

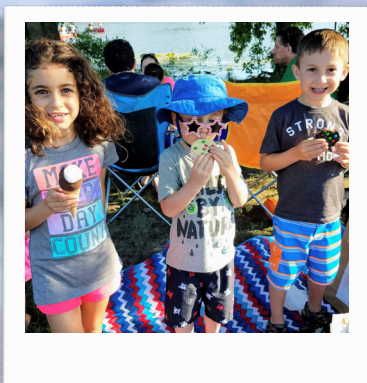
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At first thought, summertime at Jeremiah seems like it would be a slower time for activities, as J-Quest has finished and kids are off to camp or family vacations. However, I am amazed at the number of exciting events happening throughout July and August, for all age groups. There are so many ways to stay connected all summer – not only with others, but also with yourself.

As Rabbi Cohen mentions in his article, the words "Accounting of Ourselves: Body and Soul" guide us to be able to "See the Holiness/Awesomeness of each day." This summer, may we take time each day to focus on the health of our minds, bodies, and souls, as well as those of our friends, families, and fellow congregants. May we gather at Temple, at the beach, on the Pickleball courts, and more, to connect with each other and enjoy the beautiful weather.

I also encourage you to see the "awesomeness" in each page of this issue of the Covenant. As you get to know our new Temple President, read through highlights from our Congregation's Israel Trip, and try to find yourself in the photos throughout, I hope you feel both a sense of calm, as well as excitement, for the summer ahead.

*Meredith*

## TORAH PORTIONS

### JULY

July 1st	Balak	Numbers 22:2-25:9
July 8th	Pinchas	Numbers 25:10-30:1
July 15th	Matot-Mas-ei	Numbers 30:2-36:13
July 22nd	D'varim	Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22
July 29th	Va-et'chanan	Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11

### AUGUST

August 5th	Eikev	Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25
August 12th	R'eih	Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17
August 19th	Shoftim	Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9
August 26th	Ki Teitzei	Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19

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# SUMMER HAPPENINGS WITH TEMPLE JEREMIAH

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

## JULY

### Yoga in the Park (Northfield)

Sunday, July 9th @ 9:00 a.m.

Bring yourself, bring a friend, and bring your own yoga mat for a relaxing morning of yoga, led by Libby Galin. All skill levels welcome.



### Jews in Canoes

Saturday, July 15th @ 4:00 p.m.

Join other Temple Jeremiah members for our annual canoe and kayak around the Skokie Lagoons. BYO Picnic dinner and ruach for Havdallah.



### Camp Drop Off Coffee Meet Up

Monday, July 17th @ 9:00 a.m.

Come grab a cup of coffee and kibitz after dropping off the kids at camp! We will meet at the Starbucks in the Deerbrook Shopping Center in Deerfield.



### Shabbat Dinner with Friends

Friday, July 21st @ 6:30 p.m.

Following Kabbalat Shabbat Worship, join us for Shabbat dinner off-site with some of your favorite Jeremiah people. RSVP to Rabbi Heaps for dinner.



## AUGUST

### Lambs Farm DOGwood Day (Libertyville)

Sunday, August 6th @ 10:00 a.m.

Join other Jeremiah members and friends for a day of puppy love at Lambs Farm DOGwood Day! This event is free and you do not have to have a dog to attend.



### Walk the 606 (Chicago)

Sunday, August 13th @ 10:00 a.m.

Visit our calendar for more information.



### Kabbalat Shabbat with Special Pet Blessing followed by Prospective Member BBQ

Friday, August 18th @ 6:30 p.m.

All are welcome, including family members with feathers, fur, and scales, for this Kabbalat Shabbat. After worship, we'll enjoy dinner together as Brotherhood flips burgers at our annual Prospective Member BBQ.



### Havdallah and Wine Tasting

Saturday, August 19th @ 6:00 p.m.

We look forward to seeing everyone (ages 21+) for Havdallah followed by a special Wine Tasting hosted by Chicago Wine Consulting.



### Welcome Back to School Meet Up at Portillo's with Mr. Matt (Deerfield)

Thursday, August 24th @ 5:00 p.m.

Come grab a hotdog at Portillo's and meet up with Mr. Matt. Portillo's will donate 20% of sales collected to Temple Jeremiah!



### Splash Pad Fun (Buffalo Grove)

Sunday, August 27th @ 12:30 p.m.

Calling all children (and their adults)! Come splash with us at Spray 'n Play in Buffalo Grove.



TEMPLE JEREMIAH'S  
FIRST-EVER

# PICKLEBALL GAME

SUNDAY, JULY 23RD, 2023  
6:00 P.M.

This is a big dill. Temple Jeremiah has reserved three courts at Stonegate Park for a friendly Jeremiah pickleball game!

Bring your own Pickleball Paddle and Outdoor Pickleball Balls.

Pickleball Courts  
at Stonegate Park  
3435 Whirlaway Drive  
Northbrook

Temple Jeremiah

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CHICAGO  
DOGS

# Brotherhood Baseball Night

THURSDAY,  
JULY 27TH, 2023  
@ 6:30 P.M.

All Temple Members are welcome to join Brotherhood for baseball and fireworks! Come watch the Chicago Dogs play Lake Country. \$16/person.

