

# Annual Report 2022-23



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Rabbi Yaron Kapitulnik

Lucky 13!

## Message from **Rabbi Yaron Kapitulnik**

Recently, while checking in to a big hotel in Tel Aviv. I overheard a conversation between a guest and the employee at the reception desk. The guest was assigned to a room on the 13th floor and wanted to be moved to a different floor, in fact they were very surprised that a hotel in Israel would even have a 13th floor to begin with! And I can understand that surprise -in most hotels and skyscrapers in the USA there is no 13th floor. We have gotten so used to the fact that the number 13 represents bad luck (a phenomenon known as "triskaidekaphobia") that we treat this superstition so naturally.

Why the number 13 became a symbol of bad luck is not clear. Many believe it originated with the church and the story of the 13th participant in the Last Supper, Judah, the apostle who betrayed Jesus, but there are many theories revolving around the question. I believe the answer might be as simple as the fact of its chance juxtaposition with the number 12. After all, 12 represents goodness and perfection, the 12 months of the year, the 12 tribes of Israel, the 12 hours on our watches or the 12-inch ruler.

13 is just an "uncomfortable" number. But not in Israel, not if you are Jewish.

In our tradition 13 has positive associations: the 13 attributes of

God, the age in which one become responsible for following the commandments and is seen as an adult in the eyes of the Jewish Community, the 13 principles of faith as described by Maimonides, Jacob who had 13 children, and the fact that according to Jewish numerology (Gematria) the word for love (ahava) and the word for One (echad) have the value of 13! And yes - we do have 13 months in what we know as a leap year- and when we have a leap year the added month Adar II is considered the happiest of months!

And I tell you all this because this year is indeed a good year for me. This year I completed my 13th year of serving as a Rabbi at Temple Judea.

Few people know that when I was in my last year of rabbinic school, I worked both at Temple Judea (on the weekends) and at the Meyer Academy (part-time on Mondays and Tuesdays). I did that because, at the time, I was not sure if my rabbinic journey was leading me to congregational life, or as an educator in a Jewish school or institution. Very early on this journey I knew the answer, I knew that I wanted the sense of community and spirituality that can be found only in a temple community. But while the goal was clear - the path was not. Temple Judea was a much smaller temple, it

was struggling financially, it did not have the financial capacity, nor the need to bring in an additional rabbi, and while it was the warm, friendly, joyous, and welcoming home it still is, it lacked a few components that I was looking for in a temple for my own sense of spirituality and faith.

As I sit and reflect on the past 13 years that I have had the privilege of being part of this temple, I cannot be prouder of the journey we have taken; it was not always easy, yet always challenging in a good way, forcing us to be creative, intentional and innovative- to realize that with every answer and solution found to a challenge -new ones were created. As we gather for our annual meeting this year, I wanted to share just a few reflections of the milestones along this journey.

In the last 13 years we have gone through major staff changes, moving from a temple with two different cantorial soloists to a solid presence of a cantor and today even a "Sheni" a second permanent supportive soloist. We had an amazing transition between our founding Rabbi Joel Levine and myself, and now we are blessed with the presence of Rabbi Feivel Strauss as our assistant Rabbi and Rabbi Rose Durbin as a part-time rabbi on our team. We have built an amazing administrative staff, all well experienced, professional and highly motivated who bring forth nothing but excellence in all we do and offer.

After 13 years - I believe we have reached a point in our journey where the foreseeable future looks solid, and I am happy to share with you that just recently I have renewed my contract at Temple Judea and will continue to serve my beloved TJ family into the future years.

13 years ago, as the founding members remember with nostalgia, there were months in which specific donors were approached, every month to help pay that month's bills and payroll. With the growth of our temple (from 350 families to over 700 in 2023) and the re-envisioning of our fundraising efforts and work, we are now operating in a different ballpark, and having established an endowment, which still needs to grow, it is not only the near future, but also that decades ahead look more secure than they ever were.

