

To Our Class of 2021 Seniors

We are proud of you. This is not the end of the year that you were hoping for and certainly not one that you could ever expect. The cancellation of so many milestones of your final year of high school is heartbreaking. Finding strength in a time of crisis and uncertainty is not new to the Jewish people. As a community, we have faced many challenges before, some that have seemed insurmountable, but we always rise up in the face of adversity. This type of resilience and perseverance is present in all of you, and your Jewish identity will serve you well moving forward.

This month we celebrate you and all that you have achieved at home, in your schools, and in your communities. This is just the beginning of your journey in life, and we can't wait to see what the future holds for you. Create your own road forward, but also remember where you came from. We'll be here to cheer you on, every step of the way. Mazel tov and best wishes!



Deena
Green



Aaron
Guggenheimer



Morgen
Rosensweet

Honoring Our Religious School Teachers, Madrichim And High School Seniors

Join the congregation on Zoom on **Friday, May 7** as we say thank you to our dedicated religious school teachers and madrichim, and bid goodbye to our graduating students. Services will be at 6:30 p.m., followed by a special virtual Share Shabbat dinner.

Teachers: Danielle Riffle (PS), Lake Miller (K-2), Catherine Embury and Allison Miller (3-5), Tiffany Lobertini (6-8), Rachel Crafton (Art), Deena Green and Aaron Guggenheimer (Tikkun Olam), Grant Halasz (Music, Prayer Lab).

Madrichim: Rebecca Blumer, Laila Blumer, Antonio Chaiten, Adam Emoff, Faith Wagner, Ethan Zied and Kayla Zied.

Taste of the Jewish Cultural Festival-Shavuot Edition Friday, May 14 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

For our second Taste of the Jewish Cultural Festival, we are focusing on the holiday of Shavuot and celebrating the gift of receiving the Torah. In this drive-thru event, everyone will have the chance to experience a taste of our culture and heritage in a fun and family-friendly way:

FOOD: The Temple Bakery returns with delicious **rugelach** to tantalize your taste buds and immerse your mouth in the richness of these beloved cinnamon sugar Jewish desserts. Pre-order by the dozen for \$5, pre-order forms are available at tidayton.org/festival. We'll also have delicious **challah** available to help you welcome in Shabbat. Each challah is \$5 and may be pre-ordered as well. Our food truck partner this month is **World Piece**, who will have an eclectic mix of offerings available for purchase at the event. (No pre-orders necessary.)

EDUCATION: Delve into the meaning and history of Shavuot. Attendees will also discover little known facts about Temple Israel and Reform Judaism, and see a few fun Jewish jokes in the car line. Have a question? Our rabbis will be onsite to share their knowledge.

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A Message From Leadership

At the beginning of this pandemic, Temple Israel moved quickly to temporarily cease in-person activities in the building and pivot to meaningful online experiences and worship opportunities. Not knowing how long the pandemic would last, the lay leadership and professional staff worked together to draft a coherent plan for limiting building access and also a set of criteria for eventual re-opening. We took a careful, conservative approach that was designed to promote the safety of all our congregants, and to follow the best medical guidance of the time. This plan has guided our actions over the past year.

Our understanding of the virus and its transmission has advanced significantly in the last several months. The introduction of effective vaccines and the quick vaccine rollouts are giving everyone hope that there is light at the end of the tunnel. At the same time, a viral variant is causing another surge in COVID cases and creating some uncertainty about how the next six months might unfold.

Based on this new information, the Temple Israel Board of Directors and our professional staff are now considering possible revisions to our COVID-19 operating plan, with a focus on developing some improved policies and procedures for resumption of limited activities. You will be hearing more about this soon and, conditions permitting, the resumption of limited in-person activities in a safe manner. While we do this, we will continue to place strong weight on the guidance of our best medical experts. Our primary goal is to protect the health and lives of our congregants. At the same time, we also realize that members of our community intensely miss the opportunities for in-person worship. Their pain cannot be dismissed lightly.

We Jews have a long sense of history, and we ask that you please consider the future. In 10 years, when we look back on this situation we might realize, in retrospect, that we were a bit too slow to open. On the other hand, we could look back and conclude that we opened three months too early and risked spreading COVID among our community. While these decisions are decided by the entirety of the Temple Israel lay leadership, we strongly prefer to err on the side of caution, for just a bit longer.

Take care of yourselves, and we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Taste of the Jewish Cultural Festival drive-thru events!

Dan Young, President
Linda Novak, Vice President

Mazal Tov

...to **Anita Emoff** for the honor of being inducted into the Dayton Business Journal's Forty Under 40 Hall of Fame.

