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MOVING TO TWO SERVICES



Rabbi Yaron Kapitulnik
Rabbi Wendy Pein, DD
Cantorial Soloist Kaylene Cole
Rabbi Joel Levine, DD, Rabbi Eméritas

Why Temple Judea Chose the Co-Senior Rabbi Model

Dear Friends,

After our festive and dramatic announcement last month, and the introduction of Rabbi Josh Franklin as our new Co-Senior Rabbi, I wanted to take a moment to share with you, in depth, some of the reasons behind this decision.

This wasn't a quick choice. It emerged from a long process of reflection, born from our hardship and disappointment with the traditional model of hiring a younger, less experienced assistant or associate rabbi, and from a clear-eyed recognition that leading a vibrant, growing 800+ household congregation in today's world requires something more complex, more multifaceted.

Let me tell you what I've witnessed. Fifteen years ago, when I came to Temple Judea, the scope of congregational leadership was already demanding. Today? It's exponentially more complex. We're talking about pastoral care for increasingly diverse family structures, sophisticated adult education, complex ritual innovation, engagement with Israel during unprecedented challenges, interfaith relationship-building, social justice activism, organizational management, fundraising—and navigating the rapidly changing landscape of American Jewish life. Add to this the emotional labor of lifecycle events, crisis counseling, and holding space for congregants across the political and theological spectrum. It's nearly impossible for one person to excel at all of this comprehensively.

Modern rabbinic leadership requires expertise in theology and text, yes. But also in organizational psychology, interpersonal relationship building, digital engagement, multigenerational programming, nonprofit management, and community organizing. It demands both pastoral intimacy and institutional vision. Both tradition and innovation. Both inward congregational focus and outward community engagement. Few individuals possess all these skills at the highest level. The co-leader model, supported by an amazing team (and we have that amazing team in place) brings together different individuals with unique talents working towards a joint vision.

If we want to keep growing, offering nothing short of excellence, we have to challenge our deeply ingrained assumption that rabbinic leadership requires a single voice, a lone leader at the top that can answer everyone's needs. We realize that this is the time to think not only of our present challenges but also to set the platform for the future of our temple as well.

The co-senior model represents not a diminishment of rabbinical authority but its strengthening through complementarity. Two senior rabbis bring different strengths, different networks, different life experiences and perspectives. It creates an opportunity to both share and divide responsibilities not just by availability but by excellence - each gravitating toward areas where we shine while supporting our partner in others. Opportunities to study from one another, to make each other better and the entire temple family better.

Here's something fascinating: Marc Feigen, considered America's leading coach for CEOs, examined over 2,200 large companies across more than two decades. What did he find? Organizations led by co-CEOs delivered annual returns nearly 40% higher than those run by solo leaders. Now, only 95 instances existed among thousands of companies studied - making it a rare arrangement - but the performance difference was striking.

We're not afraid of the rare. We're not afraid of thinking outside the box. We're encouraged not only by a few other leading congregations in the country who have adopted this model successfully, but also by our own history, our own Jewish tradition; the concept of "Zugot"—pairs of rabbis leading the Jewish people during the later Second Temple era (170 BCE – 30 CE) shows us that shared spiritual leadership has deep roots in our tradition.

As we examined this path, we studied research on successful co-CEO arrangements and identified crucial conditions for success. First and foremost: both parties must be willing participants in power-sharing. They must have deep respect for each other. They must have a shared vision. All things I'm happy to report we have (being friends for 15 years definitely helps!). Research shows that there will always be some disagreement among co-leaders, and while this disagreement is healthy, it requires predetermined resolution processes. So, we engaged in a long process to set such a mechanism in place. A clear multi-year plan dividing responsibilities and outlining communications was established, recognizing individual strengths, experience, and familiarity with our congregation's traditions, it's a flexible plan that will be revisited and adjusted as we progress with this model. And we made sure that the congregation knows that this is a long-term plan and that I will be part of this transformation for many years to come.

What we are doing isn't about reinventing congregational leadership. It's about adapting wisely to the realities of 21st-century Jewish communal life, learning from successful models in other sectors, and positioning Temple Judea to thrive for another generation. The question isn't why we're doing this—it's why more congregations haven't recognized that the complexity of modern Jewish leadership deserves the best thinking about how to structure it effectively.

I look forward to welcoming Rabbi Josh in July of 2026 and together modeling for you - our temple family - what healthy partnership looks like: mutual respect, shared vision, productive disagreement, and unified purpose.

With gratitude and excitement for what lies ahead,

Rabbi Garon

As shared on December 4, 2025 via constant contact

Dear Temple Judea Family,

It is with immense joy and gratitude that I share wonderful news with our congregation: Rabbi Josh Franklin has accepted our offer to serve as Co-Senior Rabbi at Temple Judea, alongside Rabbi Yaron Kapitulnik.

Rabbi Franklin brings an extraordinary combination of gifts that made him the ideal choice for our community. He is deeply intellectual, with a scholarly approach to Torah that challenges and inspires. His engaging teaching style draws people in, making complex ideas accessible and relevant to our daily lives. Rabbi Franklin is also remarkably musical, bringing a soulful dimension to worship that elevates our spiritual experience. Perhaps most importantly, he is genuinely personable and warm, connecting authentically with people of all ages and backgrounds. The Board was unanimous in recognizing that Rabbi Franklin's unique blend of wisdom, creativity, and compassion perfectly complements our community's needs and aspirations.

Equally important, and simultaneously, the Board recognized Rabbi Yaron Kapitulnik's critical role in the creation and growth of Temple Judea and extended his contract, ensuring long-term stability and continuity for our beloved community. Rabbi Yaron has been instrumental in building Temple Judea from its foundation, and his continued leadership is essential to our future. He is cherished by our congregation, and we are deeply grateful that he will continue to guide us in the years ahead. Rabbi Yaron's partnership will be vital in welcoming Rabbi Franklin and ensuring his successful integration into our temple family.

This is a momentous occasion for our temple community. As Shimon Peres wisely observed, "One alone is less than one, and two together are more than two." We are truly blessed to have two such talented and dedicated rabbis who will learn with us, uplift us, and guide us on our spiritual journey. Together, Rabbis Franklin and Kapitulnik bring a depth of wisdom, compassion, and vision that will enrich every aspect of our congregational life.

With this exceptional rabbinic leadership, alongside our beloved Rabbi Educator Wendy Pein and Cantorial Soloist Kaylene Cole, Temple Judea is positioned for a bright and vibrant future. Our outstanding clergy team brings together diverse talents and perspectives that will inspire and nurture our entire congregation. We are strengthened not only for today but for the generations to come. Our community will flourish under their shared guidance as we continue to build a welcoming home for Jewish learning, prayer, and connection.

I want to extend my deepest appreciation to our dedicated Search Committee—Jason Haselkorn, Louise Casper, Brynne Ellis, and Rosalee Savel—whose tireless efforts and thoughtful deliberation led us to this wonderful outcome. Their commitment to finding the right spiritual leader for our community has been extraordinary. I also want to give special thanks to Morli Fidler, our Executive Director, who truly orchestrated this entire process. Morli's exceptional leadership, meticulous oversight, and unwavering dedication was one of the key factors in our search's success.

I also thank our entire Board of Trustees, who voted unanimously to extend this offer to Rabbi Franklin. This unanimity reflects our collective excitement and confidence in the leadership that lies ahead.

