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RABBI'S MESSAGE – Slow Change



Rabbi Mark Glickman

At this time of year, we Jews are reading from the book of Exodus, the epic tale of our people's redemption from slavery and the beginning of their journey to the Promised Land. And in what is perhaps the climax of the story, the waters of the Red Sea part, allowing the Israelites to cross into safety and continue their travels toward the Land of Milk and Honey.

What's notable is that this amazing, miraculous event marked the beginning of our ancestors' journey, not its end. They enjoyed the effects of an awesome, redemptive miracle – one that would have made a terrific

end to a movie telling their story – but then the story continues. And in fact, the journey of the Israelites toward the land of Israel didn't conclude for almost another forty years! God saved them from Egypt, but it took another four decades of schlepping through the desert until they got to where they wanted to be.

The phenomenon is a common one, of course. We hike up a mountain and get to what we thought would be the top, only to discover that we've merely reached a ridge, and that there remains much more mountain to climb. We think we finish a project, and then realize that there's a lot more work yet to be done. We change our kid's last diaper, and only then realize that the challenges of nurturing them through childhood and adolescence still lay ahead, and are in some ways even more daunting.

It's an important message for us in these days of pandemic. We're shut down; the economy is in the tank; we're eager for this thing to end. Then, something happens. Restrictions loosen; vaccines get approved; we finally figure out how Zoom works. And with each of these steps, we think we can finally see the end...only to be disappointed when we wake up the next day and see that the challenges remain.

The message, then, is twofold. First, change is slow. We want things to get better overnight, just like they do in storybooks and TV shows, but usually that's not how real life works. Instead, change is gradual: a slow healing; a gradual improvement; a schlep through the wilderness rather than a hop, skip, and a jump through the parted waters of the sea.

Second, change happens. It happens slowly, but it does happen. One step in a long journey usually doesn't seem to amount to much, but those steps add up, and eventually we arrive at our destination. It's happening now. We're slowly returning to old routines, and vaccines are making their way into people's arms. Our journey toward the Promised Land is underway.

Maimonides taught us to say "I believe with perfect faith in the coming of the Messiah, and even though he may tarry, I still believe." He saw what we all need to remember. Redemption might be slow, but it is indeed coming.

So hang in there, folks. These are rough days, but better ones are ahead. The trek through this desert is a long one, but I believe with perfect faith that we'll make it through, and that we'll be stronger for having made the journey together.

LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

Mazel Tov

- Cindy Hardin and Eric Mah are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Shane Isaac Mah, born December 15, 2020

With sadness, we announce the loss of:

- Paul Ziff
- John Raymond Michaud, father of Elaine Hashman
- Valentin Gutrejde, father of Monica Lis
- Esneva Leiser, mother-in-law of Chris Kemp-Jackson
- Peter Carswell, father of Bart Carswell
- Jacques Mydlarski, brother of Henri Mydlarski
- Steve Baylin, husband of Debbie Baylin and father of Melissa Baylin
- Jeanne Fluter, aunt of Elaine Hashman
- Sherry Bambury, daughter of Valerie Murphy

Healing Prayers

Roman Anosov, Harvey Balakofsky, Yael bat Chava, Roy Church, Barney Faber, Elisha Hawryst, Jennifer Hollerman, Carol Kert, Debbie Krygier, Rosalee Krygier, Murray Kornberg, Itzhak Likver, Zoya Nekrash, Joanne Potts, Steve Potts, Noah Purkin, Frank Rackow, Mona Rosenbaum, Sofia Slovatek, Heather Spry Halls, Shauna Switzer

Anti-Racism Book Club

The Anti-Racism Book Club has established two groups to accommodate diverse schedules. We meet Monday nights at 7:30 and Tuesday nights at 7:00. Our February meetings will be February 22 and 23. We will be discussing *The True Spirit and Original Intent of Treaty 7* by Treaty 7 Elders and Tribal Council with Walter Hildebrandt, Sarah Carter, and Dorothy First Rider. In March we will discuss *The Jews' Indian: Colonialism, Pluralism, and Belonging in America* by David S. Koffman. We will have a special guest for those meetings, Dr. Mikal Ekstrom, a Reform Jew who wrote his doctoral dissertation on Jewish-Indian relations. We arrange for discounted pre-ordered copies and make two copies of each book available for loan. To pre-order contact Caron Glickman. New members are welcome.

