

The background of the cover is a photograph of a modern building with large glass windows and a light-colored facade. In the foreground, there are various plants, including tall green leaves on the left and clusters of bright pink flowers on the right. The title 'the Judean' is overlaid on the top half of the image.

the Judean

May/June/July 2017

www.templejudea.com

From the President *Ellen Fink Israel*

It's hard to believe that I am almost half way through my term as President of Temple Judea. I am often asked, "How is it going?" or "What have you learned?" The answers: "It's going great!" and "A LOT." When I accepted my position, I knew it was going to be a challenge on many levels - relationally, organizationally, intellectually - but I did not realize how being "on the inside" would inform and enhance my view of TJ as a vibrant community.



Many people are working very hard every day and in many ways, some visible, some not. Our clergy and professional staff are constantly working to ensure that TJ runs spiritually and efficiently. Day-to-day tasks are many, and forward-looking thinking abounds. The inner workings are extremely complex and I am continually in awe of the dedication our senior staff brings. They are not only employees; they are very deeply committed to our community and our Jewish values.

I continue to say that I have a fantastic board to work with, and I am certain that the slate for next year, with a few changes from this year, will continue to inspire and awe. We have a dedicated and hard working board, complimented by many congregants who populate our committees, who put their hearts and souls into our community, a community they love. They give of their time, money and energy, while building community and enjoying the connections they make with other congregants.

Whenever I am introduced as the President, I feel a strong sense of pride. Being at the helm of such a wonderful community -- seeing all the passion and love that goes into every single day, knowing all the good we do for folks in our community and the community at large -- is extraordinarily gratifying. So is my position a challenge? Yes! Do I regret agreeing to serve? Never!

Please join me on May 17th at our Annual Congregational Meeting and a dinner provided by our Brotherhood and WTJ. Come learn about the past year and join us in celebrating the wonderful community that is Temple Judea!

Annual Congregational Meeting - 7pm

BBQ Community Dinner - 6pm

Reservations for dinner required

***Have you included Temple Judea
in your will or trust?***

Let us know, so we can thank you.

*Please contact Eileen Aroesti, Development Director at
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Shavuot 2017 Rabbi Joshua M. Aaronson



 RabbiJMA

What is the Torah? We talk about it all the time; the study of the Torah is the central enterprise of Judaism. As it says on the Ark in the Goor Sanctuary, 'the study of Torah is equal to them all because it leads to them all.' In this case, 'them' means everything we know about Judaism, everything Judaism demands we do; everything Judaism demands we believe.

Strictly speaking, the Torah refers to the Five Books of Moses: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. More broadly, the Torah encompasses all of Jewish learning from the moment at Sinai until this very moment.

'Jewish values' emerge from our study of the Torah. Jewish values is a phrase we hear quite frequently, yet, given the highly charged political atmosphere we inhabit, it is a phrase that at once means everything and nothing. Those who argue, for example, that Israel should continue to build settlements in the West Bank base their argument on 'Jewish values.' Conversely, those who argue that Israel should cease building settlements base their arguments on "Jewish values". How do we make sense of this?

One path forward begins here: the purpose of the Torah (in its broadest meaning) is to guide us toward life as we believe it ought to be. The Torah must exist to make the world a better place. What other reason could there possibly be for the Torah to exist? Surely, humanity is not meant to be worse off for

having received the Torah! Surely, the Jewish people are not meant to be worse off for studying the Torah! I have no use for a Torah that does not point me toward the world as it ought to be.

If then, the purpose of the Torah is to guide us toward the world as we believe it ought to be, the certainly Jewish values that emerge from the Torah must help us create that world. Can the purpose of Jewish values be otherwise? Just as I have no use for a Torah that does not point me toward the world as it ought to be, I have no use for Jewish values that do not help me create a world as it ought to be.

