



Please join Temple Israel
at a celebratory fundraising dinner honoring

Cantor Wendy Shermet

and her 18 wonderful years at Temple Israel.

Friday, April 26, 5:30 p.m.

Your support will go toward the newly named Cantor Wendy Shermet Music Fund,
which will allow funding for music ventures for years to come.

\$25 - Individual

\$50 - Sponsor (includes 1 seat)

\$180 - Patron (includes 2 seats)

\$1,000 - Table Sponsor (includes 8 or 9 seats)

RSVP with your payment by April 5 to confirm your seat at dinner.

TempleIsraelOmaha.com/CantorDinner

Formal Invitation with RSVP card to follow.

This weekend will be full of opportunities to show Cantor Shermet how much she has meant to us over the past 18 years. Our Friday evening service will be followed by a special oneg. On Sunday morning, the Religious School will host a celebratory gathering, and Sunday evening Cantor Shermet will be honored at Tri-Faith's Dinner in Abraham's Tent.

We have been so blessed by Cantor Shermet's talent, presence, and love for 18 years, we hope you will join in this celebration with us!

Eberburg Torah Scroll now “Interactive Ark”

In the spring of 1939, as the Nazi persecution of German Jewry was intensifying and the outbreak of World War II was just months away, Julius and Trudy Falkenstein and Walter Gottlieb came to Temple Israel with a Torah scroll they had rescued from their hometown synagogue in Eberburg, Germany. The Falkenstein and Gottlieb families wanted to make sure that this scroll would be honored and protected in a secure Jewish community, so they presented it to Temple Israel as a gift. Eighty years ago this month, Rabbi David Wice received the scroll at Friday night services and placed it in the ark alongside Temple Israel’s other sifrei Torah. The Temple Tidings, in announcing the gift, declared that the congregation “will ever treasure this as do they who are giving it and who were forced to sacrifice so much to bring it with them to America.”



Rabbi Stoller

Ancient Jewish Scroll From Germany



For many years, the Eberburg scroll has occupied a place of reverence in our Temple and, most recently, has been housed in the ark in our chapel. However, because the scroll is not kosher for reading on Shabbat and holidays, very few of our congregants have ever had the chance to see the inside of the scroll. Thankfully, that is about to change. I am excited to announce that we have constructed a beautiful “interactive ark” for the Eberburg Torah in our meditation room, where congregants and visitors can now view and experience this sacred scroll in a meaningful way for the first time since it was entrusted to our care. The interactive ark is mounted on the wall of the meditation room and the Torah scroll

is placed inside in a way that its beautiful calligraphy can be seen up close, and also in a manner that congregants can easily and safely scroll through the entire Torah to behold the text in full. The clergy are very excited that our congregation will now have access to this historic and holy scroll in ways that we never have before.

The possibilities for the Eberburg scroll to enhance our Jewish experience are immense, and I expect that, for years to come, we will continue to discover new ways that congregants and visitors of all ages can learn from this treasure. Beginning very soon, our Religious School students will have regular opportunities to learn with our clergy about the weekly parashah as the kids study and interact directly with the scroll. I also imagine our pre-b’nai mitzvah students visiting the meditation room to look for their Torah portions in the Eberburg scroll and learning how the passage they are reading is the very same text that so many young people before them, including some who lived in terrible circumstances like Nazi Germany, read as well. I can see the children proudly pointing out their portions to their parents and friends, and connecting emotionally and spiritually to the legacy and story of the Jewish people. I also envision visitors from around Omaha and beyond who are curious about Judaism marveling in wonder and awe as they have the unique opportunity to see and interact with a Torah scroll up close. With this interactive ark, we are giving the Eberburg scroll new life by honoring the memory of those countless families who heard the scroll read in their synagogue and the legacy of those who risked their lives to bring this Torah to our community.

