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"Recognizing the good is not merely about being positive; it is a profound and intentional act of acknowledging the blessings in our lives, which can provide much-needed balance and perspective." Rabbi Cohen wrote this in his article on page 4, and it has stuck with me since I first read it. We as individuals and as Jewish Americans are no strangers to challenges. Of course, it can be easy to be swept up in the negative — whether in our personal lives or that of the state of the world — making it all the more important to intentionally recognize and appreciate the positive.

Looking through this issue of *The Covenant*, I am noticing just how many events we have had recently that are uplifting, and all the programs to come this summer that celebrate the *joy of belonging*. I am grateful to be a part of this congregation, with its exceptional volunteers, special guests, and welcoming environment. I hope you'll read about Phyllis Burg on page 9, who recently retired after 24 years of committed service to our community, and the wonderful achievement Temple Jeremiah's Brotherhood reached through Maot Chitom on page 10. I am also excited to highlight Congregant Lindsay Sweet and staff members Jill Nutkis and Matt Rissien as Jeremiah Gems on page 12.

Finally, please join me in thanking our 2023-2024 donors on page 14, and enjoy the photos throughout! Hope to see you this summer!

Meredith Levinson

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JULY

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| July 6th | Korach | Numbers 16:1-18:32 |
| July 13th | Chukat | Numbers 19:1-22:1 |
| July 20th | Balak | Numbers 22:2-25:9 |
| July 27th | Pinchas | Numbers 25:10-30:1 |



AUGUST

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| August 3rd | Matot-Mas-ei | Numbers 30:2-36:13 |
| August 10th | D'varim | Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22 |
| August 17th | Va-et'chanan | Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11 |
| August 24th | Eikev | Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25 |
| August 31st | R'eih | Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17 |

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Coming Up at Temple Jeremiah

August is ice cream month!
Enjoy a frozen treat oneg following Kabbalat Shabbat Services throughout August.



Dates and times are subject to change.
Check our calendar for the most up-to-date information at tinyurl.com/TJ-calendar



Kabbalat Shabbat with Monthly Birthday Celebration
Fridays, July 5th & August 2nd, & September 6th @ 6:30 p.m.

Second Annual Summer Pickleball Game (Northbrook)
Saturday, July 6th @ 4:00 p.m.

Parents Night Out at District Brew Yards (Wheeling)
Thursday, July 11th @ 6:30 p.m.

Adult Learning with Cantor Mendelson
Mondays, July 15th, July 22nd, & July 29th @ 7:00 p.m.

Trivia Night at Ten Ninety Brewing Co. (Glenview)
Wednesday, July 17th @ 6:30 p.m.

Shabbat Dinner with Friends
Fridays, July 19th & August 16th @ 7:30 p.m.
Visit our calendar for more information

Heyday Happy Hour with David Hayes at Hey Nonny (Arlington Heights)
Saturday, July 20th @ 4:00 p.m.

Lunch at Walker Bros (11:30 a.m.) followed by BYO Ticket Beehive: 60s Musical at Lincolnshire Marriott (1:00 p.m.)
Wednesday, July 24th
Attend one, the other, or both!

Jeremiah Buddies in the Park
Saturdays, July 27th, August 24th, & September 28th @ 11:00 a.m.
Visit our calendar for more information

Chat & Chew with Danny Glassman
Tuesdays, July 30th & August 27th @ 11:00 a.m.

Bim Bam Baby
Select Fridays in July & August @ 9:45 a.m.

Bim Bam Tot
Select Fridays in July & August @ 10:45 a.m.

Laurie Berkner Kids Concert at Ravinia
Saturday, August 3rd @ 11:00 a.m.

Back to J-Quest Meet Up at Portillo's (Deerfield)
Monday, August 12th @ 6:00 p.m.

Welcome Back/Prospective Member Sha-Barbecue
Friday, August 16th @ 7:30 p.m.

