

the bulleTIn

A monthly newsletter of Temple Israel. Also available online at www.templetulsa.com.

Worship Schedule:

All generations of the Temple Israel family are welcome during services. Childcare is provided during Friday night services.

Friday, May 4

Shabbat Evening Service | 6:00 p.m.
First Friday Service and catered dinner from Boston Avenue Catering.
See page 4 for additional details.

Friday, May 11

Shabbat Evening Service | 7:30 p.m.
Join Rabbi Simon and Cantor Steinsnyder for a spirited Shabbat service followed by a tasty Oneg. Everyone is invited to join us.

Saturday, May 12

Emily Arlan Bat Mitzvah | 10:30 a.m.
Join us for this special Shabbat morning service when Emily Arlan will be called to the Bima as a Bat Mitzvah. The service will be led by Rabbi Simon and Cantor Steinsnyder. See page 4.

Friday, May 18

Tot Shabbat | 6:00 p.m.
See page 4 for more information.

Shabbat Evening Service | 7:30 p.m.

Come participate in Shabbat worship with Rabbi Simon. Music with Cantorial Soloist Jenny Labow.

Saturday, May 19 | 10:30 a.m.

Monthly Torah study with Rabbi Simon.
See page 3 for details

Erev Shavuot Study | 7:00 p.m.
Study with Rabbi Simon

Erev Shavuot Service | 8:30 p.m.

Followed by cheesecake dessert.
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MESSAGE FROM RABBI SIMON THE LAST ARTICLE - PARTING WORDS: The Only Two Great Sermons

The next time you read the BulleTIn, it will be the combined June-July issue. Rabbi Michael Weinstein will assume this prime spot as the new Senior Rabbi at Temple Israel. Not only will his Bulletin picture be pleasing to your eyes, I'm sure you will find his columns to be inspiring and insightful. Since this is my final article, I wanted to leave you with a true story that reflects what I have tried to do in my rabbinate for thirty-five years, regardless of where I have served.



In the fall of 1981, as I began my fourth year at Hebrew Union College at the Cincinnati campus, my classmates and I were notified of the hallowed tradition of the 4th year student sermon. This was a very big deal. You were required to utilize an HUC professor as your "adviser", meet with him on a bi-weekly basis, and produce numerous drafts on your Smith Corona portable manual typewriter. Then, you would deliver your sermon at a Shabbat morning service in the Chapel, filled to capacity with rabbinical students, faculty, graduate students, staff and invited guests. The sermon was videotaped, and the tape was played the following Monday afternoon at a "sermon critique" attended by students and faculty.

My Torah portion was Vayishlach, which included the famous narrative of the reunion of Jacob and Esau after 20 years. With the help of my sermon adviser, Dr. Michael Meyer, I focused on Jacob's need to grow and change after a life of dishonesty and deception. For Jacob, the meeting with Esau was his chance to rebuild his integrity and become shalem (whole) by apologizing to Esau. I thought the sermon was solid but not memorable. As I would later discover, this one sermon became transformational for me.

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PLEASE JOIN US ON SUNDAY, MAY 6 AT 11:00 A.M. FOR THE 2018 ANNUAL MEETING!

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Friday, May 25

Shabbat Evening Service | 7:30 p.m.

Join Rabbi Simon and Cantor Steinsnyder for a spirited Shabbat service followed by a tasty Oneg.

Saturday, May 26

Shabbat Morning Service | 10:30 a.m.

There will be participatory prayer and Torah study followed by a potluck lunch. If you are able, please bring a dish to share. Music with Cantor Steinsnyder.

Presiding over the Monday critique was the late Dr. Eugene Mihaly (z'l), a professor of 30 years and Executive Vice-President of the College. Dr. Mihaly elicited strong feelings within the entire campus, generally, of fear, awe, and loathing. Many people stayed far away from him. They knew he was the only member of the entire faculty ordained as a Rabbi at HUC and Yeshiva University. He was not only politically powerful, but the rumor was that Dr. Mihaly's Judaic knowledge was so deep and comprehensive he could teach any class at HUC flawlessly and with no preparation.

