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## Editor's Note

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As we wrap up the High Holy Day season, I want to take a moment to thank everyone for their support, patience, and kindness. Whether that be volunteers who helped with name badges, teens who participated in sorting donations for The Ark, or ushers for day-of assistance, your presence did not go unnoticed. We appreciate our members and guests for contributing to a joyous worship experience and for connecting with each other — both in person and virtually.

This issue of The Covenant highlights the importance of finding the beauty in mundane moments, and that theme can be seen throughout Rabbi Heaps' article and in our photos from previous events and J-Quest Sundays. It's a wonderful message to remember as we move into a new year. Our Director of Congregational Learning Matt Rissien also touched upon this in his article on page 10.

As we enter the winter months, instead of defaulting to staying home or focusing on large celebrations and presents, try to remember to find the beauty in the mundane: the twinkle of a Shabbat candle while surrounded by friends and family, sharing mashed potatoes on Thanksgiving and latkes during Chanukah, and experiencing the Joy of Belonging at Temple Jeremiah!

*Meredith Levinson*

## TORAH PORTIONS

### NOVEMBER

November 2nd	Noach	Genesis 6:9-11:32
November 9th	Lech L'cha	Genesis 12:1-17:27
November 16th	Vayeira	Genesis 18:1-22:24
November 23rd	Chayei Sarah	Genesis 23:1-25:18
November 30th	Tol'dot	Genesis 25:19-28:9

### DECEMBER

December 7th	Vayeitzei	Genesis 28:10-32:3
December 14th	Vayishlach	Genesis 32:4-36:43
December 21st	Vayeishev	Genesis 37:1-40:23
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# High Holy Day "Chai Lights"

Dates and times are subject to change.  
Check our calendar for the most  
up-to-date information at  
[tinyurl.com/TJ-calendar](https://tinyurl.com/TJ-calendar)



Rosh HaShanah Inclusion Service



Yom Kippur Tot & Family Services  
& Sukkah Decorating

Teens sorting donations for The Ark



## Coming Up at Temple Jeremiah

More upcoming events are featured  
throughout this issue.

### Shabbat Dinner:

#### with Families

Friday, November 1st at 5:30 p.m.

J-Quest families are welcome to join us for dinner  
before Family Kabbalat Shabbat Worship.

#### with Friends

Friday, November 8th at 7:30 p.m.

Join us for Shabbat dinner with some of your favorite  
Jeremiah people following Kabbalat Shabbat Worship.

#### with Families and Friends

Friday, December 6th at 5:30 p.m.

All are welcome to join for dinner before Family Kabbalat  
Shabbat Worship with special guest Elana Arian!

Don't forget to register for  
dinner! Scan the QR code to  
register for events through  
our calendar.



### Slipper Shabbat (Online ONLY)

Fridays, Nov. 29th & Dec. 27th at 6:30 p.m.  
Celebrate "Slipper Shabbat" in the comfort  
of your own home and slippers! (Worship  
will be virtual only).



## New Member Breakfast

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

**New Jeremiah members are  
invited to join other congregants  
for breakfast at the temple!**

**RSVP:**  
[tinyurl.com/TJNewMemberBreakfast](https://tinyurl.com/TJNewMemberBreakfast)

**Questions?**  
Contact Danny Glassman  
[daniel@templejeremiah.org](mailto:daniel@templejeremiah.org)

## Inclusion Chanukah Celebration

**Saturday,  
December 14th, 2024  
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

Join your Temple Jeremiah friends for a special  
Pre-Chanukah celebration! We will have a DJ, food,  
activities, dancing, and will end the evening with  
Havdallah. This FREE event is for individuals of ALL  
AGES with different abilities and their families.

**Please RSVP by December 6th:**  
[tinyurl.com/InclusionChanukah24](https://tinyurl.com/InclusionChanukah24)

**Questions? Contact:**  
Caren Brown [ceb994@gmail.com](mailto:ceb994@gmail.com) (847) 471-1158  
Barb Kite [bkite1002@gmail.com](mailto:bkite1002@gmail.com) (847) 732-5352

Please let us know if there are any other accommodations needed.

Please consider bringing a can of soup (Kosher) as a donation to help those in need.