If you wish to join, please contact Betsy Jameson at jameson@ucalgary.ca, and indicate whether Monday or Tuesday works best for you. Meetings will be on Zoom until it is safe to meet in person, and a dedicated link will be sent via email prior to each meeting.

— Nadine and Andrea Levinstein Rodriguez, Betsy Jameson, and Caron Glickman.

YAHREZITS

TO BE READ ON FEB 5-11

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| Glenn Atkinson | Rose Belzberg | Agnes Bucknum | Ruth Diamond | Gladys Dubo |
| Jack Faber | Morris Fromson | Leon Hapton | Sarah Miriam Hirsch | David Horodezky |
| Isaac Josy | Samuel Kertzer | Susan Lang | Rowena Mattison | Allan Poore |
| Ron Sautman | Charna Shapiro | Sonia Shapiro | Atela Slavatek | Leah Sommers |
| Carol Zabrodski | Stephen Dexter Stanleigh | | | |

TO BE READ ON FEB 12-18

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| Nathan Adler | Sherna Bricker | Mildred Devins | Isadore Devins | Lena Dudder |
| Michael Finkelman | Leo Friedman | Nadia Hawes | Gertie Knelman | Esther Laing |
| Francesca Masters | Mark McMillan | Chaim Podlog | Yakov Shelutko | Minnie Sive |
| Freda Spector | Fanny Sugarman | Roman Vimy | Miriam Winston | |

TO BE READ ON FEB 19-25

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| Regina Bleiweiss | Salek Bleiweiss | Joel Aaron Brodsky | Les Drexler | Yacov Ersh |
| Joseph Fayerman | Henry Fine | Sheila Fromson | Lillian Greif | Sima Herman |
| Henry Jameson | Jessie Kay | Caroline Lutz | Buela Murphy | Solomon Shapiro |
| Ben Smolensky | Bluma Steinfeld | Nathan Stoffman | Helen Walker | |

TO BE READ ON FEB 26 - MAR 4

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| Louis Belzberg | Joseph Berlind | Joe Brager | Ruth R Carnat | John Driftmier |
| Thelma Gelfond | Mary Goldbach | Arthur Gotleib | Lillian Kaplan | Ralph Clement Gronnerud |
| David Mendel Kovitz | Maurice Kustan | William Malais | Chayim David Plucer | Arminda Raposo Serpa |
| Leon Singer | Ursula Spector | Ruth Stanleigh | Alex Vinson | Abe Wallace |

LIFE & LEGACY: Watch Us Grow!

Those of you reading this monthly report will recognize Temple's slow-but-steady progress. There are now 40 families who have committed to sustaining Temple's future. Kol Hakavod! Todah Rabah!! In order to receive the next \$7,500 incentive award from the Grinspoon Foundation, we urgently need 3 more families to make the commitment.

We measure our LIFE & LEGACY progress in terms of *commitment to the future* and not in dollars. Dollars are un-know-able. The future is unknown: when we will die, or how much money will be in our estates. The LIFE & LEGACY program estimates our progress in terms of dollars (see below), but progress should be measured also in terms of *commitment, intention, and devotion to sustaining Judaism's future*. And by that measure we are doing ok.

Not perfect, but ok. The Letter of Intent asks for just your name, contact info, and birth date. No personal financial information is required. There are at least 9 families who have verbally indicated their commitment to LIFE & LEGACY but have not yet submitted their Letters of Intent.

Will 3 more families help us get the next incentive award for Temple?

Intention, planning, thinking toward the future. Many of you appreciate everything that the Calgary Jewish community has done for you, and others you know. You love the strength and diversity of our community. You are 'at home' both at Temple and in our Jewish living room – the JCC. We now have the opportunity, for the first time in Calgary's history, to ensure the future of these Jewish institutions, by creating LIFE & LEGACY endowment funds.

