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*We are excited to welcome you to our year of
"Love Your Neighbor As Yourself."*

This timeless commandment – one of the most foundational in all of Jewish tradition – calls us not simply to tolerance, but to something far more demanding and more beautiful: to see ourselves in one another, and to act accordingly. In a world that can feel increasingly fragmented, we believe this ancient wisdom is more urgent than ever. Through our programs, learning, worship, and community life this year, we invite you to explore what it truly means to extend that love outward – to our fellow congregants, to our broader community, and even to those with whom we profoundly disagree. Together, we will ask the hard questions, celebrate the moments of genuine connection, and do the sacred work of building a community rooted in compassion, dignity, and care for every human being.

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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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Temple Judea's 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 served 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. In 2023 Rabbi Yaron became TJ's Senior Rabbi and he is excited to continue building TJ's clergy team.

In July of 2025, we were fortunate to welcome Rabbi Wendy Pein as our Rabbi Educator and Kaylene Cole as our Cantorial Soloist to the Temple Judea family. These

two amazing additions have already brought so much energy, warmth, and talent to our community.

Rabbi Wendy Pein brings a wealth of experience in Jewish education and community building. Her innovative approach to teaching Torah and her passion for engaging learners of all ages has enriched our congregation's educational programming. Rabbi Pein's commitment to inclusive Judaism and her warm, approachable style makes her an ideal spiritual guide for our community members as they deepen their Jewish knowledge and practice.

Kaylene Cole joined us with an exceptional musical background and a profound understanding of Jewish liturgy. Her beautiful voice and skill in leading congregational singing elevate our worship experiences and help connect us more deeply to our traditions. Kaylene's dedication to honoring both traditional and contemporary Jewish music creates meaningful sonic landscapes that resonate with members across generations.

We are thrilled to announce that Rabbi Josh Franklin will be joining Temple Judea as our Co-Senior Rabbi beginning July 1, 2026. Rabbi Franklin comes to us with a distinguished record of congregational leadership, most recently serving at the Jewish Center of the Hamptons and prior to that at Temple Beth Elohim in Wellesley, Massachusetts. A colleague of Rabbi Yaron's from their days together at Hebrew Union College, Rabbi Franklin brings a shared foundation and a deep sense of partnership to this new role. Known for his love of teaching, his genuine warmth, and his remarkable musical talents, Rabbi Franklin has a gift for making every person feel seen and welcomed. He has already set a personal goal of meeting as many of our members as humanly possible and learning everyone's name - a beautiful reflection of his commitment to building real, meaningful relationships within our community. Together, he and Rabbi Yaron will share the responsibilities of leading Temple Judea, combining their talents, experience, and vision to guide our congregation into a bright and purposeful future.

As Temple Judea continues to grow and enhance the lives of the over 800 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.



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On behalf of our Board of Trustees, welcome to Temple Judea! As you look through this guide, you will quickly see what those of us who call this place home already know - Temple Judea is something truly special. We are not simply a synagogue; we are a community where lives are enriched, friendships are forged, and Jewish identity is celebrated and deepened.

What a year lies ahead. Our nearly 800 member households will once again have endless opportunities to engage, connect, and grow – through inspired worship, thought-provoking adult education, energetic youth programming, impactful social action, our active Sisterhood, a comprehensive Youth Education Program, and the many committees and interest groups that make this community so wonderfully diverse.

As I step into my second year as your President, I do so with immense gratitude and even greater enthusiasm. This past year gave me a front-row seat to the dedication, generosity, and heart that our members, staff, and clergy bring to everything we do – and it has only deepened my love for this community. I am also beyond excited to begin this year with a full and extraordinary team in place. With Rabbi Josh Franklin joining Rabbi Yaron as our Co-Senior Rabbi, alongside Rabbi Wendy Pein and Kaylene Cole, we are blessed with remarkable leadership that will help guide and inspire us in the years to come.

I look forward to seeing you at services, events, and everything in between. This is your community – let's make the most of it together.

Wishing you a year of growth, connection, and joy.

Respectfully,

Keith Paulus

President

Who Is My Reah? A Year of Expanding the Circle

V'ahavta l'reiacha kamocho — Leviticus 19:1



We are all familiar with the “Golden Rule.” A verse from the Torah we use so often and yet we rarely pay attention to its true meaning. This verse appears

in Leviticus, almost offhandedly tucked between laws about gleaning fields and paying wages on time, and yet Rabbi Akiva declared it *klal gadol baTorah*, the great principle of the entire Torah. “Love your reah as yourself.” We translate the word *reah* as “neighbor,” and we move on, confident we know what it means.

But we do not.

Reah is one of the most semantically rich words in the Hebrew Bible. It appears over one hundred times and refuses to sit still. In some places it means a literal neighbor, the person next door, the one whose fence meets yours. In others it carries the sense of *companion* or *friend*, the one you have chosen to walk alongside. In still other moments it reaches further, toward *fellow human being*, the stranger whose face reminds you of your own. When the Israelites left Egypt, they borrowed from their *re'im* gold and silver for the journey. When the book of Ruth speaks of loyalty and devotion, it uses the same root. In Proverbs it means something closer to an inherited bond, a relationship we did not choose but are asked to honor.

The philosopher Emmanuel Levinas argued that the ethical demand to love the “other” is the founding moment of all morality. The *reah* is not merely someone like us. The *reah* is precisely the one whose difference calls us out of ourselves.

All of which brings me to this year.

As we introduce our theme for 5786, I want to raise a question I think our congregation is ready to ask with real

seriousness: Who is our *reah*? Not as a rhetorical exercise, but as a living, year-long exploration in the places we travel, the communities we visit, the friendships we deepen, and the extraordinary new presence we welcome into the very heart of our Temple Judea family.

This year, we are going far. A group of Temple Judea congregants will travel to Argentina, to meet Jewish communities whose history is as extraordinary as it is unfamiliar to most of us. Argentine Jewry carries its own wounds, its own vitality, its own way of being Jewish under skies none of us have stood beneath. We will also travel to Prague and Budapest, cities soaked in Jewish memory, where the stones themselves tell the story of who our people were and who they refused to stop being. We will return to Israel, always the journey that reminds us where the deepest roots of our *reah* are planted. Closer to home, a trip to Philadelphia will connect us to a vibrant story of The American Jewish community with its own distinct texture and role in establishing our country, and a journey to Atlanta and the American South will take us into the footsteps of the civil rights movement, walking the ground where the most consequential moral struggle of modern American history was waged, often with Jewish hands and Jewish hearts in the front lines.

And our teens will travel to the Dominican Republic, not to observe but to build, working alongside local communities to construct homes and offer real, physical help. There is no more direct expression of *v'ahavta l'reiacha kamocho* than showing up with your hands.

Within our own community, this will be a year of deepening relationships with our neighbors in faith. We are committed to more programming, more genuine encounters, and more honest conversation with the congregations and faith communities alongside whom we live. To love your *reah* requires first

that you know who your *reah* is, and we intend to invest seriously in that knowing. And then there is the *reah* who is arriving in our own house.

This is the year Rabbi Josh Franklin joins us as Co-Senior Rabbi, and I want to speak plainly about what I believe that means. Josh is not a new hire. He is a colleague of many years, a person of extraordinary learning, warmth, and pastoral gifts, and someone I trust with the community I love most in the world. Welcoming Josh is not a logistical transition. It is a spiritual one. And here is something I want you to know: Josh is not waiting to be found. He is coming eager to find you, to learn your name, to hear your story, and to understand what Temple Judea means to the people who call it home. So we plan to use this year intentionally, creating gatherings and opportunities for people who live in the same communities, the same zip codes, the same streets, to meet one another while they meet him. Because one of the quiet truths about synagogue life is that people who have sat in the same sanctuary for years sometimes barely know each other. Josh's coming gives us a beautiful reason to change that. I hope you will seek him out, share your story, and let him share his. A co-senior rabbinate only becomes what it can be when the entire congregation chooses to make it so. Consider this your invitation.

V'ahavta l'reiacha kamocho. The commandment does not say: love those already in your circle. It says: love your *reah*, the companion, the fellow, the one across the ocean, the one building homes in a distant country, the one standing on the bimah that is now yours together. Let us spend this year finding out who they are. Let us spend this year finding who we ARE.

L'SHALOM,

Rabbi Yaron



Won't You Be My Neighbor?