13 years ago, we started using the new "Mishkan Tefillah" siddurim, I remember very well how I raised the money to buy 100 books, knowing that on average we had about 50 congregants on a Friday night, and being optimistic we can grow it to at least 80 or 90! Today, as you well know - most weeks, especially in winter, we are full with well over 200 people praying together. In the last 13 years we have established a tradition of many different spiritual practices, from Monday and Thursday minyans to healing services, from a deep and meaningful Selichot service to the most joyous Simchat Torah services and more.

13 years ago, our connection to Israel was very different. In the last 13 years we have taken several temple trips to Israel including an interfaith mission. We have established a beautiful relationship with Rabbi Nir Barkin and Yozma, our sister congregation in Modi'in, Israel. We have a temple "Israel Grant" supporting progressive Judaism in Israel as well as many other educational opportunities related to Israel.

In the past 13 years we have increased our visibility in the community, engaging in strong interfaith work and recently a stronger focus on social justice and social action work. Interfaith services have become an annual tradition and social justice and social action efforts are on-going year-round.

There are two things that have NOT changed in the last 13 years. The first are the amazing members of our TJ Family - YOU are what makes this temple what it is. The level of enthusiasm, commitment, love, curiosity, open mindedness - that YOU ALL exhibit are what allows us to continue to build and grow from strength to strength. The second is our amazing lay leaders, from board members to volunteers- with their love of Joyous Judaism, with their sense of inspiration to act and with the trust given to the professional team - those have never changedand I pray to God that they never will.

So, as we mark this special time in our temple's story, I will say to you, my congregation, the same thing I say to every Bar and Bat Mitzvah at Temple Judea on their 13th year celebration, this is not the end, it is just the beginning! Thank you all for being an amazing part of this amazing journey!

### Rabbi Yaron Kapitulnik



Rabbi Feivel Strauss



Cantor Abbie Strauss

# From Rabbi Feivel and Cantor Abbie Strauss

As parents of three young children, and who both happen to be clergy, we take the commandment, "VeShinantam LeVanecha", you shall teach them to your children, to heart, not only in our own home, but also at Temple Judea. Being our young families' partners in guiding their children on their Jewish journeys is an honor and privilege and one that we hope to infuse with joy, wonder, and curiosity. We believe that our joyous approach to Jewish education helps foster a holistic approach to being Jewish that nourishes both the mind and the heart.

This past year at TJ, we are delighted by the number of new families, the engagement of our families, and the deepening relationships and connections that are being formed.

We begin with our once-a-month TJ Tot program with Cantor Abbie on Sunday mornings or Friday nights. Themed to holidays, Cantor Abbie engages the families with song, instruments and stories. This interactive, music-based adult and me experience for our toddlers is a great way for new parents to find community and build friendships.

Our YEP (Youth Education Program) program, which serves kindergarten through 6th graders, grew to over 100 students this past year with several classes reaching capacity. This year we focused on values that we hope our students will embrace and use as a guide in their lives - such as: love one's neighbor as yourself, caring for animals, being grateful, being patient, being generous, and being a good neighbor. This of course was also combined with lessons from the Torah, Hebrew language and prayer, and weekly electives like music, art, cooking, sports etc. And while the curriculum is important, what stands out to me the most is when our parents mention that after their children spend a few hours with us on Sunday morning, they come home in a great mood, happy and relaxed. That is truly our goal - to instill a love of being Jewish - with encouragement for thought provoking conversations, finding one's own voice, feeling a sense of belonging, creating traditions, and building friendships.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank our amazing teachers and madrichim (youth leaders) who truly made this year a huge success. Mirjam Milbauer - Kindergarten; Bobbie Miller / Laurie Toback - First Grade: Lara Wanuck - Second Grade: Rebecca Michalski - Third Grade; Scott Podradchik - Fourth Grade; Helen Graber - Fifth Grade; Rabbi Rose - Hebrew Language; Haviva Lapkin - Hebrew Language. (In case you were wondering who taught sixth grade- that was me....in this upcoming year I think it will serve as a great benefit with Bar/Bat Mitzvah training as I have already developed strong bonds with the upcoming B'nei Mitzvah class).

