By RABBI PAUL F. COHEN  
Senior Rabbi  
rabbi@templejeremiah.org

Dear Friends,

As a practice, Jews throughout the centuries have focused on the words of Psalm 27 as a way to prepare for the High Holy Days during the Hebrew month of Elul. I invite you to take a moment before reading on to look at the entire Psalm in English:

1. Of David. Adonai is my light and my help; whom should I fear? Adonai is the stronghold of my life, whom should I dread?
2. When evil men assail me to devour my flesh - it is they, my foes and my enemies, who stumble and fall.
3. Should an army besiege me, my heart would have no fear; should war beset me, still would I be confident.
4. One thing I ask of Adonai, only that do I seek: to live in the house of Adonai all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of Adonai, to frequent God’s temple.
5. He will shelter me in His pavilion on an evil day, grant me the protection of His tent, raise me high upon a rock.
6. Now is my head high over my enemies roundabout; I sacrifice in God’s tent with shouts of joy, singing and chanting a hymn to Adonai.
7. Hear, ADONAI, when I cry aloud; have mercy on me, answer me.
8. In Your behalf my heart says: “Seek My face!” ADONAI, I seek Your face.
9. Do not hide Your face from me; do not thrust aside Your servant in anger; You have ever been my help. Do not forsake me, O God, my deliverer.
Despite the pandemic, or rather, because of it, Temple Jeremiahns are connecting to one another and to the community in creative and meaningful ways.

By JULIE WEINBERG
Editor, The Covenant
julieweinberg@me.com

Amazing things are happening at Temple Jeremiah, and when you read the articles in this issue of The Covenant, you will learn connection is at the heart of it all. Despite the pandemic, or rather, because of it, Temple Jeremiahns are connecting to one another and to the community in creative and meaningful ways.

Much of this issue is dedicated to this year’s High Holy Days. In our Cover Story, Rabbi Cohen provides comfort and guidance as we prepare for this most unique season. Cantor Friedman gives us a glimpse of how the Adult and Youth Choirs are bringing their voices together from a distance for all of us to enjoy. As she explains, they are truly making lemonade out of lemons. You’ll also get to know Ernie Schubert, our Monthly Mensch, who has dedicated countless hours and his filmmaking expertise to help us all celebrate 5781.

We also take a look at how Temple Jeremiah is responding to the death of George Floyd and the growing demand to practice antiracism. You’ll find a list of how you can get involved in the effort, and you’ll read about a young member who is spreading a message about antiracism as her Bat Mitzvah project. Perhaps, you’ve seen “signs” of her Tikkun Olam project around Chicagoland?

Brotherhood reminds us of the connections they provide, Leslie Landman introduces us to the dedicated members who are collaborating on the development committee, and you’ll read a very personal and emotional essay from Randi Gurian written after her mother’s death.

Finally, I hope you’ll enjoy a glimpse of how the clergy and staff are staying connected to Temple Jeremiah. Be sure to check out the rainbow challah and some adorable puppies.

These are the stories that make me proud of my connection to Temple Jeremiah. I hope you feel the same way.

Choir Turns Musical Lemons into Lemonade

By CANTOR SUSIE LEWIS FRIEDMAN
Cantor
cantorfriedman@templejeremiah.org

Kesher, connection in Hebrew, has never been more important to us than it is now. Even though the past six months have kept us physically apart, in some ways, we have never been more connected, or creative. Attendance is higher than ever in Shabbat worships and other offerings. Perhaps this is because digital interaction allows for global participation. In past years, those receiving milestone blessings who were not physically in the sanctuary with us would have missed out on this meaningful gift. But our digital worship has changed all of that. While we were freezing in Chicagoland during the early months of the quarantine, we were able to connect with friends in warm climates and enjoy the beauty of their surroundings, inspiring us with the summer weather that would come our way.

We have gone to greater lengths than many of us had ever thought possible to maintain kesher with our community from afar. How many of us ever imagined Passover with loved ones on a screen? I never thought I’d see the day when my parents would be technologically savvy enough to figure out how to participate in a Zoom meeting! Our desire for connection has also inspired us to be more inclusive. I find myself thinking about family members who I can invite to participate with us in digital worship and other activities. For instance, during a special Americana Shabbat for July 4th, my brother, J.T. Lewis, played the beautiful trumpet solo in Aaron Copland’s Fanfare for the Common Man.

It is the tendency of the human spirit to make lemonade when life brings us lemons (though I have to say, I LOVE lemons), and that’s the case with the choir. One of the biggest challenges of physical distance is that we are forbidden to sing together, but we did not let that stop us from togetherness. Choir has met for all but two weeks of the pandemic. Rehearsal attendance is greater than ever, and our digital gatherings allow members who are out of town or unable to drive to still join us.

During this time, we have all pushed ourselves technologically. Each choir member sends in a video of themselves singing their parts, and we have learned to put them together into one virtual choir video, providing much meaning for our community. Members of both Shir Joy, our Youth Choir, and the Adult Choir have taken me up on my offer to provide individual virtual voice lessons as well, and together we have uncovered ways to help them feel good about their singing and their videos.

Shir Joy also met every Sunday while Religious School was in session. Each week they requested favorite songs to sing, and I shared my screen with the lyrics. They made a video of a meaningful song by Matisyahu, entitled “One Day” which
inspires us to believe that one day, the world will experience the “Messianic Age,” when we have all participated in the repairing of the world, Tik’un Olam. My meetings with B’nai Mitzvah kids also look different, but no less meaningful. Due to the physical distancing, the students are taking more ownership over their B’nai Mitzvah preparations and worship. They have more responsibility to know their prayers, as they are doing them totally alone. It has been amazing to see them rise to these challenges, to stand and lead worship on their own.

