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Being Jewish on the Street: A Summertime Challenge

"Recite these words [of the Shema] when you sit at home, and when you walk by the way."

— *The V'ahavta Prayer*

It's summertime, and God willing, the living is easy for us all. The weather is warm, the skies are blue, and, for many of us, the tumult of our wintertime schedules has calmed to a more relaxed and enjoyable pace.

As we enjoy the relative quiet of our summertime lives, you might just happen to open our *siddur* (prayerbook). And if you do, you might just happen to open to the page containing the *V'ahavta* prayer, telling us to recite the words of the *Shema* both when we're at home and also when we're out and about.

We read those words all the time, of course. They're included during almost every service that we have here at Temple. But how often do we really stop and think about what those words say? We're supposed to say the *Shema* – and, by extension, we're supposed to be *Jewish* – both in the privacy of our own homes, and also when we're out in public: at work, shopping, going to the doctor's office.

If you think about it, that one line in the *V'ahavta* might sound almost like a throwaway, but, taken seriously, it's a gigantic challenge. Be Jewish – always. Don't reserve your Judaism just for private times like when you're at home or at Temple, but also be Jewish when you're out in the world. Even and especially if that world is a largely non-Jewish one.

We tend to be pretty good being Jewish "when we sit in our homes." We light Shabbat candles, we talk about Jewish topics, we read Jewish books, and we surf our way over to Jewish websites with great ease. But being Jewish when we're at work or in the store or at the doctor's tends to be more difficult. Not only are we sometimes afraid to stand out, but it can also be difficult to figure out just what it means to be Jewish in those places.

How can we shop Jewishly? Maybe we can do so by making sure that our purchasing decisions affirm our Jewish values—that we purchase products made by companies who treat their workers well, and protect our environment, and support the causes we as Jews feel should be supported. Maybe we can do so by giving to the charitable causes we're asked to support when we check out at the cash register. Maybe we can do so simply by being kind to the cashier. How can we work Jewishly? Maybe by choosing a job that makes the world a good place and helps fulfill our tradition's vision of a better world. Maybe by asking ourselves whether we think we're doing the kind of work God would want us to do. Maybe by simply doing what we can to be kind and compassionate at every turn during our workday.

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Here at Temple B'nai Tikvah, just like at most synagogues, our programming schedule tends to slow down during the summer, but that doesn't mean that you get a break from being Jewish. Instead, be Jewish as you hike in the mountains. Be Jewish when you go to work each day. Be Jewish when you travel with your family. In short, be Jewish not only at home, but when you walk by the way, too.

It's summertime, but come to think of it, the living probably *shouldn't* be easy. As Jews, we've got too much work to do – there are *mitzvot* waiting to be performed, a society waiting to be repaired, a world waiting to be uplifted. Enjoy your summer, of course, but as you do, make sure to be Jewish during every possible moment. Given the state of things now, I have a feeling that God will settle for nothing less.

MUSIC NOTES

KATIE BAKER

Eric and I have been overwhelmed by the warmth, kindness and generosity of our congregation as we prepare to welcome our twins. Thank you all so much.

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions:

- Of course there will be music while I am on maternity leave! Our many talented musicians: Norm Yanofsky, Deb Finkleman, Katherine Pickering, Steve Eichler and the talented Shabbat Shiraz Band will continue in their usual roles, and fill in the gaps.

- We are delighted to welcome Dr. Rachel Brager Goldenberg as our guest cantorial soloist for the Days of Awe this year. Rachel and I went through Temple's Sunday school together (back in the days before Shabbat School), and sang with each other in many choirs through our school years before she went off to study voice in university.

- If you know how to chant haftarah, and would be willing to do a few verses on a Saturday during my maternity leave, please email me at music@bnaitikvah.ca

- I will be tutoring B'nai Mitzvah students in the fall.

- The sproggim (aka our twins) are already looking forward to coming to services to say hi to everyone.

You will be receiving the Grocery Card order form soon, or perhaps you already have. Here's why we ask you to pay attention to it:

- You will *love* supporting Temple in a way that does not cost you a dime (the money comes from the stores where we buy the gift cards)
- You will *love* ensuring that Temple has enough money to continue all its wonderful programming

We want to make it easy for you. So far, only two individuals have told us that picking up the cards is an obstacle for them. Please tell us if you want to participate but need help picking up the cards. We will make it happen for you.

Some other details to help you understand the program:

- The new order form begins with the month of October, but you can buy cards over this summer. Just contact me, or the office.
- You don't have to pay with postdated cheques. You can also pay with cash, e-transfer, or credit card. (Credit cards are our least-favourite choice only because their fees cut into our profit.)
- The cards can be used for groceries at Safeway, IGA, Sobeys, and Co-op. They also can be used for gas at Co-op.
- You can still collect AirMiles from your purchases at Safeway/IGA/Sobeys.

The goal of this program is to cover Temple's programming and offset any annual deficit. The larger our purchase, the higher the rate we receive from the grocery stores: the range is 4 – 8%. We currently bring in about \$7,000/year.

If just 1/3 of the congregation bought \$200/month, we would triple our income from this program. Please be one of the 1/3!

