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## Editor's Note

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As our staff continues planning for another "Jeremiah Summer," I'm still reflecting on some of our spring activities. This issue highlights Cantor Lianna's Installation Weekend, Purim 2025, and some of our congregants' recent accomplishments. If you missed any of these events or you want to remind yourself of the joyful time you had, flip through this issue for all of the best photos!

For those looking to fill their summer calendar, feel free to take note of some of our upcoming events in this issue, while keeping an eye out for our Summer Brochure, which will be full of excitement to look forward to! And, if you're seeking a break from spring cleaning, try your hand at our Jeremiah crossword puzzle on page 9. It will test your knowledge of what's happening around temple in May and June.

For example, Waffle Hero will be catering our Shabbat Dinner with Families on Friday, May 2nd. Then, on Friday, May 16th, our Confirmation Class of 5785 will lead Shabbat worship, and all of our members are invited to share in the excitement of this significant milestone. Plus, our Annual Meeting is coming up on Monday, May 19th.

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### MAY

May 3rd	Tazria-M'tzora	Leviticus 12:1-15:33
May 10th	Acharei Mot-K'doshim	Leviticus 16:1-20:27
May 17th	Emor	Leviticus 21:1-24:23
May 24th	B'har-B'chukotai	Leviticus 25:1-27:34
May 31st	B'midbar	Numbers 1:1-4:20

### JUNE

June 7th	Naso	Numbers 4:21-7:89
June 14th	B'haalot'cha	Numbers 8:1-12:16
June 21st	Sh'lach L'cha	Numbers 13:1-15:41
June 28th	Korach	Numbers 16:1-18:32



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# Coming Up at Temple Jeremiah



**WAFFLE**  
**SHABBAT DINNER**  
**WITH FAMILIES**

**Friday, May 2nd**  
**5:30 p.m.**

Catered by Waffle Hero, our Shabbat Dinner will have both sweet and savory waffles to enjoy with J-Quest families. Family Kabbalat Shabbat with a presentation by our third grade students will follow.

**Please register for dinner by April 28th:**  
**[tinyurl.com/ShabbatDinnerMay](https://tinyurl.com/ShabbatDinnerMay)**

**\$18/person**

**“The best waffles I’ve ever had!”**  
-Matt Rissien, Director of Congregational Learning

Temple Jeremiah  
The Joy of Belonging

Waffle Hero

## Kol Zimrah Jewish Community Singers Concert

Sunday, May 18th @ 3:00 p.m.

## Temple Jeremiah’s Annual Meeting

Monday, May 19th @ 7:00 p.m.

## Kabbalat Shabbat with Adult Choir (6:30 p.m.) followed by Shabbat Dinner with Friends (7:30 p.m.)

Friday, May 23rd

## Chat & Chew with Danny Glassman

Tuesdays, May 27th & June 24th @ 11:00 a.m.

## Gratitude Kabbalat Shabbat with Board Installation and Torah Cover Dedication

Friday, May 30th @ 6:30 p.m.

## Kabbalat Shabbat and Yizkor

Friday, June 6th @ 6:30 p.m.

## Please note the Temple Office will be closed on the following days:

Monday, May 26th (Memorial Day)

Monday, June 2nd (Shavuot)

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)



SAVE THE DATE



## CREATIVE ARTS SHABBATON

Saturday, May 31st

## "The Talmud Says!" Adult Ed Course with Rabbi Cohen

Wednesdays, April 30th, May 7th & 14th @ 7:00 p.m.

## Bim Bam Baby

Fridays, May 2nd through May 30th @ 9:45 a.m.

## Stitch & Schmooze

Fridays, May 2nd & 16th, and June 6th & 20th @ 10:00 a.m.

## Parent Coffee Connections

Sunday, May 4th @ 9:00 a.m.

## Rick Recht Concert

Sunday, May 4th @ 9:45 a.m.

## Pride Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, May 9th @ 6:30 p.m.

## Pulse of Our World: A Rabbi Reads the Headlines

Wednesdays, May 14th & June 11th @ 12:00 p.m.

## J-Quest Family Celebration: Brotherhood Bingo and Pizza

Sunday, May 18th @ 11:00 a.m.

## You're invited to celebrate our

## CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 5785

Please join us on **Friday, May 16th at 6:30 p.m.** for Shabbat worship led by our Confirmation Class of 5785, followed by dinner. We invite families, friends, and congregants to share in the excitement of this significant milestone for our students.