...to Beth Bainbridge and Corey Blant, who are expecting a baby in October this year. Proud grandparents-to-be are **Tom and Juli Bainbridge** and **Susie and Bernie Sweigart**.

...to **Dan and Jane Miller** on the engagement of their son Michael Miller to Jennifer Hirsh.

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This month we will wrap up our religious school year, and it has been an unprecedented year! I am ever grateful for our students and families who have taken this religious school year in stride as we navigated the challenges the COVID-19 pandemic has thrown at us. Without the dedication, flexibility, and creativity that our school community brought, this year would not have been successful. I am also ever grateful for what Grant Halasz, our rabbinic intern, has brought to the school this year with his energy and enthusiasm, and guitar, to keep us all motivated, thinking, and singing!

At the beginning of the year, I shared this message: *The question isn't, "How can they learn the V'ahava virtually in third grade?" Instead it's, "How can religious school be a source of constant*

love for third graders when the world is upside down?" (Posted 8/2/2020, @RogueShul.) This post quickly became my inspiration for the year. While I hope that our religious school, and all of Temple's activities, are nurturing to our children (and all), this year was especially a year to emphasize our love and care for our students through recognizing their needs and limitations in virtual learning. For our religious school teachers, it meant a year of teaching in an entirely different way, and to an extent, figuring it out as we went based on the pandemic. This year has not been easy, but, there have been many highlights.

I hope you will all join us on Zoom on Friday, May 7 as we celebrate our amazing teaching team and graduating seniors. And for those

involved in the religious school, I look forward to seeing you on May 16 for our final session in Temple's parking lot to close out this school year.

Our upside-down world is (hopefully) righting itself into a new normal. Next school year, God-willing, we will be joining in something resembling a typical year in our regular classrooms. But it won't look exactly as it did in the past. We are all different people now than we were a year ago. The question will still be about living the Jewish values that we teach, and not just teaching them. So as we reconnect, let the question not be about how to pick up where we left off, or about how to make up for lost time, but about reconnecting and moving forward, together.

Religious School's Early-Bird Deadline Is May 31—Enroll Now!

As the current school year draws to a close, we look forward to next school year, with the sincere hope of learning together in our physical classrooms.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL TUITION SCHEDULE 2021-22			
	Early Bird—Best Value! Register and Pay in Full by May 31	Regular Registration by August 12	Late Registration After August 12
Pre-School Pre-K	\$125	\$150	\$200
Grades K-2	\$285	\$310	\$360
Grade 3	\$595	\$645	\$695
Grades 4-7	\$750	\$800	\$850
Grade 8	\$450	\$475	\$525
Confirmation Grades 9 and 10 (includes RAC trip)	\$750	\$800	\$850
Book Fee due at registration (all grades except 9-10)	\$40	\$40	\$40

Enrollment is open for the 2021-22 year. Our comprehensive curriculum includes a progressive academic program as well as Jewish dance, music and art, while our experienced faculty makes learning fun for students in pre-K through tenth grade. All congregants with school-age children should receive registration materials by mail in early May. **Pay in full by May 31 and save.**

For more information about Temple's Religious School, which is open to anyone in the greater Dayton Jewish community, please contact Rabbi Sobo at educator@tidayton.org.

Need-based scholarships are available.
Contact Rabbi Tina Sobo or Suzanne Shaw to speak confidentially about financial aid.

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Robert L. Potter
father to Susan Thomsen

Rochelle Charles
 aunt to Nora Newsock

Bea Harris

Sylvia Singer
mother to Esther Green
grandmother to Adam & Deena Green

Ellen Elovitz

Fred Freed

Alan Holt
brother-in-law to Donna Holt
uncle to Jon Holt & Patty Caruso

Mitch Biondi
brother-in-law to Jon Holt & Patty Caruso
son-in-law to Donna Holt

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 every year after 60. If you prefer not to be listed, please call. If we omitted your name, call Ellen, and we will publish your name in the next issue.

June Birthdays

1 Lori Cohen	13 Daniel Cohn
2 Karin Hirschkatz	15 Doug Grimes
3 Thomas Shulman	18 Chuck Fried
3 Jim Duberstein	20 Monique Margolis
9 Ann Becker	24 Janice Cohn
10 Joan Wells	27 Carol Graff
12 Marla Harlan	30 Barbara Weprin

June Anniversaries

11 Joel and Linda Shapiro	celebrating 55 years
19 Kevin and Sarah Shatzkin	celebrating 10 years
26 Bob and Jewel Safferman	celebrating 63 years
30 Rick and Cathi Goldberg	celebrating 25 years

Taste of the Jewish Cultural Festival *continued from page 1*

CHILDREN: Special activity kits with interactive crafts and projects help to share the joy of Shavuot with our youngest attendees. These to-go boxes will also include clues to a secret escape room game online, created just for this event. Collect all of the clues to solve the final puzzle.