The Monday "critique" of my sermon was remarkably brief and uneventful, given the fact that Dr. Mihaly had the potential to be long-winded, acerbic and sarcastic. As the session ended and people filed out, he summoned me to the front of the room. Finally, after everyone was gone, he quietly said, "That was a truly great sermon." I was shocked." I said, "Thank you very much, sir." "Mr. Simon, do you know why it was a great sermon?" "No sir, I do not." "Of course you do not know why, Mr. Simon, because you know very little about Judaism and you know less about homiletics, the art of preaching. So let me explain this to you."

Dr. Mihaly continued, "There are sermons, and then there are authentically great sermons. There are only two authentically great sermons a Rabbi can give. The other sermons that Rabbis give are generally narishkeit (nonsense). What made your sermon great was that you inadvertently managed to combine the two great authentic sermons into one. The first great sermon must show how Judaism helps us to be the best human being possible. To be the best human being

possible we must examine our souls regularly so we can be part of a continuous process of growing and changing."

"And what is the second great sermon?" I asked. Dr. Mihaly answered, "Ah, Mr. Simon, the second great sermon is connected to the first sermon. If Judaism cares about the human being in you, it stands to reason that Judaism cares about the Jew that is inside of you. If you are always growing and learning as a Jew, then you can change, and from there you can strive to be the best Jew you can possibly be. That is the second great sermon."

And with that, Dr. Mihaly abruptly turned and headed to the door. As he neared the entrance he turned around and said, "One more thing. If you put all of your ability and energy into these two sermons you will not need any other sermons. Just figure out the best ways to help your congregants to be the best human beings and the best Jews possible."

Before he could leave, I blurted out, "Dr. Mihaly, what if there is a third great sermon out there, and we just don't know what it is?" A very small smile played around the corners of his mouth as he replied, "A good question, Mr. Simon. If there is a third great sermon and you find it, come and tell me, and then you can be my teacher." And then he was gone.

We stayed in contact on and off for many years. Dr. Mihaly died in 2002. After searching for 35 years I have not found the third great sermon, and I'm not sure it even exists. Fortunately, we still have two great sermons. They are more than enough to keep us busy until the third great sermon comes along.

Now, as you and I get ready to travel different paths on our journey of life, I hope these sermons will become part of you just as they have become part of me. ☩

Fondly,
Rabbi Jim Simon

President's Message

My Jewish Journey as President

As I look back over the past two eventful years in the life of our congregation, I am honored to have served as your President. Together with the members of the board of trustees, our clergy and staff, we have dedicated ourselves to the sacred task of leading the congregation through a time of challenge and growth. I am reminded of an advertisement from years ago for the U. S. Army. It described being a soldier in the Army as "the hardest job you will ever love". I think that phrase sums up my feelings about having the opportunity to serve Temple Israel as your President. At times this has been a difficult job, but it has always been worthwhile.



Recently, at the April 2018 Board of Trustees meeting, our board members took time to reflect upon all that has been accomplished in the past two years, as well as all that is left to do. We were all struck by the fact that we have come a long way in a relatively short period of time. At the first board meeting of my administration, Karen and Micah Citrin were still our Rabbis. A few months later, Jim Simon joined us as our Interim Rabbi. Together with Rabbi Simon, we have endeavored to bring our congregation to a place of health and healing. One of our most important goals was to have a successful search for our next settled senior rabbi. We hoped to attract a number of high quality candidates and to have the search culminate with the selection and hire of the Rabbi who would be the right fit for us.

