



TEMPLE JUDEA
Palm Beach Gardens, FL

*Joyous Judaism
That
Inspires Action*

2023-2024

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Vision

WE challenge ourselves to learn, to grow, and to act guided by our traditions, teachings, and wisdom of our Torah.

WE create a warm and loving environment which allows soulful prayers to be heard.

WE build enduring relationships based on mutual respect, loving hearts, and the need for a supportive community.

WE strive to make Judaism accessible and relevant to all who seek to infuse meaning into their lives.

WE welcome, embrace, and honor the diversity of our members.

WE support our country, the State of Israel, and the Reform movement while recognizing and respecting differing points of view.

Mission

The mission of Temple Judea is to enrich lives by creating joyous Jewish experiences that inspire action.

We have made our best effort to make the information contained in this publication as accurate as possible. However, please understand that it is subject to change.

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History

From its inception in the spring of 1981, Temple Judea has been fortunate enough to go from strength to strength. Our history begins at St. Catherine's Greek Orthodox church when twelve families founded Temple Judea. In 1987, Temple Judea moved to its first dedicated home on Chillingworth Drive in West Palm Beach.

As Palm Beach County experienced growth and change, so did Temple Judea and we began to look for a new location to better serve our congregation and Jewish community.

In 2003, we found that home on Hood Road in Palm Beach Gardens - which we affectionately call the "miracle on Hood Road" to this day. Keeping with the dynamic energy of the Reform Judaism, we began a new journey and the current chapter of our temple's story.

Rabbi Yaron Kapitulnik began his connection to Temple Judea in 2007 when he led family services for the High Holy Days. From then until 2010 he was present as a rabbinic intern and in 2010, he started as Temple Judea's Assistant Rabbi under Rabbi Joel Levine. Rabbi Levine retired in 2013 after thirty-two years of service and became Temple Judea's Rabbi Emeritus. From 2013 to 2019, Rabbi Yaron served on the bimah alongside Cantor Alicia Stillman, Temple Judea's first full-time cantor.

In May of 2020, amid the COVID pandemic, Rabbi Feivel Strauss and Cantor Abbie Strauss, joined Temple Judea's clergy as our Assistant Rabbi and second full-time Cantor. And in June 2022, Temple Judea hired Rabbi Rose Durbin as a part-time rabbi to focus on social action and social justice and Kaylene Cole as a "shenini" - second voice for worship. As Temple Judea continues to grow and enhance the lives of over 700 households in our community, we look forward to continuing the exciting blend of tradition and modernity that is part of what makes Temple Judea so unique.



On behalf of our Board of Trustees, I would like to say, "welcome to Temple Judea!" As I hope you will find in the pages of this yearly guide, our Temple Judea community is more than just a center of activities or programs, it is a home. From the clergy and staff to the individuals

and families who belong to Temple Judea, we are proud of what we have created together. At Temple Judea, day to day experiences are an opportunity to connect, to be inspired, and to feel a strong sense of belonging.

I am not alone in appreciating Temple Judea as a strong, vibrant community. At the start of our 2023 year, we have over 700 families who connect through worship, adult education, youth programming, social action, Sisterhood, our Youth Education Program, and many other various committees and programs.

I am proud to have been a member of Temple Judea for the past 18 years and to serve as your President. I look forward to sharing many life-cycle events with you, participating in our temple's moving and meaningful worship experiences, socializing with you at our outings/dinners/events, and developing life-long friendships. I welcome the opportunity to get to know you, to work alongside you, and enrich our community.

Wishing you a good year.

Respectfully,

Jason Haselkoorn

President



Who wrote the Torah? YOU!

The Torah is our guidebook for life, within it we find stories that teach us life lessons, the rituals for our holidays and life cycles, and of course ...the famous 10 commandments. But, as you might already know, the 10 commandments are just a small part of 613 commandments that are mentioned in the Torah: some written out very literally, others “hidden” within the text.

I think it’s safe to say that none of us can recite or even know all the 613 commandments, and that we definitely cannot follow them all, as many of them are obsolete (having to do with a Judaism based on animal sacrifices at the Temple in Jerusalem that no longer exists.) And I’m sure that if I asked ten people what the most important commandment is, I would probably get ten different answers; from saving a life to keeping Shabbat, from honoring parents to loving our neighbors as ourselves, from seeking peace to not stealing, from visiting the sick to giving tzedakah and taking care of the vulnerable in our communities – I believe we can all agree that all or most of the commandments are important, we just have different priorities as to which is the MOST important.

But if I asked you what is the last commandment in the Torah, do you know? And I think it’s a very important question because as we like to say, “last but not least.” In fact, the last commandment might just be the most important one.

Well, the answer to the question is found in the book of Deuteronomy chapter 31 verse 19:

“Therefore, write down this teaching and teach it to the people of Israel; put it in their mouths, in order that this Torah may be my witness for the sake of the people of Israel.”

God tells Moses that he should write the first Torah, so that we- the people of Israel – can always have it in front of us, so that we - the people of Israel, can teach it to our children, pass it down from generation to generation, and most important, so that this Torah can serve for us as an anchor, as a lighthouse, showing us the right direction when we go astray. And notice, I said when and not if... for in the next two verses God says to Moses:

“When I bring them into the land flowing with milk and honey that I promised on oath to their fathers, and they eat their fill and grow fat and turn to other gods and serve them, spurning Me and breaking My covenant, and the many evils and troubles befall them—then this Torah shall confront them as a witness, since it will never be lost from the mouth of their offspring.”

So, writing a Torah, one that we know will serve as a teaching tool to future generations, is the last commandment, and I will argue, the most important one. For it is the Torah, and the thousands of years of wisdom and tradition built upon it, that are the core of the Jewish people. Take away Torah from our people, prohibit the

writing and teaching of it, burn it, or destroy it (as many of our enemies did in the past) and there is no future for Judaism or for the Jewish people. But how can we fulfill this commandment? It’s not only that one needs an entire year to complete the task, but also that it takes a very special skill to write a Torah, one needs to become a *Sofer*- a Scribe, an art that is not taught in any school but rather passed down from one generation of scribes to another, dating all the way back to...Moses.

And yet, our Rabbis teach that if one letter of the Torah is missing, we are not to use that Torah, and as such, **every person writing just one letter in the Torah is considered as if they finished the entire scroll and as such receive the merit of fulfilling the commandment.**

This coming year we will be writing a Torah at Temple Judea, and YOU will be able to take part in this project, which is not only a mitzvah but also a very moving, deeply spiritual, and exciting moment.

BUT unlike many other temples, who use a Torah writing as a means of fundraising, our philosophy at Temple Judea is different. Due to the most generous gift from Earl Abramson and Sheila Schlaggar, all costs for the writing of the Torah have been

covered!!! This allows us to invite every member of the temple to be part of this experience without having to make any financial commitment. We want you to experience the sacredness of this moment, of this unique mitzvah. We want to bring you as close as one can get to Torah, and to give you the opportunity to leave the most precious of gifts to future generations; to ensure - one letter at a time: that we create a secure future for our kids. We want every child under the age of 13 to be able to say, when they celebrate their Bar or Bat Mitzvah, that they are reading from a scroll they wrote!

This is a big undertaking, it will involve many other programs, educational opportunities, special guests and more. So, stay tuned for more details to follow! And I have no doubt that by the end of next year, as we prepare to bring our new Torah into our sanctuary, we will have all experienced the true meaning of the verse in the Book of Proverbs (4:2) “It is a tree of life to all who hold fast to it and all of its supporters are happy.”

Let the year of Torah begin!

Rabbi Yaron



*Lifelong Learning
at Temple Judea
2023*

“A minority is compelled to think; that is the blessing of its fate. It must always persist in a mental struggle for that consciousness of truth which success and power comfortingly assure to rulers and their supporting multitudes. The conviction of the many is based on the weight of possession; the conviction of the few is expressed through the energy of constant searching and finding.”

This quote by Rabbi Leo Baeck describes how our need to think deeply and our drive to search constantly is at the heart of what it means to be Jewish. Rabbi Baeck served as leader of Reform Judaism in Germany and later represented all German Jews during the Nazi era. Though he had opportunities to escape, he refused, insisting that he would stay so long as there was a minyan of Jews who needed his help. He survived the horrors by helping others, teaching, and refusing to lose his sense of self or dignity. Baeck was not just a Torah scholar, he exemplified how being a lifelong learner of Torah empowers, enriches and ennobles one’s life. His deep love for studying Torah and teaching gave him and others the strength and hope to carry

on. For over 80 years, Baeck loved to study and he loved to teach. This is why today there are numerous schools and educational institutions that bear his name teaching students of all ages and in all stages of their lives. No matter our age, our Hebrew skill level or background, engaging in lifelong learning is an opportunity for each of us to continue to deepen our understanding and our search for meaning today.