Please join us on **Friday, March 29, 6 p.m.**, as we dedicate the Eberburg scroll in its new interactive ark, recount the history and the significance of this congregational treasure, and honor the legacy of the Falkenstein and Gottlieb families who entrusted this scroll to our care. This dedication will occur on Walter Gottlieb’s 44th yartzheit, almost exactly eighty years to the evening on which his family presented the scroll to Rabbi David Wice. Our congregation is grateful to Walter’s children (and our members) Steven Gottlieb and Ellen Saylan for safeguarding the dignity of the scroll and ensuring that its story is preserved for future generations of Temple Israel congregants.

Holocaust Remembrance

Omaha Community Holocaust Commemoration

Wednesday, May 1, 7 p.m.

This year's Omaha Community Holocaust Commemoration is hosted by Temple Israel, and all are welcome. Our annual commemoration is marked by readings and music from our local clergy, along with a candle-lighting ceremony honoring our Holocaust survivors and those who perished. This year, the keynote speaker will be Scott Miller, recently retired Director of Curatorial Affairs at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., who will speak about his book, *Tracing The Fates of the St. Louis Passengers*.



Wednesday, May 1 | 7PM
Temple Israel - 13111 Sterling Ridge Dr.

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There is a special program for Jewish teens in grades 8-12 at 5:30 p.m. that includes dinner and an educational component based on the short film *Pigeon* led by the staff of the Institute for Holocaust Education.

President's Report

Lately I have been thinking a lot about "change," what change means, and the impact that it can have on our lives. As I am writing this article, we are once again digging out from more snow. Hopefully by the time you are reading this we are seeing the change from winter to spring. With spring comes many other changes in our lives. We will soon be celebrating graduation season where we will see our children mark their change from one phase of their education to the next. We will celebrate our young adults graduating from college and entering the working world. At Temple Israel, we will be celebrating Cantor Shermet's change as she "graduates" from her 18-year career as our beloved Cantor to the next phase of her life. We will also be thanking Sharon Comisar-Langdon for serving as our Religious School Director for the last four years.



Andie Gordman

As we prepare to say thank you to Cantor Shermet and Sharon, we also continue to welcome new members of our professional team including Cantor Alexander, a new Director of Congregational Learning, and our Membership Engagement Coordinator. At the time I am writing this article we have not selected our new Director of Congregational Learning and Membership Engagement Coordinator, but I am confident we will be sharing their names with you soon if we have not already. As I talk with members of our congregation, some are uneasy about all of this change and some see the change as an exciting time and an opportunity to learn from the past experiences of our new team members. It has been interesting to me to learn how our congregants view change.

Mahatma Gandhi's very famous quote about change is: "Be the change that you wish to see in the world." I would like to slightly alter his quote and use it to challenge us during this change to say: Be the change that you wish to see at Temple Israel. Our Temple Israel professional team and lay leadership will continue to guide our congregation through change in order to meet the needs of our diverse congregants. We will continue to change and evolve in order to provide worship, educational, volunteer, and social opportunities that appeal to our members. I challenge all of us to look for new ways to engage in our Temple Israel community. I encourage you to try a new class, worship experience, or volunteer opportunity. Have you wanted to get to know another congregant or professional team member better? Make the time. Take the initiative to call them and set up a time to meet. Do you have an idea for a program or volunteer experience? If so, share your thoughts with a member of our professional team, a board member, or a committee chair. Better yet, offer to help with or lead a program.

Change is not easy but I know that our congregation is up for the challenge. I invite all of you to take an active role and be the change that you wish to see at Temple Israel.

Life and Legacy: Will You Ensure Jewish Tomorrows?

Through training, support, and incentives, LIFE & LEGACY™ motivates the Jewish organizations like Temple Israel to integrate legacy giving into their philanthropic culture assuring Jewish tomorrows. Temple Israel and the Jewish Federation of Omaha Foundation's professional staff can assist in joining the other 63 Temple Israel families who have committed to create an endowed gift. Please contact Dennis DePorte with any questions or to establish your legacy. Together, we guarantee a Jewish tomorrow.



