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# The Festival of Sukkot

Sukkot reminds us, even in these difficult times, that there are blessings that help us connect meaningfully with God, the source of all blessing.

By RABBI PAUL F. COHEN
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It is always odd to me that I write this message that will appear after the beginning of the New Year before the New Year. I am grateful that this is our 20th year together as rabbi and congregation and our 60th year of being a congregation. There is so much to celebrate. This is also a time of reflection. We look over the past seeking to build on the strong foundation set down by those who preceded us.

The vision of our founders, and the vision we celebrate today, is to be a community of meaningful connection. For our founders this meant that Temple Jeremiah would be a place of connection for interfaith families and for those who both embraced Classical Reform Judaism and the State of Israel.

As we look at what this vision means for us today, I want to focus on the Festival of Sukkot, which we celebrate just five days after Yom Kippur. Sukkot is filled with opportunities to connect in a meaningful way as a



community. Sukkot calls us to step out of the permanent and secure into the temporary and fragile. We leave our buildings to enter the sukkah, a place of vulnerability. This vulnerability opens us to one another and to God in many ways. We are literally outside and able to connect to God through nature by exposing ourselves to it. We gain a deeper understanding of how we are a part of God's creation and are responsible for its care.

# Lately Around Jeremiah



Daytrippers at Max & Benny's 8.27.2019



Butterflies & Blooms 7.14.2019



Tot Shabbat 9.16.2019



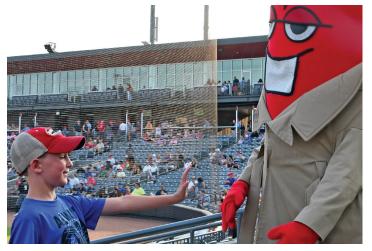
Tot Shabbat 9.16.2019



Jeremiahns at OSRUI this summer



Jeremiahns at OSRUI this summer



Chicago Dogs Outing 7.25.19



Shabbat at the Park 8.16.19

# Be the Reason Someone Smiles

It does not take a lot to lift a spirit - but it does require a conscious effort to do so. Do we all falter at times and miss an opportunity to do good? Of course we do. But can we all strive to do a bit better and live more mencshlichkite, thoughtful, compassionate lives on this earth? For sure we can.

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



From 1972-1975, my husband and I lived in Israel. We made aliyah with a 10-monthold, and in 1974, I gave birth to our second daughter. Although quite challenging, I LOVED the Israeli lifestyle. We took walks in the neighborhood, the sidewalks filled with families; visiting one another took place with a beautiful informality. And perhaps most special, there was a kindness and simplicity for our children. Birthday parties were light and sweet -- a tiny bag of marbles was an

appreciated gift; concepts like entitlement or exclusion were not even part of the community vocabulary. All children felt welcomed and secure, and parents truly watched out for one another's kids. It was emotionally and spiritually healthy.

school. I am so saddened by stories of parents who do not role model inclusion -- who, in their attempt to create what they deem the perfect event or experience for their child, exclude and unnecessarily hurt good, hopeful children. And, just as kids find

I must admit, it was very hard for me when we returned to the States. The first 4-year-old birthday party shocked me (after "here's a bag of marbles" to piles of unnecessary, often expensive gifts). I missed the simple lifestyle. I knew nothing of Uggs, North Face, Nike, or Lululemon (or their equivalents in the '70s), items that American kids identified as highly desirable. As years went by, I, like many of you, tried to help our children to "be happy with their lot," and understand that "stuff" did not define who they were inside as good human beings. We, as the adults, felt the pain of the bullied, the excluded, and the ignored in our communities and around the country.

there times when parents, who are genuinely appalled at unking behavior on the part of their adult friends, shake their heads in silent dismay, hesitant to step in as upstanders themselves.

At Jeremiah, snacks in our classrooms are either available for all or not allowed, yet I recently heard a bizarre story of one or two parents bringing pizza and desserts to a field trip bus full of public school students, but provided "only for their girls and friends!" "What?" I said in dismay, "You mean to say that others just sat a watched them eat, and folks thought that was acceptable?!" Care be true that parents have rushed early to camp buses to 'rope of

My life, my calling at Temple Jeremiah, has provided me with the opportunity to open dialogue with children of all ages -- primary through high schoolers -- on the topic of being a MENSCH (a good person), and what that means. Our school walls are covered with posters that ask: "Have I hurt someone today? Have I said something unkind? Did I take part in excluding someone from a lunchroom table, an event, a gathering? Did I stand up for the kid who was hurting? Was I a bystander or an upstander? Have I tried to feel what it is like to 'stand in their shoes'?"