Jewish learning begins when we start asking questions. For many of us, the highlight of the Passover seder is teaching this love of learning to our youngest by asking them to recite the Four Questions. The joy we feel when watching a young boy or girl sing the Mah Nishtanah, is rooted in the heartfelt excitement we have as we welcome them into our community of lifelong learners. What makes this moment so special is that we know how learning and the love of learning can change each of us and the world around us. Jewish learning is more than an intellectual pursuit because it can influence how we act and encourages us to be our best selves.

A favorite teaching of mine is found in the Mishna, a Jewish text almost 2000 years ago.

The following are the things for which a person enjoys the fruits in this world while the principal remains for them in the world to come: Honoring one's father and mother; The performance of righteous deeds; And the making of peace between a person and one's friend; And the study of the Torah is equal to them all.
(Mishna Peah)

In this text, the study of Torah is being equated with some of the most important actions conceivable. The lesson here is not to teach that studying can take the place of doing a mitzvah, of performing a righteous deed. Rather the idea is that studying Torah inspires us not only to do better but the careful thinking and constant searching guides us how we can be our best selves and best serve others.

Being a lifelong learner is about the excitement that surrounds our own intellectual and spiritual growth. For some it is about coming with an open heart and listening ear. For others it is about robust debates and gaining new perspectives. For many it is about seeing for yourself what our Torah and rabbinic texts have to say to modern Jews. For some, it is about exploring ideas through conversations and curiosity in how others think in order to create their own approach to Jewish living. For many of us, lifelong

learning is about expanding our Jewish identity through art, cinema, literature and philosophy. Fortunately, all of these approaches are found in the diverse offerings here at Temple Judea.

Jewish learning comes with several benefits. One well-known is acquiring a yiddeshe kop, a 'Jewish head'. Not limited to just acquiring knowledge, the 'yiddeshe kop' confers a sense of cleverness, of timeless wisdom and creative problem solving. By becoming more familiar with the fantastic tales and remarkable history of our ancestors, we can acquire the wit and wisdom to handle the challenges we face in our lives. We can appreciate how they used logic and humor to enrich their lives and incorporate these lessons into our own relationships.

Jewish learning can also be healing and create inner harmony in our lives. Rabbi Baeck adds that Torah study can help "bring about inner unity, - a unity with all of its tension- of the ethical and the mystical and the earthly and the cosmic. Mystery and commandment connect with each other; only the two together give full meaning to our lives." We owe it to ourselves to develop this inner unity through Torah study. Each of us is invited to make space in our lives and set times in our schedules for this constant search and finding.

I would like to personally invite you to consider joining us on Saturday mornings at 9:30 to study Torah. Whether you come every week or once a month or once a year - every time you join us you will be enriching our class with your wisdom and experience, and I truly believe you too will feel enriched by what you study. And if Saturday mornings don't work for you - please do not forget that there are so many learning opportunities here at Temple Judea. Just look at all the many offerings in the pages ahead and begin your own journey.

You will notice that some of our classes are monthly like our Lunch and Learn series. There are also several weekly offerings like our adult Hebrew course or book club. We also have special courses and mini-series covering a variety of topics from social justice to Jewish cinema.

You won't be surprised that there is a blessing for embarking on a journey - and I would like to offer this blessing to you!

May it be your will, Adonai, our God, and the God of our ancestors, that you lead us toward peace, guide our footsteps toward peace, and make us reach our desired destination for life, gladness, and peace.

Rabbi Feivel



Shalom
Temple
Judea

My HUC classmates and I each selected a song to accompany the sacred moment of receiving semikha (ordination). I chose a verse from Psalm 92: “*Ma-Gadlu Ma’asecha Yah, M’od Amku Mach’sh’votecha,*” which means, “How great are your works, God, how profound your design!” I chose this beautiful song because I am continually inspired by our tradition to truly see God’s amazing creations and feel grateful for these creations- both large and small- every day. This teaching of gratitude from our Psalms, and so many other *middot* (values) drawn from our Torah, continue to empower my rabbinate today. I’m so honored to bring the joy and love I feel for the teachings of our sacred Torah to our Temple Judea community for this amazing Year of Torah. My work this year will focus on two of these essential *middot*: *tzedakah* (righteousness) and *kibud zekaynim* (honoring our elders)- and I’m so excited to engage with you in this sacred work.

The central narrative in our Torah focuses on our collective redemption from Egypt, and results in the most oft-cited mitzvah in the Torah: “Do not oppress the stranger, for you were once strangers!” Together, we will embody this essential value by providing sustenance for strangers in our midst - those who are vulnerable due to food insecurity- by volunteering regularly at organizations such as Riviera Beach’s Feeding Hope. Together, we will also live this value by supporting families dealing with the stress of their children’s serious medical conditions as we regularly cook them meals at Quantum House. Together, as we proudly wear our “Team Tikkun Olam” t-shirts while volunteering, we will also be working to raise awareness about Judaism in our community. I will also be working in partnership with so many dedicated lay

leaders to continue fighting Jewish hate by raising Temple Judea’s visibility in Palm Beach Gardens and beyond. Also, I am blessed to continue working with advocacy-minded congregants as we live up to the value “*Tzedek, Tzedek Tirdof*” (Justice, Justice, you shall pursue), as we endeavor to prevent further gun violence and to fight for reproductive Justice in our beautiful state of Florida. If you are interested in volunteering and/or advocacy work, please email me and I will happily connect you to these opportunities and more: rose@gotj.org.

I’m also honored to work with our congregants living in retirement communities, for as we learn in the book of Job, “With age comes wisdom, and length of days brings understanding.” I’m excited to bring together our members in MorseLife and Devonshire (among others) for lunch and learn events and of course- a lot of schmoozing! If you live in nearby retirement communities and want to help arrange these events or would love a visit, please email me: rose@gotj.org.

Finally, I’m so happy to continue my work with YEP as a Hebrew teacher and tutor. As a mother of 3 daughters myself- the oldest of whom is studying for her Bat Mitzvah this year, I can really relate to the busy lives of our students and their families. I know we will continue to have a great time learning Hebrew and celebrating our Jewish traditions together this year. I feel so blessed to be able to work with all ages of our Temple Judea family, and to be part of this amazing clergy team. Mah Gadlu - How great are Your works- indeed!

With gratitude,

Rabbi Rose



*Music is a
very powerful
language.
Music can
inspire, heal,
and teach.*

I have seen firsthand the power of music in our Temple Judea community, and I look forward to an exciting and meaningful year to come for all ages!

Last year I kicked off a group called “Music Sharing” and I have truly been inspired by the talent in our Temple family. This adult-only group meets quarterly and together we join in song and instrument. It has been such a highlight and we have new people joining every month. Together we have learned and “jammed” to so many wonderful songs and all share the same belief of the power of music to inspire. Do you love to sing or play an instrument? If yes, please consider joining! There is nothing better than spending an hour together making music.

Another innovation I am really proud of is our fully stocked music room in TJ’s main building. From guitars, to ukuleles, to drums, to electric piano, you name it – we have it! And this room is fully utilized most Sundays as an elective for our thriving school program. Additionally, we have kicked off our Temple Judea Institute of Jewish Rock Band – which is comprised of children ages 8 – 16! In fact, last year the kids had their first concert, performed with Jewish rocker, Rick Recht, at the JCC and they can’t wait to perform more this year! After only a few rehearsals, it is amazing how our temple youth could come together

and create such a positive and powerful performance that uplifted all! Growing up, having opportunities to express myself musically was critical for me and I am so grateful to be able to share this joy and creativity with our temple’s youth.

While joy is the fabric of our temple, healing is at the heart of all we do. I believe music can bring so much healing and provides an opportunity to hold those we love as well as ourselves when we pray. I invite you to share in the healing power of music – be it on a Friday night or at a specific Yizkor or healing service. In prayer, we can create a space for us to come together and support one another with love through song. We inspire each other through holding this intimate space by sharing our pain as one community.

