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High Holy Day time at Temple Jeremiah means busy days, the return of J-Quest, and of course, personal reflection. As new members join our congregation (meet our newest members on page 5!) and familiar faces return from summer vacation, we are eager to gather as a community to celebrate the High Holy Days and start anew. One thing that won't be changing this year? The number of engaging events we have!

As the leaves begin to change and the air becomes crisp, I encourage all to join us at the unique events both onsite and at special locations that are advertised in this issue of *The Covenant*. I also hope to see you taking advantage of our social justice volunteer opportunities and participating in our inclusion events, which you can read more about on pages 12 and 13.

Rabbi Heaps thoughtfully writes in her article "*as we prepare for these High Holy Days, may we discover a deeper sense of purpose, greater compassion, and a harmonious balance between our worldly pursuits and our spiritual growth.*" All of us at Temple Jeremiah hope to continue creating a community of meaningful connection this fall and throughout the year 5784 through worship, J-Quest, fun activities, and more.

L'Shanah Tovah!

Meredith

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SEPTEMBER

September 2nd	Ki Tavo	Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8
September 9th	Nitzavim-Vayeilech	Deuteronomy 29:9-31:30
September 16th	Rosh HaShanah	Genesis 21:1-34
September 23rd	Haazinu	Deuteronomy 32:1-32:52
September 30th	Sukkot	Leviticus 22:26-23:44

OCTOBER

October 7th	Simchat Torah	Deuteronomy 33:1-34:12
October 14th	B'reishit	Genesis 1:1-6:8
October 21st	Noach	Genesis 6:9-11:32
October 28th	Lech L'cha	Genesis 12:1-17:27

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CELEBRATE THE HIGH HOLY DAYS AT TEMPLE JEREMIAH

Check our calendar for the most up-to-date information at
tinyurl.com/TJ-calendar

Selichot

Saturday, Sept. 9th

- Learning @ 7:00 p.m.
- Worship @ 8:00 p.m.

Maot Chitim for Rosh HaShanah

Sunday, Sept. 10th @ 8:30 a.m.

J-Quest Family Day featuring The Jesse White Tumblers

Sunday, Sept. 10th @ 9:00 a.m.

Erev Rosh HaShanah Worship

Friday, Sept. 15th @ 7:30 p.m.

Rosh HaShanah

Saturday, Sept. 16th

- Tot Worship @ 9:00 a.m.
*Geared toward Pre-K through second graders and their families.
- Morning Worship @ 10:00 a.m.
- Teen Learning and Leadership for Tashlich @ 10:45 a.m.
- Tashlich @ 11:30 a.m.
- Family Worship @ 12:45 p.m.
*Geared toward families with school-aged children.
- Inclusion Service @ 1:30 p.m.
*Geared toward individuals of all abilities and those who love them. Visit our calendar to register.

Rosh HaShanah Second Day

Sunday, Sept. 17th

- Worship @ 10:00 a.m.
We will join together in an experiential worship through the gardens at the Bahai Temple with our friends from Emanuel Congregation.
- BYO Picnic in Gillson Park (Wilmette) @ 11:45 a.m.

Kol Nidre Worship

Sunday, Sept. 24th @ 7:30 p.m.

Yom Kippur

Monday, Sept. 25th

- Tot Worship @ 9:00 a.m.
*Geared toward Pre-K through second graders and their families.
- Morning Worship @ 10:00 a.m.
- Teen Ark Sorting Project, Sukkah Decorating, and Learning @ 10:45 a.m.
- Meditation Transition with Yizkor @ 11:30 a.m.
- Yizkor Worship @ 12:00 p.m.
- Family Worship @ 1:30 p.m.
*Geared toward families with school-aged children.
- Meditation Walk with Judy Craven @ 1:30 p.m.
- Adult Learning with Jerry Lidsky @ 2:45 p.m.
- Afternoon and Neilah Worship @ 4:00 p.m.
- Havdallah @ 5:30 p.m.
- Oneg and Sukkah Decorating @ 6:15 p.m.

Erev Sukkot

Friday, Sept. 29th

- Sukkah Decorating @ 6:00 p.m.
- Kabbalat Shabbat and Oneg @ 6:30 p.m.

Sukkot

Sunday, Oct. 1st

- J-Quest Social Justice Family Day @ 9:00 a.m.
- Sukkot Festival @ 10:45 a.m.

GUEST BADGES

This time of worship, reflection, and celebration is so much more meaningful when we are able to share it with friends, family, and community beyond our membership. We are thrilled to offer the opportunity for guests to participate with no ticket or set charge.