### Beginners' Bridge Lessons

The Temple Jeremiah Canasta Ladies, who play every Friday from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., are looking to add a new venture in January 2025: Beginners' Bridge Lessons! The dates and times are TBA, and everyone is welcome to join. Keep an eye out for more information in January. P.S. Everyone is welcome to join the Friday Canasta games, too!







*Shalom!*

The time of late November through December has come to be known as “the holiday season” and as a time of celebration, gift-giving, and festive gatherings. With it often comes a whirlwind of excitement and anticipation. Yet amidst the glitz and glamour, there lies a hidden treasure: the beauty of mundane moments that sparkle even without the celebrations, candles, and presents. From Thanksgiving to Chanukah, we are given the gift that reminds us and teaches us how to find blessings in the ordinary and embrace the quiet joy of everyday life.

Thanksgiving, a time for gratitude and reflection, often involves a feast filled with culinary delights and heartfelt conversations. While the turkey may be the star of the show, it's the simple act of sharing a meal with loved ones that truly warms the heart. We make sure to take a moment to savor the taste of each bite, the aroma of freshly baked bread, and the laughter that fills the room. These mundane moments, filled with gratitude and connection, can be the most cherished memories of the season.

As Chanukah approaches, this year rather late, the focus shifts to lighting the chanukiah and celebrating miracles. While the lighting of the candles is a beautiful tradition, it's the quiet moments of reflection that can be truly meaningful. We take time to sit by the chanukiah, watch the flickering flames reflected in the windows, and contemplate the blessings in our lives. The mundane act of lighting the candles can become a sacred ritual, a reminder of the importance of gratitude and hope.

Beyond the traditional holidays, the holiday season is filled with countless ordinary moments that can bring joy and fulfillment. The simple act of spending time with friends and family, decorating, or frying latkes can be a source of great pleasure. These activities, often seen as mundane tasks, can be transformed into opportunities for creativity, connection, and mindfulness.


One of the greatest blessings of the holiday season is the opportunity to spend time with loved ones. Whether it's a family gathering, a holiday party, or simply a quiet evening at home, these moments of connection are invaluable. Each of us can take time to truly be present with the people we care about, listen to their stories, and share our own. The everyday act of spending time together can be a source of great joy and fulfillment.

In a world that is constantly moving at a rapid pace, it can be easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. However, by taking a step back and appreciating the beauty of mundane moments, we can find a sense of peace, joy, and fulfillment. Whether it's the simple act of sharing a meal with loved ones, lighting the menorah, or simply enjoying a quiet moment of reflection, the blessings of the holiday season can be found in the most unexpected places.

So this holiday season, let's embrace the mundane moments with gratitude and joy. Let's find beauty in the ordinary, connection in the simple, and peace in the quiet. By doing so, we can discover the true meaning of the holiday season and create lasting memories that will warm our hearts for years to come.

*Rachel*

## RABBI READS THE HEADLINES



**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6TH @ 7:00 P.M.**  
**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 13TH @ 7:00 P.M.**  
**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20TH @ 7:00 P.M.**

**Clergy members will teach this three-session course, which will focus on current events. Visit our calendar for more information and to register.**

**REGISTER:**  
**[TINYURL.COM/RABBIREADSHEADLINES](https://tinyurl.com/rabbireadsheadlines)**





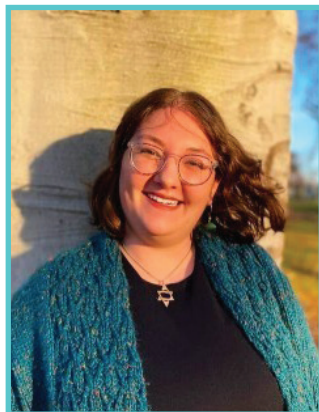
# 5 QUESTIONS FOR...

**CANTOR LIANNA**  
*cantormendelson@templejeremiah.org*

## 1

*Who is Lianna Mendelson? Please tell us a little about yourself.*

I was born and raised in Rochester, NY, where my parents and sister still live. I went to the University of Rochester for undergrad, and then I went to Hebrew Union College for cantorial school, where I spent one year in Jerusalem and four years in New York City. After ordination, I went to Santa Fe, NM for three years, where I was the cantor-educator at Temple Beth Shalom. Now I live in Evanston with my cat, Spot.