## MAZEL TOV!

ZOE ELISCU  
CHILD OF  
JESSICA & JOSHUA ELISCU

DANA MORGEN  
CHILD OF  
MARLA & ALLEN MORGEN

SAMMY FELDMAN  
CHILD OF  
MELISSA & CHAD FELDMAN

ELLA MARKS  
CHILD OF  
ERICA & ALEXANDER MARKS

ANNABEL GLASSER  
CHILD OF  
KATHERINE & ADAM GLASSER

## Another Jeremiah Summer Is Around the Corner!

Watch for our Summer Brochure to learn about all the exciting events happening during June, July, & August!



**More upcoming events are featured throughout this issue.**





*Shalom,*

I am still riding high from my service of installation in February, which brought together my new Temple Jeremiah family with my loved ones and mentors from throughout my life for a joyous celebration. I was so moved to see so many people contributing their gifts from the heart, and I am still overwhelmed with gratitude. As Rabbi Cohen concluded the service, “Let the joy of this moment, let the love of this moment, the happiness and blessing of this moment, carry us not only through Shabbat, but into the week, into the month, into the years, into the decades ahead, spreading joy & love, health & blessing throughout our world.” Truly, our worship together brought God in to dwell amongst us. I am so grateful to be part of a community that gives so generously from the heart.

In the spirit of continuing blessings, I want to share my remarks of gratitude from the service of installation:

The Torah portion *Yitro* contains one of my favorite verses of Torah. After crossing the Red Sea to freedom, but before the revelation at Sinai, Moses is hearing and adjudicating the complaints of all of the Israelites. His father-in-law, Yitro, comes up to him and says, in Exodus 18:18, “You will surely wear yourself out, and these people as well. For the task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone.”

This verse sets up a model of leadership that inspires my cantorate. Leadership is not something that you can do alone. It is something that you do in community, both through the community of people that have formed you, and together with the community of the people that you serve. You can’t do holy work alone.

I’m so grateful to be able to bring together some of the people who shaped me as a Cantor into my new community here at Temple Jeremiah. I want to extend great thanks to Cantor Richard Cohn, who as the Director of the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music when I was a student, was one of my first role models as a cantor. I want to thank my classmate, Cantor Olivia Brodsky, who has been a friend and colleague since we landed in Jerusalem. I want to thank Rabbi Peter Stein, who was there for me as I started thinking about what it would be like to become a Jewish professional and clergy person.

In my first pulpit in Santa Fe, I made some lifelong friendships, including Fred Milder, who helped shape my musicianship as my constant musical collaborator, and Ziva Gunther, who will be a wonderful rabbi and colleague when she finishes her studies. And now, I am so grateful to be part of a whole new wonderful team.

It is a privilege to be a part of such a fabulous senior staff: Rabbi Paul Cohen, who is the living embodiment of what it means to be a pastoral presence; Rabbi Rachel Heaps, who both sees and brings out the best in people; Danny Glassman, who keeps all the wheels turning; and Matt Rissien, who brings enthusiasm and connection to everything he does. And thank you to the whole staff for everything you do every day.

I also want to thank our lay leadership, President Steve Kleiman and the whole Temple Jeremiah board, and chair of the cantorial search committee, Ross Wolfson, and everyone who served on the committee that brought me out here. Our emeritus staff, Rabbi Schreiber, Cantor Zussman, Anne, & Fern have welcomed me with their kind wisdom.

I am so grateful to have wonderful musical collaborators who help bring meaningful music and worship to this community. Fred Kagan is truly so generous with his time and talent and brings so much to our worship. Marianne Kim & Marissa Simmons help lead our music with such professionalism and musicality. The Temple Jeremiah choir is so dedicated and truly gives such beautiful music straight from their hearts.

And lastly, I want to thank every single member of the Temple Jeremiah community. We are all working together to build a meaningful community, where we can learn together, pray together, sing together, celebrate together, and support each other through difficult times. A synagogue is a co-creation, not just of its clergy and staff, but also of its members.

The task of building a connected, empowered community is too heavy for any one person. But it is not for any one person to do – we shoulder it together. Thank you for allowing me into this community to take up my piece of the load. I am so excited to see what we can build here together, and am grateful to be a part of Temple Jeremiah.

