



# the bulleTIn

*Temple Israel established 1914*



*May it be my custom to go outdoors each day among the trees and the grasses, among all growing things and there may I be alone and enter into prayer to talk with the one that I belong to.*

*Know that every shepherd and shepherdess has a unique melody for each of the grasses and for each place where they herd. For each and every grass has its own song and from these songs of the grasses the shepherds compose their songs.*

*Rabbi Nachman of Breslov*

# TEMPLE ISRAEL'S MISSION

Temple Israel founded in 1914 is a Reform Congregation affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism. Temple Israel is truly our House of Worship, Study and Gathering. For over a century, our synagogue embodies the ritual warmth and ceremonial beauty of our Jewish tradition while serving as the center for worship, life-cycle celebration and events, education, social justice, and activities and gatherings for all ages. We are an inclusive and actively engaged community. We welcome singles and couples, interfaith couples and families, LGBTQ Jews and those seeking to convert to Judaism. Temple Israel values the diversity of Jewish expression and community.

## SAVE THE DATES

**Friday, July 3, 6:00 p.m.**  
Shabbat Services

**Monday, July 6, 7:00 p.m.**  
Talmud of America Study @ TI Activity Space

**Friday, July 10, 4:00 p.m.**  
Zarrow Pointe Shabbat Services

**Friday, July 10, 6:00 p.m.**  
Birthday Shabbat

**Monday, July 13, 6:00 p.m.**  
TI After Hours by Brotherhood @ Carrabbas Italian Grille

**Friday, July 17, 6:00 p.m.**  
Shabbat Services

**Sunday, July 19, 12:00 p.m.**  
Gourmets on the Go at the Tropical

**Wednesday, July 22, 8:00 p.m.**  
Tisha B'Av Learning: Poems, Songs, & Stories of Lament

**Friday, July 24, 6:00 p.m.**  
Anniversary Shabbat

**Tuesday, July 28, 6:00 p.m.**  
TI Reads! Temple Israel's Adult's Book Club

**Wednesday, July 29, 5:30 p.m.**  
Blooms & Bites for Tu B'Av

**Friday, July 31, 6:00 p.m.**  
Shabbat Services

**Friday, August 7, 6:00 p.m.**  
Shabbat Services

**Saturday, August 8, 10:30 AM**  
Shabbat Learning : *The Sabbath* by Abraham Joshua Heschel

**Friday, August 14, 4:00 p.m.**  
Zarrow Pointe Shabbat Services

**Friday, August 14, 6:00 p.m.**  
Birthday Shabbat with Torah - Elul 1

**Sunday, August 16, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**  
Shorashim & Back to School Pool Party!

**Wednesday, August 19, 7:00 p.m.**  
Paint & Sip: Chagall

**Friday, August 21, 6:00 p.m.**  
Shabbat Services - Elul - 2

**Tuesday, August 25, 6:00 p.m.**  
TI Reads! Adult's Book Club

**Friday, August 28, 6:00 p.m.**  
Anniversary Shabbat - Elul 3

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For more information about the Reform Movement's stance on inclusivity and a quick guide to pronouns, please visit <https://urj.org/what-we-do/audacious-hospitality/quick-guide-pronouns>.

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## RABBI REMARKS

by Batsheva Appel  
Interim Rabbi



When I learned that I could sign up to view a certified copy of the Declaration of Independence at the Gilcrease Museum, I immediately got a ticket. [Unfortunately there is currently a waitlist for the final day of viewing for those who have not yet had the opportunity to see it.]

About a week later, I learned about the Talmud of America, created by the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies also to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. Pardes is an open, inclusive, and intellectually challenging Jewish learning community based in Jerusalem, with programs worldwide.

The Talmud of America brings Jewish tradition into conversation with the Declaration of Independence, exploring its major themes through a Jewish lens. The booklet includes four essays and is available free in digital or printed form at [pardes.org.il/talmud-of-america/](http://pardes.org.il/talmud-of-america/).

