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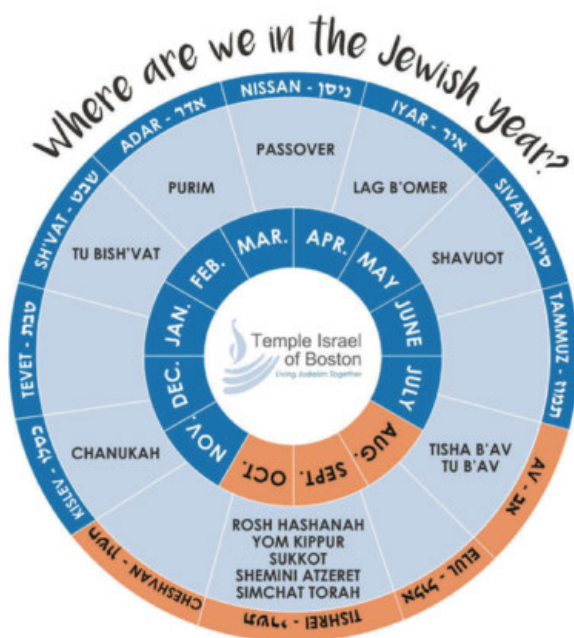


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ABOUT THE COVER

At the Annual Gathering in June, we welcomed new leadership to our board: Shawn Kravetz as President, Rachel Wexler as Vice President, and Karin Freed returning as Treasurer. In a meaningful and symbolic ceremony, the board officers held the Torah and publicly affirmed their commitment to our congregation. See more photos on page 18.

TI SCENE: Summer with Temple Israel



Volunteering with La Colaborativa



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la_colaborativa With heartfelt gratitude! 🙏
A huge thank you to our amazing friends at Temple Israel for your unwavering support of our community during these challenging times.
Your dedication to bringing food directly to families in their homes is a beautiful testament to your love, compassion, and commitment to helping others.
Together, we are making a real difference — one family, one meal, one act of kindness at a time.
We are so grateful for this partnership and for all you do to uplift our community. 🙏



Staff Bonding Day



TILLI Art Walk on the Muddy River



Riverway Havdalah on the River





Rabbi Elaine Zecher
Senior Rabbi

To Begin Anew

Jewish tradition amazes us with its recognition of our humanity. We are imperfect. We err, transgress, and make mistakes. Our Days of Awe provide the pathway to fix, correct, and seek forgiveness. Let us not take what we have for granted.

The Talmud describes a concept called *B'diavad*. בדיעבד The Latin meaning is *post facto*, which means it has already happened. I borrow this idea to help us understand ourselves. We arrive at the holidays having already made mistakes. The Talmudic concept considers the correctness of validity of an action after it has taken place. For us, at this time of year, we already know how to regard what we have done. It is not valid. We are guilty and regret what we have done. As the saying goes, hindsight is 20/20.

We are not stuck in this state of remorse and distress, however. We might think if only we could go back to that situation or the cause of the error or hurt and not do it. We yearn to turn back the hands of time. Yet, we are only wiser because we have the hindsight. *B'diavad* contains the Hebrew word that means work even as it also means prayer. What we do on these Days of Awe is sacred work. It takes great effort to ask for or to grant forgiveness. Nevertheless, we do not desist from it.

There is another Talmudic concept *Lechatchila*, לבתחילה, akin to the Latin phrase *ab initio*, which means, from the beginning. Our tradition provides us with foresight through *T'shuvah*. We return through our prayers, our insights, our recognition of our imperfect humanity with the confession of what we have done wrong and seek to make it right with those we hurt. We begin to see a new way of going forward. We are given a new and fresh start by setting an intention of how we want to be.

Moses Maimonides, the 12th century erudite commentator, stated that one of the definitions of *Teshuvah* is whether upon encountering the same situation we had in the past when we erred, we have the foresight and understanding of how we want to respond differently as our better selves.

