

Shabbat and Holiday Schedule May 2023

Please check the website and Shavuon for the most current information. *Masks will be required at services on May 6 and 13*.

Friday, May 5	
Tot Shabbat Service	6:00 pm
Candle Lighting	7:31 pm
Saturday, May 6	
Parashat Emor	
Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 am
with Cantor Vera using Mishkan T'filah	
Israel Chavurah	noon
Friday, May 12	
Candle Lighting	7:38 pm
Saturday, May 13	
Parashat B'har-B'chukkotai	

Israel Chavurah	noon
Friday, May 12 Candle Lighting	7:38 pm
Saturday, May 13 Parashat B'har-B'chukkotai	
Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 am
with Cantor Vera using Sim Shalom Weekly Parashah Study	1:00 pm
Friday, May 19 Confirmation Shabbat Evening Service Candle Lighting	7:00 pm 7:46 pm
Saturday, May 20 Parashat B'midhar	
Shabbat Morning Service with Cantor Vera using Mishkan T'filah	9:30 am
Weekly Parashah Study	noon
Friday, May 26 Shavuot Morning Service with Yizkor Candle Lighting	9:30 am 7:52pm
Saturday, May 27 Shavuot II	
Shabbat Morning Service with Cantor Vera using <i>Sim Shalom</i>	9:30 am
Weekly Parashah Study	1:00 pm











Greetings from midway through our journey together counting the Omer. Last week, we celebrated Rosh Chodesh lyyar, the beginning of the new month of lyyar. Iyyar in Jewish time is a month of healing. Its name, spelled alef-yod-reish, is called an acronym for Ani (I) Adonai (God) Rof'echa (your healer). But the month's older name, in I Kings, is Ziv. That name means "radiance." Iyyar is a month that glows.

This characterization for lyyar feels apt. May in our Temple calendar includes many celebrations of radiance in our community and our religion. We celebrate the warmth of Judaism south of the border with our Sefardithemed Tot Shabbat on May 5. Religious school culminates on May 7, hand-in-hand with our annual meeting and a special end-of-school potluck and farewell to Trudy Zakin. Four of our younger members—Ben Fitts, Zack Hannula, Jacqueline Lampron, and Angie Lucia—celebrate confirmation on Friday, May 19, after a year of study and service together. The accomplishments of our community and of our youth are a shining sign for us, and we light up with the joy of these end-of-year celebrations.

The Shavuot holiday is likewise luminous. Torah adorns us like the crowns on certain letters in each Torah scroll. To receive Torah, to wear Torah, adds light to our lives. Each time I've been privileged to learn Torah with our community—when we read the text in a service or a parashah study or class, when folks sincerely and bravely share their own insights or the connections that it makes for them—I come away with my energy lifted and a smile on my face. Torah itself tells us that when Moshe came down the second time from Mt. Sinai, the second set of tablets of Torah in his hands, the skin of his face shone forth in rays (karan) (Sh'mot 34:29).

May we come to the foot of Sinai together at Shavuot, ready to receive the light of Torah, old and new, that's coming to us.

Where did Moshe's physical radiance come from in this moment? The medieval French commentator Rashi deliberately misreads the word *ayin-vav-reish* in this verse, which means "skin," as *alef-vav-reish*, which means "light." Rashi feels that Moshe absorbed this radiance by osmosis from God's touch, when God placed him just the chapter before in a cleft of the rock and passed before him. Eleventh-century Spaniard Ibn Ezra says that Moshe got this brightness just from conversation with God. Something of God's shimmering essence, the light in which God wraps God's self like a tallit, is conveyed, by talk or by touch, to Moshe, and he shines as a result. Perhaps

CANTOR'S MESSAGE

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you've had an experience before, religious or otherwise, where you felt uplifted, and afterward other people seemed to see that experience "written all over" you and ask you about it.

A radiant glow can also come from healing. Rav Alex Israel reminds us that when Moshe comes down with the second set of tablets, he's just successfully begun the healing process for the relationship between the people Israel and God after the terrible rupture of the Golden Calf episode. It is this re-knitting of the sinews of relationship, Rav Israel suggests, which sets Moshe's face beaming.

