Welcome to the beginning of 5781 – a year full of possibilities and potential!

Many times in prayer, even if we don’t end in traditional Hebrew, we begin with words of traditional Hebrew – the words of prayer that unify us with many Jews around the world. At the end of a traditional Hebrew prayer, we find what is known as a chatimah – a shorter, self-contained prayer that essentially synopsizes the contents of the prayer we just recited.

For example, as we pray Avot V’Imahot, we pray to God while we invoke the names of our matriarchs and patriarchs, our foremothers and forefathers. At the very end of that longer prayer, we recite the chatimah which says “Blessed are you God, shield of our fathers and mothers”. While the prayer itself goes into more detail than this, the chatimah states in efficient terms the focus of the blessing.

Chatimah (with the “ch” pronounced like the ch at the end of baruch) is literally translated as “seal”, like the seal of an envelope. In fact, the chatimah functions much like a seal functioned before the days of self-sealing envelopes. Wax was dripped onto the back of the envelope to seal the flap closed, and often a signet ring was pressed into the cooling wax as a sign of who was sending the piece of mail or even what the parcel might contain.

Like the seal told the recipient what was contained in the envelope, the chatimah tells the pray-er what is contained in the prayer.

Prayer isn’t the only thing that can have a chatimah. Think of our year and how it begins- we start with ritual and prayer, with promises made to God and to our fellow humans that we will do what we can to do better in the coming year than we did in the past. Our year, much like our prayer, can find for itself a seal – a phrase, a sentence, a collection of words that can summarize how our year went.

A year from now, what do you want your year’s chatimah to be? How do you want to be able to summarize your life lived in 5781? We don’t affix the seal until the very end of the year, but that doesn’t mean we can’t start to think about what we want it to say right now. We can set our intention and begin down the path of our choice, knowing that we can write our own chatimah with the decisions we make along the way.

Let us endeavor to seal this coming year of 5781 with blessing and promise.

TorahStudy
Saturday mornings @ 9:30 am. via ZOOM
Our Temple Family

IN MEMORIAM
Meyer Shwartz, father of David Shwartz, September 3rd
Jeanette Katzman, our long time member, September 6th
Dr. Michael Stone, nephew of Dr. Jeffrey Band & Meredith Weston-Band, September 7th
Cheryl Ziegler, mother-in-law of Jessica Gluckman Ziegler (Deb & Faith Robinson-Renner’s daughter), September 8th
Sherwin Fishman, step-father of Nevin (Sherry) Rose, September 12th
Laura Grossman, sister of Aric Parr & Deita Besemer, September 12th

MAZEL TOV
To Wonare Burde, daughter of Nevin (Sherry) Rose, September 12th
Of Jessica Gluckman Ziegler (Deb & Faith Robinson-Renner’s daughter), September 8th
To Weston-Band, September 7th
To Dr. Jeffrey Band & Meredith Dr. Michael Stone, nephew of Cheryl Ziegler, mother-in-law of Nevin (Sherry) Rose, September 12th

OCTOBER KIDS BIRTHDAYS
Mark Burde & Lisabeth Hock on To Wonare Burde, daughter of Nevin (Sherry) Rose, September 12th

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

YARTZEITS

Oct 4-10
Sadie Barham
Mikhail Basov
*Claire V. Belsky
Dr. E. Bluestein
Rachel Bodzin
*Bernard Eisenberg
Ralph M. Falk
*Jacob Frank
Leona Gable
*Martha Goodman
Jerome Graef
Samuel Greenberg
Stephen Kelman
Philip Kohn
Harry Levine
*Miriam Mosoff
*Max E. Pensler
*Marjorie Rodman
Abe Rome
*Polly Sarasohn
*Dr. Burton L. Schmier
Emanuel H. Silverman
Sharon Stovack
Lewis Tessler
*Anna Turkel
*Jacob Walter
*Sidney Warren
Sol Weinstein
*Barbara Lurie Yoffee

