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CONGREGATION AHAVATH CHESED ✧ THE TEMPLE



## Welcome Rabbi Glasser



## Message from the Rabbi

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I am thrilled to be writing my very first Messenger article as Rabbi of The Temple! My initial interaction with Ahavath Chesed was way back in November of last year when I entered into the rabbinic placement process. After only a few conversations, I continued to feel especially drawn to this community, and I am so glad that the feeling was mutual! It seems to me that coming to Jacksonville at this moment in time was meant to be. I look forward to working with Cantor Barry, the staff and lay leaders, and of course all of you as we wrap up the previous chapter and begin an exciting new journey together.



As I begin this sacred partnership with you, I keep thinking of our beloved Hebrew word “Shalom”. We teach our children that Shalom means “hello”, “goodbye” and “peace”. It is amazing how many meanings we can ascribe to just one word! Transitions give us the opportunity to say goodbye to what once was, and hello to what is yet to come. At each step, we use what we have learned as a foundation so that we can grow from the past and greet the future. This, I think, is what leads us to peace. We know that the past is a crucial part of our story and will help us prepare for what is to come.

And— there is yet another meaning for shalom. The Hebrew root, shin-lamed-mem, also signifies fullness or wholeness. This is my personal favorite perspective. We know that life is not quite perfect. What we learn from the past and hope for the future is not that everything will be flawless, but that we can live life to its fullest, and appreciate each moment. That is wholeness. Our tradition teaches that those who are happiest are not without error, but instead, content with their lot.

As we close one chapter and look forward to the next step of our congregation’s journey, my hope is that each one of us can strive not towards perfection, but towards wholeness. I look forward to saying Shalom to each of you, learning about your stories and strengthening the bonds of this incredible community. In this way, as we navigate life’s chaos, we can also find Shalom-peace.

*Rabbi Maya Glasser*

# The Cantor Barry Tales

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I have worked with quite a few rabbis in the past two decades: some men, some women, some ready to retire, some just getting started. No two have been alike in personality, ability, background or interests. What I have learned is that, for me, most of those details are irrelevant. Much like any close relationship, the connection between Rabbi and Cantor is based on a foundation of honest communication, mutual trust and respect. With those pieces intact, the rest falls into place.

I am grateful to Rabbi Address for all of his support this past year. Even though our time together was mostly long-distance, I already miss our regular weekly meetings. He and I had established that solid ground necessary for a healthy working partnership. In fact, our communication and trust in each other was so strong that one

Shabbat morning when his Wifi was down, we were still able to successfully run the Torah study and lead a service together. I manned the Zoom room from Temple, Rabbi Address was a disembodied voice connected via telephone, and, remarkably, it went just as smoothly as if we were standing next to each other on the bimah.

This transitional moment is bittersweet. I am sad to bid farewell to Rabbi Address. Like many of you, I found his teachings to be meaningful and his words inspirational. At the same time, though, I know that his departure means that we are finally ready to welcome Rabbi Maya Glasser.

I can hardly contain the excitement I have as I think about this next new adventure at Temple. These past few months, I have had the privilege of getting to know both Rabbi Glasser and her husband Jake Bayer. I have no doubt that they are going to be a wonderful addition to our Temple family. But what I am most looking forward to is working with Rabbi Glasser side-by-side in these first few months as we prepare for the holidays together. In my experience, that time will be sprinkled with shared stories, learning each others' styles, our likes and dislikes, and establishing a flow of communication.

Our sages wisely taught “Aseih l'cha rav, uk'neih l'cha chaver—Make for yourself a rabbi (teacher), and acquire for yourself a friend” (Pirkei Avot 1:6). We make friends by sharing in the most fundamental human experiences of life, which include the study of Torah and the revealing of our inner thoughts to another person in mutual entrustment. Torah-learning and life-living are interconnected, and one way to access that connection is to make a friend by learning with them.

All of us have this opportunity to learn with Rabbi Glasser and to open our hearts to possibility. As we embark on this journey together, may we always remember the exquisite value of friendship and community and be good friends to each other. With this in mind, we will most certainly go from strength to strength.

Cantor Carrie Barry

# A Message from the President

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## Saying “Hello”

We are blessed to have so many new beginnings happening at Temple this month. We say Hello to Rabbi Maya Y. Glasser, our new settled rabbi. We say Hello to Gonen Arad, our new Director of Congregational Learning and Engagement. We say Hello to Autumn Sheridan, our new Temple Administrator. We say Hello to new Temple Leadership elected at our 2021 annual meeting. And we say Hello to each other, with more opportunities for in-person worship and engagement than we have seen since March 2020.

With each of these new beginnings comes an opportunity to create healthy partnerships built around the Jewish values of trust, transparency, mutual respect and collaboration. My hope for our community this year is that we embrace these opportunities as our best selves with optimism, kindness and empathy.

**Optimism.** Some of us are excited and energized by the possibilities that accompany our new beginnings. Some of us feel uncertain and are wary of more change. Some of us are a little of both. But what we all have in common is a desire for Temple to thrive. With that desire in mind, I hope that we will keep our hearts and minds open to optimism and wish Rabbi Glasser, her team, our board and committees much success in the coming year.

**Kindness.** Rabbi Glasser, along with Gonen and Autumn, are new to Jacksonville and will need all of the hospitality that our community is known for. They will need an ongoing invitation to be part of our Temple community and to meet new people, learn their way around, and find their favorite coffee place. Our transition team will be looking for volunteers to host our new team members from time to time and to find other ways to be a welcoming community. If you would like to participate with our transition team, please let me know.

