



## Upcoming Events

### My Israel

#### A Virtual Tour to Israel

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6:30 p.m.

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with Rabbi Crystal

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with Rabbi (Sussman) Berezin

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### The Lost Art of Jewish Cooking!

Wednesdays, October 5, 19 & 26  
and November 2-16 & 30, 6:30 p.m.

### What's It All About God: An Introduction to Jewish Mysticism with Rabbi Crystal

Thursdays, October 6-27 and  
November 3 & 10, 10 a.m.

## A Time for Renewal!

*"...In the seventh month, on the first of the month,  
there shall be a Sabbath for you,  
a remembrance with shofar blasts, a holy convocation."  
-Leviticus 16:24*

Each year the High Holidays usher in a feeling of renewal and a fresh feeling of a new beginning. Our thoughts and prayers are focused on the new opportunities that will be awaiting us in the New Jewish year of 5777. We look forward to hearing the sounding of the shofar to wake us and aide us on reflecting on the past year and the possibilities for the coming new year. We eat sweet apples and honey, sweet challah and honey cake and recite the blessing: "May it be Thy will, O Lord, Our God, to grant us a year that is good and sweet."

Much is anew this High Holiday season at Temple Israel with the arrival of Interim Rabbi Darryl Crystal and Rabbi Deana (Sussman) Berezin. There is excitement in the year as our search committee continues their work in the selection of a new Senior Rabbi for Temple Israel.

All of us at Temple Israel would like to wish you good health, happiness, peace and prosperity today and all throughout the year!

L'shanah Tovah!

# Clergy Report

## Renewing Our Souls: Introducing the New High Holyday Prayerbook

*On holidays we seek to empty our minds.  
On holy days we attempt to replenish the spirit.  
On holidays we reach out for the things we want.  
On holy days we reach up for the things we need.  
Holidays bring a change of scene.  
Holy days bring a change of heart.*

- Sidney Greenberg

Rosh Hashanah asks us to pause and renew our bonds with the important people in our lives and with our higher selves. Just as we honor a person on their birthday, Rosh Hashanah is the birthday of the world and we celebrate by taking time to affirm the circles of caring that bring meaning to our lives. The High Holyday prayer book, called the *Machzor* in Hebrew, is our guide for renewal.

This year, Temple Israel will introduce a new High Holyday prayerbook entitled *Mishkan Hanefesh* which means "Sanctuary of the Soul." It is a magnificent book. It offers new translations of prayers and meditations to inspire our generation.

Through history the prayerbook tells of our quest for holiness and search for life's meaning. In the Middle Ages, the rabbis added special poems called *piyyutim* to the *Machzor*. People believed that ills which befell them were the result of their sins. They offered moving poems to confess their transgressions and seek forgiveness.

The Reform movement began in the United States in the last half of the 19th century. This was a generation of patriotism and pageantry symbolized by the marches like "Stars and Stripes Forever" by John Philips Sousa. The Union Prayer Book expressed this sentiment with passages with formal language like this prayer for peace, "Grant us peace, Thy most precious gift, O Thou eternal source of peace, and enable Israel to be its messenger to the peoples of the earth." This was the prayerbook with which I grew up. I have this passage memorized and still feel awe whenever I recite it.

The late 20th century moved us from the vision of an all-powerful God to a God whose presence calls us to do good. One of my favorite meditations in "Gates of Prayer" is:



Rabbi Crystal

*Prayer invites God to let His presence suffuse our spirits, to let His will prevail in our lives.*

*Prayer cannot bring water to parched fields, nor mend a broken bridge, nor rebuild a ruined city; but prayer can water an arid soul, mend a broken heart, and rebuild a weakened will.*

Our new High Holyday prayerbook, *Machzor*, opens doors to our many different paths of faith. A meditation before *Avinu Malkeinu*, the litany which in English began each stanza with "Our Father, our King," now offers this vision:

*Avinu Malkeinu – Illumine for us the path of our life.*

*Avinu Malkeinu – How shall we come to know the purpose of our existence?*

*Avinu Malkeinu – How shall we distinguish truth from falsehood?*

*Avinu Malkeinu – Be gracious to us, answer us, empower us, give us courage, for the answers are both in You and with You.*

Like the prayerbook in every age, the new *Machzor* maintains the prayers and melodies we cherish. At the same time, it responds to our search for meaning, moves from only male to inclusive language for God, charges us to create a world of peace and calls us to see the Divine unity in the world. Rabbi Berezin, Cantor Shermet and I look forward to sharing the High Holydays with you and your loved ones.

This year may the Holy Days be a time of renewal, caring and love for you and your families. May you be inscribed in the Book of Life and Health for the year to come!