On Monday, July 6, at 7:00 p.m., we will gather in the TI Activity Space to discuss Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness as rights in the Declaration of Independence and as Jewish values. Printed copies of the Talmud of America will be available to those who register, while supplies last.

Our summer learning will continue on Saturday, August 8, at 10:30 a.m., with Abraham Joshua Heschel's classic book, *The Sabbath*. First published in 1951, Heschel's reflections on the tensions between the material and the spiritual still resonate strongly today. *The Sabbath* is available in print or as an ebook through [Bookshop.org](http://Bookshop.org) at [tinyurl.com/mryjjwpy](http://tinyurl.com/mryjjwpy), or wherever you purchase books.

I hope that you will join one of these summer learning sessions, one based on the founding values of America and one based on the lessons of Shabbat.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mindy Galoob,  
TI Board President

*Below is my speech from the Annual Meeting. I am honored to serve as your President over the next few years. During this important time of transition, I want you to know that you can reach me anytime at [president@templetulsa.com](mailto:president@templetulsa.com).*

I am a Tulsan by birth, and a Jew by choice. I have devoted most of my career to the non-profit world. I have been lucky enough to work with many incredible people in organizations that make the world better. The responsibility for leading Temple Israel, however, feels different. I am used to working on behalf of organizations that I believe in; this is the first time I will be responsible for an organization that I belong to.



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We joined Temple Israel soon after moving to Oklahoma in 2013. Since then, we have been encouraged by Rabbi Sherman, welcomed by Rabbis Citrin, and consoled by Rabbi Simon. We prepared for our sons' B'nai mitzvot with Rabbi Jasper, and I completed my conversion with Rabbi and Cantor Weinstein. We continue to be inspired by Rabbi Appel. However, my connection with Temple Israel is older than my life as a Jew, older than my children, and even older than my marriage to Stephen. As a teenager, I worked as a teacher's aide in the preschool at Temple Israel, assigned to "Gesher", the cutest class of mostly three-year-olds.

I want to tell you about one especially memorable day: April 19, 1995, the day of the Oklahoma City bombing. Everyone who was here then will remember where they were and the uncertainty about where the violence might spread. By the time I arrived at Temple Israel that afternoon, the leadership had decided to evacuate the children as a precaution to the basement of Saks Fifth Avenue at Utica Square. The kids held on to a rope as we walked across the street to our safe place, and we sang songs even though we were all nervous. Their parents picked them up that day without incident. I particularly remember that day because it was the first time that I realized Jews still had to live in fear of being targeted.

In hindsight, it was easy to second-guess the decision to leave Temple Israel on April 19. As it turns out, there was no infiltration. Temple Israel was not targeted that day. And if we had been, would the basement of Saks even be a safe location? A critic might ask questions. Why create worry when no attack was imminent? The questions we face now are not identical to those we faced back then, but they are similar enough to note. We still worry, act amid uncertainty, and look to our leaders for guidance and direction. There is no longer a basement of Saks to seek shelter in. But soon, we will be returning to our home.

Thank you to everyone who has shown me what it takes to lead this congregation. A special thank you to Jon Stolper and Brina Reinstein for taking me under their wings. I also want to thank my family for their unwavering support and for understanding that Temple Israel may require more of my time in the coming years. Finally, thank you all for this opportunity to serve this congregation as we navigate our journey back home.

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## S O C I A L J U S T I C E Ethan Jones, *Committee Chair*

Although this bulletin is coming out in July, I'm writing during Pride month, so that's what's on my mind right now. And the fact is that as a Reform Jewish community we believe that 2SLGBTQIA+ people should be celebrated, and protected, all year long. I consider myself extremely lucky to be part of a community that has shown nothing but warmth to me and my family. The highlight was when Matthew and I had our commitment ceremony at Temple Israel in 2007. The Reform movement is an absolute shining beacon when it comes to affirming inclusivity. When so much of the rest of the world seems to be turning its back on us, it means everything to come back to a welcoming religious community that sees us not just as equals, but as family.