Join Us in Celebration

We would like to invite you to join with our entire Temple Israel community for a weekend of celebration honoring our Confirmation class, our graduating high-school seniors, and our beloved retiring Religious School Director Sharon Comisar-Langdon, Friday, May 3 - Sunday, May 5.

Shabbat Service

Friday, May 3, 6 p.m.

Join us for a special Shabbat service, featuring the following special moments:

- Tribute to Sharon Comisar-Langdon, who is retiring after four years as our Religious School Director.
- Presentation of the Brandon Thomas Pursuit of Passion Scholarship to Alec Feidman, son of Nancy Feidman and Ted Feidman, followed by an oneg in Brandon's memory sponsored by Elly and Bob Gordman and Andie Gordman and Dan Fitzgerald.
- Blessing for our graduating high-school seniors.
- Tribute to our outgoing OTYG board and Youth Advisor Jacob Kahn, and installation of our 2019-2020 OTYG board.

Confirmation Service & Brunch

Sunday, May 5, 10:30 a.m.

Our entire congregational community will come together to celebrate the Confirmation of our 10th graders, as they affirm their place in the Jewish community and embrace our tradition as their own. Because our high-school students are role models to our younger children, this year's Confirmation service will include our younger students as participants along with Confirmands. There will be a community brunch open to all following the service.

Passover at Temple Israel

Passover Breakfast

Saturday, April 20, 9:15 a.m.

Passover and Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 20, 10:30 a.m.

Passover Family Seder

Saturday, April 20, 6 p.m.

The Passover Seder is our treasured tradition, a beautifully complicated meal that we share with each other in order to remember our history and renew our optimism for the future. Jews around the world will recline at their tables with family and friends to actively participate in the story of our people, to recount our release from bondage in Egypt, and to eat and drink together.



You are invited to join your Temple Israel family for this meaningful holiday at our Seder. Dinner will include matzah ball soup, roast brisket, potato kugel, salad, chocolate-dipped macarons for dessert, and all the traditional favorites such as charoset, gefilte fish, and, of course, lots of matzah! This is a family-friendly event and children will be rewarded for participating in the Seder with an exciting search for the afikoman after the meal.

Reservations are required and your payment is your reservation. To reserve your seat at the table, your RSVP must be made by Friday, April 12. Cost of the dinner is \$27 for adults, \$14 for children ages 6-12, and no charge for children ages five and under. After April 12, the cost of the dinner increases to: \$37 for adults, \$24 for children 6-12.

Concluding Passover Service and Yizkor

Friday, April 26, 10:30 a.m.

If you would like to have the names of your loved ones read at the concluding service, please contact Temple Israel, 402-556-6536 or mweidner@templeisraelomaha.com, by Thursday, April 25.



Remembering Rabbi Brooks

"A few months ago, I realized it was my dad's 20th *yahrzeit* anniversary, and I thought, 'How did that happen? How could it already be 20 years?' That's a big date and I wanted to do something in his honor," said Miriam Brooks, speaking about Rabbi Sidney H. Brooks, who was Senior Rabbi at Temple Israel for 33 years until his retirement in 1985.



Miriam "Mibsy" Brooks

Rabbi Brooks will always be remembered as a pillar of Temple Israel. When he arrived in 1952, he took charge of planning for a new building. He was a steadfast leader during his career, especially after the 1975 tornado that forced the congregation to operate from five different locations. He was active in both the religious and secular worlds and had numerous accomplishments. His primary goals were children and education, and it was during his tenure that the congregation swelled in membership and the new position of Director of Education was created.

His wife, Jane, was just as active. She always volunteered her time to help those in need. She, too, worked for religious and secular causes: National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, Planned Parenthood, Eastern Nebraska Mental Health Association, National Council of Jewish Women, League of Women Voters, and many more.

Mibsy decided on a gift of \$250,000 which will be used to build a coffee bar in the Simon Community Court and provide funding for the Rabbi Sidney H. and Jane Brooks Institute on Judaism for Clergy.