- Temple Jeremiah Members, simply wear your name badges.

- Guests, please visit tinyurl.com/HHD23Guests to fill out the short form so we can create name badges for you.

- Guests who do not pre-register will need to do so at the temple to receive their name tags prior to worship.

Java in the Hut with Rabbi Cohen

Monday, Oct. 2nd - Friday, Oct. 6th @ 9:00 a.m.

Join Rabbi Cohen each morning during this week to chat over coffee in the Sukkah.

Family Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, Oct. 6th

- Dinner with Families @ 5:30 p.m.
- Shabbat Shirah @ 6:15 p.m.
- Simchat Torah Celebration @ 6:30 p.m.



Teshuvah, Tefilah, & Tzedakah Repentance, Prayer, & Charity

RABBI RACHEL HEAPS

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L'Shanah Tovah!

It's official, the High Holy Day season is upon us, and each of us has begun the annual process of doing a **cheshbon ha-nefesh**, an accounting of our souls. But, as usual this season, spiritual reflection comes concurrently with school, work, family, socialization, transitions between seasons, and so much more – leaving little space for deep, intentional, and honest self-assessment. It might be difficult to find moments of quiet in the midst of our lives. Leaving us, instead, to balance all priorities and, perhaps, to use the hubbub of life to inspire and guide our **cheshbon ha-nefesh**. In all the complexities of our modern lives, the High Holy Day liturgy reminds us that repentance, prayer, and charity are not only cherished values in the Jewish tradition, but also timeless principles that resonate throughout our lives.

Repentance, or **teshuvah**, reminds us that amidst our hectic lives, it is crucial to assess our actions and attitudes. In the midst of constant distractions, taking a moment to see the bigger picture and reflect on the impact of our behavior allows us to grow and evolve as individuals. Engaging in **teshuvah** doesn't necessarily require grand gestures; it can be as simple as acknowledging our mistakes and missteps, apologizing, and committing to making amends. True **teshuvah** turns busy lives into ones of increased self-awareness and the building of stronger, more meaningful relationships.

Prayer, or **tefilah**, is a sanctuary we can retreat to amid the chaos of modern life. Even within our busy schedules, finding moments to engage in **tefilah** provides hope, strength, and inspiration. Whether it's a few minutes of silent meditation, a heartfelt prayer before starting the day, or a moment of gratitude before sleep, connecting to our spiritual selves nourishes our souls so that we might find balance in the face of life's demands. Integrating moments of **tefilah** into our busy lives can serve as a reminder of our higher purpose and a source of comfort during times of stress or uncertainty.

Charity, or **tzedakah**, need not be an overwhelming task. Acts of **tzedakah** are likely already woven into your daily lives, becoming spontaneous and meaningful expressions of kindness. Whether it's lending a listening ear to a friend in need, offering a helping hand to a neighbor, or supporting a cause through online donations. Similar to filling the **tzedakah** box, small acts of **tzedakah** accumulate to create a significant impact. Embracing every macro and micro opportunity to do **tzedakah** enables us to strengthen our sense of empathy and community, fostering a culture of care even amidst our fast-paced lives.

On Rosh HaShanah, in the recitation of the *U'netaneh Tokef* prayer, we are reminded that through the interconnectedness of **teshuvah**, **tefilah**, and **tzedakah**, we find a roadmap for navigating busy, modern life with grace and purpose. These actions are not intended as additional burdens, but as a firm foundation that supports us on the paths to what truly matters.

Within and beyond our Jeremiah community, we can (and do!) encourage and support one another in embracing **teshuvah**, **tefilah**, and **tzedakah** in different and meaningful ways throughout our daily lives. In our fast-paced world, we can find strength and solace in our shared commitment to self-improvement, spiritual connection, and acts of kindness.

In this season of **cheshbon ha-nefesh** (accounting of our souls), let us work to ensure that **teshuvah**, **tefilah**, and **tzedakah** are the unending gifts we offer to ourselves and each other. As we prepare for these High Holy Days, may we discover a deeper sense of purpose, greater compassion, and a harmonious balance between our worldly pursuits and our spiritual growth. *L'Shanah Tovah* to all!

Rabbi Rachel Heaps

...with Rabbi Cohen

Wednesdays, Oct. 25th, Nov. 1st, and
Nov. 8th @ 7:00 p.m.



Adult Learning Opportunities...

...with Rabbi Heaps

Wednesdays, Nov. 29th, Dec. 6th,
and Dec. 13th @ 7:00 p.m.



MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

*Those who joined after August 10th will be featured in the next issue.



THE GRANT FAMILY
Carter, Elizabeth,
Sadie, and Tessa



THE WALLIS FAMILY
Benjamin, Jaclyn,
Eliza, and Sadie



THE BLANK FAMILY
Alan, Sarah, Sophie, Levi,
Asher, and Mila



MARK AND ANN FELDMAN
*Fun Fact: Ann sang as a
cantorial soloist at Jeremiah
in her younger years!*



THE AARON FAMILY
Jonathan, Jessica, Emma,
Daniella, and Nikki



THE KIRSCHNER FAMILY
Seth, Ericka, Tegan, Jack, Myles,
Harper, Landon, and Hailey



THE WINER FAMILY
Joshua, Halley, William,
Mason, and Tessa



THE BAKER FAMILY
Jeremy, Lindsey, Benjamin, and Jacob



THE ABRAMS FAMILY
Michael, Stacy, Owen,
Isaac, and Addison



THE SEIDENBERG FAMILY
Justin, Lisa, Jonah, and Ethan



THE BARNES FAMILY
William, Victoria, Maeve,
Rowan, Norah, and Joshua



THE GLICK FAMILY
Brandon, Carrie, Carter, and Avery
Fun Fact: Carrie grew up at Jeremiah!



**JOSEPH AND DAHLIA
TESHER**



**JOSEPH AND MARILYN
SMITH**



THE MERKIN FAMILY
Daniel, Melissa, Kara,
Ryan, and Aden

THE MCCLANAHAN FAMILY
Glenn, Susan, Gavin,
Bryce, and Emily
*Fun Fact: The McClanahan Family
were TJ members before moving
to Denver several years ago.
Welcome back!*



Perspective

RABBI ROBERT D. SCHREIBMAN, D.D.
Rabbi Emeritus

A Message from Temple Jeremiah's Rabbi Emeritus

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that it's already another New Year. Time goes by so fast.

The founder of Humanistic Judaism believes: living is hard. It can be full of frustrations, loneliness, illness, even death. But it can also be joyous, fulfilling, and pleasurable. We have every right to be cynical or pessimistic as well as optimistic and happy. He also wrote:

*"The world is neither good nor bad.
The world is neither beautiful nor ugly.
The world is neither positive nor negative.
People are."*

I love Broadway! Particularly the great musicals such as those written by Steven Sondheim. The other day, my older daughter and I watched the grand musical *Carousel*. The lyrics are by Sondheim's mentor Oscar Hammerstein. It tells about Billy Bigelow and his love for Julie. Near the end of the show, after Billy murders someone, he demands to "be brought before the highest judge of all." I have always wondered: who is the highest judge of all?

As a rabbi, I can easily say the highest judge is God. But I wonder if that is not kicking the can down the road. Perhaps it is really that ourselves; we are the highest judge of all when it comes to judging ourselves. If that is so, then we alone can judge whether we have been successful and fulfilled or not. And it can be ourselves again to decide what we see for this next year, 5784. In Deuteronomy 30:15 it simply says, "choose life and good so that you and your descendants may Live!"

That line alone makes me very optimistic. We face many decisions. May we choose life and good so that we find fulfillment and joy in the coming year.

Patti and I hope to see you all in the coming year, full of joy and fulfillment.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Robert D. Schreibman



Welcome,

ERIN LEVINE!



ERIN LEVINE
Young Family Engagement Director
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As Temple Jeremiah's new Young Family Engagement Director, Erin will connect with and support our young families, guide and collaborate with youth leaders, and strengthen Jewish understanding and curiosity through our J-Quest program. She will also work with our URJ Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute (OSRUI) partners to bridge congregation and camp communities throughout the year. Our next issue of *The Covenant* will feature more information about Erin and her role at Jeremiah. We're so excited to have her here!

COMING UP ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

9:00 a.m.

Jeremiah Buddies

This special group for two-, three-, and four-year olds meets select Sundays for a story, crafts, playtime, and more, focusing on a different theme in Judaism each month. It's a great opportunity for our youngest Jeremiah children to make new friends and for their parents to connect with one another.

9:30 a.m.

Adult Learning with Gill Hoffman

Join Gill Hoffman, executive director of HonestReporting and lecturer on political strategy at Israel's College of Management, as he discusses internal and external challenges Israel is facing and how they can be overcome.



12:00 p.m.