When God wanted to deliver the message of healing, [God] sent a familiar covenantal symbol, a new deed of contract. The second tablets appeared identical to the first set and yet they were delivered without fanfare, 'thunder and lightning.' Where was the national spectacle of God's revelation? In order to affirm that these tablets were 'God approved' no less than the earlier ones, Hashem gave Moses an appearance of brilliant radiance. The people needed only to look at Moses and to realize that the second covenant was equivalent to the first. The covenant was renewed.

The spiritual healing between God and the people creates the glow here. Physical healing too can produce this effect; when a person has passed through a difficult illness or injury and is feeling stronger and more well, we can sometimes see their skin and face glow with energy, hydration, and renewed vigor.

We don't always plainly display the radiance of learning, or the radiance of healing, in rays of light streaming from our faces. But lyyar reminds us that our souls and bodies are connected. And if we seek and find signs of learning, signs of uplift, and signs of healing in one another, we too may catch that glow. Each person's Torah, each person's health in a community is a ray of light. Together, we make a crown. May this merry month be a time in which we enjoy the crowning achievements of our year of learning and let the energy of the month heal the sore spots in our souls and bodies. And then may we come to the foot of Sinai together at Shavuot, ready to receive the light of Torah, old and new, that's coming to us.

L'shalom, Cantor Vera

COMMUNITY NEWS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Joseph Epstein

MAZEL TOV

David and Mattie Paul, on the birth of their grandson, Anderson Bayne, born to parents Joshua and Danielle

Mazel tov and yashar koch'chem to our Aleph Isn't Tough

TODAH RABBAH

To our wonderful *religious school faculty*, including *Morah* Trudy Zakin as she prepares to retire; madrichim; outgoing Religious School Committee Chair Andi Hannula; and Religious School Director Mindy Harris! We're proud of you all and grateful for you!

Elli Pripas, for leading Shabbat morning services Joy Silvey, for reading Torah

Shoshana Dodge and Paul Fitts, for organizing our seder, and all our members and friends who came to celebrate

Roz Broch and Joy Silvey, for some beautiful singing

Zoom Techs Shoshana Dodge, Ándrea Pentabona, and Joy Silvey

SPEEDY RECOVERY

Michael Sherr

CONDOLENCES

Andrew and Mayumi Levine, on the death of their mother and mother-in-law, Mrs. Luella Levine

Larry Cann, on the death of his daughter Isa Bauer Cann





Confirmation Class Oral History Project

Each member of our confirmation class this year chose one person to sit down with for an oral history interview, learning from Temple members, friends, and family about their lives and values. In this bulletin, we present the first installment of the oral histories our class collected: Angelina Lucia sat down with longtime Temple Emanu-El member Marilyn Goldberg. Listen to a recording of their conversation.





MINDY'S MUSINGS



Dear Friends,

I hope you all had a wonderful Passover and school vacation. Somehow Passover doesn't feel much like a vacation, with all the cooking and cleaning, but hopefully you were able to enjoy family time and had some good moments around the seder table.

I want to express on behalf of the religious school community how sorry we are to see Cantor Vera move on to the next phase of her professional journey as she leaves Temple Emanu-El. Cantor Vera is beloved by this congregation and has been a wonderful friend and mentor to me since the moment she arrived. It's such a

blessing to have a successor who is so loving, kind, and humble, and I am so grateful to her for allowing me to become part of this community again. I know what a strong impact she has had on all our families; her energy is an inspiration to us all.

I cannot believe how fast this year has flown by. I feel like I just started the school year. We've had so many great learning moments with our students. The energy in our building is just so exciting. I love seeing our kids pounding on cups, singing at the top of their lungs, and skipping through the halls. I will be thrilled to return to Temple Emanu-EI next year and make sure that our learning experiences remain rich and exciting.

South-of-the-Border Tot Shabbat, Friday, May 5, at 6:00 pm

This will be our last family Shabbat of the year, and we will have a south-of-the-border Shabbat (apropos of Cinco de Mayo) with stories and songs from the Ladino-speaking Jewish tradition.

End-of-School-Year Party & Potluck Lunch, Sunday, May 7, at noon

By now you should have received notice that we are also going to be wishing farewell to Trudy Zakin, who has been a master educator with us for more than thirty-five years. Please join us in Winer Auditorium for a potluck lunch to honor Trudy as she enters retirement. If you'd like to contribute a potluck dish or make a donation in Trudy's honor, please email Lisa Anthony at office@TempleEmanu-El.org. Please note our allergy and kashrut policies. May 7 is also our last day of school.

