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Editor's Note

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This issue of *The Covenant* is special. Not only is it overflowing with photos from our celebrations of Rabbi Cohen's 26 years of dedication to Temple Jeremiah, but it also offers a glimpse into the future of our community, led by Rabbi Rachel Heaps and Cantor Lianna Mendelson, as well as our new Associate Rabbi, Ben Rosen, and our temple president, Avi Greenfield, among our other senior staff members.

For that reason, it's fitting that the theme of this issue is curiosity (*sakranut*); the virtue of immersing yourself in ongoing discovery – seeking understanding while remaining comfortable with uncertainty. *Sakranut* is woven into the words on page 5 through the perspectives of Annabel, Julian, and Sanya Glasser—J-Quest students and *Madrichim*—and in Avi Greenfield's article on page 6, where he reflects on the URI Scheidt Seminar that took place earlier this year.

As we continue to learn and grow as a congregation, I encourage you to remain curious – make new connections, explore budding interests, and immerse yourself in all that a "Jeremiah Summer" has to offer. And in between events, feel free to stop by and say "hi!"

Meredith

TORAH PORTIONS



JULY

July 4th	Pinchas	Numbers 25:10-30:1
July 11th	Matot-Masei	Numbers 30:2-36:13
July 18th	D'varim	Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22
July 25th	Va-et'chanan	Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11

AUGUST

August 1st	Eikev	Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25
August 8th	R'eih	Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17
August 15th	Shoftim	Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9
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SUMMER EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Stitch & Schmooze

Fridays, July 3rd & 17th and August 7th & 21st @ 10:00 a.m.

Suffs Adult Learning with Cantor Lianna Mendelson*

Tuesday, July 7th @ 5:30 p.m.

Chicago Dogs Game*

Thursday, July 9th @ 6:30 p.m.

Suffs (Broadway in Chicago)*

Sunday, July 12th @ 1:00 p.m.

Graeter's "Fun Raiser" (Northbrook)

Tuesday, July 14th @ 5:00 p.m.

90s Luncheon*

Wednesday, July 15th @ 12:00 p.m.

Trivia at Ridgeville Tavern (Evanston)*

Wednesdays, July 15th & August 19th @ 7:00 p.m.

Shabbat Dinner with Friends*

Friday, July 17th @ 7:30 p.m.

Jews in Canoes*

Saturday, July 18th @ 4:00 p.m.

Anne Frank The Exhibition*

Thursday, July 23rd @ 11:00 a.m.

Family Kabbalat Shabbat (6:30 p.m.) & J-Quest Student Undernighter* (7:30 p.m.)

Friday, July 24th

Chat & Chew with Danny Glassman*

Tuesdays, July 28th & August 25th @ 12:00 p.m.

A Little Night Music*

Wednesday, August 5th @ 1:00 p.m.

Northbrook Days Meet Up

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

Annual Pickleball Game*

Sunday, August 9th @ 5:00 p.m.

Sound Bath Meditation with Jay Taylor*

Wednesday, August 12th @ 7:00 p.m.

Family Kabbalat Shabbat with Pet Blessing & Pup Cups

Friday, August 14th @ 6:30 p.m.

Welcome Back! Shabbat Dinner with Friends*

Friday, August 21st @ 7:30 p.m.

Havdallah House Concert*

Saturday, August 29th @ 4:30 p.m.

Portillo's Back-to-School Meet Up

Wednesday, September 2nd @ 5:00 p.m.

*Register through our calendar

Dates and times are subject to change. Check our calendar for the most up-to-date information and to register: tinyurl.com/TJ-calendar

More upcoming events are featured throughout this issue.



ISRAEL SCOUTS FRIENDSHIP CARAVAN

Come join us for an evening of song and dance with the Tzofim!

With collective excitement and joy, our community joins together for an incredible evening of music, dance, and Israeli culture.