Reform Synagogues' MDA Ambulance Celebration

We are proud to have participated in the Magen David Adom (MDA) North & Northwest Suburban Reform Synagogues' MDA Ambulance Campaign last year! MDA reached its goal of \$115,000 and is providing Magen David Adom and the people of Israel with a life support ambulance in honor of the nation's 75th anniversary. Before the ambulance ships to Israel, *all are welcome at Makom Solel Lakeside to celebrate and take photos with the ambulance – an especially exciting experience for our youngest members – which bears the names of all the participating Congregations. This program ends at 1:00 p.m.*



Five Lesbians Eating A Quiche

Saturday, November 4th
5:00 p.m.



This hilarious, interactive show finds five women assembled in a church basement (along with the audience) for the 1956 annual meeting of the Susan B. Anthony Society for the Sisters of Gertrude Stein's annual quiche breakfast.

Learn more: tinyurl.com/Quiche23

"You Have What She's Having" THE JEWISH DELI



Sunday, November 12th
11:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.



Illinois Holocaust Museum (Skokie)

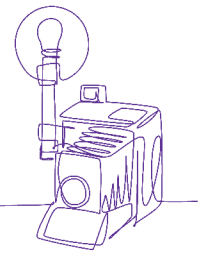


More than a place to get a meal, the Jewish deli is a community forged in food. The exhibition explores how Jewish delicatessens became a cornerstone of American food culture. \$12/person to attend. Following the tour, we will gather for a boxed lunch and to socialize (additional \$12/person for boxed lunch).

Register: tinyurl.com/JewishDeliExhibit

ICYMI...

(In Case You Missed It)



Chicago Pride Parade

Temple Jeremiah members once again marched in the Chicago Pride Parade on Sunday, June 25th! Joined by a coalition of Jewish congregations and organizations along the approximately 3-mile route, Temple Jeremiah was proud to stand with, support, and celebrate the LGBTQ+ community.



Yoga in the Park

On Sunday, July 9th, Libby Galin led a relaxing morning of yoga in the park for members and their friends. The weather was beautiful and the class was great! **Join us for our next yoga class at temple on Sunday, October 29th at 9:15 a.m.** All experience levels welcome. BYO yoga mat.

Bim Bam Baby

Summer Sessions for Bim Bam Baby continued in July and August, with old and new (and super cute) faces in attendance! Check our calendar for upcoming sessions.



Temple Jeremiah at Camp

What's more fun than summer camp?! It was great to see some of Jeremiah's smiling faces at OSRUI and Beber, especially when Rabbi Rachel Heaps, Director of Congregational Learning Matt Rissien, and Executive Director Danny Glassman stopped by! We hope all of our campers had a great summer no matter what their activities were, and we're excited to see them back at the temple for **J-Quest Family Day on Sunday, September 10th at 9:00 a.m.**

Chat & Chew Series

Executive Director Danny Glassman recently closed out his "Chat & Chew" series. First, on Wednesday, July 12th, while dining on food from the chuck wagon, attendees watched and discussed *Jews of the Wild West*, which tells our immigration story and highlights the dynamic contributions Jewish Americans made to shaping the Western United States. Then, on Wednesday, August 9th, members enjoyed a tasty lunch from Once Upon a Deli while viewing *City of Joel*, a documentary with unprecedented access to a 1.1 square mile shtetl in the suburbs of New York City that is home to 22K members of one of the most insular and orthodox Hasidic sects.

Jews in Canoes

Members of all ages enjoyed our annual "Jews in Canoes" event, this year at the Skokie Lagoons, on Saturday, July 15th. After some time on the canoes and kayaks, attendees had a picnic dinner and Havdallah. What a nice summer evening!



Shabbat Dinner with Friends

On Friday, July 21st, nearly 40 members gathered at the Eisenberg's home in Wilmette for a lovely outdoor dinner from Pita Inn. Thank you, Nancy and Arnee, for hosting! **Shabbat Dinner with Friends will take place next on Friday, October 20th** following Kabbalat Shabbat Worship. Hope to see you there!

Jeremiah Pickleball Game

Temple Jeremiah's first-ever Pickleball Game took place on Sunday, July 23rd, at Stonegate Park in Northbrook. Players of all abilities were welcomed to join the friendly game. If you missed our promo video featuring some of your favorite Jeremiah people, check out our YouTube page – you won't be disappointed!



