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Yes, I've changed my last name! My email has not changed – reach out any time!



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## Editor's Note

As you will notice, this issue of the Covenant comes with many new, exciting sections.

First, please take a moment to read about our Business Manager, Shun Ammons, through our new take on our staff spotlight section. Next, our "ICYMI (In Case You Missed It)" spread highlights recent programs and events, while "Temple Jeremiah's Most Recommended" features a collection of recommendations for podcasts, books, movies, and more, curated by staff and select members. Ever wondered what our Clergy listens to in their free time? How about if our staff or other members share your interest in certain TV shows? Page 12 is the place to discover the answers to those questions.

Focusing on our theme of Redemption, Rabbi Cohen's article will take you through the similarities and differences between Purim and Passover. With both holidays coming up quickly, be sure to check out our upcoming special services and events, including our 20th annual Shushan Shuffle, the Purim Carnival and Shpiel, Inclusion Seder, Shabbat360, Maot Chitim Food Delivery for Passover, and more.

Finally, as you flip through the pages of our March/April issue, pay attention to the photos included throughout; you'll see new and returning faces alike, taking part in all of the wonderful programs we offer here. Perhaps you'll find something you're interested in attending in the future!

*Meredith*

Don't forget to change your clocks  
on Sunday, March 12th!



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## Reminders

**SPRING BREAK:** There will be no J-Quest on Sundays March 26th and April 2nd. J-Quest will return on Sunday, April 9th.

**TAXES:** Please contact Shun Ammons ([shun@templejeremiah.org](mailto:shun@templejeremiah.org)) if you would prefer a hard copy of your tax statement.



# Special Services & Worship Dates to Note

Check our calendar for the most up-to-date information at [tinyurl.com/TJ-calendar!](http://tinyurl.com/TJ-calendar!)

6th Grade  
Siddur Ceremony and  
Yad Program  
Sunday, March 12th

4th Grade  
Creative Tefilah  
(Prayer Service)  
Sunday, March 19th

## Family Kabbalat Shabbat

Bring the whole family for Kabbalat Shabbat Worship at Temple on the first Friday of each month. Family Kabbalat Shabbat will take place next on **April 7th** at 6:30 p.m.

## Pride Kabbalat Shabbat

Our annual Pride Shabbat will take place on April 28th. Stay tuned for more information!



**Passover begins  
at sundown on  
Wednesday, April 5th**

Passover Matzo Brei &  
Midrash  
Thursday, April 6th

Kabbalat Shabbat Worship is available in person and via our Facebook and YouTube Channel. Saturday morning Tefilah and Torah Study sessions are available in person and via Zoom.

Please check our E-newsletter each Thursday evening for information on weekly Torah portions.



## Inclusion Passover Seder 2023

**SUNDAY,  
APRIL 9TH  
3:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.**



Come celebrate Passover in person with Temple Jeremiah! Through multi-sensory experiences, we will explore the meaning of the Passover story and Seder. There will be lots of singing and snacks will be provided after the program. This event is free and open to the public. Chag Sameach!

PLEASE REGISTER BY APRIL 3RD  
[TINYURL.COM/INCLUSION-PASSOVER-23](http://TINYURL.COM/INCLUSION-PASSOVER-23)




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**Hungry to meet new people at Temple Jeremiah?**  
Attend "Shabbat360," a kosher-style dinner experience where you'll dine at a different table for each course. Bring your appetites as we chew and chat through the evening.