*Cantor Lianna*



## Cantor Lianna's Installation Weekend

## Kabbalat Shabbat Service

As you read on page 4, Cantor Lianna's Installation Weekend began with Kabbalat Shabbat, where we welcomed special guests with a personal connection to Cantor Lianna, including Cantor Richard Cohn, Rabbi Peter Stein, and Cantor Olivia Brodsky. Following services, we celebrated with Shabbat Dinner with Friends.



## Adult Trivia Night

The festivities continued with a relaxing evening for adults on Saturday with food, drinks, and trivia! We started with Havdallah, then we welcomed Cantor Lianna to Chicago with Portillo's, and we learned more about the Rochester-native during trivia!

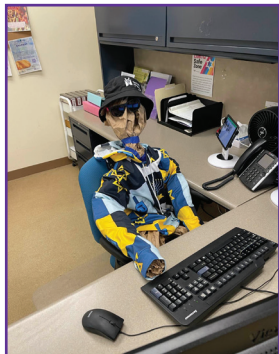


# Purim 2025

## The Adventures of Habbakuk

Inspired by Jonathan Chapman's teaching at the ARJE Annual Gathering, Cantor Lianna made "Habbakuk," a Bunraku Puppet, ahead of Purim. Habbakuk, better known as Habibi, and his friends helped tell the story of Purim before the Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 16th. Before that, however, Habibi got himself into a pickle, all of which was documented on social media! We loved hearing how much joy and laughter Habibi brought to our congregants, and we're happy to report that we haven't seen the last of our Habibi!

Habibi started causing mischief...



...then all the hamantaschen for Purim went "missing."



An investigation was opened and Habibi was arrested...



...but you'll have to visit our social media pages to see how this ended!



@TempleJeremiahNorthfield



@TempleJeremiah

## Shushan Shuffle



Music & Story of Purim



## "Shake It In Shushan!" A K'ilu Purim Adventure for Tots & Families



### Purim Carnival



## A Minute with Mr. Matt



Director of Congregational Learning  
matt@templejeremiah.org

*Shalom!*

It has been another incredible year for J-Quest and for our young family programming! As we step further into spring and summer, we're excited to shape our summer programming and begin to map out the calendar for next year.

While we're in this "behind the scenes" phase at Temple Jeremiah, we want you to know that we're listening. Whether it's through feedback, a hallway conversation, or a quick email, we want to know what inspires you, what your family needs, and what you hope to see in our learning community. So please do not be a stranger, reach out to any of us and share what you would like to see in the coming year!

As our 2024-25 J-Quest year comes to an end in May, be on the lookout for our 2025-26 registration form. I can't wait to see you throughout the summer and when J-Quest returns in September!

*Matt*



## Perspective



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#JewishANDProud

## Combating Antisemitism: A Follow Up

A little over a year ago, we welcomed Eliza Kanner, Senior Development Officer at Combined Jewish Philanthropies, to Temple Jeremiah for a weekend of learning. First, Eliza led an adult learning session to discuss her experience in Israel following Hamas' attacks in 2023 and the role we all play in the U.S. Eliza traveled to Israel just one month following the atrocities of October 7th with the World Jewish Congress Changemakers Delegation, comprised of 14 young leaders representing eight countries, to share the stories and experiences on the ground. During Eliza's presentation, *Their Fight is Our Fight*, she also touched on her work with the Kraft Foundation and battling antisemitism in the sports industry. A three-season veteran New England Patriots Cheerleader, Eliza has worked extensively to fight antisemitism and counter anti-Israel rhetoric, on and off the field.

Then, Eliza sat down with parents and grandparents of J-Quest students to discuss how they can speak with children about antisemitism. And, rounding out the weekend, Eliza focused on learning about and responding to antisemitism with our 7th-10th grade J-Quest students. Eliza, whose passion is advocating for young people to be proud of their Jewish identity, is uniquely qualified to have led these sessions, and we are grateful for her visit.

Now, as we enter the summer of 2025, we are still facing rising acts of antisemitism in the broader Jewish community. I think it's important to acknowledge that we, as a people, are stronger together. Our Temple Jeremiah community is made up of people with different opinions, whether that be political, social, etc. Yet, the doors on Happ Road are open for all who stand against hate. Temple Jeremiah welcomes you as you are, and we have built a community by caring for one another, staying true to our values, and fostering a warm and inclusive space for all. Together, we can continue to combat antisemitism and any challenges that face us.