# Our Congregation

## President's Report

At our retreat in July, the Board of Trustees set a goal to increase congregant engagement. We realize that with the changes in rabbinic leadership, we have to take more responsibility for our community. By engaging more congregants, we reinforce a culture of connection that makes Temple Israel a compelling place to be.

This summer, I cold called many of you to see if you would like to help with a number of important initiatives. These included: revising the B'nai Mitzvah Reception Guidelines, serving on the Safety Task Force, joining the Membership Committee, supporting our Director of Youth and Young Adult Engagement by joining the new Youth Committee, chairing the Cemetery Committee and restarting the Caring Committee.

I often held my breath after making the pitch, waiting to hear your answer. My favorite response by far was, "It is so nice to be asked!" I want to thank all of you who said, "Yes!" Your work is making a difference in the life of our congregation.

## Board of Trustees Report

Temple Board of Trustees worked on the following agenda items during the June, July and August Board Meetings:

- Approved the application of 18 new members and accepted the resignation of three members, one of whom moved. Total membership is now 711 member families.
- Approved revised B'nai Mitzvah reception guidelines based on recommendations of a committee of religious school parents, chaired by Stacey Atlas. Updates include more menu choices, the option to provide kippot, and new cost limits for centerpieces.
- Reviewed the security audit report conducted by Seven Citadels and approved the recommendation of the Safety Task Force, chaired by Troy Meyerson, to increase the presence of uniformed Omaha police officers on our campus.
- Reviewed the budget to track year to date expenditures and revenues.
- Approved the Tri-Faith campus master plan, as presented by Wendy Goldberg, including the location of the Tri-Faith building and the circular walkway that will cross the creek.
- Approved the request to host a 9/11 Tri-Faith memorial service, presented by Paul Rabinovitz.
- Received reports from the Senior Rabbi Search Committee, chaired by Andie Gordman and Dan Gilbert, from Aliyah Lasky, Director of Youth Engagement, and from Cantor Wendy Shermet.

There are many more opportunities to be involved and I know there are many more people who would love to be asked. My challenge is that with over 700 member families, I can't possibly surmise who would like an invitation. Please, let me know if you would like "to be asked."

The Board of Trustees and our wonderful staff would be delighted to know what interests you and how you would like to get involved, whether you have a little bit of time to give or a lot. Contact the clergy, Executive Director Dennis DePorte or Program Director Scott Littky, 402-556-6536, or contact me, rozback@cox.net or 402-669-2835. Everyone can have the chance to say "It is so nice to be asked!" especially if you give us a little hint that you are interested!

Shalom and L'shannah tovah.



Rosie Zweiback

# Religious School Report

## Religious School Report

Welcome to the new school year! I am pleased to continue as Interim Religious School Director again this year. Our Religious School team of experienced and skilled teachers and dedicated *madrachim* is looking forward to working in partnership with you to provide meaningful Jewish education experiences for your children.

We continue to work with our established curriculum. This includes the *Mitkadem Hebrew* and *CHAI* curriculum programs. Themes of Judaic study will incorporate art and music as our children explore *Torah*, *Avodah* (connection to God) and *G'milut Chasadim* (acts of kindness).

Our Religious School Steering Committee (RSSC) under the leadership of Susie Norton continues to provide tremendous support and clarity in vision to school operations.

I look forward to personally welcoming your family to the Temple Israel Religious School family. It's going to be a very good year!

Visit [www.templeisraelomaha.com](http://www.templeisraelomaha.com) for the full school year calendar.



Sharon Comisar-Langdon

# Scholar-in-Residence

## Harold C. Pachios

*Friday, September 9 - Saturday, September 10*

Harold Pachios has a distinguished law career of over 30 years. He is a Founding Partner of Preti Flaherty and is listed in Woodward-White's 2015 edition of The Best Lawyers in America.

Harold was Associate White House Press Secretary under President Lyndon B. Johnson, serving as principal aide to White House Press Secretary Bill Moyers from 1965 to 1967. In 1993, he was nominated by President Clinton and confirmed by the U.S. Senate as a member of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy. The President designated him Chairman of the Commission in 1999. President Bush nominated him in 2003 for a third term on the Commission, and he was again confirmed by the Senate. The Commission, and its Washington staff, advise the President, Secretary of State, and Congress on public diplomacy programs carried out by the State Department and U.S. embassies around the world.