Oct 11-17
Robert Buch
Edith Davis
*Renni Diamond
*Ray Duke
*Fredda Ellis
Ida Erstein
*Max Fagin
Dorothy Gilman
*Betty Goode
*Max Gould
*Nat Green
Maria Hertz
*Dr. Isidore L. Jackel
*Gertrude Jackel
Alie Kabbe
H. Malcolm Kahn
*Laurence J. Katz
*Solomon Katzman
*Max Kotzer
*Anna Leachman
*John M. Leeds
*Sarah Levine
*Shirley T. Medow
*Joseph Moss
Harold Pinales
*George Robinson
*Anna Rosenthal
Clare Rubin
Stuart Sachse
Dr. M. Alex Salomon
*Ruth M. Schonbrunn
*A. Alexander Charles Scott
*Captain Arthur Shapiro

Oct 18-24
Kevin Basmadjian
*Sarah Bennett
Norman Berger
*Irving Bloom
Dr. Howard Emmer
Bruce Engelson
Bernard Seymour Friedman
*Rose Friedman
Jennie Gluckman
Violet Greenwald
*Ellen Grossman
*H. Barton Hamburger
*Robert B. Levitan
*Max Lieberman
*Jule Lightstone
*Joseph Lipson
*Bernice Norris
Faye Passerman
*A. Leon Pierce
*Max Lieberman
*Julie Lightstone
*Joseph Lipson
*Bernice Norris
Faye Passerman
*A. Leon Pierce
*Max Lieberman

Oct 25-31
*Harry Bennett
Kate Cohen
*Phyllis Ann Colburn
Leon Dillon
Ina Egner
*Jennie Glass
Adela Gold
*Lilly L. Goldfarb
Pearl Goldstein
*James Alan Goodman
*Sydney Gottesman
Frances Hesser
*Dr. Milton D. Isenberg
*Randy Alan Kahn
Esther Katz
*Jeannette Katz
Joel Kraus
*Frank M. Marcusky
James Neely
*Rose Rosen
*Charles Schuman
*Dora Schwartz
*Michael Smelsey
Frederick Steinhardt
*Florence Unger
*Lucille Walker
*Henrietta Weingarde
*Albert J. Woolf
*William Zolkower

*Zichronam livracha
May the one who blessed our ancestors, bless and heal those who are ill

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May the one who blessed our ancestors, bless and heal those who are ill

*A light will be lit on our Memorial Board. If you wish to memorialize your loved ones in a special way, consider purchasing a memorial plaque to be displayed in our Anne Jospey Sanctuary. Each year, on the anniversary of their death, it will be lit as a remembrance. Contact the Temple office at 248-967-4020 to make arrangements for this eternal memory of your loved one.

Temple Emanu-El
Where You Belong!
We are a family of families, keeping alive our cherished traditions by joyfully sharing Jewish learning, spiritual celebrations, and a commitment to social justice.

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Spring Festival 2020 (and 2021) Update

We are sorry that our Spring Festival this year became one more casualty of the coronavirus – but our top priority was and is keeping all of us safe and well during these challenging times.

But we don’t intend to let the virus keep us down – and we are in the planning stages for next year’s Spring Festival. We don’t know yet whether it will be virtual or in-person, but we will be sending you updates as we know more.

As for this year’s events … if you paid for one or more sessions, we will of course give you a refund if you so choose. But we would be delighted if you would consider “paying it forward” and donating the money instead to the Beatrice and Louis Weinstein Adult Education Fund, which helps make these events possible. Please let us know by emailing templefamily@emanuel-mich.org

And finally … we are so looking forward to seeing everyone (via Zoom!) at our upcoming Sunday Speaker Series, which will begin in October. More information about this will be coming soon.

Thank you!

Elizabeth Zerwekh and Susan Genden
Adult Education Co-Chairs

SundayMorning Speaker Series

Talks start at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. Links will be sent to the congregation in advance

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020
Peggi Tabor, PhD
Certified Wellness Coach

The Science of Happiness
This talk will look at recent studies on understanding happiness. What causes it? What limits our experience of it? What are the mental correlates of happiness and as we develop and expand them?