**REGISTER:**  
[tinyurl.com/23Shabbat360](http://tinyurl.com/23Shabbat360)


**\$36  
PER PERSON**

TEMPLE JEREMIAH PRESENTS

# SHABBAT360



**FRIDAY,  
APRIL 21ST  
7:30 P.M.**



WINE WILL  
BE SERVED

KABBALAT SHABBAT  
WORSHIP WILL BE  
AT 6:30 P.M.  
(PRIOR TO DINNER)



# Purim and Passover Dance Together

**RABBI PAUL F. COHEN, D. MIN, D.D.**

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*Beloved Friends,*

I write to you as we are on the cusp of Purim and looking ahead to Passover. As I reflect on this moment, I am drawn to the powerful connection that exists between these two very different points in our calendar. Purim is a minor festival drawn from a fable in the third section of the Hebrew Bible. Passover is a full festival, one of the three pilgrimage festivals in the Jewish calendar. For seven days, the Torah commands that we observe the Festival of Passover, refraining from work, eating matzah, and telling the story of the Exodus from Egypt.

Though they are very different, Purim and Passover share the theme of redemption. Each celebration focuses on a different essential nature of what redemption means, teaching us the lessons critical to how we live our lives in community. First, there is redemption that is achieved simply by the grace of God, what the kabbalists call an awakening by God to save and to aid God's people. That is what Passover is all about. The Torah states that God, after over 400 years of enslavement, hears the cries of the Israelites.

Even in the moments in which God feels that there is a time for salvation, and even when the redemption is directed and fully choreographed by God, of course, there is human initiative, as in the case of Passover.

We see the role of Moses, the role of the women, Shifrah and Puah, ensuring Jewish continuity, the role of Miriam and Yocheved in saving Moses and modeling how to save the male children condemned by Pharaoh's decree.

Yet, the centerpiece of the redemptive experience is totally divinely-driven. Human actors in the experience, including Moses, are not really mentioned in the Passover Haggadah.

And then there's a second paradigm of redemption, what the Kabbalists call an awakening that comes from below, redemption that is driven by the enterprise of humankind, where the redemptive activity, as we see on Purim, are the actors of Mordechai and Esther.

Their initiative is what is critical. There are no plagues, there's no splitting of the Sea. God's role is only vaguely hinted at in Mordechai's statement to Esther that if she fails to act, help will come from another place.

The anonymous sages who brought this fable into the Bible as the Book of Esther try to add another clue in the way the scroll is written. The word "HaMelech" is on the top or beginning of each column. Nonetheless the emphasis is on humankind. The Megillah celebrates human-driven redemption, and while God's presence is hinted at, God's name is not even mentioned.

There are also similarities in the way we celebrate each of these holidays:

First of all, it is these days that we have a concern for the poor: Matanot L'evyonim on Purim, the responsibility to send gifts of food to the needy and Kimcha D'Pischa, the responsibility of not eating the Paschal sacrifice alone, but rather consuming it with all who are hungry.

We commemorate our brush with annihilation and subsequent redemption with the reminder that redemption of any sort in Judaism starts with us being kind and concerned for the other. Both holidays, at the core, recognize the fact that redemption isn't possible when we are separate from the other.



*Temple Jeremiah members participating in Maot Chitim Food Delivery for Passover in 2022. Find information on Maot Chitim 2023 on page 15.*



The core of the celebrations of both of these holidays is the fact that irrespective of the person's background, disposition, religious persuasion, redemption of the self and of the community is only possible when we're willing to recognize the greatness of others. Purim and Pesach "dance together." They celebrate two paradigms of redemption which we honor when we understand that our redemption happens only when we are concerned with the other.

Cathy, Jacob and Elana, Eli, Anna, and Hope join me in wishing you Chag Sameach,



# 5 QUESTIONS FOR...

## SHUN AMMONS

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# 1

### What brought you to Temple Jeremiah?

Within my role as Business Manager, I handle any human resources, AR/AP, and other financial needs of Temple Jeremiah and its congregants. Feel free to contact me by phone, email, or by stopping by my office to chat about your bill or anything! While I have the skillset to fulfill the responsibilities of this role, what led me to Temple Jeremiah was the influence of a previous employer. I oversaw operations for a business run by an elderly Jewish couple. There, I developed a deep appreciation and admiration of the Jewish community. The kindness, trust, and love they showed me is not only unforgettable but irreplaceable.