Confirmation Service, Friday, May 19, at 7:00 pm

Please join us as we honor our 2023 confirmands. Congratulations to Benjamin Fitts, Zack Hannula, Jacqueline Lampron, and Angelina Lucia. We applied their commitment to lifelong Jewish education, and we are so happy to be able to finally celebrate with them at Temple Emanu-El.

A major thank you to our teachers—Rachel Hanson, Trudy Zakin, Kim Callan, and Ándrea Pentabona—for their incredible work this year with our students, to Andi Hannula for her service as our Religious School Committee chair, and to Morry and Alicia Korinow for spearheading a new PTO. We're very grateful for all your hard work!

Religious school registration forms for the 2023–2024 school year will be available in the next few weeks. To help us determine how to configure classes for next year, we need to know how many students will be attending, so please fill out the form and put down a deposit for your child(ren) no later than May 31. More instructions will be forthcoming.

Warm regards for a wonderful end of year, and onward to summer!

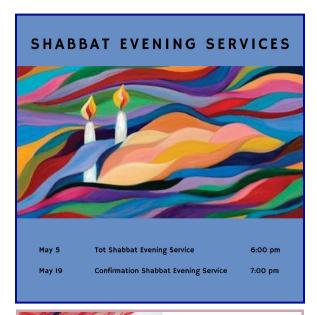
Best, Mindy Harris







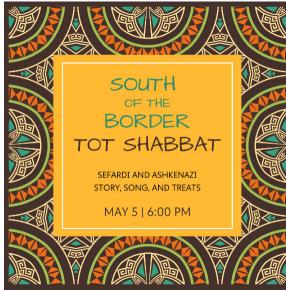
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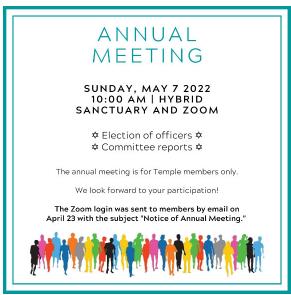












UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

TEMPLE EMANU-EL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL END-OF-SCHOOL-YEAR

> Sunday, May 7 | noon Winer Auditorium Temple Emanu-El

PARTY & POTLUCK LUNCH

Come wish Trudy Zakin well as she enters retirement after 35+ years with us.

Potluck. Free and open to the Temple community.

To make a donation in Trudy's honor and to sign up to bring a potluck dish, contact Lisa Anthony at office@TempleEmanu-El.org.



AUTHOR SERIES

Rhonda Fink-Whitman

94 Maidens



They are innocent schoolgirls ranging in age from 14 to 22. Under normal circumstances, they should be learning, laughing, and playing. Unfortunately, the year is 1942 and the place is Nazi-occupied Poland. Nothing is normal. On the night of August 11, dressed only in cotton nightgowns, they await their fate at the hands of their Nazi captors. Inspired by true events, 94 Maidens is an unforgettable story of heroism, resistance, martyrdom, and survival.

Sunday, May 21 via Zoom | 10:00 am Register at https://bit.ly/Fink-Whitman.

TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT An Evening of Study and Celebration Thursday, May 25 | 8:00 pm | Zoom Cantor Vera Broekhuysen and Congregational Leader Alex Matthews for an evening of Torah study in celebration of the anniversary of the giving of the Torah. https://bit.ly/TikkunLeilShavuot5783

Temple Emanu-El cordially invites you to attend the Eighty-First Annual Confirmation

Angelina Joy Lucia Benjamin Aaron Fitts Jacqueline Leah Lampron Zack Philip Hannula

Friday, May 19, 2023 29th of lyyar 5783 at 7:00 pm



J-PLAY!

For infants up to pre-K



J-Play! is a periodic Sunday morning playgroup designed for children ages infant to pre-K.

Temple membership is not required for J-Play!

Sundays, 9:30-11:00 am May 21 and June 11

Outdoor location provided on registration. RSVP to office@TempleEmanu-El.org











Shavuot Morning Service

followed by Yizkor

Friday, May 26 9:30 am

hybrid

join us in the chapel or via the holiday services Zoom link

For a link to The Book of Remembrance, visit our website, www.TempleEmanu-El.org.

Haverhill Jewish Scholarship Loan Association

The Haverhill Jewish Scholarship Loan Association awards scholarships and book grants to help with any post-secondary education, including college, graduate school, and vocational training. Our funds are also available for those retraining due to a job change or continuing their education later in life. Members of Temple Emanu-El and Jewish residents in towns contiguous to Haverhill are eligible.

