Dearest Friends,

Our congregation is defined by the connections we share among our community and our clergy, not contained or limited by a physical space. Protecting the people in that community is essential. We have been assessing how to best serve our Temple family and create rich spiritual opportunities. Pikuach nefesh – saving lives – is the principle held above all else in our tradition.

This year, we will uphold the care and safety of our community by celebrating the High Holy Days virtually. Without question, this is a change to the traditions we cherish and you will likely have questions and concerns. Our clergy is ready to provide support, answer questions and listen to feedback as we approach this new way to celebrate.

Rest assured, all of the High Holy Day worship options to which you are accustomed – the Signature Sanctuary Services, Renew My Soul, Teen, Children and Tot – are being carefully planned and will be available. We will offer opportunities to connect via Livestream, Facebook Live and Zoom. While a departure from our typical services, this online format will create uniquely inclusive opportunities to participate, for those both near and far.

We are all in this together, and we promise to continue to embrace you as we collectively navigate this challenge. More than ever, being part of a community and maintaining connections are important. If you need us, please reach out. We are ready to support you.

As Jews, and human beings, we have a rich history of overcoming obstacles to worship, of caring for those around us, and of gaining strength through adversity. Please join us in creating new traditions this year.

Jonathan Cohen, Senior Rabbi
Jane Joseph, President
Christie Yonkers, Executive Director

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO JOIN US!

Havdalah-in-the-Lot Temple Picnic

Saturday, August 22 at 6:30 PM in The Temple parking lot

It’s just not summer without The Temple Picnic! Join our clergy for a summer Havdalah in the parking lot. It may look different than past years, but we can still gather, worship, and enjoy one another’s company from our cars! Our clergy will be joined (at a distance) by some of our temple musicians for a very musical Havdalah and mini-concert!

Come early ... from 5:30 to 6:30 PM, a fun snack will be handed out for you to enjoy. Parking spaces will be limited due to social distancing guidelines.

Reservations are required to reservations@ttti.org.

Rain Date: Saturday, September 5
SHABBAT SERVICES
TORAH STUDY
ADULT LEARNING


SATURDAY, AUGUST 1
Torah Study w/Rabbi Klein - 9:15 AM
Adult Learning w/Rabbi Cohen - 3:30 PM

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7
Tot Shabbat - 10:30 AM
Kabbalat Shabbat - 6:00 PM
Torah Portion: Ekev; Deuter. 7:12-11:25

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8
Torah Study w/Rabbi Klein - 9:15 AM
Family Shabbat - 11:00 AM
Adult Learning w/Rabbi Cohen - 3:30 PM

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14
Tot Shabbat - 10:30 AM
Kabbalat Shabbat - 6:00 PM
Torah Portion: Re’eh; Deuter. 11:26-16:17

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15
Torah Study w/Rabbi Klein - 9:15 AM
Adult Learning w/Rabbi Cohen - 3:30 PM

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21
Tot Shabbat - 10:30 AM
Kabbalat Shabbat - 6:00 PM
Torah Portion: Shoftim; Deuter. 16:18-21:9

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22
Torah Study w/Rabbi Klein - 9:15 AM
Adult Learning w/Rabbi Cohen - 3:30 PM
Havdalah-in-the-Lot - 6:30 PM

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28
Tot Shabbat - 10:30 AM
Kabbalat Shabbat - 6:00 PM
Torah Portion: Ki Tetze; Deuter. 21:10-25:19

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29
Adult Learning w/Rabbi Cohen - 3:30 PM

SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY
WITH RABBI KLEIN

Saturdays, August 1, 8, 15 & 22 at 9:15 AM
Via livestream at bit.ly/ttti livestreaming

ADULT LEARNING SERIES
WITH RABBI COHEN

Jewish Time, Text, Memory, and Identity

Saturday afternoons, August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM
Watch your weekly emails for the Zoom link.
Join Rabbi Cohen as he extends his Adult Learning series through the summer. Join these intriguing sessions via Zoom and participate in the discussion.

MEDITATION MONDAY WITH RABBI SCHLEIN

Geared toward teens and adults

Mondays, August 3, 10 & 17 from 5:00 to 5:45 PM
Zoom link: https://zoom.us/j/94384365052
Start your week with a short, sweet and spiritual 30-minute text study and meditation. Each week will feature a different form of meditation through song, writing, or silence. Those who wish, may stay on a few additional minutes to connect and debrief with one another. Email Rabbi Schlein if you would like join the session at sschlein@ttti.org.