As we welcome Rabbi Franklin, his wife Stephanie, and his daughters Lilah and Amelia to Temple Judea, let us embrace this new chapter with open hearts and renewed commitment to our sacred community. Together, with our remarkable clergy team, we will continue to grow in faith, fellowship, and purpose.

I hope you will join us on December 5th at 5:30 p.m. at the JCC for a special welcome Shabbat worship service. Both Rabbi Yaron and Rabbi Josh will lead services alongside Cantorial Soloist Kaylene Cole in what promises to be a meaningful and joyous celebration of our community and our future together.

With gratitude and anticipation,

Keith Paulus

Dear Temple Judea Family,

Some moments in life feel less like a new beginning and more like coming home. That's exactly how I felt the first time I stepped into Temple Judea. From the warmth of your welcome to the music that lifted the room, from your deep commitment to Israel to your culture of innovation and learning—it was clear that this is a congregation where Judaism truly comes alive.

My heart is brimming with gratitude and a sense of new possibility as I share that I will be joining the Temple Judea family as your Co-Senior Rabbi, partnering with my longtime friend and colleague, Rabbi Yaron Kapitulnik. Alongside Rabbi Wendy Pein, Cantorial Soloist Kaylene Cole, and Executive Director Morli Fidler, I am honored to join a sacred team of leaders whose warmth, creativity, and vision have made Temple Judea a model for thriving Jewish life.

I have known Rabbi Yaron for over fifteen years, since our days together as rabbinical students at Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion in New York. Even then, I was struck by his extraordinary talent, deep compassion, and unrelenting commitment to a vision for shaping vibrant Judaism. Over the years, our friendship and professional collaboration have only deepened. While I have long admired from afar the vibrant and innovative congregation that he has helped to shape, I never imagined that I would one day have the privilege of partnering with him to lead it.

The idea of Co-Senior Rabbis may seem unconventional, but some of the most effective leadership models today—both in religious life and in the corporate world—are built on this kind of collaboration. Even companies such as Spotify, Oracle, and Comcast have adopted successful Co-CEO models, demonstrating that shared leadership, when grounded in trust and mutual respect, can produce extraordinary results. Biblical wisdom echoes this as well, with Kohelet (Ecclesiastes) proclaiming, “Two are better than one, for they have a good reward for their labor” (Ecclesiastes 4:9). In the early rabbinic era (70 BCE–30 CE), Judaism was guided by pairs of sages known as the *zugot*—perhaps the earliest model of co-rabbinic leadership. In that same spirit, I believe that this sacred partnership will allow Temple Judea to continue growing in strength, creativity, and purpose.

For the past nine years, I have had the honor of serving as Senior Rabbi of the Jewish Center of the Hamptons, where we built a thriving, inclusive community that wove relationships and creativity into every aspect of congregational life—from spiritual innovation to reimagined Jewish education to our beloved Shabbat on the Beach, which draws hundreds each week. Before that, I served as Associate Rabbi at Temple Beth Elohim in Wellesley, Massachusetts. Through every stage of my rabbinate, I have been guided by the belief that Judaism flourishes when it is joyful, relational, and rooted in purpose.

I also come to Temple Judea as someone who finds deep connection and renewal through the outdoors—whether running, cycling, golfing, or playing tennis. Moving to Florida feels like a gift, offering a setting where I can better embrace these passions year-round and build new relationships through shared experiences beyond the walls of the synagogue.

Music has long been a meaningful part of my spiritual expression. I play guitar and have a background in songleading, and I look forward to contributing to Temple Judea's musical spirit in partnership with Kaylene Cole—continuing to make our worship experiences uplifting, participatory, and filled with joy.

Together, we will continue to shape a Judaism that is alive with meaning, creativity, and heart—a community that welcomes the seeker, uplifts the spirit, and strengthens our bond with Israel and the Jewish people. I cannot wait to learn with you, celebrate with you, and dream with you as we build upon the extraordinary foundation already here.

I grew up in Yonkers, New York, and spent my summers at URJ Camp Eisner in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. My wife, Stephanie Whitehorn, and I are moving to Palm Beach Gardens with our daughters, Lilah and Amelia, and our dog, Izzy (short for Israel). We are thrilled to join this remarkable family and together write Temple Judea's next chapter—one of sacred partnership, spiritual growth, and enduring connection.

While my official start date isn't until July 1, I'm eager to begin getting to know this wonderful community. I'd love to hear from you—your stories, your hopes for our congregation, and what brings meaning to your Jewish journey. Please feel free to reach out to me at josh@gotj.org. I welcome your thoughts, questions, or just a simple hello to introduce yourself. I'll do my best to respond in a timely manner, though I ask for your patience as I work through getting to know everyone.

I'm looking forward to learning, growing, and building community together.

With warmth and anticipation,
Rabbi Josh Franklin



New Years and New Months: The Calendar as our Vehicle for Spiritual Growth

January often arrives with societal pressure: a time for new goals, new habits, new plans. But Jewish tradition offers a gentler approach. Instead of one all-or-nothing New Year, our calendar builds in multiple beginnings—opportunities to recalibrate with compassion, make a small course correction, and try again.

As Jews living in America, we navigate two calendars simultaneously—the secular calendar that governs our work weeks and national holidays, and the Hebrew calendar that marks our festivals and sacred time. This dual-calendar life offers us a potential gift. It means we do not have just one New Year—we have multiple opportunities throughout the year for reflection and potential spiritual growth.

The Mishnah teaches that the Jewish calendar includes four New Years: the first of Nisan as the New Year for kings and festivals, the first of Elul as the New Year for the tithing of animals (though some say it is the first of Tishrei), the first of Tishrei as the New Year for years, sabbatical cycles, jubilee cycles, planting, and vegetables. The fifteenth of Shevat is the New Year for trees (according to Beit Hillel; Beit Shammai says the first of Shevat). This Mishnah teaches us something powerful about how we mark time and beginnings. Each New Year serves a different purpose, teaching us that life operates on multiple rhythms, not just one calendar.

Back in the fall, we celebrated our spiritual New Year on Rosh Hashanah, a time when we examined our lives, made commitments, and reflected on who we are and who we want to be. Now, here we are in January—about four months later. The secular New Year offers us a perfect checkpoint: are we fulfilling our Rosh Hashanah intentions? What's working? What needs adjusting? Where do we need to renew our commitment? Instead of feeling guilty about "failing" at our resolutions, we can use this moment as an opportunity for teshuvah, for turning, for course correction.

Unlike the secular calendar with its single New Year in January, our tradition builds in a monthly reset button called Rosh Chodesh, "the head of the month." Rosh Chodesh marks the beginning of each Hebrew month, tied to the phases of the moon. In ancient times, witnesses would report seeing the new moon to the Sanhedrin, the supreme Jewish judicial and legislative council in ancient Israel. The court would then declare the new month. Fires were lit on hilltops across Israel and Babylonia, spreading the declaration of the new month from mountaintop to mountaintop so that distant communities would know when to begin counting the days toward the festivals.

