

Joyous Judaism That Inspires Action



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Vision

WE challenge ourselves to learn, to grow, and to act guided by our traditions, teachings, and wisdom of our Torah.

WE create a warm and loving environment which allows soulful prayers to be heard.

WE build enduring relationships based on mutual respect, loving hearts, and the need for a supportive community.

WE strive to make Judaism accessible and relevant to all who seek to infuse meaning into their lives.

WE welcome, embrace, and honor the diversity of our members.

WE support our country, the State of Israel, and the Reform movement while recognizing and respecting differing points of view.

Mission

The mission of Temple Judea
is to enrich lives by creating
joyous Jewish experiences that inspire action.

From its inception in the spring of 1981, Temple Judea's aim has been to revive many of the traditions of our Jewish heritage within a Reform setting. We began our first six years at St. Catherine's Greek Orthodox Church. In 1987, we moved into our first home on Chillingworth Drive in West Palm Beach.

As Palm Beach County experienced growth and change, so did we. Temple Judea began to look for a new location to better serve our congregation and the Jewish community.

In 2003, we found that home on Hood Road in Palm Beach Gardens. Keeping with the dynamic energy of Reform Judaism, we began a new journey and a new chapter in our history.

In 2011, we celebrated our 30th Anniversary and in 2013 Rabbi Yaron Kapitulnik became our lead rabbi and we installed our first full time cantor, Cantor Alicia Stillman. We look forward to continuing the exciting blend of tradition and modernity that is part of the uniqueness of Temple Judea.



Message from the President

On behalf of our Board of Trustees, I would like to say, "welcome to Temple Judea!"

As I hope you will find in the pages of this yearly guide, our Temple Judea community is more than just a center of activities or programs, it is a home. From the clergy and staff, to the individuals and families that belong to Temple Judea, we are proud of what we have created together. At Temple Judea, day to day experiences are an opportunity to connect, to be inspired, and to feel a strong sense of belonging.

I am not alone in appreciating Temple Judea as a strong, vibrant community. At the start of our 2019 year, we have over 727 families that connect through worship, adult education, youth programming, social action, Sisterhood/ Men's Club, and many other various committees and programs.

I am proud to have been a member of Temple Judea for the past 8 years, to have served as the President of Sisterhood, served two years as a Board Vice President, and now to serve as your President. I look forward to sharing the meaning and beauty of life-cycle events with you, participating in Temple Judea's moving and meaningful worship experiences, socializing with you at our outings/dinners/events, and developing life-long friendships. I welcome the opportunity to get to know you, to work alongside you, and enrich our community.

Wishing you a good year.

Respectfully, 
Karen Lowenstein, President





*“Conversations
that Matter” -
A year in which
we Agree to
Disagree for
Heaven’s Sake*

During a service at an old synagogue in Eastern Europe, when the Shema was said, half the congregants stood up and half remained sitting. The half that was seated started yelling at those standing to sit down, and the ones standing yelled at the ones sitting to stand up. The new rabbi, learned as he was in the law and commentaries, didn’t know what to do. His congregation suggested that he consult a housebound 98-year-old man who was one of the original founders of their shul. The rabbi hoped the elderly man would be able to tell him what the actual tradition was, so he went to see the man with a representative of each faction of the congregation.

The one whose followers stood during the prayer asked the old man, “is the tradition to stand during the Shema?”

The old man answered, “no, that is not the tradition.”

The one whose followers sat said, “then the tradition is to sit!”

The old man answered, “no, that is not the tradition.”

Then the rabbi said to the old man, “but the congregants fight all the time, yelling at each other about whether they should sit or stand.”

The old man interrupted, exclaiming, “THAT is the tradition!”

This story comes as no surprise. For thousands of years, our Jewish tradition holds in the highest regard our ability to master the art of argumentation. From Abraham arguing with God about the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah to Moses arguing with God to allow him into the promised land to our very own name “Israel” - *the people who wrestle with God* - we are encouraged to question, debate, interpret and argue.

Open any page of Talmud and you will probably see a typical discussion that explains how : “Rabbi A in the name of Rabbi B concludes that in a specific case X we should agree with Rabbi C who proclaims that Rabbi D is wrong, unless the case is really not case X but rather case Y in which they both agree that Rabbi F is right and under no circumstance can we accept the opinion of rabbi G.” The Talmudic rabbis argue with passion, and while they might agree with each other on larger issues, they do so through a mechanism that involves breaking down their arguments to the tiniest details and focusing on what we at times see as hair-splitting differences.

But this is done for a good reason - our Jewish wisdom teaches us that there are two very different kinds of arguments. In “Ethics of our Sages,” they are identified as “disagreements for the sake of heaven, and disagreements that are not for the sake of heaven.” While the first disagreements will yield results and understandings that will last and have meaning in our lives, the later are useless. We are taught that debate has an important role on our lives, given that the debate is respectful, remains

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within the framework of Torah and is held in order to find a solution, to better understand a larger spectrum of opinions and not just to win and prove the other side wrong. We are taught to respect the minority opinion and these opinions remain in the Talmud side by side with the opinions held by the majority. We are directed to revisit the dissenting opinions occasionally and examine our course of with respect to what they had to say.

Our tradition sees the goal of argument not as an opportunity to belittle each other

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for our difference of opinions but rather to challenge our own truths and understandings, to self-examine our own positions and to grow in wisdom through the examination of multiple approaches to a given challenge.

Unfortunately, in our current political climate, it seems that we have forsaken this wisdom. I hear too often of people who have cut out of their lives life-long friends and family members because of brutal, unkind political arguments. I meet more and more people who refuse to engage in civil discussion about heated topics, more and more people who vilify others just because they have a different solution to a problem that challenges both sides of the spectrum. People who forget they might have shared goals despite different means and paths to reach those goals.

Therefore, next year at Temple Judea, we will focus on a year of “conversations that matter.”