Following our YEP program, we get to really engage one-on-one with our Bar/Bat Mitzvah students and this past year we celebrated fourteen B'nei Mitzvah. Each student works with each of the clergy on various aspects of their preparation. Cantor Abbie works on the specific Torah and Haftorah chanting as well as prayer chanting and the overall service. Rabbi Yaron meets with the families and discusses the Shema and the V'ahavtah prayer and together they hang a mezuzah in their home. And I have the honor of working with each child on their D'Var Torah and their speech. This intense study gives us the opportunity to form a much closer bond with each child, and with each family.

We also want to wish a special Mazel Tov to our 2023 Confirmation class! For the first time since Covid, we have a wonderful group of high school students who have been studying and volunteering on Sundays as part of their confirmation class requirements. One highlight from this past year was when they hosted a Holocaust survivor and invited teens from St. Mark's Episcopal Church to join them at temple. Not only did our teens take part in an experience they will always remember, but they also acted as leaders and ambassadors for our temple and the Jewish community helping to fight antisemitism.

Our successful RUACH youth group for our 3-5th graders and our Juicy Jr. for our middle schoolers is a way for our youth to build community. From bowling to mini golf, we were able to nurture friendships, have some good old fun and fortify Jewish identity for our emerging teens. I would like to acknowledge Rebecca Michalski, a teacher in our YEP program, and our youth group coordinator for her hard work in planning and organizing all our youth group events! I am tremendously excited to watch these programs grow, especially as I am getting to know these youngsters in elementary school, mentor them through their Bar and Bat Mitzvahs and now have the foundation to work with them during their teenage years.

Each year we are going from strength to strength, and we are so grateful that Temple Judea is the home for Jewish life for so many Jewish youth and their families. They feel at home here because they are experiencing real moments of connection. The fact that so many families are demonstrating their dedication and commitment to bringing their children to Temple Judea is a huge testament that our families appreciate the Joyous Judaism we offer here at temple.

We are thankful that we too are blessed by their presence, their questions, and their Jewish experiences that are essential to what makes TJ so special. We want them to feel the joy of being Jewish, on the playground, in the classroom, and hanging out with their friends. We are truly grateful to our teachers, madrichim, and parent partners, who are helping us raise the next generation of Jewish leaders!

L'Dor Va Dor...may we all continue to inspire and shape those who come after us.

### Rabbi Feivel and Cantor Abbie Strauss



### Jason Haselkorn

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## President's Message

Dear TJ Family:

As I end my first official year as President of Temple Judea, I am delighted to report that after a few challenging years during the pandemic, TJ has never been stronger. In fact, we are thriving - as seen in our a tremendous growth in membership (net +50 members). the formation of the Rabbi's Circle, a group of our temple's most philanthropic givers, very high level of participation of our membership in both our High Holy Day appeal and Cantor Abbie's inaugural concert, a religious school that is educating over 100 students - more than in any prior year, and robust attendance on both any given Friday night as well as throughout the week and at special events. We are blessed to hit or exceed our targeted budget year after year (see the Treasurer's Report for more detailed financial information) and fortunately our board meetings are truly focused on policy, not problems.

When I first agreed to join TJ's board, many years ago, I was cautioned that temple boards can be unpleasant to serve on, to say the least, that the 21st century is a hard time for temples, that people aren't choosing to affiliate and that I would spend countless hours on the phone/ computer dealing with issues, drama, politics, and kvetching. Nothing could be farther from my experience. So, what do I attribute this "miracle on Hood Road" to?

### A Strong Foundation

Our founding and long-time members, Rabbi Joel, and past presidents and board members who served to set us on the right course, and who all contributed toward putting us in a place to now succeed going forward.