*Cantor Lianna will be teaching a three-session adult education course on Mondays, December 2nd, 9th, and 16th titled "The Method to the Music." Visit our calendar for more information and to register.*

*Fun Fact: If Cantor Lianna could be a guest star on any TV show, she would like to be a judge on RuPaul's Drag Race!*

## 5

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

Knitting is my very favorite thing! I always have a project in my purse, even if I don't get to it every day. It really helps me to focus to have something to do with my hands.

## 2

*What brought you to Temple Jeremiah?*

As the cantor, I am responsible for the music at Temple Jeremiah. You'll see me singing at services, with my guitar in hand at J-Quest Kehillah & Tefilah, working with both Shir Joy and the adult choir, and wherever else music happens at temple! I also love to teach Torah. My favorite thing about being a cantor is forming meaningful relationships with people and giving them the tools to have meaningful relationships with Judaism and each other. I am so excited to be at Jeremiah because the *Joy of Belonging* really encapsulates what I want to create for people with my cantorate. I love the sense of collegiality amongst all of the staff, and I love how happy congregants seem to be when they're here!

## 3

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

A place where every individual is empowered to be their best self and forge meaningful connections to Judaism and to community.

*Fun Fact: Cantor Lianna's favorite "fun fact" is: Dating to 1610, the oldest public building still in use in the United States is the Palace of the Governors in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Feel free to ask me for more New Mexico facts!*

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*What's your favorite Jewish tradition?*

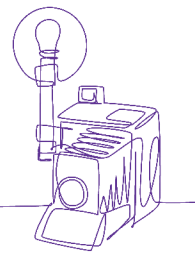
My favorite holiday is Passover! I love the stories, the songs, even the food! I love that it's a holiday that brings people together, and also that it marks the start of spring. My big extended family seder is held in the suburbs of Washington, D.C., and it's usually while the cherry blossoms are in bloom, so it's such a beautiful way to mark the changing seasons. It's also the reason I got a Jewish education! When I was in second grade, in the car on the way home from the seder, I asked my parents why my cousins knew how to chant the four questions, but I didn't. I started going to religious school that fall.

*Get together with Cantor Lianna and other Jeremiah members for Stitch & Schmooze, an hour of crafting and conversation at Curt's Cafe in Evanston on Fridays, November 1st and 5th, December 6th and 20th at 10:00 a.m.*



## ICYMI...

*(In Case You Missed It)*



### Bourbon & Brisket

Bourbon connoisseurs, novice tasters, and fans of brisket came together on Wednesday, July 24th for Bourbon & Brisket Night! Attendees enjoyed the summer weather while TJ member Jake Silverstein explained which bourbons to taste and where to get them.

### Laurie Berkner Concert at Ravinia

Laurie Berkner performed at Ravinia on Saturday, August 3rd, and Temple Jeremiah was in attendance! We danced, sang, ate challah and had Shookies Cookies as a treat.



### Portillo's Meet Up with Mr. Matt

This year, our annual Portillo's Meet Up with Mr. Matt took place on Monday, August 12th. The hotdogs were Chicago-style, the onion rings were crispy, and the conversation was flowing. It was great to see everyone before J-Quest ramped back up in the fall!

### Welcome Back Sha-Barbecue

Those returning from summer break or looking to join Temple Jeremiah were invited to enjoy dinner together at our annual Welcome Back/Prospective Member Sha-Barbecue, which took place on Friday, August 16th. Plus, Kona Ice was there!



## Israeli Dance & Nosh

On Monday, August 19th, Dr. Anne Lidsky led Jeremiah members in a delightful evening of Israeli dancing, Israeli food, and a positive, optimistic conversation based on the book, *The Genius of Israel*, by Senor and Singer.



## Inclusion Touch-A-Truck

On Saturday, September 7th, Temple Jeremiah's Inclusion Committee held a Touch-A-Truck event for individuals of all ages and abilities. The hands-on fire safety experience included the chance to explore a fire engine and learn fire safety tips. Plus, Selah Choir performed and Cantors Lianna and Amy led Havdallah.