While we pray fervently for restoring our physical connections, we must also realize that this digital way of meeting has forever changed our world and our worship, possibly for the better. We have learned to think creatively in ways we may never have thought possible to allow for greater participation. It is my prayer that we will continue to breathe through these challenges, stay safe, and hope for the day, “One Day,” when we will be able to balance togetherness physically and digitally.

Ross, Abigail, Zev, and I wish you happiness, health, and connection in 5781.

Let’s Talk About Antiracism

“In Deuteronomy, we read tzedek, tzedek, tirado. Justice, justice shalt thou pursue. The word pursue means that we have to actively engage with justice in our world, it’s not enough to follow the rules, to obey the law. We have to pursue justice in every way that we can.” – Rabbi Paul Cohen

Practicing antiracism requires a conversation, and Temple Jeremiah is undertaking a major initiative to help everyone get started. “We are encouraging people to have conversations with others and with themselves. We all have our blind spots. This is a chance not only for conversation, but also for reflection,” said Scott Levin, Temple President.

The widespread focus on antiracism came after the death of George Floyd when congregants started calling synagogue leadership asking about Temple Jeremiah’s response to systemic racism and how they could help. Now, a variety of antiracism programs are on the calendar, including Implicit Bias Training, virtual speakers, and book discussions. “We are providing you with conversation starters. Talk with your kids, talk to your neighbors, and commit to attending multiple programs,” said Social Justice Co-Chair Jack Craven.

In addition to attending programs, congregants can also explore an extensive list of antiracism resources (templejeremiah.org/antiracism-resources) on the Temple Jeremiah website courtesy of Dana Garbarski, temple member and Associate Professor of Sociology at Loyola University Chicago. She’s providing a growing list of TED Talks, podcasts, articles, and books, as well as a link to the Implicit Association Test created by Harvard University which you can take to explore your own bias.

Historically, Temple Jeremiah has promoted platforms and programs aimed at lifting up people of color, but this is the most coordinated effort focused on antiracism. In an impassioned speech delivered via video to the entire congregation, Rabbi Paul Cohen said this work exemplifies Jewish values. “In Deuteronomy, we read tzedek, tzedek, tirado. Justice, justice shalt thou pursue. The word pursue means that we have to actively engage with justice in our world, it’s not enough to follow the rules, to obey the law. We have to pursue justice in every way that we can,” he said.

“This is Tik’un Olam. It’s repairing the world and trying to remedy the injustice that we see. It’s who we are at Temple Jeremiah,” said President Levin.

“We’ve set up the congregation to work together to be able to engage in a year’s worth of conversations about this difficult problem that’s going to take a long time to resolve,” said Barb Miller, Social Justice Co-Chair, adding, “If not now, when?”
Providing Video Expertise to Celebrate 5781

Temple Jeremiah member Ernie Schubert mostly stayed home once the global pandemic hit the area. His plans changed when the call came in late May asking him to help with the video production of this year’s High Holy Days worship. “I just felt I had to do it,” he said, “I’m tickled that I’m allowed to be a part of this.”

During the next two months, Ernie volunteered countless hours considering every detail including organizing a production team, reviewing scripts, and planning to safely gather the small group together at Temple to record prayers and songs. When that time came in late July, he layered up with two masks, and spent three days directing the crew, making sure that each camera angle captured the spirit and meaning of the moment. In the remaining weeks before Rosh HaShanah, he coordinated the editing for a production unlike anything he’d worked on during his 50 years as a documentary filmmaker. “It was tough communicating at a social distance with a mask, but this was big, and I’m glad to have had the opportunity to do this in retirement,” he said.

This isn’t Ernie’s first video production for Temple Jeremiah or the Jewish community. He helped create videos celebrating the synagogue’s 50th and 60th anniversaries, and, in fact, his career has been steeped and rooted in Judaism. Growing up in Albany Park on Chicago’s North Side, Ernie took his first photography class at the Deborah Boy’s Club which was run by the Young Men’s Jewish Council and later became the Jewish Council for Youth Services (JCYS). Eventually, Ernie built his own production company serving a variety of clients including Notre Dame University and the U.S. Navy, and he was thrilled to reconnect with JCYS when the organization hired him to produce their videos.

At the same time, Ernie spent 22 years producing fundraising videos for the Jewish United Fund. That job allowed him to meet Holocaust survivors, tell stories of children with special needs, and even spot his bag of donated groceries while filming at The Ark. “It was a really good feeling to connect with the Jewish community through my professional work,” he said.

Personally, Ernie has always enjoyed temple life. He and his wife, Linda, joined Temple Jeremiah in 1978 when Fern and Mike Kamen invited them to a service. “We met Rabbi Schreibman, and we really liked him. He was so different from other rabbis I had known,” said Ernie, sharing how surprising it was when the rabbi introduced himself by his first name. As a young father, driving his kids to religious school, Ernie spent time in the temple library reading everything related to World War II and Judaism. In the following years, Ernie and Linda made it a point to attend many activities. As a kid, Ernie went to Sunday School at Temple Beth Israel and ushered on Saturday mornings. He remembers the High Holy Days as a special time for his family. “We weren’t people who only went to temple on the High Holidays, but we always went on the High Holidays,” he said.