I am so pleased that we were able to accomplish this goal with the hiring of Rabbi Michael Weinstein. We were dedicated to doing all of the advance work necessary to have a successful search, and this work has paid dividends in several other areas, as well. We have renewed a close relationship with the Union for Reform Judaism. We have worked with experts and advisors from the URJ who have provided support, information about best Reform Jewish practices, and resources to help us on our journey. We have provided training for both current and future leaders with our re-institution of the LEAD TI program, as well as by bringing in facilitators in person and via Skype to work with the members of our Board. We have focused on communication and transparency, by providing forums for congregants to meet and chat with the members of our Board as well as reaching

out to members who have drifted away from active participation. Along the way we hired Stephanie Marshall as our new Director of Education, Outreach and Programming and increased Jenny Labow's role at Temple Israel by having her join us as part of our office staff.

It is not possible to list every goal and accomplishment in this limited space. What is most important to share is that all of our work has been done with a love and appreciation for our congregation and a desire to create the conditions that will allow us to remain a strong Reform Jewish presence in Tulsa for years to come, to serve generations into the future.

We have tried to set the stage for our next generation of rabbinic and lay leaders to be able to lead and unify our Temple Israel family. However, this is not a task for lay leaders and rabbi alone. Forging a path for a healthy and vibrant future will require the support and participation of all of the members of our Temple family. Leaders alone cannot succeed without the support of the congregation. I encourage each of you to express your love of Temple Israel by remaining engaged, upbeat and supportive as we enter this next chapter of Temple Israel's long history. We need our Temple, and our Temple needs all of us.

I want to thank all of you for the opportunity to have served as your president. Temple presidents are made, not born. But they can only be made if the congregation has the vision, sense of community and a will to persevere. I have always loved our congregation, and as I leave office, I leave with an even deeper love and appreciation for our Temple family, coupled with an optimism and excitement for our future. May we all continue from strength to strength together! ☩

TORAH STUDY

Our next monthly TORAH STUDY 101 will take place on **Saturday, May 19**. We meet from **10:30 a.m.-Noon**, in the Convocation Center. Everyone is welcome to attend, especially those who have never studied Torah before. Our class is very interactive, stimulating and fun. See you on May 19!

See you on Saturday, May 19!

Youth & Family Education

Stephanie

Camp Katan - The final Camp Katan of the year is **Sunday, May 20, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

Camp Katan is a fun monthly opportunity for infants through pre-school age children to play together, sing and hear a story. Open to all. RSVP to Stephanie Marshall at stephanie@templetulsa.com by Wednesday, May 16.



Shorashim - Shorashim will be in session on **May 6, 13, and 20**. The final day, May 20, includes the End of the Year Siyyum (celebration) with our families. Shorashim spent the year learning about the blessings of our lives. We will wrap up the year with families filling buckets with 100 blessings. There will be singing and merriment followed by a joyous lunch beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Parent Learning - Parent Learning with Rabbi Simon will take place on **May 13**, during Shorashim.

Hebrew Learning - Hebrew Learning will be held on **May 2, 9 and 16**, the final session of the year. Our Hebrew learning program is growing. We currently offer Hebrew through 6th grade. Beginning next year, 2018-2019 school year, we will be offering Hebrew Learning through the 7th grade. ☩



Join us on May 18!

Join us on the Bima for Tot Shabbat Service is **Friday, May 18, at 6:00 p.m.** This service is especially for families with babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and young elementary school children. The whole mishpacha (family) is welcome to attend. This fun filled experience begins at 6:00 p.m. and is followed by a delicious pizza dinner. \$5 per person. Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 16. ☩

Bat Mitzvah



Emily Marie Arlan will become a bat mitzvah on **May 12, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.** at Temple Israel , with a Kiddush luncheon following the service.

Emily is the daughter of Todd and Mary Arlan and the granddaughter of Rick and Sue Arlan. She is a 7th grader at Jenks Middle School, where she is a member of the National Junior Honor Society, the Academic Team and plays clarinet in the band. Emily also takes ballet classes, enjoys playing her ukulele, spending time with her sister, Gracie, her friends and her two dogs, Carrie and Bean, and her cat, Walker.