**Empathy.** The demands and stress of this transition on our new partners will be huge. Rabbi Glasser and her team will have barely two months from July 1 to prepare for the High Holidays and re-launch our beloved religious school. As much as we want to get to know Rabbi Glasser and her new team quickly (and they want to get to know us too!), please remember that there is only one Rabbi Glasser, and there are hundreds of us. I hope that we will be sensitive to these demands and be patient wherever possible. Give Rabbi Glasser and her team encouragement when you see them. If mistakes are made (and we will all make them!), be compassionate and understanding.

So Hello from me to you, and onward to a great year ahead!



Miriam Greenhut, President

## A Message from the Immediate Past President

These past 3 years have been a true honor for me to serve as your President of the Board of Trustees.

I have witnessed the true character of our Congregation as we lived our values and honored our heritage and practices. We demonstrated our support for the larger Jewish Community by celebrating Israel's 70th Birthday at our Israeli Birthday Bash and mourned collectively with the Pittsburgh Jewish Community in the wake of the tragedy at Tree of Life Synagogue. We showed our love for music through our "Shema Koleinu - Hear our Voices" Cantor Campaign Fund which had widespread support and participation. We demonstrated our care for this place by matching a most generous contribution from Temple Sisterhood to replace most of the worn-out flooring throughout the building, by participating in a Temple Mitzvah Day to clean and spruce up, we partnered with one of our young eagle scouts to rejuvenate the Bloom Atrium Garden and most recently we created our beautiful Biblical Garden, through the financial support of Dr. Larry and Kathy Kanter and in partnership with Christ Messiah Church. We showed the love and support for one another through the incredible and selfless work of our Caring Committee and Shiva Corps. And, we learned the difficult process of engaging in civil discourse, where we always landed on our core Jewish value of B'tselem Elohim, "We are all created in G-d's image." We seek to embrace that value through our practice of "Big Tent" Judaism where all are welcome regardless of background. Through all of these activities and conversations we lived out what I spoke about during my first High Holiday comments, "We do things better when we do them together".



When I speak of We, I speak of all of us, Congregants, Staff and Clergy collectively. It takes all of us working together to make this place the special place that it is. When I walk down the hallway between the Sanctuary and the Chapel, I do so in awe of the historic leadership that this Congregation has benefited from and I am humbled to find my picture on that wall. I thank you from the depth of my heart for giving me the opportunity to serve in the best way that I knew how. I could not complete this thought without thanking our staff for hanging in there with us through some pretty significant transitions and life-changing events. We must also thank our adjunct Rabbis, Rabbi Goodman, Rabbi Raskin and Rabbi Wolf, may his memory be a blessing, who through the graciousness of their own hearts provided us with the much-needed clergy support whether it be for worship, education, celebrations or mourning. We also had the great fortune of being served by Rabbi Richard Address who supported us both virtually and in Jacksonville as our visiting Rabbi for the past year. But in particular, we must recognize Cantor Barry who unexpectedly was called upon to significantly increase her duties. For me personally, I could not have served this congregation to the best of my abilities without the constant and unwavering support of my wife Sherry.

And so, as we go forward from this day, the future is bright and shining for this congregation, under the strong leadership of President-Elect Miriam Greenhut and our Board of Trustees, and as we welcome our new Rabbi, Rabbi Maya Glasser with her warmth, charm, love of all things Jewish and full of energy and excitement, as well as our new Director of Congregational Learning and Member Engagement Gonen Arad and our new Temple Administrator Autumn Sheridan. Our real success however depends on all of us, the congregation. We need all of us to find our connection to this place and to each other and to commit to its future in the best ways that you can, whether it's through your time, your talent or your treasure.

David Kaufman, Immediate Past President



## Introducing Our New Professionals

Temple is excited to announce that our new professionals will be joining us in the first week of July. Rabbi Maya Glasser, Gonen Arad and Autumn Sheridan join Cantor Barry and the Temple staff to complete our professional team. We look forward to an exciting year ahead as we get to know our new partners.

**Rabbi Maya Glasser** ([rabbiglasser@thetemplejax.org](mailto:rabbiglasser@thetemplejax.org)) was ordained from the New York campus of Hebrew Union-College Jewish Institute of Religion in 2018 with their first-ever Certificate in Pastoral Care and Counseling. Some of her favorite parts of being a rabbi are meeting and developing connections with congregants of all ages, learning and growing through classes, prayer, and rituals, and constantly striving to make our ancient texts new again. Rabbi Glasser is a member of the CCAR (Central Conference of American Rabbis) and the WRN (Women's Rabbinic Network). She is pleased to be a part of the CCAR Committee on Worship and Practice and the Editorial Board of their upcoming Mourning App. She also enjoys her involvement as an ARZA board member of the American Zionist Movement and founder of the New Brunswick Interfaith Female Clergy Alliance. In her free time, Rabbi Glasser loves listening to show tunes, learning to knit, and praying for the New York Mets.

**Gonen Arad** ([garad@thetemplejax.org](mailto:garad@thetemplejax.org)) will join the Temple as Director of Congregational Learning and Engagement, formerly referred to as Director of Religious School. In this role, Gonen will envision and drive youth and adult education, youth and adult programming, and membership recruitment and engagement. Gonen received his Masters in Education from Hebrew Union College and has served as a lead educator and administrator of Jewish education for many years, most recently at Beth Rishon in Wyckoff, NJ. Gonen is excited to bring his passion, knowledge and experience to our community.