Now, looking ahead to the unique High Holy Days worship he helped create for Temple Jeremiah, Ernie hopes his fellow congregants appreciate a significantly different experience.

With gratitude for his hard work and dedication to the start of 5781, Temple Jeremiah is proud to name Ernie Schubert our Monthly Mensch.
RABBI COHEN (continued from page 1)

10. Though my father and mother abandon me, Adonai will take me in.

11. Show me Your way, ADONAI, and lead me on a level path because of my watchful foes.

12. Do not subject me to the will of my foes, for false witnesses and unjust accusers have appeared against me.

13. Had I not the assurance that I would enjoy the goodness of Adonai in the land of the living...

14. Look to Adonai; be strong and of good courage! O look to Adonai!

On the surface, the Psalm is a humble and plaintive call from the author to God for reconnection expressing both faith and doubt. The Psalmist seeks to repair the damage in their relationship knowing that just as God is all powerful so too is God all forgiving. When the relationship is strong and good, God is protector and shield.

Sheltering in place, physical distancing, quarantine, and fear bring new urgency to this plea. We feel distant and alone in our struggle, yet, we do have hope and we have adapted in new and unexpected ways. Digital gatherings for worship and study have helped ease our pain and longing. While not a substitute for being physically present to one another, the digital platforms bring new opportunities to engage creatively and dynamically affording us new strength and hope.

This is how we are approaching the High Holy Days of 5781 with strength, with hope, and with renewed creativity. We have been busy planning, creating and recording for Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur. These past weeks have been overwhelming, daunting, and very exciting. I have looked at our liturgy, our music, our Torah and my own sermons in new ways along with my amazing partners: Rabbi Heaps, Cantor Friedman, Dr. Lidsky, and Danny Glassman. We have been guided by congregants Ernie Shubert, Julie Weinberg, and Rob Morhaim on the production side of the sacred content we will share. I know that though the experience will be new and unprecedented, it will be meaningful and uplifting. I am filled with excitement and awe.

In the last verse of Psalm 27, we read:

"Look to Adonai; be strong and of good courage! O look to Adonai!"

A teacher of mine, Rabbi Richard Levy, z”l, wrote the translation this way:

"Wait for Adonai; let your heart be strong and of good courage and wait hopefully for Adonai."

I propose a different translation that follows the rabbinic tradition of creative punctuation. It speaks to me more powerfully in this time of pandemic leading up to Rosh HaShanah:

"Adonai is a God of Hope, you are strong...your heart is strong. Remember, Adonai is a God of Hope...be hopeful!"

Let us recognize the strength we have within knowing that our God is a God of Hope. Created in this image we are a people of hope. We live our best selves when we transform hope into action through our words and our deeds.

Cathy, Jacob, Eli, Ann, and Hope join me in wishing you and your dear families a Shanah Tovah u’Metukah, a Happy and Sweet New Year.

Mazel Tov to our own Rabbi Rachel Heaps, who was one of this year’s 36 Under 36 list of talented, difference making Jewish young adults in our city, presented by YLD and Oy!Chicago.
In late July, a videography crew rolled into Temple Jeremiah and turned the synagogue into a recording studio. Lights, cameras, and microphones replaced the rows of chairs typically lined up for worship. With hand sanitizer at the ready and everyone wearing masks, a small team set to work recording the High Holy Days worship for 5781.

When we realized most summer things were going to be cancelled, we started asking questions about what these High Holy Days would look like. We had to go back to the core of the prayers and reimagine all of the worship and the entire experience.

When we realized most summer things were going to be cancelled, we started asking questions about what these High Holy Days would look like. We had to go back to the core of the prayers and reimagine all of the worship and the entire experience,” said Rabbi Rachel Heaps. That required a great deal of discussion, some detailed spreadsheets, and some clear goals.

“We knew people were grieving the loss of our traditional connection, so while we thought carefully about how best to highlight particular moments, we also came up with ways for people to best interact with this digital experience,” Rabbi Cohen said.

They were particularly focused on incorporating as many people as possible into worship.

The Spiritual Life Committee provided input during the planning and a variety of members contributed to various segments including recent graduates participating in a group Aliyah, young people signing the Sh’ma, nearly a dozen members providing videos with personal reflections, and the past presidents digitally passing the Torah. In total, more than 100 voices will be heard throughout the High Holy Days worship.

At the same time, the clergy thought creatively about how best to share the beauty of the building that has sat empty for so many months. “The upside of celebrating the High Holy Days this way is that we were able to take advantage of different locations within the building, which is important because a lot of people connect to the physical space,” said Rabbi Cohen.

While this reimagined worship required the clergy to write new teachings to present in a unique way, they also had to figure out an entirely different manner to share the rich and traditional music essential for Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur. Instrumentalists played from a social distance during that week in July, Cantor Friedman filled the room with her voice that fills the soul, and then other voices were added in later through the magic of technology. As you can read in Cantor Friedman’s Perspective article, choir members have learned to create their own recordings which were mixed together to create their familiar harmony.

“Julian, our pianist, and I were blown away by their beautiful music. I am so grateful for the technology that allows us to combine all of these voices with the music we made in the Sanctuary and share all of it with the rest of the community,” said Cantor Susie Lewis Friedman.

Rabbi Heaps, who is known for her technological wizardry, provided much guidance throughout the entire process. “The world is entirely changed. We have learned and experimented in a lot of different ways, and we have discovered that our toys have become the tools to maintain community,” she said.