Whether you sing with me on a Friday night, in the car, or at home with our TJ CD, or join one of our music programs, it is undeniable that when we come together in song, we leave changed. I look forward to singing, praying, learning, and growing with you through music this year.

As we sing at the end of most Friday night services, Ivdu et HaShem B’simcha – serve God with joy – sing with all your heart!

B’Ahavah,

Cantor Abbie



Kaylene Cole is a lyric soprano praised for her “opulent and vibrant tone” and is an active performer and teacher throughout her native South Florida area. We are delighted to have her as a Cantorial Soloist and an integral part of Temple Judea’s clergy team as a “shenini” – a second voice. Kaylene will be joining Cantor Abbie for some of Temple Judea’s special Shabbatot as well as substituting for her when she is on vacation. Don’t miss these worship opportunities to be uplifted by Kaylene’s angelic voice!

Worship at Temple Judea



Yizkor Minyan Services

Monday, September 25

Yom Kippur

(Ticket Required)

Saturday, October 7 - **Sukkot**

via Zoom

Monday, April 29 - **Passover**

Thursday, June 13, 2024 - **Shavuot**

Kabbalat Shabbat - FRIDAYS

In person at Temple Judea
or via Livestream

NOTE THE CHANGE IN TIME
FOR PART OF THE YEAR!

June 1 - October 6

Pre-Oneg 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Worship 6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

October 13 - April 19

Worship 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Dessert Oneg 9:00 p.m.

April 26 - May 2024

Pre-Oneg 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Worship 6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

Weekdays at Temple Judea

Morning Minyan -

year-round,

including holidays

Mondays by Zoom

Thursdays in person at

Temple Judea

or by Livestream

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

A quiet moment

in time with

music and prayer



Healing Services

Monday, November 13

4:00 p.m.

Monday, April 8

4:00 p.m.



TJ TOTS

For our youngest

members

birth -pre-K and

the parents and

grandparents who

love them

Sundays with

Cantor Abbie.

9:00 a.m. -9:45 a.m.

August 27

October 1

November 5

December 10

January 21

February 11

March 1* Friday at 5:45 p.m.

April 7

“My cup runs over.”
Psalm 23

Tish'a B'Av

Thursday, July 27 at 10:30 a.m.

Selichot

Saturday, September 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah

Friday, September 15 and Saturday, September 16

Tickets Required

Worship services are held at the Eissey Campus Theatre,
Palm Beach State College

September 16

Children's service 2:30 p.m. for kids 0-2nd grade and
3:45 p.m. for kids 3rd-7th grade at Temple Judea

September 17 Second Day services
9:30 a.m. at Temple Judea, Hood Road

Tashlich

Friday, September 22 at 6:00 p.m. at Carlin Park, Jupiter
or Saturday, September 23 at 6:00 p.m.

Yom Kippur

Sunday, September 24 and
Monday, September 25

Tickets Required

Worship services are held at the
Eissey Campus Theatre, Palm Beach State College
September 25 Children's service at 2:30 p.m.
for kids 0-3rd grade at Temple Judea

Sukkot

Saturday, September 30- Saturday, October 7,
with a special Sukkot Oneg on Friday, September 29

Simchat Torah

Friday, October 6

Rejoice and Dance with the Torah!
Consecration of our youngest scholars - during YEP,
Sunday October 8

Hanukkah

Friday, December 8
Candle lighting and Latke Oneg

Tu B'shevat

Thursday, January 25

Purim

Saturday, March 23 and Sunday, March 24

Passover

Monday, April 22 - 1st Seder
Tuesday, April 23 - 2nd Seder at Temple Judea

Special Minyan Services

Monday, Yom Ha'Shoah, May 6
Monday, Yom HaZikaron, May 13

Shavuot

Tuesday, June 11
and Wednesday, June 12, 2024



Special Shabbat

Beach Shabbat

June 9, July 7, August 11, September 22, April 26, May 17

Pride Shabbat - June 23

Red, White and Blue Shabbat - June 30

85+ Shabbat - August 25, March 15

Pet Shabbat - October 20 - rain date October 27

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service - November 21

Gratitude Shabbat - November 24

Legacy Shabbat - December 1

Hanukkah Celebration - December 8

Parashat Vayechi

Honoring new grandparents
and great-grandparents - January 5

Naming Shabbat - January 5

**Shabbat in honor of
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

January 12



BEACH SHABBAT - FRIDAYS

at Carlin Park in Jupiter

June 9, July 7, August 11, September 22,
April 26, May 5

BEACH HAVDALAH - SATURDAYS

February 4, March 4, April 8

Bring your own beach chair

Holidays and Festivals

**Worship with Christ Family
Worship Assembly in Riviera Beach**

Sunday, January 14

Pink Shabbat - Celebrating Survivors - January 19

Shabbat Shirah - January 26

Reproductive Justice Shabbat - February 9

Broadway Shabbat, February 16 - Members only

Parashat Teruma

Building a Temple - Honoring 10+ years of TJ
membership - February 23

Shabbat Ha Gomerl - March 1

Gevurot

Honoring Members turning 80 - March 29

Musical Shabbat - Members Only - April 12

Freedom Shabbat - April 19

Remember a Child Shabbat - May 10

SHABBAT DINNERS with FRIENDS & FAMILY at TJ

Reservations Required.

June 30 - after worship
September 8 - after worship
October 13 - 6:30 p.m.
December 8 - 6:30 p.m.
January 5 - 6:30 p.m.
February 2 - 6:30 p.m.
March 1 - 6:30 p.m.
April 5 - 6:30 p.m.
May 10 - after worship

Tzedek Shabbat

TZEDEK SHABBATOT

Tzedek (meaning justice), has been a mark and aspiration of the Jewish people since its beginning. Tzedek is derived from the word zakah, meaning clear or pure. From that root, it comes to mean right or just. As a verb, it is used to mean to act on someone's behalf or to justify. One well-known cognate is tzadik, meaning a righteous or saintly person.

A few times a year, we will hold a Tzedek Shabbat - and these will be services with a social justice /social action focus.

This upcoming year our Tzedek Shabbat includes:

Gun Violence Prevention - Date TBD - Gun violence impacts so many individuals on a daily basis: each year thousands of Americans are killed because of gun violence, and thousands more are injured. It is time we say "enough" and put an end to this epidemic of gun violence.

January 12 - Shabbat honoring the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and focusing on racial equality.

February 9 - Reproductive Justice Shabbat. Celebrating the importance of advocating for reproductive health, rights, and justice.

ELUL

Elul is the last month of the Jewish year and the final month prior to Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. This is a month in which to spiritually prepare for the High Holy Day season of reflection and repentance.

Elul is traditionally a time of introspection and personal stock-taking, known in Hebrew as *cheshbon hanefesh* – literally "an accounting of the soul." This process is conducted in preparation for Rosh Hashanah when, Jewish tradition teaches, all of humanity is called to account and a divine judgment is issued. The customs associated with Elul are all intended to help cultivate the proper mindset for this preparation.

ShalOHM - Meaningful Meditation and Movement

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
at Temple Judea
August 17, August 24, September 7,
September 14
Wear comfortable clothing.

Elul Minyan

Join us on August 17, August 24,
August 31, September 7 for special
introspective minyan.

Elul Challenge - Energize your Elul!

Every action you take effects the type of person you wish to become. Success is the product of daily habits—not once-in-a-lifetime transformations." (Atomic Habits)

There are 3 areas of our lives that we can nurture. Our relationship



with others, our relationship with ourselves and our relationship with God. During the month of Elul, the month that leads into Rosh Hashanah, we are invited to maximize the impact of the High Holy Days by preparing during these 30 days.

Each day there will be one new challenge. The challenges take just a minute or so and will have a huge impact on your well-being! They will energize your relationship with others, your self-awareness, and increase your awareness of God as we approach the High Holy Days.

Look for your guide in the August edition of the Voice!

MUSIC SHARING

Cantor Abbie invites you to join her as she creates a "Music Sharing" community dedicated to bringing joyous Judaism alive through music! This community is designed for members who love to play an instrument and/or sing.

Together you will play and create music.

While all levels of experience are welcome, this group will not be lesson based so some level of mastery is needed.

Looking forward to making music with you!



Thursdays at 5:00 p.m.
November 16, January 4,
February 22, April 4.
Please contact Cantor Abbie
at abbie@gotj.org
for more information!