JOIN US FOR A FAMILY SHABBAT

Geared toward elementary-age children and younger

Saturday, August 8 at 11:00 AM
Zoom or livestreamed from the sanctuary
Livestream at bit.ly/ttti livestreaming
Watch your weekly emails for the Zoom link.
Join us for a family-fun Zoom Shabbat celebration. Questions? Please contact Jen Mendelson at jmendelson@ttti.org.
FROM THE RABBI’S STUDY

First Culture, Then Politics

It is a truism that today’s politics are riven with overheated partisanship and rivalrous discourse in which proponents of different policy ideas go to their respective corners and, with relish, prepare for the fight that follows. Yet, behind politics is culture and the heart of culture is values. Now, the regnant cultural values that stand behind today’s politics seem to be suspicion of the other, arrogance and entrenched self-satisfaction, and a deep pessimism about the possibility of vigorous conversation within a framework of social harmony. And the battles continue, depressingly.

If we are to overcome this corrosive situation, we must seek to replace our current habits with something else and begin the work of regeneration. And so I ask, what are the healthy values that can undergird a society that is irreversibly pluralistic, multi-cultural and dynamic … and a politics that will always be robust, agitated and disputatious?

What, then, are the foundations of a society of collaborative and cooperative relationships, of collaboration and cooperation even among individuals and groups that disagree with one another? I propose four fundamental ideas: trust, respect, humility and social-mindedness.

First, trust. If we cannot put aside our suspicion of the person with whom we disagree, if we cannot believe that the other person speaks with integrity, then discord will never be put aside. Yet, my trust in you must be grounded in your trustworthiness. And so, each of us must say what we mean and mean what we say even though it may lead to tension and open disagreement. Trust and trustworthiness is a fundamental baseline of an orderly and healthy society.

But in order that disagreements do not spin out of control, trust must be accompanied by respect and humility, two sides of the same coin. I must respect you and your opinion while also recognizing that my opinion is only one of several that can be authentically held. The very possibility of amicable conversation in a pluralistic society rests with the twin conviction that your opinion may have some important truth and that my opinion may have its limitations.

As for sociability … we are individuals, to be sure. But we are also social beings. We thrive when our society thrives, and for society to thrive we must always consider … often ahead of our individual wants and needs … what is best for society as a whole. Have we not, as a society, focused too much and for too long on individual rights and not enough on social obligation? We must seek to rebalance these two important values.

The great statesman and scholar Daniel Patrick Moynihan once wrote that “the central liberal truth is that politics can change a culture and save it from itself; while the central conservative truth is that it is culture, not politics, that determines the success of a society.” And while many of my own convictions are liberal, in this case I agree with the conservative truth: if we don’t tend to the cultural ground of our society, to the habits and pre-political values of a decent society, our public discourse and politics will never be healed.

And so, in the spirit in which this proposal has been written, I must admit that the four foundations of a healthy society and culture that I have offered are simply one person’s ideas. Therefore, I invite you to propose your own list: What are the values which for you are foundational for a healthy society? What are we missing today and why has so much intolerance and discord flourished? And if you will send me your thoughts, I will devote a subsequent rabbi’s desk to your ideas … without mentioning your names, of course … so that we can engage in a communal conversation about the values that matter.

Our society, our cultural values and our politics are currently at a nadir. How can we begin to rise from the bottom and soar as a society that respects differences, where individuals and groups embrace values with conviction but also with modesty, and where we keep firmly in mind the public good and the public welfare?

L’shalom, Rabbi Roger C. Klein

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SHARING MI SHEBEIRACH AND SHEHECHIYANU

While we are all finding new and creative ways to maneuver through this pandemic, we would love to share your celebrations and/or healing prayers with our Temple family.

To submit information and photos for your celebrations, go to bit.ly/tttisharing to fill out the form.

To submit information for healing, go to bit.ly/tttihealing to fill out the form.
WELCOME PATTI CARLYLE!

Patti Carlyle joined our team as Digital Engagement Director on June 23. Patti will be working to understand the various constituencies that we serve and develop a technology plan (including website, social media, and new platforms) to improve digital communication and engagement with each of them.

Patti comes to us with 20 years of experience in digital engagement, marketing, development, story-telling, project management, and creative problem solving. Her former colleagues describe Patti as being a person of integrity, who pushes for diversity of opinions at the table; as someone who listens deeply and learns and then nurtures the needs of the individual or group; who is mission-driven, approaching all things with genuine interest; and who adeptly navigates challenges or conflicts by distilling down to the core questions to understand the essence of things. Patti lives in University Heights with her teenage daughter Jo. Join us in welcoming Patti to our Temple family!

TEMPLE LEARNING CENTER REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

We look forward to a meaningful learning experience this year. All of our programs offer a variety of options to meet your family’s needs and to make learning more accessible. Returning families have been sent an email with a link.

