine  
Kaufman

*Noah Osher*  
son of  
Gerald & Marcia Osher

*Samuel Schurgin*  
son of  
Brian & Lisa Schurgin

*Anna Fellman*  
daughter of  
Jon & Michelle Fellman

*Andrew Kost*  
son of  
Jeff & Jamie Kost

*Nathan Pitluk*  
son of  
Quentin & Carolyn  
Pitluk

*Anna Shabelman*  
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Shabelman

*Sophie Goodman*  
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Billy & Andrea  
Goodman

*August Mikell*  
son of  
Terry & Marie Mikell

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son of  
Michael & Sari  
Montgomery

*Sylvia Ryba*  
daughter of  
Tony Ryba & Abra  
Berkley

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congregation — of staff, of lay leaders, of individuals and couples and families — we are each lucky to experience a sense of joy and purpose in our coming together. Every single day of my time at Jeremiah I have felt — and continue to feel — very lucky indeed to be one of your rabbis.

By now you know that come July, I will be the rabbi of Aspen Jewish Congregation, which serves the entire Roaring Fork Valley in Colorado. And while I feel anticipation and excitement in my choice to move forward professionally and to begin this new chapter in the life of my family, I feel a certain sadness as well. This community is, and all of you are, dear to me. So let us not say “Shalom,” goodbye, let us say “L’hitraot,” until we see each other again.

I want to conclude my final Covenant article by saying “Thank you.”

I am grateful to each of you for allowing me to lay the foundation for my rabbinate in this special and nurturing congregational community. Thank you for embracing me and Scott — and then Samantha and Ezra — with such warmth and openness. To the devoted staff that I have gotten to work with — and have fun with! — here at Jeremiah over these years, thank you so much; you are the best. And to Danny, Anne, Adam, (and Cantor Amy and Michael, too) and Rabbi Cohen: you are each incredible human beings and fabulous at what you do. I consider myself lucky to have been part of our little “family.” I have cherished every moment of it and I cherish each of you.

With Gratitude and Love, L’hitraot—  
Rabbi Segal ■

# 2017 CEL Art Fair a huge success!

By JUDY CRAVEN  
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Temple Jeremiah and the Center for Enriched Living partnered in this vibrant art fair on Sunday, April 9, 2017 showcasing and selling beautiful multimedia pieces of art. More than 90 beautiful works of art were sold!

All proceeds went directly to the 15 artists, totaling about \$725.

The art show was fun, warm, and a huge success for all. The artists worked on the art all year. In the spirit of "getting proximate" with our partners at CEL, temple congregant Linda Steinhaus volunteered in working with the artists in their class. Everyone involved benefited from the collaborative energy of this event.

Artist Rachel said, "I loved it when people bought my art. I felt so special that they were going to hang it in their homes."

The art was creative and beautiful, and now can decorate the homes of our congregants and community.

High school senior Ben Michel was on hand to photograph the event.

Once again, we are grateful for Carey Gelfand's company, Corporate Artworks, who generously donated all of the mattings and framing for the show, enhancing the event even more.

The Center for Enriched Living exists so that people with developmental disabilities can be fully included in the community, achieve personal success and enjoy a good quality of life.

We are proud to partner with the Center and look forward to a continued relationship with this great organization! ■



## SOCIAL JUSTICE CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE: June/July 2017



**Sunday, June 4, 2017:** Feed the Homeless  
**Tuesdays, June 6 and 20, 2017:** Eat and Be Well

**Sunday, July 2, 2017:** Feed the Homeless

**Thursday, July 6, 2017:** Eat and Be Well

**Tuesday, July 18, 2017:** Eat and Be Well

For more information, visit [www.templejeremiah.org/socialjustice](http://www.templejeremiah.org/socialjustice).

## More Family Promise help needed this summer: Coordinators explain how

By **MICHELLE FELLMAN**

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Volunteering for Family Promise is not only easy, fun, and meaningful, it's also important. In fact, this summer, Temple Jeremiah will host Family Promise for two weeks in a row — from July 9 through July 23, 2017 — for the first time ever. Why? Because our help is needed.

In a Q&A about Family Promise volunteering at Temple Jeremiah, coordinators Jon and Michelle Fellman, Amy Rubinstein, and Sybil Stern discuss Family Promise, explaining how to bring and serve dinners to guests, entertain guest children and spend the night as chaperones, and how these activities have been easy, fun and meaningful to them and their families.