**Autumn Sheridan** ([asheridan@thetemplejax.org](mailto:asheridan@thetemplejax.org)) will serve as the Temple Administrator, formerly referred to as the Executive Director, ensuring smooth and reliable day-to-day operations. She will support the overall mission of the congregation and all programming by ensuring fiscal, facilities, administrative, communications and logistical functions operate effectively. Autumn brings many years of Temple leadership experience to this role, most recently serving at Congregation Kol Ami in Vancouver, WA. Autumn has a Master of Arts degree in Holocaust and Genocide Studies from Stockton University and a Master in Business Administration from Rollins College. She also brings a wealth of knowledge from work in the private sector in property management.

## Temple Institute of Religion

**TIR will be in-person and virtual,  
with details about opportunities to meet Gonen Arad  
and TIR registration coming soon.**

**You can reach Gonen Arad, our new  
Director of Congregational Learning and Engagement,  
at [garad@thetemplejax.org](mailto:garad@thetemplejax.org) after July 5th, 2021**



Temple Institute of Religion  
2021-22 Religious School and Youth Group

## High Holidays

**We look forward to celebrating the High Holidays with you  
in person or virtually. More information coming soon!**



## Upcoming B'nai Mitzvah

August 14th - Jaclyn Taylor Bessman was made in Japan and born in Atlanta. She's a rising eighth-grader at Patriot Oaks Academy. When she's not studying, she's playing travel soccer or Fortnite with her friends.



On August 21st twins Marin Tal and Asher Bograd will be called to the Torah. Marin and Asher Bograd will be freshmen at Camden County High School in Saint Marys, Georgia. Having lived all over the world due to their dad's military career, they love history and traveling. This is their 4th congregation they have called home and they have really bonded with Cantor Barry.

Marin excels in the sciences, loves the guitar, and the Chicago Bears. She spends most afternoons playing sports and this year was the state champion in the 3200 meter track run and the wrestling district champion in the 106 lb weight class.

Asher loves the arts, especially sketching and painting. He too, spends a lot of time in sports focusing on triathlon and he also was the state champion in the 3200 meter track run.

## Building Community

***Welcome our newest congregants!***

Alyssa and Josh Hirsch

Melissa Kallman

Carolyn Krestul

Lori, Garcia and Stephanie Lesser

Mark and Dina Sutskever



Welcome Back

Marie Reitzes

Bruce and Lori Kurland





## Temple Reopening Continues

We are pleased to announce that our Temple has fully resumed in-person worship and events and our COVID protocols are updated! Effective immediately, fully vaccinated individuals are not required to wear a face mask or to social distance. All others are encouraged to follow CDC guidance on preventative measures.



## Mensch of the Month



### JUNE MENSCH OF THE MONTH OLEG FORTUN

Oleg Fortun's wife Staci describes him as a "loving husband and cat Dad." They have been Temple Members since 2019. From then on, Oleg immersed himself in almost every aspect of Temple life! Oleg has served on the Temple Board of Trustees, Temple Twenties and Thirties (T3) Board, where his effort to engage our young Jewish adults is especially noteworthy, and the Rabbinic Search

Committee. Oleg currently serves on the Technology Committee and is a Temple Brotherhood Co-President. Chances are, if there is an event that requires volunteers, you will see Oleg Fortun. When Oleg isn't at work or helping Temple, he enjoys taking care of his two cats, T3 social events, all things tech and hanging out with his friends. Oleg's selfless approach to Temple volunteerism is another example of what makes our Temple members the best around!



Congregation Ahavath Chesed

Our own beloved Rabbi Goodman said it perfectly, "There are more mensches per square foot in Jacksonville than anywhere else in the country."

The Temple Membership Committee would like to recognize our many heroes. Their good deeds could be out in town helping the community, service to The Temple or both!

If you know a mensch that you would like recognized please email a description of their efforts to:

[membership@thetemplejacksonville.org](mailto:membership@thetemplejacksonville.org).

# Birthdays

## July

- 1 - Suzi Buck, Gail Greenfield, Kalman Levinson, Lon Neuman, Bernie Simms
- 3 - Susan Edelman, Barbara Vitsky
- 4 - Celia Bialik, Ellie Kaplan, Ruth Klein, Ben Oberdorfer
- 5 - Bebbie Brust, Hans Frisch, Ron Hood, Uncle Willie Newman
- 6 - Sophie Bloomfield, David Cristol, Adrienne Elefant, Erica Feinglass
- 7 - Taylor Finklehoffe, Cara Jackson
- 8 - Tristen Finklehoff, Beth Shorstein
- 9 - Robert Stevinson
- 10 - Alex Cywes, Claire Cywes, Tiffany Levy, Debbie Schlackman, David Volk
- 11 - Mindy Grinnan, Laura Miller, Kaila Neckel, Scott Oko, Andrew Pitel
- 12 - Roo Allen, Daniel Miller, Reese Widrich, Tyler Williamson, Gregory Zentz
- 13 - Rob Smilowitz, Brenda Wolchok
- 14 - Andy Block, Bill Block, Ben Kailes, Aaron Weiss, Maddy Wiener
- 15 - Sarah Bloom, Rachel Freeman, Linda Granat, Ben Marsh, Jodi Seitlin, Stewart Standridge Brinly
- 16 - Lorie Fischer, Robert Powell, Daniel Wilkinson, Barbi Young
- 17 - Justin Block, Michael Green, Karen Kaunitz, Joshua Rubin, Marilyn Stein, Leonore Wagman, Heather Weldon
- 18 - Jenna Quesnot, Terry Sanders, Linda Stein, Aaron Weisberg, Dave Weston, Jeffrey Wiener, Juliana Williams
- 19 - Josh Jolles, Steven Roffman, Dan Weinstock
- 20 - Leslie Brotman, Adam Feinglass, Neil Feinglass, Lew Fischer, Allan Grinnan, Rae Halpern, Carolyn Snider, Jennie Vick
- 21 - Madison Marengo, Ellen Wheeler
- 22 - Laurie Hirsch, Courtney Oko, Rita Stearman, Karen Stone, Adrienne Young
- 23 - Anne DePaul
- 24 - Dayan Sandler
- 25 - Alan Margulies
- 26 - Lori Kurland, Rhonda Passink, Brandon Wheeler
- 27 - Emily Jackson, Ari Schnitzer, Rachael Weston, Irene Wolfe
- 28 - Josie Neuman, Lauren Pinnar
- 29 - Ann Lefkowitz, Mica Smarse, Larry Tallis, Larry Young
- 30 - Rachel Algee, Jonathan Carrillo, Marc Jackson, Caiden Kievit, Camp Shelton
- 31 - Alan Feldman, Stephen Meritt

