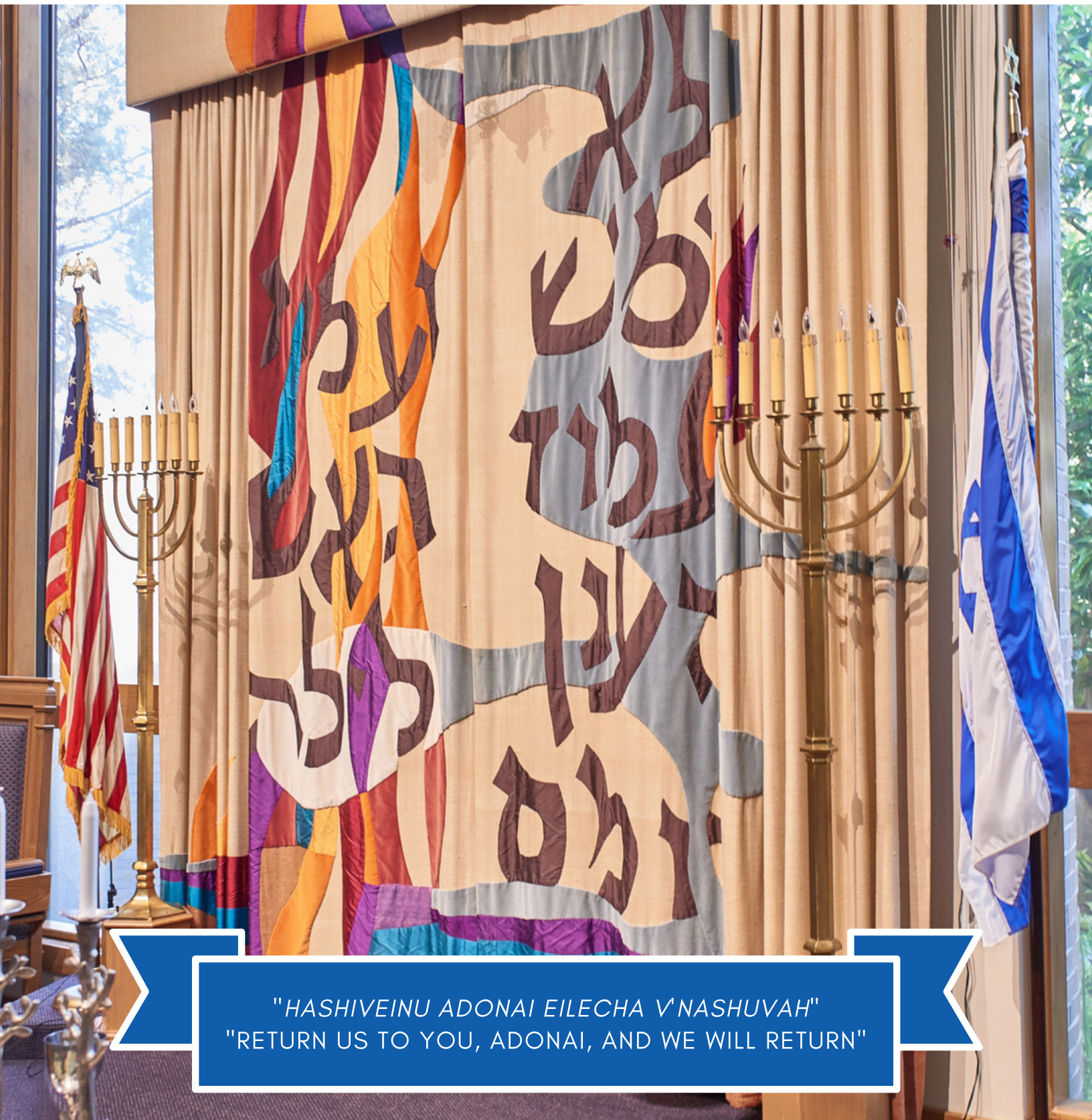


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CONGREGATION AHAVATH CHESED ☆ THE TEMPLE



"HASHIVEINU ADONAI EILECHA V'NASHUVAH"
"RETURN US TO YOU, ADONAI, AND WE WILL RETURN"

A Message from the President

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As we conclude our observance of Passover and begin to emerge from the narrow spaces that COVID-19 created, may the recent dedication of our beautiful Biblical Garden represent a new beginning for all of us.

I am so excited that the Congregation, by unanimous vote of those attending the Congregational Meeting, approved the hiring of Rabbi Maya Glasser as our full-time Rabbi.