### Q: What is Family Promise?

A (Jon Fellman): Temple Jeremiah and other North Shore synagogues and churches take turns around the year, giving shelter and meals to families — many with small children — as they find employment and figure out a plan to return to permanent housing. Many of the families are enrolled in Family Promise because they suffered some kind of setback, like a work injury or illness, or because they got laid off from their job.

### Q: What are the volunteer positions for Family Promise?

A (Jon Fellman): We need help with bringing dinner and serving it to guests, dining with guests, entertaining guest children and chaperoning the guests overnight. Volunteers may be individuals, couples or families with children.

### Q: How do you know what to bring for dinner?

A (Michelle Fellman): We have a signup through a Signup Genius link (located at [templejeremiah.org/familypromise](http://templejeremiah.org/familypromise)) through which you can select an evening to bring a particular dish. Typically, a few days before you bring the meal, one of the coordinators will call or e-mail you to suggest a dish to bring to avoid repeat meals, make sure they fit with the guests' diet preferences, and to let you know of any food allergies that any of the guests may have.

### Q: How much time do you spend for dinner?

A (Amy Rubinstein): You can stay for as little or as long as you'd like. It's very flexible! If you have only an hour, you can drop off and

serve dinner. If you have more time, you can stay for dinner and visit with guests and volunteers. I bring my kids who stay and play with the children, and they always enjoy themselves.

This is a meaningful and fun experience for our entire family — one that has had a lasting impact on my kids.



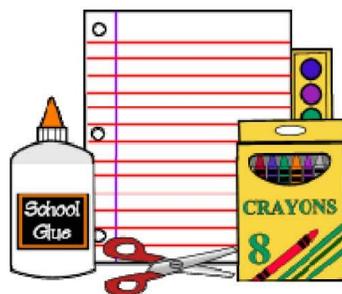
### Q: What is involved with spending the night as an overnight chaperone?

A: (Sybil Stern): Overnight chaperoning is so easy. You come by 9

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### \*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](mailto:rsc60015@gmail.com) or 847.767.0177 by June 15. Thank you!

## A special Passover for families with special needs

By CAREN BROWN and BARB KITE

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Passover is always a wonderful holiday -- getting together with friends and family, eating great food, and anticipating the good things to come with Spring! Passover at Temple Jeremiah on Sunday, April 9, 2017 was especially wonderful this year as we celebrated with seven families who had adult children with special needs.

**“We can all share the joy of working together to create unique, friendly, meaningful, and beautiful Jewish celebrations for individuals and their families who otherwise might not have these opportunities.”**

The tables were beautifully set with colorful seder plate placemats, fresh blooming flowers, seder plates, and matzahs.

It was easy to follow the order of this seder because it was vividly created in PowerPoint and projected on the wall for everyone to see. Rabbis Segal and Cohen did a wonderful job, as always, giving clear explanations for the Seder foods, traditions, and the story of Passover. Adam had the room rocking with the “10 Plagues Song.”

After the seder there was plenty of food for noshing and time to socialize. Then each family went home with a lovely matzah/afikomen cover.

The clergy was ably assisted by our own members who led prayers and songs — Deborah Weinfuss, Jay Slotnick, and Sarah Mendel — while Ellie Hardesty and Alexander Hardesty helped us ask The Four Questions. Inclusion Committee members enthusiastically prepared food, set tables, and made sure everyone had what they needed, while creating a warm and friendly atmosphere. A fantastic job was done by all!

All the families seemed to enjoy themselves and offered comments ranging from, “We appreciated all the thoughtful details” to “Everything was wonderful, just right for my adult child with disabilities.” Here’s a response from one grateful family: “Thank you so much for having us to your beautiful seder! Harry loved it! He especially enjoyed putting the stickers on the seder plate symbols. We had a wonderful time, and the people at our table were so warm



and friendly. Thank you again for your kindness. “

Here at Temple Jeremiah, we can all share the joy of working together to create unique, friendly, meaningful, and beautiful Jewish celebrations for individuals and their families who otherwise might not have these opportunities. The Inclusion Committee hopes to provide even more opportunities like these in the future. We welcome your input and participation. Please contact Caren Brown at [ceb994@gmail.com](mailto:ceb994@gmail.com). ■

### FAMILY PROMISE, *continued from page 9*

p.m. and leave by 7 a.m. Your only duty is to see that all the guests are up because the van comes and takes them to the shelter in the morning. You sleep on cots provided by Family Promise in one of the classrooms. Volunteers have their own room. You will need to bring a sleeping bag or sheets and a blanket. Don't forget a pillow, too! It's like a pajama party. It's even more fun if you bring a child or two with you. I usually bring my iPad and watch a movie. There is also a TV in the lounge you can use. Everyone is so appreciative of your help. I always feel so good about it. We could never participate in

Family Promise if we didn't have the support of our volunteers.

