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## *We Asked. They Answered. Brace Yourselves.*

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Every month our clergy inspire us, challenge us, move us to tears, and occasionally make us laugh. But how well do we really know them?

This summer - with Rabbi Josh Franklin joining our family on July 1 - we thought it was the perfect moment to hit pause on the serious stuff and get a little personal. So, we did what any curious congregation would do: we asked our clergy 20 questions. From the delightfully silly to the surprisingly profound, their answers will make you smile, make you think, and maybe even make you see them in a whole new light.

Fair warning: you may never look at Rabbi Yaron, Rabbi Josh, Rabbi Wendy, and Cantorial Soloist Kaylene the same way again. And that is exactly the point.

This year, one of our greatest goals as a community is deepening the relationships between our congregation and our clergy team. We believe that knowing your rabbi or cantor - really knowing them, not just from the bimah but as a person - transforms the way we experience Jewish life together. When we know their stories, their quirks, their passions, and their struggles, we show up differently. We connect more deeply. We become more than a congregation - we become a family.

So read on, get to know them, and then take it a step further. Say hello after services. Ask a follow-up question. Share your own answer to one of these questions when you see them. Our clergy want to know you just as much as we want you to know them - and that kind of connection is what Relational Judaism is all about.

Welcome to our summer "Getting to Know You" issue. We hope you love it as much as we do.



## *Rabbi Yaron*

### **1. What is a TV show or movie you would be embarrassed to admit you love?**

Okay, I will own it: I love Independence Day. Yes, it is big and loud and gloriously over the top, but something about the image of the entire world setting aside its differences to face a common threat genuinely moves me. Maybe that says more about my theology than my taste in film.

On the TV side, I was hooked on the first couple seasons of Love Is Blind. At its best, it was a fascinating social experiment: could people truly connect without the distraction of appearance? Without judgment based on what they see? It felt almost like a commentary on how we are supposed to see one another. Then it got formulaic and overproduced, and I quietly moved on.

### **2. If you had to eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?**

This question is genuinely difficult for me. Growing up in an Argentinian household, a perfectly cooked steak is practically encoded in my DNA. I know it is not the healthiest answer, but I cannot pretend otherwise. On a lighter note, excellent hummus with fresh warm pita is one of life's great pleasures, the kind of simple, honest food that never gets old. And if I am being completely honest, I could also make a very strong case for sushi. So yes, I have three answers. Apparently, I am better at feeding a congregation than making decisions about food.

### **3. What is your most useless talent?**

I was a sniper in the IDF, and I was a very good one. It is, safe to say, not a skill I get many opportunities to use in my current role. Though I will admit it has made me an exceptionally patient person, and patience, it turns out, is extraordinarily useful when you are a rabbi.

### **4. What is the last thing that made you laugh out loud?**

My best friend, Ran. It does not matter what we are talking about, his perspective on life, the way he sees the world and finds the absurdity in everything, never fails to make me laugh out loud. Some friendships are good for the soul. This one is also very good for the lungs.

### **5. What is a song you know every single word to?**

I have to be honest: I am terrible at memorizing lyrics. In English, I am hopeless. In Hebrew, only marginally better. There is, however, one song I know every single word to, and I suspect I always will: Hatikvah. It may be the easiest answer an Israeli rabbi has ever given to this question, but it is also the most true. Every time I sing it, whether at a ceremony, a celebration, or standing in a crowd with tears quietly running down my face, it feels like the first time.

## **6. If you were not a rabbi or cantor, what career would you have chosen?**

I loved being a tour guide in Israel and would return to that profession in a heartbeat. There is something about standing in a place where history happened and helping people feel it, not just know it, that never got old. But if I had to choose something entirely new? I would want to be a chef. Food is love, food is culture, food is memory. In many ways, it is not so different from what I do now. You take raw ingredients, you combine them with intention and care, and if you do it right, you nourish people in ways they did not expect.

## **7. What is a book that genuinely changed the way you see the world?**

*One People, Two Worlds* by Ammiel Hirsch and Yaakov Yosef Reinman. A Reform rabbi and an Orthodox rabbi, each deeply committed to his own path, sitting down together to honestly and respectfully explore what divides them. It was one of the first books that helped me truly understand what Reform Judaism was all about, not as a watered-down alternative to something else, but as a serious, principled, and courageous way of being Jewish. It also modeled something I have tried to carry into my own rabbinate: that two people can hold very different truths and still be in genuine conversation with each other.

## **8. What is something most people do not know about you?**

I have a very long bucket list. And I believe in constantly working through it, checking things off and immediately adding new ones, because having plans, interests, and hopes for the future is, for me, a spiritual practice. I do my best to live in the present, and I genuinely believe in that. But dreaming about the future is part of how I inhabit the present. It keeps me curious, it keeps me moving, and it keeps life feeling like it still has so much in it waiting to be discovered.

## **9. What is a place in the world that has most shaped who you are?**

The Judean Desert. Specifically, Ein Gedi, where I lived for three years as a young man. It is one of the most stark and beautiful places on earth, a ribbon of green life pressing up against ancient rock and endless sky. It was there that I first discovered spirituality, not in a synagogue, but in silence and solitude and the particular way the desert teaches you who you are when no one is watching. It was where I first lived on my own, where I made friendships that have lasted a lifetime, and where I had experiences I will never fully be able to put into words. In many ways, every sermon I have ever written began somewhere in that desert.

## **10. What is the best piece of advice you ever received, and who gave it to you?**

In 2009, I was working at the 92nd Street Y in New York, and a colleague there, Rabbi Milgram, shared with me the ancient story of "This Too Shall Pass." The legend goes that a king asked his wise men to give him a phrase that would be true in every situation, in times of joy and in times of sorrow. They returned with four words: this too shall pass. What struck me then, and has never left me, is that the phrase works in both directions. It is not only a comfort in hard times. It is also a quiet reminder in good times not to hold on too tightly. That balance, between savoring and releasing, between hope and humility, has shaped how I try to move through the world ever since.

## **11. What is something you believed at 20 that you no longer believe now?**

That I would be forever young. I think most of us at twenty carry that belief somewhere deep down, not consciously, but in the way we move, the way we make decisions, the way we assume there is always more time. It takes years, and honestly a few humbling reminders from your own body and your own mirror, to understand what the young simply cannot: that time is the most precious and non-renewable thing we have. Getting older has surprised me. Not because it is so hard, but because

it is so much richer than I expected. The foolishness of youth, it turns out, was mostly just innocence. And I would not trade what I know now for any of it.

**12. What is a hobby or interest of yours that might surprise people?**

I have recently started growing orchids. I realize this may not be the first thing people expect to hear from a former IDF paratrooper and sniper, but here we are. There is something deeply meditative about caring for them. They are patient plants. They do not rush. They bloom on their own schedule, and no amount of hovering or forcing will change that. In many ways, they have taught me more about letting go than almost anything else in my recent life. Also, when they bloom, they are absolutely spectacular. I am not ashamed to admit I find that very satisfying.

**13. What is a skill you wish you had but do not?**

I wish I had a perfect musical ear. The ability to hear a piece of music and simply pick up an instrument and play it, no sheet music, no lessons, just pure instinct and listening. I am surrounded by extraordinary musical talent in my work, and I am in awe of it every single time. Music reaches places in the human soul that words simply cannot, and I say that as someone who has devoted his life to words. To be able to make that kind of music, to access that particular language, is a gift I deeply admire and honestly envy a little in the most loving way possible.