Jews in Canoes and Kayaks (Skokie)
Saturday, August 17th @ 5:00 p.m.

Israeli Dance & Nosh with Anne Lidsky
Monday, August 19th @ 5:30 p.m.

Chicago Architecture Tour with Brotherhood
Sunday, August 25th @ 10:00 a.m.

Kabbalat Shabbat with Special Pet Blessing
Friday, September 6th @ 6:30 p.m.
Bring your pets!

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Meet Cantor Lianna Mendelson!



Visit our calendar for more information
Tuesday, July 9th @ 7:00 p.m. (Highland Park)
Sunday, July 14th @ 4:00 p.m. (Highland Park)
Sunday, July 21st @ 4:00 p.m. (Northbrook)
Sunday, August 11th @ 3:30 p.m. (Wilmette)
Saturday, August 24th @ 4:00 p.m. (Wilmette)

J-Quest First Day
Sunday, September 8th @ 9:00 a.m.





Finding Light in Darkness

RABBI PAUL F. COHEN

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Beloved Friends,

In recent months, we have faced significant challenges that have weighed heavily on our hearts and minds. The war in Gaza and the distressing rise in antisemitism here in the United States have left many of us feeling anxious and uncertain. As we navigate these turbulent times, it is essential to find ways to cope and sustain our spirits. One powerful method derived from *Mussar* literature is to consciously recognize and appreciate the good that exists around us, even amidst adversity. This means cultivating within ourselves the *Mussar Middah*, spiritual attribute, of *Hakarat HaTov*.

"*Hakarat HaTov*"—recognizing the good is not merely about being positive; it is a profound and intentional act of acknowledging the blessings in our lives, which can provide much-needed balance and perspective. When we focus on the good, we create a reservoir of strength and resilience that helps us face the challenges before us.

Consider the small yet significant moments of kindness we witness every day. The solidarity within our Temple Jeremiah community, the outpouring of support for those affected by the conflict, and the voices rising against antisemitism all exemplify the good we must not overlook. These actions remind us that we are not alone and that we are part of a larger, caring network committed to justice and peace.

Let me be clear, recognizing the good does not mean ignoring the harsh realities we face. Rather, it equips us with the mental and emotional fortitude to engage with these issues constructively. By celebrating acts of courage, compassion, and solidarity, we can find the motivation to continue advocating for peace and justice, both in our local North Shore communities and globally.

As we move forward, I encourage each of you to take a moment every day to identify and reflect on something positive. This is a profound spiritual practice. Whether it is a kind gesture from a neighbor, a word of encouragement from a friend, or a community *Tikkun Olam* initiative that uplifts those in need, let us hold these moments close. Share them with your family, discuss them with friends, and let them be a source of hope and strength.

Let us also draw inspiration from our rich heritage, which has taught us to persevere and thrive even in the face of adversity. Our collective Jewish history is a testament to the power of faith, resilience, and community. By embracing these values and recognizing the good around us, we can better navigate these challenging times and emerge stronger and more united. May we all find the courage to face our challenges with hope and determination, and may we continue to recognize and cultivate the good that surrounds us.

Shalom,

JEWS IN CANOES
AT THE SKOKIE LAGOONS



**SATURDAY,
AUGUST 17TH, 2024
5:00 P.M.**

Join other Temple Jeremiah members and canoe or kayak around the Skokie Lagoons! BYO picnic dinner and ruach for Havdallah. Boats are first come, first serve. Please bring cash to pay for your rental.

Scan the QR code or visit our calendar to register



Temple Jeremiah
The Joy of Belonging

Special Guests at TJ

Noah Aronson

In April, we welcomed Noah Aronson back to Temple Jeremiah for a "fireside" concert in the Tarshish Lounge. Noah also joined J-Quest and Parents Coffee Connections that weekend.



Alice McGinty

Children's Author Alice McGinty joined J-Quest for an exciting morning program on Sunday, April 14th! Alice met with our K-2 students to read one of her books and do an engaging art project.