The result is a compilation of prayers, songs, teachings, and more to celebrate 5781 and the joy of belonging to Temple Jeremiah.
Brotherhood Shares Message of Connection

By RUSTY COLMAN
Brotherhood Member
wcolman435@comcast.net

Among the many challenges we have faced this summer are the limitations on our gatherings with relatives and friends. Sure, there are Zoom meetings and FaceTime chats. But it’s not the same as sitting across a restaurant table from one another enjoying a meal together or taking a walk and sharing stories.

We are social animals. By nature, we crave togetherness. That is undoubtedly one of the reasons why Brotherhood membership is so enjoyable – and personally fulfilling. It satisfies our desire for connection. Who among us doesn’t find joy in our gatherings to watch a Bears game on TV, to meet up at Welsh-Ryan Arena for a Wildcats basketball game, or to enjoy a Chicago Dogs baseball game in Rosemont? Not to mention pizza nights at Barnaby’s.

Brotherhood also provides us with those opportunities to connect with those beyond our immediate community through our charitable gifts. For example, when the need arises, we assist Jewish communities after a temple has been damaged by a hurricane.

Current Brotherhood members at Temple Jeremiah are aware of the many connections we offer. If you’re someone who’s ready to form a bond with fellow Jeremiahns, as well as co-religionists elsewhere, contact our president Dan Bellows at dbellows60025@yahoo.com.

Connecting, Collaborating, and Creating

By LESLIE LANDMAN
Director of Philanthropy
leslie@templejeremiah.org

Who would believe that the months that introduced terms like “sheltering in place” and “social distancing” have also helped build and deepen connections? Personally, these unusual times have allowed me to participate in more Temple experiences and enhance my Jeremiah relationships. As a city dweller with a busy family, I am now a regular at Friday night services (earning a “top fan” badge for the Temple on Facebook).

I have participated in a greater range of committee meetings, helping integrate the goals of my area further into the fabric of the Temple; and, my interactions with my colleagues have taken on a more personal quality as we get small glimpses into each other’s homes and lives.

During this time, I was also able to form a Development Committee of wonderful people to focus on the strategic aspects of highlighting and creating giving opportunities at the Temple. Meet our committee:

Jon Fellman and his wife, Michelle, Wilmette residents, joined the Temple in 2006. A father of three, Jon and his family have been actively involved with Family Promise. A Board member, Jon has brought skills from his professional life in the world of finance to Temple, including the Investment Committee.

Randi Gurian is a second-generation Temple Jeremiah member; her parents joined in 1963, and she and her husband, Charles, continued the family tradition in 2007. Active in adult learning, Sisterhood book club, and a regular at Shabbat services, Randi, a Wilmette resident, is also a Board member. She is a retired social worker and former Executive Director of The Harbour, which provides services to at-risk youth.

Molly Silverman, her husband, Jamie, and their two children have been members of Temple Jeremiah since moving to Northbrook several years ago. Molly is the Chief Strategic Engagement Officer for YWCA Metropolitan Chicago where she leads marketing and development. A long-time volunteer for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago, she was a founding board member of local non-profit Share Our Spare.

Mark Sulkin and his wife, Shelley, live in Glenview and have been members of Temple Jeremiah for 13 years. A professional fundraiser for most of his career, Mark, a Board member, has brought his expertise and interests to various committees, including Brotherhood, Israel Action and Finance. Mark is semi-retired. He has four adult children and is the proud grandfather of five young grandchildren.

Cyndey Topaz, her husband, Ben, and their two daughters are enjoying their third year of membership at Temple Jeremiah. Cyndey has an extensive background in Development, having worked for the Jewish Federation and Northwestern University Hillel. She is currently the owner of Golden Ceramic Dental Lab.

I am grateful to collaborate with such a thoughtful and talented group and together create opportunities to support the financial well-being of the Temple. If you’re interested in strategic planning, communication or fundraising, and would like to join our committee, email me at leslie@templejeremiah.org. Wishing you a Shanah Tovah!
How are Temple Jeremiah Staff Staying Busy and Connected?

Take a peek at how Temple Jeremiah clergy and staff are staying busy and connected since the stay at home order was issued in mid March.

**DANNY GLASSMAN**
Executive Director

“I built an amusement park in my backyard! We have also been happy to be able to provide free flowers, with no contact, in our drive way to bring some cheer to our neighbors.”

**DINA BAUWENS**
Membership Engagement

“I love that I am able to connect with so many members, and perspective members, using technology from my home. But the highlight of all this has been the quality family time Randy, Raydon, and I have enjoyed.”

**PHYLLIS BURG**
Senior Executive Assistant

“My new piano has a midi system that allows me to record what I’m playing. I’ve always wanted to do some composing. I’m learning to use a software called Mixcraft. I have a lot to learn but it is something new in my life that I am enjoying.”

**ANNE RICHTMAN KAPLAN**
Center for Learning Admin Assistant

“I’ve been cooking, exploring my new Evanston neighborhood on walks with my dog, Samson, and taking some time to read for fun – the whole Harry Potter series for the 3rd time.”

**CANTOR SUSIE LEWIS FRIEDMAN**
Cantor

“I have been singing Jewish songs with my kids and helping them get more and more connected to their Judaism. I’ve also been making music videos of cover songs describing the extraordinary time we are in.”

**RABBI PAUL COHEN**
Senior Rabbi

“We have been very busy with the newest addition to our family. Meet Tali!”

**ANNE RICHTMAN KAPLAN**
Center for Learning Admin Assistant

“We have been doing A LOT of cooking and trying new recipes and then tweaking the recipes we enjoy for the next time we make the dish. We also do chalk art on the driveway.”