The audience will hopefully end up with a tool kit of both psychological and physiological behaviors designed to increase and maintain their experience of happiness. At this difficult time in all of our lives, tools for happiness can benefit us all.

Dr. Tabor is a certified Integrative Wellness and Life Coach. After a corporate career with Xerox which included designing and delivering training programs to managers both in the US and abroad, she spent two years in sub-Saharan Africa as a US Peace Corps volunteer working with and learning from traditional African shamans. She holds an MBA in marketing and communications as well as a Master’s degree in Metaphysical Science and a PhD in Philosophy.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020
Jack Lessenberry
Political Analyst

We have just had what may have been the most important presidential election since the Civil War. We think we know the result – but what do the returns mean? And what will happen after the Electoral College meets, the new Congress is sworn in, and Inauguration Day? Veteran political analyst Jack Lessenberry offers his observations and takes your questions via Zoom.

To join or learn more about the Adult Education committee, please contact Elizabeth Zerwekh, elizwz1@aol.com or Susan Genden, susan.genden@gmail.com
All of our Yachad families received one of these kits before Yachad started for the year. I would like to share this with you!

Mensch Tool Kit
What is a Mensch? Here is your Yachad Religious School tool kit, which will help you learn what it is to be a Mensch. It contains:

A Mint
A Mensch knows your dreams are worth mint and respects you for them. Theodore Herzl said when he imagined a Jewish state, “If you will it, it is not a dream.”

A Penny
A Mensch gives Tzedakah at Religious School or with your family. “Tzedakah is equal to all the other commandments combined” - Talmud

An Eraser
A Mensch realizes that everyone makes mistakes, and that is alright. Even one of our greatest heroes, Moses, made mistakes.

A Button
A Mensch knows it is important to button your lips to keep you from saying mean and hurtful things to others. “Do not gossip or tell tales (words that hurt others)” - Leviticus 19.16

A Band-aid
A Mensch works for tikkun olam, the repair of the world. “And God said: this is a beautiful world that I have given you. Take good care of it, do not ruin it” - Genesis

A Friendship Bracelet
A Mensch realizes the value of friendship and it is worth the effort to be a good friend. “A faithful friend is a secure shelter, whoever finds one has found a treasure” - Ben Sira

A Star
A Mensch knows his or her place in the Jewish People. It reminds us of God’s promise to Abraham and Sarah. “I will bestow my blessing upon you. As the stars of heaven.”

A Bell
A Mensch listens to the lessons of the Torah. “May your eyes sparkle with the light of Torah & your ears hear the music of its words”.

Admit One Ticket
A Mensch includes everyone in activities. At Yachad, everyone is included!!

Wishing everyone a Sukkot Sameach and hoping we get to celebrate outside together!!

B’nai Mitzvah@Temple

Alexandra Cook – October 24
Alexandra Cook is a seventh-grader at Clawson Middle School, where she plays the viola and is an honors student. For fun she enjoys, running, swimming, ping pong and hanging out with friends. She lives with her family in Oak Park.