**Fun Fact:** Shun finds himself rewatching *The Harry Potter series* every 2-3 months!



**Hi everyone! My name is Shun Ammons (pronounced "Shawn Am-mons").** I was born and raised in the Chicagoland/South Suburban area. I moved back to Chicago to experience the growth in Hyde Park as the Obama Library comes to fruition. My hobbies include traveling, movies, gaming, working out, and very long walks with my 70-pound Red-Goldendoodle, Senior. I also enjoy cooking, making art, and home renovation.

# 2

### What's your favorite Jewish tradition?

I am looking forward to experiencing Purim this year! As a teenager, I would help my friend's mom make challah (this single handedly attributed to at least 15 of my pounds). I actually have been trying to perfect a gluten-free and low-carb bread for a couple months now. When I do, I plan on attempting to braid that bread too!

# 3

### What does the "Joy of Belonging" mean to you?

For me, the Joy of Belonging means inclusion no matter the circumstance. A community that not only celebrates you on your achievements but supports you in your shortcomings. I feel grateful to be able to connect with so many families on a personal level.

**Fun Fact:** If Shun could guest star on any TV show, though he would usually choose *Scandal*, he would currently love to be a part of *House of the Dragon*. "Really, I just want to say 'Dracarys' on set and I'd be content."

**Fun Fact:** Shun has an extreme passion for cooking and cooking for the people he loves. He's very well versed in different food cultures. It's not out of the ordinary to find him donating whole-roasted chickens or any plethora of meals at any shelter housing victims of domestic abuse.

# 5

### Imagine you can instantly learn any language. Which would you choose?

I have two: French & Hebrew. Currently, I am learning French. Being so immersed in Jewish culture here sparks my interest in Hebrew. If you see me around, please tell me a word, its meaning, and how to pronounce it!

# 4

### If you could be great at any Olympic sport (or sport in general), what would it be?

Personally, I love watching gymnastics. I used to be in gymnastics as a child, but the taller I got, the more passionate I got about making sure I didn't accidentally break any bones. I think everyone else's answer for me would be basketball though.



Perspective

CANTOR SUSAN LEWIS FRIEDMAN  
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## Celebrating Women in Judaism Through Shabbat Shirah

I am sure it is going to come as an absolute shock to you that *Parshat B'shalach*, which contains the infamous Song of the Sea, is my absolute favorite Parsha in all of Torah.

In all seriousness, this Parsha is truly a Cantor's dream. Not only is there the compelling story that we tell and re-tell each year during my favorite holiday of Pesach (Passover), it is both visually and aurally stimulating and unique.

In celebration of this Parsha in February, we hosted *Shabbat Shirah* and welcomed the very first woman Cantor, Barbara Ostfeld, to join us. Cantor Ostfeld led an uplifting weekend, beginning with our Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat Worship, during which she spoke about our heroine, Miriam.

Following her sermon, we sang a gospel, spirit-filled version of *Mi Chamocha*, from *Bible Women*, a compilation of 31 short songs by composer Elizabeth Swados, who sought to bring voice to seven heroic females in our Hebrew Bible.

**“Despite all those in her life who told her it was never possible for a woman, she had the faith to continue and press on until she achieved her dream and shattered that glass ceiling”**



Our Adult Choir will perform next during Kabbalat Shabbat Worship on Fridays, March 17th and April 21st.

The service featured music by our Adult Choir and Kol Zimrah Community Singers. Both choirs are incredibly unique, and specifically, our Adult Choir is the only choir in the North Shore, and in most synagogues, that gathers weekly and sings monthly.

On Saturday, Cantor Ostfeld led our Torah Study and participated in Tefilah. Cantor Ostfeld was also available for book signing and conversation.

With the month of March being Women's History Month, and March 8th being International Women's Day, I couldn't be prouder that the very first woman Cantor spent time with our congregation.

Cantor Ostfeld had a God-given talent and desire in her heart to be a Cantor, and, despite all those in her life who told her it was never possible for a woman, she had the faith to continue and press on until she achieved her dream and shattered that glass ceiling.