When I was a child, like so many others, I grew up watching *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*. Long before I understood theology or philosophy, that gentle question made its way into my heart: “*Won't you be my neighbor?*” It wasn't just a catchy tune. It was an invitation – into relationship, into kindness, into shared humanity.

As we enter a new year at Temple Judea centered on the sacred call to “*Love your neighbor as yourself*,” I find myself returning to that same question. Mr. Rogers would sing, “*I have always wanted to have a neighbor just like you... So let's make the most of this beautiful day, since we're together we might as well say – won't you be my neighbor?*” There is something profoundly Jewish about that invitation. It assumes that life is better when we build it together.

Joining the Temple Judea community already feels like stepping into a beautiful neighborhood. I cannot wait to meet all of you – and to introduce you to my family: my wife Stephanie, our daughters Lilah and Amelia, and our dog Izzy (short for Israel). Through worship, Shabbat, classes, programs, coffees, lunches, and shared meals, we will build something more than a congregation. We will cultivate תוער – deep friendship, sacred neighborliness.

The Torah's commandment is familiar: *וְיָמַךְ כְּעַרְל תְּבָהֵאוּ* – “*Love your neighbor as yourself*.” Rabbi Akiva teaches that this is a great principle of the Torah. Hillel goes even further. When asked to summarize the entire Torah while standing on one foot, he responded: “*What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor. The rest is commentary. Now go and learn.*” Those last words matter. Now go and learn.

Loving your neighbor is not the finish line – it is the starting point. It is the gateway to *chesed* (acts of lovingkindness), to *tzedakah* (righteous generosity), to showing up for our brothers and sisters in Israel when they need our love, and

to graciously offering our time in service of community. Love is not merely a sentiment; it is a practice that shapes how we live.

And yet, if we are honest, it is easiest to love the neighbor who looks like us, thinks like us, or agrees with us. The real spiritual work begins when we are asked to love the one who feels different – the stranger, the “other,” even the person with whom we strongly disagree. I understand the word *re'a* (neighbor) expansively. A neighbor is not only someone who is already like you; a neighbor is someone you have not yet come to know. Someone whose story you have not yet heard. Someone who may challenge you and deepen you.

You may not know me yet. But I ask you, sincerely and joyfully: won't you be my neighbor? I promise to open my heart to you with warmth, curiosity, and love. Together, let's make the most of this beautiful year – and build not just a synagogue, but a sacred neighborhood rooted in love.

Rabbi Josh

Cantor in Residence



Welcoming Cantor Suzanne Leventhal – Cantor in Residence

We are thrilled to welcome Cantor

Suzanne Leventhal to Temple Judea as our Cantor in Residence from September through November, while Cantorial Soloist Kaylene is on maternity leave.

Cantor Leventhal brings extraordinary talent and experience to our community.

A graduate of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music and The Boston Conservatory, she was ordained by the Hebrew Union College as a cantor in 2022. She comes to us most recently from Washington Hebrew Congregation, one of the nation's most prominent Reform congregations, and has also served at our sister congregation, Yozma, as an intern, a prestigious program dedicated to cultivating the next generation of exceptional cantorial voices.

During her time with us, Cantor Leventhal will be fully present in our community -leading High Holy Day and Shabbat worship, teaching classes, and engaging with our congregants in meaningful ways. We feel incredibly fortunate to have someone of her caliber, warmth, and musicianship with us during this special season.

Please join us in extending a warm Temple Judea welcome to Cantor Suzanne. We know her beautiful voice and musical artistry will inspire and uplift all of us.



Last year, while preparing one of my B'nei Mitzvah students whose Torah portion centered on the *ner tamid*, the eternal light, my student became my teacher. After weeks of studying together how generations of sages and modern commentators have interpreted this enduring symbol, the student arrived at a beautifully simple conclusion: the eternal light represented goodness – plain and simple. And the way to express that goodness, they said, was through *gemilut chasadim*, acts of lovingkindness. In that moment, a teenager had quietly summarized one of Judaism's deepest teachings.

This year, our theme at Temple Judea is "Love Your Neighbor as Yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). It is one of the Torah's most famous commandments – and perhaps one of its most misunderstood. We often think of love as a feeling, something that arises unbidden and moves through us. But in this verse, the Torah frames love as more than emotion: it is a moral discipline, expressed in action and grounded in the recognition that another person's dignity matters as much as our own.

Rabbi Shai Held, in his compelling book *Judaism Is About Love*, makes clear that for the Bible, emotions are not easily separable from the actions to which they lead. The very idea of an emotional realm wholly distinct from the realm of action would have been foreign to

Love as a Verb - Action Over Feeling

the ancient world. What does it mean to feel compassion without acting compassionately? What does it mean to feel generous without being generous? In Jewish thought, emotion and deed are deeply intertwined. Judaism asks for both the heart and the deed.

This insight resolves what might otherwise seem like an impossible demand. Of course we cannot manufacture a feeling on command. We may not be able to like or love every person we encounter. But we can choose how we behave toward them. The duty of love, as Held explains, is really a duty to act for another's good – regardless of what feelings we happen to have. Perform the deeds of love, and the heart often follows.

Think about love in any close relationship. At the beginning, there is passion, intensity, expressive declaration. But how do we ultimately know that someone loves us? Not by their words alone, but by their *showing up*. When we are sick, they care for us. In times of sorrow and celebration alike, they are present. We come to trust love not through declaration, but through consistency – through someone choosing, again and again, even when it is inconvenient, to be there.

The rabbis understood this instinctively. Maimonides, in his great legal code, describes visiting the sick, comforting mourners, and welcoming guests as rabbinic mitzvot that are nonetheless included within the larger commandment to love your neighbor as yourself. The Talmud teaches that to walk in God's ways is to imitate God's acts of love: God clothed Adam and Eve, visited Abraham, comforted Isaac after his father's death, and even buried Moses. The tradition's portrait of a loving God is, above all, a portrait of showing up. *Hesed* – lovingkindness – is

not merely a warm feeling in the chest. Held beautifully describes it as love manifested in acts of kindness: an internal state concretely expressed in external action. It is love with its sleeves rolled up.

So, what does this mean for us at Temple Judea this year? Many of you have told me, warmly and genuinely, that you love our synagogue. I believe you. Now comes the invitation – a gentle one – to let that love become a verb. Can you attend a program? Support our Caring Committee? Join us for a social action event? Attend a class? Welcome a new member by inviting them to sit with you? Sign up to be a greeter on a Friday night? Come to a Shabbat dinner and make a point of joining a table where you do not already know everyone? This is what Joyous Judaism can look like in practice: not only inspired feeling, but inspired action.

Our cantorial soloist Kaylene Cole often sings a gorgeous setting of Leviticus 19:18 by songwriter Elana Arian. Its verses ask, "How would the world look? / How might our days be lighter / How could the heart feel / How might the lens get wider?" It is exactly the right question. Not "do I feel love?" but what would the world look like if we lived it?

This year, I invite each of us to ask, in our daily choices: What does love look like right now? Who needs me to show up? Where can I offer even one small act of *gemilut chasadim*? As that wise b'nei mitzvah student taught me, goodness is not an abstraction. It is what we do, every day, to keep the eternal light burning – in our synagogue, in our community, and in our world. How would our year look if we really loved like that?

L'shalom,

Rabbi Wendy



If you have ever been to a concert, you have probably witnessed the power that music has of bringing

people from different backgrounds together. I was once at a concert in Stockholm, certain that most of the people around me spoke a different language. However, when the concert began – we all spoke the same one! All around the world, people will gather from different faiths, genders, upbringings and share one common goal – to share in the power of music together. And science backs this up: researchers have found that music impacts brain circuits involved in empathy, trust, and cooperation – perhaps explaining why it has existed in every culture across human history.

This coming year, we are focusing on the theme of “Love Your Neighbor”. Music is a perfect example of a medium that has the power to bring neighbors together. Regardless of political affiliations, religious beliefs or personal opinions – there have been so many times where I’m sure all

of us have experienced bonding over music with someone that we thought we had nothing in common with! *Music shows us again and again that there is commonality to be found.* In our society, which seems increasingly polarized by the day, music is there to remind us that we DO have similarities. That we CAN find common ground with one another. When we dance and sing together, there is a sense of community, where everyone moves together with shared intentions and a mutual goal. In fact, some researchers believe that music is so widespread across human cultures precisely because it brings people together – and that during evolution, human groups who were musical worked better together, potentially giving them an advantage for survival.