ADULT B'NEI MITZVAH

Perfect for any adult who did not have a Bar/Bat Mitzvah or if you did have Bat Mitzvah but weren't invited to read from the Torah!

A yearlong study program with our clergy offered in the evenings on a bi-weekly basis. Cohort now forming. Contact the office to learn more!



Conversational Hebrew Language with Rabbi Feivel

Beginning the week of October 16
Mondays at 2:00 p.m. - BEGINNERS
Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. - INTERMEDIATE

Please contact the office to register!



Join our clergy to continue exploring your own Jewish identity. This class will meet on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. and is open to any TJ adult member who has had a Bar/Bat Mitzvah – be it at 13 or at 60!

The class will be taught by all our clergy and will conclude with a service led by the confirmands.

October 25, November 29, December 27, January 24,
February 28, March 6, April 10

Friday, May 3 at 6:00 p.m. Worship Celebration



TAKE A TOUR OF TJ

Monday, January 8 and Monday, February 26

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!

MODERN MUSSAR

How to be Happier, Kinder & More Content ... No Kidding!



Mussar is the ancient Jewish practice of refining one's middot, or character traits, with origins going back to ancient texts. For many years, studying character traits and good behaviors were often ignored in the traditional yeshivas in favor of Talmud/law study.

The Modern Mussar movement was founded in Europe in response to a perception that Jews had become too focused on rote mitzvah observance at the expense of deliberate ethical behaviors.

This class is already underway. Anyone interested in joining should contact the office so we can connect you with the teachers and discuss next steps!

Temple Judea at xsNoon with Rabbi Feivel

June 7- A Matter of Size

A Matter of Size is an Israeli comedy (yes,



comedy!) like nothing you've seen before. A hilarious and heart-warming tale about a coming out of a different kind: four overweight guys who learn to love themselves through the Japanese sport of sumo wrestling! Herzl (Itzik Cohen) has been struggling with his weight ever since he was young, and his overbearing mother made it no easier on him. When Herzl loses his job as a cook and starts washing dishes in a Japanese restaurant, he discovers the world of Sumo, where large people such as himself are honored and appreciated. Through the restaurant owner Kitano (Togo Igawa), a former Japanese Sumo coach, Herzl and his friends fall in love with a sport involving "two fatsos in diapers and girly hairdos".

July 19 - Fig Tree

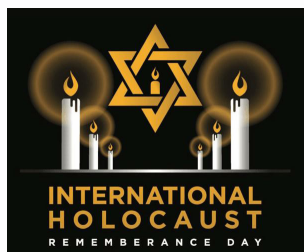
16-year-old Jewish Mina is trying to navigate between a surreal routine dictated by the civil war in Ethiopia and her last days of youth with her Christian boyfriend Eli. When she discovers that her family is planning to immigrate to Israel and escape the war, she weaves an alternate plan in order to save Eli. But in times of war, plans tend to go wrong. Marsha's coming of age film debut film is based on her childhood memories of a civil-war-torn Ethiopia.

Aug 16 - Crescendo

When world-famous conductor Eduard Sporck (played by Toni Erdmann's Peter Simonischek) accepts a job to help establish an Israeli-Palestinian youth orchestra, he steps into a firestorm of discord and mistrust. The two factions of young musicians have grown up in a state of conflict, with fear governing their perceptions of each other. With only three weeks of rehearsal, Sporck's essential task becomes more interpersonal than musical: can the children of conflict come together in harmony? Director Dror Zahavi brings us a gripping, clear-eyed drama imbued with hope for understanding, humanity, and peace.

Sunday, January 28th

Temple Judea joins with inSIGHT for Education to bring Anna Eisen to Palm Beach Gardens. Anna's parents, George and Ruth Salton, were members of Temple Judea and Holocaust survivors. In her dynamic, multimedia presentation, Anna travels back with her family to Poland to uncover their secrets.



Anna Salton Eisen is the author of *The 23rd Psalm: A Holocaust Memoir* (A National Jewish Book Awards Finalist in 2022) and *Pillar of Salt: A Daughter's Life in the Shadow of the Holocaust*. She is the daughter of two Holocaust survivors and executive producer of the upcoming documentary film *In My Father's Words* based on both of her books. Her writing has been published in *The Jerusalem Post* and *The Forward*, among others.

As the founder of Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas, site of the antisemitic synagogue hostage crisis in January 2022, Anna has been featured in numerous major news outlets, including *CNN*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and *NPR*. Anna is an Ambassador to #everynamecounts, a digital initiative of the Arolsen Archives, the world's most comprehensive archive on the victims and survivors of Nazi persecution.

“The Torah was given to each of us.”
Deuteronomy 33:4

We are so excited to invite our sacred community to join us as we write a new Torah!

We will kick off our Torah project with our youngest members on October 15th and then to the entire community.

A special thank you to Earl Abramson and Sheila Schlaggar for their most generous gift to underwrite this amazing year of Torah!

Save the dates now for our special classes, worship, scholars, and celebrations all in honor of this special event. Please be sure to sign up for your personal session with our clergy and the Sofer! Be on the lookout over the summer for a detailed brochure.

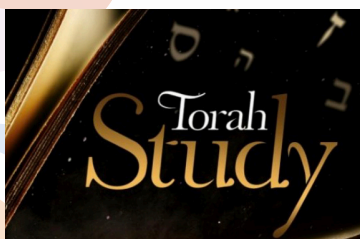
Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Feivel Mysteries of the Torah

Everyone loves a good mystery, and the Torah is full of some of the greatest historical mysteries waiting to be solved! These unsolved mysteries will take you on an adventure back in time and take you on a wild journey around the world. Along the way, you will be amazed at how modern scholars and archeologists are chipping away at the past and helping us to understand our rich history in new ways!

Lunch is \$20. Reservations required.

- September 13 - The Lost Tribes
- October 11 - The Aleppo Codex
- November 8 - Jewish Dogma and Beliefs
- December 13 - The Role of Midrash to Fill in the Blanks
- January 10 - Jewish Mysticism

- February 14 - Apocrypha
- March 13 - The Missing Years
- April 10 - The Lost Ark
- May 8 - Where was Noah's Ark?
Where is the Garden of Eden?



Torah Study with Our Clergy
Saturdays 9:00 a.m. Worship;
Followed by Torah Study

L'Chaim He a Taste of Torah

with Rabbi Yaron

Cover it all in 7 sessions!

Mondays at 5:00 p.m. in person at Temple Judea

October 16	January 22	March 11
November 27	February 12	April 15
December 18		

Together Torah, Nevi'im (Prophets) and Ketuvim (Writings) comprise what is known as the Tanach. This name for the Hebrew Bible is actually made up of the first letter of each of the three sections of the Bible.

T: for Torah

N: for Nevi'im

Ch: for Ketuvim



The Torah is made up of the first five books of the Hebrew Bible. Sometimes these are referred to as the Five Books of Moses. It may also be called the Chumash, which comes from the word five. The five books are:

Genesis. In Hebrew, B'reishit. This book recounts the story of creation and the lives of the patriarchs and matriarchs of the Jewish people. October 16

Exodus. In Hebrew, Sh'mot. This book details the story of slavery in Egypt, the Exodus, and the Ten Commandments. November 27

Leviticus. In Hebrew, Vayikra. The third book of the Torah details the role of the priests and sacrifices in ancient Jewish practice. Leviticus includes many of the ethical and ritual laws that are still practiced today. December 18

Numbers. In Hebrew, B'midbar. This book recounts the wandering of the ancient Israelites through the desert and spells out more of God's laws. January 22

Deuteronomy. In Hebrew, Devarim. Moses, in his speeches to the Children of Israel offers them an ethical will, beseeching them to follow God's ways as they prepare to enter the Promised Land. February 12

Prophets - March 11

Ketuvim - April 15



Women in the Torah
Bagel Brunch with Rabbi Rose
at 10:30 a.m.

August 23 and October 19
David's Divas: Analyzing the significant political influence of King David's named wives: Michal, Bathsheba and Abigail

November 16
Torah Toxic Love: Controversial relationships in the Torah: Samson and Delilah, Jonathan and David, Judah and Tamar

December 14
A Bride for One Night:
Examining Ruth Calderon's collection of midrashim

January 18
25 years of the Red Tent: Hearing women's missing voices

February 8
First Wives Club: Beruriah (Rabbi Meir), Rachel (Rabbi Akiva) and Michal (King David)

March 14
Basic Balabusta: The evolution of the female Jewish stereotype from Ghetto Girl to JAP



To study Torah is to enter a world in which we can be at home. Like home it invites us to reenter, again and again. Like home, it is sometimes uncomfortable, too close or suddenly alien to us. Like home, at times it forces us to live with people who irritate or upset us. But it always calls us back. It is both a spur and a refuge. Study Torah. Come home.