## Chicago Architecture Tour

On Sunday, August 29th, Former City Planner and Jeremiah Member Charles Gurian led attendees on a walk through 120 years of history in 120 minutes! All TJ members were welcome to join Brotherhood for a walking tour of Chicago's unique architecture and learn the stories behind some of the buildings.

## Send us your photos!

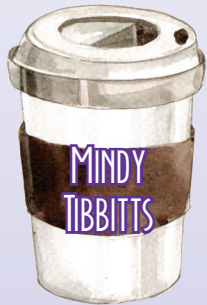
Do you have photos from Jeremiah events you would like to share with us? We would love to see them! Please send photos to Meredith Levinson at [meredith@templejeremiah.org](mailto:meredith@templejeremiah.org) or tag us on social media.



# A "LATTE" Going On At J-Quest

## Throwback to our first day!

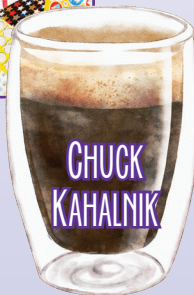
On Sunday, September 8th, J-Quest started with a Family Day! Parents were welcomed to join students in Kehillah, then we had a special appearance by JG's Reptile Road Show!



Favorite...  
Drink: Orange Juice  
TV Show: Stranger Things  
Animal: DOGS!!!



Favorite...  
Restaurant: Shake Shack  
Animal: Tiger  
Music Group: ABBA



Favorite...  
Hobbies: TV, Hiking, Sports  
Place: Arizona  
Sport: Baseball



Favorite...  
Snack: Popcorn  
Accomplishment: Grad School  
Place: OSRUI



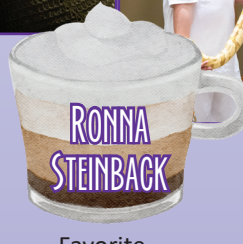
Favorite...  
Treat: Dark Chocolate  
Music Style: Indie Pop  
Animal: Dolphin



Favorite...  
Sport: Soccer  
Drink: Coffee  
Snack: Tortilla chips



Favorite...  
Animal: Panda Bear  
Snack: Popcorn  
Hobbies: Cooking, Walking, Crafts



Favorite...  
Music Genre: 70s Soul Music  
Restaurant: Spirit Elephant  
Sport: Synchronized Swimming



Favorite...  
Movie: Batman Trilogy  
Accomplishment: Being a Dad  
Place: Wrigley Field



## Kindergarten Mezuzah Making

On Sunday, September 22nd, kindergarteners and their parents spent the morning making mezuzahs.



## 1st Grade Consecration

Consecration for 1st graders took place on Sunday, October 20th with special guest Jonathan Chapman!



## Coming Up:

### 6th Grade Shabbaton with Yad and Siddur Program

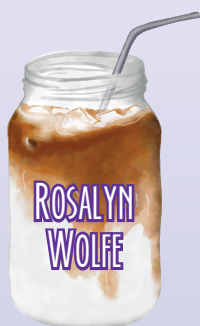
Saturday, November 16th at 11:00 a.m.

### 5th Grade Havdallah Program with Parents

Sunday, November 3rd at 9:00 a.m.

### 2nd Grade Tzedakah Program with Parents

Sunday, November 17th at 9:00 a.m.



**Favorite...**  
Snack: Anything Salty  
Drink: Milk  
Sport: Swimming



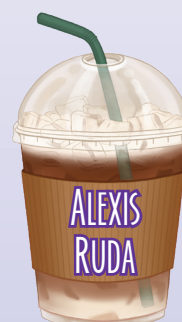
**Favorite...**  
Sport: Wrestling  
Drink: Starbucks Cold Brew with 2% Milk  
Place: Allen Field House Home of the Jayhawks



**Favorite...**  
Sport: Basketball  
Drink: Minty Hot Chocolate  
Place: A Blueberry Orchard



**Favorite...**  
Sport: Football  
Place: Where my family is  
Vacation: Italy



**Favorite...**  
Animal: Dog  
Snack: Fresh pineapple  
Drink: Coffee

Parents: Join us for these activities on select Sundays while your kids are at J-Quest!