Bonnie Kaplan, bonniejoykaplan@gmail.com, 403-245-0568

LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

TODAH RABAH FOR ONEG SPONSORSHIP

- Roz Mendelson in memory of her mother Madeline Mendelson
- Elaine & Jerry Hashman in memory of Jerry's father, Ike Hashman
- Christy & Andrew Turkish in memory of Andrew's father, Steven Turkish

MAZEL TOV

- Rabbi Mark and Dr. Caron Glickman on the arrival of their first grandchild
- Elly and Paul Sherman on your 60th Anniversary

CONDOLENCES

- Debbie Baylin and Family on the loss of their mother and grandmother, Doris Small
- Anne Goresht, Fran Goresht on the loss of their husband and father, Sam Goresht
- Sharon Cohen and her sons on the loss of their husband and father, Leon Cohen
- The Switzer family on the loss of Sam Switzer

HEALING PRAYERS

Harvey Balakofsky, Allan Bambury, Sherry Bambury, Debbie Bosomworth, Elaine Bruce-Haynes, Julia Cornester, Randall Craig, Bob Dudder, Debi Dudder, Sharon Dudder, Shirley Dunn, Eva Epstein, Alek Eybelman, Marcia Goodman-Taylor, Dr. Phil Gordon, Eric Grief, Lee Handy, Alan Hastings, Jennifer Herrell, Mona Joffe, Ruben Kaufman, Mieko Kawano, Rob Kirkman, Ross Kobayashi, Phyllis Krygier, Reinhold Kuehne, Brigitte Kuehne, Trisha McKinney, Israel Lachovski, Roz Mendelson, Phil Rubin, Norma Sautman, Bev Sheckter, Sofia Slovatek, Lorraine Spector, Barry Steinfeld, Peter Walker

JOB POSTING: INTERIM EDUCATOR

Temple B'nai Tikvah seeks an Interim Educator with primary responsibility as principal for our Shabbat School.

The Interim Educator will report to the rabbi, and will be eligible to apply for the permanent position when it is advertised.

Qualifications: We place highest priority on the ability to administer a thriving Reform Jewish synagogue educational program. We seek a self-motivated, proactive individual with the ability to work well independently and in partnership with the rabbi, Temple leadership and staff, and with the Shabbat School, teachers, students and the parent committee. Excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to work well as part of a team are critical for success. The ideal candidate will be both a leader who can implement first-rate religious school programs, and an administrator who can effectively manage both people and projects.

Further information and the job description are available at: templebnaitikvah.org/job-opportunity

To apply, submit a letter of application, resume, and the names and contact information of three references to search@bnaitikvah.ca by July 13, 2018.

Yahrzeits

		TO BE READ ON JULY 6		
Yakov John Adelman	David Freiman	Louis Korman	Saul Rosenbaum	Judith Borenstein
Stella Goldstein	Henry Krygier	Raymond Singer	Sam Eichler	Edward Grobman
Bronya Logvinskaya	William Staum	Max Eisenstadt	Harry Karlinsky	Lazarus Palnick
Rose Winograd	Diane Freedman			
		TO BE READ ON JULY 13		
David Berkovits	Ike Hashman	Ruth Carnat	Harold Hutchinson	Juana Cudsko de Asrilian
Bertha Levin				
		TO BE READ ON JULY 20		
Jean Lower	Sam Cramer	Richard Light	Avrum Rotbart	Abraham (Art) Bleviss
Dora Finkelman	Gary Lutz	Adolph Schacter	Morris Calman	Emily Finkleman
Morry Rogers	Morley Wachnow	Toby Conn		
		TO BE READ ON JULY 27		
Florence Abrams	Florence Elman	Pam Robins	Rose Silberberg	Harry Baecker
Evelyn Frankel	Frank Rosenthal	Gella Bing-Weihs	Benek Herman	Roseline Van Wilde Rode
Elayne Schecter	H Pauline Wallace	Jakob Boguslawski	Karen Philip	Maurice Selby
		TO BE READ ON AUGUST 3		
Molly Aron	Dr. Marc Francoeur	Symie Maslove	Ruth Rosengarten	Abraham Drabinsky
Betty Gorrin	Bertha Nemerovsky	Pearl Schwartz	Philip Ereshefsky	Bea Kahn
Phyllis Rackow	Pauline Smolkin			
		TO BE READ ON AUGUST 10		
Ethel Baker	Gerry Goodman	Adelle Rubin	Bertha Devins	Richard Edwyn Stanleigh
Iser Maslove	Hyman Schwartz	Dora Florence	Boris Men	Augusta (Goldie) Steinberg
		TO BE READ ON AUGUST 17		
Rachel Boguslawski	Dora Freiman-Ptak	Joseph Loomer	Sam Palnick	Morris Carnat
Harry Kreitzer	Ben Zion Medjuck	Sylvia Staum	Gloria Chappel	Neil Livergant
Cesia Mowszowicz	Norma Wise	Susan Frankel		
		TO BE READ ON AUGUST 24		
Jack Bleviss	Max Lakritz	Albert Orpen	Lena Rose Schwartz	Anne Frank
Maurice Levine	Ted Riback	Kurt Sonnenschein	Steve Hyman	Sol Markovich
		TO BE READ ON AUGUST 31		
Janna Agema	Jerry Greif	Yakov Leiserowicz	Freda Sautman	Michael Andersen
Abraham Kahanoff	Zeesel Leiserowicz	Rose Shannon	Sylvia Ashkin	Harry Knelman
Phyllis Paul	Simon Smolensky	Edythe Goldie Barsky	David Leiserowicz	Esther Robins
Matthew Stein	Gertie Belkin	Esther Leiserowicz	Michael Roitman	Betty Switzer
Sandra Faber	Golda Leiserowicz	Max Ross	Henry Switzer	

CARING COMMUNITY: SUMMER IS A TIME TO SOCIALIZE

SUSAN KLASSAN, COMMITTEE CHAIR

I would like to send my thanks to all the volunteers who took on tasks throughout the year, to respond to the quiet needs of some of our members. I appreciate all your caring responses, ad hoc or ongoing that helped us reach out to some of our members that we might not have otherwise been able to contact. Some of us were able to meet in the kitchen on a regular basis; others to talk on phone or through email and make our plans of action.