Questions? Contact John Maeglin  
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# Accounting of Ourselves: Body and Soul

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## *Beloved Friends,*

The months of July and August at Temple are filled with planning. We plan for the beginning of the new J-Quest school year. We plan for the High Holy Days. We plan and we reflect, and we take account of ourselves, body and soul. What are the new goals for the year? How can we be better as a team and how can we be better as a community?

Part of our planning, responding to these and many other questions we ask, is determining a theme for the High Holy Days and for the program year. For this year, we have chosen to delve deeply into the prayer/poem *Unetaneh Tokef Kedushat Ha-Yom* from our *Machzor*, our High Holy Day prayer book. This passage is a part of the *Amidah* and represents an emotionally potent moment in our worship. *"Let us now relate the power of this day's holiness, for it is awesome..."* This poem/prayer points us to the focus of both the lead up to and the observance of Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur: Accounting of Ourselves: Body and Soul. The words guide us not just through this time in our festival calendar, but also that we can and should be able to: **See the Holiness/Awesomeness of each day.**

The poem '*Unetaneh Tokef*' reminds us that we can change our own character, even if we cannot completely control our future. It reminds us that there are three concrete ways we can grow, change, and flourish.

**Teshuvah**—repentance, response, return—is the ability to move, to change course, to come back to center, to reconcile.

**Tzedakah**—righteousness—is the ability to pursue justice and to act from a fountain of generosity.

**Tefilah**—prayer—is the ability to let the world take your breath away, to hold onto and articulate gratitude, hope, and awe.

I want to share with you a beautiful passage from the Talmud that emphasizes this third element of our response in this season, prayer. Does God pray and if so, what is the content of that prayer:

Rabbi Yohanan said in the name of Rabbi Yossi: From where is it derived that the Holy Blessed One, prays? As it is stated: "I will bring them to My holy mountain and make them joyful in the house of My prayer" (Isaiah 56:7). The verse does not say the house of *their* prayer, but rather, "the house of *My* prayer;" from here we see that the Holy Blessed One prays.

The Gemara asks: What does God pray? Rav Zutra bar Tovia said that God says: "May it be My will that My mercy will overcome My anger, and may My mercy prevail over My other attributes, and may I conduct myself toward My children, with the attribute of mercy, and may I enter before them beyond the letter of the law."

Similarly, it was taught that Rabbi Yishmael ben Elisha, the High Priest, said: "Once, on Yom Kippur, I entered the innermost sanctum, the Holy of Holies, to offer incense, and in a vision, I saw Akatriel Ya, Adonai of Hosts, one of the names of God, seated upon a high and exalted throne. And God said to me: 'Yishmael, My son, bless Me.' I said to God: 'May it be Your will that Your mercy overcome Your anger, and may Your mercy prevail over Your other attributes, and may You act toward Your children with the attribute of mercy, and may You enter before them beyond the letter of the law.'" The Holy Blessed One's head nodded and accepted the blessing.

This event teaches us that you should not take the blessing of an ordinary person lightly. (Babylonian Talmud, Brakhot 7a)

In these summer months, I encourage you to pause and reflect; to take account of yourself: body and soul. Allow your *Tefilah*, your prayer, to inspire you to let the world take your breath away, to hold onto and to articulate gratitude, hope, and awe. Bless others and allow others to bless you.

Shalom,

## Adult Learning Presents:

**Tishah B'Av: A Time of Sadness or a  
Time for Rejoicing**  
Wednesday, July 26th @ 7:00 p.m.

Join Rabbi Cohen for this adult education session centered around Tishah B'Av. Visit our calendar for the most up-to-date information.



**Prepare for the High Holy Days**  
Wednesdays, August 16th, 23rd, and 30th  
@ 7:00 p.m.

This three-part series will explore the traditions behind the High Holy Days and take a look at the pieces that are sometimes overlooked in the enormity of the days.



# Awards & Accolades

## From Our Annual Meeting



### Toddie Gray and Diane Mary Katz Scholarship

Mazel Tov to Tamara Schatz and Ava Winer, the co-receipients of our 2023 Toddie Gray and Diane Mary Katz Scholarship!

In memory of Toddie Gray and Diane Mary Katz, a college scholarship is awarded each year to a Temple Jeremiah High School senior who actively participated in or provided service to the Temple or school.

Among other qualifications, to apply, students entering their first year of college in the fall of 2023 submitted a personal essay discussing their interests and goals, and describing their qualifications for scholarship consideration.



### Honoring Executive Director Danny Glassman at his Tenth Annual Meeting



Executive Director Danny Glassman received a beautiful piece of Judaic art in honor of his tenth year with Temple Jeremiah. Executive Director Emerita, Fern Kamen, also presented Danny with a pin, which she herself received when she celebrated 10 years with The National Association for Temple Administration (NATA), an organization that Danny has been a member of for nearly 10 years.

### Robert H. Goldberg Award

Caren Brown received the Robert H. Goldberg Award for Service to the Temple Jeremiah Community. Caren has spent countless hours at the Temple, organizing classrooms, cataloging the books in Rabbi Cohen's study, and helping out wherever needed. Caren is a member of the Board of Directors and a Co-Chair for the Inclusion Committee. She is a delight to have around and is very deserving of this honor. Mazel Tov, Caren!