Yet the law often doesn't always recognize us as family. Our trans friends face increasing barriers to receiving necessary medical treatment to affirm their identities. The debate over bathroom access leaves many trans people simply unable to enter a public restroom. Laws denying trans people the right to list their gender identity on their passports, requiring them to list the sex assigned at birth instead, can leave trans people unable to leave the United States. There is rhetoric about repealing same-sex marriage rights. Luckily, the Obergefell case and the Respect for Marriage Act keep us safe, for now, but we're always waiting for a shoe to drop. And recent laws have passed denying cities the right to fly the pride flag on public buildings, erasing rainbow crosswalks, and renaming Pride month to "nuclear family month."

This is all to say: check in on your queer friends and family. Be an ally. Call out injustice when you see it. Be loud, be visible, and be clear. Trans rights are human rights. Keep an eye out for upcoming social justice projects at Temple Israel- we'll be back in the fall with opportunities to serve lunch at Clarehouse Hospice, march in Tulsa Pride in October, and participate in our annual High Holiday food drive.

# R A B B I N I C   S E A R C H   U P D A T E

Grant Bumgarner, *Search Committee Chair*

As you all know, Temple Israel is in the early stages of the search for our next Senior Rabbi. Over the past few months, we have hosted a series of Community Conversations to hear from you about what you want in our next Rabbi. We also created an anonymous survey that you can fill out to share your thoughts/feedback if you were unable to attend a focus group. You can find the link to that survey at: <https://templetulsa.com/search/>.

We are committed to finding a leader who will inspire Jewish learning and engagement, foster meaningful relationships, and help bring our community together. We can only do that with everyone's thoughts, advice, and contributions.

Later this summer, we will officially submit our application to the CCAR to begin interviewing candidates throughout the fall. We can assure you that we will only bring back a recommendation if we are confident that we have found "the one."

As you know, this search comes at a truly historic moment in Temple Israel's story. As we prepare to move into a new physical home, we have a rare opportunity to think not only about where we worship, but about who we aspire to be as a congregation in the decades ahead. We are seeking a rabbi who can help us build on our rich traditions while embracing new opportunities for growth, connection, and community.

The committee understands both the significance of this decision and the responsibility entrusted to us. We are approaching this work thoughtfully, deliberately, and with great optimism about Temple Israel's future. We look forward to keeping the congregation informed as the process continues and to hearing your thoughts and perspectives along the way. Reach out to our committee at [search@templetulsa.com](mailto:search@templetulsa.com) if you have any questions or comments.

## T E M P L E   F A M I L Y by Lesley Bumgarner Director of Congregational Life



Did you know that a time capsule was buried on 22nd Place when our former Temple Israel building was constructed beginning in 1953? Recently that time capsule was unearthed and opened. The contents of the time capsule are currently on display in the Temple Israel Office Activity Space for all to see and enjoy.

The contents include:

- Temple Israel attendance and enrollment books for Religious School from 1954-55
- Temple Israel curriculum for religious school from 1944-45
- Confirmation Ceremony book from 1951
- Union Hymnals and Prayerbooks
- Temple Israel Bulletins from 1947 and 1954

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- A volume entitled “Salute”, A Tribute to Tulsa Jewish Men and Women in the Armed Forces
- A memorial volume representing 1913-1943, A Generation of Liberal Judaism in Tulsa
- A program for the dedication of the Temple Israel building on South Cheyenne and 14th Street (1914-1919)
- A program for the dedication of the Temple Israel building on Rockford and 16th Street (from 1932)
- A book about the construction of our former Temple Israel building on 22nd Place, dated 1954

Perhaps two of the treasures from this trove that are most pertinent to today are two cards that were part of the building fund campaign from 1953 and 1954, essentially the NextDor campaign of that time. A photo of these cards is included below. It is fascinating to see that the fundraising goal at that time to construct the entire building was \$350,000! One of the cards states that “The only way forward is by a maximal gift!”

During our current NextDor campaign, we have been blessed by many generous donations from congregants. Thank you to all who have contributed. If you have not yet taken the opportunity to lend your support, it is not too late to make “a maximal gift” (in the words of those who came before).

If you are interested in viewing the contents of the time capsule, please stop by the Temple Israel Offices.