**14. What is the Jewish text, story, prayer, or idea you return to most often in difficult times?**

There is a Hasidic teaching, attributed to Rabbi Simcha Bunim of Peshischa, that I return to more than almost anything else. He taught that every person should carry two notes, one in each pocket. On one note: "The world was created for my sake." On the other: "I am but dust and ashes." The wisdom is not in either note alone. It is in knowing which one to take out and read at any given moment. There are times when we need to be reminded of our own worth, our own significance, the fact that each of us contains an entire world. And there are times when we need humility, perspective, the quiet reminder that we are small and the world is large. I have found that most of life's hardest moments ask you to reach into one pocket or the other. Learning which one takes a lifetime.

**15. What is a question from a congregant that you are still thinking about?**

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks once said that the question congregants most want to ask their rabbi, the one that sits just beneath the surface of every handshake and every "good Shabbos," is simply this: do you remember my name? It is not really a question about memory. It is a question about whether they matter. Whether they are seen. Whether, in a room full of people, someone notices that they are there. That question has never left me. From early in my rabbinate, I made a commitment to myself: I would know every name. Not because I have a remarkable memory, but because I understood that being known is one of the deepest human needs there is, and that a rabbi who does not know your name has already missed the most important part of the job.

**16. What moment in your rabbinate has stayed with you the longest?**

I sat at the bedside of a young man in his mid-twenties who was dying of cancer. I will not share his name. But I will tell you that he was one of the most courageous human beings I have ever encountered. He was at peace, genuinely at peace, in a way that I, a rabbi who speaks about faith for a living, found humbling beyond words. I went to that room to offer him something. Comfort, presence, a prayer, whatever he needed. What happened instead was that he gave something to me. That conversation has never left me. I think about it when I am struggling, when I am afraid, when I need to be reminded what real courage actually looks like. He was in his mid-twenties, and he taught me more about living than most people three times his age ever have.

**17. What is something about Jewish life that still fills you with genuine awe?**

The sheer depth of beauty and wisdom that lives inside this tradition. When Judaism is practiced with openness, with humility, with love, it is one of the most extraordinary systems of meaning and ethics and poetry that human beings have ever created. That still fills me with genuine awe, even after all these years. And yet I am also haunted by the other side of that same coin: how religion, any religion, when twisted or weaponized, can be used to spread exactly the opposite. Hatred, division, cruelty, all dressed up in the language of the sacred. The same tradition that teaches "love your neighbor as yourself" has been used by some to justify its precise opposite. That contradiction does not shake my faith. It does sharpen my sense of responsibility because religion done right is one of the most powerful forces for good in the world, and that means we can never afford to be careless with it.

**18. Is there a Jewish holiday you find unexpectedly meaningful, and why?**

I know Yom Kippur is supposed to be the obvious answer for a rabbi, so perhaps it is not "unexpected" in the traditional sense. But I want to say it anyway, because I mean it completely. Yom Kippur is the most powerful day of the year for me, every single year without exception. The idea of teshuvah, of genuine transformation, of the possibility that we are not permanently defined by our worst moments, is one of the most radical and beautiful ideas in all of human thought. And then add to that the music, the fasting, the hours of prayer, the entire congregation standing together in vulnerability and hope. There is nothing else like it. I have stood on that bimah for fifteen years on Yom Kippur, and I have never once taken it for granted. If anything, it gets more powerful every year.

**19. What is something you wish more people asked you about?**

What more they can do. Not what the temple is doing for them, but what they can do for the temple, for our local Jewish community, for the wider Jewish world. I am not saying this as a complaint, because our congregation is genuinely generous and deeply engaged. But I do think that sometimes people underestimate how much their participation matters. A phone call to a lonely congregant. Showing up on a Tuesday night for a program, bringing a friend who has never set foot in a synagogue, volunteering, giving, inviting. These are not small things. They are the things that determine whether Jewish life flourishes or fades. I wish more people asked me how they could be part of that, because I always have an answer, and it is never as complicated as people expect.

**20. What is one thing that always restores your faith in people?**

Unconditional love. The moment when someone gives, truly gives, without any expectation of recognition or reward. When they show up not because anyone is watching, not because it benefits them in any way, but simply because another person needs them. I have seen it in hospital rooms, at gravesites and in quiet acts of kindness that no one else will ever know about. And sometimes it is even simpler than that. Sometimes it is just a hug. A real one. The kind where you can feel that the other person actually means it. In those moments, all the noise, the cynicism and the hardness of the world just falls away, and I remember exactly why I chose this life.



## Rabbi Josh

### 1. What's a TV show or movie you'd be embarrassed to admit you love?

Nobody Wants This - and yes, I recognize the irony: a rabbi watching a show about a rabbi. People kept coming up to me saying they thought I reminded them of that rabbi on Netflix, so eventually I had to see for myself. The show gets plenty wrong. But what surprised me is how honestly it captures something real: how hard it is to be seen as a person when everyone wants to see you only as "the rabbi." I found myself nodding more than I expected.

### 2. If you had to eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?

New York pizza. Not because I'm biased - okay, maybe a little biased - but because there is simply nothing else on earth that comes close. The thin crust, the fold, the grease. I could eat it every day and die happy.

### 3. What's your most useless talent?

I can find a reference to just about any real-life situation in a Seinfeld episode. Someone tells me about a problem at work, a family conflict, an awkward social encounter, and within seconds I've matched it to an episode. It has never once solved anyone's problem, but it does make people feel less alone, which I suppose is also my job.

### 4. What's the last thing that made you laugh out loud?

Jewish comedian, Antonia Lassar, did a bit about what Torah covers look like in Reform synagogues. I know that sounds like the most niche premise imaginable, but trust me, she's spot on. I encourage you to look it up immediately. I watched it with a group of rabbis, and we were all on the floor. There is nothing quite like laughing with colleagues at something only you would find funny.

### 5. What's a song you know every single word to?

Most Jewish songs ever written - occupational requirement - but the one that might actually surprise people is every single word of Bruce Springsteen's *Born to Run*. I have no theological justification for this. But if you think about it, a song about desperately searching for something more, about running toward an uncertain future with nothing but hope - maybe it's not so far from the High Holiday liturgy after all.

## **6. If you weren't a rabbi or cantor, what career would you have chosen?**

I was seriously considering getting a doctorate in history and becoming a professor. But somewhere along the way I realized that academia would have asked me to go deeper and deeper into a narrower and narrower slice of the world. The rabbinate gave me everything I was looking for in that path: history, language, music, spirituality, text, and then some. But truthfully, I can't imagine being called to anything else.

## **7. What's a book that genuinely changed the way you see the world?**

*Thinking Fast and Slow* by Daniel Kahneman. I know - you were probably expecting me to say the Torah. But this book sent me down a rabbit hole of behavioral economics that I'm honestly still crawling through. What surprised me is how directly it applies to my work as a rabbi. Understanding how people actually make decisions, process fear, resist change, and construct meaning - none of that was in my rabbinical school curriculum, but it probably should have been. It changed not just how I see the world, but how I show up for the people in it.