## Schedule of Talks

**Friday Shabbat Service:  
The Shaping of Social  
Justice through the  
Idealism of the Founding  
of the State of Israel**

*Friday, September 9, 6 p.m.*

**Torah Study: Issues  
in Immigration Policy  
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Hermene Zweiback Center  
 Lifelong Jewish Learning

# High Holidays 5777

## High Holidays Quick Calendar

### **S'lichot Service and Program**

*Saturday, September 24, 7 p.m.*

### **Mitzvah Project**

*Sunday, September 25, 1 p.m.*

Apple Picking for Stephen Center at  
Ditmars Orchard

### **Erev Rosh Hashanah Evening Service**

*Sunday, October 2, 7:30 p.m.*

### **Rosh Hashanah**

*Monday, October 3*

- Temple Tots Service, 9 a.m., Chapel
- First - 4th Grade Service, 9 a.m., Sanctuary
- Morning Service, 10:15 a.m.
- First - 4th Grade Programming, 10:15 a.m.
- Tashlich, 12:30 p.m.
- High Holiday Food Drive:  
Fill a Bag, Feed a Family!  
(Bags will be handed out after services)

### **Shabbat Shuva**

*Friday, October 7, 6 p.m.*

*Saturday, October 8, 10:30 a.m.*

### **Memorial Service**

*Sunday, October 9, 1 p.m.*

### **Kol Nidre**

*Tuesday, October 11, 7:30 p.m.*

### **Yom Kippur**

*Wednesday, October 12*

- Temple Tots Service, 9 a.m., Chapel
- First - 4th Grade Service, 9 a.m., Sanctuary
- High Holy Days Food Drive: Fill a Bag,  
Feed a Family! (Bring your bag back)
- Morning Services, 10:15 a.m.
- First - 4th Grade Programming, 10:15 a.m.
- Reflections on Yom Kippur: Why Life Does  
Matter! This panel discussion led by  
Rabbi Crystal and Rabbi (Sussman) Berezin,  
12:30 p.m.
- Moments of Remembrance  
with Marla Cohen, 1:30 p.m.
- Forgiveness for the other 364 days:  
Practical Tips from Torah, Mindfulness  
and the Frontiers of Neuroplasticity  
with Brett Bloom, 1:30 p.m.
- Thoughts on Democracy: Reinterpreting  
Norman Rockwell's Four Freedom Posters  
with Dr. Zachary Smith, 1:30 p.m.
- Jewish Wisdom Teaches Suffering is Beloved:  
God Tries the Righteous with Rabbi Samuel  
K. Joseph, PhD, 2:30 p.m.
- Afternoon Service, Yizkor, Ne'ilah, Havdallah,  
3:45 p.m.





# High Holidays 5777

## **Yom Kippur Temple Tots Service**

*Wednesday, October 12  
9 a.m., Chapel*

This child-friendly service with Rabbi Crystal and Cantor Shermet is for families with children from preschool-age to kindergarten.



## **Yom Kippur Morning Service for 1st - 4th Grade**

*Wednesday, October 12, 9 a.m., Sanctuary*

This child-friendly service with Rabbi (Sussman) Berezin is for children in 1st – 4th grade.

## **Yom Kippur Morning Services**

*Wednesday, October 12, 10:15 a.m.*

## **Yom Kippur Programming for 1st – 4th Grade**

*Wednesday, October 12, 10:15 a.m.*

Children in 1st-4th Grade should meet Director of Youth and Young Adult Engagement Aliyah Lasky in the Simon Community Court at 10:15 a.m. They will then head downstairs for Yom Kippur Programming led by our Religious School Madrichim.

## **Reflections of Yom Kippur: Why Life Does Matter! With Rabbi Crystal and Rabbi (Sussman) Berezin**

*Wednesday, October 12, 12:30 p.m.*

What a year it has been between racial tensions, random violence and extremely ugly election cycle. How can we put this into a Jewish perspective and move forward with 5777?

## **Moments of Remembrance**

*Wednesday, October 12, 1:30 p.m.*

To prepare for Yizkor and to experience the comfort of being with others who have lost someone special in their lives. Marla Cohen, MS, NCC, LMHP, will help

participants share important memories of the people they mourn. Please consider bringing a photograph or other memento that helps convey the essence of the person or people you mourn. This session is open to all who have suffered a loss in the last two years.

## **Forgiveness For The Other 364 Days: Practical Tips from Torah, Mindfulness, and the Frontiers of Neuroplasticity with Brent Bloom**

*Wednesday, October 12, 1:30 p.m.*

Brent Bloom will bring his expertise to help us understand the value of forgiveness for today and for the rest of the year.



## **Thoughts on Democracy: Reinterpreting Norman Rockwell's Four Freedom Posters with Dr. Zachary Smith**

*Wednesday, October 12, 1:30 p.m.*

Dr. Smith, serving as Resident Assistant Professor of Theology at Creighton University, will guide us and lead us in a discussion on the temporary art exhibit in the Simon Community Court.

## **Jewish Wisdom Teaches Suffering is Beloved: God Tries the Righteous with Rabbi Samuel K. Joseph, PhD.**

*Wednesday, October 12, 2:30 p.m.*

Our teachers and sages tried to understand why bad things happen to good people. That was over 1500 years ago. Do their understandings make sense to us today? How does their thinking connect to the High Holy Days?