Thank you to the hard work of the Search Committee led by Miriam Greenhut and Isabel Balotin. We look forward to welcoming Rabbi Glasser and her husband Jake to our congregational family with open arms when they arrive in July.

With many of our congregants becoming vaccinated against the virus, and the number of positive cases declining, we look forward to the opportunity to expand our in-person activities, beginning with Saturday morning services. We will still follow CDC Guidelines and Temple's own protocols (which include limited attendance by reservation, temperature checks, social distancing and the wearing of masks at all times) to provide for everyone's safety. This can not be accomplished however without everyone's compliance. The protocols will be shared with all congregants. We will also continue to livestream the services for those who are unable or do not feel comfortable attending in person.

We do things better when we do them together and we have much to look forward to.

L'Shalom,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Kaufman'.

David Kaufman, President

Message from Rabbi Address

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Shalom:

As a famous philosopher once said, we live our lives forward but understood backward. As this program year comes to a close, this phrase rings true.

Ahavath Chesed can look back on these past months and understand the power of community and staying focused on priorities.

With the supreme support and caring of Cantor Barry, the help of Rabbis Goodman and Raskind and so many staff and volunteers, the congregation will emerge from the pandemic with a new focus. Ahavath Chesed will walk into its future, welcoming and supporting Rabbi Glasser and Jacob. A new chapter is about to begin.

What will that new chapter look like? Well, we can learn from where we have been. The overriding theme that has been expressed has been the desire and need to be together. But what that may mean will also be subject to the new realities of post-pandemic congregational life. This is an exciting time for the congregation. The future awaits and the choices leadership will make will determine what that future looks like. There are new opportunities to expand education and worship. We have learned this from the numbers that have been present virtually all year.

The challenge going forward is to take what is best from our past and use it to help shape a dynamic and sacred future. ***The choice is yours.***

Shalom,



Rabbi Richard F. Address, DMin



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The Cantor Barry Tales

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In the Hebrew Bible, God often works through acts that are clearly read as divine intervention such as flooding the world during the time of Noah, raining plagues upon Egypt, parting the Sea of Reeds, or opening up the earth to swallow rebelling tribesmen. As modern people, we have adjusted our understanding of natural disasters so that we no longer see them as divine retribution for sin, but as people of faith, we remain certain that God has a metaphorical hand in human life.

As we emerge from our “pandemic pods” and begin to reintegrate (while continuing to remain vigilant!), I’ve been contemplating the development of the vaccine for COVID-19. Built upon years of research with other corona viruses and combined with new methods, our scientists truly brought the world a modern miracle befitting the ancient gods of myth and legend. I keep thinking about this old joke:

A man was stuck on his rooftop in a flood. He was praying to God for help. Soon someone in a rowboat came by and shouted to the man on the roof, “Jump in, I can save you.” The stranded fellow shouted back, “No, it’s OK, I’m praying to God and He is going to save me.” So the rowboat went on.

Then a motorboat came by. The person in the motorboat shouted, “Jump in, I can save you.” To this the stranded man said, “No thanks, I’m praying to God and He is going to save me. I have faith.” So the motorboat went on.

Then a helicopter came by and the pilot shouted down, “Grab this rope and I will lift you to safety.” To this the stranded man again replied, “No thanks, I’m praying to God and He is going to save me. I have faith.” So the helicopter reluctantly flew away.

Soon the water rose above the rooftop and the man drowned. He went to Heaven. He finally got his chance to discuss this whole situation with God, at which point he exclaimed, “I had faith in you but you didn’t save me, you let me drown. I don’t understand why!” To this God replied, “I sent you a rowboat, a motorboat and a helicopter, what more did you expect?”

Deus ex machina, literally “god from the machine,” is the literary term for a person or thing that appears into a situation suddenly to provide a solution to an apparently unsolvable situation. In the joke, the stranded man is waiting for God to arrive, so he ignores all of God’s veiled attempts to intercede.

Here, in the 21st century, if we heard a voice from a burning bush, we’d be more likely to check ourselves into a hospital than to follow its directions. It has long been my belief that we find God, instead, in the inspired actions of others, “the helpers,” if you will. God acts through scientific breakthroughs, fighters for social justice, and all others who heed the call to acts of gemilut chasadim: feeding the hungry, healing the sick, clothing the naked, freeing the captive and lifting up the fallen.

As we receive our vaccinations, let us thank our scientists and medical professionals for working to keep us alive, but let us also take a moment to praise God, the One who blesses us with wisdom and ingenuity, and the free will to use those powers to help our fellow man.