## **8. What's something most people don't know about you?**

I was a high school wrestler, and a pretty good one. People are always surprised by that. But what surprises me, looking back, is how much of it never left me. The discipline, the ability to push through difficulty, the understanding that the hardest opponent you'll ever face is yourself. For years I had a recurring dream where I'd step onto the mat, ready to wrestle, only to realize I was no longer in high school. I used to wonder what it meant. I don't anymore. Wrestling is just part of how I move through the world. I wrestle with ideas, I wrestle with texts, I sometimes wrestle with God. But don't worry - I've never once put a congregant in a headlock. At least not literally.

## **9. What's a place in the world that has most shaped who you are?**

Jerusalem. I spent a year of my life living there, and it never really left me. It's where I met my wife, Stephanie. She was traveling through Israel on Birthright, and the rest, as they say, is history. It's where my favorite restaurant in the world is, a place called Eucalyptus, which I recommend to anyone who will listen. But beyond all of that, Jerusalem is the place where I feel most connected: to the Jewish people, to our history, to something larger than myself. I exist differently there. I'm not sure I can fully explain what that means, but anyone who has spent real time in Jerusalem probably doesn't need me to.

## **10. What's the best piece of advice you ever received, and who gave it to you?**

Someone told me early in my rabbinate - and honestly, I can't even remember who - that people don't remember what you said. They remember how you made them feel. I have probably passed that along to more people than I can count, and I think about it every single time I step into a room. It shapes how I approach a sermon, a shiva call, a difficult conversation, a wedding toast. The words matter, of course they do. I'm a rabbi; words are my currency. But at the end of the day, what people carry with them isn't the sentence you crafted. It's whether they felt seen, heard, and held. That's what I'm really trying to do.

## **11. What's something you believed at 20 that you no longer believe now?**

At 20, I believed that being the smartest person in the room was something to aim for. I was ambitious, I was eager, and honestly, I was probably insufferable. Somewhere along the way I realized that the smartest person in the room is often the least interesting one. Now I'd much rather be the most curious person in the room. Curiosity keeps you open. It keeps you learning. And in my experience, it makes you a far better rabbi and a far better human being.

### **12. What's a hobby or interest of yours that might surprise people?**

Darkroom photography. I still shoot black and white film, develop and print my own photographs by hand. I even shoot with my grandfather's Rolleiflex, a 120-film camera with a history that stretches far beyond my own. There is something about the whole process that I find almost meditative: the slowing down, the intentionality, the fact that you can't take 400 photos and pick the best one. You have to commit to the moment before you press the shutter. I haven't had as much time for it recently, but maybe Florida will give me the chance to find my way back to it.

### **13. What's a skill you wish you had but don't?**

I wish I could play the piano. I'm musical - that's part of my world as a rabbi - but when I watch a truly gifted musician at work, someone like our own Kaylene, I'm stopped in my tracks every time. The way she can fill a room, reach inside of you, and move you somewhere you didn't expect to go - that feels like its own kind of magic. I can lead a service, I can carry a melody, but that level of artistry is something I deeply admire and will probably spend the rest of my life being in awe of.

### **14. What's the Jewish text, story, prayer, or idea you return to most often in difficult times?**

The word *Hineni*. "Here I am." It appears at some of the most terrifying moments in the Torah. Abraham, about to sacrifice his son. Moses, standing before a burning bush. Isaiah, called to prophecy. In every case, the person doesn't know what's coming next. They have no guarantee of how the story ends. And yet they answer - fully, completely, without reservation - here I am. In difficult times, that's the answer I try to give. Not that I have all the answers, not that I'm not afraid, but that I am present. I am here. Whatever comes next, I am here.

### **15. What's a question from a congregant that you're still thinking about?**

A parent once asked me: how do I raise Jewish children in a world that makes it so easy not to be? I think about that question constantly. We live in a time of infinite distraction, competing identities, and a culture that doesn't exactly make Jewish commitment the path of least resistance. And yet, here we are, generation after generation, finding ways to pass something sacred forward. I don't have a perfect answer. But I think the question itself is one of the most important ones a Jewish parent can ask, and the fact that they're asking it is already half the answer.

### **16. What moment in your rabbinate has stayed with you the longest?**

In my book I coin the word "momenting" - an English translation of the biblical Hebrew להיפעם - to verb time, to be conscious that you are living inside a profound and holy moment at the very moment it's happening. I experience that every single time I stand under the chuppah with a wedding couple. There is something extraordinary about being present for a moment that two people will carry with them for the rest of their lives. They know it. I know it. We are all momenting together. After all these years, it has never once felt routine. I hope it never does.

### **17. What's something about Jewish life that still fills you with genuine awe?**

Judaism never asked us to stop questioning. The Talmud is essentially thousands of years of argument, disagreement, and debate, and we called it holy. Two rabbis, three opinions. We didn't just permit doubt and dissent; we enshrined it in our most sacred texts. There is no other tradition quite like it. I have spent my entire adult life inside this argument, and I am still in awe of it. The fact that asking hard questions isn't a threat to Jewish life - it is Jewish life - still fills me with genuine wonder every single time I open a text.

**18. Is there a Jewish holiday you find unexpectedly meaningful, and why?**

Chanukah. I know, I know - it's just a minor holiday. I've heard it a thousand times. And yes, the presents have taken on a life of their own. But I've never bought the idea that Chanukah is somehow less than what it is. Every year when we kindle those lights, something happens that I can only describe as unexpected grace. The flames don't produce much light, and that's almost the point. We're not flooding a room. We're pushing back against the darkness, one small flame at a time, at the very moment of the year when the world feels its darkest. There is something about that image that reaches people in a place that no other holiday quite touches. It reaches me. Every single year, I find myself standing at the menorah thinking: this is exactly what the world needs right now. And somehow, it always is.

**19. What's something you wish more people asked you about?**

I wish more people asked me about Shabbat - not the rules, but what it actually feels like to live it. Shabbat was never just about stopping. It's about what you do with the space you create. The dinners around the table that stretch longer than they should. The conversations that actually go somewhere. The deliberate leaning into the things that matter most: family, community, friends. Shabbat is Judaism's answer to the question of how to live. I wish more people knew how to ask it.

**20. What's one thing that always restores your faith in people?**

This is going to sound cheesy, but a good hug. Not a polite hug, not an obligatory hug - a real one. A good hug says everything that's hardest to put into words. It says I see you. I'm present for you. I'm not going anywhere. No matter what has happened before this moment, I am right here. In a world that often feels fragmented and distant, the fact that two people can communicate all of that without saying a single word - that restores something in me every time.



## Rabbi Wendy

**1. What's a TV show or movie you'd be embarrassed to admit you love?**

I love vegging out and watching *Emily in Paris*.

**2. If you had to eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?**

Cheesecake and more cheesecake

**3. What's your most useless talent?**

I am pretty good at word games.

**4. What's the last thing that made you laugh out loud?**

A politician came over to our table and told my family the old Jewish joke about how the incoming U.S. President's Jewish mom at the inauguration responds to well-wishers praise of her son, the President, by saying, "But you know my other son is a doctor."

**5. What's a song you know every single word to?**

*Follow your Arrow* by Kacey Musgraves

**6. If you weren't a rabbi or cantor, what career would you have chosen?**

I studied genetics as an undergraduate and have always wanted to help people, so probably genetics counseling.

**7. What's a book that genuinely changed the way you see the world?**

*My Life* by Golda Meir. Reading her story about a woman who arrived with almost nothing and helped build a nation is an incredible model of what one person is actually capable of. It deepened my commitment to Israel, and it left me with a broader lesson: determination and purpose are more powerful than circumstance.