We have built upon that strong foundation, and today our success can be traced to several factors:

### Our Dynamic Clergy Team

First, and foremost, to our dynamic, inspiring, kind, clever, and flexible Senior Rabbi, Rabbi Yaron Kapitulnik. It is hard to imagine anyone visiting us on a Friday night and not being swept up in his charisma. And while it does "take a village" to run an organization - without his leadership and vision, the temple simply wouldn't be able to fulfill its motto, "Joyous Judaism that Inspires Action." Additionally, as we all know how important a clergy's ability to lead worship, to teach, and to guide is, it is equally, if not even more important, for a clergy to be able to offer pastoral care and for us to have a sense of connection to our clergy. For me, and I hope for each of you, Rabbi Yaron has been that listening ear, a sounding board, and a shoulder when needed. He is truly unique, and our temple is blessed to have him as our spiritual leader and official "oy" to "joy" facilitator!

So, in an effort to keep our momentum in a positive direction, let me add that it is with a lot of joy, and pride, that I want to share with you that Rabbi Yaron and our Executive Director, Morli have both recently signed new contracts with TJ that will carry us into 2028/29.

Back to our clergy team, because we all know that Rabbi Yaron doesn't do it alone. Many thanks to Rabbi Feivel, Cantor Abbie and Rabbi Rose for each adding their unique talents and helping make the clergy team at Temple Judea truly an outstanding group of individuals who together form an incredibly dynamic team!

Rabbi Feivel is a kind, patient, empathetic, and soulful. His love of learning is evident. He continues to teach both adults and children – holding a monthly lunch and learn, weekly Torah study, Hebrew language classes, Bar/Bat Mitzvah training and D'Var Torah development, confirmation class and of course, his role in our religious school as both a six-grade teacher and Education Director of our religious school. I am proud to share that our school is thriving with continued growth and new families joining almost every month. In fact, our school is doing so well we are almost at capacity in several grades!

Cantor Abbie - This year we were all so privileged to experience Cantor Abbie's first concert, Seasons of Love. I know that I speak for everyone who was present, that it was truly a highlight of the year, a night filled with warmth, laughs, and a feeling of belonging. And we are blessed that it is not just a once-a-year phenomenon. but rather something we feel every time we hear her prayerful voice, be it during her musical shabbats like Broadway Shabbat and Barbra Streisand Shabbat - or High Holy Days with an Avinu Malkeinu that touches our souls - to the supportive healing services or to the weekly Hashkivienu that helps us calm our minds. And I would be remiss not to thank Cantor Abbie for of her hard work with our B'nei Mitzvah students - which she invests her heart, soul, and time with to ensure they develop their own love of Judaism.

Finally, our most recent addition, Rabbi Rose. I am very proud that as a temple we have made a commitment to social action and social justice and added Rabbi Rose to our team as a part-time clergy to lead this charge. Under her leadership, Temple Judea has not only been out in the community volunteering monthly, helping make our world a better place, but we have participated in classes, and she has given sermons that remind us of our role as Jews to be God's partners in this world. This past year, our TJ Tikkun Olam Team, has impacted countless individuals and I am very excited for us to continue to expand our impact in the upcoming year.

#### **Our Invested Members**

As I mentioned, our temple is so lucky to have YOU as our members. You

are committed, generous, thoughtful, and involved. Because of YOU we never have finances stand in the way of membership. Because of YOU we are financially sound. Because of YOU we can be a caring community that supports each other and our community. Because of YOU our sanctuary is filled with prayerful voices on a regular basis. And because of YOU we are educating the next generation of Jews who will make our world a better place!

So many of YOU have donated generously, whether it be in time, effort, and money. Our temple is here because of YOU, and it is only getting better and stronger with your contributions.

On a similar note, I also want to thank all our Legacy Donors - a full listing can be found is this annual report. Our fund has grown to over \$4.2MM since its inception in 2013. Legacy giving is an ideal way to continue your commitment and contribute to TJ without having an impact on your dayto-day lifestyle.

### Our Thoughtful Lay Leadership

I want to personally thank my current and past members who have and are serving on the Board of Trustees. Their thoughtful questions, considerate perspective, and time dedicated helped make my job easier. Our Board meetings are respectful, timely, constructive, and directed and that is a credit to the individuals as well as a team effort focused on making Temple Judea even better every chance that we get.