The glory of these days is that we are not stuck in the past. We learn that to ease the heavy burden of our actions that have already occurred, we can correct, heal, and discover our better selves. A new beginning awaits. Let's get to work.

Elaine Zecher





NOTES TO OUR COMMUNITY



Shawn Kravetz
Board President

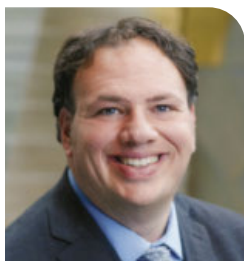
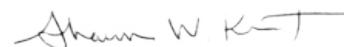
My mom used to love the final shofar blast during *Neilah*. Whether it was the “spiritual punctuation mark” at the end of Yom Kippur or simply the imminent end to the fast, she anxiously awaited and reveled in it. This memory makes me ask: *What is your favorite moment about the High Holy Days?*

As we enter the Days of Awe, we open our arms and our hearts to one another. At some point this season I hope that each of us will utter silently or, if so moved, aloud the words of Jacob in Genesis: “How awesome is this place?!”

Temple Israel has been our home and a refuge this past year amidst virulent and violent antisemitism in our neighborhoods, at the Capital Jewish Museum, in Boulder, and around the world. May we all be surrounded with goodness in 5786. Indeed, our clergy and staff have so much goodness in store for you in September. Remarkably, they do in August and year-round as well.

This season is about new beginnings; we are thrilled to be joined by four new trustees: Bill Finard, Jamie Merrill, Marie Schwartz, and Susanna Stern. In future issues of *Insight*, I commit to sharing meaningful updates on the work of your Board of Trustees. This work is for our next century together as a congregation. I ask that you hold all of us accountable to our mission. I certainly will.

L'Shanah Tovah to you and your loved ones.



Dan Deutsch
Executive Director

As our fiscal year ended in June and a new one began in July it is appropriate to look backward towards the past year at Temple Israel. This past year was extraordinarily successful for our congregation, including the welcoming of 146 new member households, 104 programs through our Center for Adult Jewish Learning, 5 musical artists-in-residence, 1,406 bagged lunches for those in need, 120 life cycle moments led by our clergy, and so many other impactful moments celebrated together. All of these items are the manifestation of our sacred mission and would not be possible without the financial resources which make it all possible. This past year we raised over \$806,000 towards our Friends Annual Campaign, which fuels our operating budget and strengthens every part of Temple Israel's life, giving us the flexibility to respond to needs, support meaningful programs, and sustain the vibrant Jewish community we build together. If you were able to be a part of this campaign we thank you for your continued generosity and we hope that this year we can once again achieve a new record for our annual campaign. You can donate online through our website www.tisrael.org anytime.

As we look ahead towards this year, our staff has already mapped out many meaningful opportunities for our community. We can't wait to live another year of Judaism together here at Temple Israel. I wanted to highlight one specific change that we are rolling out this High Holy Day season. This year we are piloting digital ticketing for all holiday services. This transition should make check-in faster and more efficient, enhance safety and security, reduce paper waste and simplify your onsite experience as we worship together. Your ticket will have a personalized unique QR code to be scanned at the door. When you receive your tickets, you'll be able to add the ticket to your digital wallet on your smart phone, download PDF or print a paper copy if preferred. Our staff and volunteers will be ready to assist as you arrive. As always, we are looking for members who are interested in volunteering as our greeters and ambassadors. Please contact us if you are interested in serving in this capacity.

As always my door is open to you; feel free to contact me if you want to share feedback, say hello or just hear more about what is new at Temple Israel of Boston.