**TEMPLE ISRAEL BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN - GOAL \$350,000**

NAME: DAVID BARON  
 FIRM: BARON'S  
 BUS. ADDRESS: 302 S. MAIN TEL: 3-9222  
 RES. ADDRESS: 2435 N. BOSTON TEL: 54-1127

TOTAL PLEDGE \$  
 CASH NOW \$  
 BALANCE DUE \$

Balance payable as follows:  
 1949 \$ 1950 \$ 1951 \$

Or As Follows:  
 Month Year Amount

Temple Israel Building Fund  
 Tulsa, Okla., 1949 \$

Obtained by: Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 By: \_\_\_\_\_

“Let's Build With Pride For Ourselves”

Join in Building New Temple Israel 5713 - 1953 Rabbi Norbert L. Rosenzhal

**THE ONLY WAY IS BY A MAXIMAL GIFT!**  
 Pledge Now For A 5-Year Period

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration of the subsequent contributions and pledges of others, and of the obligation to be incurred, based upon pledges received, I (we) hereby agree to contribute, for the years, beginning April 15, 1953,

PLEDGE - \$  
 CASH NOW \$  
 BALANCE - \$

To Be Paid:  
 APRIL 1953 \$  
 APRIL 1954 \$  
 APRIL 1955 \$  
 APRIL 1956 \$  
 APRIL 1957 \$

Or As Follows:

Payable To Temple Israel Building Fund  
 The Sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars  
 Tulsa, Okla., 1953

Contributor's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signed by \_\_\_\_\_

In addition, we are planning to bury another time capsule on the site of our new building.

If you have questions about this new time capsule or suggestions about what should be included, please contact Mark Lobo.

With wishes for an enjoyable and relaxing summer, we hope to see you soon!

## SISTERHOOD

by Merrilee Langer,  
 Sisterhood President

It's been a busy and rewarding year for our TI Sisterhood! On March 6th, Sisterhood honored Donnie Suter-Levin with the well-deserved Queen Esther Award. Recognizing Donnie was part of Sisterhood Shabbat and a special dinner, which, despite having to shelter from a storm in the SMMJA, was lovely and well-attended.

This past year, we've gotten creative with the Sisterhood Judaica Shop in our temporary space. This year's Hanukkah and Purim pop-up shops brought the shoppers out for holiday “needs and wants,” and we have exciting pop-ups planned in the upcoming year. Until we are in our new Temple home, though, we will no longer open every Friday before Shabbat Services. Instead, you can call the Temple Offices and make an appointment to visit our shop there. If there is something you want that you don't see, please let Jenny know and she will contact me with your special order. As we move into the fall, watch for unique shopping opportunities and sales. We are looking forward to our beautiful new shop, and we will keep you stocked up in the meantime!

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In addition to the shop, Sisterhood is also currently making plans for events and outreach in the upcoming year. We have some ideas in mind for new programming and projects. Embracing l'dor v'dor, we are planning events to bring moms and kids together, like a visit to Purple Glaze. Of course, we are thinking ahead about unique new outings or even small, creative workshops. We would love to see ladies who have wondered how to get involved join us for a new event or two! If you have activities or outings you would like to see Sisterhood host, please reach out. Sisterhood is looking forward to another year of fun and service. Watch for details, reach out with any questions, and enjoy your summer!

## TEMPLE EDUCATION

by Kelsey Holder,  
Director of Education



This year marks the end of Year Twenty-one for me as a teacher in one capacity or another, and the end of Year One as our TI Director of Education. It's been a learning curve, a time for new partnerships, and, most importantly, an absolute joy.

I've also written for magazines, and anyone who's been in publishing knows that the final product started well in advance! The fun fall issue? The plans for that started around May. Educational programs work much the same way. As I write this, it's June, and we are already gearing up for another stellar year of Shorashim. We are meeting with our partners to draft plans for Midrasha. Our TI Adult Ed Committee chose books through the end of 2026 back in March, and continues to meet each month to create new learning opportunities.