We believe that as a Jewish community we have the responsibility to teach ourselves how to have difficult conversations and to do so while holding steadfast to our core values of Savlanut (patience) Shalom (peace) and Chesed (grace). We believe that a temple setting is unique in its ability to bring together people with shared values, but possible opposing opinions, to discuss, from a place of love and care, topics that have the potential to be divisive. We believe that we can follow the idea that “you do not have to be wrong for me to be right.” And that we can each learn and grow from these conversations.

Be it a political conversation between right and left, between settlers and Palestinians, conversations about injustice, or difficult subjects such as “the right to die” and mental health – this year at Temple Judea promises to be a year in which we can all step out of our comfort zones as we engage in conversation for heaven’s sake.

Let us remind ourselves this year, that in an argument both sides might be holding on to the truth, because in Jewish philosophy truth is that which is found everywhere.

That truth about truth is embedded in the very letters of the Hebrew word for truth: EMET.

The word starts with the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet, ends with the last letter of the alphabet, and the middle letter of the word is the middle letter of the alphabet. Our mystics understand from this that while truth can be held on the very extreme end of an argument – it is only when people meet in the middle that truth can be shared and accepted by all.

May we grow in strength from striving to reach EMET. May we be able to listen more than we speak and open our minds and hearts so that the vision of Psalm 90 realizes itself and we all learn to: “Number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”

Rabbi Yaron Kapitulnik



Does Your Chewing Gum Lose its Flavor on the Bedpost Overnight?

If you were listening to the radio in 1958, you would have undoubtedly found yourself smiling and singing along with Lonnie Donegan as he strummed his guitar repeatedly crooning “Does your chewing gum lose its flavor on the bedpost overnight?”

*Does your chewing gum lose its flavor
on the bedpost overnight?
If your mother says don't chew it,
Do you swallow it in spite?
Can you catch it on your tonsils,
Can you heave it left & right?
Does your chewing gum lose its flavor
on the bedpost overnight?*

Perhaps this catchy little ditty makes a strong statement about human behavior. Those practices that we value and keep central in our lives tend to remain in our mouths—so to speak. We talk about and gravitate toward the hobbies and activities that we love: we buy them, listen to them, attend them, eat them and tend to them. The alternative however, when we allow that once special trend to drift to the outer reaches of our life, is that it becomes stale. We lose interest, it loses relevance, and we don't seem to be able to find the time to re-engage.

That's where the bedpost comes in.

I can picture my 8 year-old self, so happy to be chomping on a wad of bazooka, and the comic strip on the inside of the wrapper already read and discarded. I'm called to dinner, or to my piano lesson or to brush my teeth before bed...and I remove the gooey glob from my mouth and stick it right on the corner of my bedpost, thinking that it's just too delicious and rare a treat to discard. So I'll keep it for later. And it will be just as good.

But it has become stiff and difficult to chew, it's not just as good! What happened?

My 8 year-old self thought it made sense to save for it later, utter disappointment. Apparently chewing gum does lose its flavor when you stop chewing it. Is it the same for other skills that we value, if we fall out of practice for a while is there no way to return? In spite of this silly song, I've had countless conversations with adults who share compelling stories of a Jewish upbringing that was vibrant and busy, filled with candles and holiday gatherings, synagogue memories and more; and they fear that it's been a long time, maybe too long. Is it possible to rekindle something that they seem to have let go of, are they allowed, do they have the right to, is it silly?

There are many things that I would liken to hardened chewing gum, like my violin lessons and understanding my grandfather's Polish. But Judaism is not one of them. In fact, I don't think it ever hardens and becomes stale - all we have to do is reach for it. The Judaism that I know and love, the one that we all share, is one of a rich and welcoming community. A community that has a shared destiny by the way we care for each other, celebrate with each other, and nurture a curious concern and interest in each other's lives. Our worship is adaptable to the needs of our congregation, we make sure to maintain a beautiful sacred space to pray, one that is comfortable and can house intimate moments as well

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as bold and aspirational ones. We are continually creating rituals to mark important moments and transitions in our lives and adapting the ones that have been lovingly handed down to us from our parents to be meaningful to us today. We balance the use of Hebrew- our beloved, ancient, holy yet difficult language, and English, our native and most expressive tongue.

My teacher, Rabbi Larry Hoffman used to ask a rhetorical question: Are Jews for Judaism, or is Judaism for Jews? He challenged us to examine our current styles and techniques, the 'rules' and 'traditions' that we engage in and see if we are doing these things because they've always been done that way, or do they truly serve the spiritual, emotional, and practical needs of all of our congregants.

Judaism is for Jews - we conclude. Judaism is for me and for you. Its exotic language helps us to meditate and let go of our mind, and our Torah captures the brilliance of poetry and the nuance and complexity of human nature. Its foods can bring an instant recall to another time and place in our lives, and it is always a vehicle to bring people together. Our holidays teach us about every human emotion and gives us a common ritual to express it. Continue to stay close to your community, there is so much goodness and enjoyment there.

Just don't forget to snatch it off the bedpost, blow on it, and pop it right back in your mouth. You'll be so glad you did.

B'hava,

Cantor Alicia Stillman



For our youngest members birth -pre-K and their families
Fridays at 5:45 p.m. with Cantor Alicia Stillman

September 6

October 4 - Tashlich/Shabbat on the beach

November 1 • December 6

January 3 • February 7

March 6 • April 3 • May 1

KABBALAT SHABBAT

October 18 - May 29

Fridays, 7:30 p.m.

followed by a delicious dessert oneg

SUMMER SHABBAT WORSHIP

June 7, 2019- October 11, 2019

5:30 p.m. Pre- Oneg

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Worship Service

HAYDALAH

August 10 - Tish'a B'Av

November 2 - Pet Shabbat

May 16 - Adult B'nei Mitzvah Celebration

EARLY SHABBAT WORSHIP

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

November 8

December 13

January 10

February 14

March 13

May 8

WEEKDAYS AT TEMPLE JUDEA

Morning Minyan - year-round, including holidays,

Mondays and Thursdays

9:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m.