Yoel Sykes

On Saturday, June 1st, Yoel Sykes, a spiritual facilitator who co-creates intentional community through music and prayer, performed at Temple Jeremiah. Congregants relaxed for the beginning and were up and dancing by the end!



ICYMI...

(In Case You Missed It)



Yom HaShoah Commemoration

On Sunday, May 5th, we welcomed back the *Violins of Hope* and commemorated *Yom HaShoah* through personal stories and music. During the program, congregants Babette Sanders, Dan Franks, and Jean Berk shared the powerful stories of their families' fight for survival and rebuilding after WWII. Interspersed was the music of the time led by Paul Dykstra and choir members.



Inclusion Seder

On Sunday, April 28th, our Inclusion Committee hosted an interactive Passover Seder for individuals with disabilities and their families to enjoy the tastes and sounds of Passover. Selah Choir led the group in song.

Club345 Chocolate Seder

Club 345 + 2nd graders got together on Saturday, April 20th for our annual Chocolate Seder. It was an interactive Seder infused with...you guessed it - chocolate!

Confirmation

On Friday, May 17th, we celebrated our Confirmation Class of 5784! Families, friends, and congregants shared in the excitement of this significant milestone for our students.

Celebrating Our Seniors 89+

"What the World Needs Now," a luncheon celebrating our seniors who are 89 years or older, took place on Monday, June 3rd, and featured Cantor Amy Zussman, David Lornson, Rabbi Cohen, and the music of Burt Bacharach.



Finishing Up the J-Quest Year

We finished up our J-Quest year with a Family Day on Sunday, May 19th! Mr. Scott's Giant Bubble Show was a hit, and scoops of ice cream cooled off the crowd. Then, families enjoyed an afternoon at Great Wolf Lodge!

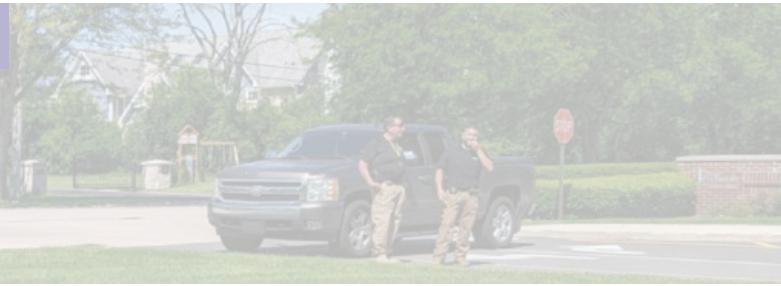
Send us your photos!

Do you have photos from Jeremiah events you would like to share with us? We would love to see them! Please send photos to Meredith Levinson at meredith@templejeremiah.org or tag us on social media.

Perspective



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Enhancing Our Vision While Remaining Vigilant: An Update on Security at Temple Jeremiah

We live in challenging and uncertain times. Of the roughly eight billion people on the planet, only 16 million, or .2%, consider themselves Jewish. Yet, it seems like there is a lot of anger and hate pointed in our direction. In April 2024, the Anti-Defamation League reported that the number of antisemitic incidents in 2023 surpassed the total of all the previous three years combined. There have even been several incidents in our own community — at schools, stores, and universities — that make us ask “how safe are we?” I am not one who usually questions security protocols, though I do acknowledge that now, more than ever, there is the need for a heightened sense of awareness.

At Temple Jeremiah, we are constantly looking at how we can enhance our vision of being a Jewish community of meaningful connection while remaining vigilant. We continue to maintain a strong partnership with law enforcement and have a police presence in our building. I want to emphasize that last part. We work with police officers only, unlike other institutions that have hired security. It has helped us have a better understanding of best practices and allows us to have the best possible response in emergencies. Our more regular attendees also have found that our officers have built a strong relationship with our congregation and are looking to make sure our congregants and guests are well taken care of.