In the spring of 1974, with much media attention, the Hebrew Union College ordained Cantor Ostfeld, and the rest is history. ♦

Music at Jeremiah

For more music-related news, flip to page 14.



# Social Justice Volunteer Opportunities

## *Backpack Blessings*

Backpack Blessings feeds between 40 and 60 children during the school year. Children in the Highland Park/Highwood School District are sent home with a bag of nourishing food to eat on weekends, when the children do not receive free breakfast and lunch at school. **Please consider volunteering on April 16th** in one of the following ways:

**Shift 1 volunteers:** Setup and packing (9:00 - 10:15 a.m.) - bring food up from the Temple basement, and set up the food on tables for packing. Pack food into bags, which are loaded into bins to be delivered to the schools. Volunteers also help clean up supplies.

**Shift 2 volunteers:** Loading and unloading (9:30 - 10:30 a.m.) - must be able to lift 25 pounds. Load the bins onto the truck at Temple Jeremiah, meet at Red Oak Elementary School, and unload bins at Red Oak and Sherwood Elementary Schools.

**Truck rental volunteer:** (9:00 - 11:00 a.m.) Rent a truck from U-Haul and arrive at Temple Jeremiah at 9:30 a.m. to pick up the bins. The driver drives the delivery to Red Oak Elementary School and returns the truck once unloaded at the school. The rental will be reimbursed.

**Another opportunity:** Pick up the bins from Red Oak Elementary School on the Friday (prior to packing) before 3:00 p.m. and bring them to Temple Jeremiah.

Volunteers of all ages and abilities are welcome! **To sign up, visit: [tinyurl.com/BPB2022-23](https://tinyurl.com/BPB2022-23).** Please contact Jacki Krashin at [jackikrashin@gmail.com](mailto:jackikrashin@gmail.com) or Melanie Morrow at [stein.melanie@gmail.com](mailto:stein.melanie@gmail.com) with any questions.



## *Feed the Hungry*

Before the Purim Carnival on **March 5th**, we will be collecting lunches for Feed the Hungry! If you are able, please make **five** lunches at home (two sandwiches with two slices of any lunch meat, one bag of chips, one piece of fruit, and two cookies). **Drop off your lunches by 9:30 a.m.** at Temple Jeremiah outside the west doors (the circular driveway).

Please also consider joining us on **April 2nd** to make lunches to feed the hungry in Chicago. This family-friendly activity requires grocery shopping (approximately \$60) in preparation for lunch assembly and delivery. The two ways to participate are:

**Make lunches at home** (same items as listed above) and drop them off by 9:30 a.m. at Temple Jeremiah outside the west doors (the circular driveway). Each drop-off slot is for 20 lunches (e.g. if you are packing 80 lunches/month, please sign up for four drop-off slots).

**Four families gather in the temple kitchen** at 9:00 a.m. while assembling about 80 lunches assembly-line style. We then load all the lunches at 9:30 a.m. and drive downtown to our partner church and supervise the children handing out the lunches to those in-need.

**To sign up, visit: [tinyurl.com/FTH2022-23](https://tinyurl.com/FTH2022-23).** Your participation is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Mindy Kurtz at [cupermom@aol.com](mailto:cupermom@aol.com)





# From Refugee to Citizen

ELAN ADLER,  
DEBBIE LORIG,  
AND MARCIA OSHER

## *An Update on Georgette and Edwina Kizabi*

February 1st, 2023 marked the six-year anniversary of sisters Georgette and Edwina Kizabi coming to America. To review, Georgette and Edwina are two African refugee women who immigrated to America under the joint sponsorship of the Hebrew Immigration Aid Society (HIAS), Temple Jeremiah, and St. Xavier Church. Within a year, the rest of the Kizabi family (except one brother) came to the United States and settled in Salt Lake City. Their life in Africa was a difficult one, having migrated from their home in the war-torn Democratic Republic of Congo to a UN resettlement camp in Zambia, where they lived for 18 years before immigrating to the U.S. under refugee status.