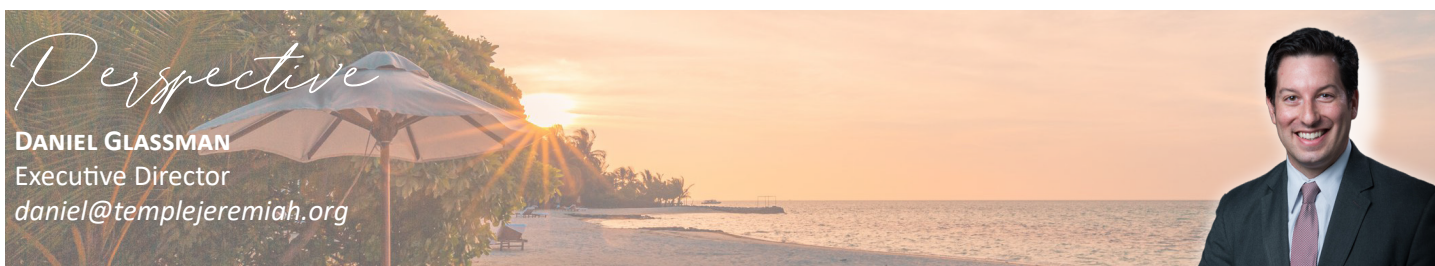
### Celebrating Dr. Scott Levin's Presidency



*Dr. Scott Levin was presented with a framed, Judaic art piece featuring a personalized physician's prayer. The piece was handmade by an Israeli artist and graphic designer.*

In June of 2020, Dr. Scott Levin wrote an article for the Covenant sharing his goals for his then-new role as President. First, as a family physician with a busy professional life and a married father of two, he wanted to set the example that there are opportunities for volunteers no matter their availability. Second, he looked forward to enhancing his bond with others. *"I enjoy accompanying people through life's journeys. It's about being with people and developing relationships,"* he said.

While it's clear Scott has accomplished both of these goals during his time as Temple Jeremiah president, we want to highlight his efforts to strengthen the bond between congregants through his "Tell Us Your Story" initiative. Through a series of videos, fellow Temple members shared their stories and moments that have impacted their lives. These videos were shared in the weekly E-news, uploaded to YouTube, and archived on our website. Feel free to take a look and continue the initiative by learning more about your fellow Jeremians!



**DANIEL GLASSMAN**  
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## A Jewish Community of Meaningful Connection

I am writing this article having just returned from the National Association for Temple Administration Executive Committee retreat. We spent several days in Louisville, Kentucky, discussing the future of our organization and how we position ourselves to help further Reform Judaism. I always love spending time connecting with my colleagues. They are some of the few people who really understand what I am dealing with trying to manage a successful synagogue. I also love being able to visit various cities and synagogues across the country. It gives such a great perspective on what we are doing well and how we can work to improve the member experience.

Our hosts, The Temple – Congregation Adath Israel Brith Sholom, were so incredibly gracious. We were toured around like celebrities, meeting both staff and congregants who couldn't have been nicer. What was evident was this congregation enjoyed being together. But the most impressive item throughout our time was a banner that greeted every person as they entered the building. The banner displayed not the *congregation's* mission and vision, but the *staff's* mission and creed to serve its congregation. You see, this community had seen about a 15-year decline in membership and participation. The current Executive Director, a past president of the congregation, saw an opportunity to do something different. He asked the question, "How might we take the idea of community and weave it into everything we do?" The answer to him: every time they are together is an opportunity to build a connection. One example he shared was that meetings start 30 minutes earlier with a reception and intentional bonding experiences.

And who are the drivers in this opportunity? The staff. The mission and creed of the staff team make it evident that their members are the top priority.

### *Temple Team Mission:*

*Our mission as Temple Team is to cultivate sacred relationships with members through living the Jewish values of inclusivity, education, community and belonging. "For my house is a house for all people." Isaiah 56:7*

### *Temple Team Creed:*

*We will promote honesty, trust, and equity with our members through respect and loving kindness. Through our responsive and transparent communication, we will consistently raise the bar for our Temple Team.*

I feel as though their team mission mirrors *our* vision statement of "being a Jewish community of meaningful connection." Like their temple, Jeremiah strives to provide avenues for members to connect at a deeper level. This is done through staff and congregants alike. We might not host receptions prior to meetings and programs, but we intentionally look at each event we hold and ask, "How can we ensure that there are opportunities for individuals to connect with each other?"


There are numerous options available this summer for every member of the Temple Jeremiah community to engage and connect with others. I encourage you to look over the Summer Program Brochure and find something that speaks to you. You will be welcomed with open arms and hearts! ♦

## Chat & Chew with Danny Glassman

### Jews of the Wild West

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 12TH**  
**11:30 A.M.**


*Jews of the Wild West* tells our immigration story and highlights the dynamic contributions Jewish Americans made to shaping the Western United States. We'll watch the film and enjoy some food from the chuck wagon.