Additionally, we look at how our infrastructure is set up and what can be done to make it safer. Temple staff regularly meets with security professionals to walk the property and identify any enhancements that may be needed. Utilizing those recommendations, staff and lay leadership develop capital plans and apply for grants to help further harden our facility.

Training is a HUGE part of our security protocols. In addition to ongoing training on first aid, CPR, and drills, staff take part in webinars provided by organizations like Secure Community Network and ADL (Anti-Defamation League). We have also made available to our congregation situational awareness training. Most recently, I took part in an eight-week FBI Citizens Academy, which highlighted the various divisions within the Bureau and how we can best utilize their expertise to protect our community. More than anything, the FBI offers amazing educational resources that can help us avoid all the “bad actors” we knowingly (and unknowingly) encounter daily.

Security is an important aspect of Jewish life. Thanks to the ongoing financial support of our congregants, we have been able to have the police presence, facility enhancements, and ongoing training that we do. Security, however, is expensive, and like everything else in our lives, is becoming even more expensive. For the fiscal year of 2024-2025, we are raising our security fee from \$150 per household to \$250 per household. This increase will help us cover the rising costs of ensuring our facility is safe and secure.

I want to thank everyone for continuing to support our efforts that keep us focused on our vision of being a Jewish community of meaningful connection. One of the crucial ways we accomplish this is by remaining a safe place for people to engage with our congregation. If you have any questions or would like to speak more about our ongoing security efforts, please feel free to connect with me at <https://calendly.com/danny-from-templejeremiah>. Nothing would please me more than to hear from you.

Questions about our ongoing security efforts or Danny's experience with the FBI? Connect with him! Scan the QR code to schedule time to chat with Danny.



Chat & Chew Presents:
My Mother's Lost Children
Tuesday, July 30th
11:00 a.m.

\$15/PERSON
includes lunch

Register:
tinyurl.com/CCJuly24

Can't make it? Chat & Chew will also take place on Tuesdays, August 27th, and September 24th.



Honoring Phyllis Burg & Her Commitment to Temple Jeremiah

Our community has been and continues to be blessed with staff members who serve our community professionally for decades, and whose connection and relationships go far beyond that role. So here, at Temple Jeremiah, when people retire, they remain vital, beloved, and engaged community members.

With this in mind, we recently honored Phyllis Burg, as she retired after 24 years of committed service to our community.

As the Senior Executive Assistant to Rabbi Cohen, Phyllis was often the first voice people hear when they reach out to share news, seek guidance, have general questions, or just want to schmooze. Through these many conversations and her involvement in our community as a Torah Study participant, Canasta player, partaker in worship services, and even as a fellow traveler on one of our Israel trips, Phyllis has formed deep relationships with so many of you. She was a fount of institutional knowledge, mentor to new staff, a master editor, and so much more. Her talents and insights are already missed by those who worked closely with her.

Phyllis' commitment, passion, and unwavering devotion have been a cornerstone of our community, enriching the lives of all who have had the privilege of knowing her.

Her contributions to our synagogue have been abundant and far-reaching. Her tireless efforts have nurtured a sense of belonging and unity within our community, fostering meaningful connections and spiritual growth for countless individuals. Her steadfast dedication has laid the foundation for a vibrant and flourishing congregation, one that will continue to thrive thanks to the legacy she leaves behind.

As Phyllis transitions into retirement, you should know that her impact will endure far beyond her years of active service. The bonds she forged, the lives she touched, and the memories she has created will forever be cherished by all who have had the privilege of walking alongside her on this sacred journey.

On behalf of the entire congregation, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude and warmest wishes to Phyllis as she embarks on this new chapter of her life. May the years ahead be filled with joy, fulfillment, and countless blessings, knowing that her legacy will continue to shine brightly within the walls of our synagogue and beyond.



I was blessed to develop incredible relationships with so many of the wonderful members and staff of this congregation. The best part about my retirement is the ability to continue to engage in all the activities, opportunities for study, worship, and committees I enjoy at Temple Jeremiah. How fortunate I have been and will continue to be.