This is a unique opportunity to study with one of our clergy privately! Choose from one of the following classes and contact the office to schedule it. Each member can participate one time only to ensure we have time for all our members.

Rabbi Yaron: "Noah did WHAT?" Do I really to believe everything that is written in the Torah? The answer all depends on who you believe wrote it. Discuss different

At Home with the Torah - Gather at least 10 people at your home, office, club or outdoor space and we will come to you!

ideas as to who wrote the Torah and how the answer to this question determines our attitude to the text.

Rabbi Feivel: "Resolving moral dilemmas of our time." Learn how to use the art known as "the 70 faces of Torah" - the ability to find 70 profound insights in every single bible verse - to make better day to day moral, ethical and business decisions.

Rabbi Rose: "Torah Taboo - Jews and Tattoos." Tattoos were seen as a symbol of idolatry and outlawed in the Torah - yet today Jews of all ages are expressing their Jewish identity with tattoos. We will discuss what our tradition has to say about this permanent means of self-expression today, and how we can relate to the taboo concept of idolatry in our everyday lives.

Chant an Aliyah!

Join Rabbi Feivel and Cantor Abbie on a Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. to complete the mitzvah of being called to the Torah.

Our clergy invite ALL NEW MEMBERS to chant an Aliyah as part of our welcoming ritual to TJ! We hope you will say "yes" when it is your turn.

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech
ha'olam, asher natan lanu Torat emet, v'chayei
olam nata b'tocheinu.
Baruch atah, Adonai, notein haTorah.

ברוך אתה, יי אלהינו, מלך
העולם, אשר נתן לנו תורת אמת,
וחיי עולם נטע בתוכנו.
ברוך אתה, יי,נותן התורה.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, who has
given us a Torah of truth, implanting within us eternal life.
Blessed are You, Adonai, who gives the Torah.

Scholars in Residence



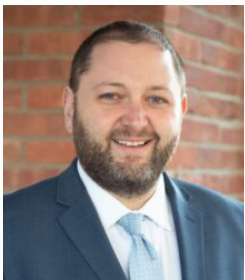
Rabbi Rachel Sabath **November 2023**

Rabbi Rachel Sabath **Beit-Halachmi, Ph.D**

is Inaugural Senior Rabbi at Har Sinai-Oheb Shalom Congregation in Baltimore, Maryland. (HSOSC is the Newest and Oldest Reform

Congregation in the country.) Previously, Rabbi Sabath served Ohavay Zion Synagogue, and Shirat HaYam Synagogue as their Rabbi. She has also served as Assistant Professor of Jewish Thought and Ethics at Hebrew Union College (HUC) and for over a decade as Vice President of the Shalom Hartman Institute. Ordained at HUC-JIR, Rabbi Sabath earned a Ph.D. at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

She is the co-author of two books: *Striving Toward Virtue: A Contemporary Guide to Jewish Ethical Behavior* and *Preparing Your Heart for the High Holydays*. She is also at work on a collection of essays on Jewish Philosophy as well as a volume, co-edited with Rabbi Prof. Rachel Adler, on gender and ethics in Jewish thought.



Rabbi Joseph A. Skloot, Ph.D **February 2024**

Rabbi Joseph A. Skloot, Ph.D., is the Rabbi Aaron D. Panken Assistant Professor of Modern Jewish Intellectual History at HUC-JIR/New York and the Associate

Director of the Tisch/Star Fellowship program. He received his Ph.D. in Jewish History from Columbia University, his rabbinical ordination from HUC-JIR, and his A.B. in History from Princeton University. Skloot is a historian of Jewish culture and religious thought in the early modern and modern periods. His research explores the history of Hebrew books, Jewish-Christian relations, the development of Jewish law, and Reform Jewish theology. Prior to his appointment to HUC-JIR's faculty, Skloot served as Associate Rabbi at Washington Hebrew Congregation in Washington, D.C. He was chair of the Central Conference of American Rabbis' Worship and Practice Committee for five years, overseeing the production of the Reform movement's liturgies.



Rabbi Leon Morris **February 2024**

Rabbi Leon Morris is the President of Pardes and is the first alumnus to head the institution (Year Program alumnus '94-'95; Summer Program alumnus '93 and '94). Leon made aliyah with his wife Dasee Berkowitz (Pardes

Year Program alumna '94-'95) and their three children in June 2014, after serving as the rabbi of Temple Adas Israel in Sag Harbor, NY. He was the founding director of the Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El (now the Temple Emanu-El Streicker Center) in Manhattan. Before coming to Pardes, Leon served as a Vice President for Israel Programs at the Shalom Hartman Institute and was a faculty member at Hebrew Union College.

Ordained from Hebrew Union College in 1997 where he was a Wexner Graduate Fellow, he has worked extensively with the Jewish community of India, beginning in 1990 when he served as a Jewish Service Corps volunteer for the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. He was also a Mandel Jerusalem Fellow. Leon has taught at Orthodox, Conservative and Reform institutions and is a regular contributor to the Jewish, US and Israeli press. He is an editor of the new Reform High Holy Day machzor, *Mishkan HaNefesh* and is a contributor to *Jewish Theology in Our Time: A New Generation Explores the Foundations and Future of Jewish Belief* (edited by Elliot Cosgrove, Jewish Lights, 2010)

“*Lech-Lecha – Go forth to a land that I will show you.*”

Leviticus 19:9-18

Love your Neighbor

Hanukkah Concert Friday, December 15th - 7:30 p.m. Eric Hunker

Eric Hunker is a Tulsa, OK based singer-songwriter. His first album, All These Little Loves, debuted at #9 on iTunes Singer-Songwriter Top 20. Eric is a regular on Jewish Rock Radio and is a dear friend of Cantor Abbie.



Sunday, August 6th at 4:00 p.m. FREE SUMMER CONCERT with Pam and Dave

An exceptional duo of musicians performing all your favorite songs, from Ballads to Motown to Disco to Pop/Rock to Island Music...
Sit back & listen or dance the night away!

INTERFAITH SERVICES



6TH ANNUAL DINNER APRIL 2024

Celebrate Ramadan with our local Muslim at the Al Amin Mosque in Boynton Beach, FL.

Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.
Interfaith Prayer Service



JANUARY 12
JANUARY 14



SAVE THE DATE
TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 21
6:30 P.M.

ISRAEL GRANT

Temple Judea's Board of Trustees in honored to be able to support pluralistic Judaism in Israel. For the third year, TJ's Board has approved a \$10,000 contribution to be presented to agencies, temples, and leaders, who are working to further the value of an inclusive Israel. Each year a task force is formed to evaluate candidates and present the awards.



Israel Movement for Reform and Progressive Judaism
התנועה הרפורמית והפרוגרסיבית ליהדות מתקדמת בישראל

DONOR APPRECIATION EVENT
Sunday, March 10
4:00 p.m.



Rabbi Bob Alper - comedian and rabbi!
"The Spirituality of Laughter: A Jewish Look at the Holiness of Humor." This program will explore why laughter has been such an integral part of Jewish culture.

A special invitation only event for any donor who gives \$1000+ to TJ above and beyond your full-dues annual commitment. Members only please.

Our vision is to never turn anyone away who cannot afford to but who wants to be a member of our sacred community. But this vision is only possible when other members help offset any shortfalls.

This event is a special thank you for YOU!

"Love your neighbor as you love yourself."

Leviticus 19:9-18

CANDID CONVERSATIONS – SUMMER SERIES - MINDFULNESS MEDITATION SERIES

Mindfulness is a meditative state achieved by focusing one's awareness on the present moment, while calmly acknowledging and accepting one's feelings, thoughts, and bodily sensations.

To be mindful is to learn how to fully appreciate life's little pleasures in the present moment. Our most precious moments, in the now, often pass by unnoticed when the mind is distracted by focusing on the future or ruminating about the past.

Research suggests that mindfulness can lower stress levels, blood pressure, improve the quality of your sleep and so much more.