Cantor Carrie Barry

Executive Director's Message

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A new day is dawning at The Temple. In just two months, we will welcome Rabbi Maya Glasser to lead our congregation toward a new, bright future.

As we prepare for our Rabbi's arrival, we move forward with plans to make this a more welcoming and inclusive congregation. We are gathering information to know our congregants better, improve communications, and make us financially sound. This letter reviews areas of interest to all of us. Please know you can call with questions.

MEMBER CENSUS: The primary reason we switched our membership management software to ShulCloud is its ability to update and organize data in a more useful manner. You can log in to your account to update many of the fields and we can also help you. We'd like to know more about you, our members. By knowing your interests, skills, profession, hobby, etc., we may be able to assist you -- or ask for your assistance. I encourage you to share as much information as you feel comfortable. A Member Census Form will be mailed to you shortly. Please complete the form promptly and return it in the envelope provided. We need your immediate help to avoid a second mailing and follow-up phone calls.

SHULCLOUD: (our new computer program) has changed how we communicate and operate. To date, you have been able to log on to obtain easy-to-understand statements, view information about your account and make changes to some of the information on hand. In the next few weeks, you'll start receiving e-mailed monthly account statements, along with "thank you" notes acknowledging contributions and dues payments, all from ShulCloud. Yahrzeit notices will be sent promptly and give you the opportunity to easily make a contribution honoring your departed loved one right from your computer. If you don't receive e-mail, the system will generate paper copies to be delivered to you by USPS mail.

ANNUAL PLEDGE: In June, you will receive your 2021-22 Annual Pledge form. This vital document enables us to plan how we will operate during the year ahead. Please save us time and money by completing and returning the form promptly. Instructions will accompany the mailing and your questions are welcome. Please remember the completed form is kept confidential and it helps us to accurately set up our billing. The system will not indicate a past due balance if your account is set in advance to receive annual, semi-annual, quarterly and monthly payments. As in the past, you'll be able to pay by cash, check, credit card and now ACH transfers. Please watch for more to come.

VOLUNTEERS: We're looking for volunteers. Do you have time to be actively involved with the day-to-day affairs of Temple? If yes, we welcome your talents and appreciate the help you can provide to our office staff! Training will be provided. Call and we'll discuss the opportunities further (904-733-7078).

Volunteer opportunities include:

- Learn to run and use our audio-visual broadcast equipment.
- Help us greet for services and other functions.
- If you enjoy or want to learn more about gardening, we need your assistance in the Biblical Garden.
- Assistance is always needed in the office.

I look forward to seeing you as our doors begin -- and continue -- to open.



Gene Meyers, Executive Director



Biblical Garden

Plans have been approved and construction is well underway on The Temple's Biblical Garden. Located to the left of our front door, as you enter the building, the garden will feature eleven (11) varieties of plants, all found in the Tenach and important in sustaining the lives of our ancestors in the Middle East.

The project has been designed by Reverend Dr. Ed Bez, President of the Biblical Gardens Society – USA, who is also providing construction supervision. Funding of the garden is provided by the Dr. Larry & Kathy Kanter Jewish Preservation Fund and Temple members. The garden will be cared for by our congregants.



The garden's most prominent feature is a Date Palm, planted to honor Goldie Lansky's 12 years of dedicated service to Congregation Ahavath Chesed as our Executive Director. The Palm is symbolic of the peace and plenty, grace and elegance Goldie brought to our Temple family.

Work on the garden started with the leveling of land and the removal of tree stumps. Then, on a rainy day in January, an olive tree (*Oleo Europaea L.*) was planted. The olive tree is an important Middle East fruit tree and is the national tree of Israel.

Pictured here, with the fruit tree and impervious to rain, are Dr. Ed Bez, Dr. Larry Kanter and Joyce Braun of the Temple's Sisterhood.

Biblical Garden



On March 17, David Kaufman (Temple President), Dr. Larry Kanter and Reverend Dr. Bez led a program with friends, members and guests attending the dedication of the Date Palm tree. Just 3 days later, March 20, the Congregation participated in the garden's formal dedication, followed immediately by an outdoor Havdalah service.

Dr. Bez views the garden as; "Fostering a feeling of connection with both the natural and biblical worlds is one of my primary goals in the development phase of The Temple's Bible garden project." "Anyone who has ever spent time tilling the soil, nurturing seeds and watching them bloom recognizes there is a very spiritual side to gardening - a deep communion with God that happens when we help nature flourish. The Bible Garden at Congregation Ahavath Chesed is an inspirational undertaking to enrich the spiritual lives of our members."