Eventually, tradition attributes the establishment of our fixed Jewish calendar to Hillel II in the fourth century CE (often dated to 358/359), which meant that Jewish communities worldwide could now independently calculate when to observe holidays, ensuring unity even in dispersion. However, Jews continued to celebrate Rosh Chodesh as a minor Jewish festival, and it became associated as a women's holiday. A midrash teaches that since women did not offer their jewelry for the creation of the Golden Calf, God gave them Rosh Chodesh as a semi-holiday as a reward for their faithfulness. Since the 1970s, women's Rosh Chodesh groups have flourished, gathering monthly for study, celebration, and community. But the message of Rosh Chodesh belongs to all of us: every month offers a chance to recalibrate and adjust our course.

The moon itself teaches us something profound. Just as the moon waxes from a tiny sliver to fullness and then wanes again, only to renew itself once more, so our lives move through cycles too. We have moments when we shine brightly and times when we feel diminished. The beauty of Rosh Chodesh is that it reminds us: renewal is always possible. The dark moon always grows bright again.

How can we use these multiple calendars—secular and sacred—to support our growth rather than just adding to our to-do lists? In January, why not review whatever intentions we set during the High Holidays. Let's not judge ourselves for what we haven't accomplished. Instead, we can ask: what was I hoping for? What's still relevant? What needs to change? We can view January as a mid-year check-in point between Rosh HaShanah (fall) and Passover (spring). Each month around Rosh Chodesh, we can also set aside fifteen minutes to reflect on the following: What went well this month? What was challenging? What do I want to focus on in the month ahead?

The traditional blessing for the new moon ends with these words: "Blessed are You, God, who renews the months—m'chadesh chodashim." God renews the months, and when we synchronize our lives with the natural rhythm of our secular and Jewish calendars, we become partners in the ongoing work of spiritual renewal. We do not need to wait until next Rosh HaShanah—or even next January—to begin again. Every month, the moon shows us: renewal is part of the rhythm of life.

May this new year—whether we count from January or Tishri—bring us opportunities for growth, renewal, and the courage to keep evolving toward our fullest selves.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Wendy

Please join our Women's Rosh Chodesh Group which will be meeting this year at 1 PM on:

- Thursday, January 15th – Riverbend Park, Jupiter, FL
- Tuesday, February 17th – Temple Judea
- Thursday, April 16th – Temple Judea
- Tuesday, May 19th – Temple Judea

We are the Messengers: Join our Music Collective!

"The true beauty of music is that it connects people. It carries a message, and we, the musicians, are the messengers." – Roy Ayers

The beautiful quote above reminds us of the very special effect communal music making can have on a community. Just a few weeks ago, members of our TJ family and I joined together for a special evening of music making. We shared what we had been working hard on, sang and played together – each member bringing his or her own individual talent and joy to the performance. Throughout our rehearsals leading up to the performance, I learned so much about each participant. I learned about their musical background, influences and interests. Each member came with a different background, some with a rich history of choral singing, some with a passion for playing a specific instrument – all united in a common goal: to express themselves creatively through communal music making.

We all currently find ourselves in the season of “secular resolutions”. Maybe that includes going to the gym one extra time a week, maybe it includes attending Shabbat services one extra Friday per month – or maybe it includes deepening your own individual creativity.

I am excited to share our spring music collective that we will be starting this month! Once a month, we will gather in community and express our love for making music! I’m structuring this group more as a “collective” – encouraging members to bring in songs that are meaningful to them for any reason. These songs can be any genre, and participants can play any instrument (yes, again – voice counts!). The goal is to share in our collective love of music, express ourselves creatively and deepen our communal relationships by sharing our musical experiences with one another!

We will all come with different musical backgrounds and abilities – and that’s exactly what will make each meeting so beautiful. We will weave a musical tapestry together, embracing each of our own musical strengths!

Please join us on the following dates from 5:30-6:30 at Temple Judea for a relaxed, meditative hour of music-making:

Thursday, January 22nd

Thursday, February 26th

Thursday March 26th

Thursday April 23rd

Tuesday May 12th (Special performance at our annual board meeting!)

Kaylene

Executive Director's Report

Dear TJ Family,

What a joy it was to see so many of you on the night we welcomed Rabbi Josh Franklin as our Co-Senior Rabbi and celebrated Legacy Shabbat at the JCC! The energy and spirit in that room was truly remarkable, and it reminded us once again how blessed we are to be part of such a vibrant and engaged community. It also enforced the need for us to address having enough space for all our members who wish to worship with us.

While we appreciated the opportunity to gather offsite for special occasions in a space that can accommodate our growing numbers, we know that there's no place quite like our sacred home on Hood Road to celebrate Shabbat together.

SO beginning January 2, 2026, we will be offering two Friday night services:

- **First service: 4:30-5:30 p.m.**
- **Second service: 6:00-7:00 p.m.**

Both services will feature yummy challah, though we will not be offering a pre-oneg for either service. It is important that both services are as similar as possible and that we minimize the turnaround time so our second service won't begin too late. If you plan on attending the 6:00 p.m. service PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE before 5:45 p.m.!

Rabbi Yaron and Kaylene will be leading both services, and we will also be streaming the 6:00 p.m. service for members who prefer to worship from home.

When there is a Shabbat dinner, it will follow the second service.

We will try these service times for the month of January and make any necessary adjustments based on your feedback and attendance patterns. Our hope is that offering two services will better accommodate everyone's schedules and help spread participation more evenly, ensuring a meaningful and comfortable experience for all.

And knowing that Rabbi Josh will be joining us next year makes navigating this transitional year much more manageable!

Thank you for your continued dedication to our temple community. We look forward to celebrating Shabbat with you at home on Hood Road.

Warm regards,

Morli

TJ PRAYS

Shabbat Worship

**EFFECTIVE FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2026, we will
move to double services.**

**4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. and
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

We will stream the 6:00 p.m. service.

**There will be NO pre-oneg. When there is a Shabbat dinner, it
will be after the 6:00 p.m. service.**

Fridays, January 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th

**4:30-5:30 p.m. and
6:00 -7:00 p.m.**

**Livestream 6:00 p.m. at
<https://boxcast.tv/channel/tei9zgzd1kbg4kymehgq>**

Minyan

**Mondays at 9:30 a.m. via ZOOM with Michael Ross
Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in person at TJ or via Livestream
<https://boxcast.tv/channel/tei9zgzd1kbg4kymehgq>**



Beach Havdalah

January 10th

at 5:00 p.m.!

with Rabbi Yaron and Cantorial Soloist Kaylene

400 SR A1A, Jupiter

Carlin Park

Bring your own beach chair!

In the event of inclement weather, this event will be cancelled.



Join us for Shabbat Dinner!

Dinner is after the 6:00 p.m. Shabbat worship service

\$36 / adult and \$20/ child ages 5-12.

Non-Members \$43/person.

Children under 5 are free.

N you

Friday, January 9th – RSVP by January 6th at noon

Homestead Heirloom Tomato Soup with Parmesan Focaccia Croutons

Herb Roasted Chicken with Lemon Dijon Au Jus

Citrus Salmon with Florida Orange Glaze, Celery Salad, Pepitas, Dried Fruit, Citrus Vinaigrette

Roasted Potato Medley

Garlic Confit Green Beans

Berry Shortcake with Whipped Cream and Seasonal Berries

Friday, February 6th – RSVP by February 3rd at noon

Fire-Roasted Beets, Arugula and Baby Greens, Red Onion, Mint, Parsley, Citrus Sumac Vinaigrette and Toasted Pistachios

Bone-In Chicken Roasted, Warm Shawarma Blend, Caramelized Onions

Lemon-Honey Roasted Garlic Oven Roasted Salmon with Cool Cucumber Tahini

Basmati Rice, Saffron, Golden Raisins, Almonds

Smoky Eggplant, Roasted Cauliflower Florets, with Tahini Sauce, Herbs, Pomegranate Seeds

Warm Brownie with Ice Cream

RSVP to the office at 561-624-4633.