For more information, eligibility requirements, and applications, or to make a donation to the association for a special occasion or in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact Lisa Desberg (lisajoydesberg@gmail.com) or Andi Hannula (andi.hannula@gmail.com)

The application deadline for the 2023–2024 school year is May 15!

We Celebrate JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



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Upcoming Temple Meetings

Annual Meeting May 7 @ 10:00 am

Executive Committee May 10 @ 7:00 pm

Religious Practices Committee May 17 @ 7:30 pm



Notes from the office—

- Moving? Email change? Please send us your new address.
- The deadline for articles and news for the June bulletin is May 20. Send your information to office@TempleEmanu-El.org.

TEMPLE COMMUNITY

Temple Committees

Contact Lisa Anthony or any of the chairs below to join a committee.

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Dues Kevin Miller
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Investment Judd Nathan

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PTO Alicia Korinow

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Ronnie Cohen, in loving memory of her stepmother, Gertrude Katz Markson, on her yahrzeit

CLERGY DISCRETIONARY FUND

Glenn Dansker, in appreciation of Cantor Vera

SAMUEL & SOPHIE FLEET FUND

Pamela Manzi Healy, in loving memory of her uncle Harry M. Fleet on his yahrzeit

BEATRICE & HARRY FLEET MEMORIAL FUND

Shelley Fleet, in loving memory of her father, Harry M. Fleet, and her grandmother Ethel Klayman Schlafman on their yahrzeits

JEWISH CONTINUITY FUND

Wendy Wise, Donald Chabot, and W. Huston Chabot, in honor of Trudy Zakin's retirement from religious school teaching Pamela Burrill and Paul, in appreciation

Loren and Michelle Goldstein, in honor of their son Cory Goldstein's engagement to Amy Aisenberg, in honor of Trudy Zakin's retirement from religious school, and in appreciation of Mindy Harris, Cantor Vera, and our president, Jenn Lampron Jennifer, Derik, Jocelyne, and Jacqueline Lampron, in loving memory of Andrew and Mayumi Levine's mother and mother-in-law, Luella Levine

Trudy Zakin: Amy and Michael Sherr, wishing Michael a full recovery

Kimberly Callan, in honor of Trudy Zakin's retirement from religious school; sending best wishes to Cantor Vera on her new job opportunity; and thinking of Amy and Michael Sherr, wishing Michael a full recovery

Sharyn Russell, in loving memory of Andrew and Mayumi Levine's mother and mother-in-law, Luella Levine

RICHARD & MIRIAM LEWIS FUND

Miriam Lewis Levinson, in loving memory of her father, Joseph Hazan, and her mother-in-law Ruth Lewis on their yahrzeits

LIBRARY FUND

Joel Levine, in loving memory of his father, Albert S. Levine, on his yahrzeit

Jacob Curdo, in gratitude for the Haggadot

MANDELL FAMILY FUND

David Mandell and Elly Robinson, in loving memory of his grandmother Myn Mandell and his great-uncle Louis Servetnick on their yahrzeits

PAUL FAMILY FUND

Jennifer, Derik, Jocelyne, and Jacqueline Lampron, in honor of David and Mattie Paul on the birth of their grandson, Anderson Bayne, born to parents Joshua and Danielle Paul

PASSOVER FUNDRAISER

Dorothy Baker Loren and Michelle Goldstein

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Dorothy Baker, in loving memory of her husband, David Baker, and her son Robert Baker on their yahrzeits

Rhonda Spencer, in loving memory of her father, Moses Beden, on his yahrzeit

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Roberta Glazer, in loving memory of her father, Hyman J. Gretsky, on his yahrzeit

Alvin Gogel, in loving memory of his mother, Bessie F. Fogel, on her yahrzeit

Susan Kane, in loving memory of her father, Russell Curtis Goldbaum, on his yahrzeit

Michael Siegal, in loving memory of his grandmother Annie Siegal on her yahrzeit

Mary Haverback, in loving memory of her mother-in-law, Tillie Haverback, on her yahrzeit

Richard Rosengard, in loving memory of his father, Joseph Rosengard, on his yahrzeit

