

Temple Israel Welcomes Grant Halasz

My name is Grant Halasz, I was born and raised here in Dayton, Centerville specifically. I just graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a BA in Judaic Studies. I am the Rabbinic Intern and Director of the Youth Groups here at Temple! I will be applying to attend rabbinical school at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion after this yearlong internship. When I was in undergrad at UC I was the President of my AEPi chapter during the 2019 year. I have also worked at GUCI for 3 summers and last summer I was the Head Song Leader! I am looking forward to bringing the same joy and energy to the Temple community that I did to the GUCI community! I cannot wait to meet everyone and get to know the wonderful community here at Temple Israel.



Grant Halasz
Rabbinic Intern and Youth Director



Temple Community Connects Online

Your Temple Israel community is using all the tools available to stay connected. Join in on a Schmooze and a Nosh, Shabbat service, adult Hebrew, Cappuccino with the Clergy and Torah study, which are all meeting virtually. TIDBits, Temple's electronic newsletter is now being sent out twice a week, on Tuesdays and Fridays and has links to many of the online events. If you haven't signed up to get the latest news in your inbox, you can do so by going to the Temple Israel website and selecting the "About Us" tab at the top. Choose TIDBITS from the drop down menu. Remember the office staff is available Monday through Thursday with limited hours to take your calls and assist in anyway that we can.

2020 Oy Vey 5K

If there ever was a year to say "OY VEY," it is 2020. Fortunately, the Oy Vey 5k is still here for you, but this year you get to pick the course! Support Temple Israel from wherever you are in the world. Run or walk in your neighborhood, visit your favorite park, take laps in your backyard, or even hop on that treadmill for your 3.1 miles. We are bringing all of the fun and swag straight to your door.

RACE DETAILS:

Registration for the virtual event is open now! You choose the best time to run or walk between August 2 - 9. Register here.

ENTRY FEES:

\$25 Registration Fee (first 50 registrants receive a FREE t-shirt)
\$10 For a 2020 special edition commemorative t-shirt
\$10 For a 2020 special edition medal
\$15 **BUNDLE SAVINGS** for a 2020 t-shirt & medal

All proceeds from the race will benefit Temple Israel's Social Action Fund which supports programs and activities designed to positively impact the entire community. We appreciate your continued support in these unprecedented times.



It's Time To Renew Your Membership

Please return your completed form as soon as possible. Suzanne Shaw, Temple Israel's Executive Director, will set up your membership account based on your response. Membership forms were mailed in May and Temple's new financial year begins July 1.

Temple never denies membership to anyone for financial reasons. We hope that those who can will increase their contribution in the coming year.

When you voluntarily increase your membership contribution, you help sustain Temple's programs and services both for yourself and for our community. Member donations make up half of Temple's revenues, and the balance comes mostly from Temple Israel Foundation and fundraising.

If you can afford to give more, please do. We count on you. Increase from regular to mitzvah membership (\$1875), or from a mitzvah membership to Lamed Vav membership (\$2400), or anywhere in between. If you're already a Lamed Vav member, consider giving more if you can. Your donations allow us to remain a vibrant center of Judaism for our entire community.

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Youth Group Zoom Meeting

Join Temple Israel's new youth group director, Grant Halasz on **Tuesday, July 14 at 7:30 p.m.** for a zoom meeting to discuss both TIDY and JYG events for the coming year. Grant is looking forward to hearing your ideas.

Religious School Reminders and Updates

We are still planning to start on August 23. Registrations for returning students are due by August 8. It is critical this year that we have those forms in, as much of our planning revolves around the specifics of who is enrolled. What are we doing this Fall? That is still a work in progress as the situation develops. We are planning for multiple scenarios of being able to be in-person, hybrid, or remaining virtual, for some or all of the year. More information will be coming. Watch TIDBITS and the Temple Israel website.

