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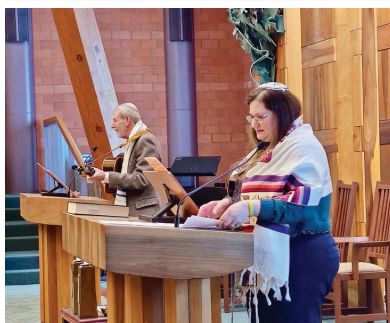
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Enjoy these fun pics from recent happenings at Temple Israel

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Temple Israel's ANNUAL MEETING

Join us on May 22 at 6:00 PM



Temple Israel's Annual Meeting
Wednesday, May 22 at 6:00 p.m.
Cost: Free
Light Refreshments will be served

Join us for Temple Israel's Annual Meeting as we come together to celebrate and reflect on the incredible accomplishments of the past year.

During the meeting we will install our new board members, pay tribute to the dedicated service of our outgoing board members, and recognize the outstanding contributions of this year's God Squad volunteers.

Outgoing Board Members to be recognized:

Katherine Cooper
Georgeann Godsey
Adriane Miller

RABBI'S MESSAGE

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES

By: Rabbi Tina Sobo



This month we conclude our 23-24 religious school year, and I always like to take this opportunity to look back on the year. As I reflected on the past couple of years, it was impossible to ignore the overarching theme of the pandemic and the uncertainty it ushered in. However, this year felt refreshingly different.

We began on a positive note, with school life returning to a semblance of normalcy, or at least as close to it as we could hope for. This allowed us to revisit some programming initiatives that had been adapted for social distancing or temporarily shelved, and even incorporate new elements without the stringent Covid precautions of the past. For our students, that meant more experiential, hands on, active learning. For our teachers, that meant stepping up our game in a different way for creativity and implementation.

We were able to introduce, or reintroduce, activities with food in the kitchen, a Jewish yoga and meditation session, a mental health training, our first-ever STEM specialist, multiple break-out/escape-room activities around the building, a new Hebrew Aleph-Bet curriculum, Maccabiah Challenges (Jewish/Israel Field Day) complete with an inflatable Gaga pit, and more.

That list includes some big, crazy, wild ideas that were imagined by students, teachers, parents, congregants, and myself — and brought to fruition with a team of teachers and lay leaders willing to go above and beyond — often coming early to set things up, meet midweek, and more.

You'll hear more about our teachers and madrichim at our Share Shabbat this month on May 3rd as we honor them. I encourage you to come to show your support and love to them. For those with rising religious-school aged children, this is a good way to meet some of the people you'll see in the coming years.

Next school year will begin with a picnic on August 11th and some other new-to-Temple fun, so wear your sneakers! Registration packets are available for children who will be 3 years old through 10th grade, and madrichim (teaching assistants) applications are open to all rising 9th-12th graders. If you need a packet, please contact the office or me directly. New students can set up a time to tour the school or visit during a session before we end the school year on **May 19. Early Bird registration ends May 31st** and helps significantly with getting the year ahead ready to be more amazing than this one! Thank you to the following for making this school year possible:

Teachers:

PreK — Josie Buchanan
K-2 — Carri Wallace
3-5 — Matt Sobo
6-8 — Fox Brewer
Hebrew — Catherine Embury

Specialists: Catherine Embury, Sarah Toher, Marcia Cox, Fox Brewer, Joan Schiml, & Tara Feiner

Madrichim: Antonio Chaiten, Hannah Dritz, Raven Wallace, Jay Prah

Need tuition assistance? Apply for a SEEDS Grant through the Jewish Federation of Greater Dayton for up to \$500 per child, which may be used towards Jewish educational experiences.

Visit <https://jewishdayton.org/program/the-seeds-project/> for more information about the program and to apply.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

REFLECTIONS ON MY MY FIRST YEAR AS PRESIDENT: STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY

By: Fran Rickenbach



My first year as president of Temple Israel has been both fascinating and enlightening. It's been a joy to forge connections with new members and deepen existing relationships with others in our community.

The cornerstone theme of my presidency is dedicated to

strengthening the Temple Israel community. I am delighted to have welcomed many new members to our congregation — both Jews by birth and Jews by choice — and look forward to each of them being an integral member of the Temple Israel community.

It has been a difficult year for all Jews around the world as we watched in horror the atrocities committed against Israel on October 7. Rabbi Emeritus David Sofian, who addressed the Ryterband Lecture Series shortly after the attack,

said it would be a long and difficult recovery of our hostages. While I listened closely to him, I hoped against hope he would not be right — but sadly, he was.