***Please note that we cannot issue any refunds once the headcount for the dinner has been given to the caterer.**





Never received a Hebrew name?

Want to change your Hebrew name?

NOW IS YOUR CHANCE.... contact the office to speak to our clergy at 561-624-4633 and be a part of our special NAMING SHABBAT on Friday, January 9th!

“A World Without Hatred”
Shabbat Worship
Honoring the Memory of
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Join us on Friday, January 16th
for a special Shabbat worship
honoring the memory of Dr.
Martin Luther King Jr.**

**Presenting the Weingrow Family
Endowment Grant**

Dr. King espoused social justice, nonviolence, and human rights. He dreamed of an equitable society wherein all people are treated with dignity and respect. His philosophy was that individuals should not be judged by the color of their skin, gender, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, or class, but by the content of their character. These values are needed today more than ever before.

"I HAVE DECIDED TO STICK
WITH LOVE. HATE IS TOO
GREAT A BURDEN TO BEAR."

-MARTIN LUTHER
KING JR.

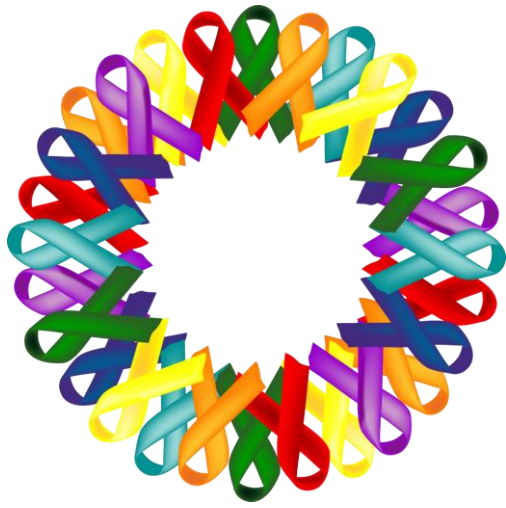




**Join us at Christ Family Worship Assembly
on Sunday, January 18th at 10:00 a.m.
to share in the worship honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
at CFWA 1128 Martin Luther King Blvd, West Palm Beach**

**A TRIBUTE TO DEBBIE FRIEDMAN
SHABBAT SHIRAH
FRIDAY, JANUARY 30TH
4:30-5:30 P.M. AND 6:00-7:00 P.M.
*Don't just celebrate Shabbat...Experience Shabbat***





Choose Hope Shabbat

Friday, February 6th at

4:30-5:30 p.m. and 6:00 -7:00 p.m.

Join us for an inspirational Shabbat of spiritual renewal and celebration as we honor our community of parents, children, sisters, brothers, grandparents and friends who have joined the fight to beat cancer and to honor the memory of those who fought so bravely.



Barbra Streisand Shabbat

Friday, February 13th at

4:30-5:30 p.m. and 6:00-7:00 p.m.

*Shabbat honoring
10+ years of membership to
Temple Judea*

Friday, February 20th

4:30-5:30 p.m. and

6:00-7:00 p.m.



Gevurot

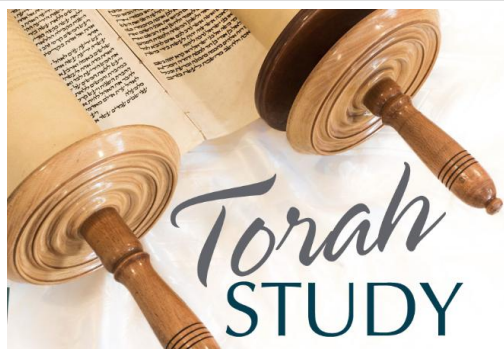
Turning 80 years old!

Honoring all our members who have achieved this magnificent lifecycle milestone!

Friday, February 27th
at 4:30-5:30 p.m. and 6:00-7:00 p.m.

In Pirke Avot 5:22(ethics of our ancestors), the rabbis teach us what to expect during each decade of our lives. For example, we learn that at age forty we receive wisdom, at age fifty we become able to give counsel, at age seventy we receive the fullness of years, and at age eighty we receive strength. After all, Moses was believed to be 80 when he led the Jews out of Egypt and when he transmitted the Torah! The gematria (our numerology tradition which assigns value to certain Hebrew letters) of 80 is the Hebrew letter peh. The word peh also means "mouth," and since we speak with our mouths, once you reach the age of 80, you are seen as having powerful communication skills. At the age of 80, we recognize that one's strength does not necessarily come from your physical prowess, but from the life experiences and lessons that come with living for eight decades. Rabbi Yaron will offer you a special blessing in front of the Torah and we will all celebrate the wisdom, power and strength that comes with the privilege of living 80 years.

Adult Education



with Rabbi Wendy

MOVING BACK INTO THE BUILDING!!

Starting Saturday, January 3rd!

Note NEW TIME!!!

Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. (Tefilah) and 10:30 a.m. (Study)



As part of our year of "Conversations That Matter," we want to give you, our members, a chance to ask the questions that are pressing on your mind.

Bring your burning questions about faith, tradition, or life's challenges. Perhaps the rabbi has questions for you – about your journey or perspectives. Or simply come and let conversation flow naturally, discovering unexpected insights together.

No agenda, no pressure – just authentic connection over coffee and cake.

Whether you're seeking guidance, curious about Judaism, or simply craving meaningful conversation, this is your opportunity for personal engagement with Rabbi Yaron

So, join us, for an open dialogue with Rabbi Yaron and/or Rabbi Wendy. **Mondays at 1:00 p.m.**

January 5, February 9, March 9, April 13, May 18



MUSIC

C O L L E C T I V E

MUSIC, COMMUNITY, AND GOOD VIBES!

JOIN CANTORIAL SOLOIST KAYLENE AND YOUR TJ FAMILY
FOR A ONCE-A-MONTH MUSIC COLLECTIVE! WE WILL
EXPLORE ALL GENRES OF MUSIC, ENCOURAGING
MEMBERS TO BRING IN MUSIC YOU WOULD LIKE TO
EXPLORE MORE AND SHARE WITH OTHERS.
INSTRUMENTS OF ALL KINDS ARE WELCOME! A RELAXED
ATMOSPHERE WITH ONE GOAL - SHARE OUR COMMON
LOVE OF MUSIC!

5:30-6:30 P.M. AT TJ
THURSDAYS
JAN 22
FEB 26
MARCH 26
APRIL 23
PERFORMANCE AT
TJ'S ANNUAL MEETING
5/12



CANDID CONVERSATIONS FOR WOMEN

Candid Conversation starts our seventh year in January 2026. We are an energetic, enlightening and enjoyable women's group designed for the ladies of Temple Judea. Discussion topics are chosen for small and large group participation. These topics are selected to strengthen the bond of friendship and support for all who attend the series. Join Marcia Grobman, LCSW, CAP, CSW-G, and female TJ members for the 2026 Winter/Spring series of Candid Conversations.