A quiet moment in time with music and prayer

YIZKOR MINYAN SERVICES

Shavuot, June 10, 2019

Simchat Torah, October 21, 2019

Passover, April 16, 2020

Shavuot, May 30, 2020

HEALING SERVICES

Monday, November 18 at 4:00 p.m.

Monday, April 6 at 4:00 p.m.

HOLIDAYS AND FESTIVALS

Selichot

September 21

Rosh Hashanah

September 29, 30, October 1
Worship services are held at the
Eissey Campus Theatre,
Palm Beach State College

Rosh Hashanah Dinner

September 29, 5:30 p.m.

September 30
Children's service at 3:30 p.m.
at Temple Judea.

October 1, Second day services
9:30 a.m. at Temple Judea

Tashlich

Friday, October 4
at Carlin Park, Jupiter at 6:00 p.m.

Yom Kippur

October 8 and 9
Worship services are held at the
Eissey Campus Theatre,
Palm Beach State College
October 9
Children's service at 2:30 p.m.
at Temple Judea

Sukkot

October 13

Simchat Torah

October 20
Rejoice in the Torah and dance to
the Klezmer beat.
Consecration of our youngest
scholars - during YEP,
Sunday, October 20

Hanukkah

December 22-December 29
December 27 -Candle lighting and
Latke Oneg

Tu B'shevat

February 10

Purim - Sunday, March 8

Purim Carnival at TJ
March 9 at TJ - Megillah Reading

Passover

April 8 - 1st Seder
April 9- 2nd Seder at 4:30 p.m.
April 16, Yizkor morning
minyan and brunch

Special Minyan Services

Yom Ha'Shoah April 20
Yom HaAtzma'ut April 30

Shavuot

May 28, 2020

SING-A-LONG

with Cantor Alicia
10:30 a.m. after Minyan

September 19 - High Holy Days

old classics and new melodies.
Rosh Hashanah through
Simchat Torah

November 11

Music of the Shoah
how we remember Kristallnacht

December 19

Chanukah songs - old and new

January 9

Sounds of Shabbat
new to TJ or just love to sing
learn the most loved Shabbat
melodies that we share on Shabbat

April 2

Passover Seder Songs

SPECIAL EVENTS

Shavuot - June 8, 2019
and May 28, 2020

Red, White & Blue
Shabbat - July 5

85+ Shabbat - August 9

Tish'a B'Av Havdalah - August 10

Tu B'Av - Shabbat of Love -
August 16

YEP Shabbat
November 8
March 13

Pet Shabbat Havdalah
Saturday, November 2

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
November 26

Legacy Shabbat
Friday, December 6

Hanukkah Celebration
Friday, December 27

Shabbat in honor of
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Friday, January 17

Pink Shabbat
Celebrating Survivors
Friday, January 24

Israel Shabbat
Friday, April 24

Celebrating High School Seniors
Friday, May 8

Adult B'nei Mitzvah Celebration
Saturday, May 16

FRIDAY NIGHT SHABBAT DINNERS WITH FRIENDS & FAMILY

7/5 at 7 p.m.
Red, White & Blue Shabbat Dinner

8/9 at 7 p.m.
**Shabbat Dinner exclusively for all
Members 85+ years old**

8/23 at 7p.m.
Connection Shabbat Meet New Friends
No Seating Requests Allowed!

9/13 at 7 p.m.
10/11 at 7 p.m.
11/8 at 6:30 p.m.
12/13 at 6:30 p.m.
1/10 at 6:30 p.m.
2/14 at 6:30 p.m.
3/13 at 6:30 p.m.
5/8 at 6:30 p.m.





LIG'DOL - "TO GROW" BRUNCH classes with Rabbi Yaron Kapitulnik

With more than 30 participants, some of whom have been with us from the beginning, BRUNCH & LEARN provides a lively forum for discussion, learning, and a sense of community that only mutual study can afford. Over the years, Lunch & Learn has become more than a study group – it has become a family the members of which care about each other not just as classmates but as friends, as well.

10:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Brunch is \$15 / person

RSVP required.

Call the temple office at 624-4633



Topics will be based on the book:

Judaism's Great Debates: Timeless Controversies from Abraham to Herzl

July 15 Moses and Korach

When is a debate holy? When is it not? An introduction to the idea of Jewish debate.

Sept. 16 Abraham and God

The ongoing conversation and debates in the Torah - From his complacency in the binding of his son to the debate over the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah

Oct. 17 Korach Daughters

Beginning with these brave 5 woman to our modern day debate over ordaining women rabbis, we will look at some of the biggest debates about woman's rights.

Nov. 18 "Hail to the King"

A session on the debate over the need, legitimacy and authority of the king in our tradition.

Dec. 16 What kind of Jew to be? Sadducees (Priests), the Pharisees ("rabbis") and other sects of Judaism during 2nd Temple period and the final "battle" between the Zealots and Rabbi ben Zakkai - a moment that shaped Judaism until our own days.

Jan. 16 The greatest debate of all times

The house of Shammai vs the house of Hillel.

Feb. 13 Remember when being a Hassid was not cool?

Vilna Gaon vs the Baal Shem Tov.

March 19 What can we be allowed to not believe in?

Spinoza vs the Amsterdam rabbis.

April 20 Reform came first!

How the Reform, Conservative and Orthodox movements came to be.

May 18 Uganda or Israel.

Why did we have to stay in the Holy land when there were a few other "promised lands?"

Introduction to Judaism

**FOR PEOPLE RAISED IN A JEWISH HOME
OR THOSE CHOOSING TO CREATE A JEWISH HOME**

- An exploration for curious adults
- Discover Judaism from an adult perspective
- Become a more confident parent or grandparent of Jewish children
- Explore long-standing questions you haven't yet asked

**17 sessions, Sunday mornings
with Rabbi Yaron
Contact the office to register**



ADULT COOKING CLASSES

Learn how to make a delicious
homemade Gefilte Fish,
Salmon for Shabbat,
and homemade Sushi....
class size limited

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Friday, June 14
Friday, July 12
Friday, August 9

CLASSES AT TEMPLE JUDEA

Talmud –

The Jewish Bookshelf

with Rabbi Yaron Kapitulnik
Thursdays at 10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
No experience necessary!
Beginning October 24.

