Dear Friends,

It can be an odd sensation looking for hope in our ancient texts. Instinctually, we know that hope is a major component of the Jewish outlook on the world – usually combined with healthy doses of realism, rationality, faith, and responsibility each. But looking through the Torah, or even the TaNaCh, itself can leave one wondering – these books seem to be lacking a clear theology of hope. In fact, the word for hope, tikvah, barely shows up. Where, then, did we get our keen sense of Jewish hope if not from our foundational texts?

Especially at times like these, when our world has been turned upside down and nearly everything that we once knew to be “normal” has disappeared from our lives, we can feel a deep sense of connection with the most hopeful of our scrolls – with the Book of Job. More often than not, Job is described as a man of faith. He is the symbol many faithful look to for inspiration when their own faith is shaken. Despite Job losing his health, his wealth, his family, his comfort, his community, and so many other things, Job continues to assert his trust in God and God’s care. But there is a subtle difference between Job’s faith and his hope. In his times of trouble, when Job began to question God’s presence in his life, he never stopped believing in the potential for a better future. While Job might have needed reminding of God’s ultimate creative and destructive power, Job never wavered on his vision for a better tomorrow. I read Job and see a man whose hope never wavers, even when his faith does.

When Job questions his faith, and ultimately his belief in the divine and human potentials for goodness and justice, we can’t help but

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Temple Jeremiah is proud to announce that Rabbi Rachel Heaps is the temple’s associate rabbi as of July 1st. Please join us in saying Mazel Tov!

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Summer 2020 surely didn’t turn out the way we had planned. Camps cancelled, pools closed, vacations scrubbed. It’s a big bummer for many, but when you read this issue of The Covenant, I think you’ll find there are actually many reasons to remain hopeful.

In our Cover Story, Rabbi Rachel Heaps searches for signs of hope in our Jewish text, and she teaches us that hope is more than a feeling. The actions that come as a result are what really make the difference and keep us moving forward. As you’ll see, we’ve found several stories amongst our membership to demonstrate that exact idea.

Read about Teena and Michael Crane, our Monthly Mensches, who are going above and beyond to care for others in the midst of this pandemic. The same is true for Barry and Jared Carr, a father/son duo, who share the unique challenges of running a facility where they care for senior citizens. You’ll also learn about Temple Jeremiah’s longest-running volunteer at Whittier Elementary School and find out how members responded when a teacher reached out for help.

We also hear from our new president as well as the Sisterhood and Brotherhood who share their perspective on finding hope in this pandemic.

Together, all of these stories provide some pretty solid evidence that Temple Jeremiah is a community of connection, caring for other members, as well as family, friends and neighbors beyond the synagogue. We offer it to you as hope and inspiration as we look forward to the future.

New President Sees Signs of Hope

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“May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears.” - Nelson Mandela

As we begin to emerge from a state of hiding from the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19 (i.e. CoRonAvIrus Disease 2019), and into a state of coexistence, there are many reasons to have hope.

Hope is in our DNA. Our Jewish story is filled with periods of despair, terror, wandering, death, and doubt. With each and every period, hope wins. That victory of hope over fear is forged in our history, in our ancestors, in our culture, and gifted to us. Once a gift is given, only the recipient can determine how it is used, cherished, cultivated. We are the recipients, and only we can make those choices. As we do, we should recognize that the choices we make will similarly affect and impact generations yet to come. I know, no pressure.

This unusual time of isolation and quarantine has seen us forego so much of what was previously thought to be unchangeable. The pace of life, emails, texts, tweets, posts and meetings – it all seemed to be racing faster and faster, and to what end? And then so much of it just stopped. The stopping has had innumerable negative consequences which cannot be overstated. However, the stopping has also seen many of us return to some basics. Board games, jigsaw puzzles, walks in the neighborhood, stopping on the street to talk with someone you had not seen in months, and family dinners have all returned. These basics have brought peace and joy into an otherwise very scary circumstance.