Sign up by clicking the Temple Jeremiah/Family Promise SignUp Genius link at [templejeremiah.org/familypromise](http://templejeremiah.org/familypromise). If you don't have a SignUp Genius account, you may register for one when you sign up, or email one of the coordinators: Michelle Fellman at [mich@wirthfellman.com](mailto:mich@wirthfellman.com), Jon Fellman at [jonfellman@hotmail.com](mailto:jonfellman@hotmail.com), Amy Rubinstein at [arubinstein5@comcast.net](mailto:arubinstein5@comcast.net), or Sybil Stern at [sybilstern@att.net](mailto:sybilstern@att.net). ■

# 10 things I love about Temple Jeremiah

By **LIA GOLDFARB**

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If you've seen me around Temple Jeremiah lately, you might have noticed that there's, well ... more of me.

I'm expecting a little baby girl, due mid-June – hey, maybe she's even arrived by the time you read this. My husband, Adam, and I are so excited to embark on this next chapter of our lives and make the move into parenthood.

Adam and I have also decided that the best thing for our family right now is for me to be a full-time mom with our baby. I am going to continue in my role as Bar/Bat Mitzvah tutor here at Temple Jeremiah a few times per week, but it feels very bittersweet to be moving on from my role as Membership and Communications Director. I am excited to spend time watching my daughter grow and develop, but I will very much miss spending my daytimes in Northfield working with all of you.

For the last six years, I've had the most amazing privilege of working at my "dream job." Thinking back on my time here, I've thought of the top 10 things I love about Temple Jeremiah.

**1. The congregants.** It almost goes without saying, but obviously the best part of Temple Jeremiah is all of you. You are warm and welcoming, friendly and funny, intelligent and caring. I truly enjoy getting to know all of you. I recently came across a quote from Bill Nye ("The Science Guy") – "Everyone you will ever meet knows something you don't." It is such an honor to learn from each of you and to call so many of you my dear friends.

**2. The staff.** It's true what they say, that employees spend significantly more time with their co-workers than they do with their own family members. I have found such a great community and camaraderie with the tight-knit staff at Jeremiah. We complement each other and challenge each other to do better, working together to serve the congregants of our temple. I will miss spending eight-plus hours each day with these wonderful people.

**3. The leadership.** It is not always common for congregants to have as many dedicated, passionate, committed leaders as we have at Jeremiah. From members of our Board to committee chairs to individuals who came up with an idea, our leaders are the best. I am constantly blown away by the hours you devote to planning events, publicizing programs, writing articles, attending meetings, recruiting new people, sharing feedback, and so much more. Temple Jeremiah wouldn't be the place it is without all of you.

**4. My students.** I have been so lucky to serve as a Bar/Bat Mitzvah tutor here for the last two and a half years. These sixth and seventh graders are devoted to their studies and truly want to succeed (and sorry for bugging all of you to practice more!). I enjoy getting to know you, and your parents and your siblings, and I get to "kvell" as we track your progress. I'm very excited to continue tutoring here for many years to come.

**5. Diversity.** I love when I get to describe Temple Jeremiah to people who are not familiar with us (and I get to do it often, as our membership director!). Temple Jeremiah celebrates its diversity – geographic, religious, ethnic, age, sexual orientation, and more. Because most of our congregants do not live in Northfield (but a mighty 4% of you do!), it means that you're all making a conscious choice to come here, often driving past other synagogues to get here. It shows that you are dedicated to our community and truly enjoy being here. It makes ME enjoy being here. Our emphasis on welcoming families of all shapes and sizes, especially those who might not have grown up Jewish, makes our community heterogenous and rich with uniqueness.