Torah Study with Our Clergy

Saturdays 9:00 Worship; Followed
by Torah Study

Hebrew Conversational / Language

with Gila Johnson, veteran
Hebrew teacher

Beginning Level / Intermediate I
and Intermediate II.
Wednesdays.

*Please contact the
office to register!*



TAKE A TOUR OF TJ AUGUST 6 or FEBRUARY 4 at 4 P.M.

Join Rabbi Yaron & Cantor Alicia, for an intimate tour and
history of Temple Judea. Get an inside understanding of
all the small details that make up our sacred space while
getting to spend some quality time with our clergy.
RSVP required.

Engaging in conversations on topics that “matter” but are often challenging to discuss is a sacred activity that we are honored to help facilitate.

A PAINFUL HOPE **Sunday, November 17th** **at Temple Judea** **Open to the Community**

JOIN SHADI AND HANAN as they tell their personal stories and of their efforts to build a better future for their peoples. They come with no ready peace plans in hand, but only with the conviction that human understanding and trust will be the prerequisites for lasting justice, freedom and peace on that tiny sliver of land that they both call home.

Shadi Abu Awwad, the grandson, son and nephew of strong proud Palestinian leaders who were at the helm of the First Palestinian Intifada. He grew up imbued with a deep



hatred of Israelis. When still a child his family underwent a major transformation and were among the pioneers in reaching across the divide to their Jewish neighbors to work together in order to create a shared vision for the future. As the Palestinian architect and coordinator of the Roots youth movement, Shadi facilitates shared encounters and experiences among Palestinian and Israeli teenagers, building a new generation of leaders who can confront the real problems between their communities while acknowledging each other's shared humanity.

Hanan Schlesinger, an Orthodox rabbi and teacher, and a passionate Zionist settler who has been profoundly transformed by his friendship and interaction with local Palestinians. His understanding of the reality of the Middle East conflict and of Zionism has been utterly complicated by the parallel universe that they have introduced him to.



JOE BUCHANAN **JANUARY 10TH - 12TH**

Americana with a Jewish Soul
Texas born and southern raised, Joe Buchanan makes Country/Americana music that is steeped in Torah. A

convert to Judaism, he grew up struggling with religion and his place in the world. Then, one day outside of the Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C. and 13 years into their marriage, his wife told him that she was Jewish. An exploration of faith led the way home for the whole family and kicked off a whirlwind of songwriting, ultimately leading to Joe's debut album - *Unbroken*.

A blend of Southern soul and country charm, Joe's music is grounded in the belief that there is always more room at the table. He's the host of

Jewish Rock Radio's Emerging Artist Showcase.

Friday January 10 - Americana Shabbat Service - Gather up and shake the dust with this intimate, musical Shabbat service. Customized for every community and built on Americana melodies.

Sunday January 12 - Choosing to be Chosen - We are Here.

When his wife of 13 years said she was Jewish, it led their family on a journey of healing, re-connection and strength. In this discussion-style workshop, Joe tells his own story, brings to light many important issues around conversion, and talks about why so many are coming home.

POWER OF POSITIVE AGING CONVERSATIONS & LIGHT BREAKFAST Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

It will be no surprise to Temple Judea members that older age is filled with many joys. Please join us for 'quarterly' conversations on how we can flourish as elders and enjoy the privilege of a lifetime - the chance to become more truly ourselves. We'll explore questions such as: What does it mean to be happy and flourish in the second half of life? Can happiness be measured? How can we enhance our relationships? Can we be a positive force in our lives and the life of others?

June 23- Flourishing at Every Age

Jeannette Sullivan, Ph.D.
Dr. Sullivan is an award-winning professor at Palm Beach State College.

December 8 - Healthy Relationship, Healthy Life in Older Years

Bert Diamant, Ph.D. - Dr. Diamant's practice as a psychologist has focused on relationship therapy; he is a prominent lecturer on the subject.

February - Date TBD

Positive Family Communication

Wendy Rapaport, Psy.D. - Dr. Rapaport, an author and diabetes expert, incorporates humor and a positive attitude to coach interpersonal communication.

Attitude is Everything - Monday, August 19th at 10:30 a.m.

with a light breakfast

Have you ever wondered why positive people stay so upbeat? Can a positive attitude really make a big difference? Join us as we learn ten rules for staying positive. Based on the book, *Attitude is Everything* by Vicki Hitzges. Presented by Pat O'Meara

THE BIG C SURVIVING THE CANCER JOURNEY TOGETHER

Sunday, July 28 at 10 a.m.

For patients living with cancer in the past and in the present and their caregivers.



Living with cancer can impact patients and their families emotionally,

psychologically, socially and spiritually. Attend this interactive lecture to learn coping techniques, discuss lifestyle tips and share community resources. Our lecture will be given by Jennifer Schosheim, LCSW. Jennifer is an oncology clinical social worker who works with patients diagnosed with cancer, their families and other caregivers. She facilitates a variety of support groups and provides one-on-one psychotherapy. Jennifer is a South Florida native. She has a BA from the University of Pennsylvania and an Master of Social Work from New York University.



Mental Health First Aid helps you identify and offer help to a person developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. The course

gives you the training you need to reach out and provide initial support until appropriate treatment is received or the crisis is resolved.

WHO: Any person who is part of our community

WHEN: July 23 and July 24 or May 5 and May 6 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: Temple Judea

REGISTER: The course is free however space is limited. Lunch will be provided. Call office to register



ALGEE, the Mental Health First Aid Action Plan

- Assess for risk of suicide or harm
- Listen nonjudgmentally
- Give reassurance and information
- Encourage appropriate professional help
- Encourage self-help and other support strategies



TONY VERDEJO IN CONCERT

Summer Concert - August 4
3:30 p.m. Pre-Oneg
4:00 p.m. Concert

Come hear Tony Verdejo and friends in a lively, free jazz concert. Tony has played with Jimmy Buffett, Tito Puente, Mongo Santamari, Gary Puckett, Kirk Whalum, Nestor Torres, Trini Lopez, Mike Pinero Blues.