The careful planning that creates our TI educational opportunities finds success in the support of our community. At our recent Annual Meeting, Sisterhood presented Shorashim with an annual endowment. Our Brotherhood President and I visited about funding childcare for services in the upcoming year. Community members want to meet and visit about ways to help our educational programs grow. We have a list of volunteers who step in during special programming to enrich our children's Jewish learning experiences.

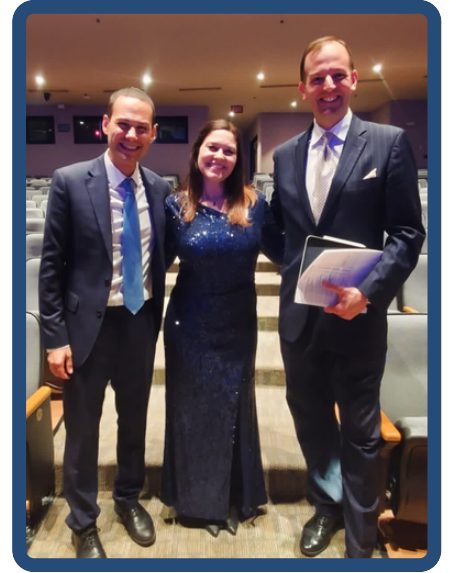
I like to say "we" because Temple Education is most certainly a collective effort. But with the title on my door and on my nametag and in the byline above, it's important for me to extend my thanks. On behalf of our students, our teachers, our clergy, our volunteers, and our congregants, *todah rabah*. Have a restful summer. August will be here soon!



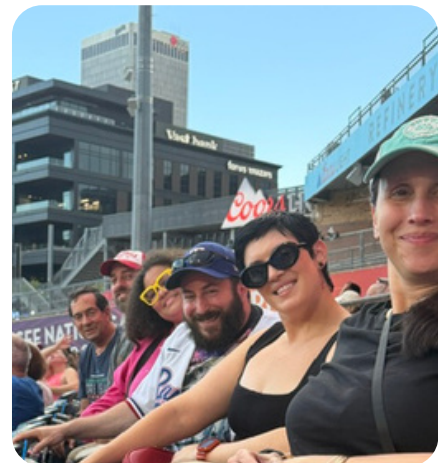
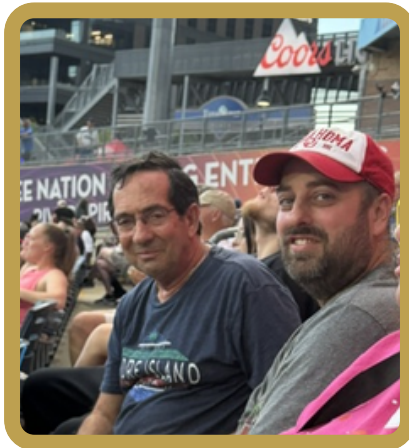
# TEMPLE TAKES



Marcia Jankowsky  
Memorial  
Cantorial Concert



Brotherhood @ the Drillers



# TEMPLE TAKES

## TI Annual Meeting



# BROTHERHOOD

by David Gantner & Craig Kavin,  
*Brotherhood Co-Presidents*

Summer is here, and while the sanctuary may feel a little quieter and the parking lot a little emptier, Brotherhood doesn't take the season off. These long, warm weeks are exactly when we plant the seeds for everything that makes the fall so special.

If you've ever stood at the back of the social hall during a Brotherhood breakfast, or watched the lights go up for a holiday event and thought, "I'd like to be part of putting this together" — this is your invitation. We are always stronger with more hands, more ideas, and more guys around the table. You don't need experience, a title, or a free calendar. You just need to show up. Come to one meeting. Lend a hand at one event. That's how every long-time member started.

And here's an easy place to start: Temple Israel After Hours (brought to you by Brotherhood) is coming up on Monday, July 13th at 6:00 P.M. at Carrabba's Italian Grill, 11021 East 71st Street, Tulsa. It's a relaxed evening of good food and even better company. It's "pay your own way" and everyone is invited, so bring a friend, a spouse, or a neighbor who's been curious about getting involved. Please RSVP by July 6th to [rsvp@templetulsa.com](mailto:rsvp@templetulsa.com), through the temple events web page, or by calling the temple office at 918-747-1309 so we can give the restaurant a head count.