**Favorite...**  
Treat: Homemade Pumpkin Seeds  
Sandwich: Grilled Cheese  
Music Genre: Showtunes



**Favorite...**  
Animal: Panda  
Vacation: Amsterdam  
Sport: Tennis

## Parent Coffee Connections

Nov. 3rd @ 9:15 a.m.  
Dec. 8th @ TBD

Join us for a casual discussion between Jeremiah parents. Topics vary, and registration is not required.

## Mahjong

Nov. 17th @ 9:15 a.m.

Learn to play American Mahjong, a fun, challenging tiled-based game that keeps your cognitive skills crisp, reduces stress, and improves memory for all ages, with Congregant Melissa Friedman.

## Yoga

Nov. 24th @ 9:15 a.m.

Come for a yoga class at temple! Taught by Congregant Julie Gordon, all experience levels are welcome. BYO yoga mat.





## Perspective



**MATT RISSIEN**  
Director of Congregational Learning  
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### Experiential Judaism

As the Director of Congregational Learning, and the parent of a two-year-old, I'm always looking for creative ways to get children involved in Judaism on a level that they feel comfortable with. That's one reason why I was thrilled to be selected for the 2024 K'ilu Lab Cohort for Jewish Family Educators in February!

As part of the program, I participated in a two-day intensive to explore ways to bring Jewish family programming to life through theater, play, and creativity. It was an incredible experience, and it motivated me to bring K'ilu programs to our Jeremiah families, to make sure that Jewish stories and traditions remain accessible and dynamic for all young learners.

It was exciting to host our first program in April — a multigenerational shabbat dinner and tot shabbat for our tots and their grandparents. Led by Founder and Co-Creator of The K'ilu Company Jonathan Chapman and Temple Jeremiah Member Jordan Zelvin, the program skillfully showcased storytelling, theater, puppetry, and play to make Jewish stories come alive.

Then, in September, we welcomed back tots, parents, and grandparents for a Back-In-Time High Holy Day Adventure. Families were invited to climb aboard a ship and follow Jonah on an adventure under the sea and inside the belly of a whale. This interactive, theatrical adventure brought the High Holy Days to life through immersive storytelling, music, movement, and play.

Both of these programs provided ways for families to continue the learning and exploration at home. In fact, we were inspired to implement this type of experiential Judaism into our First Grade Consecration ceremony on Sunday, October 20th, a milestone for children marking the beginning of their Jewish journey. Parents were able to meet with Chapman before joining their children for an activity from Chapman's book, a gift they were then able to take home. Though it may seem like a small moment in time, experiences like this can have a big impact on children. And, of course, parents and grandparents sharing these experiences with their tots make for precious memories.

If you haven't yet had a chance to attend a K'ilu program at Temple Jeremiah, I encourage you to register for our **Back-In-Time Chanukah Adventure on Friday, December 13th at 5:30 p.m.** Attendees will travel back in time to save the Temple and bring light back to the city by becoming a Maccabee. We hope our young families will help us bring the Chanukah story to life during this event. Dinner will follow.

For more information and to register, please visit our calendar. As always, feel free to stop by my office while you're at temple or give me a call to discuss K'ilu, J-Quest, the Kansas City Chiefs, or whatever else I can help you with!

*Matt*





# Brotherhood & Sisterhood

## Brotherhood Sets a Record!

Maot Chitim Delivery Day for Rosh HaShanah took place on Sunday, September 29th, and Temple Jeremiah set a record for the number of boxes delivered! Brotherhood and other volunteers helped deliver 108 boxes — a record for both our temple and the Maot Chitim program.



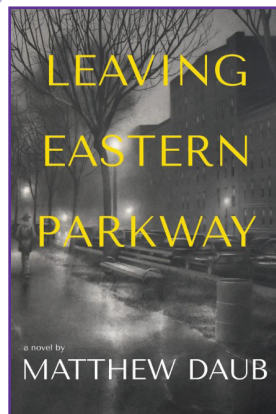
## Recently:



On Sunday, October 13th, Brotherhood members watched the Chicago Bears take on the Jacksonville Jaguars over breakfast at Max and Benny's. It was awesome to see the Bears win in London!



Keep an eye out for upcoming Brotherhood events on our calendar and in our weekly E-newsletter.



Maot Chitim Rosh HaShanah  
2023



Throwback to last year when we *almost* had 100 boxes. Now, we have surpassed that!