**6. A haimish community.** "Haimish" is a Yiddish word that means comfortable, friendly, homey, cozy, unpretentious. People here come from all kinds of economic backgrounds and I have never felt an attitude of judgement based on looks or clothes.

**7. Love of Judaism.** I love being Jewish and I love being part of a Jewish community – and so many of you feel the same way. There's such great energy here on Shabbat, on Purim, on Simchat Torah, and the many other milestones on the Jewish calendar. We offer great secular programs too, but there's something special about coming together with all of you to celebrate a Jewish holiday or a Jewish educational

opportunity that you can't get at public school or at the park district. I love that our Judaism and our membership here give this group of more than 3,000 individuals something in common.

**8. A community of caring.** Happy times and sad times, this community comes together. This community supported me as I planned my wedding and now throughout my pregnancy, and we're here for each other throughout illnesses and deaths. It makes me wonder — how do people go through life's ups and downs without a community like Jeremiah?

**9. My job.** My professional background is journalism, and I've always been involved in Jewish organizations as a volunteer. This job of Membership and Communications Director has been the perfect marriage of my passions. I love that on one day I get to give tours to prospective members and tell them why our community is so great, on the next day I get to take photos of our events and post them to social media, and on another day I get to interview a congregant for our "Volunteer Spotlight" section of the Covenant. All of this plus creating chavurah groups, doing our graphic design, editing the newsletter, creating the lobby's digital screens, working with committees and volunteers, and more. I've learned that there aren't many people in this world who can say they truly love their job, but I guess I've been one of the lucky ones.

**10. Friendships with people of all ages.** So many of you have provided me with marriage advice and now parenting advice – and then jokingly say that I should take all advice with a grain of salt. But I really do appreciate it. It's so wonderful that I get to regularly



**“I am excited to spend time watching my daughter grow and develop, but I will very much miss spending my daytimes in Northfield working with all of you.”**

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## Thanking our Covenant Society members

By **JILL NUTKIS**

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We would like to thank all the members of the Temple Jeremiah Covenant Society and acknowledge our newest members (\*). You are ensuring the aspects of Jewish life you value are sustained for future generations.

The Temple Jeremiah Covenant Society was established to honor

those who support Temple Jeremiah through their estate and financial plans. Each of these families has made a legacy gift to Temple Jeremiah as part of the Create a Jewish Legacy program, a partnership between the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, The Harold Grinspoon Foundation, and Temple Jeremiah.

If you wish to make a legacy gift, or already have, please contact Danny Glassman at 847.441.5760 ext. 102 or daniel@templejeremiah.org.

Joel and Julie Africk  
Susan Brody and Robert Mack  
Bill and Norma Brown  
Rabbi Paul and Cathy Cohen  
Drew Davis  
Laura and Michael Fine  
Julie and Jim Ford  
Alene and Skip Frost  
Krystal and Danny Glassman  
Avi and Allyson Greenfield  
Randi and Charles Gurian  
Bonnie and Herb Horn  
Jody Litwack Hyman\*  
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Sue and Joel Kaufmann  
Diana Kaufmann  
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Shelley and Mark Sulkin  
Amy and Jason Torf  
Stephanie and Stephen Victor  
Anonymous (2)

\*Denotes new donor ■

## Tell and Kvell

**Congrats to our congregants who are doing great things!**

### Fiddler on the Roof

Congrats to the many Temple Jeremiah students and congregants who participated in the 2017 Glenbrook musical production of "Fiddler on the Roof" in April 2017, including: **Sophie Pritikin, Jacob Denenberg, Jordan Zelvin, Rachel Schwartz, Alli Torf, Dani Revello, Alexandra Sharp, Evan Denenberg, Ben Kalish, Sydney Dolins, Sara Salerno, Aaron Kaplan, and Justin Kalish** (so sorry if we missed anyone!). Rabbi Cohen also helped with the musical by teaching the cast about Jewish customs.

### Senate intern

David Snower, son of **Steve and Jocelyn Snower** and grandson of **Rusty and Barri Colman**, has been selected to be a senate intern this summer for Senator Ron Wyden of Oregon. David has finished his freshman year at Reed College, Portland OR. He is a political science and environmental studies major. ■

### LIA GOLDFARB, *continued from page 11*

interact with people of all ages and stages of life. My friends were shocked a few years ago when I told them that my Saturday night plans included "going to my friend's 50th birthday party," but I love it. I love my group of adoptive bubbes, the young families with babies who advise me on which stroller to buy, the couples celebrating 30th wedding anniversaries, and everyone in between.