A Virtual High Holidays

As you know, for the past few months, we have had to alter how we do things in response to the coronavirus pandemic. Shifting to virtual connections has been both challenging and rewarding, providing some limitations, but also new opportunities to elevate our community. As a Jewish people, we have had to adapt and evolve countless times throughout history in the name of health and safety, and we have been able to maintain our cherished traditions through those challenging times. This resiliency is something we can all be proud of. As we look to the High Holidays this fall, our leadership and staff has determined the best and safest course of action is for our worship and celebration to be completely virtual. There will be no in-person services inside our Great Hall. Don't worry. Our bimah team is working hard to navigate these uncharted waters to create meaningful experiences in new ways for these *Yamim Norim* - Days of Awe. We know it is disappointing and unsettling that we will not be able to gather and celebrate in the way we are accustomed. But we are strong. More details on how we will virtually gather for the holidays will be available in the coming months. Please feel free to reach out to Rabbi Bodney-Halasz, Rabbi Sobo, or Courtney Cummings if you have any initial questions.



Doing Our Part to Combat Voter Suppression

As Jews, we have a duty and an obligation to repair the world, and the work of *tikkun olam* manifests itself in many different ways. In a democratic society, everyone's voice should be heard, especially at the ballot box. Unfortunately, that is not always the case. The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC) reminds us that "voter suppression has long plagued the U.S. election system, particularly impacting communities of color. Today, underrepresented communities continue the fight for equal access to the ballot". As we look towards this fall, we will work towards including everyone in our democratic process of voting. As the RAC says, "democracy is strongest when everyone participates—and it suffers when citizens are shut out from the democratic process or choose not to engage." Working with RAC-Ohio, we have an opportunity to engage with potential voters in the greater Dayton community by educating individuals on the voting process, helping them to register, and encouraging them to show up at the polls.

For this initiative, RAC-Ohio is partnering with an organization called Ohio Votes, which is coordinating nonpartisan voter outreach activities. In this age of COVID, we are still able to reach out to potential voters in the comfort of our homes by phone- and text-banking. Ohio Votes has developed an app for reaching out to voters and has scripts available to help you complete your contacts. And best of all, they will provide us with a recorded Zoom training that we can use to learn about the process.

Please consider participating in this important work of our democracy, which will help us to reach our goal as Reform Jews of building a more just and compassionate world. If you would like to join this effort or would like more information, contact Nancy Cohen at nrc2622@gmail.com or 937-307-4792.

4 Tribute Donations

Temple gratefully acknowledges the following gifts received during May 2020.

Temple will list donations of \$10 or more in The Tablet, and mail a notification for donations of \$18 or more. Donations of \$100 or more are described as "generous." A complete list of Temple funds is available online at www.tidayton.org/aboutus/foundation/. For more information, please call Temple.

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The **General Operating Fund** supports Temple Israel in the current year.

The **Buy-a-Book Fund** is used to purchase new books and materials for Temple Israel's library.

The **Stanley and Elaine Donenfeld Greenspace Fund** helps beautify Riverview and the grounds surrounding Temple Israel.

The **Fund for Tomorrow** supports all aspects of Temple Israel's operation.

Rabbi Bodney-Halasz uses her **Discretionary Fund** to advance Temple Israel and Judaism.

The **Past Presidents Fund** is used to recognize the past presidents of Temple Israel.

The **Shirley Schatz Religious School Fund** purchases equipment and supplies for Temple Israel's religious school.

The **Rabbi Stephen Levinson Fund** provides support for TIDY members to attend leadership development program.

The **Walter and Selma Ohlmann Fund** supports Temple in the current year.

Pick Up The Phone Or Send An E-Mail

Rabbi Bodney-Halasz and Rabbi Sobo want to reach out to congregants in times of need and joy, but hospitals no longer send lists of patients. Please contact the Temple office when a friend or loved one is ill, hospitalized, in a nursing home, assisted living facility or shut in. Share the happy news, too—we might not know about a simcha unless you share the good news with us!



We Mourn

Dr. Mory Summer

Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Tablet publishes birthdays every five years starting at age 35 and annually starting at 85; we publish anniversaries every five years and annually starting at 60. If you prefer not to be listed, please call Ellen.