I also want to thank all our volunteers. Temple Judea has always had a culture that supports every member – from the newest to the most senior (or "wisest" as Rabbi Yaron likes to teach) – working together to create a sacred community and a warm, welcoming environment. This year, like those in the past, you were there – in traditional and non-traditional ways. To all who participated and contributed in ANY way, thank you so much for the most precious gift - the gift of your time!

#### **Our Professional Staff**

Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't thank our incredible professional staff at TJ. Unlike other temples. our staff has had no turnover, and I believe this consistency is a key driver of TJ's success. So much credit goes to Morli Josza, our Executive Director, who has been with TJ 11 years. Her ability to see the big picture, plan long-term, and still deliver the details and execute the policies on a day-to-day basis is truly a talent that has helped TJ become what it is today and continue on such a positive path going forward. She keeps our clergy team focused and all our "trains running on time" and her creativity infuses a unique spark that is always looking for different ways to improve on what we already have. Ellen Lint, Office Manager, has been with TJ since 2001. Mindy Rosenberg, Bookkeeper, has been with TJ since 2006. Randi Herman, Administrative Assistant, has been with TJ since 2012. Pat Sensat, Membership Coordinator, has been with TJ since 2015. Every one of us that has had personal interaction with them at any level can attest to their attention to detail, commitment to a standard of excellence, and their individual kindness, and genuine care for our temple community, and it is evident and demonstrated everyday. Together, they are our professional team - both in title and in output.

And now, as we look to our next year, our foundation is solid (and our roof will be soon as well) - our temple's future is bright, and I look forward to joining YOU in creating new memories, milestones, and connections in our year to come.

#### With gratitude,

### Jason Haselkorn

## Treasurer's Report 2022/23

Temple Judea's fiscal year runs from June - May. However, we create and approve our budget in March. As such, the budget for the 2022/23 fiscal year that was approved by our Finance Committee was developed with some uncertainty regarding re-engagement post-pandemic, and we budgeted for a very conservative growth of +6 net new members. I am delighted to report that we far exceeded our estimates and in thanks to +50 net new members, and outstanding participation in our High Holy Day Appeal and our Cantor's concert - we are ending this year with a surplus which will be applied to our capital fund.

As you should be aware, unlike other temples, TJ does not have a building fund and we have not had any assessments in recent history. Our capital fund is used for any capital improvements – like our parking lot, repairs, new equipment etc.

### Membership:

Temple Judea has a total membership of 707 households, with 636 paying members (vs. 585 paying members last year). We had 86 new paying families join Temple Judea this fiscal year and 36 resignations. We had budgeted for a net of +6 members and the significant number of new members vs. budget is a key factor to our strong financial gain this year.

### Dues:

Temple Judea's primary source of income is dues. Dues were budgeted to cover 56% of the temple's operating budget this fiscal year. Again, due to the significant number of new members, dues will cover 62% of our operating budget. Importantly, one of the core values of Temple Judea is to keep our doors open to anyone wishing to be a member, regardless of their ability to pay dues. We are very grateful to our members who continue to donate to our Chai and Golden Chai Societies which are above and beyond their commitment to make this possible.

### **Fundraising:**

Temple Judea relies on its annual fundraising to help offset the difference in expenses vs. dues collected. This year, thanks to our successful High Holy Day appeal and to Cantor Abbie's concert, Seasons of Love, we were able to offset the shortage of dues collected, as well as many other sources of income that did not materialize this past year - like High Holy Day ticket sales, oneg sponsoring, catering, rentals and the absence of other fundraisers.

### Endowment:

Please see the separate page in this report which highlights all of our members who have made a legacy gift of \$5,000+ to Temple Judea either through a cash gift, their wills, insurance, bequests or trusts. Thank you to all the members who have made an endowment commitment helping us solidify our temple's future.

### **Capital Expenditures:**

This past year we were able to implement several capital improvements.

First, I would like to personally thank Rita and Burt Tansky for their generous gift to beautify TJ's property. If you haven't already, please check out our building's new exterior paint and landscaping.... in thanks to the Tanskys, TJ's exterior matches the energy of what happens inside the building!

Next, I would like to thank Beryl and Bob Schneider for their generous gift to literally keep a roof over TJ's head. Our new roof is scheduled for next fiscal year.