The posters are there to speak to each and every student in our school (and also for the parents who walk through our halls.) I want to help children, especially adolescents and teens, understand how an action or a word can either "destroy" or "save" a soul.

Reaching out to a child left out of a group activity can truly make a difference; doing just the opposite has a damaging effect.

possibly join the party. "No," the mom replied, "my daughter wor not be happy since your daughter is not one of her close friends, and I don't want the drama." I, like many of you reading this, feel sick to my stomach as I "get into the shoes of the excluded." The more I hear, the worse I feel and the harder I work to address the outrageous behaviors, help our kids reach deep into their souls a

We have kind, thoughtful children at Jeremiah. We have exposed them to crucial conversations and stressed the importance of being upstanders. I want to believe that our heart-to-heart experiences can also effect change in their public school lives. But these are challenging times and living on the North Shore is not always easy. Yes, there are great opportunities and highly rated schools, but there is also an unhealthy competitiveness that can lead to a nastiness and cruelty that is so terribly disturbing.

Parents, my friends, WE are the ones that need to role model "menschlichkite," being decent, thoughtful human beings. WE need to engage our teens in conversation to make sure that they are doing "the decent thing," that they can proudly be the ones who initiate the invite to the new kid – "come sit with us" in the lunchroom, or join us at the upcoming football game at school. I am so saddened by stories of parents who do not role model inclusion -- who, in their attempt to create what they deem the perfect event or experience for their child, exclude and unnecessarily hurt good, hopeful children. And, just as kids find it hard to address the negative that they see around them, so are there times when parents, who are genuinely appalled at unkind behavior on the part of their adult friends, shake their heads in silent dismay, hesitant to step in as upstanders themselves.

At Jeremiah, snacks in our classrooms are either available for all parents bringing pizza and desserts to a field trip bus full of public school students, but provided "only for their girls and friends!" "What?" I said in dismay, "You mean to say that others just sat and watched them eat, and folks thought that was acceptable?!" Can it be true that parents have rushed early to camp buses to 'rope off and save seats for their daughters and friends'? "Sorry, you can't sit here," the new, scared camper hears. It sometimes becomes more directly personal. Two sophomore girls, at the very beginning of the school year, began planning their Friday night outing to a high school homecoming game. They had not participated as freshmen, so they were very excited as they anticipated experiencing the school spirit. But drama crept in as one of the girls - only one -- was invited to a party at someone's home after the game. The uninvited girl's mom reached out to the mom of the party, explained the circumstances and asked if there was any way her daughter, a kind, easy-going kid who knew the other girls, could possibly join the party. "No," the mom replied, "my daughter would and I don't want the drama." I, like many of you reading this, feel sick to my stomach as I "get into the shoes of the excluded." The more I hear, the worse I feel and the harder I work to address these outrageous behaviors, help our kids reach deep into their souls and

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# **60th Anniversary Committee**

# 1959...A Very Good Year!

I hope you have enjoyed the programming so far and I encourage you to attend our 60th Anniversary celebration on November 2, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

**By JULIE FORD** 

60th Committee Chair jford4127@gmail.com

What do the Twilight Zone, Alaska, Mack the Knife, and Bozo the Clown have in common with Temple Jeremiah? You guessed it, they were all established, released or introduced in 1959 and turn 60 this year.

There is a lot of interesting trivia from 1959 such as: Buddy Holly released his last record "It Doesn't Matter" and was killed in a plane crash 29 days later, or the first transcontinental commercial jet flight from LA to NY took off and cost \$301, or Pan Am began regular flights around the world, or North by Northwest premiered, or WGN's the Bozo Show premiered on TV in Chicago, or Luna 1 became the first craft to leave earth's gravity. More interesting is that a stamp cost \$.04, a gallon of gas was \$.30, and a dozen eggs cost \$.70. But the most exciting thing of all was that Temple Jeremiah was established in July of 1959. SO HAPPY BIRTHDAY US!