This garden and one under construction at nearby Christ the Messiah Church are the only biblical gardens on the First Coast. The gardens, designed to complement each other, will stand as commitments to interfaith cooperation and understanding.

For the garden to flourish, it will need your help. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact **Joyce Braun at 904/723-1458; joyceb1104@sbcglobal.net**

A Word from Goldie

My Temple Family,

I prepared for my Passover Seder in the afterglow of the dedication of the date palm and the opening of the Biblical Garden. Thank you for honoring me in this way. I am awed and humbled.

Jewish learning is one of my lifelong joys. I am hopeful the Garden will serve as an inspiration for others to study, become inspired by our history and energized to commit themselves to the work of building a thriving congregation.

Nothing of value happens without hard work, dedication, commitment to pursuing the goal. As we begin a new chapter in the history of our congregation with the arrival of Rabbi Glasser, may the beauty of the date palm and the Garden itself remind us to nurture our congregation. Every day is an opportunity to do what it takes to build our congregation and realize our dreams.

With loyalty and love, we will grow from strength to strength. Kein y'hi ratzon, and so may it be.

L'hitraot,

Goldie Lansky



Looking for a Few Good Scouts!

BSA TROOP 12



Founded at the Temple in 1906, BSA Troop 12 is looking for boys aged 11 & up (or completed 5th grade), to join us in Scouting! Learn new skills like camping, cooking, leadership, community service and a whole lot more. Whether aiming for Eagle or to just have fun outdoors, Troop 12 offers a personalized, boy-lead experience with experienced adult supervision. All denominations are welcome. Parents are encouraged to participate as well!

We are currently meeting at Veteran's Park Paw Park (1332 Veterans Pkwy, St Johns, FL 32259) on Wed. nights at 6 pm. Please check our website at jaxtroop12.com or email mdedeo@yahoo.com for the most up-to-date information.

We look forward to meeting you!

Youth Engagement Corner

Mara Atzenhoffer - Youth Coordinator
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As the school year winds down, so does TIR and our Youth Engagement Programming. This year was incredibly different from years past, and I just wanted to say from the bottom of my heart, thank you so much for sticking it out with us. Thank you for your support, and thank you for participating in our various youth activities.

When I came to this congregation, I was thrilled to be doing a job that I love; working with youth and teens was what I have wanted to do for the longest time. Much like everyone else, though, I faced a few challenges along the way, including a revamp in the programming we thought was in place. Even though this year looked a lot different than I had imagined, getting to connect with the youth and teens in virtual programming for TIR, some in-person events with JAFTY, whatever engagement it was, I was thrilled to connect with young minds.

I want to take a moment to thank Cantor Barry and Mary Ellen Hathaway for being my guides and helping me be successful and learn the ropes of our community. I also want to thank the entire congregation for welcoming me with open arms!

Planning programs, activities, and classes for our youth has been the most fantastic experience I have had, and I have enjoyed every second of it. I am so excited to find our new normal and get back to being in person next year with all of us. Our Youth Group programming will be taking another twist, and I am so excited to share the new age group breakups and programming ideas I have for the following year. (Look for more information on that in the summer)

All that's to say, the year is not over yet, my friends! On May 16th, we will be holding a Summer Send-off at the Temple, featuring songs and T'fialah with Cantor Barry, a short program for TIR, and a Youth Engagement Palooza featuring a special surprise! Join us for the FUN starting at 9:30! More details to follow through the Youth Newsletter and on the TIR Facebook page.

Lastly, I am so excited to be spending my summer at Camp Coleman. As part of my position, I get to spend the whole summer at Camp! I am not sure if you all are aware of how much being part of a camp community means to me. Camp Coleman is a new camp for me, and I am so pumped to hang out with kids from all over the southern region, especially our youth from the Temple!

Happy Summer, and see you all in the Fall!