SAVE-THE-DATE CONCERT FEATURING

**CANTOR ALICIA
STILLMAN**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH
**AT THE BENJAMIN SCHOOL,
PALM BEACH GARDENS**



The Future of the Jews - Rabbi Peter J. Rubinstein

January 31 - February 2



Rabbi Peter J. Rubinstein is currently serving as the director of Jewish Community and the Bronfman Center for Jewish Life at the 92nd Street Y in New York City. Rabbi Rubinstein is also the Rabbi Emeritus of Central Synagogue, a Reform congregation where he served as the Senior Rabbi for 23 years. Prior to his position at Central Synagogue, Rabbi Rubinstein served as the Rabbi of Woodlands Community

Temple in White Plains, New York and Peninsula Temple Beth El in San Mateo, California.

He co-chairs the Partnership of Faith in New York City, which includes the senior clergy of the city's major congregations and was co-president of the US Board of the Tony Blair Faith Foundation. He is also immediate past chair of the Board of Auburn Theological Seminary in New York City and is on the Board of the New York Region of the American Jewish Committee and Co-Chair of its Rabbinic Round Table. He is presently the director of the Be Wise Fellowship in Jewish Entrepreneurialism at the HUC-JIR in New York City.

Rabbi Rubinstein is also a founder and chair of the Rabbinic Council of the World Union for Progressive

Judaism and a member of the organization's North American Advisory Board, and he frequently lectures on the evolution of synagogues and the role of a rabbi now and in the future. He was ranked number three in Newsweek's 2012 list of "America's 50 Most Influential Rabbis" and number five in 2013. He was named one of the 28 "2014 America's Most Inspiring Rabbis" by The Jewish Daily Forward.

Rabbi Rubinstein graduated from Amherst College and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree by Amherst College in 2017. He was ordained by the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City, where he also received a Master of Hebrew Letters degree with honors. He received a Doctor of Divinity in 1994.



Temple Judea is honored to debut its first original, commissioned song at the High Holy Days.

Temple Judea is partnering with Noah Aronson, composer and performer, to create a unique piece of music that celebrates TJ's mission

Joyous Judaism that Inspires Action.

This piece will be shared during our Rosh HaShanah service and then throughout the year and for years to come.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE & SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT



**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH AT 7:00PM
at Temple Judea**

PARTICIPANTS:

St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, Temple Judea,
Oceanview Methodist Church, St. Mark's Episcopal Church,
Tropical Sands Christian, More Than Conquerors Christian Church

Collection for Family Promise

All congregations asked to bring nonperishable food items for the needy;
to be divided among churches with food ministries.



Israel Movement for Reform
and Progressive Judaism
מְסִיבָה לְרִפּוּר וְלְפְרוּגָה

NEW THIS YEAR.....

Temple Judea's
Board of Trustees

has allocated a \$10,000 contribution that will be designated to help support pluralism in Israel. The Board will be presented with various agencies, temples, and leaders who are working to further the value of an inclusive Israel. They will choose up to 5 recipients for this award.



**Donor Appreciation Event
Sunday, March 15th at
4:30 p.m.**

A special invitation only event for all donors who give \$500+ above and beyond full dues.

We recognize that we cannot do it without you and we are truly most grateful. This year break out your dancing shoes, and come ready to sing, dance, and celebrate to your favorite Doo Wop music.

For more information, please contact Morli Josza, Executive Director.

It is our temple's vision to supplement the pastoral work of our clergy, and the outreach of our Caring Community, with the expertise of Olivia Tartakow, LCSW, MSW, M.Ed.

Olivia Tartakow is a member of Temple Judea and has been the Director for the Intake, Assessment and Referral Department at the Alpert Jewish Family Service of Palm Beach County where she has worked since 1993. In her current position, she manages the professional staff responsible for initially evaluating the myriad needs of over 4000 callers a year to AJFS.

She provides counseling, and works with seniors and their adult children helping them to assess their needs and to develop appropriate plans, including but not limited to issues regarding communication, stress management, aging, eldercare services, and financial planning.

Olivia has over 40 years of experience in counseling, social services, management in social service organizations, management

information systems and financial planning. She has led seminars and groups for Temples, Jewish organizations, and outside organizations regarding issues including but not limited to Aging, Bereavement, Caregiving, Options for Older Adults, Managing Stress, and Coping with Stress and Trauma.

Her background includes working as a Rehabilitation Counselor for disabled adults, Contract Manager for the City of New York and Montefiore Hospital & Medical Center, and Assistant Director for the development and implementation of a major computer system in the New York City Child Welfare System. She also earned the designation of Certified Financial Planner and worked as a Financial Planner with IDS/American Express assisting people with estate and retirement planning.

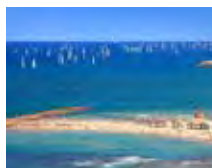
She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker; has a Master's degree in Counseling Psychology from Columbia University, a Master's degree in Social Work from Florida International University, a Bachelor's degree from SUNY at Buffalo, and a post Master's Advanced Professional Certificate from New York University's Graduate School of Business Administration. Olivia served on numerous Palm Beach County Social Service task forces and was one of the founding members of the Board of Directors of the Palm Beach County Coalition for Disaster Recovery.

Olivia will be at Temple Judea on Mondays and appointments can be made directly with her at olivia@gotj.org or through the temple office.





TEMPLE JUDEA
Palm Beach Gardens, FL



Perfect for
active
grandparents
and their
grandchildren!

Save the Date for the Trip of a Lifetime! Family Trip to Israel

Led by Rabbi Yaron Kapitulnik

JUNE 2021

Highlights include:

Customized active, itinerary catered to families with teens

Celebrate a Bar/Bat Mitzvah with simcha at the Kotel

(ceremony for any child ages 12 -15)

Don't miss this opportunity!