I'm sure you have seen, heard, or attended a few programs over the past year in honor of our 60th Anniversary. We have hosted numerous events. I would like to thank all the chairs, committees, volunteers, and staff that put some amazing programs together. Here are some highlights:

- Brotherhood sponsored a concert by Cantor Friedman and other area cantors featuring music from the 60's.
- The Inclusion Committee hosted an Inclusion Shabbat and
- Sisterhood and the Membership Committee sponsored a wine tasting event to introduce our new cantor to temple members called 60 Ways to Meet Cantor Friedman.
- The Youth Groups and Adult Purim committees hosted the annual Purim Carnival and Concert centered around a 60's theme.
- The Center for Learning and Social Justice hosted an intergenerational program in honor of the 60th and some of the classes created a time capsule.
- Shabbat focusing on the history of Temple Jeremiah.
- A luncheon titled Sister Act took place to a filled room featuring Cantor Friedman, Cantor Zussman, Rabbi Cohen, and Julie Ford

David Lornson.

- The 60th Committee hosted a fun social event called Temple Jeremiah's Amazing Race road rally and tailgate party and awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes to very energetic and enthusiastic teams.
- The Caring Committee hosted a Kugel Kook-Off, created a packet of wonderful kugel recipes, and crowned a kugel winner.
- The Facilities Committee hosted a program on Sacred Spaces that featured the architects of both our Golder Chapel and Schreibman Sanctuary spaces and highlighted all of the Jewish objects designed into those spaces.
- Cathy Cohen, Rabbi Cohen's wife, hosted members in her home and demonstrated how to make challah.
- At the High Holy Days we are recognizing Temple Jeremiah's 60th Anniversary and our members.
- Sisterhood is hosting a 60-person volunteer day at Bernie's Book Bank on Monday, October 14th.
- Cantor Friedman wrote a new melody to a familiar Shabbat prayer in honor of our anniversary that you might have heard over the past year at services. It is called L'Takein Olam, with piano accompaniment and arranged for choir by David Shukiar. It will be formally rolled out at our November 1st Shabbat.
- AND the best is yet to come! On Saturday night, November 2nd, the culminating event will be a fun, social Anniversary Party. The 60th Committee created a 60th anniversary video to be rolled out at the party!

I hope you have enjoyed the programming so far and I encourage you to attend our 60th Anniversary celebration on November 2, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. You will be able to socialize with your temple friends, enjoy a delicious dinner by Pinstripes Catering, and dance to a large 12-piece orchestra called Not For Profit band. Tickets are a reasonable \$60 per person and the event will feature a fun photo booth and desserts by Bent Fork. How can you say no to that?

Please RSVP at https://tinyurl.com/celebrating60 by Oct 11, 2019.

The Spiritual Life Committee hosted a Prayer Through the Ages Thank you for your continued support of our wonderful temple and celebrating the Joy of Belonging!

# **Volunteer at the Temple Office**

Do you have a few extra hours each week? We're always looking for congregants to come in and help out the office staff with answering phones and doors, mailings, and other tasks during the week or during school hours. If interested, please contact Pamela at pamela@templejeremiah.org or call 847.441.5760.

# Noni Dodge Blood Drive, Tell & Kvell, and Weekly Torah Portions



# Noni Dodge Blood Drive

Sunday, October 20, 2019 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

# Save 3 lives with your donation while honoring Noni Dodge

For over 25 years Temple
Jeremiah has been hosting a
blood drive to honor long time
member Noni Dodge, z"l. Please
schedule your appointment
today, call 877.258.4825 or visit
vitalant.org and use group code:
NF17.



# Tell & Kvell



Dr. Anne Lidsky will be receiving the Bureau of Jewish Education's Inspirational Educator award, "celebrating inspirational educators who help people live their most meaningful lives." This wonderful and well-deserved honor will be presented at BJE's annual celebration on November 10, 2019 at the Westin Chicago North Shore in Wheeling. Mazel Toy, Anne!

Jeff Berg, formerly Executive Vice President and Director of Client Services of Chicago-based AbelsonTaylor, has been elevated to President, the first presidential change in the company's 38-year history. Jeff even highlights his involvement on Temple Jeremiah's Board of Directors in the press release. Mazel Toy, Jeff!





Laura Tatar, daughter of proud parents Judy and Jerry, received her Master's in Crisis and Trauma at Tel Aviv University this August. Mazel Tov, Laura!

# We love sharing your good news!

Have something great you want to kvell (feel happy and proud) about? We'd love to help you share it with the congregation! If you have something to tell and kvell email Dina with your news, whether it's big or small, at dina@templejeremiah.org

# **Weekly Torah Portions**

We invite you to join us on Saturday mornings to discuss the Torah portion and how it might apply to our lives. We meet at 9:30 a.m. every Saturday.