## **Afternoon Service, Yizkor, Ne'ilah, Havdalah**

*Wednesday, October 12, 3:45 p.m.*

The afternoon service includes the reading of the Book of Jonah, recounting the importance of repentance and prayer. *Yizkor* celebrates the power to remember those that came before us. *Ne'ilah* means, "closing the gate," and we ask to be sealed in the Book of Life. After Havdalah, we hear a final shofar blast.

# High Holidays 5777

## **Sukkot Service, Dinner & Bonfire**

*Sunday, October 16, 4:30 p.m.*

Join us in our family celebration of the festival of Sukkot. Services will begin our celebration, followed by dinner, a bonfire and s'mores!



## **Sukkot Morning Breakfast & Services**

*Monday, October 17*

*Breakfast, 9:30 a.m.*

*Service, 10:30 a.m.*

## **Simchat Torah Services and Consecration**

*Sunday, October 23, 4:30 p.m.*

Join us as we celebrate our kindergarteners as they begin their Religious School education. The children will receive a blessing from clergy and then will join in parading the Torah scrolls around the Sanctuary. As in past years there will be music provided by Tuffy Epstein along with an opportunity to dance with our Torah scrolls. Heavy horderves and Ice Cream will be served at the end of our celebration.



## **Simchat Torah Morning Service and Yizkor**

*Monday, October 24, 10:30 a.m.*

If you would like to have the names of your loved ones read at the Yizkor service, please contact the Temple Israel office, 402-556-6536, by Wednesday, October 19.

## **Attention Shofar Blowers!**

Interested in blowing the shofar during our Rosh Hashanah service? Please contact Cantor Shermet as soon as possible.



## **Special Information**

### **Sitter Service**

Sitter Service will be available for children ages 18 months through five years old during evening and morning services. Reservations are required. \$10 per family/per session. Please reserve a space by calling the Temple Israel office or completing the form on our website. There will be a \$2 extra charge per child for late reservations. Confidential assistance with sitter service fees is available, contact Executive Director Dennis DePorte, 402-556-6536.

### **Need a Speaker Phone?**

If you are unable to attend services, please contact the Temple Israel office as soon as possible to arrange this service.

### **Webcast for High Holidays**

Temple Israel will stream live webcasts of its upcoming High Holiday services in order to reach housebound congregants or community members unable to attend the services in person. You will need a broadband internet connection and the latest version of Flash Player to view the webcast. You can find a link to the live stream on our website.

### **Sign Language**

If you are hearing impaired and would like a seat reserved at the front of the sanctuary to better observe the signing, please let us know.

# Calendar of Events

## תפילות Pray



### Tot Shabbat

Saturday, September 10, 9 a.m.

Saturday, October 8, 9 a.m.

All children and their families are invited to participate in a morning of stories, songs, crafts, and activities! We are looking forward to a year full of fun and Jewish learning with our youngest members and their families. Enjoy stories, songs, crafts (and bagels, of course!) with your child, while connecting with our Temple Israel community.

## למודים Learn

### Religious School Kindergarten - 12th Grade

Contact Interim Religious School Director Sharon Comisar-Langdon for more information.

Grades K-6th Grade, Sundays, 10 a.m. - Noon

Grades 3 - 6, Wednesdays, 4 - 6 p.m.

Grades 7 - 12, Wednesdays, 6 - 8 p.m.

Family Night, Wednesdays, 6 - 8 p.m.

No Religious School on Sunday, October 2 and Wednesday, October 12

### Adult Education

Contact Program Director Scott Littky for more information.

### Torah Study

Saturdays, 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Shabbat Worship follows, 10:30 a.m.

Discuss the Torah portion of the week over fresh bagels, juice and coffee. Sessions led by our clergy. Newcomers welcome.

## Wednesdays @ Temple

### My Israel: A Virtual Tour to Israel

Wednesdays, September 7-28, 6:30 p.m.

No time to visit Israel this year, no problem. Each week during this course, we will take a virtual tour of major cities, everyday life and archaeology dig just to name a few with members of our community who have recently traveled or lived in Israel.

### The Lost Art of Jewish Cooking!

Wednesdays, October 5, 19 & 26 and November 2-16 & 30, 6:30 p.m.

We all love traditional Jewish cooking. Each week we will learn and cook a Jewish recipe with different members of Temple Israel.

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with Rabbi Crystal

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### What's It All About God: An Introduction to Jewish Mysticism with Rabbi Crystal

Thursdays, October 6-27 and November 3 & 10, 10 a.m.

Jewish mysticism, Kaballah, and spirituality stand at the forefront of American Jewish life. Today, exploration of mystical texts in Judaism is combined with insights from meditation, world spiritual traditions and modern visions of the self and the soul. We will explore mystical texts from the Bible, the master work of mysticism called the Zohar, Hasidic masters and modern rabbis and teachers, including Rabbi Larry Kushner, Sylvia Boorstein and Rabbi Art Green.