I hope what we have learned about hand hygiene, covering our mouths with our elbows when we cough or sneeze, and sensible cleaning practices will be what remains after the masks and six feet of distance begin to fade. Similarly, I hope that what we have learned about what we thought was unchangeable in our previous hamster wheel environment will now be seen as a new beginning. The time of isolation, quarantine, and reflection marks an enormous opportunity to connect on a deeper and more meaningful level with the hopes we have for ourselves, our families, our community, and the world.

As your new President of Temple Jeremiah, I feel an enormous sense of humility, and am truly privileged to serve in this role. I am proud of our Temple Jeremiah community, its connections, and its tenets. I look forward to the choices we will make together and will always strive to make hope a guiding principle.
Teena & Michael Crane: Helping in Tremendous Time of Need

Teena and Michael Crane, long-time members of Temple Jeremiah, are not new to challenging times, so it’s natural for them to make an extra effort to help others during the COVID-19 pandemic.

On a weekly basis for the last few months, the Cranes have been reaching out to Jeremiah members as well as their loved ones making sure that everyone has what they need in the way of groceries and personal items. If they don’t, the Cranes get to work with an established routine. Michael does the shopping, and the couple together make the deliveries. Teena recognizes that Michael is putting himself more at risk by going to stores. “My husband is a real superhero. He’s my everything,” she said. Teena’s parents, who live at the Vi in Glenview, are some of the recipients, along with other residents there.

Teena and Michael also helped a dear friend with bladder cancer, who more than most, can’t have contact with anyone, unless she’s at the hospital receiving her treatments. The Cranes assist her with things like grocery shopping, mail pickup, and taking out the garbage. Tracing their friendship back to their days as school teachers, Teena said, “Anything you can do, when people can’t go out, is important.”

The compassion that Teena and Michael have for individuals facing challenging times is the result of years raising their son, Scott, who had a rare form of Muscular Dystrophy. Temple Jeremiah’s Abilities Awareness Shabbat is named in honor of Scott who died in 2011 at 23 years old. “Scott was our everything,” said Teena who shared her personal struggle with the harsh realities that her son faced, remembering him as a compassionate, bright, wonderful person with a severe disability. Painfully, she recalled the deep mourning that she and her husband went through after their loss. “When you’ve gone through your own stuff, and you see what people can do to help, it’s natural to want to help others,” she said, adding “I’ve been there with illness and death, and so I get it.”

Teena and Michael first joined Temple Jeremiah in 1989, when their daughter was in kindergarten and ready to start Sunday School. Since then, both of their children became B’nai Mitzvah at Temple Jeremiah, and more recently their daughter, Lindsay, was married and celebrated the naming of her daughter, Skylar, at Temple. The Cranes have also volunteered with the Inclusion Committee and the events geared toward individuals with special needs. Teena knows that their son would have been happy to join in the many activities, which began after he had passed. Additionally, the Cranes have made donations that enhance the experience of individuals of all abilities at Temple Jeremiah, such as the automatic door openers at the temple entrances. And every year, they donate to print the High Holy Day Announcements, in memory of their son, Scott.

Now, in the midst of the pandemic, they spend their time helping in any way they can, showing their compassion to others in a tremendous time of need. We are proud to call them our Monthly Mensches.

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To nominate someone as the Monthly Mensch, please send an email to covenant@templejeremiah.org
Barry and Jared Carr Caring for Others At Risk

Barry and Jared Carr, Temple Jeremiah members, are experiencing the COVID-19 pandemic unlike many others. This father/son duo own and manage Avanti Wellness and Rehabilitation in Niles where they provide short-term and long-term care for both COVID-19 patients as well as those who need protection from it. Most of their patients are in their 70s or 80s, many recovering from a surgery or a stroke.

Once the pandemic hit the U.S., the Carrs made drastic changes within the building and around patient care to protect the community. Much like a hospital, every person is tested for COVID-19 when they are admitted to Avanti. They are then placed into separate units depending on their medical status. Jared equated their entrance to a building going through asbestos removal. “It’s like an air lock,” Barry added.