Participating attendees enjoy sharing experiences and learning from one another through communication and reflection during topic discussions. It is friendly and cozy to be together in a comfortable and confidential space that will enhance the joyful meaning of a group.

Topics for this series are from ideas and thoughts noted in the writings of Rebbe Menachem Mendel Schneerson from the book, "Toward A Meaningful Life—The Wisdom of the Rebbe," adapted by Simon Jacobson. It is suggested that you purchase the paperback copy from Amazon. This is really a wonderful book to keep and treasure.

Registration is required and class size will be limited to 20 women. Sessions are 1:00 -2:00 p.m.

Until we meet in January, just enjoy the beautiful words of wisdom from Rebbe Menachem Mendel Schneerson from the book "Toward A Meaningful Life." Chapter topics and dates of discussion, from the book "Toward A Meaningful Life—The Wisdom of the Rebbe" are noted below.

- JANUARY 8, 2026 A DAY OF LIFE
- FEBRUARY 5, 2026 CHARITY AND WEALTH
- MARCH 5, 2026 FEAR AND ANXIETY
- APRIL 9, 2026 RESPONSIBILITY
- MAY 7, 2026 WOMEN AND MEN
- JUNE 4, 2026 MIRACLES

Marcia Grobman received her master's degree in social work from Barry University, Miami Shores, Florida and is a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW). She is also a certified addiction professional (CAP) and a certified clinical geriatric social worker (CSW-G). Marcia worked for Palm Beach County Public Safety Department, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Alpert Jewish Family Services and Morse Geriatric Center. She has been practicing for over 40 years.

Registration is required and class size is limited – contact Randi at randi@gotj.org.

KABBALAH
Mondays at 10:30 a.m. with Ellie Schweitzer
at Temple Judea



The Language of the Soul: Conversations with God Through Jewish Prayer With Rabbi Yaron and Cantorial Soloist Kaylene Thursdays at 10:45 a.m.

January 22: The Rhythms of Time and Soul

Based on "My People's Prayerbook Vol. 4: Seder K'riat HaTorah" and "Vol. 6: Tachanun and Concluding Prayers"

- How the Torah service creates community conversation with the divine
- The vulnerable language of supplication in Tachanun
- Concluding prayers as transitions between sacred and mundane dialogue

February 26: Songs of the Soul

Based on "My People's Prayerbook Vol. 5: Birkhot Hashachar"

- Morning blessings as awakening to divine presence
- Pesukei D'zimrah - verses of song as spiritual preparation
- How praise opens channels of communication

March 19: Shabbat as Sacred Conversation

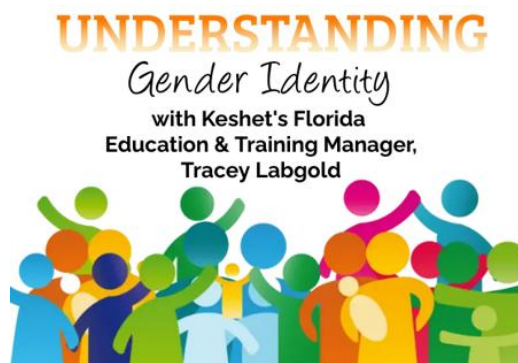
Based on "My People's Prayerbook Vol. 7: Shabbat at Home" and "Vol. 8: Kabbalat Shabbat"

- Home rituals as intimate divine dialogue
- Welcoming Shabbat as inviting divine presence into conversation
- How Shabbat creates space for deeper spiritual communication

April 23: Life Cycles of Sacred Dialogue

Based on "My People's Prayerbook Vol. 9: Welcoming the Night" and lifecycle volumes

- Evening prayers as reflection and transition
- How prayer carries us through life transitions
- Developing a lifelong conversation with the divine



Thursday, January 8 at 4:00 p.m.

Do you have questions about what exactly Gender Identity is? Perhaps you would like some practice using they/them pronouns? Join us for a presentation and conversation with Tracey Labgold (she/her), Keshet's Florida Education and Training Manager. During our time with Tracey, we will look at the differences between sex assigned at birth, gender identity and sexual orientation. We will talk about how sharing pronouns is an act of allyship. And we will share tips and tools for talking with and supporting our LGBTQ+ loved ones.



Sacred Transitions: Jewish Perspectives on End-of-Life Decisions

Join Rabbi Yaron for an intimate and meaningful discussion exploring Jewish perspectives on end-of-life planning and decisions. This thoughtful session will provide a safe space to explore challenging topics through the lens of Jewish tradition, ethics, and modern considerations.

This class will be offered four times this year. Each session will cover these topics:

- **Ethical Wills:** Explore the beautiful Jewish tradition of ethical wills (tzava'ot), where individuals pass down values, wisdom, and blessings to future generations. Rabbi Yaron will share historical examples and guide participants in considering what spiritual legacies they wish to leave behind.
- **End-of-Life Medical Decisions:** Discuss the Jewish approach to medical treatment decisions, including perspectives on palliative care, life-sustaining measures, and the balance between extending life and alleviating suffering. The discussion will incorporate both traditional halachic (Jewish law) considerations and contemporary responsa.
- **Cremation and Burial Practices:** Examine traditional Jewish burial customs, the theological and practical concerns regarding cremation, and how different Jewish movements approach these questions today.

Throughout the session, Rabbi Yaron will weave together ancient wisdom with practical guidance for navigating these profound life transitions with dignity, meaning, and Jewish values. Participants will have opportunities to ask questions and discuss how these teachings might inform their own decision-making processes. Class size is limited.

Next Session is February 23 at 3:00 p.m. (NEW DATE!) RSVP to hold your spot to 561-624-4633



Interested in learning Hebrew?

We are considering forming a
BEGINNING HEBREW class
based on interest.

This introductory course will cover
the Aleph-Bet (Hebrew alphabet)
and basic decoding skills.

Please contact the office
at 561-624-4633 to express your
interest.

Bereavement Personal Support

Marcia Grobman, LCSW, is available to schedule one-on-one meetings for supportive therapy for those who have recently lost a loved one. All sessions are complimentary for Temple Judea members and limited to three meetings.

Call Randi to schedule a session at 561-624-4633

About Marcia Grobman, LCSW

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Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Wendy
Torah on Trial: When Jewish Traditions Meet Modern Life
Wednesdays at 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

During our Lunch & Learn series, we will dive into the fascinating world of Reform Responsa, where real-life questions about Jewish practice meet thoughtful inquiry. **Reform Responsa** is the continuation of a rich tradition of Jewish legal and ethical inquiry that has helped communities navigate changing times for centuries. Together, we'll wrestle with relevant, real-life questions such as whether chanting Torah on a Friday night truly honors Shabbat, how to respectfully fulfill a loved one's request for cremation, whether a Pride flag—or any flag—belongs on the bimah, and if Jews should embrace secular holidays with complex histories. We'll unpack the historical sources behind each case, weigh the Reform Responsa Committee's ruling, and decide whether we agree – because Reform Judaism is a living, breathing tradition shaped by every generation. Expect lively debate, fresh insight, and perhaps forming questions which we will send to the Responsa Committee! I look forward to learning and debating these real-life cases with you! **RSVP by 12/8 at noon. Lunch is \$22/person. 561-624-4633**

1/14 End of Life Responsa – Cremation, green burials, online memorials, how modern teshuvot navigate dignity at life's end

2/11 Sacred Cells and Designer Genes – IVF, stem cells, organ swaps, CRISPR – pikuach nefesh meets 21st century medicine

3/4 Scrolls with Scars – Can a Holocaust damaged Torah be made kosher again? And should it be? Responsa on memory and law collide

4/15 Flags on the Bimah, Faith in the Pew – Zionism, nationalism and the Reform sanctuary; should there be a division of religion and state in the sanctuary

5/13 When Justice Calls the Hotline – From climate to AI, emerging responsa ask if Halakhah can legislate Tikkun Olam for 5786 and beyond



Take a Tour of TJ – Monday, February 9th at 4:00 p.m.