*Happy Birthday!*

## August

- 1 - Karen Backilman, Paola Parra, Alan Segal
- 2 - Olivia Becker, Brian Bialik, Rick Kirkwood, Sandy Rosenblatt, Steve Schwartz, Phyllis Usdin
- 3 - Kevin Algee, Amy Reagin, Hallie Wright, Paul Zyserman
- 4 - Joel Brighton, Hannah Daigle, Emma Hasden, Shelli Richter, Ira Ritchin, Lisa Schlackman-Podolsky, Ryan Silverfield, Logan Stern, Lisa Wright
- 5 - Ann Grenadier, Ed Mallow
- 6 - Camille Furfine, Rachel Hochman
- 7 - Ken Braiman, David Furfine
- 8 - Malcolm Bloom, Jose Delgado, Zach Gratz, David Kaunitz, Monique Miller
- 9 - Jody Dughi, Robert Harris, Jackie Simms
- 10 - Emmett Brown, Grayson Brown, Deb Kuhr, Richard Margulies, Fran Moss
- 11 - Debbie Barry, Jerry Redmond, Daniel Sullivan, Reva Wolchok
- 12 - Philip Levy
- 13 - Andy Cohen, Jeff Edwards
- 14 - Joshua Kuhbander, Connor Simmons
- 15 - Lori Cohan-Moore, Emily Cohen, Carolyn Kantor, Shira Lanigan, Eric Smith, Sheri Williamson
- 16 - Stefanie Levine, Dee Miller, Tanya Norenberg, Judy Schnizter, Gary Wilkinson
- 17 - Leslie Held
- 18 - Blake Harris, Leed Silverfield, Laura Solomon, Steven Young
- 19 - Joe Board, Ben Jolles, Marilyn Panken
- 20 - Michael Kuhr, Juliet Leonard, David Vandroff
- 21 - Joe Henderson, Jan Pozin, Lance Shugerman, Janice Sklar, Audrey Steckler
- 23 - Audrey Brown, Daniel Covitz, Jacqui Linsky, Shirley Snider, Sarah Soliman
- 24 - Stephen Brown, Jesse Halpern, Terry Rosin, Yvonne Weinstein
- 25 - Edie Porter
- 26 - Eric Bialik, Jeff Block, Sean Block, Serena Bloomfield, Judy Halperin, Leah Miller, Andrew Williamson
- 27 - Michelle Branly, Amy Saltz
- 28 - Tom Cuniff, Sr., Lani Derby, Louis Finklehoffe, Samantha Hodz
- 29 - Michelle DeDeo, John Pataky
- 30 - Michelle Frisch, Chip Morris, Sophia Pentel, Cara Rubens
- 31 - Alexandra Block, Anna Holcombe, Pam Korn, Nicole Marks

# JULY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Erev Shabbat - 1st Service with Rabbi Glasser 7 pm	2 Torah Study 9 am Shabbat Morning 10:30 am
Independence Day	4 Holiday - Temple Office Closed	5 Wisdom 10:30 am	6 Wisdom 10:30 am	7	8 Erev Shabbat 7 pm	9 Torah Study 9 am Shabbat Morning 10:30 am
11	12 Wisdom 10:30 am	13 Wisdom 10:30 am	14	15 Erev Shabbat 7 pm	16 Torah Study 9 am Shabbat Morning 10:30 am	17
Tisha B'av	18 Virtual Tour of Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience 7 pm	19 Wisdom 10:30 am	20 Wisdom 10:30 am	21	22 Marriage Reconsecration 7 pm	23 Torah Study 9 am Shabbat Morning 10:30 am
25	26 Wisdom 10:30 am	27 Wisdom 10:30 am	28	29 Erev Shabbat - UPB 7 pm	30 Torah Study 9 am Shabbat Morning 10:30 am	31