Elul: A Month of Spiritual Preparation

SOUNDTRACK TO THE HIGH HOLY DAYS



Online at www.tisrael.org/hhd-playlist

Prepare your heart and spirit for the Days of Awe with our curated playlist of live High Holy Day music, prepared by Cantor Alicia Stillman. This collection of music from our congregation, drawn from traditional liturgy, contemporary interpretations, and soulful melodies, invites reflection, connection, and a sense of sacred anticipation. Whether you're walking, driving, cooking, or simply pausing to breathe, let this soundtrack accompany you on your journey toward Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

QABBALAT SHABBAT DURING ELUL

Fridays, August 29, September 5, 12, 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Onsite & online

For each week of Elul, we will gather for Qabbalat Shabbat to sing melodies and explore texts that bring us into the themes of the High Holy Days in which we immerse ourselves. Each week will feature a deep dive into one of the chapters of our Congregational Read, *The Sabbath* (see back page), as we spiritually prepare ourselves for awakening and renewal; for *t'shuvah*, *t'filah*, and *tzedakah*.

"A DIFFERENT HIGH HOLY DAYS" WITH RABBI EBN LEADER

September 2 and 9, at 6:30 p.m. Online

\$30 (Reduced), \$60 (Standard) \$80 (Supporter)

Most North American liberal congregations are rooted in the Ashkenazi tradition. In this tradition, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are known as "Days of Awe" and the emotional valence of the liturgy tends towards fear and remorse. In many Sephardic communities however, the emotional focus of these days is on love and joy. Come and learn in this two-session class about this difference through both choices of prayers and interpretations of the liturgy in non-Ashkenazi traditions.

HIGH HOLY DAYS 101

Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur: August 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Sukkot & Simchat Torah: August 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Online

Join us for two free, one-hour online sessions exploring the origins, symbols, and traditions of the High Holy Days. Whether you're new to these holidays or looking to reconnect, all are welcome to discover fresh meaning in these ancient and evolving practices. Register to join. Questions? Contact cajl@tisrael.org.

Mini-Retreat with Noah Aronson & S'lichot Candlelit Service

Join us for an extraordinary afternoon and evening of spiritual preparation as we welcome beloved musician and teacher, Noah Aronson, back to Temple Israel for a transformative S'lichot experience.

Saturday, September 13, 2025

3:00 - 6:00 p.m. S'lichot Mini-Retreat with Noah Aronson, (onsite) registration required

4:45 - 6:30 p.m. Family S'lichot Dinner, Service, and Activity (Village & Elementary)

7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Community Dinner

7:30 - 8:45 p.m. Spiritual Practice Lab with Noah Aronson or Text Study with Rabbis (onsite & online)

9:00 - 10:00 p.m. S'lichot Candlelit Service (onsite)



ROSH HASHANAH 5786

We wish you a happy and sweet New Year!

	COMMUNITY-WIDE SERVICES	VILLAGE & YOUNG FAMILIES SERVICES (AGE 0 – GRADE 1)	FAMILY SERVICES (GRADES 2 – 7)	RIVERWAY PROJECT SERVICES (20s & 30s)
EREV ROSH HASHANAH Monday, September 22	7:30 p.m. Community-Wide Service <i>Onsite & Online</i> Followed by a Grand Homecoming Community Schmooze <i>Onsite</i>	5:30 p.m. Young Family Service <i>Onsite</i> 6:15 p.m. Young Family Schmooze and Dinner <i>Onsite</i>	6:15 p.m. Family Schmooze and Dinner before joining together at Community-Wide Service <i>Onsite</i> 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary for the Community-Wide Service <i>Onsite & Online</i>	6:15 p.m. Riverway Service <i>Onsite & Online</i> Followed by Riverway <i>Onsite</i>
ROSH HASHANAH Tuesday, September 23	9:00 a.m. Community-Wide Service (Early) <i>Onsite & Online</i> Followed by Tashlich <i>Offsite</i> 11:30 a.m. Community-Wide Service (Late) <i>Onsite & Online</i> Followed by Tashlich <i>Offsite</i>	9:15 a.m. Young Family Service <i>Onsite</i> Followed by Tashlich <i>Offsite</i>	9:00 a.m. Family Service <i>Onsite</i> Followed by Tashlich <i>Offsite</i>	Join together with the Community-Wide Services at 9:00 a.m or 11:30 a.m., <i>Onsite & Online</i> Followed by Tashlich <i>Offsite</i>
ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2 Wednesday, September 24	10:00 a.m. Lay-Led Service & Lunch <i>Onsite & Online</i> 2:00 p.m. Reverse Tashlich <i>Offsite</i>	—	—	—

Stay after Erev Rosh Hashanah Services for a Grand Homecoming Community Schmooze!