Both agree that one of the most difficult adjustments was moving from an open-door policy, when there were no visiting constraints, to a total lockdown. “It’s hard to explain to certain people why we’re doing what we’re doing, in terms of locking the building down, not having visitors in, and not allowing residents to go into other residents’ rooms or to do group activities,” said Jared.

At the same time, it’s tough for patients’ families who aren’t allowed to visit their loved ones daily. “We’ve made accommodations, like FaceTime and other electronic means, for people to connect, but it’s still difficult when someone is used to visiting every day for the last six or seven years, and now they’re not allowed in the building,” said Barry, adding, “It’s heart wrenching, but obviously it’s necessary based on everything going on in the world.”

Jared has first-hand experience with the virus, having contracted it himself. He empathizes with both the patients and their families, with the understanding of what both he and his parents went through while he was sick. For him, though, it was only a couple of weeks, while their long-term residents have been without the physical presence of their families for months.

Jared believes he contracted the virus anywhere else but their facility since their safety and cleaning measures are extremely stringent. “It’s less likely I would have gotten it there and more likely that I would have gotten it from a gas station pump or a grocery store,” said Jared. Although he didn’t take too long to recover, his oxygen levels did manage to go as low as the mid 70s, which is when he took himself to the hospital. The Carrs pay close attention to oxygen levels and instant temperature readings when assessing those that come to their facility.

In addition to caring for patients, the Carrs are also concerned about their office and medical staff. “There is a lot of education involved about how to protect themselves,” said Jared. They also realize family members of staff are fearful, so the Carrs are taking extra steps to show their appreciation for the risks their employees are taking.

"The future truly looks bright," said Jared, adding, "It has been an awful ongoing global pandemic, but we have people recovering from COVID-19 every single day in our facilities. The staff is staying optimistic and the guests, residents, and families remain patient and understanding until we can return back to normal."
question our own. We look around and see similar personal and societal ailments: sickness, economic struggle, bias and bigotry, disconnection between ethics and law, loneliness. Like Job, we question how we got here, and how basic decency allowed such atrocities to occur. But more importantly, like Job we do not see the world in all it’s brokenness and simply sit down covered in sackcloth and ashes. Rather, we see the brokenness, recognize its potential, and stand up to repair that which causes so much pain. Whether in Job’s time or in our own, it is clear, the Jewish eye always sees the world through a lens of hope.

Like too many other communities, we Jews know what hardship is like. Our history is littered with stories of ostracism, targeting, and victimization. Now, we live in relative comfort and safety. During both the highs and lows of our history we have never lost our hope, not only for ourselves but for those who continue to suffer. It is our hope that gives us strength, that keeps us working for a more perfect world. It is our hope that enables us to sympathize, empathize, and identify with modern day Jobs. It is our hope that tells us to speak up, speak out, partner, and organize. It is our hope that tells us that this land, too, can become a land filled with promise.

More than faith, we are a people of hope. As the poem says: Kol od ba’lei-vav pnimah...Od lo avdah tikvateinu, so long as our heart continues to beat our hope is not yet, nor will it ever be, lost.

TJ Members Answer When Teacher Calls

When Temple Jeremiah put out a call to help teachers in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the response was quick and generous.

Laura Bernstein, a temple member, Sunday School teacher, and special education kindergarten teacher in Des Plaines School District 62, shared that her students and their families were in need of everything from diapers to food to toys. While her school district was providing some support, there was more to do.

“These families were really suffering,” Laura said, explaining their challenge of affording fresh produce and simple pleasures like cookies for their kids.

Once word got out, several families answered the call for help and left boxes of items at Laura’s house and at temple. Laura was able to deliver two carloads of supplies to families of her students who were all beyond grateful.