(we won't have another Family trip for several years!)

\$500 non-refundable deposit / family
required by Jan. 1, 2020

Questions: Call TJ at 5616-24-4633
and ask for Morli Josza

Note: We will require a minimum of 25 participants -
otherwise trip will be canceled, and monies will be
refunded

Maximum number of participants 36



URJ BIENNIAL 2019
DECEMBER 11 - 15 • CHICAGO, IL
URJ.org/Biennial #URJBiennial

December 11-15 2019 McCormick Place Chicago

Join thousands of Jews from across North America and around the world to learn, pray, share ideas, dance and sing, hear from inspiring speakers and the leaders of our Movement, reunite with old friends, create new connections, and make decisions about the policies of the Reform Movement.



AIPAC - March 24 - 26, 2019

Join Temple Judea at the American
Israel Public Affairs Committee
Policy Conference
in Washington D.C.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Our Youth Education Program ("YEP") strives to educate, provide a welcoming and fun-filled community, and build relationships for our students as well as the families. With this in mind, we are continuing to evolve our program to best meet our families' needs.

We will continue to offer "block" scheduling. We moved to block scheduling in 2015 in order to provide each student with a block of time for Hebrew language, Jewish studies and "Tarbut" (electives focused on Jewish culture - including dance, art, music, cooking). Our students physically move from room to room throughout the morning, working with new teachers and concepts during each "block". By working with a rotating core of teachers, and getting to know their class madrichim (high school assistants), our students are influenced by a variety of Jewish role models, encouraging their love for Judaism. Our dedicated and experienced teachers help make Hebrew come alive for the students, with the incorporation of movement, songs, and relevant vocabulary each Sunday.

During Tarbut (electives), each student gets to experience a new aspect of Jewish culture. From Israeli dancing, aleph-bet yoga, Jewish music, to cooking, storytelling, and art, students learn by doing and enrich their friendships with their classmates as they make a personal connection to our traditions and culture. Additionally, students create beautiful pieces of Judaica that their families will enjoy for years to come, explore our diverse traditions, and



celebrate our holidays.

The last 30 minutes of each Sunday will be spent with Cantor Alicia Stillman for Tefilah - prayer - in the sanctuary. Students will master a core group of prayers, serving not only as a foundation for their worship experience, but also helping to prepare them for their own Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

5th and 6th grade students will continue to attend "B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp" on Wednesdays, from 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Our focus on Wednesdays is teaching our pre-Bar/Bat mitzvah students the needed Hebrew language and prayers they will lead during their B'nei Mitzvah celebrations.

We want our students AND our families to be a part of our school and to feel a strong sense of community. It is our hope that both our students AND our parents feel welcome and a part of our school. With this in mind, we are planning more programming which supports the entire family as they build a meaningful Jewish life at home, and a connection to our greater TJ community.

We are grateful to all of you for sharing your precious children and time with us, and we are honored to share the journey of Jewish parenting with you everyday.

B'NEI MITZVAH

Bar/Bat Mitzvah services are celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Saturday mornings.

Wednesday B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp

For 5th and 6th grade students

Each student will be assessed and will have an individualized Hebrew language plan.

Additionally, Rabbi Yaron will teach a class in Pirkei Avot, lessons of our fathers, for all students who will be called to the Torah in the upcoming year and Cantor Alicia will teach a class in Trope, which is the musical pronunciation associated with the cantillation marks used in reading Torah.



MADRICHIM

Our YEP program features Madrichim (teachers in training) who assist with our classes each week.

TJ Madrichim-in-training program now begins in 7th grade, and continues through senior year. All of our Jr. Madrichim (8th and 9th graders) and Senior Madrichim (10th-12th graders) serve a vital role assisting classroom teachers, helping in the school office, and acting as role models to our younger students.

Our Madrichim add a great deal of energy and enthusiasm to our school, and our students certainly enjoy working with them! TJ Madrichim receive either community service hours or payment for their work, and attend leadership training sessions throughout the year. Participating in this program provides vital professional experience for our teens, and most importantly, serves to connect them to the younger generation and to our TJ community. We look forward to another great year working with our dedicated core of teens!

JUiCY Ruach - an introduction to youth group for 3rd-5th graders. Special events planned quarterly.

JUiCY Jr. - TJ's junior youth group is open to all 6th-8th graders.

JUiCY - TJ's senior youth group is open to all 9th-12th graders.

Run by our superb board of teens, JUiCY is the place where teens emerge as young leaders planning and running programs for their peers.

Alyse Bessell, at alyse@gotj.org.

YOUTH GROUP Open to the Community



Shalom TJ, I am Alyse Bessell and I am your Temple Youth Group Director. I have been at TJ since October 2014, and

I am so proud of our youth group and the passion our kids have. At this moment, the new 5779-5780 JUiCY board is busy planning for the upcoming school year. Some of the plans for next year include movie nights, going back to the FAU ropes course, weekend trips, L'taken in Washington D.C., Karaoke night, beach clean-ups, painting houses, a high school lock-in, social action projects, holiday celebrations and so much more.

With all our many fun and engaging programs, my hopes for this year include strengthening not only my bonds with our members but

even more importantly, the bond between the kids and their Jewish community. Additionally, we are working closely with our neighboring Reform congregations to create sub-regional events, providing opportunities for the Palm Beach County teens to come together and broaden their base of friends. As a kid, and a teenager, my own youth group played a critical role in my life and truly enhanced my love for Judaism. I am honored to be able to give this back as TJ's Youth Group Director.

Through our TYG (temple youth group), we strive to help our members embrace their role as young Jewish adults in our community, to deepen their connections to their Judaism, and to develop life-long Jewish friendships. Our youth group is open to all

PBG Jewish kids in 3rd -12th grade and families do not need to be a member of Temple Judea. If you have any questions, or if your child has any questions, please reach out. I love to talk!!!