Emily's mitzvah project is People Helping Pets. This organization helps women who have been convicted of non-violent crimes to be trained in the pet grooming industry, so that upon completion of the program, they can become contributing members of society. The women are trained at the Muddy Paws grooming salon in Tulsa. This mitzvah project combines Emily's love of animals with her sense of duty to help others. ☩

First Friday Shabbat

First Friday Shabbat returns on **Friday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m.** This musical Shabbat with Cantorial Soloist Jenny Labow and the Temple Israel Band is sure to be "Forceful" for all ages as we sing our way through the Shabbat service, followed by a delicious dinner. Be sure to put the date on your calendar and watch the weekly E-bulletin for more details. ☩



TEMPLE ISRAEL ANNUAL MEETING

**SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018
MEETING AT 11:00 A.M.
BAGELS, LOX AND COFFEE
WILL BE SERVED**

Join your Temple family as we:

- Elect new officers and trustees
- Honor our 2018 Amudim Recipients
- Honor Temple volunteers

Please join us as we move into the next chapter of our congregation's story.

2018 AMUDIM AWARD RECIPIENTS

Todd and Mary Arlan | Peg Kishner

TEMPLE ISRAEL'S ANNUAL MEETING

John Clayman, Incoming President 2018-2020
Trustees Continuing to Serve 2017-2019
Dr. Shana Deneen, Michael Meister,
Dr. David Nierenberg, Dr. Barbara Waxman

Nominated as Officers 2018-2020
Dr. Stephen Galoob – President Elect
Jackie Karpman – Vice President
Mark Lobo – Treasurer
Jody Weise-Gonzales – Secretary

Nominated as Trustees 2018-2020
Mike Jacobs, Bracken Klar, Brina Reinstein,
Dr. Allen Smith, Leisa Weintraub

2018-2019
Merrilee Langer

Officer Nominee Bios

John Clayman, President (elected President-Elect at the May, 2016 Annual Meeting)

John is a lifelong Tulsan and member of Temple Israel. His maternal grandfather was one of the founding members of Temple Israel and served as its second President. John's late father also served on the Board of Temple Israel. John and Leah raised their three sons, Stephen, Jacob and David, at Temple Israel. Despite their vigorous protests and through the resiliency of Leah, each of the boys was consecrated, confirmed and became Bar Mitzvah at Temple Israel. John is a C.P.A. and Attorney. He attended University of Tulsa College of Law. He was on the Temple Israel Board in the early 1990's and has served as the Chair of the Cemetery Committee since 1995. John is currently the President of the Temple Israel Foundation. He recently co-chaired the Annual Temple Fundraiser with Leah. John has been involved in various religious and community non-profit activities in Tulsa including the Tulsa Jewish Retirement and Health Center Board of Directors, Jewish Federation of Tulsa Past-President, Treasurer and Board member, and a Board member of the Tulsa Development Authority, OSU Foundation, and Youth Service of Tulsa. John's desire is to utilize the relationships from his life-long affiliation with the Temple toward the continued success and vibrancy of Temple Israel.

Stephen Galoob, President-Elect

Stephen Galoob is associate professor at the University of Tulsa College of Law. Stephen and his wife Mindy have two children, Sam (11) and Isaac (6). A native Oklahoman, Stephen became a bar mitzvah at Temple B'nai Israel in Oklahoma City. After graduating from the University of Oklahoma, Stephen attended law school at the University of Virginia, practiced law in Washington, D.C., and received his Ph.D. in law and philosophy at the University of California, Berkeley. Stephen is currently the Vice President of the TU Faculty Senate, and he serves as co-chair of the Youth and Education Committee at Temple. He recently occupied the office of Secretary of Temple Israel.

Stephen and his family look forward to keeping Temple Israel a vibrant and welcoming place for Jewish families. In his spare time, Stephen enjoys reading and talking about philosophy, watching OU sports, watching Sam play sports, and reading Harry Potter with Isaac.

Jackie Karpman, Vice-President

Jackie Karpman is originally from Westfield, NJ, a suburb of New York City. She met her husband, Adam, at a Hillel event at the University of Cincinnati, and they were married in 2005. They have been living in Tulsa since 2012.