Carol Schaner, a Temple Jeremiah member who owns the gift store Yellow Bird in Wilmette, heard about the request, and didn’t hesitate to respond. She gathered several items from the store’s children’s section including dinosaur puppets, colored pencils, and games, and dropped it all off at the temple. “I’m grateful I was able to do it. It makes me feel really good,” she said.

“We don’t realize how lucky we are. Temple Jeremiah is off Willow and I work off Golf. They are one exit apart, but we live in very different worlds,” said Laura, adding, “People at Temple Jeremiah really stepped up and were so generous.”
Checking in on Sisterhood

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“We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.”

These words by Dr. Martin Luther King ring especially true at this time. These past few months have been a challenge for all of us. We all hope for the obvious; the health and safety of our loved ones, a cure or vaccine for COVID-19, peace in our cities and around the world.

We have experienced disappointments too. Life cycle events have a new look to them: birthday parties and graduations, celebrated virtually or with honking horns and drive-by parades, weddings that were postponed, long planned trips that were cancelled.

Explaining these disappointments to our children and even coming to terms with these let-downs ourselves requires thinking of this time as a blip on our screen. A brief interruption on a continuum. Certainly, a new norm that we hope will continue to improve.

This is where the unspoken, less obvious hope is apparent. And the good news is, it’s there! The hope is there in the future plans we are making. We are devising ways to safely dine out, visit our friends, get haircuts, shop, and hold celebrations. Schools are planning to open and hold classes in the fall.

Lisa and I have been discussing ideas for virtual programming we can bring to all of you and we are really excited for some of the programs in the works. Be sure to keep an eye out for a virtual Challah Baking Zoom with Cathy Cohen and a special VIP tour “Behind the Bima” where we will get to see everything the clergy on the Bima sees during worship! (You know you are curious about what really is behind the Bima!)

If you have any ideas for virtual programming Sisterhood can organize, please email us:

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Sisterhood Book Club

NOTE: We will be meeting through Zoom! Join us online at zoom.us/j/3417454169.

Thursday, July 9, 2020 - 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
The Liar, By Ayelet Gundar-Goshen

She is no one, really. Just a person, a person no one notices, until THE LIE...and then everyone knows and wants to know her. “A psychological page-turner, rich in setting, character, and wisdom...The author unfurls her ironic fable — simultaneously timeless & contemporary...”

— Kirkus

Thursday, August 13, 2020 - 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
This Beautiful Life, By Helen Schulman

Manhattan. Private school. Good family, good parents. And then one night... “As much a bracing novel as a timely cautionary tale.... bizarre of-the-moment tragedy...that remains deeply humane and sensitive.... a powerful story of a good family in crisis.”

— Washington Post

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No one can doubt that it has been a rough year. People everywhere hope for better days ahead. We at Brotherhood, as well as others, are hopeful that a COVID-19 vaccine will be available before the end of the year and that it will be widely distributed around the world in 2021. We are hopeful that the economy will pick up and full employment will once again be the norm. We hope that racism and antisemitism are reduced in the future.

But we at Brotherhood know that hope is not enough. Hope is good. But it’s easy. Building a better tomorrow is much more difficult and time-consuming than merely hoping for them. Scientists who develop vaccines don’t merely hope for it. They toil hour after hour day in and day out doing the sometimes tedious, yet meticulous work needed to find a way to stop the pandemic in its tracks. In addition to hope, small business owners pick up the pieces of shattered dreams and against the odds, persevere. Americans of good will hope that racism and antisemitism finally will be extinguished, but know that much more is needed if the goal is to be achieved: holding our leaders accountable to their promises of making the needed structural changes that guarantee these two scourges will end, including criminal justice and educational reforms. Demonstrating (aware of social distancing and wearing masks) and writing letters are also needed, as well as going to the polls and voting for those who can help heal our nation.

Brotherhood’s “beyond hope” initiatives have always focused on the work needed to heal the world. Our recent overnight camp scholarships help our youngsters to become better Jews, those who understand the necessity of tikkun olam. Volunteering for the temple’s social justice initiatives, packing and delivering food and clothing to those in need. Contributing to charities – not only locally, such as the Northfield Food Bank and The ARK – but also those that help out nationally and internationally. We believe our Temple Jeremiah Brotherhood plays an important role in making the world a better place.