Since, Temple Judea does not have a building fund, nor are members

Keith Paulus,

Treasurer

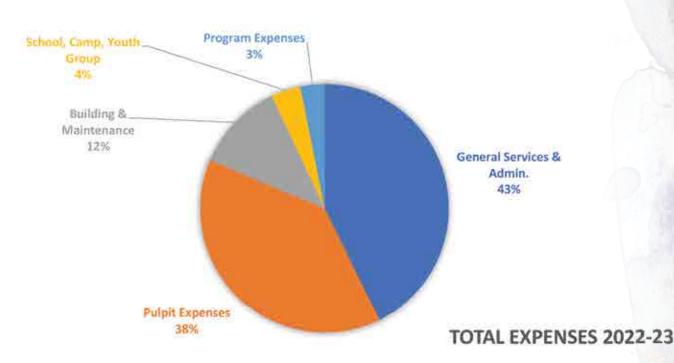
assessed for capital expenses, we fund these costs from either a generous gift, such as the Tanskys or Schneiders, or from our balance sheet and our savings. This past year, TJ funded sealing and striping the parking lot and a new water fountain.

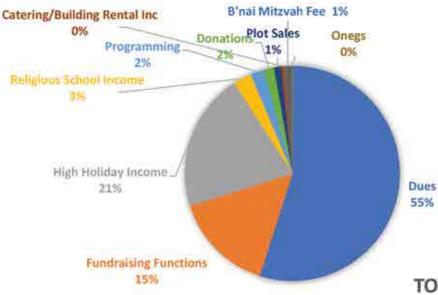
### Dues / Fundraising this upcoming fiscal year:

As we look ahead to this next fiscal year, the board has approved a 2% increase in dues. This is significantly lower than the current inflation rate. For 2023/24, we are budgeting a "normal" year. We will be sending membership renewals in May, and we want to thank you in advance for your continued support, membership, and commitment to our temple, our community, our temple's clergy, and staff.

Respectfully,

### keith Paulus





TOTAL INCOME 2022-23

# We are most grateful to our members for donating the most precious gift...their time!

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**To all our monthly sandwich makers..... THANK YOU!** Together we donated almost 10,000 sandwiches to St. George's Soup Kitchen during this past year

To all our social action volunteers - be it at the Palm Beach County Food Bank, Feeding Hope Village, Paint Your Heart Out, Quantum House, Palm Beach Gardens High School and many more. Thank you for helping us be God's partners to make our world a better place!

To our knitters who donated over 758 blankets to St. Mary's Children's Hospital, Homesafe, Family Promise and Harmony House – a shelter for women suffering from domestic violence and to Isabel Berg, Chairperson, for coordinating and delivering all of our creations!

To all our donors to our various drives like the High Holy Day Food Drive, the Furry Friends Foster/Adoption Pet collection, the holiday toy drive for Jack Nicklaus' Children's Hospital, the VA Thanksgiving Baskets, the VA Baby Shower and many more!

To all our helpers who stuffed countless envelopes, prepared the monthly publications, ran countless errands, picked up donations, helped with technology, volunteered at our school, and were there when we cried, "HELP!"

Thank You!

# Rabbi's Circle

Formed in June of 2020, to ensure the long-term stability of the temple, the Rabbi's Circle, continues to grow and we are so blessed that these families have joined hands to enhance our temple's foundation.

We are so grateful to these pioneering households whose commitment and generosity support our vision and dreams!

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For more information about the Rabbi's Circle, please contact Morli Josza at 561-624-4633 or morli@gotj.org.

### Legacy Society

As the Talmud says,

"I did not find the world desolate when I entered it, and as my ancestors planted for me before I was born, so do I plant for those who will come after me."

We are grateful to the following members for their endowment gifts which will help ensure that the Jewish traditions, and our sacred home, will exist for future generations. They are indeed planting for those who will come after them. If you are interested in making a legacy gift to Temple Judea, be it cash, or through a will or bequest, please contact Morli Josza, Executive Director, at 561-624-4633.

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