Brotherhood Baseball Night

The Chicago Dogs played the Gary RailCats on Thursday, August 10th, and Brotherhood was in attendance! Baseball and fireworks filled this lovely summer night. You can learn more about Brotherhood at their **Open House Breakfast**, open to all Jeremiah men, on **Sunday, October 1st at 9:00 a.m.** More interested in football than baseball? Join Brotherhood for their **Chicago Bears Watch Night on Thursday, October 5th at 7:00 p.m.**



Walk the 606

On Sunday, August 13th, Temple Jeremiah members gathered to "Walk the 606," a 90-minute, one-mile walking tour along The 606/Bloomingdale Trail. Attendees learned about the beautifully restored Bloomingdale railroad viaduct on Chicago's northwest side and how it came to be. People were so invested, that their phones were away and no photos were taken!

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.

Governor Pritzker Visits *Temple Jeremiah*



MEREDITH LEVINSON
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We were so thankful to welcome Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker to Temple Jeremiah on Thursday, July 27th to speak with our congregation about gun violence prevention.

Before welcoming the Governor to the Bima, Rabbi Cohen presented a gift to Mayor Rottering of Highland Park – a *Mezuzah* – on behalf of Temple Jeremiah and our community.

Rabbi Cohen got a bit emotional as he said, "We wanted to do something a little special for Mayor Rottering, who has shown tremendous leadership during the events of July 4th and her terms as Mayor of Highland Park." As he explained, the *Mezuzah* represents the home, and the scroll that's within it contains the *Shema* and the *V'ahavta*, which were a part of the week's Torah portion, *Va-et'chanan*. "Va-et'chanan talks about how God is one, and if God is one, then everything is one. Mayor, you have recognized that we are strongest when we work to manifest the idea that we are indeed one. Thank you for all that you're doing," Rabbi Cohen said.



Mayor Rottering of Highland Park (center), pictured alongside State Representative Bob Morgan and State Senator Laura Fine, accepts a gift from Temple Jeremiah.

State Senator Laura Fine, a member of Temple Jeremiah, then introduced the program, which led into Rabbi Cohen successfully moderating a discussion with the Governor about state and national efforts to implement laws to curb gun violence, including Illinois' assault weapons ban.

Rabbi Cohen also facilitated questions submitted from the nearly 500 audience members. Perhaps one of the most difficult questions asked was by a 10-year old member of the audience: "Why are there shops where you can buy guns? Aren't the materials unsafe?"



You can hear the Governor's answer to that question, as well as watch the entire discussion, on our YouTube Channel.

Following the event, Governor Pritzker posted photos on his social media accounts, stating "Tonight, I had a frank discussion with Rabbi Cohen of Temple Jeremiah and the community on what we can do about gun violence. Letting this uniquely American problem continue is a choice. Inaction is a choice. Here in Illinois, our choice is to lead this fight and save lives."

The Governor's appearance at Temple Jeremiah added to our long-standing and award-winning Social Justice Program, which is centered on platforms of Hunger, Criminal Justice Reform, Immigration, Inclusion, Gun Safety, Mental Health, and Anti-Racism. Previous speakers have included Evanston Mayor Daniel Biss and Former Alderman Robin Rue Simmons on reparations, as well as Former Senator Al Franken on voter suppression and filibuster reform.

"It's critical to hold open conversations on issues that really matter. We hope everyone appreciated the opportunity to hear from the Governor and get answers to questions about safety," said Social Justice Committee Co-Chair Barb Miller.

Additional leaders in our community that were present include: State Representatives Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz and Bob Morgan; Lake County State's Attorney Eric Reinhardt; Lake County Board Chair Sandy Hart; dignitaries of Lake County Aaron Cartwright Weinstein and Mark Jones; representatives from Jan Schakowsky's office and from Brad Schneider's office; Sharon Shimski of A Safe Place; Lake County Board Members Gina Roberts and Mara Haltenberg; Lake County Commissioner Sarah Nitsick; Carter Harms from the Governor's office; and Cook County Board Commissioner Scott Britton.



politico.com

WHERE'S JB

At the Prysmian Du Quoin Plant at 10 a.m. [to announce](#) the Reimagining Energy and Vehicles in Illinois agreement — At Hoyleton Youth and Family Services at 12:30 p.m. [for a groundbreaking](#) of the campus expansion — At Temple Jeremiah in Northfield at 6 p.m. [to discuss](#) gun violence prevention.

govpritzker

Governor JB Pritzker @GovPritzker

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Letting this uniquely American problem continue is a choice. Inaction is a choice. Here in Illinois, our choice is to lead this fight and save lives.

senatorfine
Temple Jeremiah

FOX 32 CHICAGO Live News Weather Good Day Sports Contests

Pritzker highlights gun violence and prevention during roundtable discussion

Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker highlighted gun violence and prevention Thursday by participating in a round table discussion at Temple Jeremiah in Northfield.