Come schmooze with friends both new and old as we ring in the new year! Together, we'll celebrate the start of 5786 with fabulous food, delectable drinks, and, most importantly, the warmth of community.



YOM KIPPUR 5786

May you and yours be sealed in the Book of Life!

	COMMUNITY-WIDE SERVICES	VILLAGE & YOUNG FAMILIES SERVICES (AGE 0 – GRADE 1)	FAMILY SERVICES (GRADES 2 – 7)	RIVERWAY PROJECT SERVICES (20s & 30s)
KOL NIDRE Wednesday, October 1	5:45 p.m. Community-Wide Service (Early) <i>Onsite & Online</i> 8:15 p.m. Community-Wide Service (Late) <i>Onsite & Online</i>	4:30 p.m. Young Family Service <i>Onsite</i>	6:00 p.m. Family Service <i>Onsite</i>	7:00 p.m. Riverway Service <i>Onsite & Online</i>
YOM KIPPUR MORNING Thursday, October 2	9:00 a.m. Community-Wide Service (Early) <i>Onsite & Online</i> 11:30 a.m. Community-Wide Service (Late) <i>Onsite & Online</i>	9:15 a.m. Young Family Service <i>Onsite</i>	9:00 a.m. Family Service <i>Onsite</i>	Join together with the Community-Wide Services at 9:00 a.m or 11:30 a.m.
BETWEEN SERVICES: STAY IN THE DAY Thursday, October 2	2:00 p.m. Deepen Your Yom Kippur Experience, see all your choices on page 10.	—	—	2:00 p.m. Riverway Gathering Space
YOM KIPPUR AFTERNOON Thursday, October 2	3:45 p.m. Torah Service, Afternoon Service, Yizkor, Neilah, Havdalah <i>Onsite & Online</i>	—	—	Join together with the community-wide services at 3:45 p.m.

Yom Kippur Break Fast:

Following Neilah and Havdalah, we will have the chance to gather for a light and delicious break fast to share the end of Yom Kippur together!

Visit our website for full High Holy Days details (including Sukkot & Simchat Torah):

www.tisrael.org/5786



High Holy Day Information

Digital Tickets

This High Holy Day season, we are excited to introduce digital tickets as a new way to welcome you into our sacred spaces. Whether you are joining us for Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, or both, **you will receive a personalized digital ticket by email approximately 24 hours before the holiday. Your ticket will include your name, your service type, and a unique QR code that will be scanned when you arrive.** You can show your ticket on your phone or bring a printed copy—whatever makes you most comfortable. Tickets are non-transferable and are meant just for you.

Digital tickets will be sent to members in good standing, guests attending through reciprocity, and non-members who have purchased tickets. We are also pleased to offer complimentary tickets to military personnel and to full-time undergraduate students. If you are looking to purchase additional tickets for visiting family or secure reciprocal tickets to fellow URJ congregations, please visit www.tisrael.org/5786 for more information.

If you're not yet eligible to receive a ticket, we warmly invite you to reach out to our office or visit our website to learn how to become eligible in time for the holidays. If you need help with accessing your ticket, we will be offering office hour help sessions in the weeks leading up to the holidays. You can also reach us anytime at tickets@tisrael.org.

How to Access Livestream

At Temple Israel, our mission of living Judaism together is at the heart of all we do. A vital part of that mission is coming together in prayer. If you are unable to join us in person, we invite you to connect with our community online. We've thoughtfully invested in making the life of our congregation accessible and meaningful from wherever you are. **All Community-Wide and Riverway Project High Holy Day services will be available on livestream.**

Whether you're near or far, we invite you to be part of this sacred season with us online.