Yad b'Yad,

Alyse Bessell
alyse@gotj.org



Marking Life's Sacred Moments

Weddings/Vow Renewals:

Though Reform Jewish weddings draw much inspiration from the history and tradition of Jewish wedding customs, they also tend to reflect a more modern, egalitarian, and flexible sensibility. Thus, one of the great pleasures in planning a Reform Jewish wedding is the individual stamp you and your fiancé will be able to put on it. You may find it helpful, before beginning to plan your Reform Jewish wedding, to familiarize yourself with some traditional wedding practices.

In particular, Reform Jewish weddings typically include a chuppah, a ketubah, a ring ceremony, and the breaking of the glass.

One major difference between Reform and traditional Jewish weddings has to do with the role of women. Typically, in Reform Judaism, and thus in Reform Jewish weddings, the principle of egalitarianism prevails: women and men share in all the roles, responsibilities and privileges of the wedding ceremony equally. In keeping with the general spirit of



flexibility and modernization which characterizes Reform Judaism in general, your wedding is planned in partnership and consultation of our clergy so the ceremony reflects not only our Jewish traditions but the couple's personality.

Baby Namings/B'rit Milah:

During the naming ceremony, there is an opportunity for the parents of the new baby to explain their choice of Hebrew name and its significance to them. Blessings are said during the ceremony acknowledging that the child has been entered into a brit, a covenant, with God. Blessings are also recited for the baby's well-being. The traditional wish is offered - that this child may grow into a life of study of Torah, of loving relationships, and the performance of good deeds. This ceremony can take place privately or as part of our worship services.



CONVERSION:

Temple Judea and the Reform Movement welcome and support those who choose to explore Judaism. Jews by Choice are a gift to our people and to our communities. While each person's path into Jewish life is unique, there are shared questions and experiences that are common to many. We welcome the opportunity to provide an introduction to Judaism and an opportunity to help guide those on a spiritual journey.

HANGING A MEZUZAH

A Jewish household is created by the people who live in it-by the way they act, the things they do and don't do, the beliefs they hold. To a great extent, a Jewish way of life is a portable faith: you can take it with you anywhere you go. It is generally accepted that Judaism as a religion is more oriented to holiness of time than holiness of place. There are many occasions we sanctify, but very few places we call holy. Our homes are an exception - and we do this through the ritual of hanging a mezuzah. Contact the office to schedule a time for our clergy to come hang a mezuzah in your home - be it the front door, or any other door....



B'NEI MITZVOT:

Students do not "have" a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, they "become" a Bar or Bat Mitzvah. The Talmud teaches that a young person is ready at the age of 13 to understand and accept adult responsibility for mitzvot. Central to the experience of becoming a B'nei Mitzvah at TJ is a serious and spirited engagement with Torah, tradition, and the privilege for the student to teach the congregation what s/he has learned.



FUNERALS/MEMORIALS:

Jewish tradition teaches that human beings are created in the image of God (Genesis 1:26). This is the underpinning of all of the rituals and customs that make up a Jewish funeral. This concept extends both to the deceased and to the mourners. It is our hope to provide love and support during what can be the most difficult of times. Our clergy will coordinate all aspects of a memorial service or funeral including the details of the service, meeting with the family, leading the funeral prayers and delivering a eulogy. They will also help coordinate the observance of shivah, sloshim, and are available for families in mourning throughout their process.

Please contact Ellen Lint, Office Manager, if you would like information about the temple's section at Star of David. Temple Judea offers its members plots at a discounted rate and encourages its members to undertake the important process of pre-planning.

CONFIRMATION:

Confirmation is a year-long process of study culminating in a beautiful ceremony for boys and girls that is tied to the Jewish holiday of Shavuot. It constitutes an individual and group affirmation of commitment to the Jewish people.

SISTERHOOD

Women of Reform Judaism is the organizational umbrella for our congregational sisterhood. Meeting the interests of women at Temple Judea, sisterhood is intergenerational, including all age groups and reflects the spirit and diversity of our synagogue. Sisterhood's role at Temple Judea is important, as we are the gateway into participation and engagement for our women, as they help support our congregation in numerous ways, including, socially, culturally, educationally, financially and through leadership development. Our programs include: social events, cultural outings, guest speakers, joint programs with other county sisterhoods, holiday special events, scholarship presentations, baking with religious school students, outreach to our college youth through College Connection, Mahjong and card parties and joint events with our Men's Club. Please join us in strengthening the bond of our common goals by becoming a member of Temple Judea's Sisterhood.

*Sincerely,
Marge Lesser Wallen,
President*

SAVE THE DATES:

Summer Social | August 21

Membership Dinner | November 14

Card Party | February 19

Women's Seder | March 31

Contact the temple office
for more information
at 561-624-4633
or visit www.gotj.org

MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club of Temple Judea is an informal gathering of our adult male members creating opportunities for friendship and service. A year of special activities meets the diverse interests of our membership.

Some of our activities include ball games, Steak & Poker Night, bagel breakfasts, men's nights out at various restaurants, basketball/baseball events, and trips just for guys!

Our Men's Club is proud to provide gifts for our B'nai Mitzvah students.

Contact the temple office for more information at 561-624-4633 or visit www.gotj.org

*Co-chairs:
Jeff Prince
and Jon Lachman*

MEN'S CLUB SOFTBALL TEAM

Calling all players - Sundays at 9:30 a.m. at Mirasol Park. Contact Fred Mauser or Jeff Prince for more information.



SOCIAL ACTION

Temple Judea's Social Action Committee focuses on serving our broader community and on Tikkun Olam.

We strive to provide opportunities for members to engage in regular activities as well as many "pop in" individual volunteer events. Some of these include:

- High Holy Day Food Drive
- Family Promise* meal preparation and/or chaperoning
- Quantum House meal preparation
- Jupiter Elementary School Reading Express Program
- VA Bingo
- Support of the JFCS Food Pantry
- School supplies for needy children
- "JV" Team - Visiting Jewish patients at Jupiter Medical Center
- Visiting the elderly at local homes

**Family Promise addresses the needs of homeless families by providing shelter, food, and finding employment to help families get back on their feet. Temple Judea is proud to be a host congregation, opening our building 3-4 weeks a year.*

We would love for you to help a little, or a lot.....