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve as our Membership and Communications Director these past six years. I will miss the day-to-day aspects of this job, but hope to see you all as I'm here for tutoring lessons and baby playgroups!

Please stay in touch – find me on Facebook or e-mail me at lia.goldfarb@gmail.com. ■

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

# THANK YOU SHABBAT

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

- Recognition of our amazing volunteers
- Installation of the 2017-2018 Board of Directors and recognition of our retiring board members
- Awarding of the Toddie Gray and Diane Mary Katz Scholarship to an outstanding Jeremiah teenager
- Awarding of the Robert H. Goldberg Award for Service to the Temple Jeremiah Community

**Friday, June 2, 2017**

Erev Shabbat Worship

8 p.m. in the sanctuary

Temple Jeremiah, 937 Happ Road, Northfield

*Reception following worship service*



# Jeremiah trivia

How well do you know your congregation? Take our trivia quiz to find out! Thanks to the members of our staff for submitting these questions.

1. How many years of Hebrew school do we offer before graduation?
  - A. Two
  - B. Three
  - C. Four
  - D. Five
2. What grade is your child in when attending Confirmation class?
  - A. 8th
  - B. 9th
  - C. 10th
  - D. 11th
3. What does SKIP stand for?
  - A. Send a Kid to Israel Program
  - B. Send a Kid to Israel Partnership
  - C. Skype with Kids in Israel Presently
  - D. School for Kids with Israeli Parents
4. What living creatures are thriving in Dr. Lidsky's office?
  - A. Frogs
  - B. Lizards
  - C. Goldfish
  - D. Guinea pigs
5. Dr. Lidsky has a painting of her dog, Lily, in her office. What breed is Lily?
  - A. Cockapoo
  - B. Dalmation
  - C. Golden Retriever
  - D. Cavalier Spaniel
6. How many bouncy chairs are in the youth lounge?
  - A. One
  - B. Two
  - C. Three
  - D. Four
7. What is the name of the Chia Pet cat in the youth lounge?
  - A. Matzah Ball
  - B. Kugel
  - C. Hamentaschen
  - D. Challah
8. What is Rabbi Paul F. Cohen's middle name?
  - A. Frank
  - B. Finn
  - C. Fred
  - D. Frederick
9. How many B'nai Mitzvah do we have scheduled in 2019-2020?
  - A. 59
  - B. 73
  - C. 94
  - D. 102
10. How many windows are there in Temple Jeremiah?
  - A. 67
  - B. 128
  - C. 208
  - D. 301
11. How many chairs are in the Schreiberman Sanctuary?
  - A. 89
  - B. 212
  - C. 325
  - D. 529
12. What does the symbol on our Jeremiah logo represent?
  - A. Almond tree
  - B. Oak tree
  - C. Burning bush
  - D. Mount Sinai
13. Who in the office can be reached at extension 110?
  - A. Sheila
  - B. Jennifer
  - C. Phyllis
  - D. Jill

## ANSWERS

1) c 2) c 3) b 4) a 5) d 6) c 7) a 8) d 9) b 10) b 11) c 12) a 13) c

### 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 the office at 847.441.5760.

### 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](http://www.templejeremiah.org), is open 24/7.

### July/August Covenant

Please note: We will have a combined July/August 2017 Covenant, which will arrive via e-mail in mid-June and in the mail near the end of June. Happy summer!

## 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](mailto:lorikash1@yahoo.com) or 847.612.4998.

## Women of Jeremiah Gift Shop

Enjoy 25% off all jewelry during the month of June — what a deal!

During the summer our gift shop is available by appointment. Contact Lynne Amos at 847.571.8707 or [lynne.jolles@yahoo.com](mailto:lynne.jolles@yahoo.com) or Melissa Celnik at 847.296.6461 or [mrsclnik@yahoo.com](mailto:mrsclnik@yahoo.com). Volunteers are always welcome!

### "Like" us on Facebook!

Visit [www.facebook.com/templejeremiah](http://www.facebook.com/templejeremiah) and click "Like"



- 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!