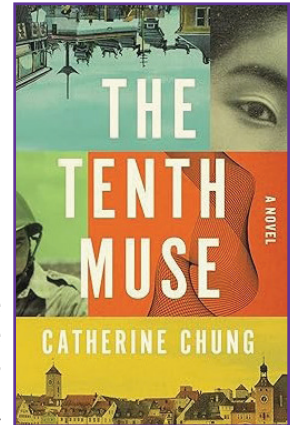
## Sisterhood Book Club

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

## November *The Tenth Muse*

By Catherine Chung  
Thursday, November 14th  
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

From the days of her childhood in the 1950s Midwest, Katherine knows she is different and that her parents are not who they seem. As she matures from a girl of rare intelligence into an exceptional mathematician, traveling to Europe to further her studies, she must face the most human of problems—who is she? *The Tenth Muse* is an exhilarating, moving novel about this trailblazing mathematician whose research unearths her own extraordinary family story and its roots in World War II.



## December

### *Leaving Eastern Parkway*

By Matthew Daub

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

Brooklyn's Hasidic community of Lubavitchers is turned upside down when family tragedy strikes and everyday life changes forever in the life of Zev Altshul. He is first placed into the care of the closed and close-knit community where he grew up, but soon realizes he can't stay. His saving grace is handball; it's the one thing he can rely on as he is shuttled, chased, and abandoned by trusted elders, family, and friends. Even as Zev never fully escapes from the guilt of his choices, he sets course across the United States to discover where loyalty really lies and what it means.



## Social Justice & Advocacy

### Feed the Hungry

Feed the Hungry will take place next on **Sunday, November 3rd at 9:00 a.m.** and we need your help to continue to feed those in need in the Austin neighborhood of Chicago. Please sign up to pack 20 lunches at home and bring them to Temple Jeremiah on the first Sunday of the month by 9:30 a.m. You can also sign up to help us deliver the lunches! If all the slots are full please consider signing up for a future month to spread out the donations, although of course, we will never turn away lunches so you are still welcome to drop off what you have prepared. Questions? Please contact Mindy Kurtz (cupermom@aol.com). To sign up, visit [tinyurl.com/FTH2425](https://tinyurl.com/FTH2425).



### Family Promise

Are you looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity to do with your family or friends? Volunteering for Family Promise gives you the opportunity to bring food and share dinner with families experiencing housing insecurity while they stay at Temple Jeremiah. Temple Jeremiah serves as host for Family Promise next from **November 3rd-10th** and WE NEED YOUR HELP! For more information and to sign up, visit [tinyurl.com/FamilyPromiseNov24](https://tinyurl.com/FamilyPromiseNov24).

### Thanksgiving Baskets for A Safe Place

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, A Safe Place is asking the organizations that provide support to help them provide Thanksgiving baskets for those they support. We have a goal of providing 50 of the roughly 250 estimated baskets A Safe Place is hoping to hand out. To sign up to bring these items to Temple Jeremiah on **Sunday, November 10th**, between 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., visit [tinyurl.com/SPThanksgiving24](https://tinyurl.com/SPThanksgiving24). If you are willing to help bring these items to A Safe Place around 11:30 a.m. on November 10th, please contact Dana Garbarski (dana.garbarski@gmail.com).



### Backpack Blessings

Thank you to those who participated in our popular Backpack Blessings program on Sunday, September 29th. Backpack Blessings will take place next on **Sunday, November 17th**. Please note that the November Backpack Blessings will be for the 7th/8th grade *Tikkun Olam* students and parents at 11:00 a.m. To sign up for Backpack Blessings for future months, visit [tinyurl.com/BPB2425](https://tinyurl.com/BPB2425).

### Advocacy Alerts

For many years, our congregation has had an award-winning reputation for being active in social justice, rooted in the Jewish value of *Tikkun Olam* ("Repairing the World"). If you are interested in receiving Advocacy Updates via text messages, please scan the QR code. Please contact Advocacy Chair Nancy Eisenberg (nleslp@aol.com) with any questions.