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Jackie has become an active volunteer. She has served on the Temple Board of Trustees for the past 2 years and serves as the co-chair of the Youth and Education Committee. Jackie also co-chaired the search for our Director of Education, Outreach and Programming and was a member of the Reference Group, working with consultant David Brubaker. She was instrumental in bringing Jason Mesches to Temple Israel for his concert last August and served as chair of the baking committee for Shalomfest. Currently, Jackie is participating in the LEAD-TI program and will be co-chairing the Rabbinic Transition Committee with her husband, Adam.

Jackie loves being a part of the Temple Israel family and loves that their daughter, Leah Rose, enjoys coming to Temple as much as Jackie did at a young age. Jackie says that the more involved and invested she has become in the growth and success of our Temple community, the more she wants to help ensure its continued success.

Jackie is a pediatric speech-language pathologist for a home health agency in Tulsa. She enjoys cooking, baking, and traveling with her family.

Jody Weise, Secretary

Jody Weise has been a Temple member since 1983. She is currently on the Sisterhood board and has been trustee for the Sisterhood Judaica shop for many years. Jody has volunteered many hours cooking and working Shalomfest, and helping with Taste of Temple, Chai Tea, and many other Temple events. Jody's fundraising work has included Sisterhood auctions, cookbooks, musical programs, Mahj Tournaments, and Judaica shopping events for the Religious School and Retirement center.

Jody taught Sunday School for many years, attended Adult Education classes, sang in the Temple Choir and Chanted Torah. Jody was on the Temple Board many years ago, and more recently had the honor of serving on the Rabbi Search Committee. She was named Volunteer of the Year in 2013 and is a Queen Esther.

Jody was born in Chicago and holds a BA in Business. She had her Bat Mitzvah and was Confirmed in Oklahoma City and was a Regional Vice President when in the youth group. She earned a scholarship to participate in an Israeli Pilgrimage while in high school and was active with Hillel while in college. She supports the Tulsa Food Bank and Iron Gate, and continues to be involved with the Center for Individuals with Physical Challenges and the Oklahoma Religious Coalition. She has volunteered for the AIDS Interfaith Network, Toys for Tots and is an avid Mahj Jongg Guru.

Her goal on the Temple Board is to help Temple Israel nurture a caring and meaningful environment, a growing and thriving congregation, and a model of respect for generations to come.

Mark Lobo, Treasurer

Mark was a member of the first Lead TI class in the 1990s and has served on the Temple Israel Board of Trustees several times. He has chaired the Adult Education and Membership Committees and has been Temple Israel Treasurer, Secretary and ShalomFest Chair. Mark has been recognized as Brotherhood's Volunteer of the Year and received the Isaiah Award in 1996. He regularly participates in the Adult Choir, chairs TI's ARZA Committee, is a member of the Brotherhood board, and co-chairs the Cantorial Search Committee. He was recognized as an Amudim in 2015.

Mark served the Tulsa Jewish Retirement and Health Care Center as Personnel Committee Chair and Treasurer, and has been a member of Tulsa's Council for Holocaust Education since its inception. He led the Israel Committee of the Jewish Federation of Tulsa from 1999 to 2007 and currently chairs the Facilities Committee. He has been a docent for the Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art since 2010.

Outside of Tulsa's Jewish Community Mark serves as Vice President of Tulsa Metropolitan Ministry, Co-Chair of OCCJ's Jewish Christian Muslim Trialog Study Group and is a member of the Dialog Institute of the Southwest Advisory Council. He also serves on the Tulsa Global Alliance Tiberias Committee and is on the Advisory Committee for the Oklahoma Israel Exchange.

Mark is a licensed Professional Engineer and currently manages Valve Systems International LLC that developed the Atlas severe service industrial control valve based on patents he was awarded in 2015 and 2016. ☽

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It's easy to RSVP:

Phone: (918) 747-1309

Email: rsvp@templetulsa.com

Website: templetulsa.com/rsvp-for-events

Please make sure to include the date of the event, and the number of adults and children to be included, any dietary needs and your contact phone or email.