Just in time for summer, we made a refreshing Gazpacho soup in our monthly cooking group. Thanks to Nancy and Nadine for coming out in June for that one. Who knew that it freezes so well? We look forward to continuing to cook on a monthly basis again next year. It was great to have that regular date set and be able to plan ahead. However, there has been some talk of trying to change the day from a Sunday evening (I understand that sentiment!). Scheduling will depend on people's availability during the week, of course, and when the kitchen isn't booked for other events. Nonetheless, we will have our regular session on the first Sunday in August. Because that looks like it's the long weekend, it might be a thin crowd. If you like elbow room when you're cooking, and want to be involved with that cooking bee, please contact Susan at susanklassen@icloud.com.

Early in the fall we will be planning some learning opportunities for our volunteers. The themes will be related to being a companion and communication skills enhancement in that regard. Please stay tuned for details about those offerings projected for October.

As always, we are thrilled to have you join us in our effort to keep in touch with, (calling, visiting, or delivering to) our more home-bound members. Daytime availability is a bonus, but we can find you meaningful tasks, that fit your schedule too. Please don't hesitate to join us if you would like to become more involved. On the other hand, if you know a member who would enjoy a call or visit, please call the office to let Lana know and she will pass on that to the Caring Community Chair and/or the Rabbi.

CALGARY PRIDE: PARADE AND SHABBAT DINNER

Temple B'nai Tikvah is delighted to participate in the Calgary Pride Parade on **Sunday September 2, 2018**. We are looking for someone to work with us on the organizing committee. If you're interested, please contact Ayala Roudstein at aroudstein@gmail.com or Nadine Drexler at n.drexler@shaw.ca.

In honour of the event, Temple will also be hosting a Pride Shabbat Dinner on **Friday, August 31**.

We hope that you will mark these dates on your calendar. Watch the e-blasts for further details.

A SUCCESS STORY, WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS

NADINE DREXLER



PHOTO BY HELEN PIKE / STARMETRO

As many of you know, Temple, along with Friends Church and Living Spirit United Church, helped to sponsor and support a Syrian refugee family who arrived in Calgary two years ago. They left their beloved war torn Aleppo behind, spent seven months in a refugee camp in Lebanon, then arrived in Calgary with very few possessions and almost no English.

Adel and Hiyam, the parents, took ESL classes and eventually both got part-time jobs (because full-time was never available to them), often going to school and working on the same day. The children integrated into the public school system. Mohammad, at six years old, fit in perfectly. For the three girls, Wiaan in grade 5, Nagham in grade 8 and Riham in grade 11, school was very hard work. They have all come so far and the older girls are now looking to careers.

This spring, the Ghanam family has taken business matters into their own hands and have started SHAHBA SHAWARMA, a food truck. On June 24, the Temple/Church community was able to indulge, first-hand, as the truck was parked in front of our Temple. A most delicious meal was enjoyed. In the winter months, the Ghanam's plan is to provide catering services. We heartily encourage our members to patronize this amazing endeavour.



“THE BRACHAH AND BANJO BOYS”: SHABBAT MORNING

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RON BING

Left: Rabbi Glickman leads the Shabbat morning service at the AgeCare Glenmore (formerly known as the Beverly Centre).

Right: Jerry Hashman on his banjo entertains the seniors following the service.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



BETSY JAMESON

I began my first *Kol Tikvah* column with the obvious—“Temple B’nai Tikvah stands at the threshold of transition.” That’s equally true today. Two years ago we prepared to welcome Rabbi Glickman and wished Steve Eichler a well-deserved rest. By the time you read this, I will be a past president, and we will have welcomed Cynthia Simmons to her second (!) term, having already been president in 1999-2000.

This present transition leads me to reflect on what’s changed in two years. Most importantly, we’ve transitioned to a new rabbi. Having worked closely with Rabbi Mark Glickman, I know that we hired the right guy. I have learned from him; relished his wisdom, humour, compassion, and integrity; and appreciated his determination to get to know our congregation and Canada. He has led us to develop new programs for Temple youth, to expand the part-time position of Educator and create the new position of Music Director. Jenny Laing and Katie Baker have brought their unique energies to these positions; I’m deeply grateful. More transitions lie ahead, as we hire a new Educator and as Katie takes a short maternity leave.

Some changes may be less obvious. We’ve attracted new leaders to the Board of Trustees and succession to key leadership positions is assured. Two years ago I set a simple goal: all our committee chairs should have committees, to insure succession and to share the work. We’ve been blessed with new initiatives and energy on key committees like Caring Community, Adult Education, Ways and Means and Social Action. Norm Yanofsky has led an intrepid group revising our outdated Temple constitution. In the coming year, proposed revisions will go to the Board and then to next year’s AGM. Another committee is recommending priorities to maintain our building and insure that it is safe and accessible. Thanks to all these volunteers who chart our way forward.

Next April we’ll celebrate another milestone, as Temple turns 40. Like the 40 days of Noah’s flood, the 40 days Moses spent on Mt. Sinai, and our 40 years in the wilderness, our 40th anniversary brings us to the brink of new promise. Please mark April 27, 2019 on your calendar and plan to attend our 40th anniversary celebration. Stay tuned for details!

I remain a hopeful realist, anticipating the unimagined challenges and promises that lie ahead. All Temple presidents worry about two things: engagement and money. Alberta’s economy remains challenging for many Temple members. We must never let money bar anyone from Temple membership. So those of us who have more need to give more. Most of all, we need each member to engage in whatever ways most move you—through worship, education, *tikkun olam*, or volunteering. It takes each of us to make our Jewish community.

In closing, I want thank a lot of people: our wonderful Temple staff, the Board, all the parents who trust us with your kids, all our magnificent volunteers. I thank my family for their support. Most of all, I thank each of you for your trust. It’s been an honour and a joy.

SUMMER BREAK FOR TORAH ‘N JAVA

Torah ‘n Java is taking a hiatus for the summer months. We will be returning after the Labour Day weekend. Please watch the email blasts for more information about exact dates and times.