Brotherhood Update



Brotherhood Reaches New Heights on Maot Chitim Passover Delivery Day

Information provided by Brotherhood Member Michael Schack
(michael.schack@comcast.net)

Brotherhood has been busy in a variety of ways to strengthening connections within the Temple Jeremiah community, including the group's continued effort with Maot Chitim. Brotherhood has partnered with Maot Chitim for the past several years by assisting in the packing and delivering of meals on Rosh HaShanah and Passover.

Maot Chitim, formed in 1908, is a local organization based in Northbrook that provides Rosh HaShanah and Passover meals to over 16,000 people struggling with food insecurity. Recipients include Holocaust Survivors, senior citizens, and families who otherwise would not be able to celebrate the holidays in a manner that many of us do not think twice about. All the meals are delivered in one day, Delivery Day.

Our group of volunteers has grown over the last few years, and, they recently hit their highest count of boxes delivered in one day! On Sunday, April 14th, Brotherhood, along with a large group of TJ volunteers, helped deliver 96 boxes of Passover food!

A typical Maot Chitim Delivery Day starts when volunteers arrive at the warehouse at 6:00 a.m. to pack the perishable food in a human assembly line and load over 5,000 boxes into trucks and cars. Brotherhood members are there to pack boxes, load trucks, and drive trucks to various Chicagoland destinations. One truck makes a stop at Temple Jeremiah where more congregation members, of all ages, help unload boxes and then reload them into personal vehicles to deliver to homes in the area. Rabbi Cohen typically provides coffee, bagels, and cream cheese for the volunteers that gather prior to the truck arriving, further strengthening Temple Jeremiah connections prior to delivering the holiday meals. The most rewarding part of the morning is seeing the joy and gratitude of the meal recipients.

Brotherhood looks forward to delivering meals in the fall for Rosh HaShanah. Delivery Day is September 29th, and it would be wonderful to deliver even more meals. Please consider joining in. Information will be shared as it gets closer to Rosh HaShanah.



Maot Chitim Food Delivery

SPONSORED BY TEMPLE JEREMIAH BROTHERHOOD

Sunday,
September 29th
8:30 a.m.

Let's go for 100! Help Temple Jeremiah deliver 100 pre-packed boxes of Rosh HaShanah food and help bring some joy to those in need.

PLEASE RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 24TH:
[TINYURL.COM/MAOTCHITIMFALL24](https://tinyurl.com/maotchitimfall24)



Contact Michael Schack (michael.schack@comcast.net) with any questions.



Throwback to Rosh HaShanah Delivery Day 2023!

Committee Spotlight

Social Justice & Advocacy

Feed the Hungry Packing Parties

Our partnership with Another Chance Assembly in the Austin neighborhood of Chicago has enabled us to continue our mission to feed the hungry in an area with the most need. **As J-Quest is not in session during the summer, we need your help even more to make and deliver lunches to meet demand!**

We recently had our first Feed the Hungry Packing Party on Saturday, June 1st, following the Yoel Sykes concert. Thank you for those who packed and gave donations!

The next Packing Parties will be on Sunday, July 7th at 9:00 a.m. and Friday, August 2nd at 5:30 p.m. Please check our weekly Thursday newsletter for updates on upcoming packing parties. **Feed the Hungry *DROP OFF* will take place on Sundays, July 7th and August 4th at 9:00 a.m.**

If you are not able to attend, please consider making an \$18 donation to Feed the Hungry to help us buy the food for upcoming Packing Parties. In your Temple Jeremiah account, click donate, choose Social Justice, and write "Feed the Hungry" in the notes. And please, tell your friends!