Shavuot is the festival that commemorates the giving of the Torah. Temple Judea will observe the festival of Shavuot on Tuesday evening, May 30 at 5pm. Part of our Shavuot observance will include, as is traditional, the study of Torah, with an emphasis on the Jewish values that emerge from that study. On behalf of the Temple Judea clergy team, I invite you to join us.

What ELSE is happening in the ECC?

Margie Ipp - Director of ECC

Lisa Whitman - Assistant Director of ECC



There's no greater gift you can give your kids than to be present for them.

- Jon Cabot Zinn

Being “present” for our kids. What does that mean? Being present is more than just being physically near our children. It is being actively engaged with them in a meaningful way. But can we be actively engaged with our children 24 hours a day? Should we be? It's equally important for children to have time to explore, observe, and learn on their own as it is for them to interact with and learn from us. If we can provide a safe space where they can play without worry of danger or injury, then non-adult play time is crucial for their development. Playtime that is not directed by adults can lead to creativity and discovery that stem from a child's own imagination, often leading to places that adult-directed play might not have gone. Allowing children to learn on their own terms is empowering for them.

And yet, they need us for emotional support, connection, and often to take the next steps in learning. So what do we do when we are parenting, and working, and keeping up with friends on social media, and following world events, and making dinner, and doing laundry and . . .?

The key to being “present” is choosing times when we can be 100 percent focused on our children. Depending on our

daily schedules and levels of patience, these times might come in one hour chunks or 10 minute increments. The most important thing about these times is that we commit to them. Children would rather have 10 minutes of our uninterrupted, fully present time, than three hours of begging for attention while we are simultaneously looking at

our phone. Kids are smart, and they know the difference. It is okay as a parent to say something like, “I'm going to work at the table while you play with your blocks, but when the timer goes off, we are going to play together.” Then, set the timer and follow through, and that includes putting the phone away, and fully engaging. Play together, look at the sky together, build together, read together, cook together, laugh together. It's better to be 100 percent focused on your child for 50 percent of the time than

to be 50 percent focused all the time.

Take a moment to think about what it feels like to talk to a friend or colleague as they are checking their email or writing a text message. That's not the feeling that we want our children to have when they interact with us. So, set the boundaries, make the time, and be present. It will do wonders for our children, and for us too.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2017 GESHER GRADS



GESHER BLUE

(ROOM 126 WITH LINDA & BREANNA)

DANIEL AHDOT, BENJAMIN BAKHANI
SOPHIA BISI, SARAH BORNSTEIN
MILA FISCHER, SHANE GREER
LYAM KLEINBRODT, BAILEY LEON
JACK RAPPAPORT, JAMES SILVER
EVAN SUDECK, POPPY URMAN

GESHER GOLD

(ROOM 122 WITH AVIVA & KAREN)

MADISON ADLER, BAILEY CHARASH
LEVI COOPER, ADAM GURULE
MAYA HINKES, SAWYER KINGSTON
JAMES LASMAN, EVERLY ROSE
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NOA WIESSBROD, LOGAN WOLPER

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(ROOM 124 WITH RISA & COREY)

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BENJAMIN ROBERTS, SPENCER SAINC
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JOIN US FOR TWO EXCITING EVENINGS AS WE RECOGNIZE OUR CONFIRMANDS

Erev Shabbat Service & Religious School Confirmation
Friday, May 19, 2017, 6:15pm

Honoring

Evelyn Bergman
Shelly Browne
Jodi Jacobsen
Susan Jefferson
Renee Klug
Bill Ritter

Sandy Ritter
Lynn Ross
Bruce Ross
Carol Silver
Linda Weingarten

Erev Shavuot Service & Adult Confirmation
Tuesday, May 30, 2017, 5pm

Honoring

Salet Abadee
Katelyn "Katey" Besser
Joely Bothast
Alice Downer
Jane Downer

Ryan Laguercia
Caleb Ness
Aaron Pessin
Benjamin Yablon

CELEBRATE your B'NEI MITZVAH in ISRAEL **WITH RABBI AARONSON**

Do you have a child who will become a b'nei mitzvah in the calendar year 2018? If so, I urge you to consider celebrating that milestone event in Israel! I'd love to take you on a unique adventure that will create memories that last a lifetime.