Happy Summer to all!

DONATIONS

TO	FROM	OCCASION
BROWN BAGGING FOR CALGARY'S KIDS		
Freida & David Ross	Gloria & Stephen Ross	Condolences
BUILDING FUND		
Debbie, Steve & Melissa Baylin	Leslie Handy	Condolences
Debbie Baylin	David & Roslyn Mendelson	Condolences
Ron & Kathy Jacob	Jane Paterson	In memory of Karen Gabrielow
Roz Mendelson	Jane Paterson	Get well soon
Temple	Paul Ziff	In memory of Lewis Ziff
Debbie Baylin	Norm & Marlene Yanofsky	Condolences
Ron Jacob	Norm & Marlene Yanofsky	Condolences
Betsy Jameson	Norm & Marlene Yanofsky	Mazel Tov
Cynthia Simmons	Norm & Marlene Yanofsky	Mazel Tov
Sharon Cohen	Jim Curran	Condolences
Anne Goresht & Family	Shirley & Al Chafetz	Condolences
Temple	Molly Ross	In memory of Hector Ross
Anne Goresht & Family	Reva Faber	Condolences
Warren & Coral Cohen & amily	Reva Faber	Condolences
Anne Goresht & Family	Fran Viner	Condolences
Sharon Cohen & Sons	Fran Viner	Condolences
Anne Goresht & Family	Carole Stoffman	Condolences
DANIEL ARATO FUND		
Debbie Baylin & Family	Judith & Peter Arato	Condolences
Elly & Paul Sherman	Judith & Peter Arato	Mazel Tov on your 60th Anniversary!
Judith & Peter Arato	Rayna & Harvey Rabin	In memory of Daniel Arato
GENERAL OPERATING FUND		
Debbie Baylin	Bonnie Kaplan & Richard Conte	Condolences
Sandy Mann & Family	David & Roslyn Mendelson	Condolences
Danny & Roz Oppenheim	David & Roslyn Mendelson	Mazel Tov
Debbie Baylin	Steve Eichler & Tracey Rumig	Condolences
Debbie, Steve & Melissa Baylin	Judy Bing	Condolences
Len & Paula Lesser	Judy Bing	Condolences
Judy Shapiro	Judy Bing	Mazel Tov
Debbie Baylin & Family	Marg Semel & Adam Singer	Condolences
Temple	Lionel Conn	In memory of Esther Conn
Warren & Coral Cohen	Jeremy Yanofsky	Condolences
Debbie Baylin & Family	Betsy Jameson	Condolences
Anne Goresht & Family	Betsy Jameson	Condolences
Sharon Cohen & Family	Betsy Jameson	Condolences
Rabbi Mark & Caron Glickman	Betsy Jameson	Mazel Tov
KIDDUSH FUND		
Ruth Jaliff & Ariel Doiny	Jane Paterson	Mazel Tov on Tamara's Bat Mitzvah
Debbie Baylin	Morris Bleviss	Condolences
RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND		
Rabbi Mark & Caron Glickman	Steve Eichler & Tracey Rumig	Mazel Tov
Rabbi Mark & Caron Glickman	Steve Eichler & Tracey Rumig	Happy birthday!
Rabbi Mark & Caron Glickman	Carol Stoffman	Mazel Tov

Rabbi Mark & Caron Glickman	Jane Paterson	Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson!
Temple	Hartley & Nadine Waldman	In memory of Mel Waldman
Anne Goresht	Alex Osten	Condolences
Rabbi Mark & Caron Glickman	Elaine & Jerry Hashman	Mazel Tov
Darlene Spevakow & Family	Jerry & Judith Spevakow	Condolences
Sharon Cohen & Family	Jerry & Judith Spevakow	Condolences
Debbie Baylin & Family	Susan & Myron Podlog	Condolences
Sharon Cohen & Family	Susan & Myron Podlog	Condolences
SMOLKIN MEMORIAL WALL FUND		
Temple	Len Himelfarb	In memory of Vera Himelfarb
Sharon Cohen	Len Himelfarb	Condolences
Fran Goresht & Jay Barsky	Debbie & Barry Smolkin	Condolences
Sharon Cohen	Debbie & Barry Smolkin	Condolences
Michele Rachtman-Smolkin	Debbie & Barry Smolkin	Condolences
SOCIAL ACTION FUND		
Debbie Baylin & Family	Carol Stoffman	Condolences
Debbie, Steve & Melissa Baylin	Jane Paterson	Condolences
Sandy Mann & Brian McIntosh	Jane Paterson	Condolences
Temple	Nadine Drexler	In memory of Benjamin Gelfond

2018 AGM COMMITTEE REPORTS

NEW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE AT THE AGM

CYNTHIA SIMMONS

Here it is, a new Temple year and a newish President.

I have been asked, and teased, by many in our congregation about why I would agree to take on the role of Temple President once again – the last time was in 1999. My joking responses include: 1) the high salary and benefits, 2) my need for the meditative practice of long distance driving, or 3) the desire to save the Temple money by reusing my old presidential photo. Well, last I checked – and I have been Treasurer – the position does not come with financial remuneration (salary), the drive from outside Cochrane is a pain especially in the dark and cold of winter, and in spite of my begging I fully expect a new photo will be installed.

No, the honest answer is that I said yes to the request to take on the role of President again because this organization is important and I want to help it to flourish. I am far from perfect – a bit of a shy accountant – but I have watched Temple thrive over the years through the actions of all of our members, some shy and some outgoing. I tell myself I should be just fine.

At over 300 member families Temple B'nai Tikvah does wonderful things. We are a strong and active community. We celebrate the birth of new children with blessings and singing. We look on with pride as these children learn what it means to be a Jew in today's world and take on adult responsibilities. We laugh at our pregnant "virgin" Esther (Katie) performing at the Purim Spiel while a blizzard is blowing outside. We visit and bring soup when members are sick or in need of a friend. We stand together at the gravesite when those we love pass on.