Mara Atzenhoffer



MAY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Torah Study - 9 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am
2	3	4 Wisdom - Rabbi Goodman 10:30 am	5 The Religions of Abraham 7 pm	6	7 Erev Shabbat Service - 7 pm	8 Torah Study - 9 am Bat Mitzvah Service Haley Neuman - 10:30 am Mother's Day Celebration & Havdalah - 7 pm
9 Mother's Day	10	11 Wisdom - Goldie Lansky 10:30 am	12	13 Audacious Hospitality 7 pm	14 Confirmation Service - 7 pm	15 Torah Study - 9 am Bar Mitzvah Service Kaden Young - 10:30 am
16 Erev Shavuot Service w/ Yizkor - 7 pm	17 Book Group - Sophia Pentel - 7 pm	18 Wisdom - Cantor Barry 10:30 am	19	20	21 Erev Shabbat Service - 7 pm	22 Torah Study - 9 am Bat Mitzvah Service Ellie Kaplan - 10:30 am
23	24	25 Wisdom - Rabbi Raskind 10:30 am	26	27	28 Erev Shabbat Service - 7 pm	29 Torah Study - 9 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am
30	31 Memorial Day Temple Office Closed					Check the latest Temple Times for Zoom Links

JUNE 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Wisdom - Cantor Barry 10:30 am	2	3	4 Erev Shabbat Service - 7 pm	5 Torah Study - 9 am B'nai Mitzvah Service Reese & Pierce Widrich - 10:30 am
6	7	8 Wisdom - Cantor Barry 10:30 am	9	10	11 Erev Shabbat Service - 7 pm	12 Torah Study - 9 am Bar Mitzvah Service Asher Gottlieb - 10:30 am
13	14	15 Wisdom - Goldie Lansky 10:30 am	16	17	18 Erev Shabbat Service - 7 pm	19 Torah Study - 9 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am
20 Father's Day	21	22 Wisdom - Rabbi Goodman 10:30 am	23	24	25 Erev Shabbat Service - 7 pm	26 Torah Study - 9 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am
27	28	29 Wisdom - Guest Presenter 10:30 am	30			Check the latest Temple Times for Zoom Links

Upcoming B'nai Mitzvah - May



May 8, 2021 - Haley Neuman

Haley Neuman is a 7th grader at Patriot Oaks Academy. She loves spending time with her friends, playing volleyball and watching Tik Tok videos. She spends her summers at Camp Immokalee making memories and meeting new friends. Haley is often found hitting her volleyball outside or listening to music as loud as possible. She has gained the title S.I.T. "sisterhood in training" as she helped at Oneg gatherings. Haley loves to schmooze and helping others comes naturally. Her family is very proud to have her called to the Torah to become a bat mitzvah.

May 15, 2021 - Kaden Young

Kaden is a 7th grade student at Julia Landon College Preparatory Middle School. He loves to play and watch many sports; he's particularly a huge fan of the Gators and Jaguars. In his free time, he likes to play video games. In the summer, he attends Camp Coleman and is very excited to be returning this year.

Kaden is on the Community PedsCare Teen Advisory Board. Families in the Community PedsCare program have a child with a complex medical condition. As a Teen Advisory Board member, Kaden serves as an ambassador to raise funds and awareness of the program.

Kaden; his younger siblings, Jake and Carly; his parents, Brian and Leslie; and grandparents, Barbi and Larry Young and Ellen and Ted Sobo, are so grateful for the opportunity to have his Bar Mitzvah in the Temple. He has worked hard preparing with his tutor, Laurie Simmons and is ready to read from the Torah.



May 22, 2021 - Elinor Kaplan

Elinor Kaplan will be called to the Torah on May 22, 2021. Ellie is an 8th grader at LaVilla School of the Arts studying visual arts and will be attending Douglas Anderson School of the Arts in the fall. She is a member of the Edge Rock Gym climbing team and enjoys spending time with her friends and her five chickens.

Upcoming B'nai Mitzvah - June

June 5, 2021 - Reese and Pierce Widrich

Reese is a kind and considerate young man who currently goes to high school at Bartram. He excels in Math and has found a passion for history as well. In his free time he loves reading Historical Fictions, Comics, and science fiction. He enjoys spending time with his friends and family and playing video games. Getting to be a part of his Bar Mitzvah means a great deal to Reese and making his grandparents and family proud.

Pierce is a witty and fun seeking young man who loves to read, play video games, and spend time with his friends. He goes to Liberty Pines Academy and is currently in 7th grade. His favorite types of books are ones where he gets to laugh out loud or has a great plot, like Harry Potter and the Wings of Fire series. For Pierce, being a part of his Bar Mitzvah means being able to learn and understand more and connecting with his grandparents and family.



June 12, 2021 - Asher Gottlieb

Asher is an honor roll student in seventh-grade, at The Bolles School. He has been playing soccer since he was four years old and now is captain of his Florida Elite competitive team. He also stays busy playing lacrosse and soccer for Bolles as well as spending as much time as he can skateboarding! Asher is an outdoors enthusiast – sailing, camping, fishing, survival training- there's not much he doesn't like to do!! When he's ready to relax, he enjoys playing Minecraft, listening to music and reading.