I have had the privilege to share in the simchas of so many in Israel, including my own daughter who was called to the Torah in Israel more than 9 years ago. Now is the time to plan. We can offer you a turn-key b'nei mitzvah experience with everything from the proper training to a lovely reception.

I look forward to speaking with you. Please contact me directly at rabbiaaronson@templejudea.com, or call my assistant, Tammy Lerman, 818-758-3800.





Herschel Bleefeld - Director of Youth and Camping
Elana Rabishaw - Assistant Camp Director

 Temple Judea RS



All The Magic of Jewish Overnight Camp In a Day Camp Setting

CAMP ZEHUT REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

To register, go to <http://www.templejudea.com/camp-zehut/>

CAMP ZEHUT SUMMER 2017 DATES:

June 19 through August 11-- Register for any 3 weeks!

Kindergarten Readiness offered July 31 through August 11

We are excited to let you know that Machon Zehut IS returning for the 2017-18 year! It will consist of registering for any three weeks of Camp Zehut this summer (at minimum—if you register for more weeks you'll receive a discount), 4 holiday-themed family programs during the Religious School year, and 4 days of Winter Camp over winter break.

Here's the Breakdown:

- Choose any 3 weeks or more of summer camp at Camp Zehut
- Attend 4 family programs during the 2017-18 Religious School year
 - Attend 4 days of winter camp over winter break 2017-18
- The program is open to students entering grades TK-6th this Fall 2017
- If you've already registered for Camp Zehut, please email us if you're interested in participating in Machon Zehut for the year

Rates:

The Machon Zehut program 2017-18 is the Religious School option for students who prefer a camp-based program with a more flexible schedule. Tuition for the year including 3 weeks of summer camp, 4 family programs, and 4 days of winter camp is \$1580. Sign-up for additional weeks of Camp Zehut over the summer and receive a special "MZ" discount of \$300 per week instead of the regular price of \$380 per week.

If you have any questions or want to hear more about camp, please reach out to us at
campzehut@templejudea.com

B'nei Mitzvah - May



DAKOTA GOLDBERG

Daughter of Denise and David
5/6/2017, 10:30am

Project: Developed an app with the mission of both connecting people with causes for which they are passionate and propelling one's creation of his/her own non-profit organization.



CADE MILLER

Son of Catherine & Craig
5/20/2017, 5pm

Project: Canter's project is Sibling's Count, an organization started by his older sister, Cassandra, after their oldest brother was diagnosed with a brain tumor in 2013. Sibling's Count supports siblings receiving treatment in the hospital and brings smiles to siblings reminding them that they are not alone. Siblingscount.org



CANTER MILLER

Son of Catherine & Craig
5/20/2017, 5pm

Project: Canter's project is Sibling's Count, an organization started by his older sister, Cassandra, after their oldest brother was diagnosed with a brain tumor in 2013. Sibling's Count supports siblings receiving treatment in the hospital and brings smiles to siblings reminding them that they are not alone. Siblingscount.org



LEAH MORDKOWITZ

Daughter of Carrie & Oren
5/27/2017, 10:30am

Project: Raised money by selling heart healthy cookbooks for the Save A Child's Heart organization to send a child to Israel for heart surgery.



ELLIE MOSSA

Daughter of Susanne & Jeffrey
5/27/2017, 5pm

Project: Volunteered at We Rock the Spectrum Kid's Gym on an ongoing basis, creating art for the children while providing company and support to the kids who participate at the Tarzana facility.



SAM MOSSA

Son of Susanne & Jeffrey
5/27/2017, 5pm

Project: Shared his love of trumpet with the residents of local senior living facilities, visiting and performing as part of a musical duo.