For questions about all programs, or how to get involved, contact

Alyse Bessell,
Social Action Coordinator
alyse@gotj.org

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Mondays at 10:30 AM
Everyone is Welcome!

June 3, 2019

The Other Einstein
by Marie Bennett

July 1, 2019

Acts of Faith by Eric Segal

August 5, 2019

Transcription by Kate Atkinson

September 23, 2019

The Lemon Tree by Sandy Tolan

November 4, 2019

The Chalk Artist
by Allegra Goodman

December 2, 2019

The Immortalists by Chloe Benjamin

January 6, 2020

The Gown by Jennifer Robson

February 3, 2020

The Female Persuasion
by Meg Wolitzer

March 2, 2020

Paris in the Present Tense
by Mark Helprin

April 6, 2020

Casting Lots by Susan Silverman

May 4, 2020

Life in a Jar by Jack Mayer

June 1, 2020

My Name is Asher Lev
by Chaim Potok



CARING COMMUNITY MEMBERS SUPPORTING MEMBERS

The Caring Community's mission is to care for and support Temple Judea's congregants in times of joy, sorrow, illness, and transition. We do this through various activities which create an environment of joyous Judaism so that members' hearts are moved to become involved and inspired to action. We serve our congregants who are ill, coping with loss or other life problems or who simply need support. We call, write notes, provide meals, deliver food, arrange rides, and celebrate joyous life cycle events such as marriage and welcoming new babies with gifts. As a congregation and sacred family, we should never be too big nor busy to reach out to one another. The Caring Community is supported by the Gloria Hay Schwartz and Calvin M. Schwartz Caring Community Fund.

For more information or to join our committee, please contact Helaine Kahn at Helaine8@icloud.com



"I did not find the world desolate when I entered it. And as my parents planted for me before I was born, so do I plant for those who will come after me." – Talmud

BECAUSE WE ARE YOUR FAMILY

After all, you have loved this congregation and poured your heart into it. This congregation is an enduring part of your Jewish legacy, just like your family. Make a gift to help Temple Judea continue to transform lives and inspire action, to ensure that your values and goals live on and to make a significant difference in our community.

As you plan for the future, think about what that legacy means to you.... and please consider the congregation in your will or estate plan.

To learn more about how to create your Jewish legacy, please contact Morli Josza at 561-624-4633 or morli@gotj.org.

5 Reasons You Should Make a Commitment to Temple Judea's L'Dor VaDor Society and the Life & Legacy efforts:

1. Support the Future:

By committing a legacy gift to any of the participating organizations, you will be showing your support of building endowment funds that generate annual funding to benefit the organization(s) you love.

2. Support the Present:

At the conclusion of year two of the program, each organization participating in LIFE & LEGACY receives an incentive bonus of up to \$5,000 for securing enough new commitments to meet its goals.

3. Create Your Legacy:

When you establish a legacy gift, whether it's through a bequest in your will, or a portion of your IRA, or another giving vehicle, you are leaving your last lesson for your children, grandchildren, and even the community as a whole. With your legacy gift, you will be telling one and all that being generous, caring about others, and thinking about the future are important moral values. These are profound messages for Jewish community members of all ages.

4. Lead by Example:

By signing a legacy commitment, you are leading the community by stepping

up and showing your dedication to your beloved organization(s). There is no monetary gift that must be made now, just your commitment, your leadership.

5. Save on Taxes:

While Temple Judea does not provide tax, legal, or financial advice, we do encourage you to contact your trusted advisor to talk about how a prospective legacy gift can save you on capital gains taxes, estate taxes, and/or income taxes, because these savings can be significant.

Annual High Holy Day Appeal:

Each year during the High Holy Day season we ask for your generosity and help. Gifts to the High Holy Day Appeal help offset the difference between the cost of running the temple and the 62% of expenses covered by dues. Monies raised go directly to help members in need, our youth education program, and teens.

Chai Society and Golden Chai Society:

The Chai Society and Golden Chai Society are about “people helping people.” The Chai Society is \$436 above regular dues and the Golden Chai is \$1,360 above regular dues. Funds raised go directly towards providing dues assistance to members in need.

General Fund Donations:

Each month members elect to make donations in honor of or in memory of a loved one. These donations go towards our operating budget and help Temple Judea enhance its offerings to all members.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Your gift to Temple Judea truly makes a difference – both for our members in need and to our sacred community! Each year Temple Judea has annual campaigns which raise funds to help sustain us and keep us financially and fiscally responsible. Your gift helps ensure our present and future and says, “I believe in Temple Judea!”

Each and every gift is important—no matter the amount—because each and every member is important. We are all partners in the future of our synagogue; whatever you give will have a significant impact for years to come. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

HOW TO GIVE?

There are many ways you can make a 100% tax-deductible gift in support of Temple Judea.

Specific Designated Funds:

Designated funds are another way to support Temple Judea.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
Cantor's Discretionary Fund
Adult Education
Religious School
Youth Group
Camp
Social Action
Gloria Hay & Calvin M. Schwartz Caring Community Fund
Renovation Fund

Capital Gifts:

Temple Judea has many naming opportunities in our main building and in our school building. Monies raised for capital gifts are used to enhance the temple's facilities and equipment.

Dedicable Items:

Tree of Life.....\$250/Leaf
Pavers\$360/Paver
Memorial Plaques.....\$540/Plaque

Sponsorships:

Shabbat Sponsor.....\$360
High Holy Day Music.....\$360
High Holy Day Flowers.....\$180
Event Sponsorship.....Contact Morli Josza,
Executive Director

Lev Legacy Endowment Fund:

Gifts to the endowment fund are an investment in the future of Temple Judea. Consider leaving your own legacy by supporting our fund and ensuring the long, successful future of TJ!