# AUGUST 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Wisdom 10:30 am	3	4	5 Erev Shabbat 7 pm	6 Torah Study 9 am Shabbat Morning 10:30 am
	8	9 Wisdom 10:30 am	10	11	12 Erev Shabbat 7 pm	13 Torah Study 9 am Jaclyn Bessman Bat Mitzvah 10:30 am
	15	16 Wisdom 10:30 am	17	18	19 Erev Shabbat - Board Installation 7 pm	20 Torah Study 9 am Marin & Asher Bograd B'nai Mitzvah 10:30 am
	22	23 Wisdom 10:30 am	24	25	26 Shabbat Shireinu 7 pm	27 Selichot Torah Study 9 am Shabbat Morning 10:30 am
	29	30 Wisdom 10:30 am	31			

## Anniversaries

### July

- 2 - Judith & Simon Garwood, Joy & Howard Korman, Karen Stone & Richard Margulies, Gail & Irving Serman
- 3 - Jayme & Benjamin Bograd, Shiera Gilbert & Louis Finklehoffe, Paula & Kenny Horn
- 4 - Rona & Sidney Siegel, Eunice & Barry Zisser
- 6 - Nicole & Andrew Brown, Laurie & Mark Gelman
- 8 - Deborah & Harry Abram, Wendy & Skip Willbach
- 9 - Richard Butler & Jose Delgado, Ruth & Richard Klein
- 15 - Ruth-Ann & Harold Bachner, Keri & Andrew Steckler
- 16 - Susan & Ron Elinoff, Emily & Matthew Levenson
- 17 - Rachel & Daniel Sullivan
- 19 - Liana & Blake Hood
- 20 - Lorene & Daniel Bessman
- 21 - Jordan & Eric Mahler, Sandi & Stephen Meritt
- 23 - Cara & Josh Rubens, Kimberly & Richard Sisisky
- 24 - Becky & Leed Silverfield
- 27 - Susan & Matthew Edelman
- 29 - Caroline & Rob Smilowitz
- 31 - Cindy & Andy Cohen



### August

- 2 - Debbie & Mel Gottlieb, Michelle DeDeo & Brad Lefkowitz, Robin & Bert Peters
- 3 - Arlene & Scott Levy
- 5 - Glenn & Michael Miller
- 11 - Rita & Manny Stearman, Brenda & Gene Wolchok
- 12 - Ellen & Vince Hare, Fradell & Tom Serpe
- 13 - Madelyn & George Glossman
- 15 - Linda & Terry Sanders
- 17 - Linda & Lloyd Granat, Carol & Jack Zeff
- 19 - Lisha & Rich Kievit
- 20 - Carolyn Bloom-Bryan & Mel Bryan, Ann & Ed Grenadier, Leslie & Lowell Weiner
- 21 - Carolyn & Carl Kantor
- 22 - Mary Beth & Neil Feinglass
- 23 - Theresa & Philip Levy
- 24 - Lynda & Marcus Turko
- 28 - Kim & Joe Parvey
- 31 - Kathy & Stuart Triebwasser, Marlene & Sandy Widrich

## Recent Losses

Blanche Chak

John Grado

Matthew Hochman

Stanley Z. Isaacson

Marilyn Leavitt

Gerald Nadler

Mark Murray Snitzer

*May their memories  
be a blessing*

# In Remembrance, There is Life

## JULY 1 - 3

Morton A. Friedberg  
Marion Goodman  
Flora T. Max  
Bunnie Merrill  
Kathryn June Oberdorfer  
Gary Rothman  
Samuel Stein  
George B. Turbow  
Marion Weinstein  
Harry Young  
Sylvia DePaul  
Pauline Gottlieb Essrig  
Dr. Leonard H. Grunthal, Jr.  
Dennis McGraw  
Naomi E. Miller  
Harold Bloom  
Frank J. Brigant  
Robert Rein  
Jeanette Tabak  
Morris Young

## JULY 4-10

Rebecca Bockel  
Ruth Hope Leon  
Sabina H. Sack  
Yetta Slavin  
Leah Eisdorfer  
Dorothy Kinstler  
Audrey Klausner  
Alexander Resnick  
Arthur Zetlan  
Samuel Azroff  
Reyna Horner  
Nettie Sachs  
Roberta Coppock  
David Dorman  
David Harris  
Marilyn B. Klein  
Nathan Newman  
E. Charles Oberdorfer  
Gerald Rubin  
Raye Cohan  
Frank Dee  
Allan Hammer  
Heather Manasse  
Steven Cantor  
Raymond Cohen  
Bessie Bahme Rothstein  
Joseph Shapero  
Sarah Trommer  
Jack B. Brody  
Rebecca Brown  
Morris Evans  
Maurice H. Rubin  
Ruth Slutzah  
Dr. Albert Wilkinson, Jr.  
Leo Yudelson

## JULY 11-17

Adele Fink  
Florence Harris  
Wilda Alice Lipshitz  
Samuel Berger  
Ida Clare Coleman  
Maurice Joseph  
Mark Klitenick  
Augusta Rosenblum  
Irwin A. Sharman  
Morris H. Witten  
Marianne Wolfe  
Joseph Alter  
Samuel Blumberg  
Shirley Dunitz  
Joel Richard  
Hilton Rifkin  
Fannie Wildstein  
Lilyah Yales  
Barry Covitz  
Gracie Isaac Malever  
Francene Berk  
Max Cohen  
Herbert Isaac  
Joseph Loeser  
Tessie Ornstein  
Leopold Rosenson  
Yolanda Widrich  
Mildred Lawson  
Gershen Malowitz  
Ralph Simon  
Joseph Bartley  
Sarah Blumenthal  
Samuel Eventoff  
Shirley Polytinsky