October 5, 2019 **Vayeilech** Deuteronomy 31:1–30

October 12, 2019 **Haazinu** Deuteronomy 32:1–52

October 19, 2019 Chol HaMo-eid Sukkot Exodus 33:12–34:26

October 26, 2019 **B'reishit** Genesis 1:1–6:8

# RABBI COHEN (continued from page 1)

Today we cannot hide from the myriad ways our climate is changing; how we have failed to live up to this responsibility. Our tradition demands that we be faithful caretakers of our world. We must reconnect with this work.

One of the beautiful customs of Sukkot is to invite guests to share meals with us in the Sukkah we build. This element of the festival celebration opens us to the possibility of building new connections and strengthening those that already exist. The sukkah also represents the huts that our ancestors built as shelter for their sojourn in the wilderness. In this way the sukkah connects us with our history and the core story of our people, the Exodus from Egypt.

Lastly, the Festival of Sukkot is a festival of thanksgiving. We can

gain a deeper appreciation for the blessings in our lives through expressing gratitude. Sukkot reminds us, even in these difficult times, that there are blessings that help us connect meaningfully with God, the source of all blessing.

The vision of our founders, sixty years ago, to be a community of meaningful connection remains our vision today. Through living our Jewish values, may we all connect in a meaningful way, to one another, our congregation, our people and our God.

Shanah Tovah,

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# DR. ANNE LIDSKY (continued from page 3)

do the right thing. And, to tell you the truth, our kids get it, feel it, and take it to heart.

Last year, in one of my articles, I paid tribute to two Jeremiah girls who, in different circumstances, reached out to a guest they did not know, each at a Bat Mitzvah party. The guests were new to the community, and as you can imagine, struggled to enter the party room. Our amazing girls -- each on their own, at two different parties, approached the unknown girl with a smile – "You must be new here – come sit with me and my friends!" That's all it took. A bit of courageous outreach and a soul was saved.

At the end of the day, as we look into the mirror, we can only answer to our own behavior. But that is pretty huge. Judaism teaches that we all have a spark of the Divine in us; we all have our soul, and we can all make a positive difference in the lives of the people around us. It does not take a lot to lift a spirit - but it does require a conscious effort to do so. Do we all falter at times and miss an opportunity to do good? Of course we do. But can we all strive to do a bit better and live more mencshlichkite, thoughtful, compassionate lives on this earth? For sure we can.

Over the past 39 years at Jeremiah, I have developed close, treasured relationships with both parents and their children and have listened to hundreds of stories, some heartbreaking, most showing terrific resilience. They have impacted my life, encouraging me to pay attention and remind myself that it is more important to be kind than to be "right." Rabbi Cohen has often bestowed on me the title of MAMA BEAR. When he says it, and he does so lovingly, I smile, accepting that it is who I am.

I want to thank you for "listening" as I poured out my soul. Good or bad, I am a Mama Bear at heart, loving not only my own family members, but caring deeply about your children. If I have offended anyone with my words, I apologize. That would never be my intention. I have come to believe that we have all been placed on this earth to be partners with God and make our world a better place. I'd like to bring closure to this article, as I share with you the imprint on a favorite necklace, a statement that is a great guide to us all. The imprint states: "Be the reason that someone smiles today." May each of us be able to be that person, and may our children and our children's children be blessed with inner peace, acceptance, and true faith in themselves.

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# Happy New Year and a Happy 60th Anniversary

Sixty years is a great accomplishment from a small determined group of less than two dozen founding families to a strong community, thriving and satisfied.

By ROBERT D. SCHREIBMAN

Rabbi Emeritis schreib04@comcast.net

Rabbi Heaps, as usual, puts it well and succinctly as she reminds us how the fall holidays can give us the time to make a self assessment of who, what, and why we are. Include in this Thanksgiving and Temple Jeremiah's 60th Anniversary. I added to this my 84th birthday and Patti and my 35th wedding anniversary. Time is flying by faster and faster. And there is so much to be thankful for; friendships, warmth, and spiritual pleasures that have added so much to all of our lives, and has given meaning to our years of companionship.

Of the 60 years, I am proud to have been part of Temple Jeremiah for almost 46 of those years, twenty-five as rabbi when I was called to the pulpit in 1975. They were the most gratifying years of my rabbinate. I have watched the continuing and exciting expansion of programs under the leadership of Rabbi Cohen, with the assistance of Rabbi Heaps, Cantor Friedman, Dr. Lidsky, Danny Glassman and Temple Presidents and Board Members. Patti joins me in saying Thank You to all of you and wishing the congregation another year of health and joy and success.