B'nei Mitzvah - June



GABRIEL GOLDBERG

Son of Amy & Brian

6/3/2017, 10:30am

Project: Volunteered with the Westhills Champions, a baseball division for boys and girls ages 5-25 with special needs focusing on abilities instead of disabilities.



MAX LIBERMAN

Son of Elyssa & Micha

6/3/2017

Project: Worked with underprivileged kids.



KATRINA KRITZBERG

Daughter of Roni & Jeff

6/10/2017, 10:30am

Project: Raised funds to support Play It Forward, which provides funds to help public schools get sports equipment.



ZACHARY ZEEGEN

Son of Brooke & Erik & Christy Zeegen

6/17/2017, 10:30am

Project: Volunteered at the Jewish Home for the Aging to teach the residents about computer games and help them with their other computer needs.



CHAD BACON

Son of Andrea & Jeffrey

6/17/2017, 5pm

Project: Raised funds to help furnish the new pediatric infusion room at his doctor's office at Cedars Sinai. This is for kids with Crohn's Disease, such as Chad, in order to provide a comfortable atmosphere during their infusions.



CHARLES KOHN

Son of Jennifer Jacobs & David Kohn

6/24/2017, 5pm

Project: Volunteered at his local public school library, helping the librarian with organization, book display and shelving, and assisting students with research projects.

B'nei Mitzvah - July



OWEN SHAPIRO

Lara Schmoisman & Ami Shapiro

7/29/2017, 10:30am

Project: Children's Book Drive



Gala, Gala, Galore!

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2017

5:30pm

Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres
Live Auction, Dinner, Celebration

You will want to mark your calendars as we celebrate our 65th Anniversary on Saturday, June 3. There will be food, fun, music, memories and wonderful tributes to the many who have made our dreams a reality.

OH WHAT A NIGHT – OUR GALA - SATURDAY, JUNE 3

Our gala chairs, Alison Diamond and Judy Rutt, have worked long, hard hours, thinking through each piece of this creative puzzle to ensure that it is befitting our community. The evening will be filled with delectable cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, a scrumptious sit-down dinner by Scott Roeb Catering, gorgeous décor by Carol Saunders of Grand Events and a program with our own Jay Winnick that will leave you laughing, crying and kuelling.

WHAT'S ALL THE FUSS - OUR HONOREES

We are blessed to be honoring eleven of our very distinguished congregants for their hard work and devotion to our synagogue. They are the embodiment of Al Shlosa D'varim: on these three things the world stands: Torah, Service, and Acts of Kindness.

Our honorees for this evening are:



Nancy & Al Wiener



Judy Scharf



Ellen & Michael Opell



Mark & Marsh Novak



Sandra & Irving Klasky



Mady & Arthur Jablon

PRELUDE TO A KISS – OUR BENEFACITOR EVENT – THURSDAY, JUNE 1

Before our big gala, we will have an intimate pre-gala Benefactor Event hosted by Allison and Mark Kanter at their home. Here we will begin our festivities with great food and drink, well-deserved acknowledgements and a musical revue as we take you down a 65-year memory lane of Temple Judea. A minimum \$2500 gift to our gala is a must to attend.

WE FEEL YOU – OUR TRIBUTE WALL

This year we will again have our tribute wall on display for all our guests and honorees to see. It will stand tall during our cocktail hour so don't miss out on sharing in a tribute, how happy you are for our honorees and/or thrilled that our synagogue has achieved this milestone anniversary. And this year we want a picture of you, your family and/or your friends at an event that represents one of our 65 years.

LIVE FROM TARZANA, IT'S SATURDAY NIGHT – OUR LIVE AUCTION

Our wonderful auctioneer, Jeff Tanenbaum from Rock the Gavel, is back to entice you with our amazing live auction items. Our live auction chairs, Chris Cohen, Nikki Axelrod and Lori Saitman, have found the best, most interesting items to make you want to "Raise Your Paddle." Come for a great evening and leave with something magical.