"The new coffee shop will be a warm, inviting, comfortable space where our congregants can hang out, relax, or have conversation with friends while their kids play in our new Children's Nook, made possible by the Staenberg Family Anything Grant and donations in memory of Courtney Nogg. We want you to think of the

Community Court as the 'living room' of the congregation," said Rabbi Brian Stoller.

The remaining \$210,000 will go into the Temple Israel endowment fund and the income from that amount will fund Rabbi Brooks' passion project: The Rabbi Sidney H. and Jane Brooks Institute on Judaism for Clergy.

Through the Brooks Institute, Temple Israel will continue Rabbi Brooks' important work of building interfaith bridges in Omaha and beyond, educating clergy about Judaism and other faiths, and giving clergy of different faith traditions opportunities to learn from each other about how to enhance the work they do in their own congregations.

"I am very thankful to Mibsy and we are very appreciative of her generosity," said Temple Israel President Andie Gordman, who went through her Bat Mitzvah and Confirmation with Rabbi Brooks. "We also look forward to working with the Tri-Faith Initiative and our partners to reach as many clergy as possible."

"It is so moving to see how deeply and sincerely Mibsy's love for Temple Israel has remained throughout her life. Her ongoing dedication to our community is a testament to the genuine and abundant love she received from the



Rabbi Sidney H. and Jane Brooks

congregation while she was growing up and to the tremendous impact the community has had on her life."

Religious School

Thank You for Your Heartfelt Support of our Religious School!

Spring is in the air and so is our appreciation! *Toda raba* to our fabulous teachers, college assistants, madrichim, and volunteers! We pause this season to appreciate you!

Religious School Families, watch for Religious School Director Sharon Comisar-Langdon's monthly emails on Religious School event details and calendar changes. Contact Sharon for more information.

Friday, March 15	Chocolate Shabbat Featuring Kol Chokolad Grades 3-5 Kids' Choir
Sunday, March 17	No Religious School – Spring Break
Wednesday, March 20	Grades 3-6 Religious School Family School, Grades 7-12 Religious School Erev PURIM!! PreK-12 Religious School Party!! Dinner!! Service & Spiel!!
Sunday, March 24	Grades PreK-6 Religious School Madrichim Appreciation The Wonder of Water K-2 Event at Friedel Jewish Academy
Wednesday, March 27	Grades 3-6 Religious School School Dinner, Family School, Grades 7-12 Religious School Special Guest Speaker Magda Brown, "My Story of Survival"
Sunday, March 31	Grades K-6 Religious School
Wednesday, April 3	Grades 3-6 Religious School School Dinner, Family School, Grades 7-12 Religious School
Sunday, April 7	Grades PreK-6 Religious School & Temple Tots Teacher & College Assistant Appreciation
Wednesday, April 10	Grades 3-6 Religious School School Dinner, Family School, Grades 7-12 Religious School
Friday, April 12	Chocolate Shabbat Featuring Kol Chokolad Grades 3-5 Kids' Choir
Sunday, April 14	Grades K-6 Religious School & Temple Tots
Wednesday, April 17	Grades 3-6 Religious School School Dinner, Family School, Grades 7-12 Religious School
Sunday, April 21	No Religious School
Wednesday, April 24	Grades 3-6 Religious School School Dinner, Family School, Grades 7-12 Religious School

Youth & Young Adults

For more information on these youth activities, watch the eTidings or contact Youth Director Jacob Kahn, jkahn@templeisraelomaha.com or 402-556-6536.

OTYG

Clash of Cultures Program

Thursday, March 28, 6 p.m.

Spring Chavurah

April 4-7

OTYG Lock In and Elections

Friday, April 12 - Saturday, April 13

OTYG Pancake Feed featuring the Pancake Man

Sunday, April 14, 9 a.m.

Matzah Making Competition Program

Thursday, April 18, 6 p.m.

Field Day with JYG and Tri-Faith

Sunday, April 28, Noon

OTYG Installation and Celebration

Friday, May 3, 6 p.m.