At the same time, I wonder what the future holds for Reform Judaism, democracy, and planet earth when thirty-nine percent of

the population aged 18 to 29 lists themselves as no religion and the ever-growing list of weddings being conducted by non-clergy. Is it a sign of enlightenment and scientific rationality or a move towards more uncertainty and a fear of change? The magazine Humanist puts it another way "US (our) students are increasingly more tolerant, secular, and scientifically minded. They also feel more anxious and alone."

You and I are more important than ever. And we must make thoughtful and careful choices. May we be ready "to spend adequate time on the deep spiritual self-assessment goal, on ourselves, our decisions and our influences."

Sixty years is a great accomplishment from a small determined group of less than two dozen founding families to a strong community, thriving and satisfied. May 2020 and 5780 bring us hope, and a glimpse of the peace (Shalom) that has been part of our unanswered prayers for thousands of years.

Sincerely, Robert D. Schreibman Rabbi Emeritis



Photo from 1975

# 60th Video: A Meaningful Experience Behind the Scenes

I love that now when I walk into the building, I instantly feel a connection when I see not just a familiar face but someone I really know.

**By JULIE WEINBERG** 60th Video Committee julieweinberg@me.com



When I offered to help produce the 60th Anniversary video for Temple Jeremiah, I thought it would be a good opportunity to dust off my old skills. It turned out to be much more than that. Through this experience I have met new people, made new friends, and gotten a unique view of life at Temple Jeremiah. It all adds up to what some might call "the Joy of Belonging."

Previously, my social circle at temple revolved around friends we knew before we

became members. As a result of volunteering for this project, I've met others with whom I never would have interacted otherwise. I'm grateful for the perspective and expertise of long-time members who have taught me a great deal about Jeremiah's past. I've also met people whose kids are older than mine and can

offer a glimpse of the future. I love that now when I walk into the building, I instantly feel a connection when I see not just a familiar face but someone I really know.

I've also had the pleasure of sitting down with many of our clergy, staff, and board members to find out about their work, their perspective, and their personal story. Rabbi Cohen talked about what makes him most proud of Temple Jeremiah. Rabbi Heaps explained her unique way of connecting with our temple youth through her own passion. Cantor Friedman shared the details of her conversion to Judaism. Temple President Barb Miller talked about the social justice outing that brought a group of volunteers to tears, and I had the chance to meet Cantor Emeritus Amy Zussman who retired before my time here.

You will hear some of this and much more when we debut the video at the 60th Anniversary Celebration. It's about ten minutes long, but it could go on for hours. I'd love to tell you what didn't make it in when we meet somewhere along the way. Perhaps our paths will cross through the next volunteer opportunity? I look forward to meeting you then!

# **60th Anniversary Video**

# Sisterhood: An Exciting Year Ahead

Keep an eye on our calendar, so you don't miss any of the exciting events Sisterhood has planned for this year.

## By ALISA PATTERSON AND LISA SCHURGIN

Sisterhood Co-Chairs sarap124@aol.com lbjs2@yahoo.com

What do the U.S. Women's soccer team, Captain Marvel, and Temple Jeremiah's Sisterhood have in common? Super women with "super" powers! (Alas, no soccer team... yet.)

Our Sisterhood started out this year with a wonderful floral arranging event on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Women of all ages met at Temple and created beautiful floral arrangements to use for the holidays. Thank you to Suzy Klein for showing us how to arrange the flowers, amidst much laughter and chatter.

September also began the kick off for our book drive for Bernie's Book Bank. The book drive culminates on Monday, October 14, 2019 with a volunteer day at Bernie's Book Bank from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. We will meet in the sukkah at Temple Jeremiah for a "bring your own brown bag" lunch from 11:15 - 12:15, and then we will caravan up to Bernie's. This is a great event for families on a day the kids are off of school. Please look for the online sign up. Our

goal is to have at least 60 volunteers, so feel free to bring your friends! Come just for lunch, just to volunteer, or both. Everyone is invited!

Keep an eye on our calendar, so you don't miss any of the exciting events Sisterhood has planned for this year. A few you can look forward to are: our Wine Tasting Night, the Womens' Seder, and our Luncheon/Fashion Show. Our fall meetings in October and November are from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Temple. Watch for an update with the exact dates. Stop by and say hi!

The Book Club (run by Vicki Siegelman at vsieg@gralynn.org) and the Mah Jongg Club (run by Lori Kash at lorikash12@gmail.com) meet on a regular basis. If you are interested, please contact Vicki or Lori. The more the merrier!