While living in the UN camp, there were no worries about buying food, paying rent or utility bills, accessing medical care, or receiving emotional and physical community support. It was all there for them. What was not there for them was a perceived or actual opportunity to educationally and economically advance. Coming to America presented a steep learning curve and daily challenges for Georgette and Edwina in language, foods, customs, and culture. They have worked hard in their jobs and to adapt to their new country without surrendering their heritage. We have quipped with them: "You can take the lady out of the country, but you can't take the country out of the lady."

Fast forward to today – the family is spread out across the United States: Georgette and another sister are in Rockford, IL with their families; Edwina is in Lexington, KY, raising her two children surrounded by her African husband and his family; and the rest of the Kizabis are in Salt Lake City, UT.

The Temple Jeremiah mentors have remained in close contact with Georgette who, along with husband John, live with their four-year old twin daughters and John's high-school aged sons and two adult daughters and their children. The house is full, vibrant, and well coordinated with work and daycare schedules. Despite the miles between them, their family network remains strong.

On January 9, 2023, the family celebrated Georgette taking the Naturalization Oath and becoming an American citizen. Citizenship is an arduous 6-12 month process involving a lengthy written application, Saturday school to learn American history, the structure of the U.S. government and civics, and an oral and written interview with the U.S. Customs and Immigration Services. Georgette balanced raising her daughters, working full-time and studying. True to her spirit and determination, she passed. Georgette never fails to remember and thank Temple Jeremiah for helping to repair her world. ♦



2017: Georgette and Edwina arrive in the U.S.



Georgette's husband and twin daughters



2023: Georgette becomes an American citizen.

## *Welcome the Stranger*

HIAS (the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) has a new volunteer program assisting individuals arriving from Afghanistan to put down roots in the Chicago area. They have reached out to Temple Jeremiah looking for one or two volunteers to help them get settled. If you are interested, please contact Barb Miller at [bmiller54@comcast.net](mailto:bmiller54@comcast.net).





On Sunday, February 12th, Temple Jeremiah hosted a “packing party” to support local youth in foster care. The event was sponsored by the Chicago Chapter of Second Nurture.

Volunteers from Temple Jeremiah, Congregation Hakafa, and JCFS Chicago packed 250 “Comfort Cases®” that went to local foster care agencies: Allendale, Camelot, Second Bridge, Shelter, Inc., and Lake County DCFS. Comfort Cases® are backpacks filled with comfort and personal care items for youth in the foster care system. Typically, children are given a trash bag to pack up their belongings when they are removed from their homes. Comfort Cases® is working to end this practice while providing the essentials for a child in foster care.

Rob Scheer, founder of Comfort Cases®, was in attendance, along with Rabbi Susan Silverman, who founded Second Nurture in 2017 with the mission to support foster families and to increase the number of foster families in a community.

*“The event was a powerful reminder of the importance of coming together as a community to support these youth, who did not ask to be placed in foster care,”* stated Rabbi Silverman, as she reminded us of the positive impact we can make in the lives of these youth when we come together as a community.

Temple Jeremiah, Congregation Hakafa, and JCFS are working together to start a Second Nurture Chapter in our community.

We are seeking volunteers who would like to help support foster families who need items or services that foster agencies do not have resources to provide for their foster children. We are also interested in chatting with families who may be interested in fostering.

Partnering with Second Nurture and Comfort Cases® is very important to both of us for several reasons. I, Susan, have personally experienced how children in foster care are affected by the system as a volunteer for CASA. Also, the experience (with my husband) as foster parents who adopted the children three years later plays a large part in my desire to make life better for youth in foster care.