Leif Schoof – October 31
Leif is a seventh grader at Norup International School in Oak Park, and is loved dearly by his whole family. He has developed three different home businesses, and has been successful in marketing, branding, and advertising his businesses, along with product development and sales. Leif has played piano since he was three years old, and has acted and participated in many musical theater productions, at Norup and at a private theater company. He loves biking, hanging out with his friends, and playing with his two dogs, Spike and Luci, and his Russian tortoise, Norman. Leif is an awesome vegetarian cook, and is also excellent at making all kinds of smoothies and smoothie bowls.
To say that 5780/2019-20 was a challenging year would be an understatement. But if we look back at our year I see it as AMAZING! Last year just before the High Holy Days we celebrated Rabbi Zerwekh’s one year anniversary, which means this past July we celebrated his second year with us. I have to say I consider myself very lucky to have such a wonderful compassionate rabbi at my side as I celebrated my ninth High Holy Days as your Cantorial Soloist. Between last year’s Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur the Music Committee put on a wonderful concert with Patty Ward singing songs from the “Great American Songbook” and we continued to celebrate our holiday season by decorating our Sukkah and celebrating with our annual event Souper Supper in the Sukkah. The next few months of 5780 were filled with holiday celebrations, music committee concerts, adult ed speaker series, and congregational simchot. Then the pandemic hit. We were stunted for a short period of time, but it didn’t take us long to recover. We soon began having our weekly Shabbat service via Zoom, Yachad religious school continued on line, as well as our ECC. Although we could not meet in person we began to find ways to meet virtually. I did a daily “Song of the Day” Rabbi did a “Story of the Day”, we both taught virtual classes, and Shabbat dinners, we began to have virtual B’nai Mitzvah and have recently moved our B’nai Mitzvah back into the sanctuary. Now as we enter 5781/2020-21 we can see that we are a strong and viable community. Our congregation came together with help from the newly established The Klein Family Special Projects Fund, we were able to put together wonderful professional High Holy Day services and through a donation from the Stettner Caring Community we were able to provide each family with a set of our new Machzorim “Mishkan HaNe-fesh”. Has it been challenging? Absolutely! Have we persevered? In ways we could never have imagined.

חֲזַק חֲזַק וְנִתְחַזַּק  – Be Strong, Be Strong. TOGETHER We Are Strengthened! 5781 is going to be a great year because we are TOGETHER!

Kelly

“You know what music is? God’s little reminder that there’s something else besides us in the universe; harmonic connection between all living beings, everywhere, even the stars.” Robin Williams

Virtual Family Shabbat Dinners this Summer
Sue Stettner, Past Religious Vice President

At Temple Emanu-El, we’ve had quite a Summer to Remember…

Because of the COVID Virus the building has been closed for Shabbat Services and all programs. So, thank God, the computer service, Zoom has ‘saved the day’ to help us continue to build and celebrate our Temple Community at this difficult time. With the help of Rabbi Zerwekh and Cantorial Soloist, Kelly Onickel, we held three special Virtual Shabbat dinners in our own homes in June, July and August.

With every family registration, coordinated by our front office staff, a special Zoom computer code and password was given for special seats at our Virtual Table. And each family picked up a delicious twisted challah (baked by our Temple’s own, Esther Leibowitz of the Star Bakery. If it was requested by a family, our caterer, Annabel’s & Co. Catering provided a dinner for a charge. We want to also thank, Judy Greenwald, and Sisterhood for their generous contributions to pay for our challahs we all enjoyed.

We had two dinners, one at 5:30 p.m. for our Tot families with our Rabbi Zerwekh and Shari Bills, member and staff member from the E.C.C., who told stories. Our regular Virtual Shabbat Dinner took place at 6:00 p.m.

Along with the dinner we all lit Shabbat candles and said the blessing, and then the Kiddush and Hamotzi blessings were said all together. As we all ate our individual dinners, we had a Shabbat “Tish’. Stories were told by the Rabbi, and then participants shared thoughts, jokes and stories to complete the dinner.

Many families came together and enjoyed the special Community experience.
Traditions begin early. Raising Jewish children begins at birth. Young children are able to experience Jewish traditions through their senses. They can taste Jewish foods, dance to Jewish music, smell things like latkes frying in a pan, and see the glow of Shabbat candles. The Temple Emanu-El ECC is privileged to share these values with all our children. Join us virtually for Tot Shabbat and Young Family Services. Please check the Temple calendar for dates and times. The children will celebrate Sukkot, the harvest festival, and will be waving lulavs and etrogs. Simchat Torah celebrates the conclusion of reading the Torah. We look forward to marching through our own classrooms with flags and hope next year we will again be able to march together.

As the days become shorter and we find ourselves spending more time indoors, take advantage and share books with your preschooler. Sharing books with your children can help them learn to speak better and develop listening skills. Find a quiet comfortable place for book sharing. Ask your child to tell you about the pictures and the story. Respond with enthusiasm to your child’s questions and comments. Have your child show you all the things in a picture that are alike in some way. You can say: “Can you find all the blue things?” Or, “Show me all the things that can fly.” Point out colors, shapes, numbers and letters in their books. Take your child to your local public library to borrow books or to enjoy Story Time.