Just a reminder- All of the women at Jeremiah are automatically members of our Sisterhood! Show up at any meeting or event! You are always welcome.

We look forward to seeing you!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Monday, October 14, 2019 for Sisterhood's volunteer day at Bernie's Book Bank from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Meet in the Sukkah at Temple Jeremiah for a "bring your own brown bag" lunch from 11:15 -12:15, and then caravan up to Bernie's. Everyone is welcome. Help us reach our goal of 60 volunteers!

# Sisterhood Bookclub

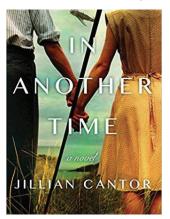
Our new year brings even more books. Read & come join our discussion! For more information or to sign up, contact Vicki Siegelman at vsieg@gralynn.org.

Thursday, October 10, 2019, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, November 14, 2019, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

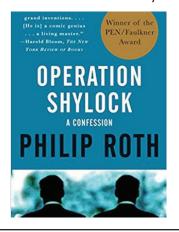
# The History of Love

by Nicole Krauss



Cantor elevates love as a powerful force that transcends tragedy and shows how music speaks to even the cruelest hearts. [In Another Time is] a powerful story that exalts the strength of the human spirit. - Kirkus

## Operation Shylock: A Confession by Philip Roth



Roth's highly imaginative book involves Roth, his impersonator, and his impersonator's impersonator! "One of Roth's grand inventions.... [He is] a comic genius...a living master." — Harold Bloom, The New York Review of Books

# You've Helped Bring a Smile to the Face of So Many Whittier Kids!

Whittier's principal said, "The donations bring a smile to our students' faces and help them stand taller..."

#### By LORI KASH

Social Justice Committee Member lorikash12@gmail.com

This June two vehicles packed to their roofs with your gently-used and new school supplies pulled up to Whittier Elementary School in Waukegan to have their precious cargo unloaded. Whittier is one of the temple's Social Justice programs and we are proud to be able to offer assistance, donations, and time to these deserving students. A huge heartfelt thank you to everyone who generously donated supplies (including Avery Copeland for her Bat Mitzvah project, our friends Wilmot Elementary School,

Woodlawn Middle School, and Birchwood Club for their fundraiser school supply centerpieces), monetarily, or their time in sorting and delivering the mountain of donations!



Whittier's principal said, "The donations bring a smile to our students' faces and help them stand taller. They build their confidence in knowing that they too have supplies versus feeling left out or ashamed of what they do not have."

The Whittier social worker says, "It takes so much stress off parents who are working so hard to meet the needs of their children. To know that uniforms, school supplies, coats and gloves are taken off a list of worries means more than I can put in words as no one wants their child to stand out as the student who doesn't have a backpack or school uniform. So often these items take a backseat to food and rent. Taking this off a family's plate is a relief and a gift. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

The school supply drive takes place every summer. Contact Lori Kash at lorikash12@gmail.com or 847.612.4998 for more information.

# A Chill is in the Air: Let's Wrap the Whittier Kids in Warmth November 3rd through 10th



Please join your Social Justice committee in collecting gently-used winter coats, hats, scarves, gloves, snow pants, and boots to donate to Whittier Elementary School in Waukegan. Most needed boot sizes are Kid's 1-6.5, Men's 6.5, and Women's 6. Your donations allow Whittier to have a storeroom of winter items that can be provided to children in need of warm winter outerwear to help them stay warm and in school throughout the season. Please bring these items to the designated box at the temple from November 3rd through 10th.

Temple Jeremiah's contributions to this program have a positive impact on the students. One Whittier teacher said, "Many of our families cannot afford to buy everything needed for a winter day. Your outerwear donation means the children have a greater chance of getting everything they need to stay warm." Contact Lori Kash at lorikash12@gmail.com or 847.612.4998 with any questions.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

## **October:**

Sunday, October 6th: Feed the Hungry Monday, October 14th: Bernie's Book Bank Tuesday, October 15th: Eat and Be Well Sunday, October 13th: Backpack Blessings Sunday, October 20th: Noni Dodge Blood Drive

## **November:**

Sunday, November 3rd: Feed the Hungry Tuesday, November 5th: Eat and Be Well Tuesday, November 19th: Eat and Be Well

# Brotherhood's Upcoming Events - With More to Come!

Brotherhood would like to wish all Jeremiahns a happy and prosperous New Year. We look forward to serving our community with a great lineup of events and programs during 5780.