A MOMENTUS MOMENTO – A KEEPSAKE SEFER (book)

For those who attend our gala, we have a special keepsake of our 65th anniversary and our honorees who have helped us reach this milestone occasion. Our Archival Committee, headed by Carol Silver with help from Marlyn & Art Burleigh, Myrna & Jerry Gordon, Barbara & Gary Luboff and Al Rosenbloom, have put our history together for us to remember and love, along with a pictorial review that will leave you amazed at how far we've come. And Gail Aspinwall has written the beautiful stories of our honorees that will share why they believe in a better, stronger Jewish community and world, and what they do to make that difference.

WE WANT YOU – HOW TO ATTEND

It's easy to attend. Just pick a giving level, write a tribute, find a picture, and send both picture and your payment in and let the gala begin.

The directions are all here along with the many ways to participate so don't be left out.

BENEFACTOR OPPORTUNITIES

***\$65,000 – 65th Anniversary Benefactor Package**

35 Tickets to the 65th Anniversary Celebration
Benefactor of the 65th Anniversary Celebration
2 Tickets to the Benefactor Evening
18x24 Tribute with 2 Photos

** Reserved Parking – Recognition from the Stage
Special Gift for each guest at your table

***\$18,000 – The Rabbi Hans Hirschberg Benefactor Package**

18 Tickets to the 65th Anniversary Celebration
Benefactor of the 65th Anniversary Celebration
2 Tickets to the Benefactor Evening
16x20 Tribute with 2 Photos

** Reserved Parking

***\$5,000 – The Betty Sheiner Benefactor Package**

6 Tickets to the 65th Anniversary Celebration
Benefactor of the 65th Anniversary Celebration
2 Tickets to the Benefactor Evening
10x13 Tribute with One Photo

** Reserved Parking

***\$25,000 – The Lifetime Achievement Award Benefactor Package**

25 Tickets to the 65th Anniversary Celebration
Benefactor of the 65th Anniversary Celebration
2 Tickets to the Benefactor Evening
16x20 Tribute with 2 Photos

** Reserved Parking – Recognition from the stage

***\$10,000 – The Cantor Gerald Miller Benefactor Package**

10 Tickets to the 65th Anniversary Celebration
Benefactor of the 65th Anniversary Celebration
2 Tickets to the Benefactor Evening
11x14 Tribute with One Photo

** Reserved Parking

***\$2,500 – The Founders Benefactor Package**

4 Tickets to the 65th Anniversary Celebration
Benefactor of the 65th Anniversary Celebration
2 Tickets to the Benefactor Evening
8x10 Tribute with One Photo

** Reserved Parking

**Benefactor opportunities are non-transferable and are acknowledged by one family name only.*

*** Preferred Parking is for the Benefactor immediate family only. Preferred Seating for guests of each Benefactor will be attempted but not promised.*

Registration is available online at www.templejudea.com/orderform

TRIBUTE AND TICKET OPPORTUNITIES

Tribute Photo Exhibit

To celebrate our honorees, we will have a Tribute Photo Exhibit. As in a traditional tribute journal, all who participate will have the opportunity to congratulate our honorees with a tribute accompanied by their photo. The format will be photos that showcase our members and guests throughout our 65 years. Donors will have the opportunity to represent themselves and their families with a picture.

We welcome photos of the past or present of havurot, b'nei mitzvah, weddings, galas or any meaningful simcha, or event. The tributes and photos will be mounted and on display the evening of the 65th Anniversary Celebration. Our honorees will each receive a beautifully bound book with all the tributes and photos in our exhibit.

\$1,800 – 8x10 Tribute with one photo

6 Tickets for the 65th Anniversary Celebration

\$800 – 6x8 Tribute with one photo

2 Tickets to the 65th Anniversary Celebration

\$500 – 5x7 Tribute with one photo

One Ticket to the 65th Anniversary Celebration

\$300 – One Ticket for the 65th Anniversary Celebration (No tribute or photo)

\$300 – 4x6 Tribute Greeting (No photo)

\$100 – One family name listed in the evening program

Special Early Childhood Center Ticket Opportunity

We are happy to present a special ticket price for our ECC families
We invite you to participate at this specially priced opportunity
for this milestone community event.