“V’ahavta L’reyacha Kamocha” (Love Your Neighbor as Yourself), is not only one of our foundational commandments. It is also found within the music we sing. It is present in the ways that we show up for each other and those we don’t know. It is a living, breathing way of carrying ourselves through an at times very broken world, with the hope that we will be able to repair the world just a bit more through our actions. Music helps support that. It brings beauty and sensitivity into the everyday, when we

need it the most. It helps soothe pain and it provides a soundtrack of joy for our happier life moments. Singing together for even just 30 minutes has been shown to significantly raise oxytocin levels – the brain’s “trust hormone” – in both amateur and professional singers. Music truly has a unique and remarkable ability to connect us, not just emotionally, but biologically.

I, together with you all, look forward to exploring the ways in which music can help us love our neighbor as ourselves a little more.

As we have happily shared, our Temple family is expanding by one more! Jared and I are so excited to welcome our first child to the world in September of 2026. I look forward to embarking on this new journey of motherhood and look forward to returning to the Bimah in December of 2026 after I return from my maternity leave. I have been so filled with gratitude for the outpouring of love and well wishes that I have received after sharing our happy news and am so thankful to be part of such a supportive community. Please know that Jared and I feel your love and support, and we appreciate all of it.

Kaylene

Eerang Ahn



is our pianist and has also served as our musical director.

Eerang currently serves as an adjunct professor at Florida Atlantic University, where she teaches piano and collaborates with students, faculty, and ensembles. An experienced

and versatile musician, Ms. Ahn has been an active part of the South Florida music scene having served as pianist for the Broward and Palm Beach County Honor Choirs, as well as accompanist for the many competitions.

She has performed internationally in South

Korea, Dominica, Haiti, Venezuela, Malaysia, and Sweden. She holds Bachelor and Master of Music degrees in Composition and Theory from Sung-shin Women’s University, a B.A. in Psychological Counseling from Hanyang University, and an M.M. in Piano Performance from Florida Atlantic University.

Worship at Temple Judea



Kabbalat Shabbat - FRIDAYS

June 5 - November 20
*In person at Temple Judea
 or via Livestream*
 Pre-Oneg at 5:00 p.m.
 Worship at 5:30 p.m.

November 27 - April 30
*In person at Temple Judea
 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 In person at Temple Judea
 or via Livestream
 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.*

May 1- May 31
*In person at Temple Judea
 or via Livestream*
 Pre-Oneg at 5:00 p.m.
 Worship at 5:30 p.m.

**Weekdays at Temple Judea
 Morning Minyan**
 year-round, including holidays
Mondays by Zoom
 Thursdays in person at Temple
 Judea or via Livestream
 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
**A quiet moment in time
 with music and prayer**



YIZKOR MINYAN SERVICES

Monday, September 21,
 Yom Kippur - Ticket Required

Saturday, October 3,
 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 29,
 9:30 a.m. Minyan



SPECIAL Healing Minyan

Thursday, November 19
 at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 25
 at 9:30 a.m.



SHABBAT DINNERS

with FRIENDS & FAMILY at TJ - 6:30 p.m.

*Reservations Required. Adults are \$39/person
 Children 12 years and younger are \$20.
 Non-Members \$47/ adult. Children under 5 are free.*

July 3	November 6	March 5
August 7	December 4	April 2
September 4	January 8	May 14
October 2	February 5	



TJ TOTS

For our youngest members birth -pre-K and the parents and grandparents who love them.

Sundays with
Rabbi Josh Franklin and
Cantorial Soloist
Kaylene Cole!

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

August 30

September 27

October 18

November 15

January 10

February 21

March 14

April 18

Tish'a B'Av

Friday, July 24 -
Contemplative Shabbat

Tu B'Av

Friday, July 31 -
Contemplative Shabbat

Selichot

Saturday, September 5 at 7:30 p.m.

ROSH HASHANAH

Friday, September 11
and Saturday, September 12
Tickets Required

**Worship services will be held
at the Maltz Jupiter Theatre**

Friday, September 11
Tots' service 10:00 a.m.
for kids 0-2nd grade at
Temple Judea and

Friday, September 11
Children's service 3:30 p.m.
for kids 3rd-7th grade
at Temple Judea

Sunday, September 13 -
Second Day services, 9:30 a.m.
at Temple Judea, Hood Road

Tashlich and Shabbat

Friday, September 18 at 5:30 p.m.
at Carlin Park, Jupiter

Tashlich and Havdalah

Saturday, September 19 at 5:30 p.m.
at Carlin Park, Jupiter

YOM KIPPUR

Sunday, September 20 and
Monday, September 21
Tickets Required

Worship services will be held at the
Maltz Jupiter Theatre

Monday, September 21

Children's service at 10:00 a.m.
for kids 0-3rd grade at
Temple Judea



Sukkot

Friday, September 25 -
Thursday, October 1

Simchat Torah

Saturday, October 3
Rejoice and Dance with the Torah!

**Consecration of our youngest
scholars - during YEP,
Sunday, October 4**

Hanukkah

Friday, December 4 - First candle
Friday, December 11 - Last candle

Tu B'Shevat

Saturday, January 23 - Share
Shabbat in Nature

Purim

Purim Experience Sunday, March 21
Purim Lunch and Learn Tuesday,
March 23

Passover

Wednesday, April 21 - 1st Seder
Thursday, April 22 - 2nd Seder
at Temple Judea

Special Services

Monday, Yom Ha'Shoah, May 3

Yom Ha Zikaron
and Yom HaAtzma'ut - Havdalah
Tuesday, May 11

Special Events

Beach Havdalah – June 13, July 11, August 8, September 19, November 14, December 12, January 9, February 20

Beach Shabbat - September 18, March 19, April 23, May 7

Pride Shabbat – June 26

Red, White and Blue Shabbat – July 3

85+ Shabbat – August 14 and May 21

Pet Shabbat – October 16

Gratitude Shabbat – November 27

Hanukkah Celebration – December 4 and December 11

Legacy Shabbat – December 18

Debbie Friedman Shabbat – January 8

Shabbat in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
– January 15

Worship with Christ Family Worship Assembly in Riviera Beach, January 17

Shabbat Shirah – January 22

Choose Hope – Celebrating Warriors and Survivors – January 29

Building a Temple – Honoring 10+ years of TJ membership – February 12

Carole King Shabbat – February 19

Gevurot- Honoring Members turning 80 years old – March 12

Jukebox Shabbat – March 26

HaGomel Shabbat – April 2

Sisterhood Shabbat – April 9

Freedom Shabbat – April 16

Remember a Child Shabbat – April 30

YEP Shabbat - April 30

Yom HaAzt'maut/Israeli Music Shabbat – May 14



BEACH SHABBAT - FRIDAYS

at Carlin Park in Jupiter
September 18, March 19, April 3, May 7

BEACH HAVDALAH - SATURDAYS

June 13, July 11, August 8, September 19, November 14, December 12, January 9, February 20

Bring your own beach chair!



An Interfaith Passover Seder; A Shared Table, A Shared Purpose

Temple Judea is honored to welcome our friends and neighbors from Good Shepherd Church to our table for a special Interfaith Passover Seder on Wednesday, April 8, 2027.

This meaningful evening will bring our two communities together to experience the timeless Passover story – sharing traditions, exchanging personal stories of faith and resilience, and deepening our understanding of one another. But our gathering is about more than celebration. In a time when antisemitism continues to threaten our communities, we believe that building genuine relationships across faiths is one of the most powerful tools we have. When we sit together, break matzah together, and truly listen to one another, we become stronger – together.

Opportunities for Spiritual and Personal Growth Leading up to Rosh Hashanah

As we approach the Jewish New Year, we invite you to join us for a special series of Elul programs designed to nurture your spirit, deepen your sense of self, and prepare your heart for the Days of Awe. This year, as we explore the theme of “Love Your Neighbor As Yourself,” we begin where that commandment asks us to begin – with ourselves. True care for others flows from a place of inner wholeness, and these offerings are designed to support your wellness – mind, body, and soul – as you reflect, renew, and ready yourself for the journey ahead. Each session offers a meaningful opportunity to connect with yourself, your community, and our traditions during this sacred season of introspection and new beginnings.