Even before October 7, the growing tide of antisemitism has touched Temple Israel. Thanks to the vigilant efforts of Suzanne Shaw, our Executive Director, coupled with the outstanding support from the Dayton Police Department, PLE Security and the Secure Community Network (SCN), our members continue to enjoy and worship in a safe environment.

I am writing my president's message on the day of the eclipse — a truly marvelous event to witness. And it occurs to me that even when most of the light is blocked, the corona still shines brightly — even more so due to the darkness around it.

It made me think about the Jewish people, especially our cherished Temple Israel community. It has always been our nature to celebrate the light and every time we strengthen the Temple Israel community, we help the light of Judaism shine against dark times.

TEMPLE ISRAEL WELCOMES NEW MEMBER



We are thrilled to announce **Jennifer Holman** as the newest addition to our Temple Israel family. When asked what it meant to be a new member of Temple Israel Jennifer replied, "I was introduced to Temple Israel at the Jewish Cultural Festival. I was overwhelmed by the warm welcome that I received throughout the day.

Months later, my stepmom and I were invited to join the 2023 Trip to Israel. I went expecting to experience all the wonders of a country that I had dreamed of going to since I was a child. I expected to experience God in a new way too. However, I did not expect to meet a group of people who have become some of my favorite people in the world. Everyone on the trip talked about the endless opportunities for me to become a part of the Temple Israel community. It was clear that my journey with this group was just beginning.

Today, as a new member I continue to feel welcomed and supported in this community. Temple Israel is truly a family to me. And I could not be more delighted to be an official member."

Join us in extending a warm and heartfelt welcome to Jennifer as she becomes a valued member of our congregation. Mazel Tov!

LEARNING

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LIVING WITH LOSS BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Friday, May 10 at 11:00 a.m.

Are you dealing with the loss of a loved one? Come join us for the Living With Loss bereavement group as we come together and provide comfort, kindness, and hope as we process our grief.

RSVP to the Temple office at 937.496.0050.

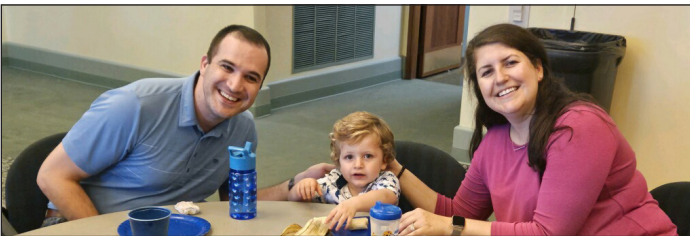
Walk-ins welcome!

LIVING WITH AMBIGUOUS LOSS

Thursday, May 16 at 3:30 p.m.

In the 1970s, Dr. Pauline Boss coined the term “ambiguous loss.” It refers to an unclear loss, one without official verification or immediate resolution. Today, families often experience this type of loss when a loved one suffers from dementia. The goal of this support group is to lift one another up by helping each other to recognize our losses and infuse them with new meaning.

RSVP to the Temple office at 937.496.0050. Walk-ins welcome!



PRAYER AND PLAY

Saturday, May 11 at 10:00 a.m.

Do you LOVE Shabbat? Come join us for a fun Shabbat morning! Prayer & Play is designed for tots through 2nd graders and their grown-ups (older siblings welcome too) for a low-stress way to introduce your children to Shabbat and our Temple family. We will join in the chapel at 10:00AM with prayer and song, and will plan to end our program at the same time as the congregational service, which will be followed by the Kiddush Lunch.



RYTERBAND LECTURE SERIES WITH RABBI KAREN BODNEY-HALASZ

Sunday, May 12 at 9:45 a.m.

Topic: Creation, Revelation and Redemption: Finding Meaning in the Prayerbook

Cost: \$7 per person

Rabbi Karen Bodney-Halas will explore the way our liturgy reflects foundational concepts in Jewish theology. Through the lens of Creation, Revelation, and Redemption, we will look at how Jewish liturgy invites worshipers to find meaning in their connection to God, their sacred history, and their ultimate destiny.

MILESTONES

BAR MITZVAH OF MILES YOUNG

Miles Gideon Young, son of **Patricia and Dan Young**, will be called to the Torah as Bar Mitzvah on **Saturday, May 18th at 10:30a.m.** He is (so far) the shorter brother to Eugene Young and taller brother to Aviva Young. Miles is the grandson of Catherine Blaskey of Kettering, Ohio, and Natalie and John Young of Woodridge, Illinois. He was blessed with a close relationship with maternal great-grandmother Shirley Pappachristou and paternal great-parents Albert and Evelyn Brodzinsky.