August Birthdays

7 William Weprin
9 Sabina Shtilman
10 Aleks Svager
13 Ann Laderman
17 Mark Slayton
17 Mel Berman
18 Judy Heller
22 Cicely Nathan
24 Jo Ann Lapine
26 Eva Mandell
27 Cathy Brown
28 Jeff Noble
31 Linda Ran

August Anniversaries

1 Mary Anne and Kelley Davis
celebrating 5 years
10 Douglas and Barbara Broomhall
celebrating 45 years!
15 Larry Glickler and Charles Quinn
celebrating 5 years!
21 Thomas and Eleanore Shulman
celebrating 60 years!
21 Bob and Stevie Schriber
celebrating 55 years
28 David and Sandy Sapphire
celebrating 40 years
30 Jack and Bobbie Myers
celebrating 61 years!

Mazal Tov

...to **Frieda Blum** who will be a great grandmother in December.

...to **Mitchell Faust** for receiving the 2020 God Squad Award at Temple Israel's Annual Meeting.

...to **Josie Buchanan**, who received her Masters Degree in Engineering Management on May 9 from U.D. Josie is the daughter of **Dennis and Bonni Buchanan** and the granddaughter of **Mel and Jan Berman** and the late John and Joan Buchanan.

...to **Carol Finley** on the birth of her grandson Micah George Finley.

We Remember

These names are inscribed on the Memorial Tablets in our Sanctuary and, together with others whose Yahrzeit occurs during these weeks, will be read during Shabbat services before Kaddish.

July 3 and 4

Irene Bluman, Isadore Bramson, Rose Zimmerman Colp, Helen C. Eisenberger, Emma P. Fialcow, Annabelle Gershow, Benjamin (Benny) Goldflies, Belle C. Jaffa, Jacob Lehman, Hans Liebermann, Louis Phillip Office, Babette Rheinheimer, David Alexander Saidel, Ronald Jay Silverman

July 10 and 11

Harry Bloch, Robert L. Cline, Frank D. Cohan, Louis L. Cohen, Ann Barry Cohen, Hyman S. Dennis, David C. Finn, Julius E. Finn, Joseph O. Frank, Joe Friedman, Jacob Goldzwig, Ralph Heyman, Mollie R. Jacobs, Rosella B. Lapedes, Sylvia M. Lebensburger, Arthur M. Levine, Dorothy B. Moyer, Mae R. Prigozen, Samuel I. Rosenthal, Isaac Sajovitz, Mae Schulman, Sol Slavin, Marjory R. Tanis, Isaac Tiber, Harry E. Weprin, Henry Winters, Norma Jane Zappin

July 17 and 18

Millie Adler, Abraham Bader, Rose Bedolis, Arnold Blum, Samuel Daniels, Minnie L. Ettlinger, David Huber, Harry C. Jacobs, Melvin Lehman, Paula Littwitz, Anna Margolis, Mabel N. Marx, Bertha Sternbe Mason, Philip B. November, Edith Richmond, Mathilda (Tillie) Rosen, Rabbi Selwyn D. Ruslander, Benjamin Ryterband, Moses Sanders, Miriam L. Schimmelman, William Semmelman, Maurice R. Semmelman, Dorothy Graff Slavin, Elizabeth B. Thal, Flora Thomsen

July 24 and 25

Blanche E. Asher, Meyer J. Bachrach, Maurice Bertelstein, Leonora T. Green, Harry F. Hampel, Carrie Huber, Max M. Kahn, Hyman Kulback, William Lapedes, Alex Perl, Herbert Perl, Anna Perl, Miriam Prigozen, Harriet Sanders, Simon Sanders, Charlotte E. Schuman, Ruth M. Tepping, Ruth K. Tiber, Herman J. Weisman, Louis Weprin

July 31 and August 1

Lesser Asher, Gloria Brackman, Stanley Donenfeld, Morris Epstein, Theodore E. Goldenberg, Herbert M. Harris, Lillian Israel, Harry Israel, Harry L. Lawner, Blanche W. Lebensburger, Arthur K. Margolis, Shirley Miller, Benjamin M. Patterson, Muriel Robins Rafal, Elizabeth C. Rothenberg, Jennie Green Saul, Jacob Schwartz, Carrie D. Semmelman, Bertha H. Silverman, Sylvia L. Solomon, James H. Wyse