Fall is in the air and in our classrooms. The children have been fascinated by the changing colors of the leaves and admiring nature’s work. Stop for a moment and marvel at the wonders of Mother Nature. It’s free!

Thank you for sharing your children with us.

Eileen Brand
Director, Early Childhood Community

BOOK NOOK
White Fragility: It’s So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism by Robin DiAngelo, published by Beacon Press.

The New York Times best-selling book exploring the counterproductive reactions white people have when their assumptions are challenged, and how these reactions maintain racial inequality.

“In this “vital, necessary, and beautiful book” (Michael Eric Dyson), antiracist educator Robin DiAngelo deftly illuminates the phenomenon of white fragility and “allows us to understand racism as a practice not restricted to ‘bad people’ (Claudia Rankine). Referring to the defensive moves that white people make when challenged racially, white fragility is characterized by emotions such as anger, fear, and guilt, and by behaviors including argumentation and silence. These behaviors, in turn, function to reinstate white racial equilibrium and prevent any meaningful cross-racial dialogue. In this in-depth exploration, DiAngelo examines how white fragility develops, how it protects racial inequality, and what we can do to engage more constructively.”
The Social Action Committee
Hopes You Have a Gentle Winter!

Here is some information on issues we are interested in and which we wish you are too:

VOTING
It’s one month until the Presidential election! It is so important to vote now more than ever. An application for an absentee ballot was mailed to every registered voter in Michigan.

Absentee voter ballots must be received by your township or city clerk no later than 5 P.M., the Friday before the election. You can register to vote and vote in person on Election Day at your city or township clerk’s office.

Interested Temple congregants can participate in helping to Get Out The Vote. Look for E-Blasts or reach out to the Social Action Committee. We hope you will join in the effort. One thing we can all do is encourage family, friends, and acquaintances to Get Out and Vote.

RACIAL JUSTICE
There are so many ways we can show support to our community and Jews of Color. If you are interested in joining an Oak Park area group on racial justice or looking for more information, please contact Lynn Hollins at (702) 4414 or hollinscreative@gmail.com.

YAD EZRA
It is not too late to help. Yad Ezra is in need of food and volunteer drivers several days of the week. You can donate food or volunteer at Yad Ezra at 2850 W. Eleven Mile Road, Berkley, MI 48072; (248) 548-3663. If you would prefer to donate a check instead of the actual food, you can send it to Yad Ezra at the above address. Thank you for all your support!

SAVE THE PLANET TIPS
The Meaning of Food Labels: Confusion about dates on labels and their meaning causes about 20% of food waste.

You’ve seen “sell by,” “use by,” “best by,” “expires on,” and other labels on foods. Lack of standardization or regulation for the meaning of these words (except for labels on infant formula) create a problem. It’s up to the manufacturer to decide what information to put on their products.

Now that the FDA is supporting a move to make it easier to understand these terms by making the phrase “best if used by” as the standard, it will help to stop some of this confusion. “Best if used by” has nothing to do with safety. It indicates when food is considered to be the best quality and flavor. It is entirely up to you to determine whether food is safe.

Regardless of whether the “best if used by” date has passed, examine food for signs of spoilage. Look for changes in color, consistency, smell, or texture. (If lunchmeat gets slimy but still smells fine, throw it out – sliminess usually means it is rotting due to bacteria or mold). Many packaged products have the company’s contact information on the label; therefore, you can call if you are not sure.

Contact Sandy Goldberg, (248) 396-5072 or sandragoldberg@yahoo.com or Lynn Hollins, (702) 701-4414 or hollinscreative@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to help out or be a member of the Social Action Committee.

Brotherhood@Temple

I know that everyone will be gratified to hear that Brotherhood has begun meeting again. We had our first Zoom meeting of 2020-21 on Sunday, September 13. Admittedly it was short. In years past, at this time of the year, we’ve been able to begin planning the year’s events. This year we talked about some of the events we won’t be able to hold. At first, we thought modifications with distancing would be enough, but then we realized it wouldn’t.