The timing could not be better. Before we know it, the High Holidays will be upon us — Rosh Hashanah begins the evening of September 11 this year — and Brotherhood plays a real part in welcoming our community home for the new year. The work we do over these summer weeks is what lets us hit the ground running when everyone returns. Whether it's ushering, setting up, or simply being a friendly face that makes a newcomer feel like they belong, there's a place for you in it.

So, use these slower days well. Reach out to a member you haven't seen in a while. Bring a friend to our next gathering. If you've been meaning to renew, do it now — and if you've never joined, consider this the summer you finally do. Brotherhood is at its best when it reflects the whole of our congregation. Let's make the coming year our most active and welcoming yet. We can't wait to see you at Carrabba's — and we'd love to see more of you. Wishing you and your families a safe, restful, and joyful summer.



**Temple Israel**

after hours!



**Monday, July 13, 6:00 PM**

Sign up by Monday, July 6  
at [rsvp@templetulsa.com](mailto:rsvp@templetulsa.com)

# NEXTDOR UPDATE

Jon Stolper  
nextDor Project Chair



Over the past year, the NextDor Project has moved from vision to reality. This journey did not begin because our congregation simply set out to build something new. It began when Temple Israel honestly confronted the realities facing our community and recognized that remaining in our longtime home was no longer the right path forward. What could have felt only like loss instead became an opportunity — an opportunity to create a sacred space that reflects who we are today and prepares us for the generations still to come.

There is a beautiful Jewish teaching from Pirkei Avot: “It is not your responsibility to finish the work, but neither are you free to step away from it.” Generations before us built this congregation with courage, faith, and sacrifice. In our own time, we have been entrusted with the responsibility to carry that work forward.

In recent months, the pace of progress has been remarkable. We relocated the Ten Commandments monument to its future home — a powerful reminder that while our physical location may change, the values and traditions that define Temple Israel continue to guide us forward. We celebrated a meaningful groundbreaking ceremony, marking the formal beginning of construction on our new home, which received coverage in the local press. And each week now brings visible signs of construction and transformation as this sacred new home begins to rise. In the weeks ahead, you will see the foundation take shape and structural steel begin to rise, bringing the vision to life before our eyes. We remain on schedule to complete construction in the spring of 2027.

I want to thank the members of the NextDor Leadership Team who have given so much of themselves to this effort: our President, Brina Reinstein, Todd Arlan, Jory Budd, Ryan Coretz, Julie Rettinger, and David Weil. Their leadership, commitment, and countless hours of work have helped bring this vision to life.



I especially want to recognize David Weil. He has spent countless hours at the site, helping oversee construction, solving problems, answering questions, and making sure this enormously complicated project keeps moving forward day after day. His commitment, judgment, and steady presence have been invaluable to all of us.

I also want to thank everyone who has contributed to the NextDor campaign. Your generosity is helping create not simply a building, but a place where Jewish life will flourish, where people will pray, learn, celebrate, mourn, gather, and grow together for generations to come.

As we enter this important final phase, we ask every member of our community to help bring this project to completion. If you have already contributed to the NextDor campaign, thank you. If you have not yet participated, we encourage you to do so now. Every gift — at every level — strengthens Temple Israel’s ability to create a vibrant and enduring home for Jewish life for generations to come.

SIMCHA + SORROW

contributions & memorial gifts to Temple Israel

**Al & Marlene Tilkin Fund**

*In Loving Memory of Terry Rosenthal*  
by Harold & Martha DeMoss  
by Carol P. Mandlebaum  
by Marc & Irene Bookbinder  
by Willie & Shirley Burger  
by Chuck & Merrilee Langer

*In Loving Memory of Tony Winefield*  
by Mark & Brenda Blumenthal  
by John Sieler  
by Stephen & Mindy Galoob  
by Jory Budd  
by Craig & Carol Kovin  
by Marc & Irene Bookbinder  
by Anonymous