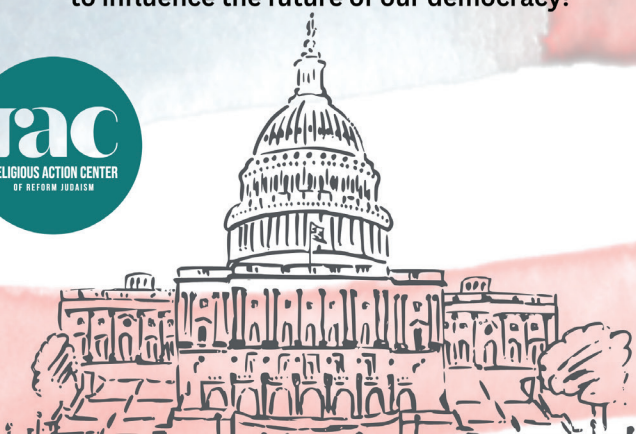


# Adults @ L'taken

Join Rabbi Heaps and Jeremiah teens  
in Washington, D.C.

Fri. January 31st - Mon. February 2nd, 2025

You'll get to spend time with other adults  
learning social justice issues, Jewish values, and  
advocacy. Top it all off with meetings on the hill  
to influence the future of our democracy!



## GET EXCITED!

### 1 Learn about the issues

Learn about a variety of public policy issues and  
explore the Jewish values that inform the Reform  
Movement's advocacy around these issues



### 2 Deepen your connection

Spend time with other Jeremiah members who are  
also curious and passionate about being a voice for  
change in local, state, and national government



### 3 See the sights

Visit the National Holocaust Memorial Museum, MLK  
Memorial, the National Mall and celebrate havdallah  
at the Jefferson Memorial



### 4 Become a Mentor

Support teens from Jeremiah and Illinois as they learn  
about our government, advocacy, and their putting  
their Jewish values into action



### 5 Make an impact

Attend meetings with elected representatives on  
Capitol Hill to discuss topics meaningful to you and  
your Jewish community



## REGISTER AT

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QUESTIONS? CONTACT RABBI HEAPS  
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## L'TAKEN

Jan 31st-Feb 2nd, 2025  
Washington, D.C.

## TEEN SOCIAL JUSTICE SEMINAR

Register at  
[tinyurl.com/ltaken23](https://tinyurl.com/ltaken23)  
Scholarships available!

### Calling all High Schoolers!

Join us in Washington, D.C. for a fun  
and meaningful weekend with teens  
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## #Featured

On Monday, September 16th, Rabbi Cohen sat down with Amit Ganish, a 24-year-old Israeli law student who survived the Nova music festival massacre on October 7th, 2023. Amit shared her story of narrowly escaping, inspiring us all with strength and resilience. CBS Chicago covered the event, and you can watch the segment on our Instagram page @templejeremiahnorthfield.



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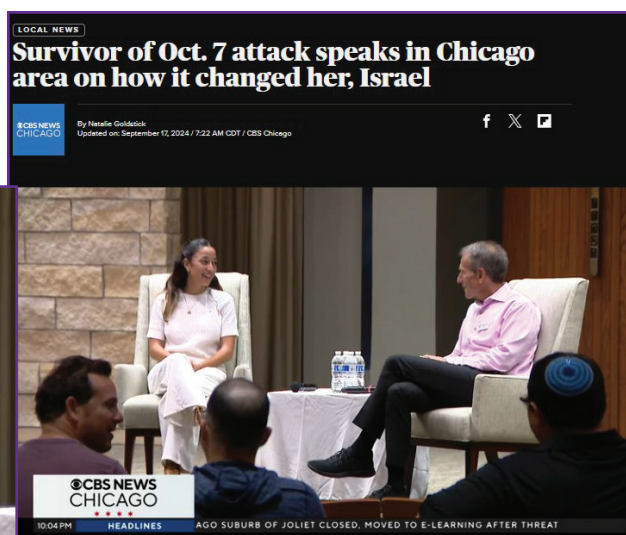
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## Music at Jeremiah



### Shir Joy

Join me for Shir Joy, our K-6th grade youth choir! Shir Joy meets on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. before J-Quest. No commitment is required; kids come when they can. Shir Joy sings throughout the year at Family Shabbat, usually the first Friday of the month. To get involved, please email me, Cantor Lianna, at [cantormendelson@templejeremiah.org](mailto:cantormendelson@templejeremiah.org).