Join Rabbi Yaron for an intimate tour and history of Temple Judea.

Get an inside understanding of all the small details that make up our sacred space while getting to spend some quality time with our clergy. Please call the office to register!

Jewish Ethics and the Limits of Free Speech

January 20th at 11:45 a.m.

The past 18 months has seen a rise in anti-Zionist demonstrations, and social media posts that skirt the border between free speech and disturbing antisemitic rhetoric. In this session we will examine, through philosophical and Jewish sources, the relationship between freedom of expression versus the risk of incitement and harassment. We will discuss appropriate responses to hostile discourse and when it is wiser not to respond.



Dr. Elliott Malamet teaches Jewish Ethics at various institutions in Jerusalem and abroad and is consulted globally about Jewish education. Dr. Malamet is a premiere discussion moderator in the Jewish world today, having conducted over 100 interviews/panel discussions with leading Jewish luminaries.

This event was generously sponsored by
Todd and Debbie Krasnow.

**Lunch is \$22 / person and
RSVP required to 561-624-
4633 by January 15th**



Dr. Elliott Malamet

A STORY OF TRANSFORMATION WITH ARNO MICHAELIS

Monday, January 26th at 4:00 p.m. at Temple Judea

Outshining the Shadow



Since the MLK Holiday of 2010, Arno Michaelis has been a globally recognized voice for peace. A former neo-Nazi skinhead, he left hate groups in 1994. Today, he is the author of the acclaimed memoir, *My Life After Hate*, co-author of *The Gift of Our Wounds*, and currently works as an Exit Peer Specialist with Parents for Peace, where he draws from his lived experience to guide families with radicalized loved ones, and help individuals recover from hate addiction. Recovery is a process. After 13 years of peacebuilding, the brutality of the October 7th, 2023 Hamas massacre sparked what Arno calls a “...full-blown relapse”. Hate returned to his life. Hate for the regime that had hijacked Iran, all of their terror proxies, and those who cheer them on. He watched in horror as his own former communities, including the rave scene that initiated his recovery, now celebrated the terrorists who attacked the Nova festival, instead of standing with their fellow ravers. Falling under the influence of hate once again, Arno felt lost and deeply depressed. In this dark moment, he states plainly: “For the second time, Jews saved me.”

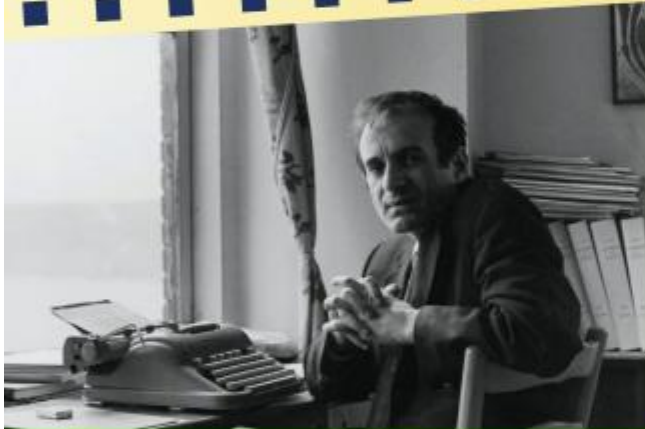
This is a timely, powerful account of his second redemption—a journey back from the brink, guided by the warmth, resilience, and genuine, compassionate humanity he found by attending High Holidays, visiting his local JCC, speaking at Chabad, and sharing meals with Jewish friends. A vital message for our current moment.

Arno’s talk is a moving, firsthand account of allyship, overcoming antisemitism, and the profound, life-affirming power of Jewish community.

36TH ANNUAL
PALM BEACH
JEWISH
FILM FESTIVAL
MANDEL JCC

JANUARY 24 - FEBRUARY 12, 2026

Producers: Eva and Marvin Schlanger



MANDEL JCC, PALM BEACH GARDENS: JAN. 28 | 4:00

ELIE WIESEL: SOUL ON FIRE
\$18 per person

Elie Wiesel: Soul on Fire explores the life and legacy of Holocaust survivor, author, and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Elie Wiesel. Through archival footage, rare interviews, and Wiesel's own words, the film traces his journey from the horrors of Auschwitz to his lifelong mission of bearing witness and fighting indifference. It examines his faith, activism, and moral influence on global human rights movements. The result is an intimate portrait of a man whose voice became a conscience for humanity.

TALKBACK WITH RABBI YARON KAPITULNIK



Scan the QR code to register!
For more information, contact Jodi
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Concepts and Misconceptions about Israel, Zionism, and the Jews

From right to left: Modern
Antisemitism

Lunch and Learn
Monday, February 2
at 11:45 a.m.

Our Guest Speaker

Charlotte Korchak

Charlotte Korchak is the founder and Senior Educator of the Jerusalem Education Institute, a non-profit organization working to transform education on Israel and the Middle East. As an accomplished educator and speaker specializing in Israeli history, effective communication, and antisemitism, Charlotte captivates audiences with her passionate speaking style and ability to break down the most challenging concepts making them accessible to a wide range of audiences. Charlotte began working at StandWithUs in 2010 – ending her time there as the International Senior Educator. She is one of the foremost speakers in her field.

REGISTER NOW!

\$22/PERSON FOR LUNCH- MEMBERS

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561-624-4633





THE GOD SQUAD

Thursday, February 12, 2026
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

AN HONEST INTERFAITH DIALOGUE ON GOD AND THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Join Rabbi Yaron Kapitulnik and Pastor Samuel St. Fleur for an honest, open conversation about God and The Ten Commandments. Do we share more common ground than we realize, or do our faith traditions lead us in fundamentally different directions? In this dialogue, we will explore our respective understandings of God and the enduring relevance of The Ten Commandments in both Jewish and Christian faiths.

Expect a candid, respectful exchange sprinkled with humor, moments of deep reflection, and opportunities for audience engagement. In a time when division often dominates the conversation, we invite you to join us in building bridges of understanding—gaining not only deeper insight into your own beliefs but also a greater appreciation for the beliefs of your neighbors.

SIGN UP WITH FAU AT:

<https://olli.fau.edu/ollifau/course/course.aspx?C=748&pc=10&mc=15&sc=0>





**We are excited to celebrate the minor festival of Rosh Chodesh
(the beginning of the new month).**

Rosh Chodesh is known as a women's holiday, given to the Israelite women as a gift since they did not contribute their jewelry to the idolatrous golden calf. During Rosh Chodesh, women take a break from their constant tasks to share special prayers and enjoy the camaraderie of sisterhood, and we look forward to continuing that tradition.