Here are some things you can do over the coming year to help us maintain Brotherhood’s Temple presence and think about Brotherhood while you do them.

• Attend services over Zoom or Facebook.
• Enjoy a pot of soup in your sukkah during Sukkot.
• Make and eat latkes during Chanukah. (Brotherhood apologizes for setting such a high bar, but I’m sure your latkes will be delicious.)
• I’m not sure what this year’s Brotherhood Chanukah Shabbat service will look like. But make sure you tune in.
• This winter cook up a pot of chili. Encourage friends and neighbors to do the same so you can exchange bowls of chili with each other. This doesn’t have to be a competitive event.
• Dress up for Purim.
• Observe Havdalah with ceremony and hot dogs.
• Volunteer to deliver food for Yad Ezra. Volunteer with other charitable organizations in order to help people in need.
• Eat popcorn.

The one Brotherhood event that people can still participate in (assuming we get some cooperation from the NFL) is our Superbowl Square Sale. That won’t be until January 2021, but you can start saving square money right now so that you can buy multiple squares. They always sell out quickly. Don’t be left behind.

Our next Brotherhood meeting will be in November. We hope, by then, to have more to talk about.
As we begin the New Year, I’m sharing some of my favorite mantras. These are words of wisdom that help me get through the tough times and keep me grounded. I hope they will be meaningful to you, as well.

When I was in college, I had a poster on the wall of my dorm room. It said simply — “Don’t worry; it might never happen.” One of my favorite sayings then and now is: “things have a way of working out.” Much of my previous life had been spent worrying. Then several things happened to change that. First, I was a passenger in a serious automobile accident which made me realize that life is too short to spend a good part of it worrying. Then, I adopted my son, Daniel. As a single working parent, I had too many details swirling around in my head to allow worry to take over.

Most important of all, I matured and realized that things really do have a way of working out. Some things work out on their own. For example, when I practiced law, I worried about the question that I had failed to ask at a deposition or my lack of a cogent response when asked a question by a judge at an Oral Argument. But, in time, most cases settle anyway, and it didn’t really matter in the end. On the other hand, most things work out, because we make them work out and, as we get older, we gain a wiser, more mature perspective on life. When things go wrong or don’t work out as we had hoped, we try not to look back and dwell on the past; instead, we learn from our mistakes and realize that we were doing the best we could with the information available to us at the time. We learn to accept our mishaps as learning experiences and opportunities for growth, recognizing that “just because we didn’t succeed in this one thing, we haven’t failed at life.”

My beloved (late) father taught us 6 kids a lot of things, but one thing I’ll always remember was something he said often: “Ruthie, when bad things happen, try to make sense of them by finding the positive.” It was my dad who taught us kids how to respond positively to life’s challenges and to realize that there is something good we can learn and take away from even the worst situations. When my circumstances in life seem really bad, someone once advised me to “make a gratitude list.” This helps me to realize that life isn’t all bad and that there are a multitude of things I have to be grateful for.

I have a note of inspiration taped to my refrigerator. It says simply — “Life is 10% what happens to us and 90% how we react to it.” I read something similar in the preface to the book “Man’s Search for Meaning” by Viktor E. Frankl, which is a book about one person’s experience in the Auschwitz concentration camp during World War II. Rabbi Harold S. Kushner says there: “Forces beyond your control can take away everything you possess except one thing, your freedom to choose how you will respond to the situation. You cannot control what happens to you in life, but you can always control what you will feel and do about what happens to you.”

So, as we begin the New Year, let’s agree to worry less and grow more. Let us recognize that if we develop a more positive perspective on life, seek to find the best in the worst of situations, and accept the things we cannot control, we’ll be happier, healthier people. Then we’ll have more time to enjoy the things in life that really matter, instead of spending an inordinate amount of time worrying about the things we cannot change — most of which will probably work out in the end, anyway.