Miles is a seventh grader at Miami Valley School whose interest includes marine biology and his beloved dog, Maple. When he isn't studying, look for Miles on the courts playing tennis and listen for him singing Bing Crosby or other crooner classics.

Miles is an empathetic young man who intuitively cares for elders and younger children. It bothered him greatly to learn that children living at the St. Vincent's family shelter lack access to items that most children take for granted to have a healthy, active, outdoorsy summer. One part of his Bar Mitzvah project is coordinating donations for everything from sunscreen to sandals, swim trunks to sidewalk chalk. The need is great, please consider donating. He is also working on a longer term project to help families celebrate their children's birthdays with joy and dignity while residing at the shelter.

Miles and his family would like to thank the Sunday school staff and especially Rabbi Sobo for helping him throughout the Bar Mitzvah journey. We forgive her for encouraging him to apply trope onto everyday English conversations — trust the process. **Mazel Tov!**



CHEERS TO THE CLASS OF 2024!



As the class of 2024 steps into the next chapter of their lives, we extend our heartfelt congratulations and a resounding Mazel Tov to the following graduating seniors:

Alexis Becker
Brianna Becker
Caitlyn Becker
Laila Blumer

Antonio Chaiten
Liam MacDonald
Judah Schwartz
Matthew Stomel

We celebrate your accomplishments and eagerly anticipate the bright futures that await each and every one of you. Mazel Tov, graduates! **Join us for Share Shabbat on Friday, May 3** as we recognize and pay tribute to our graduating seniors, religious school teachers and madrachim.

If you have a graduating high school senior that we have missed, please call the office at 937.496.0050.

MAZEL TOV!



Mazel Tov to Tim and Robin Moore on the birth of their grandson, Isaac Edward Greene, who was born on April 1. Proud parents are Karen and Sam Greene of Cincinnati.

Mazel Tov to Aviva Lauren Young who will graduate on May 12 from Carnegie Mellon University with a Bachelor's of Science in Mechanical Engineering and a minor in Biomechanical Engineering. Proud parents are **Dan and Patricia Young**.

Anniversaries

Temple recognizes member wedding anniversaries every 5 years and every year after 60.

June

6 Arthur and Carol Cohn celebrating 60 years
9 Mel and Jan Berman celebrating 61 years

13 Miriamne Krummel and Matt Adkins celebrating 20 years
14 Marc and Maureen Sternberg celebrating 55 years
17 Jack and Barb Gerbs celebrating 40 years
18 Mitchell and Sara Faust celebrating 35 years
22 David and Joan Marcus celebrating 55 years
24 Martin and Joan Holzinger celebrating 62 years
24 Jay and Esther Weiss celebrating 40 years
25 Gary and Shelley Dickstein celebrating 35 years
28 Tom and Juli Bainbridge celebrating 15 years

Birthdays

Temple recognizes member birthdays beginning at age 35 every 5 years and then annually starting at age 85.

June

3 James Duberstein
3 Thomas Shulman
4 Rebecca John, Jr.
10 Timothy Moore
13 Dena Mason-Zied
13 Daniel Cohn
17 Nancy Donenfeld
18 Chuck Fried
27 Carol Graff
28 Rachel Shon
28 Barbara Myers

Please call Temple if you do not wish to be listed or if you were omitted from the list.

NEW IN THE LIBRARY

The Holocaust: An Unfinished History
by Dan Stone

Beyond Breaking the Glass: A Spiritual Guide to Your Jewish Wedding
by Rabbi Nancy H. Wiener

The Year of Mourning: A Jewish Journey
by Rabbi Lisa D. Grant

Judaism Is About Love: Recovering the Heart of Jewish Life
by Shai Held

The Last Ships from Hamburg: Business, Rivalry and the Race to Save Russia's Jews on the Eve of World War I
by Steven Ujifusa

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.