ENTERTAINMENT: Hand-selected music will feature Jewish artists in multiple genres. These tunes will be broadcast to your car radio during the event and will feature delightful and spirited performances from some of today's most popular musicians and bands.

CHARITY PARTNER: Giving back is important to us at Temple Israel and in May, we are partnering with The Foodbank. We encourage attendees to bring an item to donate to the Foodbank from their wish list: www.thefoodbankdayton.org/donate/. What better way to celebrate the sweetness of receiving the Torah than to give vital sustenance to those in our community who need it the most?

RAFFLE: To up the ante on the fun, each Taste of the Jewish Cultural Festival event will include a raffle prize package worth over \$500. In these prize bundles, you will find some of the best ways to experience Dayton and support your local businesses and vendors, while supporting Temple Israel at the same time.

Support Dayton Package (over \$500 value), includes gift cards and items from the following local businesses and merchants: Aullwood Audubon, Brim on Fifth, Dayton Optometric Center, Dayton Society of Natural History, Easterling Studios, Furst Florist, Hangar 937, Heart Mercantile, Jewish Federation of Greater Dayton, Jay and Mary's Book Center, K & G Bike Center, Let's Roam (Dayton Scavenger Hunt), McAlister's Deli, The Neon Movies and Pasha Grill.

Raffle tickets are 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10, and 7 for \$20 and will be available online (Ohio residents only) or at each event. Winners will be drawn immediately following each event and will be contacted to pick up their prize.

CRAFTS & MERCHANDISE: Take home a piece or two of the 2021 Taste of the Jewish Cultural Festival. Special festival merchandise will be available for purchase to commemorate this unique year.

VIRTUAL OY VEY 5K & CHAI CHALLENGE: Run or walk 5k in the Virtual Oy Vey 5k this June. Or, increase your mileage with the Chai Challenge and complete 18k in June, or for the ultimate endurance feat, register for the Triple Chai Challenge, committing to 18k per month from April – June (or just a total of 54k before June 1!). Whatever the distance, we will be right there with you (virtually), cheering on your efforts!

This is your opportunity to support Temple Israel and delve deeper into the celebration of one of our beloved holidays!

Tribute Donations

Temple gratefully acknowledges these gifts received during March 2021.

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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Eileen Litchfield

In Honor of the Special Birthday of

Burt Saidel

Mike Houser

In Memory of

Bea Harris

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Lillian Friedman

Lori Ohlmann

Monica Gaglione

John and Elaine Gaglione

Regina Gronefeld

Barb Gronefeld

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Barbara Stewart

Contributions Were Made To These Funds:

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

The **General Operating Fund** supports programs and activities in the current year.

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The **Block Social Action Fund** supports the work of Temple Israel's Social Action Committee.

The **Brotherhood Education Fund** supports the Ryterband Brotherhood Brunch Series.

The **Cemetery Operating Fund** maintains Riverview Cemetery.

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

The **Goldenberg Family High Holiday Fund** supports the high holiday services.

The **Rosalyn Greene Youth Services Fund** supports madrichim.

The **Hochman Family Education Fund** supports an educational program at Temple Israel.

The **Patterson Fund** provides grants to Temple Israel families to help them send their children to camp at GUCI.

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

The **Shirley Schatz Fund** supports Temple Israel's religious school.

The **Donenfeld Greenspace Fund** provides income to help beautify Riverview Cemetery and the grounds surrounding Temple Israel.

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

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 listed in TIDBits and read before Kaddish during Shabbat services.

April 30 and May 1

Chester Adler, Irma E. Asher, Francine Belcher, Jerome P. Bloom, Claudine (Sis) Friedman, Iris Goldflies, Beatrice Levine Greene, Barbara Michaelson Holt, Ida F. Jacobs, Leah Marie Karp, Rita Kohlhagen, Max Kohnop, Leona Leeds, Miriam B. Lessner, Brina Rose Levenson, Carl H. Lipton, Gerald Marvin Mayer, Wendy Ritter, Miles Rosen, Sue Rosenberg, Celina Rosenthal, Shirley Semmelman, Rebecca Y. Solgan, Sophie Tourkow, Louis Traxler, Rosa Wise