We are working hard to ensure that our Temple Learning Center will continue in the fall with a high-quality program that ensures the safety and health of our students and staff. We are developing a hybrid model comprised of distance learning with in-person engagement if it is safe and appropriate. This model will be able to shift to fully in-person or fully online as needed. When you register, please select the program based on the range of times that work best for you.

Rest assured that our plans will closely follow the state and local health guidelines. We will announce more details throughout the summer. Students will experience a curriculum that carefully balances Jewish values, culture, and Hebrew. It will include arts, music, small group attention, and so much more. In the event that distance learning continues in the fall, we will create a stronger, more engaging learning experience that will be enhanced by the virtual learning format. It will include more hands-on and small group opportunities.

PRE-K – 6TH GRADE: PICK ONE!

Shabbaton Family Learning: Saturday 3:00 - 5:30 PM OR Sunday Learning: Sunday 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

In addition, 3rd – 6th grade Hebrew: Pick One!

Parent/Child: Parents attend Hebrew with their child on the weekend

Skype: Includes a 20-minute private Skype lesson midweek

7TH GRADE: PICK ONE!

Sunday: 9:30 - 10:30 AM OPTIONAL Hebrew Lab (through December)

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (All Year)

Monday: 5:30 - 6:30 PM OPTIONAL Hebrew Lab (through December)

6:30 - 8:00 PM (All Year)

The optional Hebrew Lab is geared towards those with a Spring B’nai Mitzvah or those wanting to boost their Hebrew skills.

8TH - 12TH GRADE: PICK ONE!

Monday Chai Learning: 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Kallah: Retreat-style learning six times a year on the weekend. Each session is four hours in length.

Independent Learning: Need a more flexible learning option? We can set up a plan.
MAZAL TOV TO ERICA WILKOV AND RACHEL SMILEY – OUR NEW EARLY LEARNING LEADERSHIP TEAM!

Erica Wilkov brings a wide range of teaching and administrative expertise to her new role as our Director of Early Learning. She and her family first became part of The Temple-Tifereth Israel community when her eldest daughter was a Ganon Gil student in 2004.

Erica has 14 years of successful early learning classroom experience in Nevada, California and Ohio. She began with us as a trusted and popular Pre-K teacher. Building strong and positive relationships with her students and families. For the past six years, Erica has served as our highly respected Ganon Gil Assistant Director. Her children, Abby and Madelyn, are enrolled in our Temple Learning Center. Erica’s husband, Scott Wilkov, is a past chair of our Temple Learning Council and currently serves as the Co-chair of the Membership Committee. We are fortunate to have Erica’s nurturing and experienced leadership guide our Ganon Gil community during these unprecedented times.

Rachel Smiley began her connection with The Temple as a parent when her daughter attended Ganon Gil. She first worked as a substitute and then joined our faculty full time as a teacher in our Preschool 3 classroom. Rachel brings her experience as a teacher, along with years of banking office administration and management to the Assistant Director of Early Learning position. Rachel is highly regarded by her colleagues. She and her husband Jordan have two children, Lizzie and Kyrian who are both Ganon Gil students. We appreciate Rachel’s enthusiasm as she, together with Erica, begin our transition into the 2020-2021 school year.

Please join us in congratulating Erica and Rachel as they embrace these new roles of Ganon Gil and temple leadership.

– Rabbi Stacy Schlein & Sherry Miller
Co-chairs, Director of Early Learning Search Committee

KEEP YOUR KIDS CONNECTED!

Following high school, your children and grandchildren are going forth, like Abraham and Sarah, in search of the promise that is to be theirs. Keeping in touch with them is a priority for The Temple whether they are leaving for college, taking a GAP year or studying online from home. Maintaining a connection makes a difference in their lives. It’s important because they are in search mode, their identity is evolving and they’re open to different ideas. This link provides a touchstone for them to connect with the clergy, staff and the congregation.

Everyone loves to receive packages and cards! Several times a year, we send something to remind them that they are missed and that they are in our thoughts when they are away! If we have their addresses, they will receive High Holy Day greetings; holiday care packages; and special emails and notes from the clergy and staff. We have heard from recipients over the years how much these packages mean to them and motivate them to do something Jewish even while away from home.

We depend on YOU to help keep the lines of communication open. Please help us remind them that The Temple remains a vital and important part of their lives wherever they go! Simply email your child’s contact information to jcollins@ttti.org or complete the online form at bit.ly/tttipathways and we’ll do the rest!

Feel free to call me at 216.455.1707 or email jcollins@ttti.org if you have any questions.

– Jamie Collins, Director of Youth Engagement
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND FOR BEING ALL IN!

Dear Temple Family,

Our 2019/2020 All In Campaign officially and successfully came to a close on June 30th. This year, more than ever, we are grateful to the nearly 400 participating Temple families for their support and generosity.