**KATIE BICK**
Communications Coordinator

“My roommate and I have been hosting trivia games over Zoom for our friends and family! It’s a great way to have fun and stay connected, even when we’re far apart.”

**SHIRA BRANDHANDLER**
Youth & Family Engagement Dir.

“To stay busy, I am knitting a blanket and trying to spend as much time outside as possible while the weather is warm!”

**DINA BAUWENS**
Membership Engagement

“I’ve been experimenting with different challah recipes and braiding techniques, growing basil on my porch, and enjoying some backyard movie nights.”

**CINDY LIEB**
B’nai Mitzvah Coordinator

“I’ve enjoyed spending time with my college boys and playing with/training our new puppy, Bella!”

**RABBI RACHEL HEAPS**
Associate Rabbi

“I’ve been cooking, exploring my new Evanston neighborhood on walks with my dog, Samson, and taking some time to read for fun – the whole Harry Potter series for the 3rd time.”

**DR. ANNE LIDSKY**
Director of Religious Education

“I’ve been cooking favorite meals, gardening and now going on bike rides with my husband. Love riding my E-bike. Although I am cautious, I can travel at 25 miles an hour!!”

**PHYLLIS BURG**
Senior Executive Assistant

“I have been doing A LOT of cooking and trying new recipes and then tweaking the recipes we enjoy for the next time we make the dish. We also do chalk art on the driveway.”

**LESLEE LANDMAN**
Development Director

“I love that I am able to connect with so many members, and perspective members, using technology from my home. But the highlight of all this has been the quality family time Randy, Raydon, and I have enjoyed.”

**RABBI RACHEL HEAPS**
Associate Rabbi

“We have been very busy with the newest addition to our family. Meet Tali!”

**CANTOR SUSIE LEWIS FRIEDMAN**
Cantor

“I have been singing Jewish songs with my kids and helping them get more and more connected to their Judaism. I’ve also been making music videos of cover songs describing the extraordinary time we are in.”

**ANNE RICHTMAN KAPLAN**
Center for Learning Admin Assistant

“We have been doing A LOT of cooking and trying new recipes and then tweaking the recipes we enjoy for the next time we make the dish. We also do chalk art on the driveway.”

**KATIE BICK**
Communications Coordinator

“My roommate and I have been hosting trivia games over Zoom for our friends and family! It’s a great way to have fun and stay connected, even when we’re far apart.”

**SHIRA BRANDHANDLER**
Youth & Family Engagement Dir.

“To stay busy, I am knitting a blanket and trying to spend as much time outside as possible while the weather is warm!”
Bat Mitvah Project Shines Light on Black Lives Matter

When George Floyd died in May, nearly a year to the day before Ella Marks’ Bat Mitzvah, the Temple Jeremiah youth knew she needed to do something, so she got to work on her Tikkun Olam project. She came up with a plan to sell yard signs to promote kindness and awareness, and they spread like wildfire. “I was so shocked. I didn’t think that many people would like them,” she said.

In just six weeks, Ella sold more than one thousand signs from her home in Northbrook and raised more than $6,000 dollars for the National Bailout Foundation, an organization of black leaders working to end systems of pre-trial detention and mass incarceration. “I knew the justice system was unfair to black people,” she said.

Ella and her family found the original design for the sign on Etsy, worked with a local printer to tweak it, and ordered 50 signs. When they posted an announcement on her mom’s Facebook page, the response was immediate, and demand was high. The Marks quickly requested more signs from the printer, set up a new Facebook account for Ella’s yard signs, and the orders poured in from across Chicagoland and at least six other states. “We were driving in circles for weeks making deliveries,” said Ella’s mom, Erica.

All the interest drew the attention of the media, and Ella ended up on the local news. Unfortunately, the signs were back in the news when families in Ella’s neighborhood woke up one morning to discover their signs were missing. Hours later, a friend found a stack of 55 signs just eight blocks from the Marks home, and police opened an investigation.

Ella’s yard sign project is not the Marks’ family’s first experience with social justice. They have been active attending political events and demonstrations for many years. In fact, Ella was born on Super Tuesday 2008 and showed off her family’s spirit with a Babies for Barack onesie.

The signs are now sold out, but the message is here to stay. “Every house in my neighborhood had a sign. It’s very emotional. It makes me feel good to see what I did,” Ella said.

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 virtually at 9:30 a.m. every Saturday. To join us on Zoom, visit zoom.us/j/132889355.

September 5, 2020  Ki Tavo  Deuteronomy 26:1 – 29:8
September 26, 2020  Ha’azinu  Deuteronomy 32:1 – 32:52
Lately Around Jeremiah

Zev Nutkis Turns 1-Year! 8.3.2020

Sunday in the Park(ing Lot) 7.12.2020

Tacos & Tunes 8.15.2020

Gary Kash Recording for HHD 2020

Tacos & Tunes 8.15.2020

Tacos & Tunes 8.15.2020
A Personal Reflection

• BOOK-OPEN

Sisterhood Bookclub •

Social Justice Calendar

A Daughter Finds Comfort and Shares Gratitude

By RANDI GURIAN
Temple Jeremiah Member

If you had asked me on May 9 why we were members of Temple Jeremiah I would have talked about the beauty of our services, the great educational programming for both youth and adults, our commitment to social justice and to Israel, our terrific clergy... you can probably tell I’m a fan! On May 10, my mother died unexpectedly of a massive heart attack. My world changed, and so did my answer. Because in this time of grief and isolation, my synagogue was there.