No charge - registration required
<https://tinyurl.com/IsraelScouts2026>



Tuesday, July 28th, 2026 6:30pm-7:45pm
Location will be given in registration form

ANY QUESTIONS?
FriendsOfIsraelScoutsChicago@gmail.com



DR. SEUSS GOES TO THE OPERA

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH 1:30 P.M.

MARTIN THEATRE

Join your Temple Jeremiah friends at Ravinia for an introduction to opera with interactive performances of Green Eggs and Ham and Gertrude McFuzz by JAM Orchestra.

REGISTER:

*We have a limited number of tickets. Please register early to claim yours!



RABBI RACHEL HEAPS

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“What If?” Begins with “I Don’t Know”

There are moments in my rabbinate when I am reminded that I have not lived every story.

A couple sits across from me as we prepare for their wedding, and I find myself wondering: *How do I guide them toward a meaningful Jewish marriage when I have never been married myself?*

A parent shares worries about their child, and I wonder: *How do I help them navigate a journey I have never personally experienced?*

Early on, I assumed that experience was where answers came from. The more life I lived, the more answers I would have. And certainly experience matters. It teaches us, shapes us, and gives us perspective.

But over time, I have learned something unexpected. Not having already lived someone else's story can sometimes be a gift. It leaves room for curiosity.

Instead of assuming I know what a couple needs, I get to ask questions.

What do you admire most about one another?

What kind of home do you hope to build?

What Jewish values do you want to carry into your future together?

Instead of assuming I understand a parent's challenge, I get to listen.

Tell me what you're seeing.

Tell me what you're worried about.

Tell me what you hope for.

Again and again, I have discovered that some of the most meaningful conversations begin not with answers but with genuine curiosity.

The Hebrew word *sakranut* means curiosity—the willingness to keep learning, to keep asking questions, and to remain open to discovery even when certainty remains out of reach. Our tradition understands this well. Some of Judaism's most transformative moments take place *ba-midbar*—in the wilderness.

The wilderness is more than a setting in the Torah. It is a spiritual condition. It is the place where familiar landmarks disappear and certainty becomes harder to find. It is the place where few have traveled and where no one can walk precisely the same path twice.

It is also where revelation happens.



The Israelites receive Torah in the wilderness. Again and again, our tradition suggests that we are often most open to discovery when we venture beyond what is familiar and known.

Perhaps that is because revelation requires a certain spaciousness. When we are convinced we already know the answer, there is little room for something new to emerge. But in the openness of the wilderness—in the space between what has been and what will be—we become available to possibility.

Curiosity invites us into that kind of wilderness. Not because uncertainty is comfortable, but because growth, learning, and transformation rarely happen on roads that are already fully mapped.

That is why I have come to appreciate three simple words: *I don't know.*

Not as a sign of weakness. Not as the end of a conversation. As a beginning. Because “I don't know” creates space for something new to emerge.

It allows us to admit that the future may not simply be a continuation of the past. It reminds us that there may be possibilities we have not yet considered, perspectives we have not yet encountered, and lessons we have not yet learned.

And once we acknowledge what we do not know, another question becomes possible: *What if?*

What if there is another way forward?

What if healing is still possible?

What if this challenge contains an opportunity we cannot yet see?

What if this relationship can grow in unexpected ways?

What if our community can become even more connected, caring, and vibrant?

Every one of us encounters wilderness moments. A new relationship. A changing family. A career transition. A loss. A new beginning. A future we could not have predicted. In those moments, experience can guide us, but it cannot provide a complete map. We are traveling territory that has never existed in exactly this way before.

And yet Jewish tradition offers reassurance. The wilderness is not only where we feel lost. It is also where we discover who we are becoming. "I don't know" keeps us honest. "What if?" keeps us hopeful. Together, they invite us into a life of curiosity.

As summer encourages us to slow down, explore, and encounter familiar things with fresh eyes, perhaps we can embrace a little more *sakranut*.