There are three easy ways to tune in:



STREAM ON OUR WEBSITE
Visit our livestream page at:
www.tisrael.org/livestream



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Meet our High Holy Day Cantorial Soloist: RACHMIEL KLEIN



This year, we welcome Rachmiel Klein as our High Holy Day Cantorial Soloist. Rachmiel is originally from Los Angeles. He studied music and has been a song/service leader for almost ten years now. From being a camp music specialist, to leading traditional shabbat services, to participating in Jewish acapella, Rachmiel feels at home in the Jewish music scene. He moved to the Boston metro area in 2021 to pursue a PhD in mathematics, and has since found a vibrant Jewish community in which he feels at home. He enjoys thinking about geometric shapes and the laws of logic just as much as he enjoys thinking about divinity and beauty in his life and community. In addition to math, music, and Judaism, Rachmiel also loves to explore, whether it be kayaking out to uninhabited islands in the Boston harbor or solo traveling abroad.

OCTOBER 7TH COMMEMORATION ON EREV SUKKOT

Monday, October 6, 2025

5:15 p.m. Schmooze and Festival Meal for all ages



6:00 p.m. October 7th Commemoration (Onsite & Online). As the sun sets on October 6, we will gather at the intersection of sorrow and joy. On the second anniversary of the October 7th attacks, we will begin with a time of remembrance—holding space for grief and reflection. Then, as the holiday of Sukkot begins, we will gently turn toward celebration, inspired by a powerful tradition in Israel where Memorial Day flows directly into Independence Day—reminding us that even in mourning, we can choose to affirm life, resilience, and hope.


6:00 p.m. Family Program

6:30 p.m. Festival Service in the Sukkah of Justice and Compassion (Onsite & Online). Learn how Tikkun Central is making an impact—and how you can join in! Followed by a Festival Oneg.



A look back at The Annual Gathering of the Congregation



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Our synagogue is 170 years old. Next year we celebrate 100 years on this very corner. **As great as Temple Israel is, we get to make it better.** Together. We are going to lift up the light. When we lift up the light, we ensure that nobody is left in the shadows. We shine the light on our values.

— Shawn Kravetz, President





Temple Israel by the Numbers 5785

Membership and Engagement



146 NEW MEMBER FAMILIES

15 ACTIVE TI CIRCLES

33 AVERAGE TI CIRCLE MEMBERS PER GROUP

Life Cycles

29
BABY NAMINGS



16
WEDDINGS



36
B'NEI MITZVAH



8
ADULT B'NEI MITZVAH

Tikkun Central



1,406
BAGGED LUNCHES MADE FOR THOSE IN NEED

1,078
POUNDS OF FOOD DELIVERED TO THE GREATER BOSTON FOOD BANK



545
UNIQUE PARTICIPANTS IN TIKKUN CENTRAL PROGRAMS



Temple Israel by the Numbers 5785

Religious School, Teens, & the Village (pre-K through teens)



56
NEW RELIGIOUS
SCHOOL STUDENTS

100
TOTAL TEENS
PARTICIPATING

100⁺ FAMILIES AT THE
VILLAGE CHANUKAH
CELEBRATION

200 NON-MEMBER FAMILIES
ENGAGED LAST
CALENDAR YEAR

The Riverway Project
(20s and 30s)

527
PEOPLE AT
RIVERWAY EREV
ROSH HASHANAH



29
AVERAGE AGE
OF RIVERWAY
PARTICIPANTS



494
PEOPLE AT
RIVERWAY
KOL NIDRE



100
RIVERWAY
PROGRAMS AND
EVENTS

Center for Adult Jewish
Learning and TILLI



950
TIKKUN ZOOM
SHAVUOT
REGISTRATIONS



300
JEWISH ARTS
FESTIVAL TICKETS
PURCHASED

104
UNIQUE PROGRAMS



119
TILLI SPRING
PARTICIPANTS



Upcoming Film Screenings with CAJL: Stories of Resistance and Resilience

Join us this fall for two compelling documentary film screenings, each followed by a conversation with the filmmaker.