And what *is* our estimated progress in terms of dollars? It is approximately \$1.48 M in endowment funds, which will provide an annual income for Temple of around \$60,000. Excellent progress! And again, thank you to all of you who are supporting this effort. Increased LIFE & LEGACY commitments will ensure Temple's future financial stability and security.

Please join us by downloading the fillable form at the Temple website under Temple Life/Life and Legacy — or contact one of us: Ron Bing, Mark Paidra, Cheryl Shore, Gertrude Cohos, Bonnie Kaplan (403-245-0568; bonniejoykaplan@gmail.com).

THE TEMPLE LEGACY CIRCLE AS OF JAN 15, 2021

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| 1. Anonymous (3) | 16. Michele Doctoroff & Ted Switzer | 29. Jennifer Eiserman |
| 4. Judy & Ron Bing | 17. Betsy Jameson | 30. Ashley Runka Owens & Dustin Owens |
| 5. Bonnie Kaplan & Richard Conte | 18. Jack & Donna Newton | 31. Michael Tavel Clarke |
| 6. Gertrude Cohos | 19. Lisa Welikovitch & Mark Paidra | 32. Hartley & Nadine Waldman |
| 7. Shauna L. Switzer | 20. Josh Hesslein | 33. Jonathan Zyto & Susan Klassen |
| 8. Cheryl & Morley Shore | 21. Annie Brodsky | 34. Ron Plucer |
| 9. Peta Glezerson | 22. Norman & Kathy Schachar | 35. Marc Ereshefsky & Ayala Roudstein |
| 10. Susan Light | 23. Roz Mendelson & David Hodgins | 36. Joshua Orzech |
| 11. Jane Paterson | 24. Naomi Johansen | 37. Rabbi Mark & Caron Glickman |
| 12. Daniel & Roslyn Oppenheim | 25. Nadine & David Drexler | 38. Monica & Gustavo Adrian Lis |
| 13. Tibor Kaldor & Megan MacFarland | 26. Sid Horovitz | 39. Cathy Basskin |
| 14. Alex A. Osten | 27. Carolyn Devins | 40. Rick Phillips |
| 15. Larry & Tina Stanleigh | 28. Sara Hastings-Simon | |

Shabbat School

Shabbat school has continued online. We are grateful to our teachers, madrichim, and parents for the continued cooperation as we work together to keep our community safe.

At the end of January, we enjoyed our first online Tu B'shvat seder. Thank you to the Rabbi, Morah Emma, and Morah Katie for leading us in an opportunity to connect, share some beautiful music, and enjoy some special treats. This would not have been possible without all the parents who helped deliver holiday packages so we could ensure a consistent seder experience for the kids.

— Josh Orzech and
Deborah Book



Hamentaschen Making

Join Sylva on Zoom to make Hamentashchen for Purim!

**Sunday February 21, 2021
1:30 PM to 4:30 PM**

Please register for this event at <https://members.templebnaitikvah.org/event/make-hamentaschen-for-purim.html> The Zoom link and recipe will be sent prior to the event.

SOCIAL ACTION UPDATES Brown Bagging for Calgary Kids



On December 16, a small group of volunteers prepared six large hampers that were delivered to some of our BB4CK schools. The schools had identified and contacted families who would most benefit from the hampers. We thank all of our volunteers as well as those members who have supported this program.

Hanukkah Care Package Project



50 BAGS FULL... AND DELIVERED

With thanks again to all of the volunteers who made it happen!

FOUNDER'S CORNER: How COVID has helped Temple

Attending services on Zoom over the last 10 months I have noticed the following:

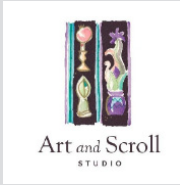
Lots of "younger" Jewish members joining services on Shabbat, some who were not attending in person prior to the pandemic. I believe this is a positive sign for Temple's future. Perhaps the younger members are more tech savvy or find it convenient to attend services from the comfort of their home. Whatever the reason, it's good news for Temple.

Torah Study, Book Club, Art & Scroll are now part of Temple's programming through the internet on Zoom. Kudos to our leadership for pivoting to the internet during the pandemic when we cannot be together in our building.