JYG

JYG End of Year Program

Sunday, April 28, 2 p.m.

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Wednesday Evening Adult Education

“My Story of Survival” with Magda Brown

March 27, 6:30 p.m.

Magda, from Miskolc, Hungary, will be speaking at Temple Israel as part of the Annual Week of Understanding. After German troops occupied Budapest, Magda and her family were sent to the Auschwitz-Birkenau



concentration camp in Poland. Magda was separated from her family and they were sent directly into the gas chambers. After horrendous torture and imprisonment in Auschwitz, Magda was “selected” to be sent to a work camp. At the end of March 1945, Magda was sent on a death march to Buchenwald. Magda and several prisoners decided that they were going to attempt to escape, so they hid in a nearby barn for almost two days until two American Armed Forces discovered Magda and the other women and liberated them. After the war, Magda made contact with her aunts and uncles in the United States, who sponsored her immigration to the U.S. The Week of Understanding is made possible by The Jewish Federation of Omaha, the Institute for Holocaust Education, the Countryside Community Church Center for Faith Studies, the Sherwood Foundation, and the Shirley and Leonard Goldstein Supporting Foundation.

More Precious than Rubies: Parting Wisdom from Cantor Shermet

April 10, 6:30 p.m.

For 18 years, Cantor Shermet has learned with us, prayed with us, celebrated our simchas with us, mourned with us, and walked the path of life with us. As she prepares for her retirement this summer, join Cantor Shermet for conversations about Jewish life, our congregation, her passions and interests, and her plans for the future.

God After Auschwitz

April 17 with Rabbi Deana Sussman Berezin, 6:30 p.m.

April 24 with Rabbi Brian Stoller, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday Morning Symposium

The History of the Jewish People

The Jewish story is a rich, dynamic saga of creativity, courage, struggle, persecution, overcoming, building, and changing the world – a saga more than two millennia in the making. Over the course of the year, our clergy and a variety of prominent guest teachers will guide us on a journey through the ages, experiences, events, places, and people – from Abraham and Sarah to medieval Europe to modern America and the State of Israel – that have shaped our collective history.

The Persian Diaspora: The Story of Purim

Taught by: Cantor Wendy Shermet

March 21, 10 a.m.

Enlightenment in Western Europe

Taught by: Rabbi Deana Sussman Berezin

March 28, 10 a.m.

Antisemitism & the Dreyfus Affair

Taught by: Rabbi Steven Abraham
of Beth El Synagogue

April 4, 10 a.m.

Theodor Herzl & Political Zionism

Taught by: Rabbi Aryeh Azriel

April 11, 10 a.m.

Ahad HaAm & Cultural Zionism

Taught by: Rabbi Aryeh Azriel

April 18, 10 a.m.

The Weimar Republic & the Rise of Hitler

Taught by: Rabbi Brian Stoller

April 25, 10 a.m.

The Holocaust

Taught by: Rabbi Brian Stoller

May 2, 10 a.m.

Establishment of the State of Israel

Taught by: Rabbi Deana Sussman Berezin

May 9, 10 a.m.

Pray • Learn • Engage

Shabbat Services

Friday, April 5, 6 p.m.

Everyone celebrating a birthday or anniversary during the month of March is invited to come and receive a special blessing. During the oneg we will celebrate with a simcha cake!

L'dor V'dor Chocolate Shabbat

Friday, April 12, Dinner, 5:15 p.m., Services, 6 p.m.

Join us at Temple Israel for a multi-generational family service featuring our kids' choir, Kol Chokolad! Everyone is invited! Chocolate Shabbat starts with a community dinner, continues with Friday evening Shabbat service, followed by a delicious chocolate oneg. There is no cost for the dinner, but we do need your reservation. RSVP to Temple Israel, 402-556-6536.



Temple Tots Sunday

Sundays, April 14 & 28, 10:30 a.m.

Families with children ages 4 and under (unless enrolled in PreK) are invited to join us on Sunday for singing, stories, crafts, snacks, and learning! This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other families with young children and connect with our clergy!