SOCIAL JUSTICE CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

July:

Sunday, July 5th: Feed the Hungry
For current info visit: tinyurl.com/FTH-updated

Monday, July 6th - 20th: Fitting Futures Drive
For current info visit: tinyurl.com/FF-July2020

Sunday, July 12th - 19th: Family Promise
For current info visit: tinyurl.com/FP-2020

Sunday, July 19th: Backpack Blessings
For current info visit: tinyurl.com/BPB-July2020

August:

Sunday, August 2nd: Feed the Hungry
For current info visit: tinyurl.com/FTH-updated

Note: For more scheduled Social Justice opportunities during August, please stay tuned to the temple website and our online calendar.

For more information about our social justice programs during this time, please visit tinyurl.com/SJ-updates.

For up-to-date programming, and our full calendar of events, visit tinyurl.com/tj-calendar.
Volunteer Retires from Record-Setting Commitment

After 15 years as Temple Jeremiah’s longest-running volunteer at Whittier Elementary School in Waukegan, congregant Aimee Lang is retiring from her weekly role in the kindergarten classroom. “I loved watching the development of the kids over the year and seeing the teacher’s teaching skills in bringing around the kids to get as much information into them as possible,” she said.

Aimee first committed to Whittier in 2005, after suffering the loss of her mother and a broken leg. “When I read about the need in the temple bulletin, I decided that when I could walk again, I would volunteer,” she explained. She started in a Spanish-speaking classroom where the school needed an English reader.

After a year and a half, Aimee moved into a different classroom with teacher Kelly McDonald. The two have worked side-by-side ever since, with Aimee assisting with everything from academics to encouraging good behavior to helping kids learn to tie their shoes. They also managed a great deal of change throughout their 13 years together. “Kindergarten went to all-day, became more academic, and they had computer class. I did all subjects with the kids and every day was different, just depending on what Kelly needed me to do,” explained Aimee. When Kelly decided it was time to retire, Aimee made the same choice. “I couldn’t imagine working with anyone else,” she said.

In addition to her generous heart, Aimee brought some expertise to the classroom. She holds an elementary education degree, volunteered with Head Start, and worked as a tutor. Family responsibilities prevented Aimee from teaching in her own classroom, and while there were times when she wished she’d had that opportunity, the volunteer role has come with its own unique benefits. “I have a tremendous amount of patience, and I did not have the responsibilities of finishing a lesson plan. I could just be carefree and enjoy the kids. They just liked playing with me with no expectations,” she said.

“You need to really like loud, noisy kids! Have a nurturing nature. Have the personality to be able to go through changes in a day. You may start in one direction and change to a totally different direction,” Kelly said, “I’m so thankful that Aimee came into my life. She is wonderful.”

Whittier is not Aimee’s only volunteer commitment. For the past 35 years, she’s donated her time weekly to the Chicago Children’s Museum by helping in the art studio with the toddler art program. Given all the precautions surrounding COVID-19, Aimee knows the art program will likely not start up again for quite some time, but she hopes to eventually resume her work there.

Beyond volunteering, Aimee is a dedicated grandmother to her four grandchildren, three of whom live in Pittsburgh where Aimee keeps an apartment to make visits easier.

In the meantime, Aimee is having hip surgery and looking forward to getting back on her feet so she can enjoy her active lifestyle.

All of us at Temple Jeremiah are proud of Aimee and grateful for her dedication to the Social Justice program that has supported Whittier Elementary School since 2004.

If volunteering at Whittier sounds enticing, Aimee promises you won’t regret it. “I don’t know who enjoys it more - you (the volunteer) or the kids you see each week! I love them and will miss them.”

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These days it’s more important than ever to support the Whittier teachers and help them get the supplies they need to teach summer school remotely.