Karen Endler, in loving memory of her father, Nathan Berman, on his yahrzeit

Harriet Dechowitz, in loving memory of her father, Edwin Coltin, on his yahrzeit

Bette Jonas Freedson, in loving memory of her father and mother, Irving L. Jonas and Thelma Tybee Jonas, on their yahrzeits Bette Jonas Freedson, Raymond Amidon, Julia Freedson Falck, Laura Freedson Gainsboro, and Lester Sackett, in loving memory of Virginia "Gini" Jonas

Janet Damelin, in loving memory of Frank Krugman



REMEMBERING THOSE AT YAHRZEIT

May 5 & 6 15th of lyyar

Pauline Baer Bessie Fogel Richard Gorevitz Alan E. Holber Herbert Holtz Leona Karelitz Albert S. Levine **Gladys Levy** Hyman Levy Jayme Lipkin-Moore **Ida Myers** Meyer Newman Fannie Porton John Ritter Beatrice Rosengard Sara Shapiro Moses Shyavitz

Louis Streisfield Goldie Triedman

May 13 22th of lyyar

Samuel Abel
Anne Bendetson
Sumner Berenson
Rose Douglas
Howard Erbstein
Nathan Field
Sadie Garfinkel
Jennie Greenstein
Dora Hartman
Marshall Hershman
Ralph L. Isaacs
Max David Klayman
Miriam Klein
Shirley Larks
Harold Mandell

Alfred Milden Ethel Myers Isaac Pollack Celia Primack George S. Ralby Katie Sherman Benjamin Vinecour Milton Zidle

May 19 & 20 29th of lyyar

Ellen Barnstein Moses Beden Bernard Brindis Elliot Casten Norman N. Cohen Shirley Fox Maurice Freedman Gertrude Goralnick Sadie Gorodetsky Louis Jacobowitz Irving Karelis Morris Klinetsky Harry L. Ritter Mollie Scolnick Hansa Segal Harry Shafmaster Selma Shikes Lillian Silverman Sarah Silverman

May 26 & 27 7th of Sivan

Robert Baker Lena Blustein Freda Cohen Merle Cowan Edward Gilman Barry Goldman Hannah Hartman Sadye Kirshenbaum Mina Leshin Sheldon Merker Curt Alan Rattner Sidney Robbins Frances Segal Norman Sidel Harry S. Snyder Anne Steinberg Samuel Winer





To receive help in your time of need,

call one of the following LHH coordinators:

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Trusts, Wills, and Bequests

If you are interested in discussing gift and naming opportunities, please contact Cantor Vera (<u>CantorB@TempleEmanu-El.org</u>)

Lisa (<u>office@TempleEmanu-El.org</u>).
Thank you!

TEMPLE EMANU-EL X

Honor Your Father and Your Mother

It is a widely observed Jewish tradition to commemorate the passing of a loved one by memorializing those that have departed with a yahrzeit plaque on a dedicated memorial wall.

At Temple Emanu-El, these plaques are lit on the yahrzeit, or anniversary of death, and for Yizkor services.

Plaques are inscribed with the name of the deceased in both English and Hebrew as well as the date of the person's death. They are available to view whenever the sanctuary is open.

The one-time cost of the plaque is \$300. To purchase a plaque in honor of a departed loved one, <u>order online</u> or contact Lisa or Cantor Vera at 978.373.3861.

COMMUNITY

We are a welcoming, diverse, Reform, sacred community committed to embracing and implementing the principles of tikkun olam.

Through prayer, study, and social interactions, we honor and share our Judaic values across all generations.







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Drop off Monday-Friday (8:00–11:00 am)

Pick up for Haverhill residents in need Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (8:00–11:00 am)

Sacred Hearts Parish Food Pantry serves 1,000–1,200 families each week. Many families in our



area are now out of work and facing financial crisis. The Sacred Hearts Food Pantry gives a helping hand to those in need.

Please consider donating nonperishable food items.