### קרית יואל CITY OF JOEL

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9TH**  
**11:30 A.M.**

*City of Joel* is a documentary — with unprecedented access — to a 1.1 square mile shtetl in the suburbs that is home to 22k members of one of the most insular and orthodox Hasidic sects. We'll discuss the modern day dilemmas they face and nosh on some tasty lunch.



**\$10/PERSON**

Scan the QR codes above or visit our calendar to register



# 5 QUESTIONS FOR...

## STEVE KLEIMAN

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# 1

*Who is Steve Kleiman? Please tell us a little about yourself.*

I grew up in St. Louis, graduated from University of Illinois in 1983, and moved to Chicago in 1986 after graduating from UCLA School of Law. Lisa and I were married in May 1988. We live in Deerfield with our almost-seven-year-old puppy, Riley, and our youngest child, Joey, who just completed his sophomore year at Tulane. Our three older kids are scattered in Chicago, with Alison and her fiancée Ross in Logan Square, Adam in Roscoe Village, and Carly in Wicker Park. I am an avid St. Louis Cardinal fan, which has been very challenging this year. I am proud to say that not only have my kids become B'nai Mitzvah and confirmed, they have also been on the Cardinal's bandwagon since they can remember.



*"As I step into this new role, my goal is to work with the Board of Directors in pursuing the Temple's vision of being a Jewish Community with meaningful connections. I believe that we can succeed by increasing our members' engagement with Temple. Stay tuned."*

*Fun Fact: If Steve had to choose a "Walk-Up Song," he would choose "Won't Get Fooled Again" by The Who.*

# 5

*What are your favorite things to do outside of work?*

I have the golf bug and Lisa can attest that this can be all consuming. May this be the year that I figure it out! I also get easily hooked on shows – *Daisy Jones and The Six* being the latest, and I always have a book on my nightstand – *Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow* is in process.

# 4

*What's your favorite Jewish tradition?*

While our kids range in age from 20 to 30, we still love our "Really Fun Family Haggadah" Seder. In addition to the traditional songs, we happily belt out the Jewish pre-school songs that are incorporated into the Passover story. Our family Seder is truly a tradition like none other.

# 2

*What has been your path to Temple Jeremiah Presidency?*

Little did I know when Julie Ford asked me to join the Temple Jeremiah Board eight years ago that it would lead to my having the privilege and honor to serve the Temple as President. My main focus on the Board, and then the Executive Committee, has been the Temple's finances through the Budget and Investment Committees. I eventually accepted the role of Treasurer and was Executive Vice President for the last three years before my new role began June 1st.

# 3

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

To me, the "Joy of Belonging" is being active in a welcoming community that keeps our Jewish identity and traditions alive to pass on to the next generation.

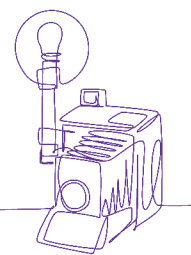


Steve and his wife, Lisa, received a blessing in honor of their 35th anniversary during Kabbalat Shabbat Worship on Friday, June 2nd.



# ICYMI...

*(In Case You Missed It)*



## Pride Shabbat with Rachel Wolman

On Friday, April 28th, congregants joined together to celebrate LGBTQ+ equality and belonging in Jewish spaces as we welcomed Rachel Wolman to our Pride Kabbalat Shabbat Worship. Rachel, who is a traveling song leader and Jewish music educator who works with all kinds of Jewish institutions and movements, also spoke to our 6th-9th graders during J-Quest on the following Sunday.

## Kabbalat Shabbat with Board Installation

We were excited to welcome our 2023-24 Board Members to the Bima during Kabbalat Shabbat Worship on Friday, June 2nd.



## Last Day of J-Quest & Jeremiah Kids Trip to Six Flags

Our last day of J-Quest for the 2022-23 school year on Sunday, May 21st was filled with fun! We heard Shir Joy perform a few songs, watched the Rope Warrior, and joined Brotherhood outside for a BBQ before Jeremiah Kids went to Six Flags. We also hosted the Noni Dodge Blood Drive. Thank you to our wonderful teachers and students for a great year!

## Feed the Hungry

Feed the Hungry in May and June had great in-person turn outs. Raising money for the program and organizing people to make extra lunches is an amazing way to directly help people experiencing food insecurity in the summer. We have availability the first Sunday of every month through September 2023. For more information and to sign up for this family-friendly activity, visit [tinyurl.com/FTH2022-23](https://tinyurl.com/FTH2022-23). Questions? Contact Mindy Kurtz at [cupermom@aol.com](mailto:cupermom@aol.com).



## Confirmation

Mazel Tov to our Confirmation Class of 5783! Our confirmands led our Kabbalat Shabbat service on Friday, May 26th, then celebrated with their families over dinner.



## Trivia Night at Ten Ninety Brewery

On Wednesday, June 14th, we tested our knowledge and noshed on classic pub-fare during trivia night at Ten Ninety Brewery in Glenview! Questions ranged from college football to music samples to stamps, and although we didn't know that the combining power of an element is called "valence," we did happen to get a question about porterhouse steak correct. Our team "The Quizzlers" came in second place!



## Bim Bam Baby

Summer Sessions for Bim Bam Baby started in June, and the group couldn't be cuter! Bim Bam Baby is an engaging and energetic music class for babies and their parents or caregivers, with a few Jewish songs in the mix for some added fun. Check our calendar for upcoming sessions!