Young Kehillah

Young Kehillah will host a Game Night on **Friday, May 11**. Meet in the library after the conclusion of evening services for snacks, drinks, and fun! Free babysitting will be provided. Bring your favorite card, board, or dice game that's fun for several people and can be played in under 2 hours. Or just come hang out. Young Kehillah is for young families and young professionals age 21 through their 40s. Check out our Facebook page to learn more about this and all our events at www.facebook.com/groups/tulsaYK/ ☩

All in the Family

Mazel Tov! To Jim & Diane Jakubovitz on the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Amanda Jakubovitz, to Evan Anderson, on May 27, 2018.

Mazel Tov! To Beverly and Kevin Collin on the April 14 birth of their grandson, Harry Ludmeyer Rovick, son of Jonathan and Leah Roeber Rovick.

Mazel Tov! To Edgar and Judy Benarrous on the April 16 birth of their grandson, Jude Alexander Benarrous, son of David and Julie Benarrous.

With sorrow, the congregation notes the deaths of:

Ruth Bookbinder, mother of Marc (Irene) Bookbinder, grandmother of Paul Bookbinder & Laurie Bookbinder.

Abe Wilk, cousin of Allen (Judy) Smith.

May their memory be for a blessing. ☩

Lag B'omer

Celebrate Lag B'omer on **Saturday, May 5, 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** at Liberators' Park on The Zarrow Campus. The days between Passover and Shavuot are the counting of the Omer (sheaves or measurement of grain). These 49 days are traditionally considered a minor mourning period, but the mourning practices are lifted on the 33rd (Lag) day of the Omer. The day is celebrated with picnics and bonfires. Temple Israel will be celebrating with games, a campfire, roasted hotdogs and s'mores. Bring your camp chairs and join the fun. The evening will end with Havdalah and singing. \$10 per person. Please RSVP by Tuesday, May 1. This is co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation. ☩



Saturday, May 19, 7:00 p.m.

Erev Shavuot

Jewish tradition tells us that it was not just our ancestors that received Torah at Mount Sinai. We are taught that each one of us stood at Sinai and received the gift of Torah from God. Each one of us heard the thunder and rumbling. While only Moses saw God, each and every one of us heard God. We heard God in the language that we understood, with words that made sense to us. God spoke to each of us individually. Just as we begin reading Torah again every year at Simchat Torah, on Shavuot we receive the Torah anew.

As with most Jewish holidays, Shavuot has many customs. One is to decorate with flowers and greenery as a reminder of the spring harvest and the first fruits. Secondly, we enjoy dairy foods, specifically cheesecake and blintzes. This is a way of comparing the sweetness of Torah with the sweetness of milk and honey. A third custom is to stay up all night studying Torah.

For more information about Shavuot go to <https://reformjudaism.org/shavuot-customs-and-rituals> ☩

Since it is the custom to study the 10 commandments on Erev Shavuot, we are fortunate that the following individuals will be leading us as we study/discuss each of the ten commandments: Commandment 1-Brian Brouse, Commandment 2-Stephanie Marshall, Commandment 3-Bracken Klar, Commandment 4-Lesley Bumgarner, Commandment 5- Peg Kishner, Commandment 6-John Clayman, Commandment 7-Rabbi Simon, Commandment 8-Ed Sherman, Commandment 9-Mark Lobo and Commandment 10- John Bode. Please join us for this stimulating and educational discussion.

Sisterhood

We offer a huge ‘thank you’ to everyone who donated items for our major fundraiser, the “Trinkets & Treasures” sale. We especially thank Jane Katz, for her tireless efforts and expertise, and also thank all those who helped to sort and price items and work before and during the sale. The funds raised benefit our entire Temple by helping to support all Sisterhood activities.

While our year is winding down, we look forward to planning next year’s calendar, and we always appreciate input from our members. What programs would you like to see?