## JULY 18-24

Harry Glickstein  
Joseph Greenhut  
Betty Berman Hyde  
Rabbi Sidney M. Lefkowitz  
Lillian Rieders  
Fred Leserman Wolf  
Abe Edwards  
Dr. Leonard H. Grunthal, Sr.  
Dora Horovitz  
Shirley Koss Metlin  
Joan S. Myers  
Jerry Pentel  
Marie Barrack  
Daniel Cohen  
Tillye Datz  
Beatrice Diamond  
Catherine G. Myers  
Marguerite Ochs  
Irving Rodman  
Lester Shoenthal  
Marian Siegel

## JULY 18-24 Continued

Charles White  
Ida Wolf  
Elaine Bono  
Ralph Jacob Hochman  
Robert Schnitzer  
Lillian Slate  
Earle Barrack  
Justin Marc Shapiro  
Terry Sisisky  
Fannie Levy Sycle  
Malvern B. Fink  
Marvin Kiersh  
Ruth Smiley  
Ruthanne Berger  
David Kane  
Carolyn Marco  
Alan Okun  
Manny Solomon

## JULY 25-31

Jay Diamond  
Leo Gray  
Martha Greenholtz Passink  
Samuel Raichelson  
Arnold Silverberg  
Belle R. Bear  
Eva Hess  
Maurice H. Meyer  
Marcia Semel  
Daniel Churwin  
Morris Gottfried  
Sadie Bodziner  
Blanche Brunswick  
Fred Edelman  
Herman William Klausner  
William Bronstein  
Paul Friedman  
Vivian B. Greenspan  
Marjorie Jacobs  
Mildred Pargman  
Rachael Weinstein  
Lonnie Wurn  
Sophie S. Finkelstein  
Bernard Melvin Siegel  
Alex Cloth  
Morris Kidder  
Murray Schwartz  
Joseph Wetstein



# In Remembrance, There is Life

## AUGUST 1-7

Bennett Hirsh  
Sarah Lerner  
Sarah Snyder  
Sam Joseph  
Marilyn G. Kammer  
Louis Paul  
Judge Martin Sack, Sr.  
Pauline Cohen  
Carmela Joan Gapinski  
Morris Schneider  
Louis Wellhouse, Jr.  
Stewart Zaritsky  
Jennie B. Bahme  
Robert Lee Coleman  
Mary-Jane Schloss Silverman  
Ruth Gross  
Capt. Stephen Norman Smith  
Florence Avchin  
Shirley S. Joseph  
Molly Lewis  
Ruth Miller  
Salim Mizrahi  
Pearl Schemer  
Edith Churwin  
Ada Feldman  
Charlotte Glossman

## AUGUST 8-14

Paul Bossen  
Dr. Irving Diamond  
Barry P. Hirsh  
Eleanor Bloom  
Adele Fishler  
Pesie Grochowsky  
Clare Schimmel  
Rochelle Shindler  
Willie "Bunny" Spira  
Babette A. Benjamin  
Ira A. Blumenkranz  
Raymond G. Frankel  
Sylvia Tibby Panken  
Richard Leavitt  
Ann Moskovitz  
Connie Okun  
Samuel Freeman  
Eli Glossman  
Ray Hayet  
Jacqueline Marks  
Sylvia Turetz  
Cecelia S. Witten  
Abraham Feldman  
Max Fink  
Eva Meyer Jacobs  
Mary Ann Silverman Lam  
David L. Mark  
Jerome Olschwanger  
Helen Alpern  
Rosalee Ketzky  
Kenneth P. Palestrant  
Philip Spector

## AUGUST 15-21

Seymour Brody  
Robert Sheldon Cooper  
Vicki B. Goldstein  
Martha Isaac  
Libby Jaffe  
Esther Korman  
Annie Raichelson  
Jeanne Schwalbe  
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Sonia Hecht  
Michael E. Shomer  
William "Bill" Shumer  
Cari Eilene Kleinman  
Gertrude Marsh  
Edward Marshall Morgan  
Doris Schneider  
Sally Wahler

## AUGUST 22-28

Dolores Benjamin  
Edith Dacres  
Tillie Dorman  
Fannie C. Halpern  
Irving Proctor  
Marilyn Blumberg  
Phyllis Braverman  
Fredrick Greenhut  
Rose Hackel  
Lazar Monfred  
Phyllis Bowman  
Shoustis David  
Elizabeth Amanda Duggan  
Arthur Allen Jarrett  
Gabriel Raichelson  
Gertrude Bahme Coleman  
Belle M. Harris  
Harry Seitlin  
Sadie Siegel  
Toby Sterinbach  
Sidney Storch  
Irving Watnick  
Harry Yolles

## AUGUST 22-28 Continued

Bernard Glossman  
Harriet Mallow  
Stanley Paver  
Verna Gray  
Arline Shapiro  
Avern Joseph Bloom  
A.J. Bloom  
Max Gimple  
Harold Kinstler  
Mildred Klitenick  
Helen L. Lifton

## AUGUST 29-31

Judith Forster  
Bonnie Marshe  
Martin Sussman  
Abraham Wahler  
Randy Bennett  
Melvin Berlin  
Harry Jarchower  
Rose K. Miller  
Celia Utchneik  
Edith Cohen  
Solomon Schulman  
Rose Jacobson Uran

Please consider making a donation to our congregation in honor or memory a loved one.



Thank you.