# 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](mailto:sarabeth@templejeremiah.org) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

### VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: AVI GREENFIELD, *continued from page 6*

#### What was your youth group involvement as a teen?

I was very involved in BBYO – chapter president, regional treasurer, and regional president. I grew up in Elgin, and out of 2,000 kids at my high school there were maybe a dozen Jewish kids, so for me it was a great outlet for meeting and interacting with other Jewish teens from around the state and around the country.

#### Why is it important to you that your daughters are involved in youth group?

It's important to help with their sense of Jewish identity, their connection to Judaism, and to our heritage and observances. It's important they are able to build a sense of community with other Jewish youth who are outside their daily school circle. I think that's a real strength of Temple Jeremiah – many schools and communities are represented in our membership, so our kids can be friends with Jewish youth from other areas and backgrounds.

#### What was it like being on the Assistant Rabbi Search Committee?

It was a great experience; I couldn't be more excited about Rachel Heaps coming here. It was satisfying to get to know and work with the other members of the committee – we have some really remarkable people here who are very talented and dedicated, who give of themselves to make our community a better place. We were also very fortunate to see so many good rabbinical candidates – it is very reassuring about the future of Reform Judaism.

#### Have your daughters seen and learned from your involvement in the temple?

Helping to set a good example for them in terms of volunteering and participating in leadership roles was definitely on my mind when I agreed to join the Board. We've also done a lot of social justice activities as a family like Feed the Homeless, Backpack Blessings, and Family Promise. These kinds of hands-on experiences are really great, so they can really understand that there are people in the world from all kinds of circumstances, and your circumstances don't make you the person that you are. Sometimes people need a helping hand, and sharing your blessings with others is really a mitzvah.

**“There are so many avenues here that regardless of people's interest or ability, there's something here that will meet your objectives.”**

#### Why volunteer through your synagogue?

This community really is our home, and it's very meaningful to us from a Jewish perspective and from a community perspective. We feel very attached here, and we feel that this is a great vehicle for having an impact on the broader community.

#### What would you tell someone thinking about getting involved at Jeremiah?

Do it, absolutely. It's very rewarding. There are so many avenues here that regardless of people's interest or ability, there's something here that will meet your objectives, and a lot of great opportunities to help out. Some are relatively time-boxed, you can spend a morning here a month and help with Feed the Homeless, or you can participate in committees around recruiting and welcoming new members, helping with the Youth Committee, and so much more. ■



# Jews in Canoes

**Saturday, June 10, 2017, 4-6 p.m.**  
Meet at the Skokie Lagoons, Tower Road, west of Forest Way

Join Temple Jeremiah on a relaxing 1-hour canoe trip on the Skokie Lagoons.

The canoe trip will be followed by a BYOP (bring your own picnic) dinner and Havdalah experience. Leave room during dinner because we will be providing dessert!



Children ages 3 and up are able to ride in the canoe. Cost is \$18 per canoe or tandem kayak and \$12 per single kayak.

RSVP to [Naomi@templejeremiah.org](mailto:Naomi@templejeremiah.org).

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

## 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](mailto:naomi@templejeremiah.org).

## Camp Letters



Is your child going to sleepaway camp this summer? If so, e-mail [Naomi@templejeremiah.org](mailto:Naomi@templejeremiah.org) and tell her which camp your child is going to, their session, and their address. Naomi will then write a letter to your child at camp!

## Mystic Waters

Sunday, June 25, 2017  
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
(families can stay later if they want to)  
2025 Miner Street, Des Plaines

Join Temple Jeremiah for our summer family outing to Mystic Waters, which is one of the largest waterparks in Illinois.



This program is for families with kids of all ages.

There are two water slides, drop slides, a lazy river, and a zero-depth leisure pool where you can enjoy fountains, jet sprays, and a child-sized dolphin slide. If you have little ones, they also have a splash pad with water sprays and a jungle gym. This event is \$10 per child and \$8 per adult.

RSVP to [naomi@templejeremiah.org](mailto:naomi@templejeremiah.org).

**For more information on our youth group programming, contact Naomi Segal, our Youth and Family Engagement Director, at [naomi@templejeremiah.org](mailto:naomi@templejeremiah.org).**

## Notes on the German Historical Institute

By **RICHARD GELINE**

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Conclusion of the formal 2016-2017 Adult Learning program provides an opportunity to search out and reflect on a different viewpoint of adult learning which comes from a little known and perhaps somewhat unlikely source.