I have been told that the new president's speech at the AGM is the time to clarify "my vision for Temple" and "what am I going to do to implement that vision." My vision for Temple is that we become a flourishing congregation of Reform Jews in Western Canada. We will come together as a community to share laughter, to experience spiritual insight, to touch the arm of someone in need of comfort. But you see, as an old retired accounting professor I cannot make this happen alone. I simply get too tired. And, importantly, one person does not a community make. So I alone cannot manifest this vision, but **we** can.

Wait a minute... we already are. We are already the kind of congregation I envision, which is why I am so proud to be a part of it. My hope is simply that we continue to grow, sharing what makes us special with current and future members.

As president I will be here often contributing my efforts to the good work and energy already here. I will work with you to grow this congregation and to secure its financial future (sorry the accountant slipped in).

We are, and we will continue to be, a gathering place of friends and spiritual seekers - a community coming together in "interesting times". We are B'nai Tikvah, the Children of Hope, and I hope to help to grow and maintain our vibrancy over the next two years and into the future.

ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

BY REBECCA KREL AND JENNIFER EISERMAN, COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Adult Education has had a very successful year in 2017-2018. A variety of programs were offered, some by Rabbi Glickman and Katie Baker, and some by community members.

Programs offered by Rabbi Glickman and Katie Baker included:

- Introduction to Judaism in the fall/winter.
- Guest speakers such as Sari Shernofsky (presentation on end of life).
- Adult B'nai Mitzvah (which turned into B'not Mitzvah as all participants are female), ongoing, culminating in the Shabbat service on October 20, 2018.

Programs organized by the Adult Education Committee included:

- Torah 'n Java on Saturday mornings before services (originally from 9:30 to 10:30, then changed to 9:45-10:30 to allow for participation in Yoga Shmoga from 9:00 to 9:45); these informal Torah study sessions are open to everyone and we regularly have half a dozen attendees.
- Two arts exhibits of works by Betzalel Arts members, including: Awe, exploring themes associated with Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur during the Days of Awe in September, 2017; and Defense, and exhibition of large scale portraits by Anna Pederson picturing four IDF members set in varying landscapes in Israel.
- Lunch and Learn sessions (every 6 weeks or so) on a variety of topics, from Klezmer Music to Feminism and Art History; these are weekday sessions. Attendance varied from 3 to over 20 depending on the topic. Thanks are given to the presenters: Dr. Donald Smith; Frank Rackow; Rabbi Glickman; Dr. Kenneth Brown; Dr. Elizabeth Jameson; Susan Klassen and Brian Kelsey.
- A Charoset tasting session: very well attended and appreciated.

Plans for next year include:

- Continuing Lunch and Learn sessions
- Evening lectures
- Continuing Torah 'n Java sessions
- Exhibitions in collaboration with Betzalel Arts, including a Days of Awe exhibition in September.
- More Jewish Food sessions
- Some additional surprises

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

JAY PALTER, COMMITTEE CHAIR

The communications committee undertook the following projects this year:

1. *Kol Tikvah* was compiled and designed for layout on a monthly basis thanks to the tireless efforts of a group of volunteers, led by Monica Lis, Katherine Pickering and Marsha Levy, and including numerous volunteer readers and editors.
2. The Facebook page was regularly updated through the year by Susan Rubin.
3. The website was redesigned, maintained and updated through the year by Jay Palter. Traffic to the web site was moderately higher (7.47%) in the current year, compared to the past year.
4. Planning was undertaken for the creation of a Temple promotional video with the assistance of Nadine Levinstein Rodriguez, however, the project was halted as we were unable to secure the required equipment to complete the project. We are seeking a volunteer videographer and video production support for this project which we can, hopefully, continue to pursue in 2018-19.
5. Weekly email blasts continued to be sent to the congregation on Wednesdays by the office administrator. These emails typically are opened by approximately 50% of the recipients and have click rates of less than 5%.
6. A weekly video greeting was initiated by Rabbi Glickman and the new office administrator, Lana. This is a great complement to the written communications coming from the administration to the membership. Open rates on the video messages are approximately 50%, however the click rate is consistently around 25%. In other words, these video messages are getting considerably higher engagement, at least initially, than the text-based email blasts.
7. A fundraising brochure was designed and layout is ready for final printing.

CARING COMMITTEE REPORT

SUSAN KLASSEN, COMMITTEE CHAIR

1. Building a volunteer base

I asked new volunteers to describe in which capacity they wanted to contribute by suggesting the following three task groups: Visiting; Calling; and Driving/Delivering. A fourth working group emerged: the Cooking group. Then another strand appeared, people who like to bake, but desired anonymity. Some retirees were happy to make deliveries, so we recruited a driver when home baking came our way. We coordinated delivery of soup or baked goods, to several members in recovery at home. At times throughout the year as ad hoc visits and projects came up, the “one-time” nature of the commitment attracted a few more volunteers as well. We gained their participation by sheer word of mouth and a direct request.

The number of volunteers we originally drew in the fall was similar to the year before, however, I feel that retention was better this year. We did experience a slight growth of volunteers over the course of the year.

2. Focus of our Attention

We aimed to keep a narrow focus, reaching out to our members who are either shut in seniors, or home in recovery from surgery. I feel that was sufficient for our size and numbers this year. It allowed us to realize a sense of accomplishment while cognizant that we did not respond to all the members that we might have.

3. Referral Procedures

It was helpful to liaise with our own volunteers and Temple staff and use those networks to try to keep abreast of those who might like a phone call or appreciate a visit. We used the *Mi Sheberach* list as a starting point. We also received calls directly from Rabbi Glickman or Danny Oppenheim, referring a member to our attention. Sari Shernofsky made a wonderful suggestion for us to deliver baskets at Purim, and that project really was directed to our members we considered shut-in seniors.