Unfortunately, with all these programs we are only reaching a small portion of our membership. The majority of our members continue to pay their dues but do not "attend" services or take advantage of programming. I believe these are the same members who only attend on High Holidays. If you are one of these, please consider clicking on a link from the comfort of your home and join a service to remember a loved one or celebrate a birthday.

What will happen when the pandemic is over — perhaps by this summer? The good news is that Temple has purchased a camera and the software so that we will be able to stream services on the internet. This will give you the option of attending programs and services in person or in the comfort of your home via the internet. This option will be good for older people like me who like to go to bed by 9:00 PM.

— Ron Bing



Art & Scroll Studio

Art and Scroll Studio is a Zoominar series featuring artist interviews, each episode dedicated to promoting a featured creator and maker of Judaica. We are passionate about the work of these artists and inspired by the creativity and design excellence that is presented in their work. We host a virtual presentation and conversation with our selected artists.

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or contact us at artandscrollstudio@gmail.com

— Shelley Werner + Caron Glickman
+ Michele Doctoroff



**Please join us Wednesday,
February 17 at 7:00 p.m. MST**

**IN DISCUSSION WITH
YITZCHOK MOULLY**

Virtual and free

Yitzchok Mouly is a conceptual artist whose work explores the intersection of spirituality and the material world. He views all art as a conversation between viewer and artist, and he lends his unique voice and personality to the common space of art and ideas.

For further information and ticket registration, go to [Eventbrite](#).

SAVE THE DATE: A Talk on Environmental Ethics (suitable for all ages)

The Environment Committee, in partnership with the Adult Education and Social Action Committees, is excited to announce that [Dr. Tanhum Yoreh](#) will give a Zoom talk on March 22, at 6:30 PM.

Tanhum is assistant professor at the School of Environment at the University of Toronto, and author of [Waste Not: A Jewish Environmental Ethic](#) (2019). His research focuses on religion and the environment, faith-based environmentalism, faith-based environmental ethics, and religious legal approaches to environmental protection. He is particularly interested in the themes of wastefulness, consumption, and simplicity.

Tanhum's talk will explore traditional histories, classical rabbinic literature, commentaries, codes of law, responsa, and modern environmentalism to identify pivotal moments in the development of bal tashchit, the Jewish prohibition against wastefulness and destruction.

The link for this talk will be available in future e-blasts and on the Temple website. Those who attend will be entered into a draw to win a copy of *Waste Not: A Jewish Environmental Ethic*, Tanhum's book that won the Canadian Jewish Literary Award in the category of Jewish Thought and Culture.

What Is Happening in the Yedlin Family Library

Even though Covid has restricted in-person events, the Yedlin Family Library at Temple has been a happening place:

- Another round of appreciation to Arthur Schwartz who in February 2020 retired from volunteering as the Temple librarian for many years, adding countless donated books to our library bookshelves and managing the ongoing database
- Michele Doctoroff took over from Arthur in February and was just getting up to speed, having added another 40 donated books to the collection, when Covid hit and shut down this work.
- David Heit, a professional librarian joined our Temple community, and since September has been volunteering diligently to deal with a backlog of books. It is greatly appreciated that he has processed and shelved over 420 books and cleaned up the database.
- Temple has had requests from a prison chaplain and the Elizabeth Fry Society for Judaic books and has been able to accommodate these requests from our collection of duplicate books.
- When the building is open, there continues to be a book cart in the hallway by the office with gently used Judaic books for purchase. Since its inception in May 2019 this project has raised over \$300.00 with the proceeds being directed towards Temple religious school. It is gratifying that Jewish books are finding a welcoming home in many of our members' libraries and bedside tables, and that this project adds to our spiritual lives.
- Should anyone want to access the library to borrow or return books, it is best to contact the Temple office to be advised of current Covid regulations.

ADULT EDUCATION

While I write this, winter is being very kind to us, but the forecasters tell us that an Arctic vortex is bringing us the usual frosty temperatures we expect from our Canadian season. Adult Education is happy to bring you many wonderful on-line programs to enjoy from the warmth of your homes. So put on the kettle, make yourself a nice warm cuppa and join us for some, or all!, of the following in February:

Dessert and Learn begins this year on **February 3 at 7:30pm** with a lecture by **Dan Carkner, A Brief History of Klezmer Music from Europe to America**:

A look at the origins of Jewish instrumental folk music in Eastern Europe and its arrival in America in the early twentieth century, informed by current historical research. With the help of art and short musical samples, the different genres and evolution of klezmer will be explored, from the Jewish fiddle bands of nineteenth century Ukraine to American brass bands to the klezmer revival in the 1970s.