Rabbi Cohen sat with us (masked and social distancing) for several hours while we attempted to make sense of our new world order. His support was invaluable, his wisdom has proved an anchor. My father hangs on to our rabbi’s words, they have helped him sustain himself through the loss of a partner of 70 years. Over the next several days Rabbi Cohen helped us think through how best to say goodbye to Mom. We needed him...and he was there.

But Rabbi Cohen wasn’t alone. Our cantor was a regular source of comfort and support. The membership also surrounded and supported us. There were notes, calls, and texts. In a time when the pandemic mandated isolation, we were without many of our traditional rituals, the funeral was limited to ten people, there was no shiva. The constant contact from the Temple Jeremiah community continues to be a source of strength and support.

My mother’s death provided me with an in-depth education in grief and mourning. It’s a course I would have preferred not to take, but it turned out not to be an elective.

So, if you ask me today why I belong to Temple Jeremiah I would tell you that we are a community. And that each of us will likely need a community. And that our community needs each of us as well. The services are still beautiful, the education terrific, the clergy wonderful... all that is still true. But I know now that I belong to Temple Jeremiah for community and for connection.

Randi Gurian & her mom, Norma Brown

Sisterhood Book Club

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

Thursday, September 10, 2020 ~ 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
The World That We Knew, By Alice Hoffman

Berlin, 1941, a desperate mother trying to save her young daughter. But wait! Not just another Holocaust novel. This is Hoffman with her magical realism and, according to Kirkus Reviews (starred), a “spellbinding portrait of what it means to be human in an inhuman world.”

Thursday, October 8, 2020 ~ 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
And the Bride Closed the Door, By Ronit Matalon

It’s been 5 hours...the groom, the bride’s mother, a cousin, the grandmother (hard of hearing, so does she know what’s going on?)...all wait next to the locked door where Kirkus Reviews says, “family secrets bubble to the surface in this deeply felt comedy.”

SOCIAL JUSTICE CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

Sunday, September 6th: Feed the Hungry | tinyurl.com/FTH-updated

Sundays: August 23rd - September 20th: High Holy Days Food Drive for The ARK | tinyurl.com/HHDFoodDrive

For up-to-date programming, and our full calendar of events, visit tinyurl.com/tj-calendar.
IN SUPPORT OF

Feed the Hungry
-Elan Adler and Bill Johnson
-Alissa Luck and Michael Bagdade
-Lori and Gary Kash
-Barbara Kite
-Marcia and Gerald Osher
-Lori and David Ruskin
-Randi and Josh Wesolowski

Social Justice Fund
-Deborah and Frank Leibow

IN APPRECIATION OF

Rabbi Paul Cohen
-Randi and Charles Gurian

Barbara Miller
-Randi and Charles Gurian

IN HONOR OF

Bill and Norma (z”l) Brown
On the occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary
-Joyce and David Brown & Family
-Marla and Steve Brown & Family
-Randi and Charles Gurian & Family
-Gayle Malvin & Family

Caren Brown
On the occasion of her special birthday
-Randi and Charles Gurian

Rachel Buchanan
Daughter of Lisa and Brad Buchanan, on the occasion of her Confirmation
-Anita and Daryl Mittelman

Rabbi Paul and Cathy Cohen
On the occasion of their 30th wedding anniversary
-Randi and Charles Gurian
-Ellen and Alan Toban
-Vicki Weisenberg and Barry Goldman

Rabbi Paul Cohen
On the occasion of his 20th anniversary at Temple Jeremiah
-Helene and Bob Burger
-Jennie Berk
-Doris and Ron Cohen
-Kay and Bart Gordon
-Allyson and Avi Greenfield
-Nancy and Fritz Hirsch
-Nancy and Allen Hirschfield
-Bonnie and Herb Horn
-Diana Kaufmann
-Patricia and Fred Lurie
-Ann Milstein
-Liz and Scott Mendel
-Emmy and Ed Rothschild

IN MEMORY OF

Rose Albun
-Kathy and Marc Mayer

Raymond Arbetman
Father of Shelley McNaughton-Sulkin
-Shelley McNaughton-Sulkin and Mark Sulkin

Elliott Berman
Father of Leslie Berman, grandfather of Rachel Newman
-Le Leslie Berman

Sylvia A. Blustein
Mother of Rachel Siegel
-Rachel and Marvin Siegel

Norma Brown
Wife of Bill Brown, mother of Randi Gurian
-Jennie Berk
-Monica Fernandez
-Alene Frost
-Susan and Ken Lorch
-Ellen and Alan Toban

Emma Dylan Landau
Granddaughter of Cantor Amy Zussman and David Fell, great-niece of Renee Zussman, on the occasion of her birth
-Caren Brown
-Liz and Scott Mendel
-Vicki Weisenberg and Barry Goldman

Scott Levin
On the occasion of his installation as Temple President
-Shelly Trilling

IN SUPPORT OF

Theo James Didech
Great-grandson of Joan Golder, great-nephew of Carol and David Golder, on the occasion of his birth
-Judy Homer
-Bonnie and Herb Horn
-Vicki Weisenberg and Barry Goldman

Jonah Eisenberg
Son of Leorah and Aaron Eisenberg, grandson of Dr. Anne and Jerry Lidsky
On the occasion of him becoming a Bar Mitzvah
-Caren Brown

Irene and Gerson Field
On the occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary
-Randi and Charles Gurian