Thursday, August 20 at 10:30 a.m. - Kintsugi

Kintsugi is a traditional Japanese art form that involves repairing broken pottery with gold, silver, or lacquer – rather than hiding the cracks, it highlights them. The philosophy behind it is that the breaks and repairs are part of the object’s history and beauty, making it more valuable and more interesting than it was before it broke.

The word itself translates roughly to “golden joinery.” The practice dates back to 15th century Japan and is often connected to the broader Japanese philosophy of wabi-sabi, which finds beauty in imperfection and impermanence.

Kintsugi has become a popular metaphor in wellness and mental health spaces – the idea that our struggles, wounds, and healing are not things to be ashamed of or hidden, but are actually what give us depth, resilience, and beauty. It resonates beautifully with themes of self-compassion, healing, and wholeness – which actually connects quite naturally to a theme like “Love Your Neighbor As Yourself,” since that commandment asks us to extend to ourselves the same grace and care we would offer others.

Thursday, August 27 at 10:30 a.m. - Gong Sound Bath

A gong bath is a form of sound therapy that involves participants lying down comfortably while a practitioner plays one or more gongs. The term “bath” refers to the immersion in sound waves rather than water. During the session, the gong produces a rich spectrum of sounds and vibrations that envelop the participants, creating a deeply relaxing and meditative experience.

Thursday, September 3 at 10:30 a.m. - Kabbalah Yoga

Explore the profound connection between body and soul through our Kabbalah Yoga session. The session will begin with an introduction to Kabbalistic concepts that relate to the High Holy Day season, including the themes of renewal, introspection, and spiritual awakening. Participants will then engage in a mindful yoga practice designed to open both body and heart in preparation for the Days of Awe.



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.

Elul Minyan

Join us on August 20, August 27, September 3, September 10 for special introspective minyan. These four gatherings are designed as a spiritual journey leading up to the High Holy Days. Each week builds upon the previous, creating a meaningful path of personal and communal introspection as we prepare our hearts and minds for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

The Heart of Our Congregation

Judaism has always been lived in relationship – with God, with Torah, and perhaps most profoundly, with one another. At the core of Rabbi Yaron's and Rabbi Josh's rabbinate is a simple but powerful conviction: they want to know you. Not just to recognize a face in the sanctuary on Shabbat, but to understand your story, your struggles, your joys, and your questions.

That commitment to genuine human connection is what we mean when we talk about Relational Judaism. This year, deepening those relationships will be a central focus for our entire community - and that means all of us have a role to play.

Our rabbis can open the door, but you have to walk through it. We encourage you to take that step: schedule a conversation with Rabbi Yaron or Rabbi Josh, introduce yourself after

a service, join a program outside your usual routine, or simply say yes, the next time an opportunity arises. The relationships you build here - with our clergy, with fellow members, with this sacred community - are often the ones that sustain us most.

This congregation is only as strong as the connections we choose to make. We hope this year is one in which you feel more seen, more known, and more deeply at home.



**Office hours are available
Tuesdays from
1:00-3:00 p.m.
and Thursdays from
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

Get to Know Rabbi Josh!

Rabbi Josh is opening his doors and would love to connect with you one-on-one. Whether you want to share what's on your heart, ask a question, or simply introduce yourself, this is your opportunity to sit down together in a relaxed, personal setting. Sign up for a 30-minute spot at calendly.com/joshf-templejudeapbc.

He can't wait to meet you!



Community is at the heart of everything we do – and this year, we're bringing Temple Judea to you! Throughout the year, we'll be hosting intimate gatherings in neighborhoods across the area so you can connect with fellow TJ members who live right near you.

And the best part? All four of our clergy will be in attendance, giving you a wonderful opportunity to get to know them in a relaxed, welcoming setting close to home.

Temple Judea is Coming to Your Neighborhood!

Whether you live in a gated community or not, there's a place for you! For those not in a gated neighborhood, we'll be hosting several of these special gatherings right here at TJ – same great company, same wonderful connections, just a short drive away.

Whether you're a longtime member or newer to our community, these neighborhood events are a beautiful way to build the connections that make Temple Judea such a special place.

Interested in hosting an event in your community? We'd love to hear from you! Reach out to Morli Fidler, Executive Director, at morli@gotj.org.

We can't wait to see you – wherever you call home!

**Are you new to Temple Judea?
This One's Just for You!**

Being new somewhere is exciting – and we want to make sure you feel right at home from the very start. We're hosting two special Pre-Oneg gatherings exclusively for new members, so you can meet others who are also just beginning their TJ journey!

Come connect, schmooze, and share a bite before Shabbat services with people who are in the same exciting chapter as you.

New Member Pre-Oneg Dates:

- Friday, November 13
- Friday, February 26

We are so glad you're here and can't wait to welcome you!

**Beer & Bible
with Rabbi Josh!**

Crack open a cold one and pull up a chair - Rabbi Josh is bringing together TJ dads with school-age kids for a casual, lively evening of good beer, big questions, and maybe a little friendly debate. We'll dig into Jewish texts and ideas, but don't worry - no homework, no dress code, and no wrong answers. Just great conversation and even better company.



Consider it your well-deserved night out!

- September 29
- December 17
- February 18
- April 15

Stay tuned for time and location. Trust us – this is one study session you'll actually look forward to!



We're Writing the Whole Megillah – Literally!

There's a reason we say "the whole Megillah" when something is truly special - and this year at Temple Judea, we are making that expression come to life in the most beautiful way.

Our congregation is coming together to do something extraordinary: we are writing our very own Megillah - a hand-scripted Sefer Esther - that will be used at this year's Purim celebrations. And we are doing it the right way, with the guidance of the same Sofer (Torah scribe), Rabbi Menachem Bialo, who helped us write our two Torahs, and whose skill, knowledge, and passion for this sacred art form are nothing short of remarkable.

A Once-in-a-Lifetime Opportunity

Writing a Megillah is not something that happens every day. Each letter is written by hand with intention and care, following traditions that stretch back thousands of years. And this year, those letters will be written by us - by the hands and hearts of our Temple Judea community.

Rabbi Bialo will be bringing this once-in-a-lifetime experience directly to us. Together with our clergy team, he will be visiting our community events throughout the season, giving members of our congregation the chance to pick up the quill and become part of this living, sacred document. *Every Hand. Every Generation.*

The Hart Megillah - the whole megillah, from start to finish - made possible through the generous support of Nancy and Joel Hart.



Shabbat in Your Home: An Intimate Evening with One of Our Rabbis

One of the true gifts of having co-senior rabbis is the ability to bring the synagogue to you.

Once a month, Rabbi Yaron and Rabbi Josh will step away from the bimah and into our community - joining members in their homes for an intimate Shabbat dinner. They'll bring the guitar, the ruach, and the joy of Shabbat. All you need to bring is your table, your guests, and a kosher-style meal.

We're looking for members who would like to host one of these special evenings. Hosts are asked to gather a minimum of 10 guests and provide the meal - and in return, you'll have an evening of warmth, connection, and meaning that only a Shabbat shared in a home can offer.

This is Shabbat the way it was always meant to be experienced: gathered together, around a table, with people you love.

Interested in opening your home?

Contact Morli Fidler, Exec. Director, at morli@gotj.org – we'd love to bring Shabbat to your table.

Join Us for Pre-Oneg with Rabbi Josh!

What better way to welcome Shabbat than getting to know your synagogue family a little better? Rabbi Josh is hosting a series of intimate Pre-Oneg gatherings before Friday night services, and we'd love for you to join us!

We're organizing by last name so everyone has a chance to connect in a smaller, relaxed setting. Come early, grab a bite, and enjoy plenty of time to schmooze before we usher in Shabbat together.

Pre-Oneg Schedule:

- July 10 – Last Names A-E
- July 17 – Last Names F-J
- July 31 – Last Names K-O
- August 7 – Last Names P-S
- August 14 – Last Names T-Z

Pre-Oneg begins at 4:45 p.m. - giving you plenty of time to relax and connect before Shabbat services at 5:30 p.m.
We hope you'll join us for both!

We look forward to seeing you there – Shabbat Shalom!



Rosh Chodesh with Rabbi Wendy & Cantorial Soloist Kaylene A Judaism of Doing: Rosh Chodesh 5787

We attend. We watch. We stream. And somewhere along the way, Judaism can become something we observe rather than something we live.

This year, Temple Judea's Rosh Chodesh Women's group is reclaiming something ancient and countercultural: a Judaism of doing. Each month, we will gather not just to study or listen, but to make something, give something, mark something – with our hands, our voices, and each other.