4. Results

By spring we had connected with many members through our joint efforts. We received a couple of thank you cards in the mail. There were also some donations directed to our committee. Those actions speak to the growing awareness of our group. I had made deliberate awareness-building efforts, too, by writing announcements and articles in *Kol Tikvah* several times this year and had one significant fan-out Email blast (announcing the cooking group concept and inviting cooks). Sari Shernofsky gave us mention in her sermon in April, and she directed some new volunteers our way as well.

5. Summary

I am proud to report that many members came forward to pitch in for little tasks here and there, and several more were constant and regular in their participation. I appreciated a volunteer’s candor about her comfort level phoning someone she didn’t know or even know much about. We learned a lot about each other, what we are able to accomplish, what we require to build our own confidence. A phone script, and careful wording suggested by the Rabbi are a couple examples. It was important to keep in touch with each other as a group. Regular feedback and informal reporting was appreciated in both directions, from me to volunteers and back to me as coordinator. Other than gathering to cook together and make distribution plans at those times, most of our internal organization was carried out by email. The Rabbi was always close by, just a phone call or email away. He provided guidance and helpful suggestions whenever needed. Even though requests come unpredictably, I tried to create limits and some structure to maintain our effectiveness.

6. Plans for next year

Next year, we plan to offer some more skills training for ourselves, and new volunteers so they can be confident in their communication skills and knowing they will be perceived as respectful. Some topics that may be offered include self-care routines (for care-givers) and communication tips when visiting older adults who may have sensory impairments and/or memory loss. We have professional resources to draw from internally (our rabbi, and Jewish Federation chaplain), as well as local community resources (chaplains, Long Term Care facility volunteer training programs). I will continue to try to recruit diverse volunteers, and target a wide age range, as appropriate.



RITUAL COMMITTEE REPORT

MARK PAIDRA, COMMITTEE CHAIR

The Ritual Committee carried on this year with the conspicuous absence of Norm Yanofsky, who was committee chair for many years. Many thanks to Norm for his advice and guidance.

The main issue the committee tackled this past year was that of Friday service start times. We experimented with 7:30 p.m. for one service per month, and after several months evaluated the attendance and feedback. Attendance did not seem to suffer with the earlier time, and the feedback was generally positive. As of the beginning of this month, all Friday services begin at 7:30 p.m. For Shabbat Shiraz this means that the tipping begins at 7:30 p.m., with the service proper at 8:00 p.m.

We continued with the mid-week minyan for a couple of months, but very light attendance led us to discontinue this. I believe there is merit to having such a service, particularly when mourners would like to say Kaddish for a recently departed family member. This service is also a wonderful place for people to try out service leadership in a small, friendly setting. I would appreciate hearing your views on this service.

On the agenda for this year will be a review of the family service on the first Friday of the month. We will consider what age group the service is intended for, and how it meets that need. We need to appeal to children while still giving the very young something fun and engaging. We are considering developing some new materials for this service.

One very practical task that we will be doing this year is to inventory and organize our ritual materials, such as silver, trays, Havdalah sets and the like. I would also like to arrange some training so more people are comfortable being the hagbah. Hoisting the text for all to see is an important ritual element, but also a role that is fraught with fear if you haven't done it before. As with most things, practice makes perfect!

This past December I had the good fortune to attend the Biennial Convention of the URJ in Boston. The highlight was probably the tour of Fenway Park (even for a Jays fan), but there were many close seconds, among them a talk by Professor and Rabbi Lawrence Hoffman entitled "Freud, Ritual and God: Making Sense of Modern Prayer". This got me thinking beyond nuts and bolts issues such as service times and candle sticks. What is the role of ritual in creating meaning in our services? How do we engage in public prayer that is transformative? I know these are not simple questions, but if we do not ask them our worship will, inevitably, stagnate. I have recently obtained a copy of Professor Hoffman's book *The Art of Public Prayer*, and have added it to my summer reading pile. I hope that next year the committee can, in consultation with Rabbi Glickman, start exploring these concepts. I know that for many, the concept of ritual seems archaic and empty. I take the view that ritual, carefully crafted, provides the space within which our individual thoughts and feelings can take wing and ascend collectively to new and profound heights.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with your thoughts and feedback at mpaidra@gmail.com. If you are interested in becoming involved with the Ritual Committee, we can find a place for you.



Yaara Eilon-Avigdor, Doron Avigdor, and Steve Eichler with their Outstanding Service awards at the June 20 AGM.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

TRACEY RUMIG, COMMITTEE CHAIR

I am happy to report that Temple membership increased this year over last and even surpassed our budgeted number! Although, coming onto the Membership committee mid-stream means I am not really able to speak to reasons for the increase, the new memberships I have seen were due to Rabbi Glickman's efforts with respect to his conversion class as well as the Executive Director's effort to communicate with members and potential members and ensure they feel as welcomed and as accommodated as possible. I also believe our new Temple initiatives with respect to disability and inclusivity which highlight Temple's commitment to make everyone welcome have and will continue to positively influence membership. Of course, all of our social action committees mean that our members are able to participate in tikkun olam and I believe this is part of the reason people choose to join our Temple family.

The membership committee this past year consisted of Ilana Krygier-Lapides (Chair), Elaine Hashman, Jane Paterson, Nadine Drexler and Paul Leney. I would like to extend my thanks for all of their hard work including the Welcome Back BBQ and the new members' potluck.

Thanks also to Paul and Deb Finkleman and their incredible team of volunteers for assembling and delivering the new member Shabbat baskets.

Looking forward to 2019, we are looking forward to a continued increase in membership and a strengthening of our relationships with our current members.