The Center Square

Pritzker: 'Better than 90%' odds gun ban survives federal courts

Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker during an event at Temple Jeremiah in Northfield. Illinois.gov

By Greg Blahney | The Center Square
Jul 28, 2023

(The Center Square) — Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker appeared to concede that his and Democratic lawmakers' ban on a wide variety of semi-automatic handguns and rifles has a less than 90% chance of surviving in the federal court system.

During a discussion the governor's office said was about "gun violence prevention" at Temple Jeremiah in Northfield Thursday, Pritzker was asked about the chances his ban on certain semi-automatic firearms and magazines survives a challenge in the federal courts.

Daily Herald
Suburban Chicago's Information Source

Pritzker to visit Northfield temple to speak on gun violence prevention

Daily Herald Report
Updated: 7/19/2023 11:28 AM

Gov. J.B. Pritzker is set to speak about gun violence prevention at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 27, at Temple Jeremiah, 937 N. Hupp Road in Northfield.

Rabbi Paul F. Cohen will moderate a discussion with the governor about state and national efforts to curb gun violence, including Illinois' assault weapons ban. Questions will be submitted from the audience.

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senatorfine Last night, Temple Jeremiah hosted a conversation with Governor JB Pritzker about gun violence prevention. I was proud to introduce the Governor, who has been a vital partner in our state's efforts to enact common sense gun safety laws. Thank you to the Temple for hosting this important and timely discussion!

Shocking statistics show someone is killed by a gun every six hours in Illinois

By PDS 32 News | Published July 27, 2023 5:04 PM | Updated 5:04 PM | Illinois | FOX 32 Chicago

Pritzker highlights gun violence and prevention during roundtable discussion

Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker highlighted gun violence and prevention Thursday by participating in a round table discussion at Temple Jeremiah in Northfield.

CHICAGO - Violence prevention groups are calling for action after a UPS worker in Humboldt Park Tuesday morning.

Dewitt Daily News @DewittDN

Gov. Pritzker Participates in Gun Violence Discussion at Temple Jeremiah

dewittdailynews.com
Gov. Pritzker Participates in Gun Violence Discussion at Temple Jeremiah

Committee Updates

Social Justice & Advocacy

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A Blossoming Garden Project

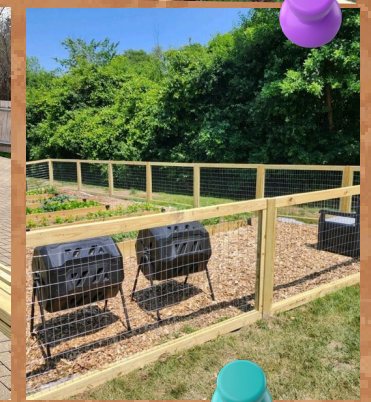
STEPHEN MILLER

Project Coordinator for the Garden Project

Many saw the sprouting of a new partnership between the TJ Social Justice Committee and Brotherhood: We built a vegetable garden!

Our partnership worked with volunteers and supporters of a large, well-funded, domestic violence and human trafficking treatment center with 180 beds located in northern Lake County. Barb's and my son, Sam, is a civil engineer and drafted computer-aided design (CAD) plans for a 700 square foot garden with five raised beds surrounded by a wood fence. Then, the contracting team of congregants Dan Weisman and Rob Blomquist, supported by a cast of Brotherhood volunteers, worked side by side with the shelter's supporters and friends, constructing the garden over three weekends in May. Brotherhood contributed funds and manpower, and Scott Byron & Co. landscaping contractor donated additional funds, dirt, and wood chips. The shelter's Board and the Illinois Farm Bureau raised the balance of the necessary funds, which totaled around \$5,500.

This project revealed the best of Temple Jeremiah. Our volunteers worked side by side with their volunteers, in the best spirit of *Tikkun Olam*, and in our own small way, we made the world a better place. Resident mothers and their children planted vegetables immediately, even before the fence was finished, and kale, tomatoes, zucchini, and other vegetables were seen shooting up from the new beds. I'm just so proud of the team effort and hope we can find other projects like this one where we can do good things for other people and have a great time doing it. ♦



Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

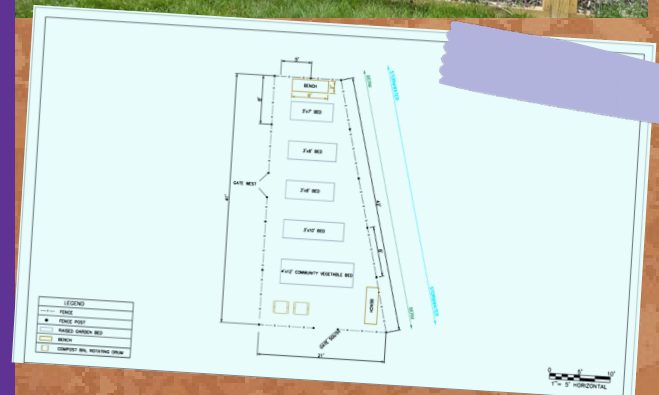
Family Promise Fall 2023

Sunday, Oct. 22nd-29th
tinyurl.com/FPfall23

**FAMILY
PROMISE**



**J-Quest Social Justice
Family Day & Feed the Hungry**
Sunday, October 1st @ 9:00 a.m.



Inclusion at Jeremiah



Save the Date(s) for these exciting Inclusion Events!

**Rosh HaShanah
Inclusion Service**
Saturday,
Sept. 16th, 2023
@ 1:30 p.m.

**Storyteller &
Havdallah**
Saturday,
Nov. 11th, 2023
@ 4:00 p.m.

**Chanukah
Celebration**
Sunday,
Dec. 10th, 2023
@ 2:00 p.m.

**Scott B. Crane
Abilities Awareness
Shabbat**
Friday,
Feb. 23rd, 2024
@ 6:30 p.m.

**Hamantaschen
Baking**
Sunday,
Mar. 10th, 2024
@ 1:00 p.m.

Passover Seder
Sunday,
Apr. 28th, 2024
@ 2:00 p.m.

Join the Inclusion Committee!

Our Inclusion Committee meets once a month to plan special events and discuss ways to be more inclusive at Temple Jeremiah.

Upcoming meetings:

Wednesday, September 27th @ 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 18th @ 7:00 p.m.

Questions?

Caren Brown
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Accessibility @ Jeremiah Update

We are excited to announce that we have installed two sets of accessible water fountains on the first floor of our building! One set is in our coat room area and the other is closer to our school wing.



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Most Recommended

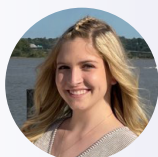
Fun Fall Activities & Treats!

The Great Highwood Pumpkin Festival

RABBI COHEN'S PICK

Downtown Highwood

The annual "Pumpkin Fest" takes place this year on October 6th-8th, 2023, and features live music, a variety of food vendors, costume contests, carnival rides, and of course, pumpkins!



Sweet's

MEREDITH'S PICK

260 E. Deerpath Rd., Lake Forest

Sweet's offers a variety of chocolates, toffee, candy, and ice cream. The caramel apples are the perfect treat for fall!

The Elegant Farmer

DANNY'S PICK

1545 Main St., Mukwonago, WI

Among other gourmet items, The Elegant Farmer is known for its Apple Pie Baked in a Paper Bag®, which is my personal favorite summer treat. However, it's great in the fall, too. Plus, their annual Autumn Harvest Fest takes place on weekends throughout September and October and has apple picking, hayrides, and other family-friendly activities.



Podcast

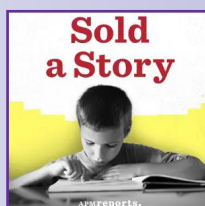
Sold a Story



RABBI HEAPS' PICK

Millions of kids can't read well. Scientists have known for decades how children learn to read but many schools are ignoring the research. They buy teacher training and books that are rooted in a disproven idea. Emily Hanford investigates four authors and a publishing company that have made millions selling this idea.

Listen to Sold a Story on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, etc.



Documentary

The Pez Outlaw



LESLIE'S PICK

A man's mission to bring rare Pez candy dispensers into the U.S. rocks the world of collectors and upsets the Pez corporation in this upbeat documentary.

Watch The Pez Outlaw on Netflix.

Books

SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB PICKS

Interested in joining Sisterhood Book Club? Contact Randi Gurian (randi.gurian@gmail.com).