Rosh Chodesh has always been a women's holiday - a pause from the everyday, a return to what matters. This year, that pause will become a practice. We will bake and build, sing and create, deliver and plant, bless and remember. We will ask, each month, the question our synagogue's theme puts before all of us: What does love look like as an action, not just a feeling? Join us for a year of showing up - in a room, together, doing Judaism.

October 1 | Tishrei / Sukkot | 1:00 p.m. As we settle into the sweetness of a new year, join us to welcome the month of Tishrei – a season overflowing with meaning. We'll celebrate the joy of Sukkot together, reflecting on gratitude, impermanence, and the beauty of gathering under the open sky.

November 12 | Kislev | 1:00 p.m. The days grow shorter, but our light grows brighter. Welcome Kislev – the month of dreams and the season of Hanukkah on the horizon. Join us as we explore the power of darkness and the hope that flickers within it.

December 10 | Tevet | 1:00 p.m. Tevet arrives in the quiet after Hanukkah's glow, inviting us to turn inward. Come together as we reflect on resilience, rest, and the steady strength that carries us through winter's depths.

January 21 | Shevat / Tu B'Shevat Seder | 1:00 p.m. The earth is dreaming of spring. Join us for a special Tu B'Shevat Seder as we welcome Shevat, the "New Year of the Trees." Through ritual, song, and the flavors of the season, we'll celebrate renewal, roots, and the world quietly coming back to life.

March 11 | Adar / Mishloach Manot | 1:00 p.m. In the most joyful month on the Jewish calendar, we gather to welcome Adar with laughter, celebration, and connection. We'll craft Mishloach Manot – the beloved Purim tradition of giving gifts of food – as a hands-on expression of friendship and community.

April 15 | Nisan / Cooking | 1:00 p.m. Nisan brings the spirit of Passover into our kitchens and our hearts. Join us for a hands-on culinary gathering as we explore the foods, flavors, and stories of liberation that make this season so rich with meaning.

May 20 | Iyar | 1:00 p.m. Nestled between Passover and Shavuot, Iyar is a month of counting, healing, and becoming. Join us as we mark this reflective journey through the Omer, exploring what it means to move from freedom toward purpose – together.

Adult Education

LUNCH & LEARN

with Rabbi Wendy
Wednesdays
11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Learning to Love Ourselves June 3, July 8, August 12 at 11:45 a.m.

Do Jews love being Jewish? It's a question that might make us a little uncomfortable – which is exactly why it's worth asking. This three-session course traces the complicated, often ambivalent relationship Jews have had with their own identity – from the biblical Israelites who longed to return to Egypt, to the self-deprecating humor of Woody Allen, to the Jews who change their names and drift from their communities. Together, we will explore what it truly means to embrace who we are – and what gets in the way. Honest, thought-provoking, and perhaps surprisingly personal.

Session 1: Love Your Neighbor as Yourself – But What Does That Actually Mean? We know the commandment. But do we take seriously the second half – as yourself? This session begins with the text and asks the deeper question: is self-love a prerequisite for loving others, or does loving others teach us to love ourselves? We will explore what it truly means to love yourself – and why that question is harder, and more important, than it might first appear.

Session 2: From Egypt to Enlightenment – A History of Jewish Ambivalence The Israelites had barely crossed the Sea of Reeds before they wanted to go back. That impulse – to retreat, to assimilate, to distance oneself from Jewish identity – has echoed through Jewish history ever since. This session traces that thread from the biblical narrative through the Enlightenment, from Jews who converted under persecution to those who shed their Jewish particularity hoping to earn acceptance in the wider world. We will ask not who or when we felt ambivalent – but why, and what those conditions reveal about the enduring question of Jewish belonging.

Session 3: Jews in Modern Media - Why do we love and watch them? Jewish characters are everywhere in contemporary television – and they are rarely flattering. They're anxious, self-absorbed, socially awkward, and often oblivious. So why are these portrayals so wildly popular – with Jewish and non-Jewish audiences alike? What does it say about us that we keep writing these characters, and keep watching them? This session brings our conversation into the present, asking what the stories we tell about ourselves reveal about how much – or how little – we have learned to love ourselves.

Adult Education



Beyond Bar/Bat Mitzvah:

Adult Jewish Learning with Rabbi Yaron

Most of us reached Bar or Bat Mitzvah and then stopped – stopped studying, stopped questioning, stopped growing Jewishly. But Judaism has always been a tradition that rewards the adult learner, and some of its richest wisdom is reserved for those willing to go deeper.

Taught by Rabbi Yaron and informed by the Shalom Hartman Institute's approach to serious Jewish learning, Beyond Bar/Bat Mitzvah invites adults to engage with Jewish texts, ideas, and questions with the rigor and curiosity they bring to every other area of their lives.

This course is for anyone who wants more – more meaning, more knowledge, and a more sophisticated relationship with their Jewish identity.

No prior study required. Just an open mind and a willingness to wrestle with the big questions.

Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

October 7, October 21, November 18, December 16, January 6, January 20, February 3, February 17, March 3, March 17, March 31, April 7, May 5, May 19 – Shabbat Service in your honor 5/21

Adult Hebrew Language Class
Beginner and Intermediate
 Contact the office if you are interested in learning Hebrew! Classes will be formed based on interest level and ability levels.



Kabbalah with Ellie Schweitzer

Mondays at 10:30 a.m.
at Temple Judea

Contact the office for more information.



BOOK GROUP Mondays at 10:30 AM. Everyone is Welcome!

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

Dates for 2026 -2027

6/1; 7/6; 8/3; 9/14; 10/5; 11/2; 12/7; 1/4 ; 2/1; 3/1; 4/5; 5/3

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Please contact Beth Baker, Chairperson, for the zoom link and questions at bethloves@gmail.com.

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

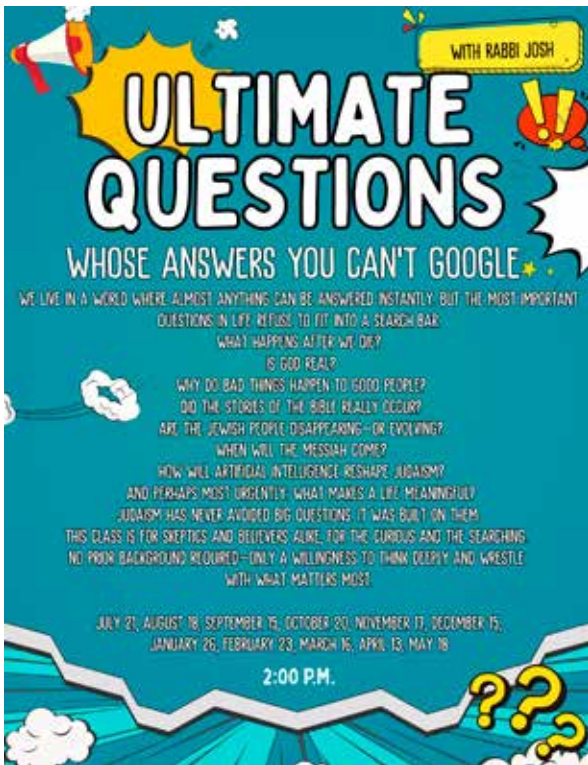


Mussar is the ancient Jewish practice of refining one's middot, or character traits, with origins going back to ancient texts. For many years, studying character traits and good behaviors were often ignored in the traditional yeshivas in favor of Talmud/law study.

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!

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 year-long study program with our clergy offered in the evenings on a bi-weekly basis.
 Cohort now forming – contact the office to learn more and to register.



Ultimate Questions Whose Answers You Can't Google with Rabbi Josh

We live in a world where almost anything can be answered instantly. But the most important questions in life refuse to fit into a search bar.

*What happens after we die?
Is God real?
Why do bad things happen to good people?
Did the stories of the Bible really occur?
Are the Jewish people disappearing—or evolving?
How will artificial intelligence reshape Judaism?
And perhaps most urgently: What makes a life meaningful?*

These are not questions of data. They are questions of purpose, destiny, identity, and hope.

In this course, we will explore the ultimate questions that have animated Jewish thought for thousands of years. Drawing from Torah, Talmud, philosophy, mysticism, history, and contemporary voices, we will engage these topics seriously and honestly—without simplistic answers and without fear of complexity.