To honor Rosh Chodesh, as on other festivals, we joyously gave sacrifices to remind ourselves of God's divinity, as commanded in the Torah. During our Rosh Chodesh celebrations at TJ, we will reflect on Hallel, our special festive psalms, and honor that special bond Jewish women share. Singing, reflection, laughter, and companionship...

Please join Rabbi Wendy and Raylene!

January 15, February 17, April 16, May 19 at 1:00 p.m.

RSVP to the office at 561-624-4633



Communities

TJ's Book Club at 10:30 a.m. at TJ or via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86321524611?pwd=Z2lINHBENTNpaUFVRVJHbUJsM0I5QT09>

Meeting ID: 863 2152 4611 Passcode: 910340

January 12 th	<i>The Gates of Gaza</i> by Amir Tibon	Leader: Stuart Lockman
February 9 th	<i>The Boy with the Star Tattoo</i> by Talia Carner	Leader: Lois Gruen
March 2 nd	<i>Leaving Eastern Parkway</i> by Matthew Daube	Leader: Helene Greenberg
April 6 th	<i>Unraveling</i> by Peggy Orenstein	Leader: Stephanie Wolmer
May 4 th	<i>How to Read a Book</i> by Monica Wood	Leader: Karen Karmazin

Questions: Contact Beth Baker at bethloves@gmail.com.

Sisterhood

SAVE THE DATE

2/25 ANNUAL CARD PARTY

2/26
AT PALM BEACH DRAMA WORKS
DRIVING MISS DAISY
7:30 P.M.
TICKETS ARE \$80/PERSON
CALL THE OFFICE TO SECURE A SPOT!

3/8
CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
BRUNCH AND GUEST SPEAKER
BEATRICE WEBER
1:00 P.M. AT TJ

3/18 WOMEN'S SEDER AT TJ

4/30 JAFFE CENTER FOR BOOK ART AT TJ

FOR SISTERHOOD MEMBERS



MAKE YOURSELF SEEN AND HEARD

TJ'S SISTERHOOD IS
CELEBRATING THE
INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S DAY

8TH MARCH 2026

1:00 P.M.
LUNCH AND LECTURE

**\$36 FOR SISTERHOOD
MEMBERS**
RSVP TO 561-624-4633

COME HERE BEATRICE WEBER AS SHE
SHARES ABOUT HER EXPERIENCES IN THE
HASIDIC COMMUNITY. AFTER BEING
MARRIED AT 18 AND SILENCED FOR YEARS,
SHE LEFT AN ABUSIVE MARRIAGE AND
FOUND HER VOICE. A FIERCE ADVOCATE
FOR WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S JUSTICE,
BEATRICE WAS THE FIRST PARENT TO FILE
A COMPLAINT AGAINST A HASIDIC YESHIVA
IN NYC FOR FAILING TO PROVIDE AN
EDUCATION, WINNING HER CASE IN THE
NYS SUPREME COURT.



SOCIAL ACTION



Tuesday, January 13th HELP FEED THE HUNGRY

To benefit St. George's Food Kitchen and Feeding Hope Village. PLEASE CONSIDER making sandwiches at home - on white, whole wheat, or whatever bread with PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY or TURKEY AND CHEESE or 3 slices of ANY CHEESE and small amount of mustard. **No need to cut the sandwiches**. Put each one in a baggie. One loaf of bread makes 10 sandwiches. They distribute 300 sandwiches a day – so any amount is greatly appreciated. DROP OFF YOUR SANDWICHES AT TEMPLE – MAIN DOOR any time from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Questions? Call the office at (561)624-4633.



Join us as we knit or crochet blankets to help those in need!
To date we have made 1000+ blankets.

You provide the yarn, pattern, and time!
Drop off your finished product at TJ.
Blankets must be machine washable, dryable, and hypoallergenic.

Knitted blankets will be donated to St. Mary's Children's Hospital
Crocheted blankets will be donated to local homeless shelters.

Questions: contact Isabel Berg at
izzyberg2@gmail.com



Feeding Hope Village

Faith Deliverance Church & Feeding Hope Village Food Pantry

Wednesdays January 7, February 4, March 11, April 8, May 6

3437 Avenue O., Riviera Beach

9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. to distribute meals.

Call the office to register at 561-624-4633



READ TO KINDERGARTEN AT GROVE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

You will meet at the school at 9:00 a.m.!

January 27th and February 24th. Books will be provided.

Grove Park is located at 8330 North Military Trail, Palm Beach Gardens, and is a Title 1 school. Limited to 10-15 volunteers / visit.

Please call the office to sign up at 561-624-4633.

Temple Judea/PEACE

Social Action Community Outreach Meeting

Wednesday, January 28th, 10:30am

Temple Judea's membership in PEACE (people engaged in active community efforts) provides a powerful window to understand our neighbors' issues and work for social justice. When PEACE, a coalition of twenty-eight congregations, speaks for those who have no voice, community leaders listen.

This year PEACE is focused on meaningful action designed to increase access to affordable housing, mental health services, and support for immigrants caught up in mass deportation. Paige Shortsleeves, PEACE Lead Organizer, will share background information on these issues and what we can do to help fix our community. Please join us! RSVP Temple Judea office, 561-624-4633

Ruth Gonzalez and Rebecca Cohen, Temple Judea Team Leaders

Thank you to our Oneg sponsors

Radhika and Roger Coron in honor of their son Mark becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Marcia and Bruce Levy, in honor of their 49th wedding anniversary and Bruce's 79th birthday

Naomi and Bill Cody in honor of their daughter Madeleine becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Beth and Hawkeye Wayne in honor of their son Nathan becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Anonymous sponsor with thanks to Temple Judea

**Would you like to sponsor an Oneg in honor of a simcha or to remember a loved one?
Please call the office to learn more!**