Sammy Kessler
Daughter of Paula and Don Kessler, on the occasion of her marriage to Sean Fowler
-Paula and Don Kessler

Mae Josephine Goldfarb
Daughter of Lia and Adam Goldfarb, on the occasion of her birth
-Shelly Trilling

Rabbi Rachel Heaps
On the occasion of her new position as Associate Rabbi at Temple Jeremiah
-Caren Brown
-Bonnie and Herb Horn
-Sue and Joel Kaufmann

Rabbi Rachel Heaps
On the occasion of her being named to JUF’s 2020 list of “36 Under 36”
-Alene Frost
-Susan and Ken Lorch
-Ellen and Alan Toban

Theo James Didech
Great-grandson of Joan Golder, great-nephew of Carol and David Golder, on the occasion of his birth
-Judy Homer
-Bonnie and Herb Horn
-Vicki Weisenberg and Barry Goldman

Jonah Eisenberg
Son of Leorah and Aaron Eisenberg, grandson of Dr. Anne and Jerry Lidsky
On the occasion of him becoming a Bar Mitzvah
-Caren Brown

Ilene and Gerson Field
On the occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary
-Randi and Charles Gurian

Sammy Kessler
Daughter of Paula and Don Kessler, on the occasion of her marriage to Sean Fowler
-Paula and Don Kessler

Mae Josephine Goldfarb
Daughter of Lia and Adam Goldfarb, on the occasion of her birth
-Shelly Trilling

Rabbi Rachel Heaps
On the occasion of her new position as Associate Rabbi at Temple Jeremiah
-Caren Brown
-Bonnie and Herb Horn
-Sue and Joel Kaufmann

Rabbi Rachel Heaps
On the occasion of her being named to JUF’s 2020 list of “36 Under 36”
-Alene Frost
-Susan and Ken Lorch
-Ellen and Alan Toban

Theo James Didech
Great-grandson of Joan Golder, great-nephew of Carol and David Golder, on the occasion of his birth
-Judy Homer
-Bonnie and Herb Horn
-Vicki Weisenberg and Barry Goldman

Jonah Eisenberg
Son of Leorah and Aaron Eisenberg, grandson of Dr. Anne and Jerry Lidsky
On the occasion of him becoming a Bar Mitzvah
-Caren Brown

ILene and Gerson Field
On the occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary
-Randi and Charles Gurian

Sammy Kessler
Daughter of Paula and Don Kessler, on the occasion of her marriage to Sean Fowler
-Paula and Don Kessler

Mae Josephine Goldfarb
Daughter of Lia and Adam Goldfarb, on the occasion of her birth
-Shelly Trilling

Rabbi Rachel Heaps
On the occasion of her new position as Associate Rabbi at Temple Jeremiah
-Caren Brown
-Bonnie and Herb Horn
-Sue and Joel Kaufmann

Rabbi Rachel Heaps
On the occasion of her being named to JUF’s 2020 list of “36 Under 36”
-Alene Frost
-Susan and Ken Lorch
-Ellen and Alan Toban

Theo James Didech
Great-grandson of Joan Golder, great-nephew of Carol and David Golder, on the occasion of his birth
-Judy Homer
-Bonnie and Herb Horn
-Vicki Weisenberg and Barry Goldman

Jonah Eisenberg
Son of Leorah and Aaron Eisenberg, grandson of Dr. Anne and Jerry Lidsky
On the occasion of him becoming a Bar Mitzvah
-Caren Brown

Ilene and Gerson Field
On the occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary
-Randi and Charles Gurian

Sammy Kessler
Daughter of Paula and Don Kessler, on the occasion of her marriage to Sean Fowler
-Paula and Don Kessler

Mae Josephine Goldfarb
Daughter of Lia and Adam Goldfarb, on the occasion of her birth
-Shelly Trilling

Rabbi Rachel Heaps
On the occasion of her new position as Associate Rabbi at Temple Jeremiah
-Caren Brown
-Bonnie and Herb Horn
-Sue and Joel Kaufmann

Rabbi Rachel Heaps
On the occasion of her being named to JUF’s 2020 list of “36 Under 36”
-Alene Frost
-Susan and Ken Lorch
-Ellen and Alan Toban

Theo James Didech
Great-grandson of Joan Golder, great-nephew of Carol and David Golder, on the occasion of his birth
-Judy Homer
-Bonnie and Herb Horn
-Vicki Weisenberg and Barry Goldman

Jonah Eisenberg
Son of Leorah and Aaron Eisenberg, grandson of Dr. Anne and Jerry Lidsky
On the occasion of him becoming a Bar Mitzvah
-Caren Brown

Ilene and Gerson Field
On the occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary
-Randi and Charles Gurian

Sammy Kessler
Daughter of Paula and Don Kessler, on the occasion of her marriage to Sean Fowler
-Paula and Don Kessler

Mae Josephine Goldfarb
Daughter of Lia and Adam Goldfarb, on the occasion of her birth
-Shelly Trilling

Rabbi Rachel Heaps
On the occasion of her new position as Associate Rabbi at Temple Jeremiah
-Caren Brown
-Bonnie and Herb Horn
-Sue and Joel Kaufmann

Rabbi Rachel Heaps
On the occasion of her being named to JUF’s 2020 list of “36 Under 36”
-Alene Frost
-Susan and Ken Lorch
-Ellen and Alan Toban

IN MEMORY OF

Rose Albun
-Kathy and Marc Mayer

Raymond Arbetman
Father of Shelley McNaughton-Sulkin
-Shelley McNaughton-Sulkin and Mark Sulkin