Judaism has never avoided big questions. It was built on them. This class is for skeptics and believers alike, for the curious and the searching. No prior background required—only a willingness to think deeply and wrestle with what matters most.

Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m.

July 21, August 18, September 15,
October 20, November 17, December 15,
January 26, February 16, March 16, May 18

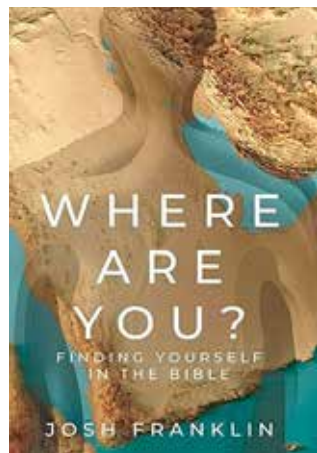
Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Josh - Wednesdays at 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Where Are You? Finding Yourself in the Bible

A 9-Session Journey Through Sacred Geography and the Inner Life

The Torah does not begin with a commandment. It begins with a question: “Ayekah?” – Where are you?

In this nine-session course, we will journey through each chapter of *Where Are You? Finding Yourself in the Bible*, exploring the Bible not as ancient history alone, but as a map of the human soul. Every landscape in Torah – the



garden, the wilderness, Egypt, Sinai, exile, home – is more than a place. It is a spiritual state. A psychological moment. A question we are still living.

Each session will focus on one chapter of the book, weaving together close readings of biblical texts, midrash, philosophy, literature,

and contemporary insight. Together we will explore how sacred geography becomes inner geography – how the places of the Bible mirror our own experiences of doubt, longing, fear, faith,

displacement, and return.

This is not a class about what happened back then.

It is a class about where you are right now.

Whether you’ve read the book or are encountering these ideas for the first time, this course invites you to slow down, reflect deeply, and rediscover Torah as a living conversation about identity, purpose, and spiritual location.

Because before Judaism tells us what to do, it asks us something more fundamental:

Where are you?

September 9, October 14, November 4
December 9, January 20, February 10
March 10, April 14, May 12

Learning to Love with Rabbi Wendy

1st Session: Learning to Love the Torah - October 29 at 10:45 a.m.

Have you wanted to join our Torah study group but wanted a refresher course first? Think of this as Torah 101 - reviewing the basic concepts, biblical figures and the five books of the Torah.

Whether you're new to Torah study or returning after a long absence, this is your invitation in. We'll explore the foundational stories, figures, and themes of the Five Books of Moses - the texts that have anchored Jewish life for millennia. This is a chance to encounter familiar narratives with fresh eyes and discover why generations of Jews have found meaning, argument, and delight in these pages. No prior knowledge required. Curiosity is the only prerequisite.

We LOVE the Torah! But that's only a small part of the Jewish Bible. Let's discover/rediscovers the characters and writings that make up the rest of our ancient texts.

2nd Session: Learning to Love the Prophets - December 17 at 10:45 a.m.

Learn about the stories, the people and the teachings that make up our Haftarah readings every Shabbat.

This course will help bring the prophetic books to life: the passionate voices, the historical moments that shaped them, and the enduring moral vision they carry.

From Isaiah's soaring poetry to Jonah's reluctant journey, we will find that the prophets have more to say to our own moment than we might expect.

3rd Session: Learning to Love the Writings and Wisdom of the Ancients - January 14 at 10:45 a.m.

This course will be an overview of the Writings - Psalms, Proverbs, Ruth, Esther, Song of Songs, and more - texts that have inspired mystics, philosophers, and ordinary people seeking guidance for centuries. This is the part of our tradition that often goes unexamined, and it may surprise you most.

4th Session: Learning to Love Talmudic Stories - February 18 at 10:45 a.m.

The Talmud can feel like an intimidating place - but tucked inside its pages are stories that are funny, poignant, provocative, and deeply human. In this course, we will explore the art of Talmudic storytelling through a close reading of several Talmudic stories. We will notice the literary tools the ancient rabbis used - structure, repetition, wordplay, and more - and begin to see how these tales reflect the values, struggles, and tensions of the rabbinic world.

No prior Talmud study is required. Come ready to read, discuss, and perhaps even laugh!



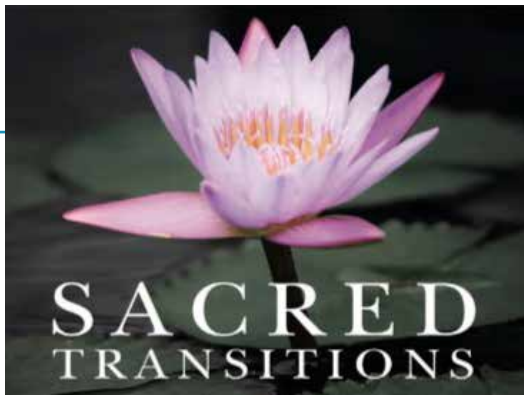
Learning with Our Cantor in Residence

We are delighted to offer two special afternoon classes with our Cantor in Residence, Suzanne Leventhal.

On October 13 at 4:00 p.m., join us for Musical Midrash - an exploration of how music and story intertwine in Jewish tradition, bringing our sacred texts to life in a whole new way.

On November 10 at 4:00 p.m., Cantor Suzanne takes us on a musical journey around the globe with Jewish Music Around the World, celebrating the rich and diverse sounds of Jewish communities from every corner of the earth.

Both programs are open to the congregation and promise to be engaging, enriching, and a lot of fun. We hope to see you there!



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.

The class will address:

- **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.
January 7 and April 6 - both at 3:00 p.m.



Tefilah and Torah Study with Rabbi Wendy - Saturdays
Tefilah at 9:30 a.m. and Torah Study at 10:00 a.m.
Via Zoom and/or In Person

God Squad: A Four-Part Comparative Religion Series hosted by Rabbi Yaron

What do we share with our neighbors of other faiths - and where do our paths diverge? Temple Judea is proud to bring our community together with local faith leaders for God Squad, an engaging four-part series exploring the beliefs, practices, and traditions that shape our lives.

Each session will be led by a different voice - an Orthodox rabbi, a priest, a pastor, and possibly an imam - offering an honest, thoughtful look at how each tradition approaches the questions that matter most. Whether the topic is sacred texts, prayer, life after death, or how we treat one another, participants will leave each class with a deeper appreciation for both our differences and our common ground.

God Squad is more than a lecture series - it is an invitation to listen, learn, and build the kind of relationships that make our broader community stronger. All are welcome.
Dates TBD



Take a Tour of TJ

Monday, November 9 and Tuesday, March 2 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!

Scholars in Residence



Charlotte Korchak

November 15 - 19

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 where she eventually engaged over 50,000 students annually both online and on five different continents, ending her time there as the International Senior Educator. Often described as a walking encyclopedia, Charlotte's 15 years of expertise leaves audiences feeling educated, empowered, and more capable of engaging with their peers on these difficult issues. She has quickly become one of the foremost public speakers in her field.

Israel's Conflicts: Origins, Evolution and Key Insights:

Explore the complexities of Israel's conflicts. From historical roots to pivotal moments, uncover the key factors driving these disputes. Spanning ancient history to modern times, this

session offers valuable insights into how tensions developed and transformed over time. Participants will also dive into essential concepts needed to understand Israel, Zionism, and the Jewish people, while also working through the core claims made against Israel's right to exist. This session will provide the necessary knowledge and skills to challenge those arguments and ultimately show how these specific expressions of anti-Zionism are, in fact, antisemitism.

The West Bank: History, Legality, and the Current Reality

Understanding the West Bank/Judea and Samaria is no easy task. This territory has been highly disputed in the last century with no end in sight. Together we will work through the complexity by analyzing historical resolutions and agreements, discussing the controversies surrounding settlement communities, and exploring potential solutions moving forward in this fact-based presentation.

Digging Deeper: Hamas and Gaza

This in-depth session traces the evolution of Hamas, its governance in Gaza, and Israel's military and strategic response over the years. Participants will explore the terrorist group's history, ideology, and actions with a close examination of the events leading up to the October 7 massacre, the aftermath, and the broader implications for the region.

Current Events Update:

This exclusive dinner will unpack the current situation in Israel and the region through conversation. Scheduled shortly after the elections in Israel, this session will provide commentary on how Israel is moving forward with a new government amid the continuing conflicts in the Middle East.