## Chat & Chew: Shalom Bollywood

On Wednesday, June 21st, Executive Director Danny Glassman led the first of three "Chat & Chew" sessions. While dining on Indian delights, members watched and discussed *Shalom Bollywood: The Untold Story of Indian Cinema*, which reveals the unlikely story of the 2000-year-old Indian Jewish community and its formative place in shaping the world's largest film industry.

## Shabbat of Gratitude & Shabbat Dinner with Friends

During our Shabbat of Gratitude on Friday, June 16th, we honored our 2022-23 supporters and said thank you all together. Following services, Shabbat Dinner with Friends took place at Hackney's on Lake in Glenview. It was a great time!

### Send us your photos!

Do you have photos from Jeremiah events you would like to share with us? We would love to see them! Please send photos to Meredith Levinson at [meredith@templejeremiah.org](mailto:meredith@templejeremiah.org).





# Temple Jeremiah's *Israel Adventure*

**DR. ANNE LIDSKY, PH.D., R.J.E.**

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*"A trip of a lifetime with a great group of people!" -Linda Magill*

I have been very fortunate to have traveled to Israel several times. However, I must say that I have never experienced anything like I did while traveling in Israel with our Temple Jeremiah group, March 23rd - April 2nd, 2023. Where do I even begin to describe this amazing trip? Twenty five of us bonded during a memorable 10-day tour. We began in Jerusalem with dinner on the roof-top at Notre Dame — beautiful and delicious.

There's nothing like an Israeli breakfast and then off to Masada and the Dead Sea. During our time in Jerusalem, we walked the streets of Yemin Moshe (famous for its artists and the well-known Windmill). The market of Machane Yehuda was fun as always; tree planting in the Jerusalem Bird Observatory was terrific.

Of course, the Old City was on our agenda. Being a Monday visit, we sang and clapped with every Bar/Bat Mitzvah 'parade' that went by. I loved our time at the Kotel, the Western Wall tunnels, the Cardo, and the city of David. We had a fabulous dinner at the well-known Eucalyptus Restaurant, interacting with the chef.

Strolling in Safed, a powerful chat with Anat Hoffman of Women of the Wall, an archeology experience at Emek Tzurim, a hike through the Banias Nature Preserve, a jeep ride through the Golan, and then on to the Druze Village of Bukhata. There, we met Nasseba, a strong, resilient Druze woman who shared her journey from poverty to productivity, owning her own successful restaurant.

**Allow me to share some of our unique moments of the trip:**

**Buza Ice Cream** owned by an Israel-Arab team, Adam Ziv and Alaa Sweitat. The latter explained the power of this partnership and the hope for peace in the Middle East.

**Pinot Igul:** An organization that brings awareness and recognition to talented artists with disabilities while fostering art by the disabled as a bridge with the wider community to see them not as disabled but as people with disabilities. We met with the founder, Eldad Shoshtari, who suffers from cerebral palsy. An Israeli soldier, suffering from PTSD, and a lovely woman recovering from a stroke shared their art. We were all so moved. Eldad was thrilled to welcome Jeremiah, the first synagogue to visit his venue and support his mission. One of his artists was commissioned to create an art piece for Temple Jeremiah to highlight the contributors of our last Temple campaign. It can be found in our lobby.

**The Grottos at Rosh HaNikra** were amazing. The winds were wild and the Mediterranean rushed over us; it was a shock to get drenched, but we laughed and laughed as we pulled out our suitcases and changed into dry clothing behind the bus!

**Bike ride along the Promenade, from North Tel Aviv to Jaffa.**

I never knew that there was a dog beach, adjacent to a Gay beach, adjacent to a "religious" beach. There is something for everyone.

While some of us **shopped at the Nachalat Binyamin Craft Fair**, others participated in the **Chef Experience in the Carmel Market**, buying ingredients and then making their own salads, pita, hummus, and sauces.

The experiences were far beyond the expectations of all participants; we all expressed the desire to return to Israel in the near future. Keep your eyes open for eventual information about the next Family Trip to Israel. You are going to simply say, "Sign us up!" ♦







*A highlight for us was the visit to Pinot Igul — an art gallery featuring artists with disabilities. It was such an emotional experience to hear the artists share their personal challenges. The painting we purchased will forever remind us of our connection to Israel and the values we share. -Julie and Kevin Becker*

*Aspectacular experience—a presentation by Anat Hoffman, Women of the Wall, is still vivid in my mind. What a combination of powerful presentations by brilliant speakers and seeing the beauty of Eretz Yisrael with new, dear friends. -Anne and Jerry Lidsky*

*Thank you Julie, our Israeli guide! Thank you, Anne! And thank you Tootsie Roll Jerry for the chance to live and love Eretz Yisroel! -Henry and Sally Schlessinger*



*I'll always treasure this opportunity to visit Israel with fellow Jeremiahans. Our great leaders, Anne and Jerry Lidsky, along with Julie, a fabulous Israeli tour guide, ensured we experienced Israeli culture, scenery, fun, food, art, nature, hospitality, and history in the making. -Loryn Kogan*