Thank you to Rabbi Glickman, Cynthia Simmons, Betsy Jameson and all of the Temple's Board of Trustees for welcoming me onto the Board mid-stream. Thank you to past Chairs, Elaine Hashman and Ilana Krygier-Lapides for all of their wisdom and offers of assistance. Most importantly, thank you to all of Temple membership for creating such a great Jewish community for myself and my family to be a part of. If this Temple community did not exist, our family might not participate in Jewish life to the extent that we do and for that we are grateful.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

JONATHAN ZYTO, COMMITTEE CHAIR

This calendar year (2017-2018) was more a year of consolidation than of rebuilding as was the case in 2016-2017. Overall, Social Action was quite successful with a consolidation of existing programs and the development of new ones. Financially, it was a good year as well. Thanks to donations from Temple members, the Social Action budget is showing a surplus.

Communications to the Temple as a whole also improved as we had one dedicated volunteer who sent out e-blasts, Facebook, web site notifications and Kol Tikvah submissions, a vast improvement over last year.

This year Social Action had 7 projects on the go: Brown Bagging for Calgary's Kids (BB4CK), The Calgary Food Bank Satellite Depot, running in conjunction with St Andrew's Presbyterian and located in this church on Heritage Drive, The Drop-In Centre lunches, Miriam's Well, the Metro Alliance for the Common Good (MacG, now called Calgary Alliance for the Common Good), Jewish Roots (vegetable garden) and a very recent addition: Calgary Reads. Social Action also coordinated Mega Mitzvah Day, held on May 6.

BB4CK needed to be rebuilt in September. New volunteers were found as well as a project leader. This project is currently feeding 2 schools (elementary to middle school) and providing more lunches than in years past. It is in good shape and has no lack of volunteers. A number of individuals also sought and received food donations from a variety of bakeries and food stores. Lunch costs are kept to less than \$2.50 per meal. Funds raised through the Bottle Drive on May 6 are going to this project. Financially it is in good shape.

Calgary Food Bank Satellite Depot—a new project which opened its doors in October—is also going well, handing out food baskets to the needy on a weekly basis, every Saturday afternoon. Volunteer shifts are a combination of Temple and St. Andrews congregants. No costs to Temple.

Drop-In Centre lunches are done on a monthly basis with a budget of \$1500 per year. This has been a mainstay of Temple volunteerism with approximately 60 members on the volunteer list.

Miriam's Well has also been a long-term project with food donated by Temple members going to Jewish Family Services. This year and last, Temple has organized a special Passover food donation which was very well received. No costs to Temple.

Metro (now Calgary) Alliance for the Common Good is probably the most complicated project that Social Action has taken on, being more concerned with social activism rather than with hands-on care, such as Drop-In lunches or, in the past, Inn from the Cold. Last year, Social Action decided to pay associate member fees of \$3000.00 per annum (for 2017/2018) which allows us a say in the direction of Calgary Alliance, participation in board and general meetings, and resources to professional development which we would not otherwise have. It was to be a trial basis as we had some concerns: would MacG be a permanent fixture within Calgary, would Temple be able to get volunteers for this group and would the meetings of the Research Action Teams be held at times that was convenient for Temple members to attend? All of these conditions have been met and it is my recommendation that Temple continue with this group. We are currently in the process of developing a Temple-driven action team along the lines of Calgary Alliance philosophy. We also do have the money for at least one more year of participation. It should be noted, however, that although maintaining our membership with Calgary Alliance will bring us to the forefront of social activism within Calgary and work on resolutions of root causes of social ills, it is unlikely to involve a large number of volunteers such as BB4CK, the food bank satellite or Calgary D.I. lunches.

Jewish Roots was created last year. Volunteers planted vegetables with the idea they would be harvested by the religious school kids and any food grown would be donated to Jewish Family Services. Planting began towards the end of May, but they do need volunteers to make this work. Interested parties should email Susan Light at js-light@shaw.ca.

Calgary Reads was recently added to Social Action in late April of this year. They were able to collect books for the Calgary Book sale with volunteers managing a booth on May 4 and May 12. No costs to Temple.

With regard to Mega Mitzvah Day, this project should be cancelled altogether. The day is supposed to highlight two things: showcase social action (and recruit new volunteers) and for the b'nai mitzvah children to highlight their individual mitzvah projects to the Temple at large. It fails on both counts for the simple reason that outside of parents, participants, and the odd board member, no one shows up. That was true of both last year and this. The other component of Mega Mitzvah day is a bottle drive to raise funds for a selected social action project. This year it was for BB4CK, and although at this time of writing the funds raised is unknown, the monies raised is not worth the time and effort it takes to organize it. Monies raised by the bottle drive are not very much and can easily be matched by some other form of fundraising. The concepts and goals are laudable and should be maintained but Mega Mitzvah day needs to be rethought and reorganized in a new direction.

Overall, this past year has been a success as described above and next year should prove to be as good or even better.

SHABBAT SCHOOL REPORT

YAARA EILON-AVIGDOR,
COMMITTEE CHAIR

Our school continued to prosper under the direction of our accomplished principal, Jenny Laing. There have been some changes to the curriculum, and some new initiatives that started last year and continue this year. We are now having junior and senior T'fila services, allowing the older kids to follow a traditional Shabbat service, while our little ones spend more time learning the prayers through song. We continue with our "trip to Israel" at the end of the year, Educational days for students and their parents, and Shabbat dinners for the families, and of course, celebrating all the holidays with the parents and the congregation.

In the coming year we will continue to evolve our program with the guidance of Rabbi Glickman and a new principal. We are hoping to find support for the grade 3-5 Rugelach program, offering a social gathering, and for our Youth group, involving them in social action and Hot Topics with Rabbi.

Our change to a 2 year B'nai-Mitzvah program started this year and will continue to help students be better prepared for their big day, and the rest of their Jewish life.