No Shabbat Service

Friday, April 19

See page 6 for Passover service dates.

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Purim Party, Dinner, Service, and Speil

Wednesday, March 20

At 5 p.m., we will have a fantastic party for our Religious School students, and at 6 p.m. we invite everyone to join us as we listen, boo, and cheer



the ancient words of the megillah! Then, we have a special treat for everyone in store: the Purim Spiel! This year our very own Dani Howell has written an absolutely incredible spiel for us – Green Eggs, Hold the Ham: A Dr. Seuss Purim. It promises to be an AMAZING show and will feature the theatrical talents of our Temple Israel teens!

The Wonder of Water: Israeli Innovation for a Thirsty Planet

Sunday, March 24, 1:30 - 3 p.m.

Friedel Jewish Academy, 335 S 132nd Street
Temple Israel, PJ Library Omaha, and Friedel Jewish Academy invite children in kindergarten through second grade to learn about Israeli water innovations through fun, hands-on activities. This program is free and open to the community, but registration is required. Register online: www.surveymonkey.com/r/JBFG7DC

Temple TED Talk

Sundays, March 31 and April 28, 10:30 a.m.

Breakfast Service at the Stephen Center: Volunteers Needed

Sundays, March 31 & April 14, 9 a.m.

Volunteer sessions are good for families with teens (12+ yrs old) as well as adults. This is a great opportunity to get to make a difference in our community, and for students to fulfill volunteer hours for their b'nai mitzvah or school. We could really use your help! Visit tinyurl.com/SCenter2019 to sign up for a session.

Rosh Chodesh: M&M's Magical Mystery Tour Hosted by Mendy Halsted and Mindi Armstrong

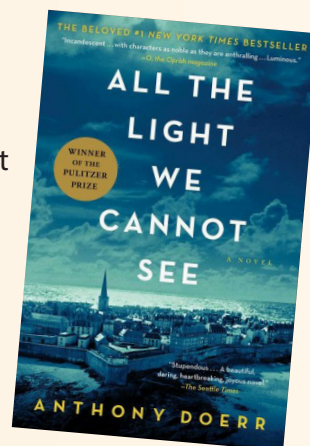
Sunday, April 7, 2 p.m.

Join us for a Magical Mystery Tour of Old Jewish Omaha by bus! This will be a great tour for newcomers who want to learn about the rich Jewish history of Omaha, those who have lived here all their lives and just want to reminisce, and everyone in between! Watch the eTidings for more details.

Book Club: "All the Light We Cannot See"

Sunday, April 14, 10:30 a.m.

From the highly acclaimed, multiple award-winning Anthony Doerr, the stunningly beautiful instant New York Times bestseller about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II.



Building Bridges through Music: A Day of Learning Honoring Debbi and Speedy Zweiback

Sunday, April 14, 2 p.m., JCC Auditorium

This event is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Omaha Foundation's Klutznick/Creighton Custodial Fund, and will feature Rabbi Josh Zweiback. Watch the eTidings for more details.

Rosh Chodesh: Behind the Scenes at the Henry Doorly Zoo Hosted by Susie Silverman and Pam DePorte

Sunday, May 5, 2 p.m.

Mark your calendars for our final Rosh Chodesh event of the 2018-19 year! More details to come!

Our Congregation

B'nai Mitzvah בני מצוה

Jordan Nogg will celebrate his bar mitzvah on March 30. He is the son of Jaime and Brian Nogg, and brother of Cory and Taylor. Jordan is a 7th grader at Westside Middle School where he is currently on the Honor Roll. Jordan plays basketball and baseball and enjoys watching comedies, hanging out with his friends, and playing video games. For his Mitzvah Project, Jordan volunteered at AllPlay (baseball complex for special needs kids), helped coach a special needs flag football team, and volunteered for flag football officiating at the Special Olympics State Games. Jordan also has a Yorkie-Poo named Frankie.