*In Honor of Sandi Tilkin,  
2026 Amudim Award Recipient*  
by Mark & Eileen Warren  
by Marc & Irene Bookbinder

*In Honor of Michael Goodman,  
2026 Isaiah Award Recipient*  
by Mark & Brenda Blumenthal  
by Ed & Betty Sherman

*In Honor of Craig & Carol Kovin's 50<sup>th</sup>  
Wedding Anniversary*  
by Roy & Evelyn Jones

**General Fund**

by Anonymous  
by Mel Bronstein  
by Iris Chandler

*In Loving Memory of Fannie Ecker*  
by Stuart Arnold

**Judy Halpern Social Justice Fund**

*In Loving Memory of Ida Ontman*  
by Iris Chandler

*In Honor of Lilah Jacobs  
Graduating TU with Honors*  
by John & Klara Bode

*In Loving Memory of Tony Winefield*  
*In Loving Memory of Sylvia Rosenthal*  
*In Loving Memory of Terry Rosenthal*  
*In Loving Memory of Ruth Springer*  
*In Loving Memory of Fannie Ecker*  
*In Loving Memory of Christie Kennedy*  
*In Honor of Lilah Jacobs on her Graduation*  
*In Honor of Mark & Brenda Blumenthal's 50<sup>th</sup>  
Wedding Anniversary*  
by Jeanne Jacobs

**Music Fund**

*In Loving Memory of Bernice Serota*  
by Marcia Weinstein

*In Loving Memory of Paul Gordon*  
by Marc & Irene Bookbinder

**nextDor Fund**

*In Honor of Rabbi Appel*  
by John & Klara Bode

*In Loving Memory of Sean Massie*  
by Harold & Sheryl Springer

*In Loving Memory of Tony Winefield*  
by Patti Elliot

*In Loving Memory of Theodosia Lachterman*  
by Roxanne Preston

*Thank you for the  
Mi Shebeirach Prayers*  
*In Honor of Rabbi Appel & Staff*  
by Curtis & Regina Scissons

*In Loving Memory of Blythe Katz*  
by Roy & Evelyn Jones

**Rabbi Charles P. Sherman  
Members Helping Members Fund**  
by Anonymous

**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

*In Honor of Rabbi Appel*  
by Curtis & Regina Scissons

*In Honor of Rabbi Appel's  
30 years in the Rabbinate*  
by John & Klara Bode

*In Loving Memory of Liv Labow &  
In Loving Memory of Tom Morris*  
Anne Cummins & Jenny Labow

**Security Fund**

*In Honor of Jory Budd*  
*In Honor of Rabbi Appel & TI Staff*  
*In Honor of Cantorial Soloist  
Jenny Labow*  
*Happy Memorial Day Weekend TI Staff*  
by Curtis & Regina Scissons

*In Loving Memory of Isabel Sanditen*  
by Carol Miller

*In Loving Memory of Tony Winefield*  
by Peg Kishner

*In Loving Memory of Fannie Ecker*  
by Marilyn Sylvan

**Queen Esther Fund**

*In Loving Memory of Christie Kennedy*  
by Marc & Irene Bookbinder

*In Loving Memory of Blythe Katz*  
by Stan & Cathey Kessler  
by Mark & Brenda Blumenthal

To make a donation, please contact  
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donation via USPS, or visit the  
Temple website at [www.  
templetulsa.com/donate/](http://www.templetulsa.com/donate/)

**Please note** our current mailing  
address:

P.O. Box 700158  
Tulsa, OK 74170

*Wishing R'fuah Sh'leimah to Evelyn Jones*  
*Wishing R'fuah Sh'leimah to Shirley Dormont*  
by Ed & Betty Sherman

## ALL IN THE FAMILY

### MAZEL TOV!

*Mazel Tov* to **Dr. Michael Pollak**, TI Past President and Amudim Award Recipient, for his recognition as 2026 State Volunteer Mediator of the year. Michael has mediated more than 1500 hours since 2017 for the Early Settlement Program.