\$125 per ticket/\$225 per couple
5x7 Tribute Greeting (No Photo)

Registration is available online at www.templejudea.com/orderform
The deadline for submitting your Tribute and Photo is **Friday, May 12, 2017**

Women of Temple Judea *Tracey Pomerance-Poirier, President*

Women of Temple Judea has been quite busy and we don't plan to slow down any time soon.

Our Bingo Go Bragh event on March 21 was another big success and a great time was had by all.

We are really looking forward to the Women's Retreat which will be held at the beautiful Alpine Meadows Retreat Center in the mountain town of Angelus Oaks on May 5 – 7. There is no better way to meet other women in our community and feel a sense of belonging than spending quality time with each other at our Women's Retreats. We expect to have another awesome experience.

WTJ is planning a very special membership event to thank our members for their help, participation and support during this past year. Stay tuned for details.

We are also in the process of choosing a new board and we welcome your participation. Please email us at WTJ@templejudea.com if you'd like to become more involved in WTJ, or if you have any great ideas for fundraisers or programs for the 2017/2018 year.

I would like to thank Brotherhood for our great work together these past couple of years and for being so supportive of WTJ. I would also like to thank the entire Women of Temple Judea Board who helped make the 2016/2017 year so fantastic. They are an amazing group of women, whose talents and passions were the driving force that allowed us to thrive, have a great time, and do important work for Temple Judea.



 [Women-of-Temple-Judea](https://www.facebook.com/Women-of-Temple-Judea)

Brotherhood *Dean Piller and David Daniel, Co-Presidents*



The Brotherhood Men's Retreat has returned! Rabbi Spector, Cantor Kliger, Emmy-winning writer Ken Levine, and retreat leader Alan Goodstein led a wonderful day of learning, laughing, and growing closer at Camp Hess Kramer. Now we're welcoming new members, and looking ahead to our next Tasting Series evening, more temple cookouts, feeding the homeless at Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission, and more. Join us!



brotherhood@templejudea.com

Mazal Tov to

Elliott & Shiran Tiomkin on the birth of son, Barry. Barry joins big brothers, Aaron, a student in our Nursery School, and Jonathan, a student in our Parenting Center.

Eman & Sahar Khoubian on the birth of son, Blake. Big brother, Donovan, is a student in our Nursery School.

Alex Adhami and Yolanda Ferrero on the birth of son, Nicolas, on March 30, 2017.

Bill Prady, for being honored by the Entertainment Division of the Anti-Defamation League.

Jill and Mark Shear, on the recent wedding of their daughter Talia to John Colson.

New Members We welcome you!

Sharon & Shaun Barber

Kristin & Gary Glushon

Kira Lewis & Brian Morewitz

Sharen Hamudot-Zadeh & Pejman Zadeh

As of 4/3/17

Social Action *Jennifer Lutzky - Chair*

Social Action is taking a new approach to our planning! In an effort to involve more people directly with all of our events, and take advantage of the terrific skills our committee members bring to the table, we are formalizing some committee positions that have been in place informally for many years.

First, we will have coordinators assigned to plan and run our two big yearly activities, Mitzvah Day and Backpack Day. We will also have coordinators assigned to both Internal Outreach and External Outreach positions. Internal Outreach members will connect with other temple groups (like Brotherhood, Young Professionals, ECC, etc.) to plan joint events and coordinate efforts. External Outreach members will help the committee plan activities with community groups like Jewish World Watch, Hope of the Valley Mission, and many others. We will also have a social media coordinator to keep our web page updated and promote social action events online.