Noah Atlas will celebrate his bar mitzvah on April 13. He is the son of Stacey and Brett Atlas, and brother of Zachary and Marley. Noah is currently a 7th grader at Westside Middle School where he is an honors math student and a Duke Tip participant. He loves music, sports, and art. Noah plays tennis and also plays basketball for the Jr. Warriors. In his free time, Noah likes to play sports, hang out with friends, make songs, and spend time with family. For his Mitzvah project, Noah volunteered for the Special Olympics.



New Member

Amanda Ryan, originally from Minden, NE, moved to Omaha in 2009 to attend the University of Nebraska-Omaha. After a month into business classes, Amanda knew her real passion was religious studies. Her undergraduate career focused on the Abrahamic religions and she presented her research at a regional American Academy of Religions conference on religious diversity and welcoming in Omaha. She is currently working towards her master's degree in Sociology. Amanda joined the Tri-Faith Initiative in January 2019 as Program Director and is very driven by her career because it fuels so much of her drive for justice, which fills her sense of being and purpose. Amanda has a cat named Piper and a beta fish named Carlos Jr.



Our Congregation

לידה Birth

Mazel tov on the birth of...

Cohen Kulani Eisenberg, son of Madison Eisenberg and grandson of November and Steve Eisenberg.

אירוסין Engagement

Mazel tov on the engagement of...

Alexandra (Allie) Schrader and Alexander Lund. Parents are Kelly Schrader & the late William Schrader, and Jan and Blake Lund.

נחמה In Sympathy

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

Frederick (Fritz) S. Cassman, preceded in death by his parents, Irving and Celia Cassman; sister Claire Krasnow. Survived by wife Molline; children: Amy Friedman (Sandy), Joel Cassman, Bob Cassman (Kym); six grandchildren and one great-grandchild; relatives, friends and colleagues at the Law Firm of Abrahams Kaslow & Cassman.

Melinda Graham, survived by husband John Graham, daughter Delaney Graham, parents Jan and Steve Fischer, brother Jon Fischer (Laura) and two nieces and two nephews, aunt and uncle Corky and Jeff Bleaman, cousins David (Ilona) and two children, Stacey (Alex) Hammer and two children, uncle Michael Meiches (Dorte), many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Bernard Magid, survived by wife Carolyn Schimmel Magid, children Terren (Julie) Magid, Tucker (Cindy) Magid, Tippi (Steven) Denenberg, and Trenton Magid, and grandchildren Max, Zachary, and Leo Magid, Mackenzie, Halle, and Tanner Magid, and Daniel, Michael, Sasha, Sima, and Solomon Denenberg.

Sally Malashock, beloved wife of Dr. Edward Malashock, daughter of the late Molly and Jacob Gross, sister of the late Elmer, Gordon, and Gerald Gross; loving mother of Mark Malashock (Deborah), Jim Malashock, and Jan Egermayer; and proud grandmother of Julie (Ari Rabin-Havt), Matt and Scott Egermayer, Joshua, Joseph and John Malashock.

Edith R. Shapiro, loving mother of Charles Shapiro (Joan), Cindy Shapiro, and Doug Gibson, proud grandmother of Eric Shapiro, and Nate Shapiro (Carly).

Aalt van de Kamp, preceded in death by parents, Hendrik van de Kamp and Everdina van de Kamp-Jansen. Survived by his wife Petra van de Kamp-Poldervaart; daughter Eve-line van de Kamp-Gilissen (Mathijs), son Martin van de Kamp (Majorie) and daughter Annette van de Kamp-Wright (Jeremy); grandchildren Isabella, Jamie z"l, Mendel and Sem.