# Calendar of Events

## Sundays @ Temple

### Temple Tots

#### Sunday Mornings

Sunday, September 18,  
10:30 a.m.

Children 4 and under (unless enrolled in PreK) and their families are invited to participate in a morning of stories, songs, crafts, and activities! We are looking forward to a year full of fun and Jewish learning with our youngest members and their families. Enjoy stories, songs, crafts (and bagels, of course!) with your child, while connecting with our Temple Israel community.



### Temple Israel Book Club

Sundays, September 11 and  
October 9, 10 a.m., Media Center

All are welcome to join our book club. Each month we will be reading and discussing a different book. Watch the eTidings to find out what book will be read. Newcomers are welcome. If you would like to join the book club or would like more information, please contact Program Director Scott Littky.



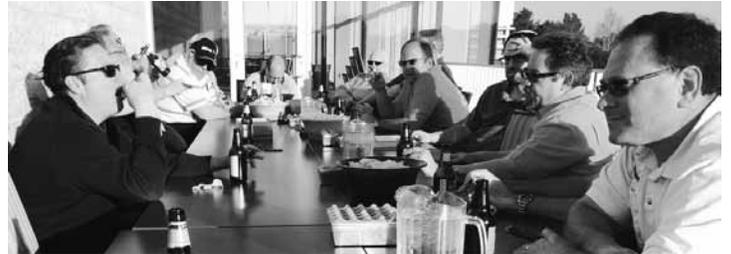
### Temple TED Talks

Sundays, September 25,  
11 a.m., Media Center

Join us in the media center as congregants share their favorite TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) Talk and lead a conversation about the topic. This is a great opportunity to meet and get to know your fellow Temple Israel congregants in a casual, comfortable environment. Coffee and bagels will be available. Future Talks will be held on the last Sunday of each month.



## Engage פעילות



### Holy Smokes

Tuesday, September 13, 7 p.m.

Led by Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, this men's only evening will feature cigars, adult beverages and philosophical discussions of men's issues and perspectives from Jewish texts. This event is free, though reservations are required, [RSVP@templeisraelomaha.com](mailto:RSVP@templeisraelomaha.com) or 402-556-6536, by Thursday, September 8.

### Take Me Out to the Movies:

#### The Lemon Tree

Thursday, September 15, 7 p.m.

Co-sponsored with the Schwalb Center we will view the Israeli movie *The Lemon Tree*. After the movie, Dr. Moshe Gershovich, PhD, Director, Natan & Hannah Schwalb Center for Israel & Jewish Studies, will conduct a conversation about the issues raised in the movie.



### Young Couples Event at Corkscrew

Saturday, September 17, 5-7 p.m.

*Corkscrew, Rockbrook Village, 10924 Prairie Brook Road*  
All young couples at Temple Israel are invited to join us for drinks and appetizers at Corkscrew. Inspired by a recent new members event, this is an attempt for Temple Israel's young couples to socialize without the distraction of kids! Temple Israel will cover some light appetizers to share while we catch up and meet one another. We're gathering early so everyone can still go out to dinner before heading home! Even if you can't make it for the entire event, please feel free to drop by at any point. We'd love your thoughts on future gatherings of this kind.

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## TiYPE

Contact Director of Youth & Young Adult Engagement Aliyah Lasky for more information.

### TiYPE/YJO Shabbat Program

Friday, September 9, 5:45 p.m.

Meet at Temple Israel at 5:45 p.m. and join us for services. Afterwards we're going to the JCC for dinner and games! There is no cost for this event. RSVPs required.

## OTYG

Contact Director of Youth & Young Adult Engagement Aliyah Lasky for more information.

### OTYG Rush

Saturday, September 10, 4-8 p.m., Platte River State Park  
Join us for dinner, games and paddle boating! Cost is \$20. RSVPs required.

### OTYG Meetings

Sundays, September 11 & 25 and October 9 & 30  
Noon, Temple Israel

### Backyard Concert Series with OTYG

Sunday, September 11, 5-7 p.m., JCC

Come join and support OTYG at the Backyard Concert Series. We will be selling kosher treats and enjoying the live performance. RSVPs required.

### Teen-Wide Haunted Havdalah

Saturday, October 8

Watch the eTidings for more details!

### OTYG Program

Saturday, October 29

Watch the eTidings for more details!

# Our Congregation

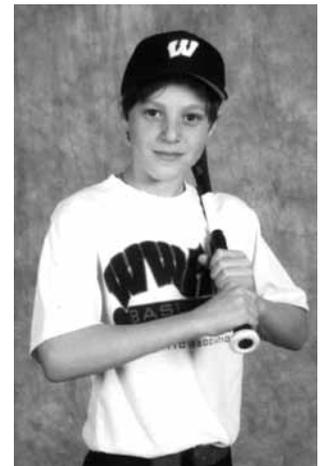
Temple Israel has one Saturday Shabbat morning service for the entire congregation. When there is a B'nai Mitzvah followed by a reception, all are welcome to stay for lunch. The following B'nai Mitzvah students will lead services in the weeks ahead. We wish them and their families a mazel tov!