Our youth group continues to enjoy Jewish content in their meetings with Rabbi and participate in social action. They will have Jessy Kuehne as their fierce leader next year. I would like to thank Jessy for accepting the challenge to lead this group and help form a strong group of teenagers, that continue to be part of our community after their Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

Thank you to all the amazing parent volunteers who helped support the school activities during our academic year. Thank you to the teachers for their patience, their kind words and of course for sharing their knowledge of Jewish education. A special and sad thank you goes to our devoted principal, as she will be leaving us next year. Jenny, your contribution is immeasurable and will be forever remembered, as you have started so many new traditions. You will be greatly missed!!

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE REPORT

BONNIE KAPLAN, COMMITTEE CHAIR

Following Donna Riback's death in December 2017, I stepped in as Chair of this committee. Our tasks are divided into two areas:

1. Short-term fundraising.

Our goal has been to increase member support for grocery gift cards. With the help of several people, the last few months have been devoted to dispelling the erroneous information about the grocery cards (the 5 Myths that appeared in the last Kol Tikvah, as well as in a couple of the weekly email 'blasts'). A graphic illustration of how the program works is now being used, as apparently many Temple members did not fully understand that participation costs them no money. In addition, the cards have been sold at various special events (concerts, Mega Mitzvah day), in an attempt also to educate congregants. The annual order form has been simplified, and is being prepared as an electronically-fillable form. In late July, the new form will be distributed with the graphic illustration describing how the program works.

An offer has been made in several of the Kol Tikvah and email articles to establish a distribution system, but from all of those messages, only two people have indicated that they need this assistance because they cannot get to the Temple office to pick up their cards. Thus, distribution does not seem to be a large obstacle to the success of the program. Or if it is, people are not responding.

The goal is to triple our income from the program this year. To do this, we need just 100 families to purchase \$200/month. Since our profit ranges from 4-9% of sales, engaging just one-third of the congregation should raise more than \$20,000 per year.

There are significant administrative costs to the program, consisting of primarily the bookkeeper's time. If we fail to achieve our goal of 1/3 congregational support at \$200/month, Temple may have to make some decisions next summer about the future of the program. Either we will have to find a volunteer to handle the bookkeeping, or we will have to consider dropping the program.

2. Long-term financial health.

Our committee worked with the Jewish Community Foundation of Calgary to set up flexible endowment funds for Temple. The result was that the proposed Donna Riback Legacy Project was approved by the Board in January 2018. It currently consists of an endowment fund for the building, and another for operations (programs and salaries). Some meetings with individual families have occurred. In the meantime, a possibility emerged from the Jewish community at large to participate in a community-wide drive to develop endowments for many of our Jewish organizations. We will know by October whether Temple's endowment work will be a continuation of our Temple-only effort, or whether we will join with the efforts of other Calgary Jewish groups. Members interested in Temple endowments and planned giving are invited to contact me to work on this, the planned giving/endowment project, in whatever form we pursue it in the fall.

JULY 2018

AUGUST 2018

Fri 6 Jul 2018

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service
7:45 pm - 9:00 pm Renewal Service

Sat 7 Jul 2018

Parashat Pinchas

9:00 am - 9:45 am Yoga Schmoga (Sanctuary)
10:30 am - 12:00 pm Shabbat Service

Fri 13 Jul 2018

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

Sat 14 Jul 2018

Parashat Matot-Masei

9:00 am - 9:45 am Yoga Schmoga (Sanctuary)
10:30 am - 12:00 pm Shabbat Service

Sun 15 Jul 2018

11:45 am - 1:00 pm Calgary Drop-in Centre Lunch
For more info, please contact Paul Finkleman: pfinkleman@shaw.ca
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Rugelach

Fri 20 Jul 2018

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

Sat 21 Jul 2018

Erev Tish'a B'Av

Parashat Devarim

9:00 am - 9:45 am Yoga Schmoga (Sanctuary)
10:30 am - 12:00 pm Shabbat Service

Sun 22 Jul 2018

Tish'a B'Av

Fri 27 Jul 2018

Tu B'Av

7:30 pm - 8:00 pm Shabbat Shiraz (wine & cheese)
8:00 pm - 9:00 pm Erev Shabbat Service

Sat 28 Jul 2018

Parashat Vaetchanan

9:00 am - 9:45 am Yoga Schmoga (Sanctuary)
10:30 am - 12:00 pm Shabbat Service

Fri 3 Aug 2018

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service
7:45 pm - 9:00 pm Renewal Service

Sat 4 Aug 2018

Parashat Eikev

9:00 am - 9:45 am Yoga Schmoga (Sanctuary)
10:30 am - 12:00 pm Shabbat Service

Fri 10 Aug 2018

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

Sat 11 Aug 2018

Parashat Re'eh

9:00 am - 9:45 am Yoga Schmoga (Sanctuary)
10:30 am - 12:00 pm Bat Mitzvah of Danielle Billings

Fri 17 Aug 2018

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

Sat 18 Aug 2018

Parashat Shoftim

9:00 am - 9:45 am Yoga Schmoga (Sanctuary)
10:30 am - 12:00 pm Shabbat Service

Sun 19 Aug 2018

11:45 am - 1:00 pm Calgary Drop-in Centre Lunch
For more info, please contact Paul Finkleman: pfinkleman@shaw.ca
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Rugelach

Fri 24 Aug 2018

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Welcome Back BBQ
7:30 pm - 8:00 pm Shabbat Shiraz (wine & cheese)
8:00 pm - 9:00 pm Erev Shabbat Service

Sat 25 Aug 2018

Parashat Ki Teitzei

9:00 am - 9:45 am Yoga Schmoga (Sanctuary)
10:30 am - 12:00 pm Shabbat Service

Fri 31 Aug 2018

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Pride Shabbat Dinner (Betty Switzer Social Hall)
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

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