As a foster parent I, Beth, truly lived the expression, “It takes a village.” In bringing over essential items for us, my neighbors and friends were invaluable to me and my family. I know that in return they were able to experience the importance of making a difference for a child at their greatest time of need. Collaborating with both Second Nurture and Comfort Cases® in supporting those in the foster care community made this a memorable day – one of which I hope we are able to repeat often. ♦

*Susan and Beth are both Temple Jeremiah members and co-coordinators for Second Nurture Chicago. If you would like to talk with Susan or Beth about volunteering or fostering, please use their contact information below.*

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*If you would like more information on Second Nurture, please contact Beth@2nurture.com.*



Comfort Cases® was founded in 2013 and has distributed over 200,000 cases across the U.S.



# ICYMI...

*(In Case You Missed It)*

## L'Taken Teen Social Justice Seminar

In January, Rabbi Heaps took three J-Quest students to Washington, D.C. for a fun and meaningful weekend with other teens from across the country. During the weekend, they learned about social justice and advocacy before writing effective, persuasive, and passionate speeches on topics of their choice, which they then presented when they visited the office of Illinois Senator Tammy Duckworth.

L'Taken is designed to both expose students to a variety of public policy issues and explore the Jewish values that inform the Reform Movement's advocacy around these issues.



## Special Guest at J-Quest

On January 15th, Eli Mizrahi spoke to our 7th-9th graders about running a kosher restaurant in Northbrook and why he chose to open up a restaurant serving Israeli food. Students then had the opportunity to eat some delicious falafel and pita from Mizrahi Grill.



## Inclusion Program - The Ark

The first-ever "Inclusion Mitzvah Project" at Temple Jeremiah took place on February 5th. Individuals with disabilities and their families and friends were encouraged to gather at Temple to help The Ark Food Pantry by sorting, labeling, etc. non-perishable food items. Snacks and drinks were provided, and fun was had by all! To learn more about our Inclusion Committee, contact Caren Brown ([ceb994@gmail.com](mailto:ceb994@gmail.com)) or Barb Kite ([Bkite1002@gmail.com](mailto:Bkite1002@gmail.com)). **The Inclusion Passover Seder will take place on Sunday, April 9th at 3:30 p.m.**

## Abilities Awareness Shabbat

In celebration of Jewish Disabilities Awareness and Inclusion Month, Temple Jeremiah held its annual Scott B. Crane Abilities Awareness Shabbat service on February 10th. Our speaker was Eric Lipp, the founder and executive director of the Open Doors Organization, a non-profit organization based in Chicago with the mission to make goods and services accessible to people with disabilities in travel, tourism, and transportation.



## ReproShabbat & Shabbat Dinner with Friends

During ReproShabbat, a Shabbat service in recognition of women's reproductive rights on February 17th, Oren Jacobson, founder of Men4Choice and board member of Personal PAC, updated us on the status of Women's Reproductive Rights in Illinois and beyond. Then, Temple Jeremiah members gathered for Shabbat Dinner with Friends. February's dinner took place at Social Inn in Glenview. Shabbat Dinner with Friends takes place on the third Friday of each month, and the location changes. **The next dinner will be on Friday, March 17th following Kabbalat Shabbat Worship.** For more information and to RSVP, contact Rabbi Rachel Heaps ([rabiheaps@templejeremiah.org](mailto:rabiheaps@templejeremiah.org)).

## Brotherhood Hockey Night

Members of Temple Jeremiah Brotherhood got together to cheer on the Chicago Wolves hockey team on February 19th at Allstate Arena in Rosemont. All Temple members, families, and friends were welcome to join.

**Brotherhood's next event is their March Madness Basketball Dinner at Buffalo Wild Wings in Northbrook, on Thursday, March 16th at 7:00 p.m.**



## February Youth Events

### Yoga with Sisterhood

We saw new faces when Temple Jeremiah Sisterhood and other members gathered at the temple on February 12th for a morning of yoga! This program is great for those looking for something to do while their kids are at J-Quest. All experience levels are welcome, as long as you BYO yoga mat. **The next yoga class will be on Sunday, March 12th at 9:15 a.m.** For questions, contact Ariel Silver at [arielsilver13@gmail.com](mailto:arielsilver13@gmail.com).