**8. What's something most people don't know about you?**

I'm a huge country music fan.

**9. What's a place in the world that has most shaped who you are?**

I grew up in Phoenix, Arizona, in the 80's in a carefree and close-knit Jewish community that cemented my strong Jewish identity.

**10. What's the best piece of advice you ever received, and who gave it to you?**

In deciding whether or not to apply for a job or explore an opportunity, my husband once told me, with his British wit, that you can always turn the job down when they offer it to you. This advice encouraged me to open my mind to opportunities that did not appear to be, on surface, the right fit.

**11. What's something you believed at 20 that you no longer believe now?**

At 20, I believed antisemitism was fading across the world. We now know that is not the case.

**12. What's a hobby or interest of yours that might surprise people?**

I enjoy playing piano, and I play/practice in spurts depending on my motivation and inspiration.

**13. What's a skill you wish you had but don't?**

I have always wanted to be able to sing well but, unfortunately, I don't and have sadly been told to mouth the words rather than sing into the microphone.

**14. What's the Jewish text, story, prayer, or idea you return to most often in difficult times?**

In difficult times, I reflect on the biblical character, Rebekah, who once inquired of God, "If (this is happening), why do I exist?" She received an answer and then took initiative to determine her fate. This combination of faith and personal initiative provides me with guidance as to how to persevere during difficult times.

**15. What's a question from a congregant that you're still thinking about?**

A congregant recently asked me, "Why don't our young people feel the same connection to Judaism and Israel that we have?" This is the most important question facing the liberal Jewish community today. I find myself returning to this question with parents, young adults, and with myself, and I don't think any of us have found one clear answer.

**16. What moment in your rabbinate has stayed with you the longest?**

Reciting the *vidui* (confessional) with a dying 39-year-old mother and spouse in her last moments when she was barely conscious, yet understood what was happening, as her family sat outside the room. I have stayed in touch with the family throughout my rabbinate.

**17. What's something about Jewish life that still fills you with genuine awe?**

The fact that on Friday nights we bless our children with the same priestly blessing that was used at the time of the First Temple.

**18. Is there a Jewish holiday you find unexpectedly meaningful, and why?**

*Yom HaAtzmaut*, Israel Independence Day, a modern holiday often overlooked in the spring Jewish holiday calendar, which celebrates the rebirth of Israel, an event I consider a tangible miracle and a sign of God's continued presence in our world.

**19. What's something you wish more people asked you about?**

I love talking about books and country music. But really, I just love talking with people.

**20. What's one thing that always restores your faith in people?**

My faith is constantly restored by my observation that most people want to do the right thing and usually just need to be reminded or encouraged to do so.



## *Cantorial Soloist Kaylene*

### **1. What's a TV show or movie you'd be embarrassed to admit you love?**

*Love is Blind*. I rarely watch reality TV, but when I decide to - this is my pick!

### **2. If you had to eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?**

Sushi! I'm especially missing it now that I'm pregnant, and my options are very limited.

### **3. What's your most useless talent?**

I am double jointed in my elbows, so I have hyper flexible arms.

### **4. What's the last thing that made you laugh out loud?**

Most likely something my husband Jared said. While we've only been married for almost six years (I know - very little by TJ standards), I really do think that the key to a successful marriage is to laugh A LOT!

### **5. What's a song you know every single word to?**

I really have so many. I'm going to embrace levity and my inner millennial for this one and go with a song from one of the first concerts I ever attended: "Say You'll Be There" by The Spice Girls!

### **6. If you weren't a rabbi or cantor, what career would you have chosen?**

Probably teaching music in a university setting. If I had to choose something outside of music, I would love to own a bookstore in an adorable town somewhere in Portugal (this would actually be a great way to spend retirement now that I'm writing it out!)

### **7. What's a book that genuinely changed the way you see the world?**

*Man's Search for Meaning* by Viktor Frankl instantly came to mind. I read it for the first time shortly after losing one of my best friends and graduating from graduate school - navigating a deep grief while I was also trying to find my footing professionally. It is such a beautiful reminder that life will always happen to us, and we can always choose how we respond.

### **8. What's something most people don't know about you?**

I'm left-handed!

**9. What's a place in the world that has most shaped who you are?**

As a native Floridian, I would have to choose Florida! While there are many countries and cities that I have traveled to that have certainly helped shape my world views and perspectives, I have found that this very special place that I call home has helped shape who I am. It is a place where the people I love the most live, where people vacation because of the natural beauty, and where I experience so much nostalgia time and time again.

**10. What's the best piece of advice you ever received, and who gave it to you?**

Growing up, my mom would frequently tell me, "When you sing - you want to make people feel something. That is the entire purpose." It's a good reminder for a perfectionist, like me, that every note on the page does not have to be perfect. That I can show up just as I am, and as long as I am singing with authenticity and connectedness, it will come through to whoever is listening. Expressing yourself artistically can be incredibly vulnerable and scary. I have always felt such love and encouragement from both my parents surrounding this.

**11. What's something you believed at 20 that you no longer believe now?**

I felt at 20 that I was frequently eagerly awaiting some grand gesture, that every moment of my life had to be filled with excitement awaiting what "was next". I find that thinking to be a bit immature now (and I don't mean that cynically!). I just find such comfort in my everyday routine, in what some would consider "mundane." I've really realized that I am a creature of habit, and I find such contentment in that.

**12. What's a hobby or interest of yours that might surprise people?**

This may surprise some, but I also feel that some know this about me. I'm a registered Yoga Teacher, and I completed my 200-hour certification in 2020.

**13. What's a skill you wish you had but don't?**

I wish I was better at sewing.

**14. What's the Jewish text, story, prayer, or idea you return to most often in difficult times?**

*"Kol ha'olam kulo gesher tzar m'od. V'ha'ikar lo l'fached klal* - (The whole world is a very narrow bridge. And the main thing to recall is to not be afraid at all.)" Taken from the words of Rabbi Nachman of Breslov, this always helps remind me that we are bigger than what is making us anxious or afraid.

**15. What's a question from a congregant that you're still thinking about?**

I had a congregant recently ask me, "What would your 20-year-old self say if you told them that you work as a cantor?" To which I responded: I think my 20-year-old self would first ask, "What's a cantor?" It's still something I think about. My journey to Judaism, and my ongoing one to the cantorate, has quite literally changed my life and continues to do so. I am a big believer in God's immaculate timing, and I'm grateful every day that this is the plan He has seen fit for me.

**16. What moment in your rabbinate has stayed with you the longest?**

Because I am very young in my clergy position and will not have as many moments to choose from as my seasoned colleagues (that is not a dig at their age!), I'm thinking of specific moments on the

*Bimah* that truly move me every time. I instantly think of so many moments from *B'nei Mitzvah* services in which we witness young Jewish boys and girls becoming men and women before our very eyes. There is something sacred and magical that happens in that moment. They and their families feel it, I feel it, Rabbi feels it. They experience their own personal "*Lech L'cha*" moment. They become. It's beautiful.

**17. What's something about Jewish life that still fills you with genuine awe?**

From the very beginning of my journey, I have been completely embraced by the Jewish community. I have met the biggest cheerleaders and kindest souls. It never fails to amaze me the way that the Jewish community continually comes together for their own.