How can you volunteer? Please let Peg Kishner, Mary Arlan, or Donnie Suter-Levin know. We always welcome your baked goods for Oneg Shabbats. Please call Peg Kishner if you are available to help.

And remember, all new members of our Temple enjoy free membership to Sisterhood until the next membership drive, which begins in August. ☸

Save the Dates

JUNE 8

GOODBYE SHABBAT FOR
CANTOR FAITH STEINSNYDER

JUNE 15

GOODBYE SHABBAT
FOR RABBI JIM SIMON

Please save these dates and plan to be in attendance to thank and honor these special clergy members. Look for more information in future eblasts and in the June BulleTIn.

Brotherhood

On **Thursday, May 10**, the Brotherhood will hold its next After Hours event at Roosevelt’s on 15th Street, from **5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** There is no need to RSVP, and you are welcome to bring a friend or partner.

The next Brotherhood Board meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 22 at 7:30 pm** at the Temple.

Save the date! On **Wednesday, June 13**, the Brotherhood will hold its June After Hours event at TWL Bistro, 7890 E 106th Place, from **5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** There is no need to RSVP, and you are welcome to bring a friend or partner.

Save the Date! Brotherhood Shabbat will be held on **Friday, June 22** with Cantor Faith Steinsnyder leading the renowned Brotherhood Choir. Our guest speaker will be Oklahoma State Representative Meloyde Blancett. ☸

Lead TI with Jane Aronoff

Lead TI graduates and guests at the final session.



Jane Aronoff and Lead TI Co-Chair Dr. Estelle Levetin Avery



Library

Bracken Klar and
Melanie Gillespy

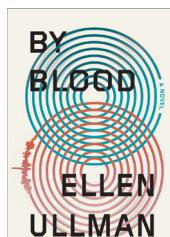
We just added **Nine Folds to Make a Paper Swan** to our Temple Israel Library collection.

Here is the review from the publisher:
"At the start of the twentieth century, a young girl and her family emigrate from Lithuania in search of a better life in America, only to land on the Emerald Isle instead. In 1958, a mute Jewish boy locked away in a mental institution outside of Dublin forms an unlikely friendship with a man consumed by the story of the love he lost nearly two decades earlier. And in present-day London, an Irish journalist is forced to confront her conflicting notions of identity and family when her Jewish boyfriend asks her to make a true leap of faith. These three arcs, which span generations and intertwine in revelatory ways, come together to tell the haunting story of Ireland's all-but-forgotten Jewish community. Ruth Gilligan's beautiful and heartbreaking Nine Folds Make a Paper Swan explores the question of just how far we will go to understand who we really are, and to feel at home in the world."



Sounds inspiring! You can check it out from the new book display located just outside of the sanctuary. If you miss it, send us an email at library@templetulsa.com and we'll put it on hold for you.

If you're not faint of heart and are looking for something grittier, I just finished **By Blood** by Ellen Ullman. This dark story, set in the 1970s in San Francisco, follows a disgraced academic who has been put on leave by his university. He discovers his temporary office shares a thin wall with a therapist when he overhears a session with a troubled young woman known only as "the patient." Adopted as a baby but told nothing of her origins, the patient has recently discovered she was part of a secret program to "save" Jewish babies born during WWII by adopting them out to Catholic families. As the patient struggles with questions of family, identity, and what it means to be Jewish, the tormented professor becomes obsessed with uncovering her past. Will his quest for the truth bring peace to them both? Or will his interference drag the patient into the depths of his own mental turmoil? Check out this psychological thriller and find out!



Want to suggest a title for purchase? Click here:
<https://goo.gl/forms/vQSSSBnFTnWSiFbX2> ☽

Thank You For Donating to the 2018 Fundraiser



N'davot - Offerings

"Whoever is charitable and just fills the entire world with kindness."