May 3 and 4

Francine Carla Belcher, Goldie R. Cohen, Janice Davies-May, Melvin W. Denny, Iris Goldflies, Beatrice Levine Greene, Zelic A. Greene, Ida F. Jacobs, Leah Marie Karp, Rita Kohlhagen, Julius Kohlhagen, Max Kohnop, Judith Lapedes, Miriam B. Lessner, Carl H. Lipton, Sara Ebner Office, Reva S. Olch, Miles Rosen, Celina Rosenthal, Cora A. Schatzley, Shirley Semmelman, Michael R. Shane, Sophie Tourkow, Louis Traxler, Rosa Wise

May 10 and 11

Bertha Asher, Henry Bader, Aaron Blau, Dr. Morton Block, Jack N. Brusk, Fanny Finke, Olive Margolis, Frankel, Sam Goldflies, Jerome A. Goldzwig, Saul Green, Florence Kahn Heyman, Minnie Holz, Felix Jacobs, Aaron Roth Klein, Bennett A. Laderman, Mortimer Lanzit, J. Henry Lebensburger, Maurice M. Linder, Dr. Philip D. Maimon, David Office, Samuel Peal, Isaac Pollack, Julius Romann, Resi Romann, Dr. Milton S. Ross, Simon S. Roth, Eva T. Sherman, Joseph O. Weinreich, Laverne D. Zimmerman

May 17 and 18

Sol Berke, Isaac Bilenkin, Davida Block, Robert Brackman, Anna B. Cohen, Adele R. Cohen, Ella Daneman, Harris Fleece, Sophia Friesem, Libby G. Golden, Minnie Goldflies, Lena B. Green, Shirley Greenfield, Samuel J. Harris, Sr., Rosetta R. Klein, Dr. Sidney A. Kottler, Harry E. Leventhal, Morris Maieron, Rosalyn D. Malovany, D. Sterling Margolis, Louis R. Marks, Benjamin Moyer, Joseph N. Patterson, Harry Patterson, Florence Schwartz, Corinna Dagan Shapiro, Max Shulman, Tillie Weinberger

May 24 and 25

Leonard W. Abramson, Hannah Bloch, Sarah L. Frank, Dr. Erika Garfunkel, Nathan Gershow, Joseph Jenefsky, Ruth F. Kimball, Aaron Klarin, Emanuel Kritzer, Rose Matusoff Levinson, Sarah Finklest Levy, Samuel Margolis, Rose Meyer, Harry Rauh, Rose Rosichan, Max Simon, Cantor Judah L. Smith, Herbert Weprin, Hyman Zissen

May 31 and June 1

Rose Brenner Bader, Joseph H. Bader, Hattie F. Berdas, Fannie Bramson, William L. Fleece, Bertha Levin Goldberg, Sarah Gralnick, Lora Heller, Abraham Herzstam, Lawson L. Jaffe, Silvia Margolis, Arthur David Mink, Gussie Rothenberg, Thomas Rutmann, Isadore Sajovitz, Bertie Schwartz, Goldie Witheiler Yaver, Joseph A. Zissen

TEMPLE ISRAEL MOURNS WITH THE FAMILY OF BOB KAHN
WHO PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 2.



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MEMORABLE MOMENTS ENJOYED BY THE TEMPLE ISRAEL COMMUNITY



Top Row (L TO R) Rabbi Sobo and Rabbi Bodney-Halasz, JCF Bakers Linda Novak, Marty Toher and Carol Finley, Jacob Evans. Middle Row(L TO R) Newish to Jewish, Hillary Katchman and Laurel Embury, Rich and Nancy Cohen. Bottom Row (L TO R) Purim Fun with Dory Kleinholt, Jonah Halasz, Sam Baumhauer, Jacob Evans, Share Shabbat with Genevieve Davidson, Rachel Sobo, Addie Zeisloft, Stephanie Sobo and Dani Sobo, and Jennifer Holman.



**Jewish culture, food,
friends and fun!**

Make plans to join us!

11am to 7pm

June 9

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1 10:00 AM Torah Queeries @ the home of Skip & Ann Becker	2	3 6:00 PM Share Shabbat & Potluck Dinner for Teacher Appreciation and Senior Sendoff	4 9:15 AM Virtual Torah Study Acharei Mot <i>Leviticus 16:1-18:30</i> <i>Haftarah: Ezekiel 22:1-19</i>
8:45 AM Religious School 11:00AM JCF Baking Noon Aseret, The Big 10 4:00 PM Yom Hashoah at Beth Jacob	6 3:00 PM Worship and Music	7 Noon Hybrid Talmud Study 6:30 PM JCF Meeting	8 10:00 AM Torah Queeries @ the home of Skip & Ann Becker 5:30 PM Executive Committee	9	10 11:00 AM Living With Loss 6:10 PM Schmooze & Nosh 6:30 PM Shabbat Services	9:15 AM Multi Access Torah Study 10:00 AM Prayer & Play 10:30 AM Shabbat Service Noon Israeli Themed Kiddush Lunch K'doshim <i>Leviticus 19:1-20:27</i> <i>Haftarah: Amos 9:7-15</i>
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 Contact Judy Heller at 937-422-1529 to sign up.

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