Simply download the Box Tops app, create an account, forward your email receipt to receipts@boxtops4education.com, and voila! Box Tops will be credited within one day.

Of course, you can still scan your paper receipts with the app.

It will automatically find participating products you purchased and instantly add cash to Whittier’s earnings. It’s so easy!

Each Box Top is still worth $.10 for Whittier and that quickly adds up! Visit boxtops4education.com for more information and a full list of participating products.

If you have questions, contact Lori Kash at lorikash12@gmail.com or 847.612.4998.
**Lately Around Jeremiah**

**SO much Delicious Challah!**
- Krashin Family Challah
- Rubinstein Family Weekly Challah
- Persky Family Challah on Shabbat

**Jeremiahns Get Creative with Celebrations (Outdoors)**
- Leah Levin’s Graduation in the Parking Lot
- Sloan Silver’s 5th Birthday Celebration
- Sloan Silver’s 5th Birthday Parade
- Emma Wechsler’s 10th Birthday Celebration
- Garbarski-Weisman family wishing Allie Wechsler Happy Birthday
- Scott Levin Giving a Gift to Barbara Miller
"My first memory is bringing my kids, then 1 and 3, to one of the holidays. Their father’s car broke down on his way home from work so he couldn’t join. Needless to say, keeping them still was near impossible. And as parents know, you feel so awful when this happens even when you are told it is ok. Well, Rabbi Cohen came off the bimah to meet them, play with them and they had a blast! To the point that Rabbi Segal had to invite him back up for his reading in the service :). He stood up and loudly said “Asher, Noam, I will be back!” (and he did come back!) It was not only his true love of children that was clear, but his desire to make a parent feel welcome despite the chaos the children may (naturally) bring. It was not just saying my kids were welcome, but showing me. I will never forget it.

- Sarabeth Salzman

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"Ronnie and I are so fortunate that we have been part of the Jeremiah family for nearly 50 years--you are catching up!!! Many life cycle celebrations later we know that our decision to join TJ was the right one. Your warmth and ready greetings are always appreciated. The world has become a strange and scary place and we are so happy to know that TJ is a safe haven and we can continue to look to you for spiritual guidance.

- Andrea Sandler

"We appreciate your compassion and connection with us during both good and difficult times. Your ability to communicate effectively has helped us to relate to our spirituality and our everyday lives. Your leadership is expressed in a calming manner that translates in a meaningful way. It is our privilege to worship and study with you.

- Susie and Allen Slutsky

"From the first time I heard your “Henani” soliloquy on Rosh Hashanah where you openly questioned the existence of God - in front of the entire congregation - I knew you were “my rabbi.” Not for disbelieving, but for saying out loud what I also at times question. Your leadership and spirituality continue to be an inspiration to me and all of us. My entire family is grateful you are our rabbi. You truly exemplify the definition of teacher. Congrats on 20 years.

- Marc Mayer

"Dear Rabbi Cohen - From the first moment we walked through the door as prospective members in 2006, we felt a connection. Since then, we have had two Bat Mitzvahs, two Confirmations, many dinners together, and an unforgettable trip to Israel. Your intelligence, integrity, story telling, and work ethic are all gifts to Temple Jeremiah and its community. Congratulations on 20 Years, but let it be just a taste of what is yet to come.

- Scott, Amy, Hannah, and Leah Levin

"So many memories, too many to fit into this box over 20 years. Thank you for always being there. Through the good and not so good times, you were there. Your phone calls and emails always came at the right moment. You helped create a strong community for all of us, and I was so glad to have you by my side as I became a Bat Mitzvah last year. You really did get me to the finish line. Thank you.

- Babette, Jeffrey, Randall and Toby Sanders

"...I was a member of the Rabbi Search Committee that brought you to Temple Jeremiah. I remember how we all looked at each other after you finished your opening remarks. We immediately knew that you were the one! My next memories are a collection from how much time you spent with my husband Barry when he was in the hospital; how you sat with me when I had to call my grandchildren to tell them that their grandfather had died; how available you made yourself to comfort me afterwards; how beautiful his funeral was. Your ready smile, special words of reassurance and encouragement were always there for me. Your intelligent and sensitive sermons expanded my connection to Judaism...

