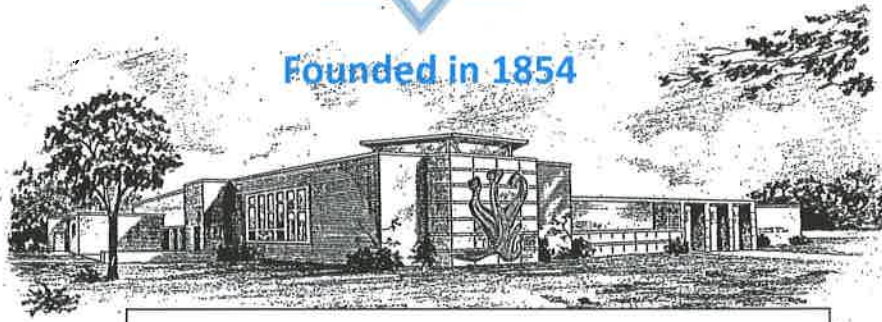


# TEMPLE ISRAEL



Founded in 1854



JANUARY 2021

Tevet - Shevat 5781

## FROM THE DESK OF

### RABBI BETH L. SCHWARTZ

January, 2021. A new year, a new beginning. To borrow a phrase from Great Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, 2020 was, for too many of us, "annus horribilis," an awful, terrible year. It was a year when the fears and uncertainties of "*Unetaneh tokef*" became all too real, and our desires to hold on to each other could not be realized in any physical way.

And yet, even as 2021 begins in the midst of the third and most severe wave of COVID-19 yet, we have hope. The development of several vaccines is a result of the dedication and skill of hundreds, if not thousands, of researchers, building on generations of scientific knowledge and unprecedented cooperation and collaboration. The creativity of countless organizations and communities to try new - and old - ideas together has shown that resilience can be cultivated and shared. (Would that governments follow the same path!)

My heart and soul ache that there are still those who cannot or will not realize that their denial of the risks of COVID and their refusal to take simple precautions is not only selfish, but contributes directly to the persistence of the pandemic, and that those who refuse to be vaccinated in the name of personal choice will also prolong the suffering of our country. I pray that in this new year they will change.

For those of us who have been wearing our masks, washing our hands, and staying in, the time for patience and stoicism is not over, but we can anticipate that our lives will begin to open up as the vaccines reach us in the coming months. We know that our society will be different, even though we don't know what that means. The same is true for our national government - things will change, but how quickly and in what ways remains to be seen.

One thing that has not changed, and continues to be a critical factor in our national health: Kindness is also contagious. Spread it around!



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Our congregation has learned that Temple Israel is not synonymous with our synagogue. A congregation is much more than a building, as much as we miss being there. I would love to say how many of you have attended virtual programs that we have shared, or joined together for services and Torah study, but our Religious School has held its own, and our outdoor gatherings have been very well attended. May we continue to support one another, in whatever ways we can, and to pray for healing for those in pain, for strength of body and spirit, and for optimism and openness for this new year, and beyond.

I am reminded of these lines from a prayer we said on Rosh Hashanah, written by my colleague and classmate, Rabbi Joseph Meszler:

**“Every deed counts. Everything you do matters. And we never know what act or word will leave an impression or tip the scale...Together, let us write a beautiful Book of Life for the Holy One to read.”**

May we be together in health and happiness in 2021!

### **SERVICES IN JANUARY**

Services in January will be live, via Zoom, unless otherwise announced. Watch for Zoom links in your email.

Rabbi Schwartz will read the Mi sheberach list each Friday evening. We will say Kaddish on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings.

Friday evenings, January 8, 15, 22, 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday morning Torah study at 10:00 a.m.

If you would like to light candles or make Kiddush on a Friday evening, please let Debbie or Rabbi know.

### **AVAILABLE TO BORROW AT TEMPLE ISRAEL!**

Temple Israel has a “Little Library” - outside the rear entrance to Temple Israel. Take a book, leave a book.

Jigsaw puzzle “lending library” - inside the temple, in the social hall. Take a puzzle, leave a puzzle. Call Debbie in the temple office for access.





# From the President...

“Our world is defined by the battle and balancing of two big forces. We call them old power and new power. Old power works *like a currency*. It is held by a few. Once gained, it is jealously guarded, and the powerful have a substantial store of it to spend. It is closed, inaccessible and leader-driven. New power operates *like a current*. It is made by many. It is open, participatory and peer-driven. Like water or electricity, it’s more forceful when it surges. The goal with new power is not to hoard it but to channel it. (“How To Build A Successful Movement In 4 Steps,” [ideas.ted.com](https://ideas.ted.com)).