## B'nai Mitzvah בני מצוה

**Lily Pocras**, daughter of Suzanne and Hap Pocras and sister of Lucy and Knox will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on September 10. Lily is an 8th grade honor roll student at Westside Middle School. She enjoys spending time with her friends and family and is a member of the Nebraska Dance Troupe. For her Mitzvah Project, Lily, volunteered at the Food Bank sorting canned goods, snacks and other items before being boxed and delivered to homes and schools.



**Mason Eisenberg**, son of November and Steve Eisenberg, will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on September 17. Mason is an 8th grade honor roll student at Millard North Middle School. He enjoys baseball and basketball and is on the Millard Jr. Mustangs basketball team. For his Mitzvah Program, Mason volunteered at the Open Door Mission. Mason has an older brother, Sam and older sister, Madison.



# Our Congregation

## New Members

**Mindi Armstrong** and her children, **Logan and Brooklyn**, have recently joined Temple Israel. Mindi was raised in Omaha and moved away after she graduated high school. Mindi and her children were very involved in their synagogue in Florida and are looking forward to doing the same here at Temple Israel.

**Jennie and David Beckman** and their daughter, **Sadie**, moved to Omaha last winter to be closer to their families. Before their return, they lived in Baltimore for eight years. Jennie has recently started work at the Jewish Federation of Omaha as the Director of Community Engagement & Education. David was employed for 13 years at Marriott predominantly in Accounting & Events. When asked about their interests, Jennie said, "We love everything about food: growing, preparing and eating it! Though David misses the Baltimore Orioles & Ravens, he is excited to have local access to Husker games."



**Allison Boehm-Campos and Daniel Campos**, moved back to Omaha last winter. Allison grew up in Omaha. They have three children, **Alexander, Madeline and Taylor**. Allison has a Masters Degree in International Affairs and is employed as a consultant. Daniel is employed at Nebraska Furniture Mart.

**Harley Borish** recently graduated from the University of Michigan and moved to Omaha to work for Quantum Financial. He grew up in New York City and was active with his family at Stephen Wise Temple. He is a huge sports fan and loves to travel.

**Joshua Cohen and Simone Rock** joined Temple Israel this past July. Their son, **Henry**, is a 2nd grader in our Religious School.



They have two other children, **John and Guin**. Josh works in sales at Peerless Energy Systems and Simone is an engineer.

**Alex Epstein and Lindsay Keuck**, are lifelong Nebraskans both having grown up in Omaha. Alex attended Indiana University and is employed as a broker at World Group. Lindsay attended the University of Iowa and is a buyer for Nouvelle Eve.

**Allyson Freeman and Geoffrey Silverstein** have recently moved back to Omaha where Ally grew up and was involved at Temple Israel. Ally is employed by the Omaha Community Foundation and Geoff owns his own business.



They spent nine years in Washington, D.C., before moving to Omaha. They first met in high school through NFTY events when Ally was a member of OTYG at Temple Israel, and Geoff was a member of SETYG at Shaare Emeth Synagogue in St. Louis. They eventually reconnected after college in D.C. They love to travel, be outdoors, explore new restaurants and spend time with family and friends. They are expecting their first child this fall.

**Robert Friedman** has lived most of his life in Nebraska having moved from Oswego, NY, when he was eight years old. Robert graduated college in 2012. He is a avid public speaker and has served as a high school speech coach. Currently, he is a judge for high school speech competitions.



**Amy and Andrew Isaacson** moved to Omaha from San Francisco. They live in the neighborhood that Amy grew up in here



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in Omaha. They have three daughters, **Maya**, who is in our PreK program, and identical twins, **Lily and Miriam**. Only Amy can tell the twins apart. She says “their left ears are different when all else fails.” They have a 12-year-old mutt named Oliver J. Dogg whom they rescued when he was two. Andy has a purple belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and Amy is an amazing baker. Maya loves swimming, dancing and being outside.

**Nancy and Larry Katz**, moved to Omaha over the summer to be closer to their children, Danielle and Bryan Howell and their grandchildren, Katie and Emmy. They spent most of their lives in Little Neck, NY, before their move. Nancy is a retired elementary special education teacher and Larry is retired after a career in sales. Larry loves of all types of music and has over 2000 CDs in his collection. Both have a passion for travel and can't wait to explore the Midwest.