Dan Carkner has a MA degree in history from the University of British Columbia and works in the library at Langara College in Vancouver, BC.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83182724827?pwd=cFEydGdrU2RXN05IT1F1QjdXMTRGdz09>

Passcode: 107233

Meeting ID: 831 8272 4827

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83182724827?pwd=cFEydGdrU2RXN05IT1F1QjdXMTRGdz09>

Lunch and Learn started again in January with Morah Ilana Krygier-Lapides' talk on Yiddish to introduce our 8-week course (please contact Morah Ilana at Rockymountainrabbi@gmail.com for more information on the course).

On February 10, Susan Klassen, R. SLP will be giving a talk on **Tips to Maintain a Strong and Healthy Voice**:

Dry winter air, talking more loudly through masks and zoom-fatigue all may be taking their toll on our voices. If you are feeling the impact of the strain, come and learn some ways to create a vocal hygiene practice, and have some fun trying out a few vocal exercises. Singers are not the only voice professionals who need to take good care of their instrument. Keep your voice in shape, so you have the range and tone to express yourself dynamically. Learn why vocal rest is not necessarily the best prescription to rejuvenate a 'tired' voice.

Susan is a registered speech language pathologist who has been practicing for over 20 years. She primarily works with children and their families to build capacity in developing all aspects of communication. She has a special interest in voice care for teachers and all of us who use our voices professionally.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87408977584?pwd=QTNjSDRFekxISUItYmUyTOR4S0JXZz09>

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Meeting ID: 874 0897 7584

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Art and Scroll continues to provide a wonderful evening for those who attend its events. On **February 17 at 7:00 pm** join them for an interview with artist Yitzchok Mouilly. To register please see Art and Scroll's article on page 5.

Torah Study continues under the leadership of our wonderful teachers: Rabbi Glickman, Rabbi Kline, Morah Ilana and Betsy Jameson. Join us on **Thursdays at 7:30 pm** for our remote sessions.

The Zoom link for the entire series is:

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89151446104?pwd=RGFHeU13bFQwU1JGNyTVjVQN3V2Zz09>

Password: 856709

Meeting ID: 891 5144 6104

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89151446104?pwd=RGFHeU13bFQwU1JGNyTVjVQN3V2Zz09>

Maybe you'd like to join the **Anti-Racism Book Club**? If you're interested in joining, please contact Betsy Jameson (jameson@ucalgary.ca), and let her know times you're able to meet.

ARZA Canada Report

Our congregation recently participated in the URJ's Congregational Benchmarking and Assessment Project, which provided an interesting snapshot of where we are at and how we compare to other Reform congregations. While generally very encouraging, one response was somewhat concerning; our congregation lagged behind others in fostering a connection to Israel. While this doesn't necessarily mean that congregants don't feel a connection to Israel, it does highlight something we could be doing better.

As you may or may not know, I am the temple's representative for ARZA Canada. In addition, I have become involved in a new initiative of ARZA and the URJ called the Israel Leadership Network, which will seek to create ways for Reform Jews to develop a strong and informed connection to Israel.

Perhaps some of you wonder about Zionism, and whether or not you are a Zionist. I would suggest that if you feel any sense of connection to Israel, and if you support the continued existence of a vibrant and secure Jewish homeland, you are a Zionist. That doesn't mean you don't sometimes disagree with Israeli policies, or wonder if Israel is living up to the ideals expressed in its Proclamation of Independence. Feeling frustration or disagreement with Israel demonstrates that Israel matters to you. However some may define Zionism, we seek to define Reform Zionism, and to advance it as a vibrant and legitimate voice in Israel. And in this project all voices count.

I look forward to updating you in the future about programs and activities to foster our connection with Israel. Feel free to contact me with your own ideas.