Shifting Paths

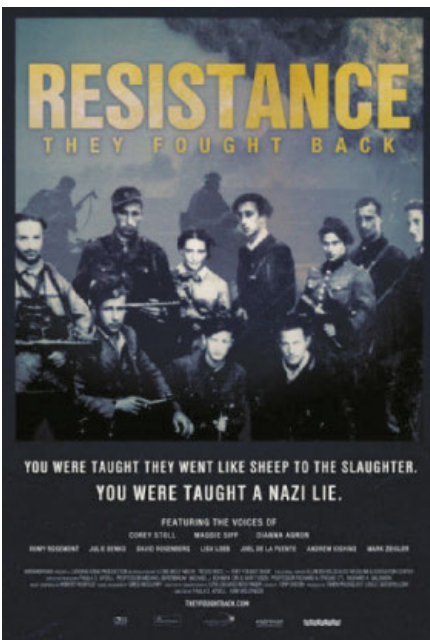
Sunday, September 7, 2025 | 12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Shifting Paths is a moving, multi-generational documentary exploring one family's resilience during the 1933 Nazi boycott of Jewish businesses in Frankfurt, Germany. The film follows the story of Arthur Abelmann, founder of the Chemiewerk pharmaceutical company, whose life and business were upended by the rise of the Nazi regime. His once-banned chamomile remedy, Kamillosan, survives to this day—though few know its origins. Using family artifacts, archival footage, and historical records, *Shifting Paths* captures the vibrant Jewish cultural life in Frankfurt just before it was extinguished. It's a story of survival, loss, and legacy—and the persistence of memory across generations.

FILMMAKER Q&A:

Director Charles Abelmann, whose family were longtime members of Temple Israel, will join us for a post-screening conversation. Charles is a Washington, DC-based documentary filmmaker, educator, and executive coach. His films are part of the New Day Film Cooperative.

Learn more at shiftingpathsdoc.com



Resistance: They Fought Back

Sunday, October 26, 2025 | 2:00–5:00 p.m.

Most of us have heard of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising—but few know the full scope of Jewish resistance during the Holocaust. *Resistance: They Fought Back* shatters the myth that Jews went passively to their deaths. This powerful feature documentary uncovers the breadth of Jewish defiance—violent and nonviolent—across Eastern Europe, from ghetto uprisings to death camp revolts to partisan fighters in the forests.

Filmed in Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Israel, and the U.S., and told through the voices of survivors, their descendants, and scholars, *Resistance* restores to history the many acts of courage that have too often gone untold.

FILMMAKER Q&A:

Director Paula S. Apsell will join us for a post-screening discussion. Paula is the former senior executive producer of PBS's *NOVA*, where she oversaw more than 650 award-winning documentaries. She is now CEO of Leading Edge Productions and continues to use film to challenge assumptions and illuminate truth.

Spiritual Learning & Reflection

Join us for a morning of learning with author Yiscah Smith.

Planting Seeds of the Divine: Torah Commentaries to Cultivate Your Spiritual Practice with Author Yiscah Smith

Join us for a rich morning of spiritual learning and reflection with renowned educator and spiritual teacher Yiscah Smith, celebrating her new book, *Planting Seeds of the Divine: Torah Commentaries to Cultivate Your Spiritual Practice*, jointly published by the University of Nebraska Press and the Jewish Publication Society.

In *Planting Seeds of the Divine*, Yiscah invites us to approach Torah as a spiritual garden—each weekly portion offering seeds for personal transformation and intimate encounters with the Divine. Drawing on classical commentaries, Hasidic and Neo-Hasidic teachings, and her own insights, each chapter of the book highlights a *middah* (spiritual trait or emotional disposition) and offers step-by-step practices to help us embody these teachings in our daily lives.