We can become more curious about the people we love, more curious about the stories unfolding around us, and more curious about what is still possible for ourselves and our community.

After all, belonging begins with curiosity.

It begins when we stop assuming we already know someone else's story and choose instead to ask, listen, and discover. And perhaps that is true not only of one another, but of our own lives as well. The next chapter may not be fully written. What if that's exactly where possibility begins? ★

Rachel

WELCOME, RABBI BEN ROSEN!



In Judaism, beginnings are sacred moments. Beginnings invite us to pause – to take a breath, to honor where we have been, and to express gratitude for having reached this moment. As I prepare to join Temple Jeremiah as your Associate Rabbi on July 1st, I find myself doing just that – pausing with deep appreciation for the incredible opportunity to serve this community and all who call it home.

From the very start, what stood out to me about Temple Jeremiah was the way that people show up for one another – with care, authenticity, and a whole lot of joy! I could not be more excited to be a part of this community and look forward to learning and growing alongside each of you.

My wife, Tess, daughter, Lilah, and I are incredibly grateful for the welcome already extended to us, and we cannot wait to begin this next chapter at Temple Jeremiah.

Ben

Please see below for opportunities this summer to meet our new Associate Rabbi!

Tefilah & Torah Study at the Tatar Home*

Saturday, July 4th @ 8:30 a.m.

Adult Learning with Rabbi Ben*

Mondays, July 6th, 13th, & 20th @ 7:00 p.m.

Join Rabbi Ben as he begins his first adult learning series at Temple Jeremiah!

Chicago Dogs Game*

Thursday, July 9th @ 6:30 p.m.

Shabbat Dinner with Friends*

Friday, July 17th @ 7:30 p.m.

Jews in Canoes*

Saturday, July 18th @ 4:00 p.m.

Family Kabbalat Shabbat (6:30 p.m.) & J-Quest Student Undernighter* (7:30 p.m.)

Friday, July 24th

Northbrook Days Meet Up

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

Family Kabbalat Shabbat with Pet Blessing & Pup Cups

Friday, August 14th @ 6:30 p.m.

Trivia at Ridgeville Tavern (Evanston)*

Wednesday, August 19th @ 7:00 p.m.

Meet & Greet at the Vorona Home*

Sunday, August 16th @ TBD

Welcome Back! Shabbat Dinner with Friends*

Friday, August 21st @ 7:30 p.m.

Portillo's Back-to-School Meet Up

Wednesday, September 2nd @ 5:00 p.m.

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PERSPECTIVE



JULIAN, SANYA, & ANNABEL GLASSER
J-Quest Students/Madrachim

The Joy of Being *Madrachim* at TJ

If you've been to Temple Jeremiah on a Sunday morning, you have probably seen teens sitting alongside younger students during *Kehillah*, helping teachers in classrooms, playing music with Cantor Lianna, and assisting in the front office, among other activities. These teens are part of our vibrant *Madrachim* program. Below, you will read the perspectives of three out of the 46 teens who participated in our *Madrachim* program.



My experience as a Madricha started out as fulfilling a request. I was asked to be a music Madricha, even though I didn't play guitar or sing. However, with the help of Cantor Lianna and my brother, I was able to put those skills together quickly in order to help out at the synagogue. Since then, this program has been an amazing opportunity to both teach and learn; I've been able to help educate both the younger kids at J-Quest and the teens also in the Music Madrichim program.

Each Sunday, we either learn a few songs together in our Music Madrichim group with Cantor Lianna, or we go and teach songs to the kids. But whether it is either of these options, I find a strong sense of community in both. When I'm with the younger kids, I feel like I'm teaching such important values through song. When I'm learning, I feel like I'm not only gaining the melodies, but also the meaning and the history behind each song. The Music Madrichim program has really opened up since last year to become a multi-person and multi-grade-level group, which has expanded our ability and influence inside the synagogue.