Our Youth Engagement Director, Shira Brandhandler, along with Rabbi Heaps, have been hard at work planning only the most fun and engaging events for our JeTY, Jr. JeTY, Jeremiah Kids, and Club 345 programs! On February 4th, several families met at Wilmette Centennial Ice Rink for Family Ice Skating Night. Ice skating (maybe more playing than skating), games, dinner, and havdallah took place. It was a great winter weekend activity!

Then, on February 5th, Jr. JeTY gathered at Temple for "Escape Room," an interactive game that involves following clues and cracking codes in order to "escape" the room.

Rounding out the month on February 26th, Club345 jumped their way to Altitude Trampoline Park in Skokie for an awesome afternoon of tricks, dinner, friends, and more!

# TEMPLE JEREMIAH'S

## Most Recommended

Your guide to the top podcasts, books, movies, and more, from our TJ staff and community

### Podcast

#### Adapting: The Future of Jewish Education

##### RABBI HEAPS' PICK

'Adapting: The Future of Jewish Education' is a podcast hosted by The Jewish Education Project. Hear CEO David Bryfman and a different guest each episode exploring the big questions, challenges, and successes that define Jewish education.

Listen on Apple Podcasts or Spotify.



### Video

#### Passover "Frozen" Parody

##### MATT'S PICK

Fun Fact: Temple Jeremiah's very own Matt Rissien is also a skilled singer/rapper/YouTuber who has created a variety of music videos over the years. This is more of a recommendation on Matt's behalf, but his Passover "Frozen" Parody is a great way to get a laugh while learning about the holiday before your Seder.

To watch the video, visit [tinyurl.com/PassoverMatt23](https://tinyurl.com/PassoverMatt23)



### Tv Show

#### Fauda

##### MEREDITH'S PICK

The fourth season of "Fauda" (Arabic for "Chaos"), which depicts the two-sided story of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, is now out on Netflix! Start from season one to see how Doron Kavillio and his team, who make up the Israel Defense Forces antiterrorism unit, balance fighting Hamas while navigating the very real emotions of the often-complicated Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The two creators of the show, Avi Issacharoff and Lior Raz (who also stars as Doron), have real-life experiences responding to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, which translates into a powerful and realistic representation of the true human "chaos" behind the conflict.

Watch Fauda on Netflix.





## Book

### *Think Again: The Power of Knowing What You Don't Know*

RABBI COHEN'S PICK

The entire Temple Jeremiah staff will be reading *Think Again* by Adam Grant as part of a professional development program headed by Rabbi Cohen. In the book, Adam Grant weaves together research and storytelling to help us build the intellectual and emotional muscle we need to stay curious enough about the world to actually change it.

Available in hardcover, paperback, audio & Kindle.

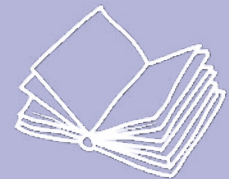
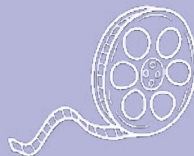


## Movie CODA

JILL'S AND ANNE'S PICK

As a CODA (Child of Deaf Adults), Ruby is the only hearing person in her deaf family. When the family's fishing business is threatened, Ruby finds herself torn between pursuing her passion at Berklee College of Music and her fear of abandoning her parents.