Planting Seeds of the Divine
*Torah Commentaries to Cultivate Your
Spiritual Practice* | YISCAH SMITH



About the Author:

Yiscah Smith is a spiritual activist and beloved teacher at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies, Applied Jewish Spirituality, and the Institute for Jewish Spirituality. She is the founder of Conscious Community Nachlaot in Jerusalem, which offers inclusive Shabbat gatherings rooted in spiritual connection. Through her teaching and writing, Yiscah empowers others to discover and follow their unique spiritual paths.



Getting to know Shawn Fiedler, Temple Israel's Director of Development

What drew you to Temple Israel and this role?

Temple Israel has a spark to it, and that's what caught my attention. I was drawn in by the mix of tradition and creativity, the joy people take in being together, and the way Jewish life is celebrated here. Its community and leadership are vibrant, thoughtful, and full of heart. There's a sense that something meaningful, exciting, and urgent is happening, and I wanted to be part of it.



What makes fundraising in a synagogue different from other spaces?

I've spent my entire career working in religious communities, and I've seen again and again that generosity is the engine behind a thriving one. It's what allows us to show up for each other, to pursue justice, to celebrate and mourn, and to cast a vision of something greater together.

In a synagogue, fundraising isn't just about numbers or meeting a goal. It's about deepening relationships, belonging, and being part of something larger than yourself. For me, this work isn't just a job. It's my life's calling.

What's your background with Judaism and Jewish community?

I come from a family shaped by many religious traditions, including Jewish grandparents and close Jewish relatives. Jewish life was always part of our family's fabric, with holidays, rituals, values, and a deep respect for the vital role synagogues play in sustaining the tradition.

It's part of my own spiritual DNA. The language, the rhythm, the joy of Jewish life have long felt familiar and grounding. Stepping into this role feels, in many ways, like coming home.

When you're not working, what do you love to do?

I love spending time with friends by seeing a movie, going to the BSO, or just catching up over a good meal. I try to travel whenever I can, and I run pretty regularly. I'm also learning tennis, badly but enthusiastically, and always hoping for enough snow to get in a few good ski days.

I look forward to meeting you!





Frances Jacobson
Early Childhood Center
at Temple Israel of Boston

In the 30 years since FJ ECC opened its doors, it has become a vital component of Temple Israel—and of the communities around us. Our mission is to provide the highest quality education in both secular and Judaic studies under the guidance of the highest caliber teachers. We serve that mission through the relationships we build—within our classrooms and hallways, and also throughout Temple Israel, the Longwood Medical Area and even along the Muddy River. These relationships strengthen and enrich the lives of the children while also enriching the lives of those who come to us looking for connection or respond to our requests for engagement and connection.

Our intergenerational volunteers (of all ages—it’s *intergenerational!*) bring warmth, humor, music and joy to the children, staff and families of FJ ECC.

Weekly trips to the Muddy River throughout the school year nurture children’s connection to—and responsibility for—the natural world. At the annual Studio Without Walls art exhibit, FJ ECC children see their Muddy River world transformed into a free outdoor art museum—building more connections and bonds to the greater world and nurturing appreciation for curiosity, beauty and imagination.

Echoes of what we teach and inspire in our classrooms are tangible everywhere outside our classrooms. We will continue to look for them all around us. And we invite you to come explore our world.



As a parent of two graduates, I'm thrilled to be back at the FJ ECC teaching music. Shabbat Sing is the highlight of my week. The kids are wonderful, and it is a privilege to bring Jewish joy to the community.

Bea Wilderman



The hour with the Red Room kids is the highlight of my week. What a joy it is to experience the world through their hopeful eyes as we talk, play, and read together!

Anne Licciardello



Welcome to Our Newest Members!