-Annabel



As a classroom madricha, I've had such a wonderful experience playing, learning, and spending time with the kids in my class. I've gotten to know each kid individually, but also been able to share my love for temple with the next generation of students. Through this program, I've found a new love for temple and a way to improve my Jewish identity. I find that this experience has been so meaningful and has helped me connect with our community, and also an opportunity to take on more responsibility. These kids have taught me how to be more creative, have fun, and really enjoy temple.

-Sanya



Madrachim is the Hebrew word for "guides" or "leaders."



Over the last year, three things stood out about being a madrich in the J-Quest program:

1. Community

While being a madrich was great on its own, something that made it so much more fun were the people I was doing it with. The other music madrichim were some of the nicest people I think I've met in my entire life and they elevated the experience from just another activity into something that I looked forward to each week.

2. Activity

I used to be scared of leading a class, whether it be with music or just in general, but I found that doing this program really boosted my confidence and leadership skills. In the beginning, my co-leader would usually lead the class while I played in the background. It was usually because he was used to it, and I was a bit nervous. But as the year progressed, I finally decided to step up and lead some of the classes as well, something I never knew that I would want to do, let alone be capable of doing.

3. Connection

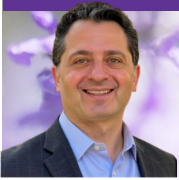
Of course, connection could mean a number of things, but in this scenario, I mean connecting my love for music with my curiosity about Judaism. Through J-Quest, I found a way to learn about Jewish history and culture using something that I already love to do, which I didn't know was possible.

Five out of five, would recommend.

-Julian



A MESSAGE FROM...



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Holy Boldness and the Work of Belonging

Reflections on the URJ Scheidt Seminar

"Being welcoming is important. Belonging is the goal."

This past April, I had the privilege of attending the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) Scheidt Seminar for Congregational Presidents. This four-day, immersive leadership experience is made possible through the extraordinary generosity of the Scheidt family, and for 25 years it has helped incoming synagogue presidents across North America prepare for one of the most meaningful volunteer roles in Jewish communal life. I returned home inspired, grounded, and more excited than ever about the work ahead of us at Temple Jeremiah.

From the moment I arrived, I felt genuinely supported — by the remarkable URJ team and by my fellow incoming presidents. Rabbi Rick Jacobs, the URJ President, was the first to welcome us. He spoke with conviction about the vital work we are all doing to ensure a vibrant present and future for congregational Judaism and the continuity of the Jewish people. These are consequential times, he reminded us, and every one of us has a role to play in making our communities stronger. His words set a powerful tone for everything that followed.

Over four days, we spent intensive time with URJ Board Chair Shelley Niceley Groff, CEO Dr. Andrew Rehfeld, and other senior Reform Movement leaders. We shared meals, had candid conversations, and built connections I know will last well beyond our presidential terms.

The seminar's central theme was building communities of belonging, and it pushed me to think deeply about what that truly means. Welcoming people matters, of course. But belonging is something richer. It means every member of our community feels a genuine sense of value, connection, and meaning in their Jewish life here. That is the bar we should be setting for ourselves.

We explored the sacred partnerships that make belonging possible: among clergy, professional staff, lay leaders, and volunteers. We talked about nurturing those relationships with resilience, compassion, trust, and joy. One phrase I kept coming back to was holy boldness. Building Jewish community is sacred work, and it demands courage; the willingness to innovate, to try new things, and to pursue the outcomes our community deserves.

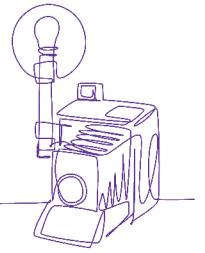


We also explored the profound difference between fundraising and a true culture of philanthropy. Philanthropy is an act of caring. It gives our members a chance to live their values and deepen their connection to Jewish life and identity. The most powerful realization I carried home was simple: I am not alone in this work. None of us are.