### A Community Toolkit for Creating Allies & Advocacy from JUF

We are living through challenging times, with levels of antisemitism at a record high. JUF's toolkit includes resources for having difficult conversations, addressing mental health, engaging on social media, responding to incidents of antisemitism in schools and on campuses, links to trusted sources, engaging with your elected officials, and much more. To view JUF's toolkit, visit [www.juf.org/toolkit/](http://www.juf.org/toolkit/).

Susan J. Schinleber



### Yom HaShoah Commemoration

Members of our community gathered on Wednesday, April 23rd, to commemorate *Yom HaShoah* and light candles in memory of the 6 million murdered in the Holocaust. Temple Jeremiah Congregant Susan J. Schinleber, Ph.D., was our keynote speaker, while Cantor Lianna, Marianne Kim, and Aaron Kaplan shared music.

Susan is a lifelong educator, storyteller, and public speaker whose career has been deeply rooted in helping others understand the lasting impact of the Holocaust and the importance of historical memory. With decades of teaching experience across high schools, colleges, and universities—including New York University, St. John's University, and North Shore Country Day—Susan has influenced generations of students through English, French, and communication studies. A passionate advocate for democracy and ethical education, she has received numerous awards and grants to study and live abroad, including in France, Germany, and Israel.

Through institutions such as the ADL, Facing History, the Illinois Holocaust Museum, and *Yad Vashem*, she has facilitated programs and continued her commitment to lifelong learning. A longtime volunteer at the Illinois Holocaust Museum, since 2023, she has been contracted by ADL to teach educators about the Holocaust and antisemitism. Most recently, she returned to academia for a master's in history (WWII Studies with an emphasis on the Holocaust) and is currently completing a Certificate in Holocaust and Genocide Studies. Susan's work is defined by her commitment to truth-telling, historical empathy, and fostering global awareness through storytelling, scholarship, and service.

Thank you, Susan, for leading us during this important evening, and thank you to those who attended or who commemorated *Yom HaShoah* in their own way.