**18. Is there a Jewish holiday you find unexpectedly meaningful, and why?**

Passover is always extremely meaningful to me. I think it's easy to get lost in the cooking, the seder planning, and the hosting. The obligation to "see yourself as if you personally left Egypt" is such a powerful one. It is a moment that we not only connect with our enormous history but also an opportunity to examine where we find ourselves in "Mitzrayim (the narrow place)" and how we can free ourselves from it. It is a holiday that allows for deep introspection while acknowledging our incredible communal ability to overcome and persevere.

**19. What's something you wish more people asked you about?**

My dog! And now that you ask, she is perfect and doing great. 😊

**20. What's one thing that always restores your faith in people?**

There is a beautiful quote by Mister Rogers that I always think of when I need reminding that kindness and caring is in our human nature: "When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.'" I think it is so easy to get swept away by the seemingly endless barrage of ugliness in the world that is covered by news and media. If we zoom in, we see beauty in one another all around us. We see it when someone lets us into traffic, when someone returns something lost, when we exchange a smile with a stranger - this always reminds me that we humans are inherently good and loving.

# Executive Director's Report

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## **Welcome, Rabbi Josh Franklin!**

The day has arrived - and we could not be more excited! Rabbi Josh Franklin officially joined the Temple Judea family as Co-Senior Rabbi on July 1. Thank you to everyone who will join us this month to welcome him and his family - your warmth and enthusiasm will set the most beautiful tone for this new chapter.

Getting to know Rabbi Josh will be easy this summer. He will be hosting open office hours - sign up to stop by, say hello, and share a little about yourself and what matters to you. You can also email Lynne Imhof, Rabbi Yaron's and Rabbi Josh's administrator, at [lynne@gotj.org](mailto:lynne@gotj.org) to schedule an appointment. He is also launching a new class, "Ultimate Questions," where he will explore the big ideas and timeless inquiries that sit at the heart of Jewish thought and life.

Please continue to introduce yourselves and make him feel at home - that is what Temple Judea does best!

## **High Holy Day Packets**

We are deeply grateful for your continued commitment and support as we head into a new year together. High Holy Day packets will be mailed the middle of this month. Please watch for yours in the mail and return it at your earliest convenience. Remember that 50% of your annual commitment needs to be paid, or a payment plan needs to be in place, in order to receive tickets. Additionally, we might not be able to honor your preferred service time if you don't return your packet by August 14, 2026. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the office.

## **A Note on Meal Pricing**

Like so many things, the cost of providing our lunches and Shabbat dinners has continued to rise, and we want to be transparent with you about some updates to our meal pricing effective August 1. Lunch will be \$25 per person, and dinner will be \$39 per person for members. Non-member pricing will be slightly higher, as the temple has always subsidized a portion of each member's meal cost. We know price increases are never welcome news, and we are grateful for your understanding as we do our best to continue offering quality meals and cherished time together that make our gatherings so special.

## **Summer Office Hours**

A reminder that the Temple Judea office is observing reduced summer hours through Sunday, August 31. We are open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. If you need to reach us outside of these hours, please leave a message and we will get back to you promptly.

Wishing everyone a restful, joyful, and sweet summer!

*Morli*

# TJ PRAYS

## Shabbat Worship

**Fridays, July 3, July 10, July 17, July 24, July 31**

5:00 p.m. Pre-Oneg

5:30 p.m. Shabbat Worship

Livestream at <https://boxcast.tv/channel/tei9zgzd1kbg4kymehgg>

### Beach Havdalah

**Saturdays, July 11 and August 8 at 6:00 p.m.**

**In the event of inclement weather, these services will be cancelled.**

## Minyan

**Mondays at 9:30 a.m. via ZOOM with Michael Ross**

**Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in person at TJ or via Livestream**

<https://boxcast.tv/channel/tei9zgzd1kbg4kymehgg>

### 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!





**Summer Beach Worship**

**Havdalah**

**Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00 p.m.**

**400 AIA, Carlin Park,**

**Jupiter**

**Mile Marker #62**

**Southern Entrance**

**Bring your own beach**

**chair!**



**RED, WHITE AND BLUE  
SHABBAT**

**JULY 3RD**



JOIN US IN WELCOMING RABBI  
JOSH FRANKLIN AND HIS FAMILY  
FOR HIS FIRST SHABBAT SERVICE!

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5:00 P.M. PRE-ONEG  
5:30 P.M. WORSHIP  
DINNER FOLLOWING SERVICES

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COME DRESSED IN YOUR FESTIVE  
PATRIOTIC ATTIRE!

**"PRAYER IS TO THE SOUL WHAT FOOD IS  
TO BODY" - YEHUDAH HALEVI**

*Contemplative  
Shabbat Services*

**Nourish your soul with these special  
Shabbat services featuring meditation,  
poetry, reflection, and discussion of the  
Torah portions.**

**Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup> in honor of Tisha B'Av**

**Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup> in honor of Tu B'Av**



OUR CLERGY INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEM FOR A

*an Early Shabbat Service  
and Lunch*



**COME MEET RABBI JOSH!!**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup> 11:00 A.M.**

**LUNCH IS FREE BUT YOU MUST RSVP!**

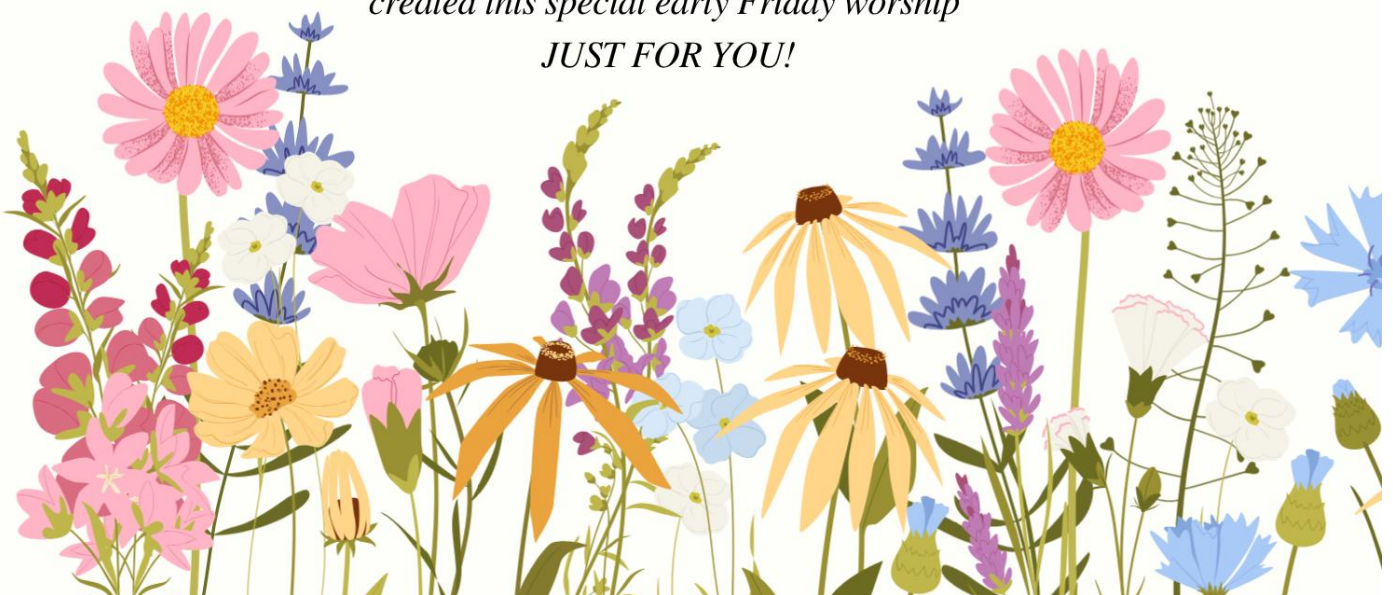
**RSVP TO THE OFFICE AT 561-624-4633**



*Honoring our members who are 85+ years wise!*

*The Torah teaches us that people that have reached a certain stage in life are deserving of honor. Temple Judea wishes to honor all its members who have been blessed to reach 85 years of age....and we recognize that for some driving at night is challenging so we have created this special early Friday worship*

***JUST FOR YOU!***



# Are you ready? Elul is Here!

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.