When I think about the team I get to do this work with at Temple Jeremiah, I feel truly fortunate. I am thrilled to partner with Rabbi Heaps as she steps into her well-deserved role as Senior Rabbi, and to welcome Rabbi Ben Rosen as our new Associate Rabbi. Together with the extraordinary Cantor Mendelson and our outstanding senior staff Danny Glassman and Matt Rissien, we have a team of exceptional talent and heart. I am equally excited to work alongside our newly installed Board of Directors and Executive Committee, and deeply grateful for the wisdom and enduring presence of Rabbi Emeritus Paul Cohen and our other beloved emeriti, whose contributions continue to inspire everything we do.

We stand on a remarkable foundation, built by generations of dedicated leaders before us. It is an honor and a privilege to continue that legacy. Temple Jeremiah is already a community of belonging. Our work is to deepen it, expand it, and ensure that every person who walks through our doors feels it. ✨

Avi



K'ilu Intergenerational Shabbat Adventure

Tots, parents, and grandparents joined us on Friday, April 10th for a special Shabbat adventure and dinner where the Torah came to life through movement, song, and play! It was great to see some familiar and new faces experiencing the magic of K'ilu for the first time at Temple Jeremiah!



Creative Arts Shabbaton

Led by Cantor Lianna, our Creative Arts Shabbaton took place on Saturday, April 25th at the Institute of Soil & Soul. Attendees enjoyed a singing circle with Elana Arian, crafting time, and spiritual growth.



Brotherhood Jazz Night

On Wednesday, April 22nd, Brotherhood members traveled to Uptown, had dinner at Fat Cat, and listened to live jazz at The Green Mill!



Confirmation 5786

Mazel Tov to our Confirmation Class of 5786! Families, friends, and congregants shared in the excitement of this significant milestone for our students on Saturday, May 9th.



Adult B'nai Mitzvah

Mazel Tov to our Adult B'nai Mitzvah students, who were called to the Torah on Saturday, May 23rd.



Buffalo Grove Pride Parade

We had so much fun at the 2026 BG Pride Parade on Sunday, June 7th! In a world that often struggles with acceptance and celebration of LGBTQIA+ people, Reform Judaism and our Temple Jeremiah community have taken on the sacred task of affirming that all individuals are created *b'tzelem Elohim*, in the image of God.

Our insistence on celebrating Pride and LGBTQ individuals is an embodiment of our core Jewish values: welcoming the stranger, pursuing justice, and recognizing the inherent holiness and dignity of every human being. We also recognized and celebrated Pride on Friday, June 26th during our Pride Kabbalat Shabbat.



CELEBRATING RABBI COHEN

"Just a taste" of the recent celebrations we have had in honor of Rabbi Cohen transitioning to Rabbi Emeritus and Senior Scholar! Thank you to everyone who attended, helped put together, and contributed in any way to these events!

J-Quest Block Party Celebrating Rabbi Cohen

J-Quest students, parents, and families came together on Sunday, May 17th, to celebrate an incredible year, honor our teachers and *madrichim*, and celebrate Rabbi Cohen. Then, our teenagers headed to Six Flags for some adrenaline-pumping fun!



Kabbalat Shabbat

On Friday, May 29th, congregants and loved ones gathered for a meaningful evening to celebrate Rabbi Cohen's dedication, leadership, and lasting impact on our community. Our choir and Nefesh Mountain lifted the sanctuary with song during this special service.



L'Chaim on the Porch

Saturday, May 30th was L'Chaim on the Porch, an evening of dinner, bluegrass music, and celebration honoring Rabbi Cohen's 26 years of dedicated service to Temple Jeremiah. A few highlights include:

- Havdallah with our clergy, senior staff, and Nefesh Mountain
- A presentation by Michael Schack on behalf of the Building Interiors Committee, which announced the rededication of the foyer to the Rabbi Paul F. Cohen Community Space.
- The Motzi led by the Cohen Family
- Toasts and speeches throughout the evening
- Parodies and songs
- A video created by Julie Weinberg, Ernie Schubert, and Rusty Coleman
- A performance from Nefesh Mountain
- Great food and even better company!