## By RUSTY COLMAN

Brotherhood Member wcolman435@comcast.net

Brotherhood would like to wish all Jeremiahns a happy and prosperous New Year. We look forward to serving our community with a great lineup of events and programs during 5780.

To start things off, we held a Season Opener Watch Party to cheer on our Chicago Bears as they played the Packers at Soldier Field. The event was held on Thursday, September 5th, at Buffalo Wild Wings in the Willow Festival Mall. A \$10 per person donation went to the Brotherhood Scholarship Fund. Many thanks to Brother Mike Pfeiffer for chairing this event.

Next up, we'll have our Men's Breakfast on October 6th at 9:00 a.m. As in past years, there will be lox and bagels with all the trimmings, coffee cake, and coffee, and lots of camaraderie. All

Jeremiah men are invited to partake and to learn more about how Brotherhood supports Jeremiah, as well as the Jewish community locally, nationally, and internationally. And at 10:00 a.m., we'll switch from breakfast to hands-on volunteering at the Feed the Hungry program, demonstrating our organization's commitment not only to fellowship, but also community service.

Other events are being planned at this writing. Be sure to watch this space in the coming months to learn about the exciting programs Brotherhood will sponsor for 2019 and 2020.

For those of you who are new to Temple Jeremiah, you can learn more about our organization by contacting our president, Dan Bellows, at dbellows60025@yahoo.com. Dan can tell you about all the programs and initiatives we sponsor each year to help the temple, our local community, and Jewish charities and causes throughout the United States and the rest of the world.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Sunday, October 6, 2019, 9:00 a.m. for Brotherhood's Men's Breakfast. All men are welcome for Brotherhood's traditional bagel and lox with all the trimmings breakfast. Learn how Brotherhood supports the temple and community as a whole.

After breakfast, stay and volunteer to help Feed the Hungry.



# Scholar in Residence Cantor Evan Cohen

From Temple Jeremiah's sister congregation in Israel, Kehillat Har-El

Friday, December 6 - 8, 2019

A weekend of learning and music for all ages. Save the dates, more details coming soon.

This program is generously supported by the Bill and Norma Brown Fund for Lifelong

## Sukkot and Simchat Torah Celebrations and Inclusion Committee

# Celebrate Sukkot and Simchat Torah

Eat, dance, and celebrate with us on Erev Sukkot and Erev Simchat Torah!

## **Erev Sukkot & Pizza in the Hut**

## Sunday, October 13, 2019, 5:30 p.m.

Help us celebrate the joyous holiday of Sukkot on with "Pizza in the Hut" Dinner and Sukkah Decorating! New activities this year will have the whole family engaged, leading into our annual tradition of decorating the Sukkah. A fun evening for the whole family!

## **Erev Simchat Torah**

## Sunday, October 20, 2019, starting at 5:00 p.m.

Join us and rejoice in beginning the Torah anew with a delicious dinner, seeing the entire Torah unrolled, and celebrating in joy! We'll be joined by the Don Cagen Orchestra.

5:00 p.m. Jeremiah Kids Dancing and Game Night

6:00 p.m. Simchat Torah Dinner

6:30 p.m. Music and Dancing with the Torahs





# Inclusion Committee: A New Year of Events

### By CAREN BROWN AND GAIL MODRO

Inclusion Co-Chairs ceb994@gmail.com

Temple Jeremiah's Inclusion Committee is once again up and running with some familiar and some new programs and initiatives for 2019-2020. Mark your calendars for these events:

Sunday, December 15th, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. - Chanukah Celebration Party Sunday, February 9th, 9:30 a.m. - JDAIM Dedicated Adult Learning Friday, February 21st, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Scott B. Crane Abilities Awareness Shabbat Sunday, March 8th, 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. - Purim Carnival Sunday, June 7th, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. - Indoor Picnic

Meetings are held monthly on alternating Sunday afternoons and Wednesday evenings. We welcome new members and ideas. Join us at Temple Jeremiah to feel the joy of belonging and to feel included.