Tiffany Broda, President

Temple Israel

January 2021

Change is scary. It can be sudden. It can be violent. It can be slow over time. It can be inescapable. The one thing it can’t be is the same. And we have been working at Temple Israel to embrace change. Whether it be change of leadership, change of staff, change of religious leadership, change of ritual, change of programming, change of environment due to a global pandemic. We are never short on change around here lately.

Some people like the new direction. They like the fresh look at our history and our progress. As much as I may be tempted to take credit the last year and a half, that isn’t from a leader, that is from a *movement*. That is way too powerful for any one person to do. And when that movement involves holy work? That movement becomes unstoppable.



I've often heard that a fire can start with just one spark. A group of people look like this...

For a TED Talk video that shows how *movements* start in 3 minutes, click the link below:



<https://www.ted.com/talks/derek-sivers-how-to-start-a-movement#t-158326>



That group can influence political systems, social consciousness, and even get leaders to change laws! When positive, it can do good things. We also see that when it is shrouded in negativity, anger, and fear, it can be divisive and counterproductive. Nowhere is that clearer than lately it seems. So how do we start a positive movement at Temple Israel? Well, the good news it has already started.

It can look like this...



Menorah Lighting at Temple Israel (Wildwood Avenue)

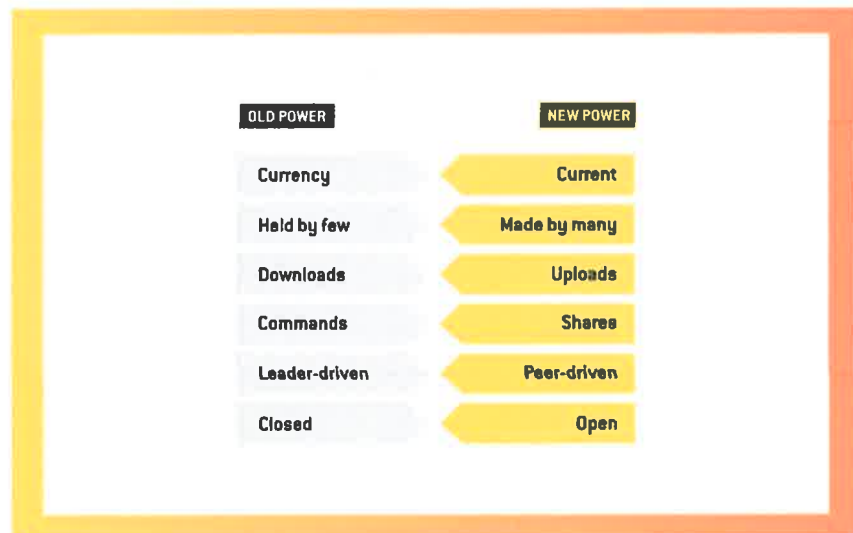
And this...



Temple Israel Religious School (TIRS) Hanukkah Cookie Decorating Competition

How do we start a *movement* or keep the momentum?

We have to look at the new power versus the old power. There must be a mix of both.



*A comparison between old power and new power. Courtesy of Jeremy Heimans and Henry Timms.*

The new *movement* is shaped not by numbers of members, but by numbers of connections, shares, peer interactions, open communication, all on the same goals. The secret of success is not leader-driven, it is person-driven.

And the new power, may include someone we have never met in person yet. We have the ability with technology to reach further than we have before. Whether COVID-19 has some form of resolution or this stays the new normal, we have the ability to grow and reach through our new skills.

But no one person can do this alone. We need you. We need you to be involved. We need you to be a part of this *movement*!

# IN OUR TEMPLE FAMILY

## IN MEMORIAM

**Ella Jewell**

Grandmother of Tiffany Broda

**Elizabeth Sherman**

Sister of the late Dave Satlof;  
aunt of Regina Satlof Block, Linda  
Satlof Birnbaum, Anita Satlof Lawson,  
Alice Satlof Gold

*"The memory of the  
righteous is a blessing."*

**THANK YOU TO...Dr. Richard and Helen Robbins** for their generous contribution to the Wynnton Neighborhood Network, given in honor of all WNN workers and volunteers...  
**Jack and Pat Wilensky** for their generous contribution to the Wynnton Neighborhood Network, given for support...  
**Maxine Schiffman** for her generous contributions to the Operating Fund and Wynnton Neighborhood Network, given for support.