Please remember you can always participate in these ways:

- Make lunches at home and drop off your lunches between 9:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at Temple Jeremiah outside the west doors (the circle drive).
- Help us deliver lunches. Meet at Temple Jeremiah at 9:30 a.m., load all the lunches at 9:45 a.m., and, along with Feed the Hungry Co-Chairs, drive downtown to our partner church (Another Chance Assembly, 5136 W Division St, Chicago, IL 60651). You will have the opportunity to deliver meals and see the vibrant community we partner with at Another Chance Assembly.

For questions, please contact Mindy Kurtz (cupermom@aol.com) or Stephen Miller (stephenmiller2854@gmail.com).



Open Communities Event: Evanston



Supported by a generous donation by Carol and David Golder, a team from Temple Jeremiah recently took part in Walk/Roll the Redline sponsored by Open Communities, Evanston. This was a community walk to raise awareness, funds, and activation for housing justice on the North Shore.

As you likely know, redlining was the practice of marking a map with a red pen to signify the area where lenders should not provide mortgages and realtors should steer Black people to live and white people to avoid. This practice created areas that lacked economic prosperity, good schools, necessary retail such as grocery stores, or investments of any kind. As the team walked, they had an opportunity to see the neighborhood and learn more about its history at stops along the way while also being educated about fair housing practices.

Advocacy Alerts

For many years, our congregation has had an award-winning reputation for being active in social justice, rooted in the Jewish value of *Tikkun Olam* ("Repairing the World"). If you are interested in receiving Advocacy Updates via text messages, please scan the QR code. Please contact Advocacy Chair Nancy Eisenberg (nleslp@aol.com) with any questions.



Temple Jeremiah's Virtual Community

If you haven't been following us on social media (you should), you may not know about all the wonderful things our congregants and staff have been up to. That's why we're happy to share a few of our "Jeremiah Gems" and social media highlights in this issue of the *Covenant*. Make sure to follow us on Instagram and Facebook to stay up to date with events, learn about trending Jewish news and holiday recipes, and discover our virtual Temple Jeremiah community.

#Jeremiah Gems



Congregant Lindsay Sweet was accepted to the 2024 cohort of *inPower*, a JCC Chicago 10-month fellowship, pairing local business leader mentors with ambitious female and Jewish-identifying women looking to advance their own professional career and pursue senior leadership positions. Lindsay currently works for Community-The Anti-Drug, a community coalition whose mission is to reduce drug use among youth in Highland Park, Highwood, Deerfield, Bannockburn, and Riverwoods. She also enjoys traveling, volunteering for Girl Scouts, sustainable gardening, pilates, and spending time with her family. *Mazel Tov, Lindsay!*



#Quoted

TJ's Executive & Development Assistant, Jill Nutkis, was quoted in JUF's May issue of *Jewish Chicago* (both digital and print). The article, titled "Every Mezuzah Has A Story to Tell," discussed several Chicago-area mezuzot and the stories behind them. Jill shared the story of her grandfather's mezuzot, which came from Israel. See below for Jill's full quote!



Skokie mom Jill Nutkis' grandfather Aryeh Cohen was born and grew up in present-day Israel. Before the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, he fought with the underground group, the Haganah. After Israel's founding, he fought in the Armed Forces during the War of Independence. Afterwards, he moved to the U.S., and brought his Israeli mezuzot with him. "I'm the third generation to use them," Nutkis notes. "It's the history behind them that's significant for me and my family."



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Director of Congregational Learning Matt Rissien was quoted in JUF's June issue of *Jewish Chicago* (both digital and print) in the article "Building Resilience," which focused on No Shame On U and its teen synagogue pilot program. Matt addressed bringing mental health education to a Jewish setting. *"We can't just shy away from it,"* he said. *"Jewish values reflect the importance of mental health and having conversations about caring for yourself and other around you. We want to provide trusted role models between clergy and teachers, and be a space where kids feel like they can talk to us. We're very fortunate to have these resources to help us educate on some of the more challenging conversations that need to happen in our institutions."*

TEMPLE JEREMIAH'S

Most Recommended

TV Shows

The New Black (Shababnikim)

DANNY'S PICK

The New Black - known as *Shababnikim* in Hebrew - follows four rebellious students at a prestigious Orthodox Yeshiva in Jerusalem, as they try to reconcile their desire for modern life with their religious upbringings. This original comedy won four Israeli Television Awards, becoming one of the most successful series on Israeli television.