*From my first stop at the Yehuda market in Jerusalem to the last day in Old Jaffa, every day had a new revelation and was filled with several emotions plus inspiration, awe, marvel, fascination, and so much history. Luckily we walked thousands of steps and climbed dozens of flights of stairs each day to offset all the amazing food. So thankful to have shared this experience with Anne, Jerry, and the group. -Amy Gerns*

*Sharing Israel with our granddaughter, Ellie, and old and new friends is a gift that keeps giving. -Vicki Pines*

*Our trip to Israel blew away my expectations. We couldn't have been with a better group of people/friends, had a better guide, and learned more about the Jewish state than we did this past March! It was outstanding! -Matt and Tina Schubert*

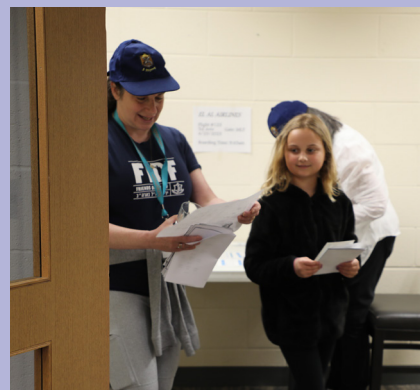
*Since this was my first time in Israel, I have an inordinate amount of amazing memories from the sights, sounds, tastes, and experiences of that trip. However, the ones that keep coming back to me are of the cooking class I participated in while in Tel Aviv. It was a sensory overload of the best kind and my hand-made falafel sandwich was the best ever! -Caren Brown*



## J-Quest Second Graders "Traveled" to Israel, too!



Judy Tatar and Alexis Ruda took their second grade class on a "trip" to Israel! Beginning with check-in for their El-Al "flight" and being escorted to their seats, students were able to experience what it would be like to travel to Israel. They were taken on virtual tours of historic sights and got a glimpse into the foods and cultures of different Israeli cities. Based on the smiles we saw during the Sundays this "trip" took place, perhaps they will be inspired to join the Congregation's actual trip to Israel some day!





# Afghan Refugees Welcome Family to Chicago

## *An Update on the Sadat Family*

MARCIA OSHER

In early 2022, Temple Jeremiah joined with the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) to sponsor a family from Afghanistan.

The Sadat family, Mohammad, Freba, and boys eight, six, and three, were initially placed at the Fort McCoy, WI U.S. Army Installation until they were “matched” with Temple Jeremiah in January 2022 and moved to an apartment in Rogers Park. A team of 15 Temple Jeremiah volunteers set up their apartment and mentored them as they adapted to their new home.

It has been well over a year and the family is thriving! Mohammad works for S&C Electric in Rogers Park and Freba, who was a math and language teacher in Afghanistan, works as a teacher’s aide at New Field Elementary School where two of her boys attend. The now four-year-old boy is enrolled in a full-day preschool next door to the elementary school.

In October 2022, Freba’s cousin Fatima, her husband, and six-month-old daughter from Afghanistan, who were also evacuated August 2021, moved from Boston to Chicago to live closer to the Sadats. This extended family provides incredible emotional and social support in addition to valuable childcare help. Fatima is a stay-at-home mother and her husband Zakrullah is employed at Jewel in Rogers Park.

Then, in February 2023, Mohammad Sadat’s cousin was also evacuated from Afghanistan, transferred from Atlanta to Chicago, and now resides in an apartment in the same building. Shir-Mohammad, Rakhsara, and their four-month-old son are a welcome family addition and brought a huge bonus: a car! Shir-Mohammad was hired by NorthShore University Health System as a cook, and Rakhsara plans to work at a daycare center.

During the recent Muslim holiday Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr, the families were together to celebrate and cherish their new lives in America. The Sadats feel eternally grateful to Temple Jeremiah’s volunteers for their immeasurable support during their resettlement to Chicago. ♦



*If you are interested in learning more about this program or getting involved, please contact Barb Miller at [bmiller54@comcast.net](mailto:bmiller54@comcast.net).*





# TEMPLE JEREMIAH'S

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## Podcast



### Torah Time

**RABBI RACHEL HEAPS' PICK**



*Torah Time* is a podcast that helps busy families make quality time for learning the parasha together. Every week, hosts Mara and her son Ravi set aside some "Torah Time" for reading and talking about the weekly Torah portion. *Torah Time* is designed for kids ages 6+ to listen to independently or together with families and teachers.

Listen to *Torah Time* on Apple Podcasts.

## TV Show

### Extraordinary Attorney Woo

**PHYLLIS' AND JILL'S PICK**



Brilliant attorney Woo Young-woo tackles challenges in the courtroom and beyond as a newbie at a top law firm and a woman on the autism spectrum.



Watch *Extraordinary Attorney Woo* on Netflix.



Extraordinary Attorney Woo

## Ice Cream Spots



### Glenview Dairy Bar

**RABBI DEBBIE HELBRAUN'S PICK**

1015 Harlem Ave., Glenview

Walk-up shop offering soft-serve ice cream, milkshakes, and other frozen treats at the window.



### Greg's Frozen Custard

**MEREDITH'S PICK**

1490 S. Lake St., Mundelein

Straightforward, walk-up ice cream shop with a retro space-age vibe and daily special flavor. Plus, try the frozen bananas!