Red Sea Spies: The True Story of Mossad's Fake Diving Resort

By Raffi Berg

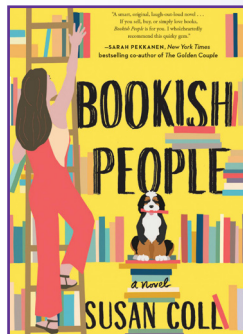
Thursday, October 12th
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

September

Bookish People

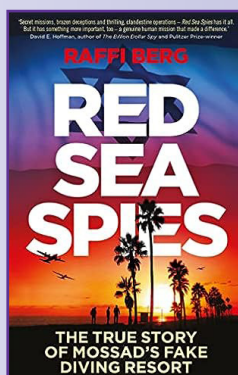
By Susan Coll

Thursday, September 14th
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.



A perfect storm of comedic proportions erupts in a D.C. bookstore over the course of one soggy summer week—narrated by two very different women and punctuated by political turmoil, a celestial event, and a perpetually broken vacuum cleaner.

October

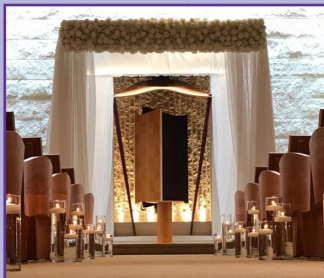


In the early 1980s on a remote part of the Sudanese coast, a new luxury holiday resort provided a front for covert nighttime activities carried out by undercover spies working for the Mossad—the Israeli secret service. What began with one cryptic message pleading for help, turned into the secret evacuation of thousands of Ethiopian Jews who had been languishing in refugee camps, and the spiriting of them to Israel. This true story also inspired the Netflix film *The Red Sea Diving Resort*.

Host Your Event, Program, or Meeting at Temple Jeremiah!

Special Occasions

Whether you are celebrating a life cycle event or casual get-together, Temple Jeremiah offers a warm, inviting setting for your occasion.



We offer all the amenities and services to make your event a success:

- **Preferred Provider Program:**
Select all the services you need from our approved vendor list with special pricing for our members.
- **Choose your caterer:**
Customize your meal with any of our preferred caterers.
- **Flexible Lighting and Superior Acoustics**
- **Flexible spaces for different sizes and phases of your event**
- **Dance floor**
- **Handicapped accessibility**

Meetings & Programs



We have flexible spaces for your upcoming meeting or program. For example, daily Bridge games are hosted in the Slotnick Social Hall; AA, Nar-Anon, and Families Anonymous meetings take place in our classrooms; and Markus Book Club has rented our multipurpose room for their meetings.



To learn more about renting our Temple facility for a Shabbat Dinner, Bar/Bat Mitzvah party or Kiddush Luncheon, contact Cindy Lieb (cindy@templejeremiah.org). For all other rental inquiries, contact Danny Glassman (daniel@templejeremiah.org).

More Spaces to Rent



Pedalheads, a learn-to-ride bike camp for kids, rented our **south parking lot** for their summer program. Additionally, an energy company used our **north parking lot** to land their helicopter so they could work on the power lines.



Northfield residents used our **kitchen** to make hand-rolled, New York-style bagels, growing their operation into a business — Boom Bagels.



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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.

For questions about Hall of Remembrance plaques or Wall of Life leaves, please contact Leslie Landman at leslie@templejeremiah.org.



LESLIE LANDMAN
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Hallway of Remembrance

One quiet summer Sunday, a few years back, some staff members were at the temple. It was not an official workday, J-Quest was not in session and there were no programs. It was the kind of day that you would likely expect that no one would be in the building. Nonetheless, an older gentleman accompanied by his son came to the door and asked me if they could see the memorial plaques. They explained that they were no longer members, having moved away, but they were hoping to see a memorial plaque they had dedicated long ago, honoring their loved one – the wife of the older gentleman, the mother of the younger one. Of course, I welcomed them in and gave them space to share what was clearly an emotional moment together.

Visits like this are not unusual.

Our members, current and past, find comfort in our wall of memorial plaques, where loved ones and friends are remembered in perpetuity. Whether it is a brief glance as one walks through the hallway, a planned visit, or something in between, we know that this is a meaningful space to those who are remembering.

Recognizing its significance, we want to enhance this space by designating the hallway where the memorial plaques are mounted as the Hallway of Remembrance.

We hope this will be a place where you feel comfortable to contemplate, reflect, and connect.

If you wish to plan a time to spend at the Temple with friends or family reflecting on memories of the past, sharing stories or photos of loved ones as a way to commemorate a *yahrzeit*, a birthdate, or just because, we are happy to provide a space.

Please let us know how we can help make your time most meaningful.

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Join us for J-Quest Family Day!

**Sunday, September 10th
9:00 a.m.**

**Parents are encouraged to join their
children during the first day of J-Quest,
featuring a special event with
The Jesse White Tumblers!**