We are so excited about creating more opportunity to do good works with the temple and in the larger community! If you are interested in joining us on the Social Action committee, or if you are a member of another temple group interested in planning a joint activity or event, please contact Jennifer at jenlutzky@yahoo.com



JUDEA BOWL

Save the Date

August 27, 2017 for the return of the **JUDEA BOWL**

Enjoy a beautiful, casual summer concert under the setting sun featuring Cantor Yonah Kliger & Rabbi Cantor Alison Wissot and friends.

This wonderful event will be held at a private residence in Moorpark.

Look for more details to follow.

Celebrating Shavuot

Shavuot, the Festival of the Giving of the Torah, falls on May 30 this year, exactly seven weeks after Passover, which was the amount of time needed for the Israelites to travel from Egypt to the foot of Mount Sinai. It was there Moses received the Ten Commandments which were written on two tablets to be delivered to the Children of Israel. Today, Shavuot is a celebration of Torah, education and choosing to participate in Jewish life; Jews by choice are often honored at this time of year and invited to share their journey to Judaism with their community.

So, how do we celebrate this important moment in the history of our people? Of course, we love our food associations with holidays – bring on the dairy for Shavuot! Blintzes, cheesecake and ice cream are the foods of choice, based on a verse in the Song of Songs which compares the Torah to honey and milk. We invite you to join us at Temple Judea for our Shavuot service on Tuesday evening, May 30 at 5pm. We also honor our Adult Confirmants at this service.

Donations

RABBI JOSHUA M. AARONSON DISCRETIONARY FUND

Adrienne & Arthur Zitsow in memory of Aria Markush & Edith Harris
Anne & Michael Berman in appreciation of Rabbi Josh Aaronson
Ellen Franklin & Roy Silver in appreciation of Rabbi Josh Aaronson
Joann & Ron Kramar wishing a speedy recovery to Michael Aaronson
Judy Miller in memory of Charles Shabtai Aroesti
Lillian Trilling wishing a speedy recovery to Michael Aaronson

Marla & Jerry Sackler in honor of Ryan Sackler's Bar Mitzvah

Nancy & Al Wiener in honor of David Wohlgemuth
Sara & Al Dreskin sending get well wishes to Michael Aaronson
Sharon & Tony Landler in memory of Robin Weissman
Susan & Keith Berson in honor of the wedding of Sarah Berson & Jonathan Meshulam
Verna Liss in memory of Jeffrey Liss

RABBI CANTOR ALISON WISSOT DISCRETIONARY FUND

Arline Goldberg wishing a speedy recovery to Al Wiener

Evelyn & Barry Levitt in memory of Rose Shulman & Arnold Shulman

Family of Doris Scott in memory of Doris Scott & in appreciation of Rabbi Cantor Alison Wissot
Maida Dacher in memory of Nathan Dacher
Rebecca Platt & Fred Raskin in appreciation of Rabbi Cantor Alison Wissot officiating at our wedding
The Tinero Family in memory of Mitzi

RABBI SAM SPECTOR DISCRETIONARY FUND

Carol Silver in memory of Robert Harrison, Seymour Silver & Pauline Silver
Evie & Orie Raphael for the sale of chametz
Ilene & Jack Blok in memory of Reuben Kass
Iris & David Lassofo in memory of Milton Singer
Jill & Mark Shear in appreciation of Rabbi Sam Spector for a beautiful wedding ceremony for our daughter Talia to John Colson
Marsha & Howard Spike in memory of Jean Spike

Donations

Nizan Kahana & Jose Trejo in appreciation of Rabbi Sam Spector
Vicki Botnick & Josh Meyer in honor of Auden Meyer's Bat Mitzvah

CANTOR YONAH KLIGER DISCRETIONARY FUND

Adrienne & Arthur Zitsow in memory of Florence Templer, Bill Warren & Ruth Elcott
Ella Zarky in honor of Carl Jacobs singing on the 50th yearzeit of his brother, Joe Jacobs
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