**MAZEL TOV TO...Dr. Robert and Debbie Bush and Joyce Fingerhut** on the birth of their grandson and great-grandson, Leo Max Bush, born to Robert and Gabriella Bush of Wake Forrest, North Carolina...  
**John Riesenburger** on the birth of his grandchild, Ivy Eileen Riesenburger, daughter of Jacob and Janice Riesenburger of St. Petersburg, Florida.



## MI-SHEBEIRACH

*We offer healing prayers to...*

Marie Barclay, Ashley Blair, Don Bracewell, Robert Brines, Renee Lieb Chandler, Mike Edmondson, Dr. Mark Funk, Thomas Godin, Annette Johnston, Madelaine Kent, Vicki Kent, Cookie Koplun, Harold Osborne, Jim Osborne, Jonathan Perez, Miguel Ponienman, Viviana Ponienman, Maxine Schiffman, Kimberly Taghon, Gloria Balkcom Willet, Ashley Woitena

*Because HIPAA laws dictate privacy of health and related information, please inform our office of any changes.*

**Congratulations!**

**Ryan Stanford** who was recently sworn in as a member of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board of Columbus, Georgia by Mayor Skip Henderson.

We would also like to recognize all other Temple Israel members who have participated in the life of our city with service on advisory boards and/or boards of directors.

Please let us know so we can recognize you as well.

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:** Stephen Edelson, Suzanne Fine, Jean Goldstein, JoAnne Hecht, Terri Hirsch, Michelle Kowan, Louise Less, Angela Nunez, Ryan Stanford, Judy Stern

**JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES:** Kenneth and Tiffany Broda, Stephen Edelson and Leslie Schwartz, Ron and Susan Hamby, Marvin and Vicki Lieberman, Perry and Kaye Maxwell



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*the resource for Jewish mourning.*

## ***Yahrzeit***

**Our loved ones will be remembered with Kaddish on the following dates:**

### **January 1-2**

*\*Elizabeth Sherman  
\*Ella Jewell  
\*Edye Schoengold  
Benno G. Rothschild  
Dorothy Mathes Gorin  
Jean Hufstetler  
Pearl Josefsberg  
Gertrude Yudko  
Florence Frank  
Laura Rosenberg  
Frank Sojak  
Doris Engelman  
Gerald Bernheimer  
Betty Hutzler  
Beatrice Rubenstein*

### **January 8-9**

*\*Elizabeth Sherman  
\*Ella Jewell  
Della Estroff Cohn  
Larry Hecht  
Evelyn Duncan  
Lenore Goldstein  
Marion Shonkoff  
Ida Grunstein Katzenstein  
Sheila Resnick  
Ronald Schwartz  
Janet Sommers Rosenberg  
Werner Friedmann  
Ilona Zsiros  
Irvin Rosenberg, Sr.*

### **January 15-16**

*\*Elizabeth Sherman  
\*Ella Jewell  
David Rosenthal  
Phyllis Cox Goodman  
Ruth Gump Lilienthal  
Rose Block  
Enid Dinkin  
Lee Howard Hirsch  
Temma Nassau Schwartz  
Herb Strauss  
Dorothy Brooks Hamby  
Irwin Cohen  
Mina Broda Rothschild  
Hilda Feinberg Lipsey  
Millard Fingerhut*

### **January 22-23**

*Minnie Kantrowitz  
Blanche Stern  
Marcus Waxman  
Morris Entlich  
Rose Goodman Schwartz*

### **January 29-30**

*Norma Krieger  
Ben Kaplan  
Edna Brown Stern  
Louis Edward Berman  
Hyla Kent  
Jeanette Jenson  
Sara Jane Harrison  
Bernard (Barney) Rothschild  
Sarah Evelyn Stein  
Peggy Ann Levy-Hecht  
Marie Klein Bloch*

*\*Recently Deceased*



## **C O N T R I B U T I O N S**

*We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who remember and honor their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions:*

### **JEWISH LADIES AID SOCIETY GENERAL FUND**

*For support of JLAS*

**Dr. Richard and Helen Robbins** in honor of the birth of Leo Max Bush

### **OPERATING FUND**

*For daily operating needs*

**Gerald and Jean Kent** in memory of Ella Jewell

**Betty Kiralfy Weinberger, Jean Kiralfy Kent** in memory of their parents, Victor and Raye Kiralfy — "The Temple meant a great deal to both of them."