MONTH AT A GLANCE

May

May 2	Spirited Aging Together	10:00 am
May 3	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
May 5	Tot Shabbat Service	6:00 pm
May 6	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 am
	Israel Chavurah	noon
May 7	Last Day of Religious School	9:00 am
	Annual Meeting	10:00 am
	Religious School End-of-School-Year Party and Potluck	noon
	Confirmation Class	7:00 pm
May 10	Executive Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
May 13	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 am
	Weekly Parashah Study	1:00 pm
May 17	Religious Practices Committee Meeting	7:30 pm
May 19	Confirmation Shabbat Evening Service	7:00 pm
May 20	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 am
	Weekly Parashah Study	noon
May 21	Author Series: Rhonda Fink-Whitman	9:30 am
	J-Play!	9:30 am
May 24	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
May 25	Tikkun Leil Shavuot	8:00 pm
May 26	Shavuot Morning Service with Yizkor	9:30 am
May 27	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 am
	Weekly Parashah Study	1:00 pm

Early June

June 2	Pride Shabbat Evening Service	7:00 pm
June 3	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 am
	Israel Chavurah	noon
June 6	Spirited Aging Together	10:00 am
June 10	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 am
	Weekly Parashah Study	1:00 pm
	Pajama Havdalah	7:00 pm
June 11	J-Play!	9:30 am









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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Shalom Friends, L'shalom, Jenn Lampron Temple Emanu-El President



GREATEST GENERATION SPOTLIGHT

Spotlight on Fredi Hurwitz

Fredi Anne Hurwitz has been a member of Temple Emanu-El since 1979. She enjoyed a forty-year teaching career, is now retired, and lives in Andover with her husband, John. The joy of Fredi's life is to spend time with her family. She talks every week with each of their three sons: Matt, Ben, and Jeffrey.

Fredi loves to create Jewish experiences with her grandchildren, including at Temple Emanu-El family services for the High Holy Days!

Fredi says she always saw her Judaism as "a spiritual seed inside of me that would grow." Fredi grew up in Brooklyn, New York, with her parents, Rita and Harry; her older brothers, David and Bruce; and her younger siblings, Abbe and Martin. Fredi values the close connection and commitment to one another that they maintain. All five attended religious school at Marine Park Jewish Center. Fredi was thrilled to be one of the

first girls to celebrate becoming bat mitzvah there. She loved the social world that Marine Park created, as well as the cantor's operatic voice.

Both Rita and Harry worked and saved to ensure that all of their kids could attend both college and grad school. Rita and her two sisters had run away from home to put themselves through higher education in New York City. Harry studied law at night, the first lawyer in his family. David and Bruce, who went to Brooklyn PolyTech, advocated so that Fredi could go to the University of Wisconsin in Madison. She was the first woman in the math department (she later switched to philosophy).

Fredi earned a graduate degree in elementary education, and her first teaching job was in Melrose. She felt that teaching let her offer something to the future. "Six-year-olds are authentic learners. There's not a bone in their bodies that's not honest, and I loved that." Fredi also taught math pedagogy for eight years in Lesley University's graduate studies department.

Fredi has loved and wrestled with Israel throughout her adult Jewish life. She spent the summer of her junior year in college in Israel on Kibbutz HaMapil with members of Marine Park's Young Judea youth group. She rose at 4:00 am to harvest tomatoes. "I loved being in Israel knowing that if I looked right or if I looked left, the people around me were all Jewish." After university, Fredi began to question the picture of Israel and

Palestine which her childhood rabbi had presented. She continues to explore the subject with passion, and is enjoying our community's Spark Your Story discussions as we approach Israel's seventy-fifth anniversary.

After moving to Andover, Fredi and John first attended the Andover Jewish Fellowship, but when their sons were ready for Hebrew school, they started carpooling up to Temple Emanu-El and found us a good fit! All three sons celebrated becoming bar mitzvah and were confirmed. Fredi and John (who grew up Jewish Humanist) felt

strongly about both raising the boys in Judaism and supporting their choices as adults.

Retiring nine years ago was very hard for Fredi. As she has rediscovered her sense of purpose, our temple has helped keep her from staying cocooned in her house! Fredi is an active member in the temple's book club and in Spirited Aging Together. She says that "Judaism has given me a road map for how I behave," and lives by the mitzvot (commandments). She volunteers, and she works part-time in John's office. Though Rita taught fourth grade in an all-Black New York City school, and Fredi's host family on the kibbutz objected to her Moroccan boyfriend, Fredi feels that she is "only now becoming conscious of my own white privilege" and learning the many ways that systemic racism negatively impacts people of color.

Fredi wants to continue her sense of daily gratitude. She hopes that she and John continue to have their health and enjoy one another and their kids and grandkids. We hope so too, Fredi, and we're glad that one of the "hats" you continue to wear so well is participation in our community!





PURIM