—Mark Paidra

DONATIONS

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| AL OSTEN BUILDING FUND | | |
| Shauna Switzer | David Hodgins & Roz Mendelson | In honour of your birthday |
| Harris Hanson | Danny & Roz Oppenheim | Condolences |
| Stephen Kahn | Judy & Ron Bing | Condolences |
| Shauna Switzer | Judy & Ron Bing | Mazel tov on your birthday |
| Shelley & Ken Goldstein | Esther & Sam Plucer and Family | Condolences |
| Ziff Family | Al Osten | Condolences |
| Ziff Family | Leslie & Lee Handy | Condolences |
| Shauna Switzer | Ron Plucer | Get Well |
| Elaine & Jerry Hashman and family | Jane Paterson | Condolences |
| Debbie Bondar and family | Jane Paterson | Condolences |
| Ziff Family | Danny & Roz Oppenheim | Condolences |
| Elaine Hashman and family | Danny & Roz Oppenheim | Condolences |
| Ziff Family | Amy Matychuk & Peter Driftmier | Condolences |
| Elaine Hashman | Marlene & Norman Yanofsky | Condolences |
| Mindy Selby | Marlene & Norman Yanofsky | Condolences |
| Debbie Bondar and family | Marlene & Norman Yanofsky | Condolences |
| Temple | Zvika Anosh | |
| Al Osten | Jane Paterson | In Honour |
| Al Osten | Betsy Jameson | Congratulations and Thanks |
| Al Osten | Jeff & Helen Faber | Mazel Tov |
| Debbie & Melissa Baylin | Ron and Judy Bing | Condolences |

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| Al Osten | Ron and Judy Bing | Thank you |
| Deb and Paul Finkleman | Amy Matychuk & Peter Driftmier | Condolences |
| Temple | Peter Driftmier | In memory of grandfather John Lang |
| Deb and Paul Finkleman | Helen & Jeff Faber | Condolences |
| Ron and Judy Bing | Betsy Jameson | Mazel Tov |
| Estee Leiser and Chris Kemp-Jackson | Jeff & Helen Faber | Condolences |
| Isobel Marks | Ron and Judy Bing | Condolences |
| Temple | Ron and Judy Bing | |
| Temple | Abby Robins | In honour of Deb and Paul |
| Temple | Deborah Anshell | In memory of Paul Ziff |
| Lila Mydlarski | Danny & Roz Oppenheim | Condolences |
| Al Osten | Sheldon & Karen Roth | In honour of your 90th birthday |
| Debbie & Melissa Baylin | Leslie & Lee Handy, Jessie Gervais & Cody Wilson | Condolences |
| Debbie & Melissa Baylin | Jeff & Helen Faber | Condolences |

BROWN BAGGING FOR CALGARY KIDS FUND

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| Temple | Marsha Levy | In memory of Bill Levy and Irving Mayer |
| Temple | Steve and Debbie Baylin | |
| Harris Hanson | Anne Goresht and Jacob Barsky | Condolences |
| Leiser Family | Jane Paterson | Condolences |

CARING COMMUNITY FUND

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| Michele Doctoroff | Susan Klassen & Jonathan Zyto | Mazel Tov |
| Shauna Switzer | Betsy Jameson | Happy Birthday and Get Well |
| Temple | Cynthia Simmons & Art Schwartz | |
| Temple | Sahrah Pock | In memory of my mother Chaya bat Dunya |
| Estee, Chris, Sam and Isaac | Michele Doctoroff & Ted Switzer | Condolences |
| The Family of the late Esneva Leiser | Bruce and Halley Girvitz | Condolences |
| Al Osten | Susan & Myron Podlog | Mazel Tov |
| Paul & Deb Finkleman | Steven & Debra Perron | Condolences |
| Debbie & Melissa Baylin | Hartley, Nadine & Brianna Waldman | Condolences |
| Debbie & Melissa Baylin | Ted Switzer & Michele Doctoroff | Condolences |
| Temple | Elaine Hashman | |