Asher will be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah with his parents, Aaron and Erica; his sister Edyn; his grandparents Mel and Debbie and John as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.



May Mensch of the Month

Edrea Porter

Edrea Porter grew up a member of the Temple. After moving back to Jacksonville in 2011, she and her husband Steve joined the Temple as a young family. Edrea started and facilitates the Temple's Parent-And-Me program. This program, which usually takes place on Sundays and is open to the community, offers a fun morning filled with stories, songs, crafts, and snacks. It is a wonderful way for parents who have young children aged 0-5 to meet, get to know each other and get to know the Temple. Be on the lookout for future Parent-And-Me dates. In addition to the Parent-And-Me program, Edrea is involved in the Education Committee and the Educator Search Committee. She and her family enjoy participating in Tot Shabbats, Sunday School, and holiday events at the Temple.



Birthdays

May

1 - Mara Atzenhoffer, Frank Backilman, Elyse Henderson, Ken Jacobs, Sarah Weltman
 2 - Susan Ansbacher, Jaclyn Bessman, Carolyn Margulies, Frieda Saraga
 3 - Taylor Figura, Zachary Kaufman
 4 - Caroline Levine, Marilyn Maron
 5 - Becca Cooper, Alisa Powell
 6 - Mark Gelman, Robert Nied, Donna Tuttle
 7 - Allison Dyal, Maelyn Reese
 8 - Susan Board, Matt Gapinski, Lauren Reese, Albert Wilkinson, III
 9 - Ethan Lefkowitz, Theresa Levy
 10 - Alyce Bessman, Gabrielle Bialik, Max Marko, Gary Silverfield, Justin Smilowitz
 11 - Rebecca Brown, Adrienne Feinglass, Pearl Mack
 12 - Brook Gregg-Godsey, Arthur Portnoy
 13 - Lisa Eisenberg, Melanie Hare, Ben Hirsch, Hannah Pataky, Drew Wright
 14 - Laurie Gelman, Marcus Haile, Carolyn Herman, Leslie Kirkwood, Fradell Serpe, Jamie Shelton, Sandra Wolf, Jonathan Young, Michael Zakikhani
 15 - Patricia Benrubi, Andrew Gapinski, Kathy Kanter, Elijah Marcus, Levi Rubens, Jennifer Titus, Tracey Vandroff
 16 - Sean Granat, Nancy Stern, Wendy Wolf
 17 - Jeff Becker, Vince Hare, John Monsky, Jodie Snyder, Jacqueline Spiritas
 18 - Miriam Greenhut, Maigret Loureiro, Doug Oberdorfer, Joshua Shapiro
 19 - Jadon Boer, Sandy Diamond, Steve Goldstein, Kenneth Hecht, Steven Schwartz, Kenneth Weinstein, Rachel Wolf
 20 - Debbie Gottlieb, Brian Schwam
 21 - Thomas Gelman, Wendy Willbach
 22 - Elana Clayman, Judy Cunniff, Art Fields, Bob Goodman, Lew Joseph, Gary Malowitz
 23 - Robert Baker, Hannah Berman, Liana Hood, Andrea Rosen
 24 - Steven Kailes, Emilia Kenneth, Arlene Rubin, Mariya Shimonova, Cathay Winterfield
 25 - Evan Hecht, George Rubens, Joscelyne Smiley, Kendall Sisisky Valliere, Marlene Widrich
 26 - Samantha Bessman, Zacharias Cherrin, Patricia Frisch, Shayna Zetlan
 27 - Ellen Becker, Amy Malkin, Sonny Rein, Cheryl Roffman
 28 - Traude Bohrman, Felice Caliestro, Mike Lissner, Carol Turbow
 29 - Daryl Sadowsky
 30 - Allan Andrew, Amy Beyer, Jamie Jolles, Dan Kossoff, Lisa Schimmel
 31 - Ben Abram, Caroline Joseph, Jared Nebrat, Nathan Spiritas, Dan Tuchmann, Zane Wolchok