May 7 and 8

Bertha Asher, Henry Bader, Aaron Blau, Morton Block, Jack N. Brusik, Goldie R. Cohen, Melvin W. Denny, Fanny Finke, Sam Goldflies, Saul Green, Zelic A. Greene, Minnie Holz, Aaron Roth Klein, Julius Kohlhagen, Bennett A. Laderman, Mortimer Lanzit, Judith Lapedes, J. Henry Lebensburger, Maurice M. Linder, Sara Ebner Office, Reva S. Olch, Samuel Peal, Isaac Pollack, Julius Romann, Resi Romann, Simon S. Roth, Cora Schatzley, Eva T. Sherman

May 14 and 15

Sol Berke, Davida Block, Anna B. Cohen, Olive Margolis Frankel, Sophia Friesem, Libby G. Golden, Minnie Goldflies, Jerome A. Goldzwig, Lena B. Green, Shirley Greenfield, Florence Kahn Heyman, Felix Jacobs, Ben Kaufman, Morris Maierson, Philip D. Maimon, Rosalyn D. Malovany, D. Sterling Margolis, Benjamin Moyer, David Office, Milton S. Ross, Corinna Dagan Shapiro, Max Shulman, Tillie Weinberger, Joseph Weinreich, Laverne D. Zimmerman

May 21 and 22

Leonard Abramson, Isaac Bilenkin, Hannah Bloch, Robert Brackman, Adele R. Cohen, Ella Daneman, Harris Fleece, Nathan Gershow, Samuel J. Harris Sr., Rosetta R. Klein, Sidney A. Kottler, Emanuel Kritzer, Harry Leventhal, Rose Matusoff Levinson, Samuel Margolis, Louis R. Marks, Rose Meyer, Harry Patterson, Joseph N. Patterson, Florence Schwartz, Herbert Weprin

May 28 and 29

Joseph H. Bader, Rose Brenner Bader, Hattie F. Berdas, Fannie Bramson, Sarah L. Frank, Lora Heller, Abraham Herzstam, Lawson L. Jaffe, Joseph Jenefsky, Ruth F. Kimball, Aaron Klarin, Sarah Finklest Levy, Arthur David Mink, Fannie Budnick Nathan, Harry Rauh, Rose Rosichan, Gussie Rothenberg, Bertie Schwartz, Max Simon, Judah L. Smith, Goldie Witheiler Yaver, Hyman Zissen

Thanks to St. Vincent de Paul Casserole Cooks!

We look forward to participating in this program again. Thanks for your help!

Amy Margolin, Tom and Julie Bainbridge, Lonnie and Sarah Carpenter, Rita Dushman Rich, Lynn Goldenberg, Nancy and Rich Cohen, Rabbi Tina and Matt Sobo, Linda Novak, Ellie Kent, Jeff Stoller, Jan Boylan, Teresa Wyman, Rabbi Karen Bodley Halasz and Karin Hirschkatz.

May 2021

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT	
						1 Shabbat Emor <i>Torah: Leviticus 21:1-24:23</i> <i>Haftarah: Ezekiel 44:15-31</i>	
	<i>All events are virtual unless otherwise indicated</i>						9:15 a.m. Torah Study
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
8:45 a.m. Religious School	Noon Coffee with the Clergy				Shabbat B'har-B'chukotai <i>Torah: Leviticus 25:1-27:34</i> <i>Haftarah: Jeremiah 16:19-17:14</i>	6:30 p.m. Service Communal Dinner follows	9:15 a.m. Torah Study
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
8:45 a.m. Religious School	Noon Coffee with the Clergy	<i>Taste of the JCF pre-orders due!</i>	5:30 p.m. Executive Committee Mtg.		Shabbat B'midbar <i>Torah: Numbers 1:1-4:20</i> <i>Haftarah: Hosea 2:1-22</i>	9:15 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Service	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
9:00 a.m. Religious School Final Day in the Temple Israel Parking Lot 6:30 p.m. Shavuot Service & Confirmation	Noon Coffee with the Clergy	6:00 p.m. Rel. School Committee Mtg.	6:30 p.m. Taste of the JCF meeting		Shabbat Naso <i>Torah: Numbers 4:21-7:89</i> <i>Haftarah: Judges 13:2-25</i>	6:30 p.m. Service 9:15 a.m. Torah Study	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
	Noon Coffee with the Clergy				Shabbat B'haalot'cha <i>Torah: Numbers 8:1-12:16</i> <i>Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14-4:7</i>		
30 <i>Religious School Early Bird Registration Due</i>	31 <i>Memorial Day Office Closed</i>		6:00 p.m. Annual Meeting		6:30 p.m. Service	9:15 a.m. Torah Study	



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Annual Meeting

YOU are invited to Temple Israel's annual meeting on **Wednesday, May 26** at 6:00 p.m. We'll elect a slate of officers and directors. Join us on Zoom.



Join Us!
May 14
and
June 11
from
4-7 p.m.