#### ***Mazel Tov to Our 2026 Graduates!***

**Anna and Ogden Farr**, children of Robert & Katie Farr, ז"ל, & stepmom Tonya Farr, and grandchildren of Dr. Bruce and Ann Singer, who graduated from Booker T. Washington High School and will be attending Oklahoma State University in the fall.

**Michael Gantner**, son of David & Donna Gantner, who graduated from Jenks High School and will be attending TCC then transferring to the University of Arkansas.

**Ellery Rettinger**, who graduated from Riverfield Country Day School and will be attending Skidmore College in the fall.

**Janna Sherman** of New Orleans & **Eli Sherman** of Charleston, SC, grandchildren of Rabbi Charles & Nancy Sherman, on their recent high school graduation.

**Lilah Jacobs**, daughter of Michael Jacobs and Jen Zilin and the granddaughter of Jeanne Jacobs and Barry & Ellen Zilin of Woodbridge, VA, who graduated magna cum laude on 5/16/26 from the University of Tulsa. Among her many academic awards and student leadership, she represented the Jewish faith by reading Psalm 8 at her Baccalaureate service.

### TODAH RABAH

*Thank you* to **Rabbi Appel** for representing Temple Israel at the JNFR in Washington D.C.

*Thank you* to **Leah Clayman, Rosalie Childs, Patti Elliott, and Matthew Jones** for all of their help with the Marcia Jankowsky Memorial Cantorial Concert and dessert reception.

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*Temple made the Marquee at Circle Cinema for our annual fundraiser!*

# JULY CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SHABBAT
			1	2	3 Shabbat Services 6:00 PM <i>Temple Offices Closed</i>	4 
5	6 Talmud of America 6:00 PM	7	8	9 Social Justice Committee 7:00 PM	10 Zarrow Pointe Shabbat 4:00 PM Birthday Shabbat 6:00 PM 	11
12 Sisterhood Board 1:00 PM	13 TI After Hours 6:00 PM	14	15 Rosh Chodesh Av 	16	17 Shabbat Services 6:00 PM	18
19 Gourmets on the Go @ The Tropical 12:00 PM	20	21 Brotherhood Board 5:30 PM	22 Poems, Songs, & Stories of Lament for Tisha B'Av 8:00 PM	23	24 Zamru L'Shabbat & Anniversary Shabbat 6:00 PM 	25
26	27	28 TI Reads! Adult's Book Club 6:00 PM	29 Tu B'Av Blooms & Bites 5:30	30	31 Shabbat Services 6:00 PM	

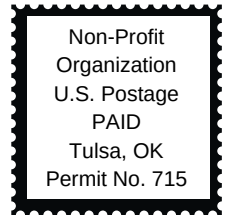
# AUGUST CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SHABBAT
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2	3	4 <b>Executive Committee</b> 5:30 PM	5	6	7 <b>Shabbat Services</b> 6:00 PM	8 <b>Shabbat Learning: The Sabbath</b> 10:30 AM
9 <b>Gourmets on the Go</b> 11:00 AM <b>Sisterhood Board</b> 1:00 PM	10	11 <b>Board of Trustees</b> 5:30 PM	12	13 <b>Social Justice Committee</b> 7:00 PM  <b>Rosh Chodesh Elul</b> 🌙	14 <b>Zarrow Pointe Shabbat</b> 4:00 PM <b>Birthday Shabbat - Elul 1</b> 6:00 PM 🎂 <b>Rosh Chodesh Elul</b> 🌙	15
16 <b>Shorashim Opening Day &amp; Back to School Pool Party</b> 9 AM - 12:30 PM	17	18 <b>Brotherhood Board</b> 5:30 PM	19 <b>Paint &amp; Sip "Chagall"</b> 7:00 PM	20	21 <b>Shabbat Services - Elul 2</b> 6:00 PM	22
23 <b>Shorashim</b> 9 AM - 12:30 PM  30 <b>Shorashim</b> 9 AM - 12:30 PM	24  31	25 <b>TI Reads! Adult's Book Club</b> 6:00 PM	26	27	28 <b>Anniversary Shabbat - Elul 3</b> 6:00 PM  💍	29



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