- Talmud

AL TILKIN MEMORIAL FUND

In Loving Memory of Stan Burnstein
Janice Sperber

DUNDEE-BURGER YOUTH ACTIVITIES FUND

In Loving Memory of Dorthea Dundee
Janet Dundee & Jeff Darby
In Loving Memory of Berel Dundee
Janet Dundee & Jeff Darby
In Loving Memory of Leona Taylor
Janet Dundee & Jeff Darby
In Loving Memory of Dorothy Burger Wright
Janet Dundee & Jeff Darby

GENERAL FUND

In Loving Memory of Sherri Sperber Moore
Janice Sperber
In Loving Memory of Irvin & Sharna Frank
Julie Frank
In Honor of Rabbi Simon & Staff
Curtis & Regina Scissons
In Loving Memory of Ruth Bookbinder
Beverly Kehlmann
In Honor of Rabbi Simon
Brian Brouse
In Honor of Emily Arlan's Bat Mitzvah
Brian Brouse
In Honor of the Yahrzeit of Mia Cyter
Nikki Sack
In Honor of the Temple Israel Sewing Circle
Michele Cowen
In Loving Memory of Ruth Bookbinder
Renee Kaplan
In Honor of Renee Kaplan
Diane Jakubovitz

JAY ALLEN MYERS MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND

In Loving Memory of Barbara Rambach
Sam J. Brenner & Megan Brenner

JUDY HALPERN SOCIAL JUSTICE FUND

In Loving Memory of Ruth Bookbinder
Ed & Betty Sherman
In Loving Memory of Stan Burnstein
Ed & Betty Sherman

MARCIA JANKOWSKY MEMORIAL CANTORIAL FUND

Happy Birthday Zella
April & Richard Borg
In Loving Memory of Ruth Bookbinder
Martin & Shirley Brody

MUSIC FUND

Happy Birthday Curt Scissons
from your wife, Regina
In Loving Memory of Ruth Bookbinder
Phil & Janice Wilner
In Loving Memory of Ruth Bookbinder
Marc & Irene Bookbinder
In Loving Memory of Ruth Bookbinder
Iris Chandler

PAULA & DAVID JACOBSON LEADERSHIP ENRICHMENT FUND

In Honor of Josef Gantner's Bar Mitzvah
Paula & Malcolm Milsten

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Honor of Rabbi Simon
Curtis & Regina Scissons
In Honor of Rabbi Simon & Staff
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May

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 4:15 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Hebrew Learning 6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Midrasha Dinner 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Midrasha @TI	3 12:00 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting@ Youth Lounge	4 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service 7:00 p.m. First Friday Catered Dinner	5 4:30 p.m. Lag B'omer Havdalah & Campfire Event@ Liberators' Park
6 9:30 a.m.-Noon Shorashim Religious School 11:00 a.m. Annual Meeting	7 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Sewing Circle	8	9 4:15 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Hebrew Learning 6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Optional Midrasha Dinner @ CBE 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Midrasha@ CBE: Final Session	10 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Brotherhood After Hours Roosevelt's on 15 th Street	11 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with Oneg 8:45 p.m. Young Kehillah Game Night @ Library	12 10:30 a.m. Emily Arlan Bat Mitzvah
13 9:30 a.m.-Noon Shorashim Religious School	14 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Sewing Circle	15 7:30 p.m. Brotherhood Board Meeting @Library	16 4:15 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Hebrew Learning: Final Session	17	18 6:00 p.m. Tot Shabbat 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with Oneg	19 10:30 a.m. Torah Study with Rabbi Simon 7:00 p.m. Erev Shavuot: Study with Rabbi Simon 8:30 p.m. Erev Shavuot: Service followed by Cheesecake Dessert
20 9:30 a.m.-Noon Shorashim Religious School: Final Session 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Camp Katan	21 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Sewing Circle	22	23	24	25 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with Oneg	26 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service & potluck kiddush lunch
27	28 Memorial Day Office Closed	29	30	31	1 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with TI Band 7:00 p.m. First Friday Catered Dinner	2 10:30 a.m. Torah Study with Rabbi Simon

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