Thursdays, June 15, July 20, August 17 from 1:00 – 2:00pm

CANDID CONVERSATIONS

Candid Conversations for Women is an energetic, enlightening, and enjoyable women's group designed for female members of Temple Judea. Topics chosen for group participation and discussion are selected to strengthen the bond of friendship and support for all who attend. We choose topics that are topical and user friendly but not political.

Participating attendees enjoy sharing experiences and learning from one another through communication and reflection during topic discussions. It is nice being together in a comfortable and confidential place to explore relevant matters that enhance the joyful meaning of the group.

Our next full year series will be held on Thursdays: September 7, September 21, October 12, October 26, November 9, November 30, January 4, January 18, February 1, February 15, March 7, March 21, April 4, April 18, and May 2.

We begin each meeting at 1:00pm.

Topics covered will include Discovering Happiness, Enriching My Personal Profile, Stimulating My Memory, Achieving Inner Peace, Understanding Successful Relationships, and Graceful Aging.

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

Counseling and Consultation

BEREAVEMENT

Healing after the loss of a loved one is a challenging time. You are the one who is grieving and as such, each person's journey is different. The "Healing Journey" will assist with the healing process in a safe, nurturing, supportive and loving environment.

Mondays at 1:00 p.m. at Temple Judea
June 5 – Coping Strategies; June 19 – Exploring My Feelings; July 10 – Treasuring My Memories; July 17 – Healing Thoughts

Additional cohorts will be formed as the year progresses.

Marcia Grobman is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and received her master's degree in social work from Barry University, Miami Shores, Florida. She is also a Certified Addiction Professional and has a great deal of experience working in the field of addiction recovery.

She was employed by Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners and the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office from 1982 – 1991. After her tenure with Palm Beach County/Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Ms. Grobman taught college courses at Palm Beach State College and South University. She also worked at Morse Geriatric Center now known as Morse Life. In 2002, Ms. Grobman moved to Aruba, Dutch Caribbean Island and began work with Aruba Police Department and local island hoteliers to develop and implement a comprehensive tourist safety program so named the Visibility Team. Ms. Grobman returned to Palm Beach County in 2006 and was employed by Alpert Jewish Family and Children's Services. She retired in 2017 from Jewish Family Services after eleven and a half years of service.

In addition to group discussions, Marcia is willing to offer Temple Judea members supportive counseling, information, and referrals on a one-on-one basis. Call the office to schedule a time.

ALL NEW....

ISRAEL'S HIDDEN SECRETS

with RABBI YARON

March 18 - March 28, 2024

Perfect trip for seasoned travelers



This is the trip for people who have been there, done that. We are talking off the beaten path, unique, quirky, and fabulous! See Israel through some of Rabbi Yaron's favorite haunts - and some places he too has never been. This trip is not a good fit for first timers - and you must be able to walk on ancient pathways and keep a quick pace so we can pack it all into a 7-day trip. Extensions available for people who want to see some of the "classics!" Contact Morli Josza, Executive Director, to be added to the interest list! morli@gotj.org SPACE IS LIMITED



WE ARE GOING TO ISRAEL!!

We hope you are too!

June 2 -13, 2024

See all the major sites but on a more family friendly, relaxed timetable.

THIS TRIP IS FOR FAMILIES with CHILDREN who have never been to Israel!

Celebrate a Bar/Bat Mitzvah with your TJ family on a designated day (for any child ages 12-15). With Rabbi Feivel Strauss

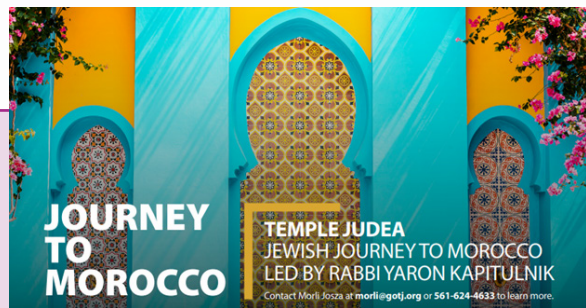
Don't miss these opportunities!

\$500 per person non-refundable deposit

Questions:

Call TJ at 561-624-4633 and ask for Morli Josza

Maximum number of participants 50



November 5-14, 2023

Itinerary:

Casablanca: Welcome dinner, Giant Mosques and Ancient Ruins, Mosque of Hassan II, Beth El Synagogue, Museum of the Jews of Morocco

Fes: Group dinner, Borj Sud Fortress, Ibn Danan Synagogue, El Fassiyin Synagogue, Fes Jewish Cemetery, Medina, Madrasa Bou Inania - one of the few Islamic sites open to non-Muslims, Nejjarine Museum of Wooden Arts and Crafts, University of Al-Karaouine, Chouara Tannery

Rabat: Royal Palace, Mausoleum of Mohammad V and of Hassan II, Markets, Stores, Kasbah des Udayas, Meet the members of Association Mimouna - an organization that promotes Jewish-

Muslim friendships, Group dinner

Marrakech: Majorelle Garden, Berber Museum, Yves St. Laurent Museum, Kabbalat Shabbat at Beth El Synagogue, Shabbat Dinner, Shabbat services, Tour Medina, Bahia Palace, Madrasa Ben Youssef, Marketplace free time, Djemaa El Fna Square, Havdalah, meet with an Imam, Mellah - the Jewish Quarter, Slat el Azama Synagogue, Jewish Cemetery, Cooking workshop

Atlas mountains: Ourika Valley, Village of Agounsane and the Berber people and their way of life - including the pre-school, the farmed terraces, Make your own ceramics, Make your own ancient bread, Traditional Tajine Lunch

What's included:

8 nights accommodations; 8 days of touring with an educator and local guide in a luxury bus, transfer from airport, daily breakfasts, 4 lunches and 5 dinners, all entrances and program fees

What's excluded:

Credit card fees, flights, travel insurance, gratuities

INTERESTED? Contact Morli Josza at morli@gotj.org

*“You shall teach these words
to your children.”*

Deuteronomy 33:4

Our Youth Education Program (“YEP”) strives to educate, be welcoming, and most importantly be joyous – for both our students as well as their families.

We offer a Sunday program for children in grades kindergarten through sixth grade. We offer a “block” schedule each Sunday which includes time for Jewish studies, Hebrew language, “Tarbut”/Electives which change every week to include music, art, dance, cooking, time with our rabbis etc., and of course, recess / snack time so our students can form their own age-appropriate

community. At the end of every Sunday, the school gathers for an assembly led by our clergy. Together we celebrate all the joys – like birthdays, accomplishments, milestones. We sing songs related to holidays, Shabbat, and being Jewish. And we add “ruach” – energy to our young community.

5th and 6th graders also attend one-on-one virtual Hebrew language sessions during the week. These are scheduled on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays after school. We have found that these one-on-one sessions have been very impactful in student’s language mastery.

Finally, we have several special programs where parents are invited to participate. These include events like Sukkot, Simchat Torah, Hanukkah, Purim and special class specific events.

We are grateful to our families for allowing us to be their partners in their children’s Jewish journey!



YOUTH GROUP

JUICY Ruach – an introduction to youth group for 3rd -5th graders. Meeting quarterly on Sundays after YEP.

JUICY Jr. – TJ’s junior youth group, open to all 6th – 8th graders. Meeting approximately once a month during the school year on Saturday nights or Sunday afternoons.

JUICY – TJ’s senior youth group – open to all 9th – 12th graders – meets four times a year... Dinner with the Rabbi! August 31, November 2, February 29 and May 9 – come to one or come to all!

For more information on Youth Group, contact Rabbi Feivel Strauss at feivel@gotj.org

MADRICHIM

Our YEP program features Madrichim (teachers’ helpers) who assist in each classroom.

TJ Madrichim are in 9th-12th grade and are vital to helping with our YEP program. Not only do they add a great deal of energy and enthusiasm to our school, but our students often look up to them as role models.

Madrichim either receive community service hours or payment for their work. If you have a teen who is interested in being a madrich or madricha, please contact Rabbi Feivel Strauss at feivel@gotj.org.

Marking Life's Sacred Moments



We, the clergy, and leadership of Temple Judea understand that: every child becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah is special and unique, and that every family comes from a different background, a different level of observance and has different needs, goals, and expectations

B'NEI MITZVAH

One of the most meaningful aspects of Judaism is its ability to mark sacred moments and lifecycle events. A child's Bar/Bat Mitzvah is such a moment.