### Graeter's Ice Cream

**MATT'S PICK**

1347 Shermer Rd., Northbrook

Longtime ice cream parlor chain serving small-batch scoops, plus signature sundaes and frozen drinks.



### Culver's Fresh Frozen Custard

**ANNE'S PICK**

Multiple Locations

Fast-food chain serving sundaes, concrete mixers, shakes, malts, and floats. Find your favorite flavor of the day or try them all.



### DIY Ice Cream

**SHUN'S PICK**

Shun's Kitchen

Shun actually makes his own vegan, sugar-free ice cream to enjoy during the summer! His favorite flavors to make are french vanilla and strawberry "cheese" cake.



### Dog n Suds

**DANNY'S PICK**

454 Center St., Grayslake

Hot dog and root beer drive-in style eatery. The root beer float is great for summer.



## August is Ice Cream Month at Temple Jeremiah!

Every Friday in August will feature a delicious ice cream treat immediately following Kabbalat Shabbat Worship!



## Yom Ha'Atzmaut Musical Celebration Featuring Shir Joy



Students, parents, teachers, and other Temple Jeremiah members were welcomed into our sanctuary on Sunday, April 23rd to celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut and hear Shir Joy perform from the *Bima*. Here is what Cantor Friedman had to say about the performance:

*"We almost need another word for how amazing this concert was, as awesome, engaging, and adorable don't seem to justify how great it was, in my opinion! It was such an honor to guide your children to find their voices! I am just so proud of them. Thank you for all the hard work you did to make it possible for them to get to that moment."*



Shir Joy will start up again when J-Quest returns in the fall.



## Chai Society: Who Knew He Was Jewish? Music of W.A. Mozart's Craziest Collaborator

Recently, the NY Times published an article saying that W.A. Mozart's favorite Librettist (lyricist), Lorenzo Da Ponte, was Jewish. Their collaborations were some of the most famous: Don Giovanni, Cosi Fan Tutte, Le Nozze Di Figaro, and more.

Earlier in June, as part of Temple Jeremiah's Chai Society series, Victoria Weisenberg led an all-star cast of singers, including Soprano Kimberly Jones (Lyric Opera: "Fire Shut Up in My Bones"), as the tale of this very dysfunctional but fascinating writer and the stories behind the operas were told. The concert took place at Salon des Artistes in Chicago and featured our own Cantor Susan Lewis Friedman and Paul Dykstra, as well as Cantors David Goldstein and Matan Meital.



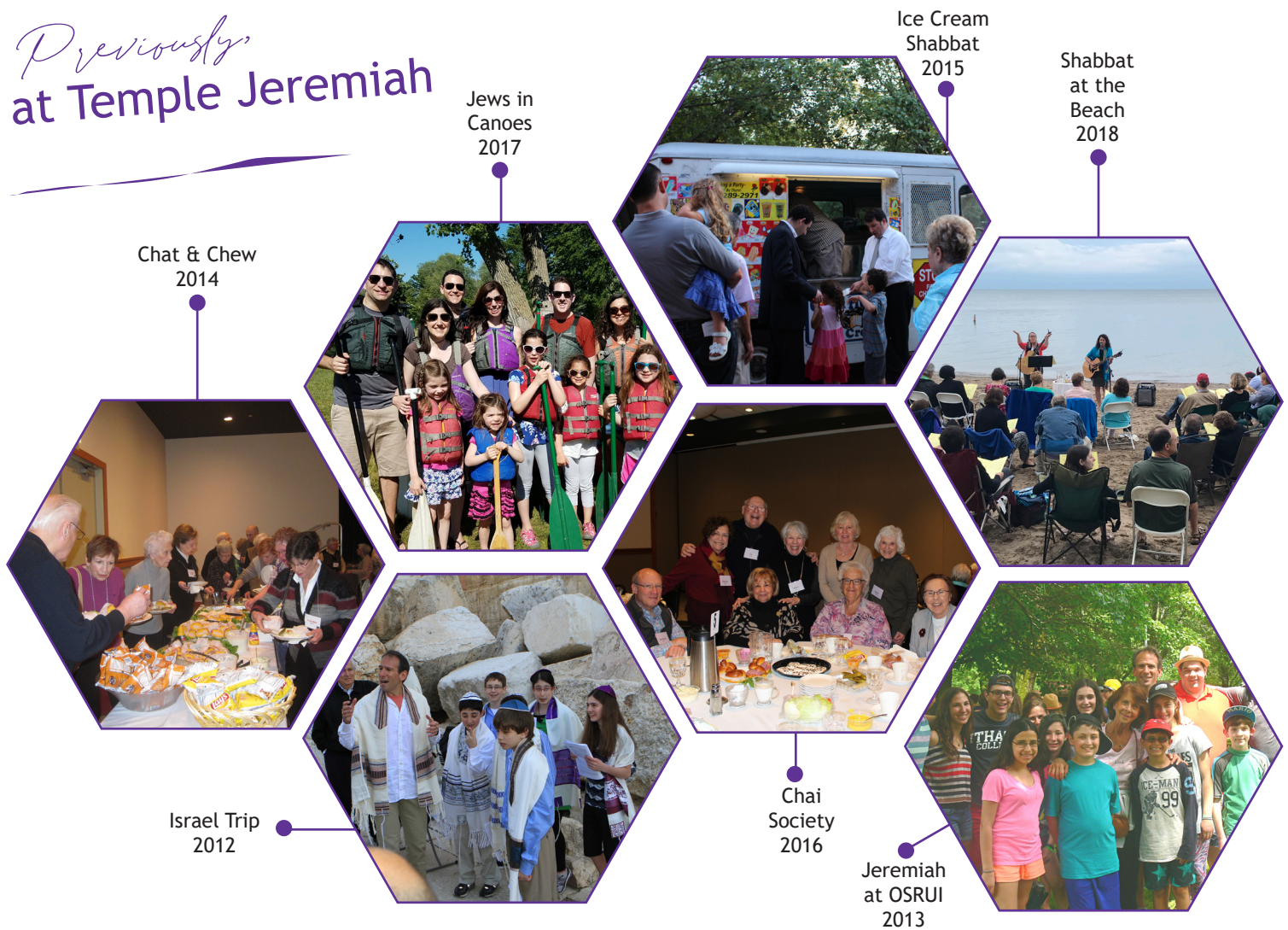
## Get involved in our musical programs!