DAN ARATO FUND

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| Leo and Diane Zalmanovitz | Judith and Peter Arato | Mazel Tov |
| Ben Zalmanovitz | Judith and Peter Arato | Thinking of you |
| Susan and David Gradel | Judith and Peter Arato | Mazel Tov |
| Debbie and Melissa Baylin | Judith and Peter Arato | Condolences |
| Judith & Peter Arato | Randi Szymkowicz | In honour of Judith & Peter's 40th anniversary |
| Debbie & Melissa Baylin | Judith and Peter Arato | In memory of Steve Baylin |

DONNA RIBACK SHABBAT SCHOOL FUND

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| Shauna Switzer | Bonnie Kaplan & Richard Conte | In your honour |
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| Temple | Cheryl Green & Hushy Lusthouse | In memory of Aunty Donna |
| Ziff Family | Bonnie Kaplan & Richard Conte | Condolences |
| Elaine Hashman and family | Bonnie Kaplan & Richard Conte | Condolences |
| Shauna Switzer | Bonnie Kaplan & Richard Conte | Get Well |
| Al Osten | Reva Faber | Thank you |
| Jeff Faber | Reva Faber | Thank you |
| Danny Oppenheim | Betsy Jameson | Thank you |
| Debbie & Melissa Baylin | Bonnie Kaplan & Richard Conte | In memory of Steve Baylin |

EDYTHE HASHMAN EDUCATION CENTRE SHABBAT SCHOOL

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| Elaine and Jerry Hashman and family | Roz Mendelson & David Hodgins | Condolences |
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GENERAL OPERATIONS FUND

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| Temple | Cynthia Simmons | |
| Temple | Morris & Janna Bleviss | In memory of Margaret Bleviss |
| Temple | Beverley Sheckter | In memory of her father, Edward Brodsky |
| Temple | Arthur Schwartz & Cynthia Simmons | |
| Ziff Family | Betsy Jameson | Condolences |
| Elaine Hashman | Cynthia Simmons | Condolences |
| Shauna Switzer | Ayala Roudstein & Marc Ereshefsky | Get Well |
| Monica Lis and Adrian Gustavo | Ayala Roudstein & Marc Ereshefsky | Condolences |
| Chris Kemp-Jackson and Estee Leiser | Betsy Jameson | Condolences |
| Lis Family | Roz Mendelson & David Hodgins | Condolences |
| Temple | Judy Shapiro & Richard Bronstein | In memory of Archie Shapiro |
| Temple | Susan Light | |
| Henri Mydlarski | Betsy Jameson | Condolences |
| Debbie & Melissa Baylin | Halley & Bruce Girvitz | In memory of Steve Baylin |

ONEG/KIDDUSH FUND

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| Temple | Ron Plucer | In memory of Freda Plucer |
| John & Sara Kaldor | Megan MacFarland & Tibor Kaldor | In memory of Arpad Kaldor |
| Temple | George Goodman | In memory of Jack Goodman |
| Temple | George Goodman | in memory of Rose Goodman |
| Temple | George Goodman | In memory of Harry Knelman |
| Temple | George Goodman | In memory of Gertie Knelman |
| Temple | Ron Plucer | In memory of Freda Plucer |

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

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| Temple | Ronald Wolk | In memory of David Wolk |
| Temple | Norman & Kathy Schachar | In memory of Benjamin & Ethel Schachar |
| Temple | Simon Rainsbury | |
| Keith Samuels | Barbara Samuels | In memory of Marie Samuels |
| Shauna Switzer | Monica & Adrian Lis | Mazel Tov |