**Elul Minyan** - Join us on August 20, August 27, September 3, and 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.

**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. . . PLEASE RSVP. CALL THE OFFICE AT 561-624-4633.

**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. 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.

**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.

**Thursday, September 10 at 9:30 a.m.**

**An Elul Immersion (Mikveh) Ritual at Coral Cove Park, 1600 Beach Road, Tequesta 33469 (we will meet in the parking lot)**

We gather at the water to immerse ourselves in the renewing and rejuvenating embrace of mayim chayim, living waters. We will enter the water together and engage in a special rejuvenation ritual. Minyan songs and prayers will connect us to the themes of introspection, repentance, and renewal.

Please wear a swimsuit or water-friendly clothing and bring a towel, sunscreen, and a hat. In the event of inclement weather, this event will be cancelled.

HIGH HOLY DAYS 2026/5787

# Selichot



*Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>*

*7:30 p.m. Havdalah and Selichot Service*

*Selichot is our chance to begin our spiritual preparation for the High Holy Days. The mood of introspection and repentance increases throughout the month of Elul – to its crescendo with Selichot. The effect of a Selichot service can be quite moving and the prayers in the service are full of longing and inspire us to move thoughtfully into Rosh Hashanah.*

*We hope you will join us to deepen your High Holy Day experience!*

# High Holy Days



Sept  
11

EREV ROSH  
HASHANAH

Sept  
12

ROSH HASHANAH

Sept  
20

KOL NIDRE

Sept  
21

YOM KIPPUR

## High Holy Day Location

We are grateful to the Maltz Jupiter Theatre for hosting our High Holy Days again this year. We had initially planned to return to the Eissey Campus Theatre however they experienced a serious sprinkler malfunction and notified us they are closed for renovations through December 2026. It is our intention to go back to the Eissey Theatre in 2027 as the Maltz Jupiter Theatre had previously scheduled commitments for one of the 2027 High Holy Days.

## High Holy Day Tickets

Ticketing is available for members and those ages 24 and under listed on your account. You must have paid 50% of your annual commitment and/or have a payment plan in place to receive tickets.

Guest tickets and non-member tickets are limited. Guest tickets are for your immediate family members only. They are \$180 for both holy days and \$136 for one holy day.

Non-members who have never worshipped with us before, and who live in our service area, are invited to join us free of charge for their first time with TJ. They must personally call the office and provide their contact information for registration and security purposes.

Non-members who have worshipped with us before must purchase a ticket to attend services. They are \$500 for both holy days and \$360 for one holy day.

As a reminder, tickets are NON-TRANSFERRABLE. We kindly ask that you honor this policy.

Request for service time is done on a first-come first-served basis. Please return your packet in a timely manner to ensure you receive your preferred service time.

Finally, it is Temple Judea's policy to not sell stand-alone Yizkor tickets. Yizkor is an integral part of the complete Yom Kippur spiritual journey. Viewing it as a stand-alone service minimizes the holiness of the day and treats it as an isolated transaction. Because we offer a ticket to the entire High Holy Day, we are honoring the interconnected nature of Jewish worship and ensuring that those who come to remember their loved ones also experience the transformative power of the entire Yom Kippur service.

## High Holy Day Clergy

Our High Holy Day services will be led by Rabbi Yaron Kapitulnik, Rabbi Josh Franklin and Cantor Suzanne Leventhal. As previously shared in the May/June Voice, Cantor Suzanne will join Temple Judea full-time from mid-August through the end of November as Cantor in Residence. Cantor Suzanne comes to us from Washington Hebrew Congregation where she has served as an Assistant Cantor since June of 2022, and she brings exceptional credentials and experience. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Vocal Performance from The Boston Conservatory, a master's degree from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, and she is an ordained graduate of Hebrew Union College. She also served as a cantorial intern at Yozma in Israel under Rabbi Nir Barkin. She plays guitar and violin, which will be a wonderful addition to our worship experience.



# Shabbat DINNER

**FRIDAY, JULY 3<sup>RD</sup> – WELCOMING RABBI JOSH FRANKLIN AND FAMILY!**

**RSVP TO THE OFFICE AT 561-624-4633 BY JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> AT NOON.**

**GRILLED BEEF BURGERS AND KOSHER HOT DOGS**

**BBQ CHICKEN**

**GRILLED VEGGIE BURGERS FOR VEGETARIANS**

**CLASSIC COLESLAW**

**PASTA SALAD**

**BAKED BEANS**

**ISRAELI SALAD**

**WATERMELON AND APPLE PIE A LA MODE**

**DINNER IS AFTER SHABBAT WORSHIP SERVICE**

**\$36 / ADULT AND \$20/ CHILD AGES 5-12.**

**NON-MEMBERS \$43/PERSON.**

**CHILDREN UNDER 5 ARE FREE.**

**\*PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT ISSUE ANY REFUNDS ONCE THE HEADCOUNT FOR THE DINNER HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE CATERER.**





# August 7th Shabbat Dinner

## STARTER

*Salad of mixed greens with watermelon and feta*

## MAIN COURSE

*Salmon - Oven Roasted with Mango-Avocado Salsa  
and lime*

*Herb-Roasted Chicken - with Lemon, Garlic and  
Fresh Rosemary*

## SIDES

*Lemon Herb Orzo and Roasted Seasonal  
Vegetables with a balsamic Glaze*

## DESSERT

*Sorbet - mixed melon with mint*

**\$39/ADULT; \$25/CHILD**

**\$48/NON-MEMBER ADULT**

**DINNER IS AFTER SHABBAT WORSHIP...**

**RSVP TO THE OFFICE AT 561-624-4633**

**BY AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup> AT NOON.**

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GIVEN TO THE CATERER.**



# OFFICE HOURS

Starting in July!

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.

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

Sign up for a 30-minute spot at  
[calendly.com/joshf-templejudeapbc](https://calendly.com/joshf-templejudeapbc)  
or email [lynne@gotj.org](mailto:lynne@gotj.org) or  
[call 561-624-4633](tel:561-624-4633) and ask for LYNNE

*He can't wait to meet you!*

# LEARNING TO LOVE OURSELVES WITH RABBI WENDY SESSION 2 & 3

*July 8 and August 12*

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 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.

*Lunch and Learn at 11:45 a.m.  
\$25/person. RSVP required to  
561-624-4633*

SUMMER LUNCH SERIES



WITH RABBI JOSH

# ULTIMATE QUESTIONS

WHOSE ANSWERS YOU CAN'T  
GOOGLE



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?

WHEN WILL THE MESSIAH COME?

HOW WILL ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE RESHAPE JUDAISM?