### Adult Choir

**Friday, November 8th  
6:30 p.m.**

Our Adult Choir will be singing during Kabbalat Shabbat on Friday, November 8th together with the choir from Holy Blossom Temple and Cantor David Rosen.

**Sunday, December 15th  
4:00 p.m.**

Join us for a Pre-Chanukah Concert led by our Adult Choir!

## A Weekend with Elana Arian

A composer, multi-instrumentalist, and prayer leader, Elana Arian is one of the leading voices in contemporary Jewish music.

**Shabbat Dinner with Families & Friends (5:30 p.m.)  
& Family Kabbalat Shabbat with Shir Joy (6:30 p.m.)**  
*Friday, December 6th*



**Elana Arian Concert for Adults**  
*Saturday, December 7th @ 6:00 p.m.*

**Elana Arian Concert for J-Quest**  
*Sunday, December 8th @ TBD*

*Greetings from*  
**The 1940s**  
*Decades Luncheon*

**Monday,  
November 11th  
12:00 p.m.**

Join Cantor Amy Zussman and David Lornson as they journey back in time to visit the nostalgia, music, and headlines of the 1940s.

Register by November 6th at  
[tinyurl.com/DecadesLuncheon24](https://tinyurl.com/DecadesLuncheon24)  
or call Jenny at 847.582.4122

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Dear Friends,

Please join me for a trip down memory lane as we visit the 1940s. There will be music, narration, lunch, and lots of hats!

Cantor Amy





# TEMPLE JEREMIAH'S

## Most Recommended



### Documentary

#### Filling in the Blanks

##### ANNE'S PICK

After uncovering a family secret with an at-home DNA test, 54-year-old Jon Baime tries to make sense of what he's learned by tapping into the family's huge collection of photos, films, and videos that span nearly 70 years.

Watch *Filling in the Blanks* on Amazon Prime, Apple TV, and more.



### Chat & Chew Movies

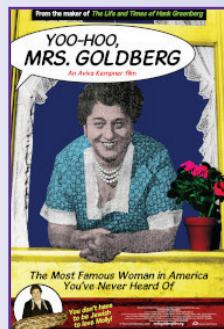
#### DANNY'S PICKS

Join Danny Glassman at temple to watch the movies below and nosh while discussing them! Don't forget to register through our calendar.

November 26th @ 11:00 a.m.

#### Yoo-Hoo, Mrs. Goldberg

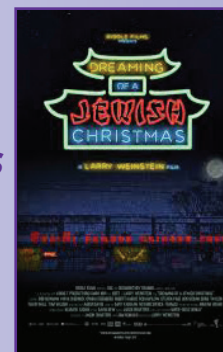
Gertrude Berg rose to prominence in the 1930s as the star of "The Goldbergs," a pioneering radio program and, later, a TV sitcom, which she also created, wrote, and produced. This documentary tells the story of this important, overlooked figure in entertainment history.



December 17th @ 11:00 a.m.

#### Dreaming of a Jewish Christmas

*Dreaming of a Jewish Christmas* is a musical documentary about the amazing story of a group of Jewish songwriters who wrote classic Christmas songs.



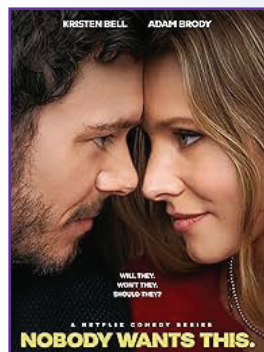
### TV Show

#### Nobody Wants This

##### CINDY'S PICK

An agnostic podcaster and a newly single rabbi fall in love; discovering if their relationship survive their wildly different lives and meddling families.

Watch *Nobody Wants This* on Netflix.



### Podcast

#### Chutzpod!

##### RABBI HEAPS' PICK

*Chutzpod!* is a weekly podcast for people of all or no faiths in which Rabbi Shira Stutman & honored guests bring a Jewish lens to life's toughest questions.

Listen to *Chutzpod!* on Apple Podcasts or Spotify.



### Local Fare

#### Fire Thyme (Glenview)

##### JILL'S PICK

"Fire Thyme Kitchen + Bar in Glenview has great food, atmosphere, service, and there's even a space for kids to play!" - Jill





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