During these past few months, the words “All In” have taken on a very different meaning for each of us. Your Temple clergy, staff and lay leaders take this opportunity to acknowledge all of our Temple families for their continued connection with The Temple. Together, we have proven that we can maintain our amazing community while physically distancing. We shall continue to embrace our congregation as we collectively navigate this challenge.

Thank you for your support and for being All In,
Rachel Feinleib and Dina Rock, 2019/2020 Campaign Co-Chairs

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If you feel your name is missing out of error, please contact Allison Shippy at 216-455-1703.
SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR TWA OPENING EVENT

Tea at Two

Thursday, September 10 at 2:00 PM via Zoom

Watch for the Zoom link in your email and the September Temple Times

Make yourself a cup of tea and join us as we gather via Zoom to meet Rabbi Yael Dadoun. RSVP to suzannesingerman@gmail.com.

TWA - The Perfect Antidote!

Our gift to you this year...TWA is providing free membership for all Temple women because strength in numbers sounds like the perfect antidote to keep our spirits and our sisterhood strong during this challenging time.

Ellen Saltz & Suzanne Singerman
Event Co-Chairs

Temple Arts Program presents

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB – SUMMER SESSION
GUIDED BY SCOTT GLOGER

Beginners Level - For adults and older teens looking to find new ways to express themselves through pictures. No fancy camera necessary...your cell phone, iPad or any camera will do.

Advanced Level - A continuation of our “pre-isolation” Photography Club (with an online twist!)

Whether you are a beginner or more advanced, join professional photographer, Scott Gloger, for a safe, outdoor, socially distanced “photo safari.” There will be Zoom gatherings for each level to admire and critique the photography culminating in a Virtual Photo Exhibit late Fall.

For more information, contact Cantor Kathy Sebo at ksebo@ttti.org.

CONGREGANTS IN THE NEWS

Jamie Collins nominated one of The CJN’s Class of 12 Under 36 for 2020!

Congratulations to Jamie, previous Director of Youth Engagement at The Temple, for being recognized as one of CJN’s 12 Under 36 for 2020. This year’s award recipients will join the ranks of those honored in 2019 and 2018, when the CJN created the event, to recognize Jewish professionals influencing the future of Northeast Ohio through professional and personal achievements.

Do you know a congregant being honored in our community? If so, let us know so we can share it with our Temple family! Send information to Debbie Friedman, Communications Director, at dfriedman@ttti.org or call 440.498.9540.

AUGUST BIMAH FLOWER FUND

The beautiful flowers that grace the bimah on Shabbat are made possible through donations in loving memory of:

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Ida Fisher Zeidman, Jenny Kaplan Fisher and Sophie Zeidman by Adele Silver and Jonathan, Michael and Sarah and their families
Marcella Kuperberg by Dr. James R. Kuperberg
IN MEMORIAM
The Temple expresses heartfelt sympathy to members of the bereaved families. May the memory of their loved one be for a blessing.

MAXINE CAROLE BILCHIK - Sister of Gary (Janice) Bilchik

THOMAS W. CRISTAL - Husband of Sondra Loveman Cristal, the late Sue (Garson); Father of the late Peter, Michael (Susan) Cristal, Jeffrey (Julie) Cristal, Brian (Susan) Loveman, Mitchell (Sally Lou) Loveman, Kristy (Rob) Hartevedlt; Grandfather of Ryan (Natasha) Cristal, Andrew Cristal, Sara Cristal and Adam Cristal, Benjamin Loveman, Zoe Loveman, Marin Loveman, Carly Loveman, Billy Loveman, Michael Hartevedlt, Ryan Hartevedlt and Lauren Hartevedlt; Brother of C. Philip Cristal; Brother-in-law of John D. (Peggy) Garson; Uncle of Chris Garson, Scott (Ann) Garson, Matt (Casey) Garson, Cathy (Dale) Lautenschleger, Beth (Doug) Bryant

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EMILY HOFFMAN - Daughter of Beth Hoffman and the late James Hoffman; Sister of Thomas

JOANN K. LEVY - Wife of the late Irv Levy; Mother of Steven (Tammy) Levy, Beth Levy; Grandmother of Dagan, Justin and Jamie; Sister of James (Sarajane) Klein; Daughter of the late Burt and Helen Klein

MELVIN “MEL” PEARLMAN - Father of Susie (Brian) Stern; Brother of Eleanor Weisman

JAY A. ROSKOPH - Father of Adam (Emely); Grandfather of Anakin, Luka

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THANK YOU!
Despite the current situation not allowing us to gather together in person, we are grateful to the following sponsors for their ongoing support of The Temple!

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Rabbi Jonathan Cohen