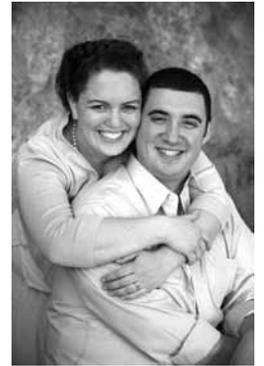


**Marti and George Poulos**, and their children **Leo and Evan**, recently joined Temple Israel. Marti was born and raised in Omaha. She lived in Chicago for a few years after college but moved back to be closer to family. George is from Council Bluffs and attended the University of Iowa. After college, he returned to Council Bluffs to work with his family in the restaurant business. As a family they love to be active and participate in outdoor activities. They love spending time with their friends and family.



**Edye Roffman** and her son, **Max**, just moved back to Omaha from Houston, TX. Edye attended Bradley University and is employed at Total Wellness. Max just entered the 7th grade and will begin studying for his Bar Mitzvah later this year.

**Ariella and Joseph Rohr**, have returned to Omaha after being in Los Angeles where Joe was in medical school. Ariella grew up in Los Angeles and attended the Leo Baeck Temple. Joe grew up in the Detroit area and attended Temple Shir Shalom. They have returned to Omaha so Joe can complete his medical school training.



**Margaret and Zachary Smith** moved from Lincoln to Omaha about a year ago. Margaret is a teacher in our Religious School and Zach is a professor at Creighton University. Before moving to Lincoln they lived in New York for seven years. They were very happy when they could move back to Nebraska to be closer to family. They have two young sons, **Ezekiel and Ezra**, and a dog that keeps them very busy.

**Ashley Taylor**, her husband **Steven** and daughter **Isabelle** were involved in the Ealing Liberal Synagogue in London, England, before moving to Omaha. Ashley has enjoyed volunteering in our youth programs. Both she and Steven love board games and are members of the Board of Directors at Spielbound.

**Jennifer and Erin Vik**, have lived in Omaha their entire life. They have a daughter, **Isabel**, who has just begun kindergarten. Jennifer has a BA in Communications and works in sales. Erin has both a BA in Business and an MBA and is the Director of Nutrition for Westside Schools. They have a lot of interests together including food, movies, live music, swimming, museums and theatre.



# Our Congregation

## Births לידה

*Mazel tov on the birth of...*

**Theodore Harold Bloom**, son of Nina and Alex Bloom, grandson of Rebecca and Brent Bloom, Rosie and Bryan Juergensen, and the late Bob Simon, and great-grandson of Amy and Richard Mitchell, the late Betty and the late Leonard Simon, the late Dina and the late Harold Bloom, and the late Freda and the late Jerome Bleicher;

**Mara Lauren Cohn**, daughter of Jessica and Shane Cohn and granddaughter of Debra and Dennis McMillan and Linda and Steve Cohn.

**Tzvi Eliyahu London**, son of Michelle and David London and grandson of Alice and Jon Klein and Carol and Saul London;

**Henry Thomas Needelman** and **Rachel Claire Needelman**, son and daughter of Laura and Joshua Needelman, grandchildren of Lee and Howard Needelman and Carol and Jim Patterson, and great-grandchildren of Marilyn and Jim Patterson;

**Jackson Steven Williams**, son of Diana and Jason Williams, grandson of Wendy and Todd Manvitz, Gail Williams Parde and Steven Williams, and great-grandson of Harry and Doris Alloy, Marilyn and Justin Manvitz and Doris Simonson;

## Keep Us Informed

Please do not hesitate to let us know when there has been a loss in your family or someone is ill. If you are hospitalized, you may wish to tell the admissions office to notify our clergy. It's only through this knowledge that we, in turn, can perform the services that our membership should be accorded.

## Conversion גיור

We welcome **Gilbert Dysico, Natasha Fields and Joseph Willms**, who have recently chosen Judaism. May they go from strength to strength!

## Engagement אירוסין

**Jenny Javitch and Alon Ventura**. Parents are Karen and Gary Javitch and Rachel and Sam Ventura.

## Marriage נישואין

**Lester Katz and Jack Becker**. Parents are Estaline and Melvin Katz, and Leora Becker.

**Nancy McCormick and Peter Brodkey**.

## In Sympathy נחמה

*The Congregation records with sorrow the deaths of our members' relatives...*

**Sonya (Pradell) Baker**, preceded in death by parents Abe and Hannah Pradell. Survived by husband Robert Baker, sons and daughters-in-laws Scott and Sandra Baker, Bruce and Christy Baker, and Dan Baker, grandchildren and spouses Kristin and Ben Spohn, Brett Baker and Evelyn Stevens, and Sally, Max, and Jackson Baker, great-grandchildren Parker and Calvin Spohn, and sister Sheila Rosen;

**Jane Patricia Batt**, preceded in death by father Harold Feintech and brother Richard "Skip" Feintech. Survived by mother Gloria Feintech, sons Jonas Batt,

and Aaron Batt, sister Sandra Weil, brother Jim (Carole) Feintech, grandchild Lorenzo Elijah Batt, loving aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, dear extended family members and friends;

**Ronald Joseph Beach**, survived by wife Mona Jones, children Dru, Wil, and Jack Beach, parents Bill and Marilyn Beach, mother-in-law Marlene Jones, brothers Gary (Sharon) Beach, David (Lori) Beach, and Brian Beach, sister Kate (Marty) Petersen, many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews;

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## In Sympathy continued...