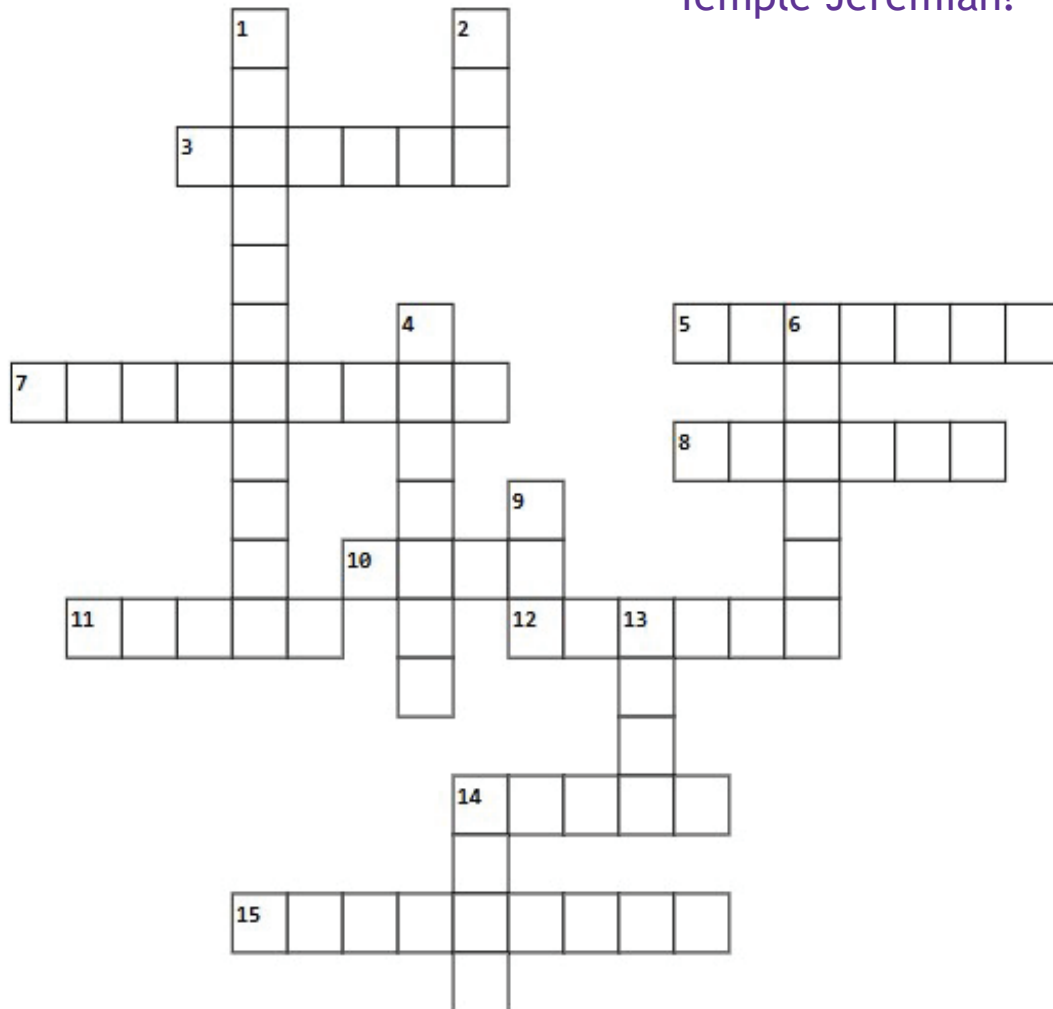


**STAND UP  
TO JEWISH  
HATE**



# Jeremiah Crossword Puzzle

What's Happening in May and June at Temple Jeremiah?



## Across

3. Temple Jeremiah's office is closed on Memorial Day, which is \_\_\_\_, May 26th.
5. Our Shabbat Dinner with Families on Friday, May 2nd will feature this food item.
7. We are so excited to welcome back \_\_\_\_ in concert on Sunday, May 4th. (two words)
8. You can find all of our upcoming summer events in our annual \_\_\_\_ brochure.
10. Father's Day is on Sunday, \_\_\_\_ 15th.
11. June is LGBTQ+ \_\_\_\_ Month.
12. Mother's Day takes place each May on this day of the week.
14. Rabbi \_\_\_\_ will be hosting an adult education course called "The Talmud Says!" beginning Wednesday, April 30th.
15. Mental Health \_\_\_\_ Month takes place annually in May.

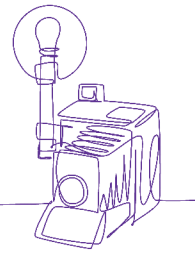
## Down

1. On Sunday, May 18th, our J-Quest families will join \_\_\_\_ for bingo and pizza.
2. Jewish American Heritage Month is observed every year in this month.
4. This Jewish holiday, which begins at sundown on Sunday, June 1st, commemorates the giving of the Ten Commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai.
6. \_\_\_\_ Promise, one of our Social Justice programs, will take place May 4th-May 11th.
9. We will be celebrating our Confirmation Class of 5785 on Friday, May 16th. Will you be there?
13. The number of TJ choir members that are part of Kol Zimrah Jewish Community Singers.
14. Danny Glassman hosts a monthly event called Chat & \_\_\_\_\_. The next session is Tuesday, May 27th.



# ICYMI...

*(In Case You Missed It)*



## Scott B. Crane Abilities Awareness Shabbat

On Friday, February 14th, we hosted our annual Scott B. Crane Abilities Awareness Shabbat in celebration of Jewish Disabilities Awareness and Inclusion Month. Our 2025 speaker was Jordan Dann, MA CCC-SLP, who is the Manager of the Henry B. Betts LIFE Center at the Shirley Ryan AbilityLab.



## Club 36 Color Me Mine

Club 36 got creative at Color Me Mine on Sunday, March 2nd! Smiles were in abundance, masterpieces were painted, and fun was had by all!





## Inclusion Passover Seder

J-Quest 7th and 8th graders joined our Inclusion Committee to put on a fabulous Inclusion Passover Seder on Sunday, April 6th! This interactive Passover Seder was for individuals of all ages with different abilities and their families. Selah choir was also there to lead us in song!



## Brotherhood March Madness Night

On Thursday, March 20th, Brotherhood got together at Buffalo Wild Wings in Northbrook for a night of March Madness basketball!