June

1 - Beverly Block, Jackie Ebert, Leslie Weiner
 2 - Marilyn Datz, Staci Fortun, Steven Porter, Mark Schlackman, Jason Triebwasser
 3 - Dennis Lafer
 4 - Jacey Kelley, Harvey Schlesinger, Caroline Snowden
 5 - Lucy Beyer, Robert Panken
 6 - Asher Brighton, Carl Kantor
 7 - Ruth Hope Gross
 8 - Deborah Abram, Harriett Feinglass, Tom Serpe
 9 - Jack Blasbalg, Benjamin Crowder, Marilyn Goodman, Rich Kievit, Bryce Pope, Charles Young
 10 - Francine Friedman, Kelsi Hasden, Michael Marco, Sharon Sussman, Sarah Wright
 11 - Francesca Deem
 12 - Jeffrey Sandler
 13 - Yvonne Cohen, Robert Smilowitz
 14 - Eli Lerner
 15 - Audrey Feinglass
 16 - James Davis, Abby Gomez, Mel Fruit, David Hochman, Anthony Marengo, Barbara Nykerk, Elaine Overstreet
 18 - Jacob Schreiber, Laine Silverfield, Lauren Snyder, David Solomon
 19 - Guy Benrubi, Conrad Castro, Jonathan Edelman, Jacob Rubens, Stuart Triebwasser, Ashley Young
 20 - Ellen Hare, Janice Hayflick, Jillian Kight, Jonathan Lubliner
 21 - Judah Algee, Lori Castro, Sheila Horowitz, Kevin Raudt, Virginia Singer, Landon Wawzynski
 22 - Ben Greenhut, Josh Rubens
 23 - Sol Brotman, Zachary Edelman, Steve Greenhut, Joshua Miller, Alex Turko
 24 - Mary Bucholtz, Caroline Smilowitz, Gina Weston
 25 - Jason Lewis, Shana Meiselman
 26 - Justin Aronowitz, Marilyn Desser, Jacob Miller, Mitchell Roffman, David Rozovski
 27 - Rebecca Schwam, Lauren Weiner
 28 - Jill Haile, Calvin Neckel
 29 - Leslie Kaplan, Sami Katzin, Robert Kaye, Lior Spring, Skip Willbach
 30 - James Henderson

Happy Birthday!

Anniversaries

May

4 - Neva & Eli Lerner; Christy & Jeff Rosen
 5 - Laura & Peter Bailet
 7 - Paula & Kenneth Klausner
 10 - Sondra & Ed Mallow
 12 - Nicky & Brian Bialik; Tracey & David Vandroff
 13 - Robin & Dale Johnston
 14 - Ellen & Jeff Becker
 18 - Stephanie Natale & Brian Frus;
 Angela Thomas & Daniel Tuchmann
 19 - Annette & Paul Cantor
 20 - Jenna & Adrian Quesnot; Ruth & Arnold Seebol
 24 - Colleen Bell & Craig Cherrin;
 Laura & David Solomon; Dina & Mark Sutskever
 25 - Barbi & Larry Young
 26 - Rachelle & Jeffrey Gottlieb;
 Rachel & William Kenneth; Robyn & David Rein
 27 - Sylvia & Joel Shapiro
 29 - Carrie & Ian Barry; Patricia & Guy Benrubi;
 Laurie & Ben Hirsch; Pamela & Michael Korn
 30 - Allison Korman & Jamie Shelton;
 Shelli & Robert Richter



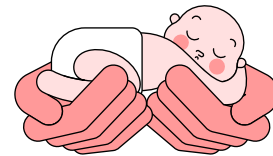
June

1 - Mary & Sam Bucholtz; Erica & Jamie Jolles;
 Lynn & Albert Wilkinson
 2 - Lois & Harvey Schlesinger
 3 - Stacey & Adam Kohl; Ruth & Bernie Nachman
 5 - Lani & Michael Freeman
 6 - Beth & Steven Kailes; Holly & Craig Kobrin
 7 - Roxy & Ben Marcus
 8 - Joan & John Monsky; Sherry & Todd Zetlan
 9 - Adrienne & Fred Elefant
 11 - Sandy & Lew Joseph; Elizabeth & Aaron Weiss
 12 - Bonnie & Alan Loeser
 13 - Lori & Bruce Kurland; Rachel & Dan Sandler
 14 - Karen & Gary Wilkinson
 15 - Sherry & David Kaufman; Jenn & Adam Marko
 16 - Susan & Russell Buck
 17 - Cathy & Steve Schwartz
 18 - Debra & John Pataky
 19 - Catherine & Todd Snowden
 22 - Jacqueline & Nathan Spiritas
 23 - Kaila & Calvin Neckel;
 Lonnie & Bruce Steinberg
 25 - Danielle Leader & David Stern;
 Terry & Alexander Rosin
 27 - Nancy & Mark Green; Deanna & Mike Lissner
 28 - Leslie & Sol Brotman;
 Susan & Jonathan Lubliner; Nancy & Murray Stern
 30 - Deb & Michael Kuhr

Births

March

Everett James Fruit
 Grandson of Beverly & Mel Fruit



Building Community

Welcome our newest congregants!