Elliott Berman
Father of Leslie Berman, grandfather of Rachel Newman
-Le Leslie Berman

Sylvia A. Blustein
Mother of Rachel Siegel
-Rachel and Marvin Siegel

Norma Brown
Wife of Bill Brown, mother of Randi Gurian
-Jennie Berk
-Monica Fernandez
-Alene Frost
-Susan Handler
-Beverly and Leon Katzen
-Deborah and Michael Millman
-Jackie and Bob Roiter
-Marcia Segall
-Sari Smith
-Sara and Alan Turover
-Andi and Mike Zimmerman

Esther Cohen
Mother of Randi Mayer
-Randi and Jim Mayer

Wayne Duris
Father of Mark Duris
-Emmy and Ed Rothschild
-Linda and Ernie Schubert
Judy Filler  
*Mother of Lisa Aronson*  
-Lisa and Tom Aronson  
-Judy and Jack Craven  
-Danna Dudnick

Marsha Finkle  
*Mother of Caryn Chalmers*  
-Elliott Frolichstein-Appel

Charlene Goodman  
*Mother of Karen Goodman*  
-Karen Goodman and Robbie Joseph

Rabbi Morris Greenfield  
*Father of Avi Greenfield*  
-Allyson and Avi Greenfield

Frances M. Kash  
*Mother of Gary Kash*  
-Lori and Gary Kash

Helen Lanznar  
*Mother of Howard Lanznar*  
-Janet and David Blum  
-Barri and Rusty Colman  
-Diana Kaufmann  
-Sue and Joel Kaufmann  
-Susan and Ken Lorch  
-Barbara and Stephen Miller

Bettye Leverette  
*Mother of Hershy Pappadis*  
-Hershy Pappadis

Roberta Levy  
*Mother of Steve Levy*  
-Caren Brown  
-Amy and Scott Levin

Zygmund Poznanski  
*Father of Evelyn Neu*  
-Evelyn and Henry Neu

Boris Rabin  
*Father of Arlene Drucker*  
-Arlene and Steve Drucker

Russ Remick  
-Gayle Malvin

Arthur Rotstein  
*Brother-in-law of Ruth and Chuck Adler*  
-Alene Frost  
-Randi and Charles Gurian

Morris Sauer  
*Brother of Jennie Berk*  
-Jennie Berk

Mae Schubert  
*Mother of Ernie Schubert*  
-Linda and Ernie Schubert

Jerrold Schwartz  
*Husband of Shirley Schwartz, father of Steven Schwartz*  
-Shirley Schwartz

William Siegel  
*Father of Marvin Siegel*  
-Rachel and Marvin Siegel

Julie Sorkin  
*Daughter of Bonnie Sorkin*  
-Bonnie Sorkin and Peter Alexander

Susan Snyder  
-Kathy and Marc Mayer

Edward “Danny” Streicker  
*Father of Melinda Streicker, grandfather of Lindsay Trapani*  
-Nancy and Arnee Eisenberg

Betty Toban  
*Mother of Alan Toban*  
-Ellen and Alan Toban

FOR THE SPEEDY RECOVERY OF  
Alene Frost  
-Caren Brown  
-Karen Gitles and Michael Jablo  
-Sue and Joel Kaufmann  
-Susan and Ken Lorch

Sarah Geline  
*Daughter of Patricia and Richard Geline*  
-Randi and Charles Gurian

Ellen Sternweiler  
-Caren Brown

Donate to Temple Jeremiah

Making a donation to Temple Jeremiah is a wonderful way to honor a friend or family member on their happy occasion or to memorialize a loved one. You can make a donation in two easy ways:

1. Click on “Make a Donation” at templejeremiah.org or visit the Member Login section and click on “Donate” to donate online via credit card or ACH/eCheck.

2. Mail a check to Temple Jeremiah, 937 Happ Road, Northfield, IL, 60093. Be sure to include a note as to what the donation is for and which fund you prefer.

* Please note that the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) gives additional tax advantages to those making cash donations to the temple in 2020. For those who do not itemize, an “above the line” deduction up to $300 may be claimed. If you do itemize, this year you may be able to deduct charitable contributions equal to as much as 100 percent of AGI. (Consult your tax advisor for details and specific rules about what constitutes qualified contributions.)
ROSH HASHANAH
September 18 & 19
Join us as we celebrate the New Year with prayer, song, Torah, and the sounding of the Shofar during our evening, morning, and afternoon worships. We have an exciting Children’s Service planned, and individuals of all abilities are welcome at our Inclusion Service. We’ll host JeTY Tashlich & Havdallah, and a Rosh HaShanah Virtual Lounge, something for everyone during these unique times.

YOM KIPPUR
September 27 & 28
Come together as one community of faith for Yom Kippur. Join us for Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur Morning Worship. Experience prayer, poetry, and music at our Healing Service, and gentleness and compassion during our Guided Meditation. Kids, don’t miss another lively Children’s Service. And together we move to Afternoon Worship and Yizkor, followed by a joyous Havdallah that separates the past from the future.

SUUKOT
October 2 - 9
A week of opportunities to experience the temporary dwelling of a Sukkah. Join us in worship and study as we express gratitude for what we have. Fulfill the mitzvah of a meal in the Sukkah, and celebrate the harvest holiday of Sukkot at our Harvest Festival. Together, at the End of Sukkot Worship, we remember those whose lives have touched ours and commit ourselves to the values they hold dear.

Visit templejeremiah.org/hhd for all the details.