### 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.



# Jeremiah Gems

Mazel Tov to all of our Jeremiahians who won their recent elections!  
It's great to see our TJ community represented in local government:



**Beth Bazer**  
Elected to Northbrook  
District 28 school board



**Micah Eimer**  
Elected as a trustee  
for Oakton College



**Matt Galin**  
Won reelection as  
Village of Northfield  
trustee



**Beth Hope**  
Elected to Glenbrook High  
School District 225 board



**Jessica Pritzker**  
Elected to Glenview  
34 school board



**Allison Rothstein**  
Elected to West Northfield  
District 31 school board



**Justin Sheperd**  
Won reelection as  
Village of Wilmette  
trustee

## Danny Glassman



Back in December, Temple Jeremiah's own Danny Glassman was interviewed for FOX 5 San Diego about Comfort Cases while attending the NATA conference. For those unfamiliar with the cause, Comfort Cases are backpacks filled with comfort and personal care items for youth in the foster care system. Great job, Danny!



## Phyllis & Michael Mitzen

### Ella M.



Congregant Ella M. was recently recognized by BBYO and quoted on their social media pages about her experience at International Kallah. Mazel Tov, Ella!

*"Tonight, we're spotlighting Ella and her unforgettable experience at International Kallah! After hearing incredible things from older members in her region, Ella knew Kallah was the perfect place to deepen her Jewish identity, and it exceeded ALL expectations. Her favorite part? Exploring the Torah, Talmud, and diverse Jewish traditions alongside teens from all over the world. She said, "Kallah gave me the chance to learn so much about different sects of Judaism and truly grow in my identity."*

Read the full post on BBYO's Facebook or Instagram.



Mazel Tov to Phyllis and Michael Mitzen who will be honored at the "Kol Zimrah Sings!" 2025 Benefit Concert on Sunday, May 18th! The Mitzens are founding members of Kol Zimrah, and Michael previously served as president. Several of our TJ adult choir members are part of Kol Zimrah, and we look forward to supporting them at this concert.

Join us!

# KOL ZIMRAH Sings!

2025 Benefit Concert  
Honoring  
Phyllis and Michael Mitzen

Sunday, May 18  
4:00 pm

Featuring Cantors Laurie Akers • David Berger  
• Richard Cohn • Kevin McKenzie  
• Lianna Mendelson • Natalie Young

Temple Jeremiah  
937 N. Happ Road, Northfield, IL  
Purchase tickets, sponsorships, and  
digital advertising at kolzimrah.org.



## Editor's Note (Continued)

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For the first time, I have split the Editor's Note into two parts. I felt it was important to reflect on past events, while promoting upcoming programs at the beginning of this issue. However, now that you have read through the pages and refreshed your memory on our Eliza Kanner visit, our *Yom HaShoah* Commemoration (both on page 8), as well as read about our "Jeremiah Gems," I want to take this time acknowledge that May is Jewish American Heritage Month (JAHM).

JAHM is an annual celebration that recognizes and honors the contributions of Jewish Americans to U.S. culture, history, and society. Throughout this issue of the Covenant, we have highlighted only a few of the many accomplishments that our congregants, our clergy, our staff, and our community have reached. I'd like to spotlight one more: **On Sunday, April 6th, Brotherhood and additional volunteers delivered 115 boxes of Passover food to those in need through Maot Chitim, surpassing our previous record of 108.**

During JAHM and beyond, it's important to recognize and celebrate all the good that we, as Jewish Americans, contribute to society. Big and small, our Temple Jeremiah community is making an impact.

To finish off this longer-than-usual Editor's Note, I would like to remind everyone that our Multigenerational Trip to Israel is officially less than a year away, and there is still time to register! For more information, see the back cover of this issue. Rabbi Rachel and Danny Glassman can't wait to lead this trip!

As always, we look forward to seeing everyone around temple this spring and moving into summer!

*Meredith Levinson*

## Annual Meeting

**Temple Jeremiah's Annual Meeting will take place on Monday, May 19th at 7:00 p.m. A brief reception will take place before the meeting at 6:15 p.m.**

**Toddie Gray and Diane Mary Katz**

**Scholarship for Entering College Freshmen**

**Apply by Friday, May 2nd**

Scan the QR code or visit  
[tinyurl.com/TDScholarship25](https://tinyurl.com/TDScholarship25) to apply