CHARLIE KRAMER - December 4 - 6

Legally blind from Retinitis Pigmentosa, Charlie Kramer unites, magnetizes and elevates those around him. Recently featured in USA Today, Charlie is a Disability Life Coach, helping his clients gain vital self-advocacy skills, independence, and acceptance; ultimately bringing success to their careers and relationships.

Kabbalat Shabbat - December 4th

A service featuring two-three of Charlie's original melodies alongside classic melodies

that are mainstays for your community. Charlie will give the sermon, sharing his story of what living with blindness is truly like-breaking common stereotypes and misconceptions of life with a disability.

What Does it Mean to Be Blind? Saturday - December 5th - Torah Study

Charlie will break down one of our most miss-translated

blessings, and engage participants in a discussion of what our tradition tells us it means to be blind.

Singing in the Dark - Saturday Evening - December 5th

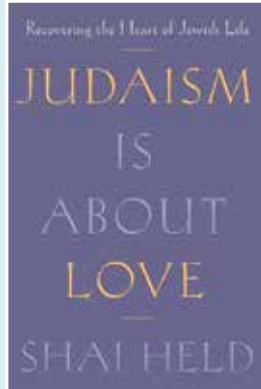
We all have something that challenges us. Charlie is blind with only 4% of his total vision remaining. He has no peripheral vision and is completely blind at night. Join us in a journey of the senses, blindfolding ourselves to experience the present moment without our sight. Charlie will guide you through deeply feeling the challenges in your life, guiding you to new perspectives through song, prayer and meditation. This experience includes Havdalah.

Religious School Session - Sunday Morning - December 6th

Charlie will speak with our students sharing his experience of being disabled and answer questions from the students. Charlie will teach and share his original music between speaking. Religious School Professional Development (Sunday Afternoon) A one-hour workshop educating your Religious School staff on disability in education, how to teach from the heart and the most effective ways to work with students with disabilities and their families.



January 28, 2027 - Lunch and Learn Rabbi Shai Held



Rabbi Shai Held, one of the most influential Jewish thinkers and leaders in America, is President and Dean of the Hadar Institute in New York City. Rabbi Held received the prestigious Covenant Award for Excellence in Jewish Education and has been named multiple times to Newsweek's list of the most influential rabbis in America and to the Forward's list of the most prominent Jews in the world. He is the author of Abraham Joshua Heschel: The Call of Transcendence (2013) and The Heart of Torah: Essays on the Weekly Torah Portion (2017). His most recent book, Judaism is About Love, was published by Farrar, Straus, & Giroux in March 2024. He is also the host of Hadar's newest podcast, Answers WithHeld.

A common misconception is that love is a "Christian idea" and not a Jewish one. But what if we have it all wrong? Join Rabbi Shai Held as he introduces the central themes of his most recent book, Judaism is About Love, in conversation with [Someone from your community] on the centrality of love to the Jewish vision of ethics, spirituality, and theology. What can Judaism teach us about love, and what can a renewed focus on love reveal to us about Judaism?



Scholar in Residence: Rabbi Joshua Stanto Date TBD

We are delighted to welcome Rabbi Joshua Stanton as our Scholar in Residence. Rabbi Stanton serves as Associate Vice President for Interfaith and Intergroup Initiatives at the Jewish Federations of North America and on the Board of Governors of the International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consultations - the body that oversees Jewish-Christian relations with the Vatican and World Council of Churches.

A passionate advocate for religious pluralism and interfaith dialogue, he has appeared on CNN, in documentary films, and in publications across a dozen languages. He is the author of multiple books, including the forthcoming title he will be discussing with us. We look forward to a rich and thought-provoking conversation with one of the leading voices in interfaith relations in the Jewish world today.

Noam Weissman Week of 2/21/27

The stories we tell: Jewish Identity and Israel Education

Dr. Noam Weissman is the Executive Vice President of OpenDor Media and he drives the educational vision and strategic growth of OpenDor Media across Unpacked, Unpacked for Educators, ConnectED, and Amplified. He hosts 'Unpacking Israeli History' and co-hosts 'Wondering Jews with Mijal and Noam'. A Civil Society Fellow and member of the Aspen Global Leadership Network, he holds a doctorate in Educational Psychology from USC.

Noam was Scholar-in-Residence at Horace Mann and is frequently invited to speak at Jewish and non-Jewish institutions worldwide. He is married to Raizie and has four wonderful children.



Special Events



Sunday, August 16 - 4:00 p.m.

**Pre-Oneg at 3:30 p.m.
FREE SUMMER CONCERT
WITH PAM & 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 day away .

A vibrant, colorful poster for 'MUSIC COLLECTIVE'. The background is filled with various musical instruments like a guitar, piano, and drums, along with musical notes and a treble clef. The text is centered on a white background.

MUSIC
COLLECTIVE
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 THURSDAY
JANUARY - MAY
PERFORMANCE AT TJ'S ANNUAL MEETING



DONOR APPRECIATION EVENT

Sunday, March 14

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.) A spiritual journey stretching across four decades, two continents, and three circumcisions. From the wildly successful off-Broadway play. Yisrael is hilarious.

A special invitation only event for any donor who gives \$1800+ to TJ above and beyond your full-dues annual 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!

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



Israel Movement for Reform
and Progressive Judaism

התנועה הרפורמית ויהדות מתקדמת בישראל

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR ISRAEL GRANT

Temple Judea's Board of Trustees is 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.

We Are Hitting The Road! Temple Judea Travel · 2026



Philadelphia at 250 Where America Began

led by Rabbi Wendy Pein

October 8- October 11

Contact us at 561-624-4633 for information.

A long weekend of history, heritage, food, and meaning.

As the United States marks its 250th birthday, where better to celebrate than the city where it all started? Join us for a richly curated four-day journey through Philadelphia - exploring the birthplace of American democracy, honoring the full and complex story of our nation's past, and savoring one of the most exciting food cities in the country. With a Jewish lens woven throughout, this trip is designed to be meaningful, delicious, and a whole lot of fun.

Welcome dinner dinner at Zahav - James Beard Award-winning Israeli cuisine that may be the best meal you've ever eaten. History, heritage & Shabbat - Visit Kahal Kadosh Mikveh Israel, one of the oldest synagogues in America, then walk in the footsteps of the Founders on a guided tour. Lunch at Reading Terminal Market. A stop at the Philadelphia

Holocaust Memorial, and then Shabbat - services and dinner to close the week in community. Art, democracy & Italian Market - Explore the stunning Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History.

Take a mural arts tour of the city's legendary public art. Lunch on your own in Bella Vista - think hoagies, cannoli, and everything in between. Then: the National Constitution Center, where the story of American democracy comes alive. Revolution, wonder & heading home - Start with the Museum of the American Revolution - one of the finest history museums in the country - then end the trip at Philadelphia's Magic Gardens, a wildly whimsical mosaic wonderland that's the perfect final memory.

Adult Civil Rights Trip to the South

led by Rabbi Yaron

and Pastor Samuel St. Fleur

February or March

Learn about pivotal moments in America's struggle for racial equality by exploring key sites on the civil rights trail through the South. Participants will trace this movement from the past through the contemporary issues still at play and will study the role of Jewish communities in the story.



Have one of these trips caught your eye? Reach out to Morli Fidler at morli@gotj.org for details and registration information. We are committed to making travel accessible to as many members as possible - priority will be given to those traveling with Temple Judea for the first time, with any remaining spots offered to members who have joined us on past trips.



JEWISH JOURNEY TO ARGENTINA

led by Rabbi Yaron

Main Trip: October 5 - 16, 2026

Cost is approximately \$8000/person - double occupancy - not including airfare
Optional Extension to Bariloche, gateway to Argentine Patagonia

Tour Buenos Aires' iconic landmarks like Avenida de Mayo, Plaza De Mayo, and Casa Rosada

- Explore Buenos Aires' Jewish Quarter, the "Once District"
- Visit the AMIA building and Israeli Embassy Memorial, reflecting on tragic bombings impacting the Jewish community
- Discover Argentine Jewish heritage at the Jewish Museum within Libertad Synagogue
- Marvel at the natural wonder of Iguazu Falls

- Enjoy a cultural immersion at The Argentine Experience in Iguazu, sampling local cuisine and wines
- Volunteer at Refuot: Support a central pharmacy purchasing medicines for the Jewish community's welfare
- Attend Kabbalat Shabbat services at a local synagogue followed by a communal dinner
- Learn the Tango: Experience Argentina's iconic dance with a local pro
- Embark on a Gaucho Culture Day Trip: Enjoy BBQ, wine, and thrilling gaucho riding demonstrations

And much more...