Cory Berg & Eric Williams

Zachary & Kimberly Berkowitz

Roy and Noa Berkowitz

Will Cohen & Emily Fogg

Ira and Asa Fogg-Cohen

Jesse Feller-Kopman

Tracy and Saul Fink

Andrew Friedland & Marilyn Levitt

Finn Gardiner

Amy Gottlieb & Evan Healy

Daisy Healy

Louide Henri

Sade Horsley

Amber Horton

Morton Hyams

Nicholas Kelly

Rebecca & David Leaf

Emma and Teddy Leaf

Matthew Levine & Rachel Dickens

Eliza, Sylvie and Caleb Levine

Rachel Most

Alexandra Patkin

Farid Suleyman

LIFE CYCLES

Mazal Tov

WE CONGRATULATE

- **Phyllis Sheinfeld Baker** on the engagement of her grandson, Gregory Baker Gittes, to Dr. Avi Avantika.
- **Rabbi Elaine Zecher & Dr. David Eisenberg** on the marriage of their daughter, Naomi Eisenberg, to Sam Whitemore
- **Johanna Klein & Bob Lepson** on the marriage of their son Josh Lepson to Arielle Knight
- **Ben & Jules Jackson** on the birth of their son Zachary Schuyler Fischburg Jackson
- **Elanna Havdala** on the birth of her child, and **Jacob and Brea** on the birth of their sibling, Rami Benjamin Havdala.
- **Josh & Elisabeth Bates** on the birth of their son and **Joe & Debbie Bates** on the birth of their grandson, Beau Charles Bates

May their memories bring blessing

RECENT DEATHS

- **Phyllis AlRoy**, aunt of Fern Remedie Brown and great-aunt of Netta and Maya
- **Matthew Berkovitz**, cousin of Elaine Abrams
- **Paul Berkovitz**, cousin of Elaine Abrams
- **Ernest Claughton**, father of June Claughton
- **Elise Derris**, mother of Austin Derris and grandmother of Max and Blake
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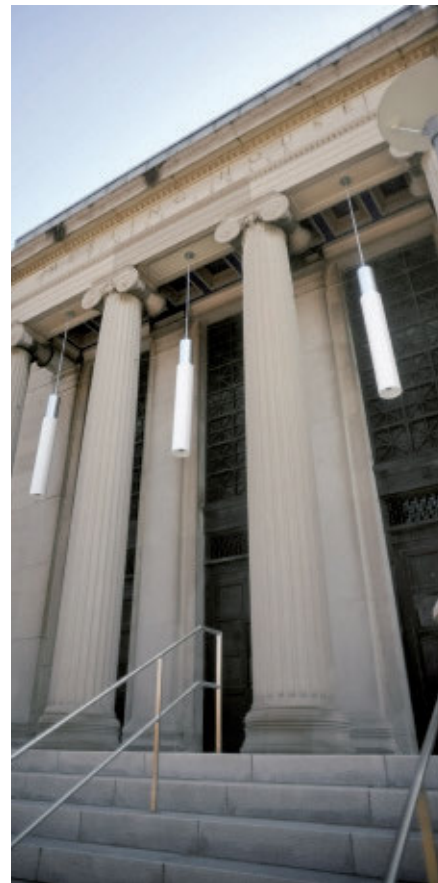
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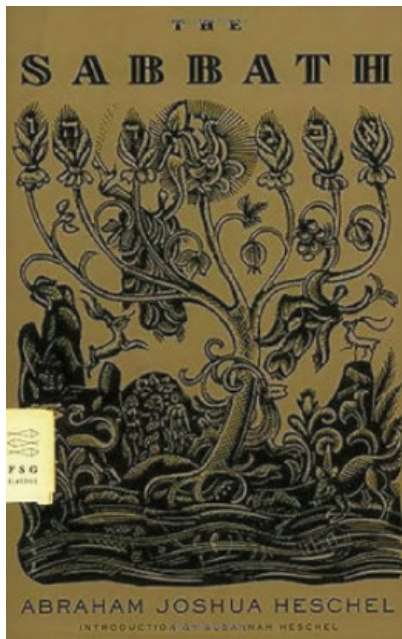
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