Watch CODA on Apple TV+



## Book

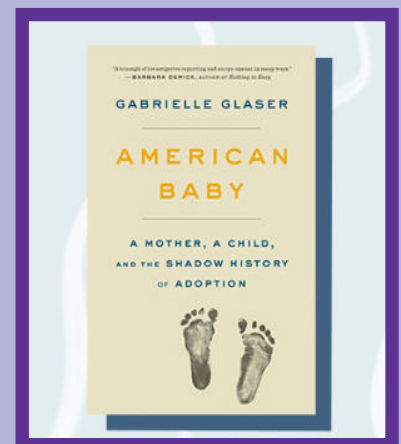
### *American Baby: a Mother, a Child and the Shadow History of Adoption*

TEMPLE JEREMIAH SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood Book Club will be reading *American Baby: a Mother, a Child and the Shadow History of Adoption*, by Gabrielle Glasser, for their March 9th meeting. The book discusses the shocking truth about postwar adoption in America, told through the bittersweet story of one teenager, the son she was forced to relinquish, and their search to find each other.

Available in hardcover, paperback, audio & Kindle.

Interested in joining Sisterhood Book Club? Contact Vicki Siegelman at [vsieg@gralynn.org](mailto:vsieg@gralynn.org).



# Music at Jeremiah



## Bringing Back the Chai Society

The “Chai Society” is back! In January, we hosted *To Life: A Celebration of Yiddish Music and Culture*, a “Chai Society Luncheon” led by Cantors Susan Lewis Friedman and Pavel Roytman. Attendees sang along at this concert, which included some of the most famous Yiddish music of Second Avenue and beyond. Along with Pianist Paul Dykstra, Cantors Friedman and Roytman performed music by Abraham Ellstein, Lazar Weiner, and many others.



## YOM HASHOAH *Musical Commemoration*



**Monday, April 17th**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Join Cantor Friedman and Paul Dykstra at Temple Jeremiah  
as we musically commemorate Yom HaShoah, Holocaust  
Remembrance Day, featuring the Violins of Hope.**



**Featuring Guest  
Cantor Steven Stoehr**





# ESTHER

A PERSIAN MUSICAL

2023 PURIM SHPIEL



**MONDAY, MARCH 6TH**  
**7:00 P.M.**

ESTHER: A PERSIAN MUSICAL takes the music of HAMILTON: AN AMERICAN MUSICAL and sets it to the Purim Story. Featuring the music of the Don Cagen Orchestra.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT  
[TINYURL.COM/PURIMSHPIEL23](https://tinyurl.com/purimshpiel23)



## Maot Chitim Food Delivery

**Sunday,  
March 26th  
8:30 a.m.**

Please join us in helping Jewish families in need. We will be delivering pre-packed boxes of Passover food to Jewish households in our area who are experiencing food insecurity. Bagels and hot coffee will be provided for our volunteers.

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Please RSVP by  
March 20th  
[TINYURL.COM/MAOT-CHITIM-SPRING-23](https://tinyurl.com/maot-chitim-spring-23)



A delivery truck will drop off the boxes at Temple Jeremiah. You will be given a route with up to 5 deliveries with directions.

Contact Michael Schack  
([michael.schack@comcast.net](mailto:michael.schack@comcast.net))  
with any questions.

## 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:

- Click on "Make a Donation" at [templejeremiah.org](https://templejeremiah.org) or visit the Member Login section and click on "Donate" to donate online via credit card or ACH/eCheck.
- 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.

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A cherished leaf  
 on the Tree of Life  
**Daniel Lipschultz**  
 1986-2020



Thank you for singing  
 with me, Cantor Amy  
 Love, Sarah!  
 September 18, 2022

With appreciation of  
**Cantor Amy Zussman**  
 From Emmy Rothschild

**Our Memorial Wall**

If you wish to create a permanent remembrance of  
 your loved ones, please consider adding their names  
 to Temple Jeremiah's Memorial Wall. This beautiful  
 wall commemorates those who touched our lives  
 but are no longer with us.

**Wall of Life Giving**

A leaf on our Wall of Life is a meaningful way to  
 share happy occasions and life cycles events with the  
 Temple community, such as a birth, Bar/Bat Mitzvah,  
 Confirmation, birthday, wedding, or anniversary.

For questions about Memorial Wall plaques or Wall  
 of Life leaves, please contact Leslie Landman at  
[leslie@templejeremiah.org](mailto:leslie@templejeremiah.org).



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