OPTIONAL EXTENSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Bariloche, gateway to Argentine Patagonia.
- Ride the chairlift to Cerro Campanario for panoramic views of lakes and mountains.
- Take a boat tour to Isla Victoria and enjoy a picnic amidst natural tranquility.
- Explore Nahuel Huapi National Park on a guided tour of diverse ecosystems.



Jewish Heritage Journey led by Rabbi Josh June 20-30, 2027

Cost approximately \$8000 / person - double occupancy - not including airfare

Join us for an extraordinary journey through the heart of Central Europe, exploring a thousand years of Jewish life, resilience, and culture. From the ancient synagogues of Prague to the grandeur of Vienna and the vibrant Jewish Quarter of Budapest, this trip is a profound and moving experience for every Jewish traveler.

YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

Days 1-3 | Prague

Tour the Jewish Quarter (Josefov), six historic synagogues, and the Old Jewish Cemetery. Experience

Shabbat with the community. Visit the stunning Prague Castle and iconic Old Town Square.

Day 4 | Terezín

A powerful and sobering visit to the WWII ghetto and concentration camp – the Ghetto Museum, the Small Fortress, and the Jewish Cemetery bearing more than 9,000 names.

Day 6 | Tebí

Discover one of the largest and best-preserved Jewish quarters in Europe, a UNESCO World Heritage Site – en route to Vienna.

Days 7-8 | Vienna

Walk in the footsteps of Freud, Herzl, and the Ephrussi family. Visit the City Temple (the only synagogue to survive Kristallnacht), the Jewish Museum, and Schönbrunn Palace.

Days 9-10 | Budapest

Tour the magnificent Dohány Street Synagogue (the largest in Europe), the Jewish Museum, the Raoul Wallenberg Memorial, and the Tree of Life. End with an unforgettable farewell dinner cruise on the Danube.



MAY 29 - JUNE 5, 2027 - OPEN TO STUDENTS AGES 14+

Calling All High Schoolers! Serve. Build. Transform.

Join Rabbi Josh Franklin for a week in the Dominican Republic - work alongside a local community, get your hands dirty, and come home changed.

**+50 Community Service Hours • College Essay Gold
Real-World Impact • Caribbean Adventure**

\$1000/Participant fee + airfare.

Temple Judea is sponsoring the cost of building the home. Done in partnership with Bridges to Community - a seasoned provider of +30 years.

WHAT YOU'LL DO

No Spanish needed. No construction experience required. Just show up ready to work.

- Build bathrooms, repair homes, and reforest land
- Mix cement, lay cinderblock, and paint walls - real work that leaves a lasting mark
- Participate in cultural exchanges and learn about Dominican life
- Explore local communities and landscapes

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Everything you need for an unforgettable week.

- Co-ed community center lodging with indoor bathrooms and showers
- 3 fresh meals daily, prepared by local Dominican cooks
- All transportation, including airport pickup and drop-off
- Final night at a Caribbean beach resort - you'll earn it!

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. Contact the office for more information.

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.



CANDID CONVERSATIONS FOR WOMEN

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. Participants will 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 to explore relevant topical subjects that will enhance the joyful meaning of the group.

Sessions at 1:00 p.m. and dates of discussion:
9/3; 10/8; 11/5; 12/3

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



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).

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

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.



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.

Marking Life's Sacred Moments

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.

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

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.

AUFTRUF

An aufruf, 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.

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, sloschim, and are available to families in mourning throughout their process.



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!

Youth Programs

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 Morli Fidler at morli@gotj.org.

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!

SISTERHOOD THE WHO, WHAT, WHY OF SISTERHOOD

What is Sisterhood? Sisterhood is our temple's women's organization – a welcoming community where women come together for programs that uplift our temple and the world around us, for meaningful social connections, for Jewish learning, and most importantly, for friendship.

Why Sisterhood? Because every woman deserves a place where she belongs. Sisterhood is where we gather, share our ideas, and turn them into action – for our congregation and beyond. Whether it's a project close to your heart or a collaborative effort with other groups inside and outside the temple, Sisterhood is where your voice matters.

Why do you need Sisterhood? Because you are more than a member of a congregation – you are a Jewish woman with energy, creativity, and gifts to share. Sisterhood is the place where those gifts come alive. Here, you'll find your people, your purpose, and your community.

Why does Sisterhood need you? Simply put – we are stronger together. Whether you are a mother, daughter, sister, aunt, or wife, you bring something irreplaceable to this community. Your presence, your passion, and your perspective make Sisterhood whole.

What does Sisterhood do for our congregation? More than you might know! Sisterhood funds all of our temple's B'Nei Mitzvah gifts, provides scholarships for families who cannot afford a B'Nei Mitzvah, offers camp scholarships to overnight Jewish camps, and supports capital improvements that benefit us all. When you join Sisterhood, you are part of something that truly makes a difference.

A Note for This Year Beginning this year, Temple Judea members are invited to join Sisterhood in order to attend Sisterhood events. We want every woman to feel fully connected to our community – and membership is the heart of that connection.

Membership Levels We believe every woman should have the opportunity to be part of Sisterhood. Choose the level that works for you:

• \$36 • \$54 • \$72 • \$108

Financial assistance is always available. If cost is a concern, please reach out – we will make sure nothing stands between you and this community.

We would love to have you with us!
Sincerely,
Susan King, President

SAVE THE DATES

June 17

Summer Card Party - 1:00 p.m.

July 16

Welcome Brunch for Rabbi Josh
10:45 a.m.

October 15

Happy Hour at Members Home
5:00 p.m.

November 11

Sisterhood Membership Dinner
6:00 p.m.

December 7

Hanukkah Event

February 24

Card Party

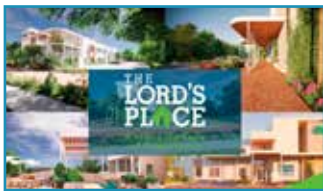
March 7

International Woman's Day
Brunch & Learn
1:00 p.m.

April 9

Sisterhood Shabbat
6:00 p.m.

Social Action



The Lord's Place - Volunteer options: Café Joshua

Server & Table Companion - Serving hot meals to clients experiencing homelessness, as well as interacting with the clients. Making personal connections is a vital part of the service; they offer lunch as a way to engage their clients. The Café is meant to be a “dining experience” and not “just lunch,” with a dignified, peaceful atmosphere. All of the volunteers are encouraged to spend time talking with and listening to the clients, providing companionship and support.

Café is open Monday - Friday, 11-1. Groups will need to come at 10:30 for a brief training session. Volunteers need to be 18 and older. A group of our congregants between 4-12 people can go on a specific date (chosen by the Temple and organized with Jasper), or a volunteer can go through detailed training and then volunteer as they wish. Contact Jasper Araujo.

JArāju@TheLordsPlace.org. Phone: 561.494.0125

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.



One of the most meaningful ways our congregants can give back to the broader community is through the simple act of reading aloud. Grove Park Elementary School, a Title 1 school serving children who face significant economic challenges, welcomes volunteers to read to kindergarten students during the school day. This program offers our members a direct and personal way to support early childhood literacy while building bridges between our congregation and our neighbors. Whether you are retired, work flexible hours, or are simply looking for a heartfelt way to volunteer your time, this opportunity is open to you.



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.



Gleaning - Sunday, January 17

The Hebrew word for “glean” is *laqat*, and it means “to collect, gather up, pick up.” Gleaning is the gathering of grain or other harvested material left behind by reapers. In the Bible, the Israelites were commanded to allow the poor to follow behind reapers and pick up leftover spears of grain and fallen grapes. In this way, the Law of Moses provided food for the poor, orphans, widows, and resident aliens. The law specified that landowners must leave some of the harvest for gleaners: “When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the LORD your God” (Leviticus 19:9-10).



PEACE - 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.

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.



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
- Passover Chametz Food Drive

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.

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, Ruth Gonzalez, at ruthabramsgonzalez@gmail.com



Friday, February 26, 2027
More information to follow!



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!

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 the programs, or how to get involved, contact the office at 561-624-4633.

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“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 Fidler at 561-624-4633 or morli@gotj.org.

Five 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 Fidler,
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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