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## HOUSE OF WORSHIP

### GEFEN FAMILY CHOIR & MUSIC FUND

Supports Jewish music

#### IN MEMORY OF:

Blanche Chak, Gerald Nadler – Ruth & Bernie Nachman  
Gerald Nadler – Sheila Horowitz, Jackie & Bernie Simms,  
Karen Backilman  
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Natalie & Ron Jackson, Carl E. Snitzer, Brenda & Buddy Pollak,  
Cathryn Winterfield, Paula & Kenneth Horn,  
Deborah & Jonathan Schlackman, Daniel Kossoff,  
Randall Groger, John Cole, Jackie & Bernie Simms,  
Beth & Mark Shorstein, Karen Backilman, Carl & Carolyn Kantor  
John Grado – Ruth & Bernard Nachman, Jackie & Bernie Simms,  
Arnold Corr, Josephine Kamp, Gussie Simms –  
Jackie & Bernie Simms

#### IN HONOR OF:

Blake Barry becoming a Bar Mitzvah – Sheila Horowitz

## HOUSE OF LEARNING

### AARON BLOCK CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Sends a Religious School student to a URJ summer camp

#### IN MEMORY OF:

William Resnick – Beverly Block  
Edward Witten – Darleen Green  
Harold Miller, Stephen Archer – Sandy Archer

### DR. LAWRENCE AND KATHY KANTER FUND FOR JEWISH PRESERVATION

#### IN MEMORY OF:

Albert Israel – Judith Israel  
Gerald Nadler – Suzette & Michel Allen  
Arthur Burden – Elizabeth Figura

### KORMAN FAMILY FUND FOR SPECIAL YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Supports youth activities

#### IN MEMORY OF:

Steven Korman, Mark Snitzer – Joy & Howard Korman

#### IN HONOR OF:

Haley Neuman Bat Mitzvah – Joy & Howard Korman

### MICHAEL A. MARCO ENDOWMENT FOR YOUTH & EDUCATION

Supports youth projects

#### IN MEMORY OF:

Betty Berger – Thelma Nied

### MAX MOSS AWARDS FUND

Book was given to Wurn Library in honor of Religious School students

### SCHLESINGER YOUTH FUND

Supports all Temple youth programs and deserving Temple youth

#### IN HOPES OF A SPEEDY RECOVERY:

Paula Klausner – Lois & Harvey Schlesinger

### SISTERHOOD BRAILLE GROUP FUND

#### IN MEMORY OF:

Jacquelyn A. Ruggiero – Sherry & David Kaufman

### TIR SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND

Provides for unbudgeted needs in Religious School

#### IN MEMORY OF:

Gerald Nadler – Susan Lazarus  
Barry Schreiber – Neil & Jacob Schreiber and Jules Hildebrandt

## TEACHER APPRECIATION FUND

Recognizes teachers' dedication and commitment

#### IN HONOR OF:

Michael Kuhr for leading the Hochman Shiva –  
Shirley and Malkah Hochman

## WURN FAMILY LIBRARY FUND

Purchases books and periodicals for the library

#### IN MEMORY OF:

Harold Yaged – Dr. Gary & Fern Malowitz  
Saul Silberberg – Virginia & Max Singer  
Irving Selin – David Selin  
Roslyn Balsam Lesser, Samuel Lesser,  
Rachel C. Lufrano – Anne Lufrano  
John Grado – Sandie Olesker  
Lee Seleck – Dr. Gary & Fern Malowitz  
Anna Elinoff – Carl & Carolyn Kantor

#### IN HONOR OF:

Dr. Dennis Lafer's 90th Birthday – Leonore Wagman

## BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND

Provides for building upkeep

#### IN MEMORY OF:

Gerald Nadler, Stanley Isaacson – Daryl Sadowsky  
Sylvia & Jerry Weinstein – Fradell Serpe

#### IN HONOR OF:

Michael Kuhr and all his help preparing Gigi Marks for her  
Bat Mitzvah – Caroline & Robert Smilowitz  
Edward Mallow for his beautiful, heartfelt words at Matthew  
Hochman's memorial service – Shirley and Malkah Hochman

## CEMETERY & MEMORIAL FUND

Provides maintenance of the Temple section of Evergreen Cemetery

#### IN MEMORY OF:

Josephine N. Fink – Catherine Snowden  
Nathan Freedman, Isaac Freedman – Rae Masin

## ENDOWMENT FUND

Provides income for Temple operations and special projects

#### IN MEMORY OF:

Dr. Albert H. Wilkinson, Sr. – Leslie & Sol Brotman

## GENERAL FUND

Supports Temple's operating needs

#### IN MEMORY OF:

Leon Bonnett – Josephine Bonnett  
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Harvey R. Wasserman, MD – Harriet Feinglass  
Donald Kaye, Anna Elinoff – Isabel Balotin  
Blanche Chak – Goldie Lansky, Ann Stone  
Arthur L. Abramson – Ellen & Vince Hare  
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## GENERAL FUND CONTINUED

### IN HONOR OF:

Rabbi Robert Goodman's Birthday – Leonore Wagman  
Haley Neuman becoming a Bat Mitzvah – Susan & Joe Board  
Barbi and Larry Young's Grandson Kaden Young becoming a Bar Mitzvah – Isabel Balotin  
Miriam Greenhut's Temple Presidency – Isabel Balotin  
The Temple – Aleaha Wynn & Eduardo Acosta  
David Kaufman's dedication to the Temple – Isabel Balotin

## WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM Y.E.S. FUND

Supports Youth camps, rabbinical students and Sisterhood activities

### IN MEMORY OF:

Wendy Efron – The Efron Family

## SOCIAL ACTION

## HOFHEIMER SPECIAL NEEDS FUND

Supports Elderly/Disabled Special Needs

### IN MEMORY OF:

Barbara Palive – Diana Pomerantz

## SANDY MILLER SOCIAL ACTION FUND

Supports social action projects

### IN MEMORY OF:

Billy Shedlin – Ruchel Broadman  
Gerald Nadler – Janice Berg & Family  
John Grado, Rose Avchin – Laura Miller  
Mark Snitzer – Ruchel Broadman  
Richard & Sheila Temko – Karen Backilman

## RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Supports worthwhile projects for the benefit of congregants

### IN MEMORY OF:

Bonnie Stachurski – Barbara & Howard Drayson  
Gert Carlin and Benedict Carlin – Joan Davidow  
Gerald Nadler - Louise & Richard Axelberg

## CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Supports worthwhile projects for the benefit of congregants

### IN MEMORY OF:

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William Shedlin – Stacey & Adam Kohl  
Gerald Nadler – Evelyn Pinsof  
Harriet Fischer – Lewis & Loretta Fischer  
Sue Corr – Marcia Luettchau  
John Grado – Ellen & George Rubens  
Melvin Spector – Laura Rappaport  
Alex Blumenthal – Ann Stone

### IN HONOR OF:

Gigi Marks Bat Mitzvah – Caroline & Robert Smilowitz  
Blake Barry Bar Mitzvah – Felice Caliestro

## BERT WHITFIELD MEMORIAL FOOD RELIEF FUND / F.A.N.N.

Supports JFCS and the Winn-Dixie Emergency Food Pantry to feed the hungry

### IN MEMORY OF:

Irvin Rothstein, Samuel D. Bahme – Marjorie & Jerome Rothstein

### IN HONOR OF:

Marilyn Goodman's Birthday – Leonore Wagman

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# Ebb and Flow

*How 5,640 triangles with messages written by you, our members, kept us connected during the pandemic.*

Ebb & Flow is an origami mural made up of 5,640 triangles, many of which have notes written by Temple congregants.

Isolation became the hurdle we had to overcome as a community. The idea of bringing our members together safely during the pandemic was to create an art piece that included everyone's participation. Temple member and paper artist Clifford Buckley designed and created Ebb & Flow, a 3' x 6' origami mural of waves rising and falling, reflecting the tide's ebb and flow that mirrored our lives this past year.

Every Temple household was mailed colored paper to write down what they were feeling and thinking, their wishes and hopes for the future. Everyone's writings were collected and folded into triangular shapes by Clifford and Temple volunteers that connect into the image of rolling waves against a sunrise backdrop.

Young and old alike wrote back, sometimes just a word or two was written on a page. Children drew pictures and in some cases, members filled an entire page. One submission is a hand drawing done by a child with the note, "My Heart, age 3". Another writes, "Such a strange time. So isolated. A reader who cannot read. A husband two miles away and it could be 100. No way to touch." And another with only the word, BREATH was written down. The mural captures your voices. The writings speak of hope, fear and a promise for our future when we are all together again and that time is now.

***Ebb & Flow can be seen outside the Sanctuary in Temple.***





## Yearbook Greetings

**A New Year Greeting in the Yearbook is a great way to show your support for the Temple**

Full page Greeting \$500	Half page Greeting \$250
Quarter page Greeting \$150	1/16th page Greeting \$72
1/32nd page Greeting \$36	

**Greetings need to be received by July 12**  
**Email your greeting to: [eberson@thetemplejacksonville.org](mailto:eberson@thetemplejacksonville.org)**  
**Payment charged to your Temple Account**

*L'Shanah Tovah!*



**Ben's NY Kosher Deli is coming back to the Temple parking lot on July 25!**

***Order anything you want from their menu!***

Email your order and payment information to  
**[dleisten@bensdeli.net](mailto:dleisten@bensdeli.net) or call Dara: (561) 470-9963**

*There is a \$5 delivery fee per order.*

**Orders must be placed by 5pm on Friday, July 23**

*This is a delicious way to support Congregation Ahavath Chesed  
 and enjoy a great meal from Ben's Deli!*

**Pick up your order Sunday, July 25 from 1 - 2:00pm**  
**Contact Ellen Berson at Temple with any questions.**  
**[eberson@thetemplejax.org](mailto:eberson@thetemplejax.org)**



**10% of all proceeds will be  
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## Shalom! Make yourself at home.



The Temple and Temple Sisterhood invite you to a ZOOM Tour of an exciting new museum!

### MUSEUM OF THE SOUTHERN JEWISH EXPERIENCE

*(Left) Henrietta Levine shows off her chopped liver in her Pine Bluff, AR kitchen.*

*Photo by Bill Aron*

**Monday, July 19th  
at 7:00 p.m. EDT**

Join Executive Director Kenneth Hoffman as we explore the history of MSJE and its rebirth in New Orleans. Kenneth will show details of new artifacts and exhibits and will share ways for the Jacksonville Jewish Community to get involved in the Museum's mission.

The new museum is 9,000 square feet of colorful, interactive displays about how Jews have been an integral part of Southern History. Included are materials from Texas to Virginia and all states in between. Shalom! Make yourself at home.



**Major publications have  
given it 5 stars -  
Jewish Stars, of course!**

#### **ZOOM LINK FOR MSJE TOUR:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86424020680?pwd=dENJdEVTTi9OZmlnQXRPcE1zeiY3dz09>

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