October 2019 Calendar						
SATURDAY	5 8:30 a.m. Tefilah 9:30 a.m. Torah Study 11:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Worship	8:30 a.m. Tefilah 9:30 a.m. Torah Study 11:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Worship	8:30 a.m. Tefilah 9:30 a.m. Torah Study 11:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Worship 6:00 p.m. Club 345 Movie in the Sukkah	26 8:30 a.m. Tefilah 9:30 a.m. Torah Study 11:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Worship		
FRIDAY	4 10:00 a.m. Bim Baby Tots 11:00 a.m. Bim Bam Baby 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting 1:00 p.m. Sisterhood Mah Jongg 6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Reception 6:00 p.m. Tot Shabbat 6:30 p.m. Kabbalat	9:30 a.m. GEL Meeting 10:00 a.m. Bim Baby Tots 11:00 a.m. Bim Baby Tots 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting 1:00 p.m. Sisterhood Mah Jongg 6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Reception 6:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Reception	18 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting 1:00 p.m. Sisterhood Mah Jong 5:30 p.m. Second Grade Dinner 6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Reception 6:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Worship	25 10:00 a.m. Bim Baby Tots 11:00 a.m. Bim Bam Baby 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting 1:00 p.m. Sisterhood Mah Jongg 6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Reception 6:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Worship #ShowUpForShabbat		
THURSDAY	3 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting	10:00 a.m. Sisterhood Book Club 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting	17 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting	24 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting	31 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting	
WEDNESDAY	2 3:30 p.m. AA Meeting 3:30 p.m. Nosh & Mingle 4:30 p.m. Hebrew School 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	Yom Kippur  Office Closed 9:00 a.m. Morning Worship (early service) 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship (late service) 11:00 a.m. Teen Service 11:00 a.m. Movement & Meditation 2:00 p.m. Children's Worship (Newborn through 2nd Grade) 2:00 p.m. Youth Worship (Grade School) 2:00 p.m. Adult Study 3:30 p.m. Afternoon Service, including Yizkor & Neilah (conluding service) 6:30 p.m. Break the Fast	16.00 p.m. AA Meeting 3:30 p.m. Nosh & Mingle 4:30 p.m. Hebrew School 7:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting	23 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting 3:30 p.m. Nosh & Mingle 4:30 p.m. Hebrew School	30 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting 3:30 p.m. Nosh & Mingle 4:30 p.m. Hebrew School	
TUESDAY	Rosh HaShanah Day Two Office Closed 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship at Chicago Botanic Garden 7:00 p.m. HHD Choir Rehearsal	8  Erev Yom Kippur Office Closed 6:30 p.m. Evening Worship (early service) 8:30 p.m. Evening Worship (late service)	15 10:00 a.m. Eat and Be Well (West Suburban Medical Center) 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting 7:00 p.m. Alanon, Alateen, and EDA Meetings 7:00 p.m. SHALE	22 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting 7:00 p.m. Alanon, Alateen, and EDA Meetings 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	29 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting 7:00 p.m. Alateen, and EDA Meetings	
MONDAY		7 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting 3:30 p.m. Nosh & Mingle 4:30 p.m. Hebrew School	Sukkot Office Closed 9:30 a.m. Java in the Hut 10:00 a.m. Sukkot Worship 11:15 a.m. Lunch in the Sukkah with Sisterhood & Social Justice 1:00 p.m. Bernie's Book Bank Volunteer Day	Simchat Torah and Sh'mini Atzeret Office Closed 7:00 p.m. Introduction to Judaism Class	12:00 p.m. AA Meeting 3:30 p.m. Nosh & Mingle 4:30 p.m. Hebrew School 6:15 p.m. Board Dinner and Meeting 7:00 p.m. Introduction to Judaism Class	
SUNDAY		9:00 a.m. Religious School 9:00 a.m. Brotherhood Men's Breakfast and Helping with Feed the Hungry 10:00 a.m. Adult Hebrew 10:00 a.m. Feed the Hungry 12:30 p.m. JeTY Teen High Holiday Service Rehearsal 3:15p Jr. JeTY Rockin Jump	Erev Sukkot 9:00 a.m. Jeremiah Buddies 9:00 a.m. Jeremiah School 9:30 a.m. Adult Learning 10:00 a.m. Adult Hebrew 10:00 a.m. Backpack Blessings 5:30 p.m. Pizza in the Hut	Erev Simchat Torah 9:00 a.m. Religious School 9:00 a.m. Noni Dodge Blood Drive 9:30 a.m. Adult Learning 10:00 a.m. Adult Hebrew 5:00 p.m. Jeremiah Kids Dancing and Game Night 6:00 p.m. Erev Simchat Torah Dinner and Dancing	9:00 a.m. Religious School 9:00 a.m. First Grade Consecration 9:30 a.m. Adult Learning 10:00 a.m. Adult Hebrew	

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