In its mission statement the German Historical Institute (GHI) in Washington, D.C. describes itself as “An internationally recognized center for advanced study. It serves as a transatlantic bridge connecting American and European scholars and seeks to make their research accessible to decision-makers in the public and private sectors as well as to a general audience ... The GHI is especially committed to promoting international scholarly exchange and collaboration by bringing together European and North American scholars as well as academics from other parts of the world in its conferences and research projects.

Twice a year the GHI publishes a bulletin available free of charge to the public. By means of an article titled “Old and New Orders of Knowledge in Modern Jewish History,” the author Kirsten von der Krone traces in a most scholarly manner the chronology of Jewish learning.

Roughly divided into four parts the article begins with inspection of Jewish Knowledge within the Boundaries of the Torah. The next step looks at Jewish and Religious Knowledge in the Modern Age. Area three looks at New Orders of Jewish knowledge and Textbooks for Religious Education, and finally the article ends with a segment titled Educating the Modern Jew and the Loyal Citizen.

In a summary statement the author states the shifting of borders and the changed circumstances of Jewish life in the modern age created a new Jewish self-conception and ultimately caused the transformation of Jewish knowledge unprecedented in its dimension and dynamics.

A proper forewarning would state this is not light reading, but by spending some time with the article the reader is richly rewarded with an in-depth perspective of the trends in European Jewish learning.

Kirsten von der Krone is a research fellow at the German Historical Institute Washington. Her research is part of the German-Israeli research project “Innovation through Tradition? Jewish Educational Media and Cultural Transformation in the Face of Modernity.” Her fields of research include Jewish history in central Europe in the modern era, the history of Jewish thought, the transformation of knowledge and knowledge production in Jewish education, and modern Jewish scholarship.

The entire article is available free of charge at [www.ghi-dc.org/bulletin](http://www.ghi-dc.org/bulletin). Check out Issue 59 (Fall 2016). ■

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### 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](http://templejeremiahtorahstudyblog.edublogs.org). For a breakdown of chapters and verses, visit [www.reformjudaism.org/learning/torah-study](http://www.reformjudaism.org/learning/torah-study).*

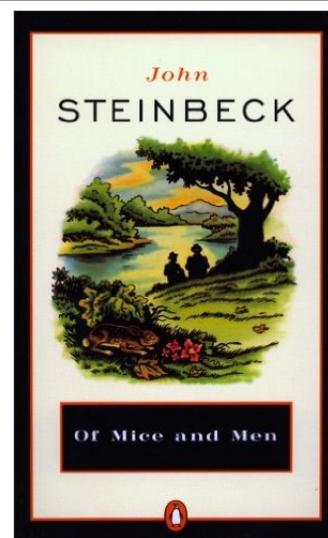
**June 3** Nasso | **June 10** Beha'alotcha | **June 17** Sh'lach | **June 24** Korach

### “How to Read a Book”

Our very own Ruth Adler will be teaching a three-session class this fall at Temple Jeremiah to enlighten all those interested in learning “How to Read a Book.”

Ruth taught English at Highland Park High School for 23 years and has long-term experience leading book groups and giving book reviews. She will use John Steinbeck's “Of Mice and Men” for this class that will meet Tuesdays at 7 p.m. on Sept. 5, 12, and 19, 2017.

If you have any questions, you can contact Ruth at [ruthadler@att.net](mailto:ruthadler@att.net). Please let us know if you will be attending by sending an email to [phyllis@templejeremiah.org](mailto:phyllis@templejeremiah.org) and purchase your own copy of *Of Mice and Men* prior to the first class on Sept. 5.



**OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES ON THE LOSS OF\*:**

Barbara Carr, mother of Barry Carr  
 Barbara Ferdman, wife of Seymour Ferdman  
 Howard Goldberg, father of Susan Reingold  
 Jackie Gorell, mother of Julie Becker  
 Connie Lewis, sister-in-law of Hershy Pappadis

**MAZEL TOV TO\*:**

Cathy and Ed Atkins, on the marriage of their son, David, to Faith Botica. Congrats to David's grandparents, **Darlene and Lawrence Gilford**, and to David's uncle, **Jim Gilford**.  
 Bonnie and Herb Horn, on the birth of their grandson, Asher Harrison Horn  
 Arlene and Bruce Loring, on the birth of their granddaughter, Madeline Claire Loring  
 Wendy and Jim Phillips, on the marriage of their daughter, Nancy, to Emmanuel Schanzer  
 Judi and Andy Ruttenberg, on the birth of their granddaughter, Daisy Jean Butterfield. Congrats to Daisy's great-grandmother, **Carolyn Sacks**, and to Daisy's great-aunt and uncle, **Shari and Jeff Sacks**.  
 Shelley and George Spathis, on the marriage of their daughter, Diana, to Quinn Loch