SPOTLIGHT ON PHILANTHROPY



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Many Paths, One Community—Meet Jessica Wayne

One of the things that makes Temple Jeremiah so special is that no two members experience it in exactly the same way. Even within a family, each person finds their own connections, relationships, and ways to grow. This month, I am delighted to introduce Development Committee member Jessica Wayne, whose family reminds us that connection at Temple Jeremiah can lead to life-defining paths.

Jessica and her family joined Temple Jeremiah 13 years ago seeking a warm Jewish community and a place for their children to begin their Jewish education. What they found was exactly that — and so much more.



"We joined Temple Jeremiah because everyone was so welcoming," Jessica shared. "There is a great sense of community."

A Community That Grows With You

For Jessica, one of the most meaningful aspects of Temple Jeremiah has been watching the unique ways she, her husband, and their two children have each found their place.

Her husband, David, was looking for ways to support the Jewish community and, in 2024, stepped into a leadership role by joining Temple Jeremiah's Board of Directors. Jessica has brought her professional fundraising expertise to the Development Committee. Ella, now entering her junior year at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign as a dietetics major, met one of her closest friends through Temple Jeremiah — a friendship that has grown into an important part of their family's life. And Rae, who recently graduated from high school and will attend Columbia College Chicago this fall to study Interior Architecture, developed a deeper appreciation for Judaism through a Jewish Ethics course offered by the Temple.

Reflecting on her family's experience, Jessica noted, "We've all had a special experience as a family, but also each in our own unique way."

Why She Said Yes

Jessica's decision to join the Development Committee is rooted in both her professional experience and her genuine gratitude for what Temple Jeremiah has meant to her family.

As a fundraising professional, Jessica has spent her career helping nonprofit organizations build the resources they need to fulfill their missions.

She knows firsthand that sustained financial support is essential to maintaining meaningful programming and a strong professional staff.

"I joined this committee because the temple needs funds to remain a vibrant center for Jewish learning, prayer, and social justice," she explained. "This committee helps ensure that Temple Jeremiah can provide these vital services for many years to come."

The Impact She Hopes to See

Temple Jeremiah's commitment to social justice is especially close to Jessica's heart.

"I highly value the emphasis on social justice," she shared. "It is so meaningful to have a place where individuals can come together as a community to positively impact others around them."

Her hope is that the Development Committee will help ensure that Temple Jeremiah remains a place where people can learn, pray, build relationships, and make a difference in the world around them.

By strengthening a culture of generosity and support today, we help ensure that future generations of families can find the same sense of connection, friendship, and purpose that has meant so much to hers.

Bringing Fundraising Expertise to Temple

Jeremiah: Jessica has spent more than 25 years helping nonprofit organizations build sustainable support through corporate, foundation, and individual philanthropy. Her experience strengthening missions across healthcare, education, the arts, and social services brings valuable perspective to Temple Jeremiah's Development Committee.

Inaugural Supporters of the Greetings and Remembrances

Book: The Wayne family participated in Temple Jeremiah's first High Holy Day Wishes Book in 2020 and has continued to support the publication — now known as the Greetings and Remembrances Book — every year since.



Join Us in Supporting Temple Jeremiah

Philanthropy is more than donations—it is the lifeblood of our community. This year, 10% of our annual operating budget relies on contributions beyond our members' annual community commitments.

Your support ensures that Temple Jeremiah continues to be a vibrant center for Reform Jewish life—for worship, music, education, social justice, and community programs. It sustains our talented clergy and staff, maintains our beautiful building, and enables meaningful experiences for every member, today and for generations to come.

With your participation, we can continue to grow our programs, deepen connections, and create moments of joy that bring our community together. Every gift, big or small, makes a real difference.