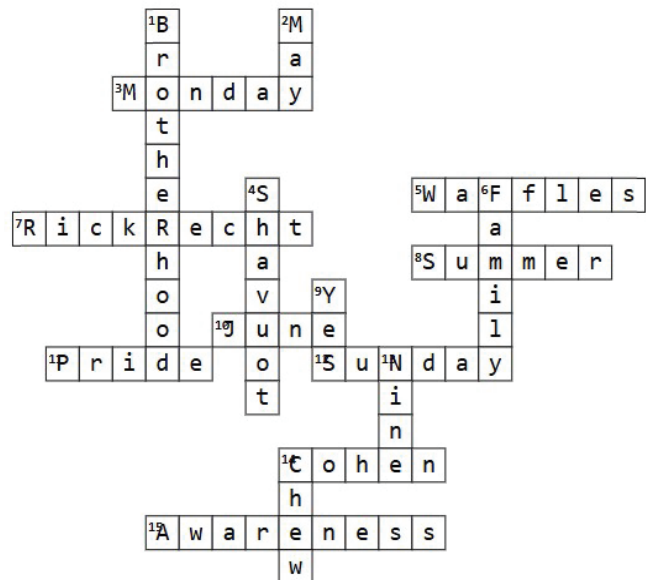


**The winner of the scholarship will be announced at our Annual Meeting.**

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## Crossword Puzzle Answers



## Nominating Report 2025-2026

To the members of Temple Jeremiah:

Please be advised that the Nominating Committee, having been duly appointed under Article V, Section 2 of the by-laws of Temple Jeremiah, has nominated a slate of officers and directors to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting scheduled for Monday, May 19th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. To view the report, visit [templejeremiah.org/nominating-report-for-the-2025-2026-programming-year/](https://templejeremiah.org/nominating-report-for-the-2025-2026-programming-year/).

If you do not plan to attend the Annual Meeting, please complete a digital proxy by visiting [tinyurl.com/ProxyCard2025](https://tinyurl.com/ProxyCard2025).

To request a paper version of the nominating report and proxy postcard, please contact Danny Glassman ([daniel@templejeremiah.org](mailto:daniel@templejeremiah.org)).

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# Social Justice & Advocacy



## 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. This is a great way to spend time with your family, friends, and other Temple Jeremiah congregants.

**Temple Jeremiah serves as host for Family Promise next from May 4th-11th and WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

First, come share in an evening of meaningful connection with our guests and other congregants! We have a menu planned for each night and we ask for two groups/families to sign up per night to bring the meal and stay and visit with our guests and other congregants. Food can be ordered or made at home, whatever is easiest for you. We don't know the exact number of guests right now, but we expect 10 people each night including the guests and other congregants involved in this community meal. We will update you with numbers and information on dietary requirements the week before.

Second, we are also requesting grab 'n go breakfast and lunch items for meals during the school/work week. We ask that these items be delivered on Sunday May 4th at 6:00 p.m. Suggestions include turkey cold cuts, sliced cheese, white bread, frozen turkey sausage breakfast sandwiches, English muffins, bananas, strawberries, Pop Tarts, Frosted Flakes, 2% milk, and orange juice as an example and we will provide a more updated list once we learn the guests' dietary preferences.

Questions? Contact Dana Garbarski (dana.garbarski@gmail.com). To get involved, visit [tinyurl.com/FamilyPromise25](https://tinyurl.com/FamilyPromise25).

## Feed the Hungry

**Our next opportunity to help with Feed the Hungry (FTH) is Sunday, May 4th at 9:00 a.m.** During the summer, FTH will be "Drop-Off & Delivery only," which provides a wonderful opportunity to make lunches together as a family on a Saturday night and bring them to the temple on the first Sunday of every month. You can also help us deliver the lunches. Please drop off your lunches by 9:30 a.m. Can't make it? Please consider donating to support our packing parties (on your Temple Jeremiah account, click donate, choose Social Justice, and write "Feed the Hungry" in the notes). Questions? Please contact Mindy Kurtz (cupermom@aol.com). To sign up, visit [tinyurl.com/FTH2425](https://tinyurl.com/FTH2425).

## Backpack Blessings

Thank you to those who volunteered for our last Backpack Blessings program for the school year on Sunday, April 27th! **Please look out for information about our next Backpack Blessings program closer to the 2025-2026 school year.** We would love some volunteers to help us load and deliver items! If you have any questions, please contact Jacki Krashin (jackikrashin@gmail.com) or Melanie Morrow (stein.melanie@gmail.com).