**Stewart Brines** in appreciation of Rabbi Beth Schwartz, Tiffany Broda, and the whole Temple Israel congregation

**Kenneth and Tiffany Broda** in memory of Barbara Broda Star and Barbara Galeski Rothschild

**Dr. Richard and Helen Robbins** in memory of Ella Jewell

### **RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

*For assistance of individual and community needs*

**Stewart Brines** in appreciation

### **RAYNA F. GOODMAN MUSIC FUND**

*For the development and support of the music program for worship services*

**Rayna Goodman** in honor of Judy Harris

### **REMEMBRANCE FUND**

*For the purchase of prayer books, Haggadahs, Bibles, and other special publications*

**Jack and Pat Wilensky** in memory of Elizabeth Sherman

### **TEMPLE ISRAEL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

*To supplement its various programs and activities*

**Dr. Morton Berenson, Stewart Brines, Dr. Julian Ripple** in appreciation to Ana Brewington — "From your devoted Hebrew class, in gratitude for all your help."

### **WYNNTON NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK FUND**

*For community assistance*

**Jeff and Fran Morton** in appreciation of Mark Rice; "Happy belated birthday wishes to Carol Hecht"; In honor of the recoveries of Gloria Cohen, Eloise Hersh

**Ron and Susan Hamby** in support of WNN  
**Eloise Hersh and Sarah Hersh** in honor of the recovery of Robert Brines

**Milton and Elsa Hirsch** in honor of the birthdays of Meghan Hirsch, Debbie Bush, Dr. Richard Robbins; In memory of Joani Kravtin

**Drs. Louis and Laura Levy** in memory of Dr. A.J. Kravtin at his yahrzeit

**Dr. Richard and Helen Robbins** in memory of Elizabeth Sherman, Joani Kravtin

**Marvin and Vicki Lieberman** in memory of Joani Kravtin

**Neil and Regina Block** in honor of the birthdays of Debbie Bush, Marlene Garnett; In honor of the recoveries of Robert Brines, Eloise Hersh; In honor of the retirement of Dr. Robert Bush

**Stewart Brines** in memory of Elizabeth Sherman, Ella Jewell, Joani Kravtin

**Jeanne Robinson** in honor of her friend, Maxine Schiffman





# FROM WNN

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving in this weird socially distanced world. November was the busiest month of the year for us since the start of the pandemic. We did our traditional Thanksgiving food disbursement on the Monday and Tuesday of the week of Thanksgiving, except we did it in a new socially distanced way. We kept everyone lined up in their cars instead of having them park and form a line standing together outside. Clients were waiting before 6:30 a.m. We started serving a bit after 8 a.m. The line of cars stretched around the church, but everything was orderly, and once we started serving clients the line moved pretty quickly. We served at least 125 families each day of the giveaway. For the entire month of November we served 1,435 bags of food to 477 families containing 1,400 individuals, including 570 children. The utilities folks were extraordinarily busy as well. We helped 55 families keep their lights and heat on, spending \$5,121.63. All in all, a busy and productive month.

Thanks to all our congregations who really came through for us in gathering Thanksgiving food for our distribution. You all have provided us with such great support in this rough time. You really to make a difference in many people's lives.

Thanks again,  
Susan Hiers, Wynnton Neighborhood Network

\*Below is a list of items needed on an on-going basis. Items can be dropped off at the Network (Monday - Friday 10:00 am -12:15 pm.) Mary Lou Jarrell is happy to arrange pickups, as needed, in this time of staying safe. Just let her know your questions ([maryloujarrell22@gmail.com](mailto:maryloujarrell22@gmail.com)). As always, financial donations are alternatively appreciated, so we can do the shopping for you.

### \*On-going Suggested List of Items for the Pantry:

- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Meat
- Canned fruit
- Canned Tomato Products
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Spaghetti Sauce and Noodles
- Jelly
- Peanut Butter
- Soup
- Toilet paper
- Bar soap
- Laundry Detergent (powdered or pods)

# Kindness Is Contagious



*Kol Yisrael aravim zeh ba-zeh*

*All Israel are responsible for one another*

In these days of worry and fear for the spread of COVID-19, let us make our membership in Temple Israel an opportunity to practice extra lovingkindness towards one another.

*CHAZAK V'AMATZI BE STRONG AND HAVE COURAGE*

**TOGETHER, WE WILL GET THROUGH THESE DIFFICULT WEEKS**

## FROM JEWISH LADIES AID SOCIETY



**Don't forget to support and make JLAS complete with your membership dues for 2020-21:**

**\$30 Regular Membership  
\$15 Associate Membership**

**Please make checks payable to JLAS and mail to Debra Bush, Treasurer (6902 Wethersfield Road, 31904)**



**American Red Cross**  
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