Weekly Donations

December 24-30

Cantor Shermet Discretionary Fund

Miles Remer in Memory of Ronald Brodkey
and Frances "Chickie" Gilinsky
Rosalie and Ernest Saltzman in Memory of
Ronald Brodkey and Judy Siref

Caring Fund

Judi and David Goldstein in Memory of Frances
"Chickie" Gilinsky and Beverly Seldin
Ronna Kaplan in Memory of Judy Siref
Marilyn Warren in Memory of Ronald Brodkey
Terri and Dickie Zacharia in Memory of Frances
"Chickie" Gilinsky and Betty Rubin

Education Fund

Molline and Fritz Cassman in Memory of Ronald
Brodkey and Frances "Chickie" Gilinsky
Judi and David Goldstein in Memory of
Ronald Brodkey
Barbara and Larry Zacharia in Memory of Ronald
Brodkey, Sylvia Davis and Judy Siref
Terri and Dickie Zacharia in Memory of Ronald
Brodkey and Judy Siref

Endowment Fund

Jill and Mike Erman in Memory of Jane M. Diesen
Kay and John Goldner in Memory of Frances
"Chickie" Gilinsky
Debbie and Larry Josephson in Memory of
Marci Brookstein Mainus
Suzi and Mike Mogil in Memory of Ronald Brodkey
Sarah and Ted Seldin in Memory of Beverly Seldin
Sissy Silber in Memory of Louis H. Katelman,
Betty Rubin and Beverly Seldin
Roberta and Larry Trochtenberg in Memory of
Ronald Brodkey
Gail and Irv Veitzer in Memory of Frances "Chickie"
Gilinsky and Betty Rubin
Helen and Clinton Weber in Memory of Betty Rubin

Executive Director Discretionary Fund

Kelly and Brett Detlefsen and Kathleen and Don
Wittler in Memory of Marci Brookstein Mainus

Joanie and Marty Lehr

Presidential Discretionary Fund

Judi and David Goldstein in Honor of
Joanie Lehr's Recovery
Joanie Lehr, Sandy and John Lehr in Memory of
Ronald Brodkey

Landscape Fund

Anne, Alan, Marty and Cathy Cohen in Memory of
Ronald Brodkey and Javad Zakili Zadeh
Judi and David Goldstein in Memory of
Jane M. Diesen

Music Fund

Judy and Keith Josephson in Memory of
Ronald Brodkey

Rabbi Berezin Discretionary Fund

Susie and Jim Silverman in Memory of Ronald
Brodkey and Judy Siref

Rabbi Stoller Discretionary Fund

Sandy and Paul Epstein in Memory of Ronald
Brodkey, Frances "Chickie" Gilinsky and
Marci Brookstein Mainus
Janice and Mel Snyder in Memory of Judy Siref

Temple Israel Youth Group Fund

Wendy and Todd Manvitz in Memory of
Marci Brookstein Mainus
Charney Rosinsky in Memory of Ronald Brodkey
and Frances "Chickie" Gilinsky
Geoff Silverstein and Family in Honor of
Noemi Gilbert's Bat Mitzvah

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Office Manager Misty Weidner



Meet a Board Member

As a way for you to get to know our Board of Trustees, every Tidings we will focus on one or two members so you can learn more about them!

What is your occupation? I am a Sensory Scientist with Conagra Brands. I have been with the company for 23 years, starting in California and relocating to Omaha 13 years ago.

What is your connection to Temple Israel? My family moved here from Southern California in 2006 and we became members soon after. My two daughters had their b'not mitzvah at Temple Israel, my older daughter was part of the 2017 confirmation class, and many of the families we have met through Religious School have become part of our extended family.

What are you passionate about? I am passionate about community development, youth involvement, and spending time with family. When my children first joined Religious School, my husband and I began attending Wednesday night adult learning/family school along with them. My children have become madrichim for younger Religious School grades, my younger daughter serves on the OTYG board, and our whole family still attends Wednesday night high school/adult learning together. I am also active on the Youth Committee, Religious School Steering Committee, and Educator Search Committee as part of my commitment to youth involvement.

Why did you decide to join the Temple Israel Board of Trustees? After serving on several committees, I was asked to join the Board of Trustees as Liaison to the Religious School Steering Committee. I wanted to be more involved in Temple Israel activities, particularly those that will help expand youth involvement in our community.



Denise Blake