## Advocacy Platforms

Last summer, we shared a series of videos in our monthly Social Justice Newsletter to introduce and educate congregants on our social justice and advocacy platforms. For the last few months, we have been continuing the conversation by highlighting our platforms in our monthly newsletter through articles, info graphics, and more. If you would like to sign up to receive our Social Justice Newsletter, please contact Meredith Levinson (meredith@templejeremiah.org).

## Advocacy Alerts

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.

### Receive Advocacy Alerts



## Help Us Help Others

Temple Jeremiah's Social Justice Committee is here to help you get involved in giving back! If you have any ideas for additional social action programs and advocacy platforms, please contact Dana Garbarski (dana.garbarski@gmail.com).



# Committee Spotlight

## Pride at Jeremiah

Come show your pride! Temple Jeremiah's Pride Committee invites everyone to join us in fostering LGBTQ+ inclusivity and advocacy within Jeremiah and beyond. What started as a task force headed by Rabbi Heaps is now a full committee co-chaired by Diana Kaufmann and Jill Patano. We have a dedicated group of people who have participated in meetings, but we would love to see more people get involved!

The goal of the committee is to educate, advocate, and share our allyship with LGBTQ+ members of Jeremiah and the greater LGBTQ+ community. We help plan the Pride Shabbat, participate in parades and other events, and keep up with the latest legislation that could impact the LGBTQ+ community. As Jews, we have a responsibility to respond to injustice and help repair the world, so bring your ideas, thoughts, and creativity to the committee!

Please join us for **Pride Shabbat on Friday, May 9th**, as well as **meet up with fellow Jeremiahians at Buffalo Grove's Family-Friendly Pride Parade on Sunday, June 1st!** Keep an eye out for more information on these events by checking our calendar, reading our weekly E-newsletter, and flipping through our Summer Brochure. To find out more about the committee, email Jill Patano (jillpatano@gmail.com) or Diana Kaufmann (djkaufmann@comcast.net).



## Sisterhood Book Club

Interested in joining Sisterhood Book Club?

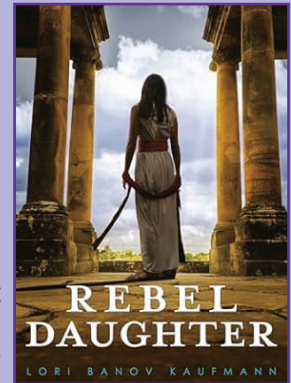
Contact Randi Gurian  
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May

### Rebel Daughter

By Lori Banov

Thursday, May 8th  
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.



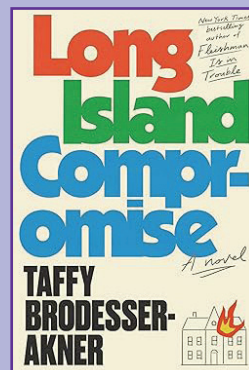
Esther dreams of so much more than the marriage her parents have arranged to a prosperous silversmith. Always curious and eager to explore, she must accept the burden of being the dutiful daughter. Yet she is torn between her family responsibilities and her own desires. Meanwhile, the growing turmoil threatens to tear apart not only her beloved city, Jerusalem, but also her own family. As the streets turn into a bloody battleground between rebels and Romans, Esther's journey becomes one of survival. She remains fiercely devoted to her family, and braves famine, siege, and slavery to protect those she loves. Set against the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 CE, this emotional and impassioned saga, based on real characters and meticulous research, seamlessly blends the fascinating story of the Jewish people with a timeless protagonist determined to take charge of her own life against all odds.

June

### Long Island Compromise

By Taffy Brodesser-Akner

Thursday, June 9th  
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.



In 1980, a wealthy businessman named Carl Fletcher is kidnapped from his driveway, brutalized, and held for ransom. He is returned to his wife and kids less than a week later, and the family moves on with their lives, comforted in the realization that though their money may have been what endangered them, it is also what assured them their safety. But now, nearly forty years later, it's clear that perhaps nobody ever got over anything, after all. *Long Island Compromise* spans the entirety of one family's history, winding through decades and generations, all the way to the outrageous present, and confronting the mainstays of American Jewish life: tradition, the pursuit of success, the terror of history, fear of the future, old wives' tales, evil eyes, ambition, achievement, boredom, dybbuks, inheritance, pyramid schemes, right-wing capitalists, beta-blockers, psychics, and the mostly unspoken love and shared experience that unite a family forever.

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