Watch *The New Black* on *Chaiflicks*.



A Small Light

MEREDITH'S PICK

A Small Light follows the remarkable story of Miep Gies, a Dutch woman who risked her life to shelter Anne Frank's family from the Nazis for more than two years during World War II.

Watch *A Small Light* on *Hulu, Disney+, Apple TV, and more.*



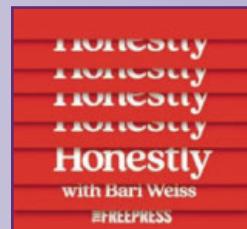
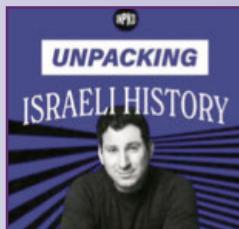
Podcasts

Unpacking Israeli History & Honestly

LESLIE'S PICKS

"I've been consumed with the war in Israel. In my ongoing quest to try to better understand the understandable, I have found *Unpacking Israeli History* hosted by Dr. Noam Weissman and *Honestly* hosted by Bari Weiss to be insightful and informative 'must-listens.'" - Leslie Landman

Listen to these podcasts on *Spotify or Apple Podcasts*.

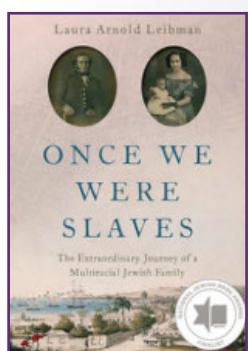


Books

SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB PICKS

Interested in joining Sisterhood Book Club? Contact Randi Gurian (randi.gurian@gmail.com).

July



Once We Were Slaves

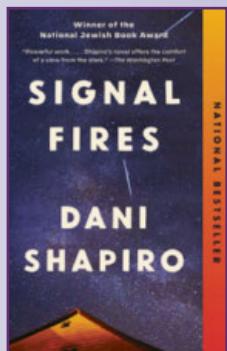
By Laura Arnold Leibman

Thursday, July 11th

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

An obsessive genealogist and descendant of one of the most prominent Jewish families since the American Revolution, Blanche Moses uses family heirlooms to unlock the mystery of Moses's ancestors, revealing a story that mirrors that of the largely forgotten population of mixed African and Jewish ancestry, and sheds new light on the fluidity of race—as well as on the role of religion in racial shift—in the first half of the nineteenth century.

August



Signal Fires

By Dani Shapiro

Thursday, August 8th

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

An ancient majestic oak stands beneath the stars on Division Street. And under the tree sits Ben Wilf, a retired doctor, and ten-year-old Waldo Shenkman, a brilliant, lonely boy who is pointing out his favorite constellations. Waldo doesn't realize it but he and Ben have met before. And they will again, and again. Across time and space, and shared destiny.

Thank You to our 2023-24 Donors

With appreciation to all our members who went above and beyond their annual commitment with a donation to the temple in our 2023-2024 fiscal year.

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On Friday, May 31st, we held our Gratitude Shabbat, to honor our 2023-24 supporters and say thank you all together. We also honored Phyllis Burg for her 24 years of service and retirement. It was lovely to celebrate Phyllis and offer a special blessing to her. If you would like to recognize Phyllis' years at Temple Jeremiah with a donation, please consider the Bill and Norma Brown Fund for Lifelong Education. This fund is very meaningful to Phyllis both for its financial support of all educational pursuits at the temple and for her warm connection to its namesakes. Additionally, we welcomed our 2024-25 Board Members to the Bima and heard our Adult Choir sing. Thank you to those who attended both in person and virtually!



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