AND PERHAPS MOST URGENTLY: WHAT MAKES A LIFE MEANINGFUL?

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.

JULY 21 AND AUGUST 18  
2:00 P.M.






# *Join us for a Welcome Brunch*

Help us welcome  
Rabbi Josh Franklin to  
Temple Judea!

Join us on Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at  
10:45 a.m.

This event is free but you need to  
RSVP by no later than July 9<sup>th</sup> to  
561-624-4633

*Sponsored by TJ's Sisterhood*



# FREE SUMMER CONCERT

Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>  
3:30 p.m. Hors D'oeuvres and Drinks  
4:30 p.m. Concert

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND**

**Pam and Dave**

An exceptional duo of musicians  
performing all your favorite songs,  
from Ballads to Motown  
to Disco to Pop/Rock to  
Island Music...

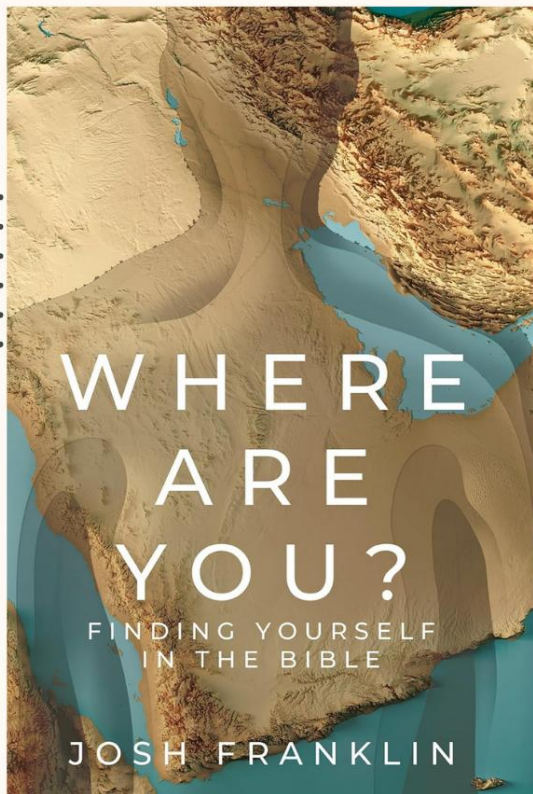
Sit back & listen or  
dance the night away .

A fun time is  
guaranteed for all!

at Temple Judea  
This event is free - but please  
RSVP so we can set the room  
properly!

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# LUNCH & LEARN



Lunch is \$25/person  
11:45 a.m.  
September 9, October 14,  
November 4, December 9,  
January 20, February 10,  
March 10, April 14, May 12  
RSVP to the office at  
561-624-4633

## **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 displacement, and return, 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 and faith. 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?

# EXPLORE THE WORLD WITH US



## PHILADELPHIA WITH RABBI WENDY

- October 8-11
- Dinner at Zahav
- Mikveh Israel - one of oldest synagogues in USA
- Weitzman Museum
- Holocaust Memorial
- Constitution Center
- Museum American Revolution
- Shabbat at Rodeph Shalom
- Stay at the Kimpton Monaco
- Magic Gardens

\$1850 /Person

## ARGENTINA WITH RABBI YARON

- October 5 - 16
- Buenos Aires iconic landmarks - Avenida de Mayo, Plaza De Mayo, and Casa Rosada
- Jewish Quarter
- AMIA building and Israeli Embassy Memorial
- Libertad Synagogue
- Iguazu Falls
- Shabbat at local synagogue
- Guacho Day
- Learn the Tango!

\$6597 /Person

## CIVIL RIGHTS TOUR WITH RABBI YARON AND PASTOR SAMUEL

- April 1-4, 2027
- Members of TJ and Christ Family Worship Assembly
- Montgomery, Selma and Birmingham
- Rosa Parks Memorial, Memorial Peace, Equal Justice Initiative, Freedom Garden, Edmund Pettus Bridge
- Share in Shabbat Worship at Temple Beth Or and Sunday Worship at Ebenezer Church

\$1400 /Person

# ADVENTURE AWAITS!

Discover, Experience, and Cherish Memories That Last a Lifetime!

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# Adult Education



*with Rabbi Wendy*

By Zoom [www.gotj.org](http://www.gotj.org) for log in information

*Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. (Tefilah) and 10:00 a.m. (Study)*

KABBALAH

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

## Communities

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86321524611?pwd=Z2lINHBENTNpaUFVVRVJHbUJsM0I5QT09>

Meeting ID: 863 2152 4611 Passcode: 910340

July 6<sup>th</sup>

*Peggy* by Rebecca Godfrey

Leader: Elizabeth Nelson

August 3<sup>rd</sup>

*On Her Own* by Lahi Lapid

Leader: Karen Davis

Questions: Contact Beth Baker at [bethloves@gmail.com](mailto:bethloves@gmail.com).

# TJ TOTS

WITH RABBI JOSH AND  
CANTOR SUZANNE



ALL KIDS  
0-6 YEARS  
OLD

AUGUST  
30TH



ALL PARENTS AND  
GRANDPARENTS  
AND SIBLINGS!

SEPTEMBER  
27TH



9:00 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.



## **CANDID CONVERSATIONS FOR WOMEN**

Greetings Candid Conversation Ladies,

I am taking July and August off for my vacation before starting our September – December Fall/Winter series for 2026. As we come back together in September, we will continue our energetic, enlightening, and enjoyable women’s group series. Topics for the Fall/Winter series are selected to encourage small and large group participation. It is friendly and cozy to be together in a comfortable and confidential space to explore relevant topics.

The Fall/Winter series begins September 3, 1:00 – 2:00, at Temple Judea. I am inviting you to be part of our exciting journey to seek and find meaningful moments together. Class size is limited, and registration is required. Please contact Amy @ 561-624-4633 to register.

Topics and dates are listed below:

September 3, 2026	“Why and Why Not”
October 8, 2026	“Happiness is the Ultimate Risk”
November 5, 2026	“We are What we do”
December 3, 2026	“Our Greatest Strengths can be Our Greatest Weaknesses”

Please note that I will be available for Bereavement Counseling during the months of July and August. Appointments must be scheduled for a one-on-one meeting. Please get in touch with Amy at [amy@gotj.org](mailto:amy@gotj.org) or 561-624-4633, who will contact me so that I can call you to schedule our time together.

*Marcia*

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 the Palm Beach County Public Safety Department, Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office, Alpert Jewish Family Services and Morse Geriatric Center. She has been in practice for over 40 years.

# SOCIAL ACTION



Give back to the community by volunteering.

## Sign up to serve food at the Community Soup Kitchen.

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.

10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

July 29 and August 25

Call the office to register at 561-624-4633

## HELP FEED THE HUNGRY

Tuesdays July 14 and August 11

To benefit St. George's Food Kitchen and Feeding Hope Village.

**PLEASE CONSIDER** making sandwiches at home - on white, whole wheat, or whatever bread with **PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY**. No need to cut the sandwiches. Put each one in a baggie. One loaf of bread makes 10 sandwiches. They distribute 300 sandwiches a day – so any amount is greatly appreciated.

**DROP OFF YOUR SANDWICHES AT TEMPLE – MAIN DOOR** any time from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Questions? Call the office at (561)624-4633.



Temple Judea was recently honored with PEACE's 2026 **Mustard Seed Award** recognizing the synagogue's outstanding, first-year impact. Like a mustard seed, Temple Judea's social justice impact and growth exceeded all expectations.