561-624-4633

Welcome to our New Members

Michael and Roxanne Axelrod

Deane Dubansky

Sandy and George Hyman

Elizabeth Pfrommer

Leslie and Don Singman

**Thank you to everyone who donated to our Toy Drive to benefit
Nicklaus Children's Hospital**



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1	Doug Bush	12	Carol Robbin	24	Richard Alan Ginsburg
2	Nathan Bush	12	Dick Kuhr	24	Sara Fleischman
2	Phillip Griffel	12	Ellie Hart	25	Bob Seidemann
3	Blake Brooks	12	Ethan Gordon	25	Gwen Richman
3	Carla Schwartz	12	Maschia Kaplan	25	Howard Schwartz
3	Ellen Wright	12	Stanley Littenberg	25	Lois Silverman
3	Harvey Morgan	12	Stephen Newman	25	Mark Albers
3	Irene Anderson	12	Susan Cole	25	Robert Landsman
3	Joseph Musher	12	Wayne Gould	26	Ellen Fox
4	Andrea Cole	13	Bruce Levy	26	Emily Schiff
4	Lawrence Aronowitz	13	Christi Chane	26	Loretta Fink
4	Molly Seelig	13	Glenda Wolpert	26	Nancy Wolf
4	Rick Garrison	13	Sharon Drucker	26	Shelly Ettinger
4	Roger Coron	14	Alan Goldberg	26	Zoe Zwart
4	Samantha Goodman	14	Analeigh Schacknow	27	Catherine Altman
5	Anna Dukor	14	Brian Schneiderman	27	Ever Segalowitz
5	Christopher Michaud	14	Cameron Brody Rosenberg	27	Stephen Hertz
5	Daisy Hankin	14	Janet Grossman	28	Hannah Welton
5	Hannah Axelband	14	Randee Schneider	28	Raymon Eisenman
5	Rachel Berg	14	Robert Schneider	28	Robin Rosenberg
5	Tyler Francisco	15	Glenn Kurlander	28	Shari Bernstein
6	Jade Lefkowitz	15	Jack Pearlman	29	Lauren Reiss
6	Louise Austin	15	Lynda Arnberg	29	Peter Arest
7	Bryce Axelband	15	Nancy Pennea	30	Adam Shleifer
7	Jane Feinstein	15	Norman Barham	30	Arielle Kyle Sheynfeld
7	Nicole Levinson	15	Sam Fisch	30	Dina Kramer
7	Theodore Tashlik	16	Benjamin Garine	30	Esther Levinson
8	Andrew Weltman	16	David Goldberg	30	Hudson Hecht
8	Beryl Schneider	16	Philip Balas	30	Sabine Carter
8	Jacob Cohen	17	Luis Rodriguez	31	Doreen Smith
8	Martin Cohen	17	Michael Shrank	31	Harvey Meranus
8	Stephanie Lippman	17	Phyllis Kaufman	31	Irene Rulnick
9	Jeffrey Nadelson	17	Sybil Michelson	31	Iris Knight-Arest
9	Jody Levy	18	Alexandra Schneider	31	Morgan Schneider
9	Michael Tannenbaum	18	Larry Smith	31	Nancy Wolk
9	Peter Aschheim	19	Barbara Friedman		
9	Roberta Sibulkin	19	Carol Auerbach		
9	Rona Sterling	19	Hunter Coron		
10	Anabel Quittman	19	Robert Briskin		
10	Ethan Michael Lachman	19	Shirley Baratz		
10	Madeleine Cody	20	Flora Fox		
10	Melanie Lipson	20	Neil Wolfson		
10	Tamar Rubin	20	Stephanie Wolmer		
11	Arielle Brandt	21	Eleanor Cohen		
11	Brooke Sandler	21	Mitchell Stern		
11	Diane Davidson	22	Holli McLean		
11	Lynn Lippman	22	Jonathan Frieder		
11	Nathan Wayne	22	Joshua Wysockey		
11	Robert Tanchum	23	Jessica Krathen		
11	Terry Rogal Picker	23	Lawrence Rothenberg		
12	Beth Ann Cohen	23	Sophia Berezin		



January

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| 1 Samantha & Lawrence Aronowitz | 14 Nancy Funt & Daniel Fortier |
| 1 Courtney & Sam Fisch | 15 Rhoda & Alan Edelman |
| 2 Maggie & Harry Kaufman | 16 Sara & Chad Densen |
| 6 Suzanne & Harvey Morgan | 17 Erin & Alex Brock |
| 6 Randee & Jonathan Schneider | 17 Amy & John Terwilleger |
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| 7 Analeigh & Jeffrey Schacknow | 19 Sheila & Jerry Grant |
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| 9 Marcia & Bruce Levy | 21 Susan Cole & Marc Cohn |
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| 11 Beth & Marty Deitchman | 23 Christi & Jonathan Chane |
| 12 Emily & Adam Schiff | 31 Bonnie & Allen Sirkin |
| 14 Dana & Ira Effron | |



THANK YOU!

1700+ sandwiches were donated last month to benefit St. George Kitchen – our current record!

Mazel Tov!



Mazel Tov Radhika and Roger Coron on their son, Mark, becoming a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, January 10, 2026.

Mark is a seventh-grade student at The Benjamin School. He is a high honor roll student who enjoys being active both in and out of the classroom. Mark plays on the middle school tennis team and is a proud member of the school's robotics and drone teams. As part of his bar mitzvah project, he is collecting and donating comfort items for men and women serving in the military, showing his deep appreciation for those who dedicate their lives to protecting others.

Madeleine לילה Cody, daughter of Naomi and Bill Cody, is becoming a Bat Mitzvah on January 24, 2026. Madeleine is the most incredible young woman. She is so much more than an honor roll 7th grade student at BAK, an accomplished thespian and vocalist, or a Junior Olympics finalist in swimming. She is light, love, and kindness, and brightens any room when she walks into it. She is a stellar big sister to Charlotte & Chloe, MC'ing countless hours of play, as well as a loyal friend, keeping only a chosen few close to her heart. And to quote Taylor Swift, because who else is there? "You're beautiful, Every little piece, love. And don't you know, You're really gonna be someone."



Mazel Tov to Beth and Hawkeye Wayne on their son, Nathan, becoming a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, January 31, 2026.

Nathan is in the 7th grade at Watson B. Duncan Middle School. He will become a Bar Mitzvah at Temple Judea on January 31, 2026. He loves hanging out with friends, playing soccer and video games. For his mitzvah project, Nathan is collecting electronic gaming devices, games, and gift cards for The Quantum House game room, to bring joy to kids who are there while receiving medical treatment locally.

Donor appreciation

Yisrael Campbell is
just your average
Irish, Italian,
Catholic, Reform,
Conservative,
Unorthodox,
Orthodox Jew, who
was born to be
funny. (The Jewish
part came later.)
Prepare to LAUGH!



Save the Date
Sunday, March 15th

A special event for any donor who gives \$1800+ to
TJ above your full annual dues commitment.
Members only please. As a reminder, dues only
cover 60% of our annual expenses and without
YOU we couldn't continue to honor our
commitment to never allow finances to stand in the
way of membership to our sacred community.
Thank you!

TJ GIVES

General Fund

Penny and Mitch Beers

*in loving memory of Bob Savel,
beloved husband, father, grandfather
and great-grandfather*

Barbara Friedman and David Blanken

*in loving memory of Stacy Frisher,
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Adam Burnstein

in appreciation of TJ's website

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Gray*

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husband, father, grandfather and
great-grandfather*

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husband, father, grandfather and
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*in loving memory of Bob Savel, dear
classmate and friend*

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Helaine Kahn

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Jody and Andrew Levy

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great-grandfather*

Ellen and Bobby Lint

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great-grandfather*

Lois Loevner

in loving memory of Steven Loevner

Penny Masur

*in loving memory of Bob Savel, beloved
husband, father, grandfather and
great-grandfather*

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*in loving memory of Muriel and
Howard Weingrow*

Eileen and Anthony Montalbano

in honor of Lynne Weiss' Bat Mitzvah

Ellen and Toby Pieniek

*in honor of Jackie Kornfeld's and
Bill Blumberg's birthday*

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grandfather and great-
grandfather*

The Reich Family

*in loving memory of Bob Savel,
father of Melanie and father-in-
law of Keith Paulus*

Neil Roberts

*in loving memory of my father,
Samuel Roberts*

Rita Robinson

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beloved husband, father,
grandfather and great-
grandfather*

Mindy Rosenberg

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Ellie Schweitzer

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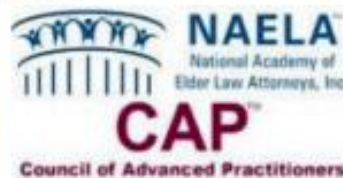
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