**JUNE BIRTHDAYS:**

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

Rhonda Ball • Ivy Baruch • Joel Boyer • Jay Cohen • Debra Ellis • Chelli Fishman • Robert Friedman • Charlie Horwitz • Craig Itagaki • Wenxin Jiang • Jules Joffe • Ronald Kalish • Roselyn Kraus • Jeffrey Krupp • Barbara Milsk • Joe Patano • Julie Rosner • Faith Zelinsky

**MAZEL TOV TO OUR JUNE B'NAI MITZVAH**

**CANDIDATES:**

Ian Mattikow, son of April and James Mattikow  
 Adam Tjarksen, son of Gita Shipkowitz and Erik Tjarksen  
 Rachel Tjarksen, daughter of Gita Shipkowitz and Erik Tjarksen  
 Ian VanEvery, son of Michelle and Allan VanEvery

**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES:**

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



50 Years	Lorry and Shari Brown
40 Years	Michael and Deborah Millman
30 Years	Jill Goldy and Mark Holtzer Jim and Laura Bream
20 Years	Brett and Monica Lotsoff Nick and Jennifer Fishman Jonathan and Michelle Fellman
10 Years	Terry and Stacey Platt

**WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS:**

Jane and Stephen Berg

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

**SHARE YOUR NEWS**

Do you have news to share with the congregation? Whether positive or negative, please share your life cycle events with us.

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<i>Calendar of Events</i>							<i>June 2017</i>	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
				1	2 6 p.m. Tot Shabbat 8 p.m. Erev Shabbat Worship, featuring "Thank You Shabbat"	3 8:30 a.m. Tefilah 9:15 a.m. Torah Study 9 & 11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Worship		
4 Feed the Homeless	5	6	7 11 a.m. 90+ Luncheon	8 10 a.m. Women of Jeremiah Book Club	9 6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Reception 6:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Worship 7 p.m. JeTY Dinner at SABAH Mosque	10 8:30 a.m. Tefilah 9:15 a.m. Torah Study 4 p.m. Jews in Canoes		
11	12	13	14	15	16 10 & 11 a.m. Bim Bam Baby 6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Reception 6:30 p.m. H(OUR) Shabbat Worship	17 8:30 a.m. Tefilah 9:15 a.m. Torah Study 11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Worship		
18	19	20	21	22	23 10 & 11 a.m. Bim Bam Baby 6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Reception 6:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Worship	24 8:30 a.m. Tefilah 9:15 a.m. Torah Study		
25 10:30 a.m. Mystic Waters	26	27	28	29	30 10 & 11 a.m. Bim Bam Baby 6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Reception 6:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Worship			

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**Passover Seder for Families with Special Needs**  
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Daughter of Lisa and Brad Buchanan, *on the occasion of her becoming a Bat Mitzvah*  
-Lisa and Brad Buchanan  
-Anita and Daryl Mittelman

**Daisy Jean Butterfield**  
Granddaughter of Judi and Andy Ruttenberg; great-granddaughter of Carolyn Sacks; great-niece of Shari and Jeff Sacks, *on the occasion of her birth*

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-Elizabeth Blodgett and Jonathan Don

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-Lindsay Avner and Gregg Kaplan

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-Helen and George Kerwin

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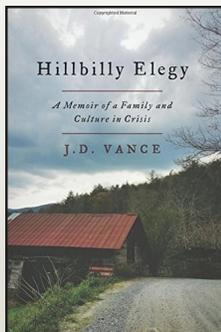
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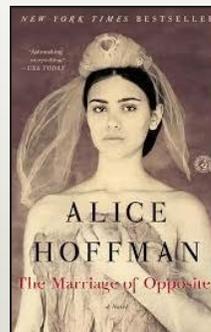
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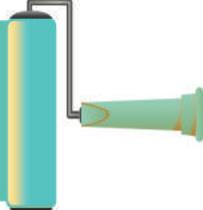
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