For more information about ways to support Temple Jeremiah, please contact Leslie at leslie@templejeremiah.org.

Please see our webpage for more details about our budget and feel free to contact Danny Glassman at daniel@templejeremiah.org with any questions. ★

GRATITUDE SHABBAT

On Friday, June 12th, we gathered for Gratitude Shabbat to celebrate another incredible year in the life of our Jeremiah community. As we welcomed Shabbat, we joined in gratitude—thanking outgoing board members, welcoming new leadership, and celebrating members whose generosity has gone above and beyond their annual commitment, along with our Covenant Society members.

We also recognized all of our volunteers with a special presentation of the Robert Goldberg Volunteer of the Year Award. We were thrilled to honor our Volunteer of the Year, Michael Schack, as we celebrated all who devote their time, talent, and treasure to our community. This was truly a Shabbat worship filled with gratitude.

A festive oneg followed the service and served as a chance to continue gathering, connecting, and being together.



Gratitude! Sustain! Strength! Appreciation! Community! Connection! Thanks!

COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHTS

Visit our Inclusion Garden!

Our Inclusion Garden (est. 2025), has fresh flowers and plants for the summer, thanks to those who attended our Garden Party on Saturday, June 6th! Feel free to stop by and visit the garden, which is located near the main temple entrance on Happ Road. See below for photos from the party!



Social Justice & Advocacy

Feed the Hungry

Feed the Hungry (FTH) *Drop Off Only* will take place on **Sundays, July 5th and August 2nd**. Please drop off your lunches by 9:00 a.m. Moving forward, any lunches you drop off must be pork-free. Questions? Please contact Mindy Kurtz (cupermom@aol.com). To sign up, visit tinyurl.com/FTH2526.

Feed the Hungry Packing Party

Want to do some good with other temple members? Please join us for a Feed the Hungry Packing Party on **Fridays, July 3rd and 31st at 6:00 p.m.**! We will have everything we need to make lunches, you just need to show up (and bring some friends)! 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). As always, we are grateful for any lunches you drop off.

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).

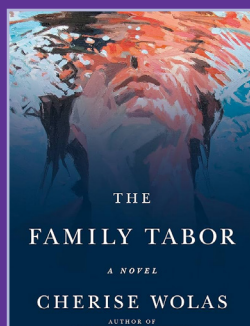
Sisterhood Book Club

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

July **The Family Tabor**

By Cherise Wolas

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

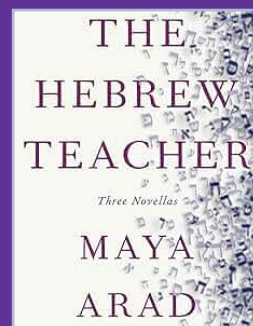


Set over the course of a single weekend, and deftly alternating between five family members, this provocative, gorgeously rendered novel reckons with the nature of the stories we tell ourselves and our family and the price we pay for second chances.

August **The Hebrew Teacher**

By Maya Arad

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



Three Israeli women, their lives altered by immigration to the United States, seek to overcome crises. In these three stirring novellas—comedies of manners with an ambitious blend of irony and sensitivity—author Maya Arad probes the demise of idealism and the generation gap that her heroines must confront.

MAZEL Tov!

On Celebrating a Milestone Birthday

Annie Herbstman; July 1st.
Pam Fisher; July 1st.
Jeremy Tuchman; July 2nd.
Daniel Brown; July 4th.
Michael Pollak; July 6th.
Karen Sus; July 8th.
Janine Green; July 10th.
Sybil Stern; July 10th.
Arthur Sutton; July 11th.
Marvin Lutz; July 11th.
Jordan Sherwood; July 11th.
Ronald Kaplan; July 12th.
Herb Adelstein; July 14th.
Colleen Sobotka; July 16th.
Benjamin Wallis; July 17th.
Debra Auerbach; July 17th.
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Janine and Stuart Green; 55 years.
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