### Adult Choir rehearsals return on Tuesday, August 8th!

The Temple Jeremiah choir is a great way to meet new friends, make beautiful music, and have fun. All voices are welcome. No musical or Hebrew background is required. Don't worry if you can't make every rehearsal! Check our calendar to stay up-to-date on rehearsal times and performances.



## Previously at Temple Jeremiah



## Save the Date(s)

### Selichot Study & Worship

*Saturday, September 9th*

### J-Quest Kick-Off and Family Day

*Sunday, September 10th*

### Erev Rosh HaShanah

*Friday, September 15th*

### Rosh HaShanah

*Saturday, September 16th*

### Rosh HaShanah Second Day

*Sunday, September 17th*

### Kol Nidre

*Sunday, September 24th*

### Yom Kippur

*Monday, September 25th*

### Sponsored by the Israel Action Committee

**Tour on Your Tush led IN-PERSON!** Enjoy the pictures and experiences from this past spring's group trip to Israel led by Anne and Jerry Lidsky.

*Sunday, October 8th*

**Honest Reporting and Gil Hoffman: See the Real Israel Beyond the Headlines**

*Sunday, October 22nd*

The Israel Action Committee's goal is to bring the culture and day-to-day of Israel to you! Other programs we are working on are Israeli pop music and the ethnic variety of the Jewish people. For more information, contact Stephanie Victor at [s2svictor@outlook.com](mailto:s2svictor@outlook.com).

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*Thank You!*

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## 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. There are specific funds you can make a donation to that support and enhance education programs for youth, adults, and our congregation as a whole. You can make a donation in two easy ways:

- 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.

- 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.

### 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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In celebration of  
**Doug Kaplan's** 65th birthday

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In loving memory of my grandson, **Brett Lerner**  
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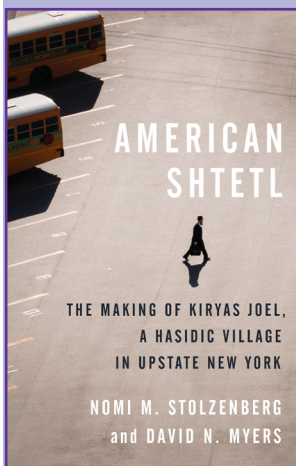
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### *American Shtetl:*

#### *The Making of Kiryas Joel, A Hasidic Village in Upstate New York*

Nomi M. Stolzenberg & David N. Myers

Thursday, July 13th  
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

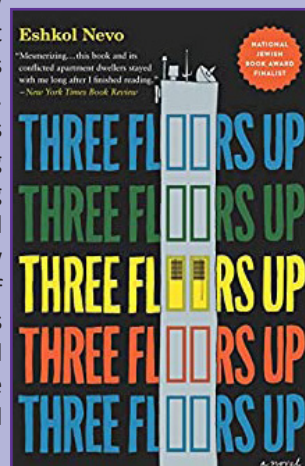


Settled in the mid-1970s by a small contingent of Hasidic families, Kiryas Joel is an American town with few parallels in Jewish history—but many precedents among religious communities in the United States. This book tells the story of how this group of pious, Yiddish-speaking Jews has grown to become a thriving insular enclave and a powerful local government in upstate New York. While rejecting the norms of mainstream American society, Kiryas Joel has been stunningly successful in creating a world apart by using the very instruments of secular political and legal power that it disavows.

### *Three Floors Up*

Eshkol Nevo

Thursday, August 10th  
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.



Set in an upper-middle-class Tel Aviv apartment building, this best-selling and warmly acclaimed Israeli novel examines the interconnected lives of its residents, whose turmoils, secrets, unreliable confessions, and problematic decisions reveal a society in the midst of an identity crisis.

A brilliant novelist, Eshkol Nevo vividly depicts how the grinding effects of social and political ills play out in the psyche of his flawed yet compelling characters, in often unexpected and explosive ways.