Shana Tova — May this be a good year. Yihieh zeh Ratzon Haelohim — May it be G-d’s will.

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HIGH HOLIDAYS APPEAL 5781

A Culture of Giving

The Days of Awe are upon us. We begin the New Year with an overall commitment to use our tools, talents and resources to best benefit our Temple Emanu-El community. We ask for your support.

When we as a congregation say, “this is important to us,” we proudly prioritize our faith in the community and the world. The continuation of Judaism in our homes and in our community is vital to our existence as a people. To this end, we continue our tradition of a High Holidays Appeal.

Thank You!

We ask that each of you do what you can to support our Temple Emanu-El community by the giving of Tzedakah.

Please return this pledge card by mail, (or in any other way that is easiest for you).

May each of us be inscribed for a Good Year!

L’Shana Tova

HIGH HOLIDAYS APPEAL 5781

I am pleased to assist our congregation with my contribution

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Please hand this donation form to an usher or staff member, place in one of the designated boxes, mail to Temple Emanu-El, or donate through our website. Thank you!

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Now that the days are getting cooler in the garden, harvest is slowing down while we continue planting fall crops of kale and lettuce. But the work is not slowing down! Please join us for fall cleanup on Sunday, Oct 11, 9-11 am. Bring your boots, muscles, gloves, and masks and help us to clear beds, cut down brush, and put the beds to rest for the winter.

Our volunteers worked hard this year, starting in March with planting seeds in my basement through the summer and fall, clearing beds, planting, weeding, composting, watering, and harvesting. We worked in Michigan weather from 45 degrees to 95 degrees and everything in between! Thanks to all who helped this year: Judy Front, Karl Lipson, Deb Renner, Linda Permut, Bahash Family, Beth Garfield, Linda Levin, along with volunteers from Hazon Detroit, JSL, and Kadima. It takes a village!

Relief food recipients included a soup kitchen in Pontiac, a food pantry in Detroit, and Yad Ezra. Our partnership with Hazon Detroit helped us to gain valuable knowledge, donated seeds and compost, and volunteers. The perspective in knowing that our little relief garden actually makes a difference in our overwhelmed food system makes all those hours, sweat, and dirt worth the time and effort.

Please contact Deb Renner 313.320.4376, dsl4dusty@ameritech.net; or Judy Front 248.410.2401, frontj@att.net to volunteer on our fall cleanup day.

Our community garden is the perfect space to socialize while physically distancing, learning from one another, giving to others in need tasty organic produce, and getting closer to mother nature.

All levels of gardening experience are welcome.

Join us Sundays 9-11 am.
A Sincere Thank You: We sincerely thank everyone for their generous contributions to our various funds. Your support allows us to continue offering our outstanding programs and services and helps us to support all members of our Temple Family. Thank you! If you have unused tribute envelopes, please recycle responsibly or feel free to return unused ones to Temple Emanu-El.

**Gifts & Memorials**

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**Funds Spotlight**

One of my favorite childhood memories was going to the Oak Park Public Library. The visit always started by saying hello to the wooden Pinocchio puppet who was always there to greet me in the Children’s Section and then I would scurry off to the picture book section during my preschool days and then as I got older to the JE biography area (I think I checked out *Helen Keller: Toward the Light* probably every week between 2nd and 5th grades). Even in today’s digital, virtual age, nothing beats the feel and smell (!) of a bound book, not to mention the excitement of turning a page to see what happens next. Although we’ve downsized our library at Temple Emanu-El, we still have active book funds and I’d like to share a bit about the

**Dr. Maurice B. Weiner & Dr. Richard A. Weiner Memorial Children’s Book Fund.** It was started by Judith Weiner z’l with whom I always enjoyed speaking with. Judith, a teacher, established the fund in memory of her father-in-law and husband both pediatricians and all three were advocates of getting children to enjoy reading. I know my childhood would have had a huge void without the exposure to a wider vocabulary, beautiful illustrations, the ability to go back in time or travel to the future, visit places without having to fly, and learn about others’ lives, cultures and beliefs without the presence and pleasure of books.

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