But this passage is not only theirs, but for the parents and grandparents as well. As they begin this sacred journey, so too are families beginning their own journey—that of seeing your child grow into a responsible young Jewish adult. A journey of letting them start spreading their own wings as they search for their own sense of identity. This is why we invite the entire family to take an active role in this process, seeing this period as an opportunity to take to heart your own sense of Jewish practice, growth, self-realization, and fulfillment.

What does it mean to become a Jewish adult?

Students do not “have” a Bar/ Bat Mitzvah; they “become” a Bar or Bat Mitzvah. The Talmud teaches that a young person is ready at the age of 13 to understand and accept adult responsibility for mitzvot (commandments/sacred responsibilities).

Therefore, we are offering you three different tracks to choose how you wish to celebrate your Simcha (joyous occasion). We will review these tracks with you during our first meeting which typically occurs one year prior to the scheduled Bar/ Bat Mitzvah date.

While the approach varies – the goal remains the same - we want your child to love their Bar/Bat Mitzvah experience, and for your family to feel it was meaningful, relevant, and accessible!

Our prayer for your child is that through the process of becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, they will grow in love with Jewish tradition and appreciate their unique Jewish identity.

Our hope is that while you guide and support your child in the process, they learn to “own” it and feel a strong sense of accomplishment and ownership.

We are honored to be a part of their and your journey. Thank you for making Temple Judea your spiritual home.

L'Shalom,
Rabbi Yaron Kapitulnik, Rabbi Feivel Strauss and Cantor Abbie Strauss



BABY NAMINGS/ B'RIT MILAH

We invite all parents, or grandparents for their non-member children and grandbabies, to schedule a naming ceremony at Temple Judea. This ceremony is an opportunity for parents of the new baby to explain their choice of Hebrew name, its significance, and for the new baby to receive a special blessing.

This blessing acknowledges that the child has entered a brit, or covenant, with God. Blessings are also recited for the baby's well-being. The traditional wish is offered – that the child may grow into a life of study of Torah, of loving relationships, and the performance of good deeds. This ceremony can take place privately or at Temple Judea as part of our worship service.

WEDDINGS/VOW RENEWALS

It is our clergy's honor to be a part of a couple's wedding day or vow renewal. Even though Reform Jewish weddings draw much inspiration from history and tradition, they also tend to reflect a more modern, egalitarian, and flexible sensibility. The couple will work with our clergy to design a ceremony that is meaningful to both the bride and the groom. In general, Reform Jewish weddings typically include a chuppah, a ketubah, a ring ceremony, and the breaking of the glass. One major difference between a Reform and a traditional Jewish wedding is the role of the woman. In a Reform Jewish wedding ceremony, the woman

shares in all the roles a man would traditionally do. Additionally, for first time marriages, our clergy will also meet with the couple for several pre-marriage sessions prior to their ceremony. Weddings can take place at either a private location or at Temple Judea. For smaller ceremonies, or vow renewals, we are happy to create an intimate sacred experience in our clergy's study under our temple's chuppah.



CONVERSION

Temple Judea and the Reform movement welcome and support those who chose to explore Judaism. Jews by Choice are a gift to our people and to our communities. While each person's path into Jewish life is unique, there are shared questions and experiences that are common to many. We welcome the opportunity to introduce you to Judaism and an opportunity to help guide those on a spiritual journey. If you are interested in studying with us, please contact the office. Cohorts / Classes are scheduled once there is a cohort.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is a year-long process of study, culminating in a beautiful ceremony for boys and girls that is tied to the Jewish holiday of Shavuot. Confirmation class is offered for 9th and 10th grade students.

AUFUF

An aufuf, which in Yiddish means "calling up", is an opportunity for an engaged couple to be called to the bimah for an Aliyah before the wedding. Our clergy are happy to perform this ceremony on a Thursday during minyan or as part of a Friday night service.



HANGING A MEZUZAH

A Jewish household is created by the people who live in it and by the way they act and the things they do and don't do and the beliefs they hold. To a great extent, a Jewish way of life is a portable faith: you can take it with you anywhere you go. It is generally accepted that Judaism is a religion more oriented to the holiness of time vs. the holiness of place. There are many occasions we sanctify, but very few places we call holy. Our homes are an exception - and we do this through the ritual of hanging a mezuzah in your home - be it on the front door or on any other door. If you have recently moved, or do not currently have a mezuzah on your door, please call the office to schedule this sacred ritual with one of our clergy who will happily come to your home!

FUNERAL/MEMORIAL

Jewish tradition teaches that humans are created in the image of God (Genesis 1:26). This is the underpinning of all the rituals and customs that make up a Jewish funeral. This concept extends both to the deceased and to the mourners. It is our hope to provide love and support during what can be the most difficult of times. Our clergy will coordinate all aspects of a funeral or memorial service - including the details of the service, meeting with the family, leading the funeral prayers, and delivery a eulogy. They will also help coordinate the observance of shiva, sloshim, and are available to families in mourning throughout their process.

SISTERHOOD

THE WHO, WHAT, WHY OF SISTERHOOD

What is Sisterhood?

Sisterhood is the temple's women's organization that unites for programs to benefit the temple and the community, for social activities, for study, and for friendship.

Why Sisterhood?

Sisterhood is the place where women can meet and work together for the benefit of the congregation. Here, women can initiate and develop projects in which they are interested, and Sisterhood can initiate cooperative programs with other groups both within and outside the temple.

Why do you need Sisterhood?

Sisterhood provides a collective identity for the women of the congregation while providing an outlet for the creative energy, talent, and leadership potential for the individual Jewish woman.

Why does Sisterhood need you?

Sisterhood needs the support of all the women of the congregation - whether you are a mother, daughter, sister, aunt, or wife - you are a critical part of our community, our voice, and our work.

Please join us!

Sincerely,
Julie Buckner, President

SAVE THE DATES

Summer Social

Wednesday, August 23

Mezuzah Making

Wednesday, October 25 or
Wednesday, November 15

Membership Dinner

Thursday, November 2

Norton Outing

January TBD

Card Party

Wednesday, February 21

Sisterhood Seder

Thursday, April 11

*“ To see your face
is to see the face of God. ”*

Genesis 33:10



BOOK GROUP

Mondays at 10:30 AM. Everyone is Welcome!

The Book Group meets in person
as well as by Zoom.

Books for 2023/2024

June 2023 - No meeting

July 3

The Lost Boys by Faye Kellerman
Led by: Eileen Forman

Aug. 7

Recipes for a Sacred Life
by Rivvy Neshama
Led by: Rickie Leiter/Karen Felder

Sept. 11

Last Summer at the Golden Hotel
by Elyssa Friedland
Led by: Maggie Kaufman

Oct. 2

Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow
by Gabrielle Zevin
Led by: Penny Beers/Alesia Hoy

Nov. 6

The Nowhere Girl by Cheryl Diamond
Led by: Marsha Kuhr

Dec. 4

Ashton Hall by Lauren Belfer
Led by: Beth Marion

Jan. 8

The Vixen: a novel by Francine Prose
Led by: Debbie Kinback

Feb. 5

The Papercutter by Cindy Rizzo
Led by: Suzanne Chait-Magenheim

Mar. 4

Woman on Fire: a novel by Lisa Barr
Led by: Loe Goldwasser

Meeting ID: 863 2152 4611

Passcode: 910340

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



Quantum House is a caring and supportive home that lessens the burden for families whose children are receiving treatment in Palm Beach County for a serious medical condition. Mealtimes are a really big deal here as they have 30 families

to feed daily. Join your fellow TJ congregants to become Chef for a Day!

Sundays at 2:00 p.m. June 25, July 23, August 27, October 29, January 7, February 25, March 31



To benefit St. George's Food Kitchen.

PLEASE CONSIDER making sandwiches at home - on any 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 on second Tuesday of every month any time from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.



Feeding Hope Village is a community resource hub for the local population in Riviera Beach, Florida, where the needy can obtain access to free healthy food, assistance to help them from becoming homeless, employment referrals, social service and health information. Feeding Hope Village was created by Faith Deliverance Church of God Center

to be a social services outreach entity. The church currently serves 750 families - around 3,000 individuals - on a monthly basis and recognized the need for additional services. Join Rabbi Rose at Feeding Hope Village in Riviera Beach to pack food for the food insecure on the first Wednesday of the month. 11/1, 12/6, 1/17, 2/7, 3/6



Help pack food to ensure no child goes hungry! Together we will prepare weekend backpacks for

school aged children. October 3 and April 2 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



Blankets of Love

Knit or crochet blankets at home for donation to children's hospitals, women's shelters, and homeless shelters.