Dina & Mark Sutskever

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In Remembrance, There is Life

May 1

Sam Bucholtz, Sr.; Faye S. Dinnerstein;
Lillian Goldberg; Albert Hecht; Charles M. Kaufman;
Bernard Lafer; Rubin Dr. Rudolph;
Bessie Schneider; Irving Selin; Lisa Spaeth;
Sylvia Weinstein; Robert Young

May 2 - 8

Marilyn Haas; Henry Schemer; Thomas Boehmer;
Charles W. Polytsky; Ida Rosenblatt;
Deborah Tasman; Sara Zisser; Harriet Fischer;
Ceceil Norton; Molly Schlackman; Martin H. Setzer;
Blanche Bachner; Evelyn Cohn;
Susan Simon Dennis; Dr. Sam Glossman; Ray
Halle; Alice C. Friedman; Joseph Geller;
Jack Swartz; Rita Benjamin; Rose S. Cohen;
Edythe Moscovitz Freedman; David Lewis;
Dr. Joshua Sack; Lillie Sorkin; Hilda Bernstein;
Adele Granat; Harry Witlen; Cecil Wolfson

May 9 - 15

Nathan Gefen; Steve Korman; Norma Tasman;
Sara O. Morgan; Rhoda Sisisky; Rose Weinstock;
Morris Churwinsky; Yvette Sylvia Edelman;
Pearl Elinoff; Lillian Gimple; Mitchell A. Grow;
Hannah S. Lipsey; Julius Naumburg;
Benjamin Simon; William Dorman;
Nathan Freedman; Harris Simon Lipsey;
Benjamin Setzer; Fanny Silverstein;
Gladys L. Bockel; Barry Bucholtz; Harry Creeger;
Gustav Dobbie; Harry Kanner; Sam Klein;
Elise Bear Pollak; Betty Gray Druker; Wendy Efron;
Rose Hochman; Lore Baer Koppel;
Roslyn Balsam Lesser; Benjamin Fink;
Harold Lewis; Earle Moss; David Rothstein;
Irvin B. Rothstein

May 16 - 22

Rose Avchin; Helen Benjamin; Freda Chauser;
Nathan A. Moss; Audrey Oppenheimer;
Dr. Albert H. Wilkinson, Sr.; Bernard R. Bockel;
Archibald Cohen; Sidney Dickstein;
Jacob Mermelstein; Lawrence Ira Horovitz;
Murray Rosenblum; William Stark; Rose Stillerman;
Marguerite Goldstein; Robert J. Hare;
Jane S. Myers; James Edward Simmons;
Sandra Zentz; Paul Bucholtz; Arthur Burden;
Ruth S. Carlin; Lem Cherrin; Charlotte Setzer;
Betty Berger; Alberta Elterman; Frank S. Isenberg;
Leah Jacobs; Anne Krokow;
Jeannette Olschwanger; Ronald Schacht;
Harold Zeff; Scott Fields; Arthur I. Godstein;
Joseph Klein

May 23 - 29

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Ellen Walton; Dora Wolf; Robert Douglas;
Isaac Freedman; David Knieberg;
Richard Steven Knieberg; Harriet Mandell;
Paul Raudt; Anna Stein; George Wexler

May 30 - June

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Lee Seleck; Margaret Shumer; Shirley Feldman;
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Jerome Alan Kay; Shirley Stone; Sylvia Sultan

June 6 - 12

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Jennie Wagner Goldstein; June Lee; Ida Rosen
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June 20 - 26

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June 27 - 30

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Joseph Liebman; Estelle Jacobs; Fay Nachman;
Shirley Sommer; Evalyn Strause; Sam Yeres;
Beatrice Kuhr; Christine Elizabeth Rasche;
Alyssa Smilowitz

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Carol Brody

Wife of Norman Brody

Blanche Chak

Wife of Joe Chak

Howard Enzel

Son of Nathan and Minna Enzel

Walter Field

Son of Tillie and Bennett Field

Stanley Isaacson

Brother of Faye Hyken, Marcia Isaacson,
and Larry S. (Linda) Isaacson

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Husband of Susan Nadler

William "Billy" Shedlin

Husband of Carol Shedlin

Lois Zahler

Daughter of Joseph and Zona Schwadron

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Supports Temple youth activities

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 The birth of Sherry & David Kaufman's first grandson ☆ Goldie Lansky

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