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| Temple | Cathy Basskin | Welcome kindness and outreach to new members |
| Temple | Cathy Basskin | In memory of my mother Louise McBean |
| Temple | Jerry & Judith Spevakow | In memory of Jerry's mother, Helen Spevakow |
| Temple | Morley & Cheryl Shore | In memory of Rose Shore, mother of Morley Shore |
| Temple | Annie Brodsky | In memory of her husband, Edward Jacob Brodsky |
| Temple | Rick Phillips | |
| Monica Lis and family | Susan Klassen & Jonathan Zyto | Condolences |
| Temple | Deborah Sword | |
| Temple | Cindy Hardin & Eric Mah | In Gratitude |
| Temple | Hadassah Amy O'Reilly | In memory of her daughter Mary Beatrix O'Reilly |
| Temple | Hadassah Amy O'Reilly | In memory of her grandfather Harry Shuman |
| Temple | Hadassah Amy O'Reilly | In memory of her grandmother Vivian Nicholson Shuman |
| Temple | Hadassah Amy O'Reilly | In memory of Michael McGuinness |
| Lila Mydlarski | Deborah Sword | Condolences |
| Dr. Noel Purkin | Dave & Remy Adelman | Condolences |
| Al Osten | Cheryl & Morley Shore | Mazel Tov |
| Temple | Judith Spevakow | In memory of Mansell McNeilly |
| Temple | Debbie Baylin | Thank you |
| Gordie and Eva Hoffman | Barbara & Keith Samuels | Condolences |
| Jeanette Samuels | Barbara & Keith Samuels | Condolences |
| Debbie & Melissa Baylin | Trish & Stan Mayer | In memory of Steve Baylin |
| SMOLKIN MEMORIAL WALL FUND | | |
| Ruth Dvorkin and Family | Cathy Somes & Leonard Himelfarb | Condolences |
| Debby & Barry Smolkin | Tyler Smolkin | In honour of Debby and Barry Smolkin |
| Lila Mydlarski & Family | Debby & Barry Smolkin | Condolences |
| Dr. Noel Purkin & Family | Debby & Barry Smolkin | Condolences |
| SOCIAL ACTION FUND | | |
| Shelley and Ken Goldstein | Jane Paterson | Condolences |
| Temple | Richard Bronstein & Judy Shapiro | In memory of Clara Bronstein |
| Temple | Brenda-Ann & Colin Marks | In memory of our fathers, Abie Marks and Shabse Sive |
| Paul & Deb Finkleman | Nadine & Hartley Waldman | Condolences |
| Monica Lis and family | Nadine & David Drexler | Condolences |
| Paul & Deb Finkleman | Nadine & David Drexler | Condolences |
| Deb and Paul Finkleman | Betsy Jameson | Condolences |
| SPRING SHABBATON FUND | | |
| Temple | Ted Switzer & Michele Doctoroff | In memory of Sidney Doctoroff |
| VIA MARIS FUNDRAISER | | |
| Temple | Susan Klassen & Jonathan Zyto | In memory of Edward Klassen, missed and never forgotten. Our wonderful husband and father. |

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Josh Hesslein, Temple President

This time of year, I see dozens of ads for products and services to help us change. "New year, new you," they say, and promise to help me get thinner, stronger, happier. To sleep better, cook better, play guitar better, make better investments, or feel younger.

Which is why, I think, I'm recently finding a lot of meaning in the Nisim B'chol Yom (prayer for daily miracles) we recite at the beginning of Shabbat services. It's a reminder to me that just being here, being alive, being with this congregation, is both noteworthy and fulfilling.

In that spirit, I got to thinking about the daily miracles we can be proud of in our congregation:

We are a congregation of good people who look out for one another.

We have a safe way to gather and pray without putting each other at risk.

We have a Rabbi who is there to help our spiritual growth.

We have a dedicated Board who are deeply invested in the well-being of the congregation and our members.

We have a beautiful building that stands ready to host all of our events and services as soon as it's safe.

We have a Treasurer and office staff who are working hard to keep us in the black.

We continue to offer excellent educational programming for our children and for ourselves.

We have an engaged youth group who laugh together over Zoom.

We remain an important and respected voice of Judaism in our city.

While there are ways to grow, I'm happy that despite a difficult 2020 we are heading into 2021 from a position of relative health and strength. I'm looking forward to the coming months – hopefully with lots of happy news on the horizon – and in the meanwhile, I'm counting our blessings.

Speaking of ways to grow: As you may know, the Board put forward a proposed new Constitution in hopes of ratifying it at last year's AGM. We held off because we weren't sure the Zoom format would work for discussion. But you know what, we're getting pretty good at these Zoom meetings, and we're looking into ratifying the document this year. In advance of that meeting, I encourage you to log in to our website and review the document: <https://members.templebnaitikvah.org/constitution.html>

We'll be setting up some opportunities for you to connect with the Constitution Committee to ask any questions.

This is a great opportunity for us to review and update the ways our congregation governs itself, and we look forward to discussing the proposed document with you.

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