For more information contact Isabel Berg at izzyberg2@gmail.com.

LET'S GET TO:WORK



Our sages teach that Talmud Torah, the story of Torah is the most important mitzvah because study leads to action. Our volunteer

and advocacy efforts at TJ are inspired by the wisdom of our tradition, which teaches, "It is not your responsibility to finish the work of perfecting the world, but you are not free to desist from it." Together, let us put our study into action through acts of tzedakah- acts of righteousness- so that together, as a community, we can do our part towards tikkun olam, healing our world.

Our work is focused on four pillars: Advocacy, Hands-On Volunteering, Teaching our Children, and Giving Back. We strive to provide opportunities for members to engage in regular activities as well as many "pop in" individual volunteer events. Let this be the year you find the best way for you to live your Jewish values and give back- do you want to try rolling up your sleeves and diving into direct service? Are you an advocate, ready to march into your legislators' offices to speak truth to power? Are you a parent, striving to inspire tzedakah in the next generation?

Check out our offerings and jump in- we can't wait for you to join us in this sacred work!

While there are many worthwhile causes, we will focus our advocacy efforts this year on three main causes. Would you like to lend your voice to one (or more) of these causes? Contact the office to register to be part of our advocacy team. You will be asked to make calls, participate in strategy sessions, and lobby representatives to share our Jewish values.

Congregational check in meetings will be held on October 1, 2023 and February 11, 2024 both at 1:00 p.m. at Temple Judea.

- Gun Violence
- Reproductive Justice
- Fighting Antisemitism



*“Tzedek, Tzedek, Tirdof.
Justice, Justice you shall pursue.”*

Deuteronomy 16:20

*“ Serve God with joy.
Ivdu et HaShem b' Simcha! ”*

Psalms 100:2



Weingrow Endowment

Created by Terry and Frank Vaccaro, in loving memory of Terry’s parents, Howard and Muriel Weingrow, the Weingrow Endowment Fund, annually supports organizations and individuals in our community who embody the value of loving your neighbor as you love yourself. This grant is presented every year during the Shabbat service of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. weekend.

Throughout the year we support various collections that we encourage our community to support including:

- Back to School Backpacks
- High Holy Day Food Drive
- Thanksgiving Baskets for the VA hospital
- Holiday Toy Drive for Nicklaus Children’s Hospital
- Noah’s Ark Pet Supply Drive for Furry Friends
- Plastic Bag Collection for Feeding Hope Village
- Eyeglasses for Lions Club
- Gleaning
- Passover Chametz Food Drive
- Food Packing for Haiti

Calvin M. Schwartz and Gloria Hay Schwartz Caring Community

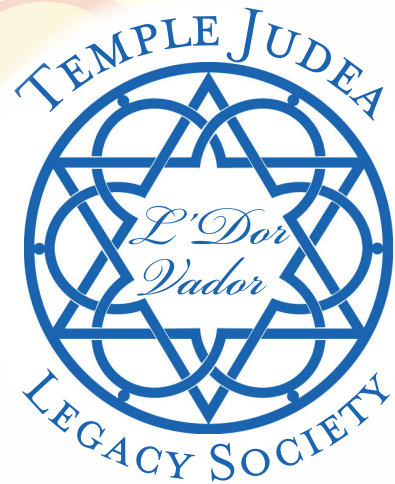
The Caring Community’s mission is to care for and support Temple Judea’s congregants in times of joy, sorrow, illness, and transition. We serve congregants who are ill, coping with a loss, or other life problems, or who simply need support. We call, write notes, provide meals, deliver food, visit, and celebrate joyous life cycle events such as marriage or welcoming new babies with a gift from the temple. As a congregation, and sacred family, it is our vision to never be too busy to reach out to one another.

For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Chairperson, Helaine Kahn, at Helaine8@icloud.com

It takes a village,
and we cannot make the impact
in our community we would like
without YOU!

**DO YOU HAVE TIME TO
VOLUNTEER? A little, or a lot, it
doesn’t matter....
JOIN US!**

For questions about all programs,
or how to get involved,
contact Rabbi Rose Durbin
at rose@gotj.org



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

– Talmud

BECAUSE WE ARE YOUR FAMILY

After all, you have loved this congregation and poured your heart into it. This congregation is an enduring part of your Jewish legacy, just like your family. Make a gift to help Temple Judea continue to transform lives and inspire action, to ensure that your values and goals live on and to make a significant difference in our community.

As you plan for the future, think about what that legacy means to you.... and please consider the congregation in your will or estate plan.

To learn more about how to create your Jewish legacy, please contact Morli Josza at 561-624-4633 or morli@gotj.org.

5 Reasons You Should Make a Commitment to Temple Judea's L'Dor VaDor Society and the Life & Legacy efforts:

1. Support the Future:

By committing a legacy gift to any of the participating organizations, you will be showing your support of building endowment funds that generate annual funding to benefit the organization(s) you love.

2. Support the Present:

At the conclusion of year two of the program, each organization participating in LIFE & LEGACY receives an incentive bonus of up to \$5,000 for securing enough new commitments to meet its goals.

3. Create Your Legacy:

When you establish a legacy gift, whether it's through a bequest in your will, or a portion of your IRA, or another giving vehicle, you are leaving your last lesson for your children, grandchildren, and even the community as a whole. With your legacy gift, you will be telling one and all that being generous, caring about others, and thinking about the future are important moral values. These are profound messages for Jewish community members of all ages.

4. Lead by Example:

By signing a legacy commitment, you are leading the community by stepping up and showing your dedication to your beloved organization(s). There is no monetary gift that must be made now, just your commitment, your leadership.

5. Save on Taxes:

While Temple Judea does not provide tax, legal, or financial advice, we do encourage you to contact your trusted advisor to talk about how a prospective legacy gift can save you on capital gains taxes, estate taxes, and/or income taxes, because these savings can be significant.

Annual High Holy Day

Appeal:

Each year during the High Holy Day season we ask for your generosity and help. Gifts to the High Holy Day Appeal help offset the difference between the cost of running the temple and the 62% of expenses covered by dues. Monies raised go directly to help members in need, our youth education program, and teens.

Chai Society and Golden Chai Society:

The Chai Society and Golden Chai Society are about “people helping people.” The Chai Society is \$436 above regular dues and the Golden Chai is \$1,360 above regular dues. Funds raised go directly towards providing dues assistance to members in need.

General Fund Donations:

Each month members elect to make donations in honor of or in memory of a loved one. These donations go towards our operating budget and help Temple Judea enhance its offerings to all members.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Your gift to Temple Judea truly makes a difference - both for our members in need and to our sacred community! Each year Temple Judea has annual campaigns which raise funds to help sustain us and keep us financially and fiscally responsible. Your gift helps ensure our present and future and says, “I believe in Temple Judea!”

Each and every gift is important—no matter the amount—because each and every member is important. We are all partners in the future of our synagogue; whatever you give will have a significant impact for years to come. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

HOW TO GIVE?

There are many ways you can make a 100% tax-deductible gift in support of Temple Judea.

Specific Designated Funds:

Designated funds are another way to support Temple Judea.

- Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund
- Cantor’s Discretionary Fund
- Rabbi Joel and Susan Levine Hope & Healing Fund
- Adult Education
- Religious School
- Youth Group
- Camp
- Social Action
- Gloria Hay & Calvin M. Schwartz Caring Community Fund
- Renovation Fund

Capital Gifts:

Temple Judea has many naming opportunities in our main building and in our school building. Monies raised for capital gifts are used to enhance the temple’s facilities and equipment.

Dedicable Items:

- Tree of Life.....\$250/Leaf
- Pavers\$360/Paver
- Memorial Plaques.....\$750/Plaque

Sponsorships:

- Shabbat Sponsor.....\$500
- High Holy Day Music.....\$540
- High Holy Day Flowers.....\$360
- Event Sponsorship.....Contact Morli Josza, Executive Director

L’Dor VaDor Endowment Fund:

Gifts to the endowment fund are an investment in the future of Temple Judea. Consider leaving your own legacy by supporting our fund and ensuring the long, successful future of TJ!



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