**Harold M. Becker**, preceded in death by wife Arlene, daughter Lauren L. Becker, and sister Betty Leibsohn. Survived by wife Dianne Becker, daughters Deborah (Larry) Josephson, and Sherri (Bill Coleman) Becker, son Robert (Diane Handler) Becker, grandson Alan (Kari) Josephson, and granddaughters Melissa (Bill Sloan) Josephson, and Maya (Itay Ricon) Becker;

**Fannie F Bohbot**, survived by daughters Brigitte Baines (Kenny) and Rachel Shapiro, son Nick Bohbot, grandchildren Kyle Baines, Brittany Baines, Joshua Bohbot, Jescie Hollenczer, Allie Shapiro, Danny Rae Bohbot, Josey Bohbot, Thad Bohbot, Barbara Bohbot, Brandy Bohbot, Brooke Bohbot, Brittney Bohbot, Danny Furgison, Aryelle Bohbot, great-grandchildren Piper Bohbot and Rikir Hollenczer and step-grandchildren Sam Stanfield and Stacy Stanfield;

**Pauline Landman**, preceded in death by husband Morey. Survived by son Lawrence (Esther), daughters Jacqueline (Dr. John Gay), and Jennifer (Marvin) Huggins, grandchildren David (Judy), Sheldon (Ahuva), Sam (Chani), Debbie (Aharon) Fink, Tyler, Benjamin, and Forrest, 21 great grandchildren, sister Maxine (Dr. Milton) Simons, nieces, nephews, and many friends;

**Charlene Mason**, survived by children Kelly Collins, Jennifer Collins Goodman (Scott), and Chris Mason, and grandchildren Hannah Goodman, and Shelby Goodman;

**Pete "Carl" Milder**, preceded in death by wife Rhoda Milder. Survived by children Vickie and David Rosenthal, Georgine and Larry Koom, and Tom Milder, sister-in-law Phyliss Weinberg, and many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews;

**Letha Pitlor**, survived by husband Robert Pitlor, children Betti Robinson (Richard), Soni Ruff (Jeff), Cindi Weiss (Marlon) Jane Snyder (Michael) and Lori

Feldman (Howard), 20 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by sister Retha Lansky and brother Mark Zalkin (Susan);

**Claribel (Claire) Placzek**, preceded in death by husband Gene. Survived by her sons and daughters-in-law Daniel and Cheryl, Richard and Lynell, Roger and Phyllis, and Matthew and Kimberly, twelve grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

**Marc R. Sherman**, preceded in death by parents Arthur and Marva Sherman. Survived by wife Claudia Sherman, son and daughter-in-law Mitchel and Shannon Sherman, daughter Jill Sherman, grandchildren Allyson and Zachary Sherman, brother Jerry (Terrill) Sherman, sister JoAnn (Glenn) Miner, sister-in-law Sindie (Jerry) Katskee, and many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

**Lorraine Stapleton**, survived by grandchildren Kelly Collins, Jennifer Collins Goodman (Scott), and Chris Mason, and great-grandchildren Hannah Goodman, and Shelby Goodman;

**Raimond I. "Ray" Tomps**, survived by wife Sheila, sons Michael Tomps, Steven Tomps, son and daughter-in-law David and Laura Hornstein, grandchild Haley Hornstein, brother and sister-in-law Andy and Pam Tomps sisters-in-law Gail Shaw, Genine Hanna, nieces, nephews and extended family.

**Stanley J. (Jerry) Wolpa**, preceded in death by son Scott Alan Wolpa, grandson Scot Alexander Wolpa, and stepdaughter Deborah Leigh Gilmore. Survived by wife Barbara, daughters Cynthia Lee Korenman (Lawrence), Lori Jane Elwood (Patrick), Leslie Dawn Wolpa, stepdaughter Suzanne Leslie Babb, grandchildren Jamison Hochster (Tracy), Audra Ohayon (Jaques) and Rachel Elwood, and great grandchildren Eli, Ezra and Erica Ohayon, and brother Warren Wolpa;

*...and extends sympathy to their bereaved families.*

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*LEFT: Temple Israel members building with Habitat for Humanity.  
BELOW LEFT: JYG Rush at Skate Daze.  
BELOW: Having fun at Religious School!*