Temple Judea's membership in PEACE - People Engaged in Active Community Efforts - is a powerful way to understand community issues and work for social justice. When PEACE, a coalition of twenty-nine congregations, speaks for those who have no voice, community leaders listen. PEACE is currently focused on increasing access to affordable housing, mental health services and support for immigrants caught in mass deportation.

**Rabbi Yaron** opened PEACE's most important annual event – the Nehemiah Action Assembly – with remarks and a prayer. He reminded everyone that we are better when we work together.

To learn more or join the PEACE/Temple Judea Team, please call Temple Judea, 561-624-4633.

Ruth Gonzalez & Rebecca Cohen, Co-Team Leaders

## *Welcome to our New Members*

Neil Cohen and Family  
Annette Cope  
Joan Eskridge  
Lynne and Hugh Imhof  
Melissa Lieberman  
Rhonda and Rabbi Michael Resnick  
Lana Rouff  
Lynne Secunda  
Sheila and Harold Strassler  
Jamie and Jake Toliver & Family  
Carol and Harlan Waksal  
Thomas and Jennifer Werner

# Happy Birthday - July

1	Donald Berg	10	Laurie Kramer	20	Abigayle Alexios
1	Joan Gelch	10	Marc Miller	20	Susan Furst
1	David Golden	10	Daniel Sanabria	20	Joshua Marks
1	Elexa Harrison	10	Eric Weisberg	20	Courtney Pech-Ngoon
1	Ezra Kast	11	Cooper Blum	20	Bonnie Sirkin
2	Wendy Capland	11	Rachael Blum	20	Nicole Sirota
2	Suzanne Chait Magenheim	11	Joan Eskridge	20	Letty Tanchum
2	Sophia Fenster	11	Lilah Franklin	21	Elizabeth Alonso
2	Liam Fox	11	Robert Fuhrer	21	Margaret Kripke
2	Debbie Kinback	11	Martin Rosenman	21	River Shapiro
2	Elinor Schimel	11	Joseph Toste	22	Ellen Goldstein
2	Rachel Shalloway	12	Michael Patipa	22	Alice Horowitz
2	Matthew Steinbock	12	Ira Robbin	22	Richard Horowitz
2	Brent Wolmer	12	Ronnie Shore	22	Elysha Lippman
2	Laurie Yarnell	12	Olivia M. Alonso	22	Bonnie Kaplan
2	Ethan Poremba	13	Steven Rosenberg	24	Samantha Krathen
3	Vera Shleifer	13	Marsha Taback	24	Corey Saban
4	Michael Feiner	13	Marilyn Jacobs	24	Martin Levinson
4	Andrew Lappin	14	Rebecca Tulman	25	Jeff Taylor
4	Leo Shleifer	14	James Adelman	25	Gloria Cherelestein
4	Phyllis Shuster	15	Bettina Decker	26	Morli Fidler
4	Melissa Winchester	15	Chad Densen	26	Arthur Fox
5	Nancy Berman	15	Scott Handler	26	Hunter Gelsen
5	Ronald Bindow	15	Robyn Levy	26	Gloria Bell
5	Barbara Fink	15	Charlotte Lewis	27	Sloane Brock
5	Ethan Pech-Ngoon	15	Wendy Maurer	27	Sandy Hyman
5	Benjamin Reitman	15	Ethan Sales	27	Ann Levine
5	Martin Ungar	15	Steven Fader	27	Diann Mann
6	Lenore Clarke	16	Courtney Fisch	27	Toby Meyer
6	Stella Harrison	16	Barbara Goldstein	27	Lawrence Oks
6	Richard Podell	16	Jackson Handler	27	Sydelle Sonkin
6	Linda Starr	16	Harry Kaufman	27	Arthur Starr
7	Barry Berg	16	Rachel Marks	27	Naomi Cody
7	Peter Feinstein	16	Wayne Michaels	28	Stephen Kaplan
7	Arthur Marion	16	Florence Walk	28	Larry Layton
7	Susan Slepín	16	Bari Axelband	28	Julie Tannenbaum
7	Phyllis Stein	17	Landon Dell	28	Jonathan Lachman
8	Lila Barry	17	Jacklyn Kornfeld	29	Lindsey Donatelli
8	Ryan Levinson	17	Stanley Narkier	30	Blair Kamen
8	Edward Simensky	17	David Peltz	30	Ronald Singer
8	Martha Simensky	17	Morgan Routman	30	Justin Tulman
8	Jack Warren Brock	17	Stuart Lockman	30	Arlene Zitin
9	Benjamin Lerer	18	Bradley Saft	30	David Barry
9	Jeff Maurer	18	Sheila Schlaggar	31	Amelia Berezin
9	Claude Oster	18	Chuck Schneiderman	31	Barbara Danenberg
9	Haley Roth	18	Steven Birenbaum	31	Ryan Densen
9	Elliot Wolk	19	Josh Goodman	31	Audrey Klein
10	Dara Budnick	19	Fred Harris	31	Cary Luskin
10	Allan Eisinger	19	Joshua Marks		

# Happy Anniversary July



1 Bill & Sandra Glassman  
2 Jeanine & Jon Lappin  
2 Judy & Arthur Lehrhoff  
2 Katherine & John Mortimer  
2 Evelyne & Daniel Teres  
3 Terry & Claude Oster  
3 Mark & Julie Wolman  
4 Bari & Phil Axelband  
4 Sheryl & John Wysockey  
5 Pamela & Andrew Comiter  
6 Melissa Plotsky & Bryan  
Anderson  
6 Maschia & Stephen Kaplan  
7 Irene & Elliot Glanz  
7 Ceil Schneider Randell &  
Jonathan Lachman  
7 Martha L. & Edward K.  
Simensky  
7 Alan & Fani Weissman  
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10 Sandra & Arnold Brown  
10 Stacey & Oliver Stanton

12 Carla & Howard Schwartz  
13 N. Deborah & Michael Stapler  
15 Eric Yablonka & Sari Heitner  
15 Marilyn & Richard Jacobs  
15 Elyse & Chuck Schneiderman  
16 Joann Hendleman & Bill Pearl  
16 Ronald & Andrea Saxon  
17 Naomi & William Cody  
17 Linda Karch & Robert Kanner  
18 Vickie Welles & Jay Eckhaus  
19 Jo-Anne & Gerald Weingarden  
21 Shelley & Joe Chartoff  
23 Sara & Edward Fleischman  
25 Donna & Tal Sheynfeld  
26 Arleen & Saul Barton  
26 Sarajane & Gerald Goldstein  
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30 Barbara Walters & Geoffrey  
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**Please call the office to learn more!**

**561-624-4633 or [amy@gotj.org](mailto:amy@gotj.org)**

**As we welcome Rabbi Josh Franklin to our Temple Judea family, what a beautiful way to celebrate this exciting new chapter by making a gift to his discretionary fund. Your contribution will help Rabbi Josh support congregants and programs in meaningful and personal ways from his very first days with us. To make a gift, please contact the office at 561-624-4633 or visit [gotj.org](http://gotj.org).**

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*in honor of Brent Wolmer,  
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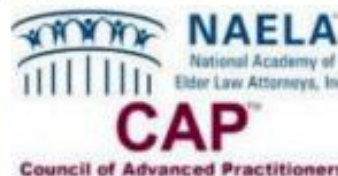
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