- Sheila Schlaggar

"If you Google the Yiddish word hamish, it means warm, cozy, comfortable. Hamisha was one of the nicest things my mother would say about another person. It is more than the above definition. It means genuine from the bottom of the heart feeling for others, and making them feel good, welcome, and comfortable. On the Google page they should have a picture of Rabbi Cohen.

- Sara and Marty Liebman

"...You have been a trusted mentor, friend and advisor, in good times and challenging. From our sons’ (Jason and Jeremy) Religious and Hebrew School studies and Madrich duties, to their Bar Mitzvah tutoring and preparation with you and our dear Cantor Amy. From Jason’s Bar Mitzvah in Israel with you, Mitch and our Temple family, to Michelle’s active participation in Temple activities, events and fundraising, not to mention Jeremy's weekly mitzvah project feeding families in need. From my service on our Board to my cherished time with our choir under Amy’s loving tutelage. Thank you for what you have meant and continue to mean to the Myers’ family...

- Michelle, Michael, Jason and Jeremy Meyers
IN SUPPORT OF

Feed the Hungry
-Rachel and Marvin Siegel

Social Justice Fund
-Deborah and Frank Leibow

IN APPRECIATION OF

Rabbi Paul Cohen
Thank you for all you do
-Eileen Brottman

Rabbi Paul Cohen
For your continual Mi Shebeirach of Allen Hirschfield
-Nancy and Allen Hirschfield

Cantor Amy Zussman
-Liz, Scott, and Sarah Mendel

IN HONOR OF

Rabbi Paul and Cathy Cohen
On the occasion of their 30th wedding anniversary
-Marilyn and Yale Kaplan

Jessica Gwendolyn Bilodeau
Granddaughter of Betsy and Ron Rooth, on the occasion of her birth
-Lori and Gary Kash
-Mara and Gerry Lane

Rabbi Paul Cohen
On the occasion of his 20th anniversary at Temple Jeremiah
-Sue Pinsky-Gardner and Phil Gardner
-Patricia and Richard Geline
-Andrea and Doug Kaplan
-Leisure Landman and Aaron Feigelson
-Phyllis and Michael Mitzen
-Danielle and Brian Ruben
-Anne Areinstein and Dr. Richard S. Sarason
-Lisa and Brian Schurpin

Mae Josephine Goldfarb
Daughter of Lia and Adam Goldfarb, on the occasion of her birth
-Caren Brown

Jackson Kurtz Hurwith
Grandson of Mindy and Randy Kurtz, on the occasion of his birth
-Lori and Gary Kash

Barbara Miller
On the occasion of her years as Temple Jeremiah President
-Susan and Ken Lorch
-Babette and Jeffrey Sanders

IN MEMORY OF

Samuel Andelman
Uncle of Rachel Siegel
-Rachel and Marvin Siegel

Bernard Bell
Father of Judy Tatar
-Judy and Jerry Tatar

Irwin Berkley
Father of Abra Berkley
- Robert Epstein
-Susie and Roger Fein

Esther Berman
Mother of Leslie Berman, grandmother of Rachel Newman
-Leisure Berman

Susan Blinderman
Daughter of Sandra Marks, sister of Patricia Lurie, former wife of Steve Blinderman
-Sandra Marks

Herman Blustein
Father of Rachel Siegel
-Rachel and Marvin Siegel

Larry Brodacz
Cousin of Ken Tornheim
-The Family of Larry Brodacz

Marlene Brount
Sister of Susan Slutsky
-Susan and Allen Slutsky

Norma Brown
Wife of Bill Brown, mother of Randi Gurian
-Shirley and Norman Ackerman
-Elan Adler and Bill Johnson
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