



Shavuot Art Walk

Saturday,
June 4th at
7:00pm

Join us for:

- Art Walk
- Service
- Dessert

Learn Torah from your
Clergy through the stories
woven into the beautiful
and unique art of Temple
of Aaron.



The Rabbi's Desk



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Shavuot 5782: Making Torah Ours

One thing that has always impressed me about Temple of Aaron is that our shul is never afraid to put our own stamp on Judaism and Torah. Temple of Aaron has been known since the days of Rabbi Raskas, for doing Judaism our own way. One of those unique things about our synagogue is the marvelous amount of beautiful and unique art pieces that grace the building. If you stand basically in any place in Temple of Aaron, you will be staring at a beautiful piece of art with history and deep meaning behind it.

I have begun the process of learning about the different pieces of art around the synagogue asking questions like: What is the meaning of this piece? Who donated the piece – and why? When was it received? And in some ways most important: How does this piece lend unique meaning to our synagogue space, community, and experience?

Asking these questions has helped me to absorb the unique “Torah of Temple of Aaron” that dwells on our walls. Rabbah, a famous sage of the Talmud, said that

at first, the Torah belongs to God – but after we immerse ourselves in it, it actually becomes ours. (Kiddushin 32b) Once we bring our whole self into the Torah, it becomes ours. The art of Temple of Aaron is one way we make the Torah become ours.

On June 4, on Shavuot evening, on the holiday in which we celebrate and remember the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai, we will do just what Rabbah advised – we will make the Torah ours. We will take a tour around the synagogue together examining the different pieces of art, learning the stories behind them and the unique Torah ideas that flow forth from them. With each piece of art, your rabbis will match a unique piece of Torah that interfaces with the art piece in an interesting way. Of course, we will also have a different dairy dessert paired with each piece of Torah and art.



This Shavuot we invite you to immerse in Temple of Aaron's unique Torah at the **Temple of Aaron Shavuot Art Walk, June 4 at 7:00pm**. I truly hope to see you at what I'm sure will be a meaningful event!

Temple of Aaron Returns to The O'Shaughnessy with Joshua Malina and Rabbi Shira Stutman

July 31 at 3:00pm. Features brilliant actor Joshua Malina sharing fascinating stories about his roles in three iconic TV Series: *West Wing* with Martin Sheen, *Scandal* with Kerry Washington, and *Big Bang Theory* with Mayim Bialik. In Part 2 of this entertaining afternoon, Malina and his national podcast partner, Rabbi Shira Stutman, will discuss current events through a Jewish lens speaking to people of all faiths and no faiths. Their hit weekly podcast is titled “Chutzpod!”

The O'Shaughnessy will start selling seats on June 1, 2022: balcony seats for \$36, main floor general admission \$75.

For those wanting to meet Joshua Malina at 1:45pm, have a professional picture taken with him, receive reserved parking/seats, enjoy a dessert/fruit bar, please consider one of our VIP Access Packages. Please contact Executive Director Ken Agranoff for more details on this tax-deductible option.

The net proceeds will help Temple of Aaron meet the needs for members of all ages. A small percentage of net profits will be directed to Habitat for Humanity and Neighborhood House Food Shelf. We look forward to seeing many of you on Sunday July 31, 2022, at 3:00pm. Please consider supporting this event to strengthen our community with a donation if you cannot attend.

Shavuot Special Notes

Shavuot starts Saturday night June 4, 2022. History tells us Moses encountered G-d on Mount Sinai and wrote down what he was told. The Torah was presented to the Jewish people in 1289 B.C.E. Moses was a good teacher and prophet and it is interesting to recognize the Torah is often called the 5 Books of Moses. The Torah is one vital part of our Bible. The other two parts are Prophets and Holy Writings. The Torah is both our most sacred object and the most sacred text.

Historians say the Torah's purpose is to provide instructions for finding and following the path of G-d and the path to G-d. The words in the Torah contain 304,805 letters and some ancient sages taught that all wisdom in the universe is hidden within these letters.

We will have a June 5 Sunday morning service that begins at 9:00am and concludes with the annual blintz bletter which is endowed in memory of Edward & Esther Tilsen. We will have the final Shavuot Service on Monday, June 6 beginning at 9:00am, includes Yizkor and is followed by light sweets/fruit endowed by the David A. Berg Family.

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Shmita —

A Year of Learning with Rabbi Rachel

Since the time of the Torah, the Jewish people have been counting years, marking the seventh year as a *shmita*, a year of rest for the land. As it turns out, this year, the year 5782, is a Seventh Year, a *Shmita* Year. Each month, I will provide a short teaching about *shmita* and how it connects to our own lives.

What We've Learned So Far:

- 1) October: **Shmita teaches us to let go of our desire for control.**
- 2) November: **Shmita teaches us to choose faith.**
- 3) December: **Shmita teaches us to give freely to those around us.**
- 4) January: **Shmita teaches us to appreciate what is.**
- 5) February: **Shmita teaches us to take the time to rest in order for us to grow.**
- 6) March: **Shmita & Purim teach us to bring our whole selves — even the contradictory parts.**
- 7) April: **Shmita & Passover teach us to focus not on what I have, but what can I give.**
- 8) May: **Shmita & Omer teach us to journey from a mindset of scarcity to a mindset of abundance.**
- 9) June: **Shmita teaches us the value of consistency.**

Shmita Teaches Us the Value of Consistency

As I write this article, the sun is shining, the weather is warming, duffel bags are being packed for camp, lake cabins are being opened, and summer feels just around the corner. We are nearing the six-month, halfway mark of the secular year. So now seems like as good a time as any to ask: How are your New Year's resolutions going? You remember, those resolutions you made back in January to exercise every day or to eat healthier or to visit with your elderly neighbor more often or to make your bed each morning.

If you are anything like me, those resolutions, if you even bothered to make them, fell off somewhere around January 4. Maybe some of us were really committed and made it to February. But right about now, by early summer, how many of us have really committed, day in and day out, to a resolution made many months ago?

Consistency is not a value we talk about very often in our society today. We like to talk about innovation, about new ideas, and revolutionary change. But each of us reading this *Aaronion* today are part of a counter-cultural movement called Judaism that reminds us that the humble value of consistency can actually be the most transformative value of all.

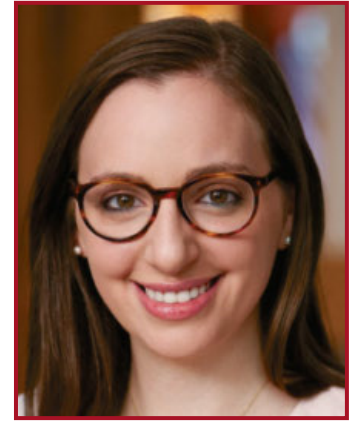
I recently came across this extraordinary teaching from our ancient rabbis:

"The mighty in strength that fulfill their word" (Psalms 103:20)
To whom does the Torah refer? R. Isaac said, "To those who are willing to observe the Shmita. In the way of the world, **a person may be willing to observe a commandment for a day, a week, a month, but are they likely to continue to do so through the remaining days of the year?** But throughout that year this mighty person sees their field declared ownerless, their fences broken down, and their produce consumed by others, yet they continue to give up their produce without saying a word. Can you conceive a person mightier than such as they?" (*Vayikra Raba 1:1*)

This teaching teaches that the amazing power of Shmita is in the day-in and day-out consistency. It is not about the grand gestures; it is about the small, daily, long-term commitment. Anyone can commit to a day or a week or a month, but it takes true strength to commit for the long haul.

I want to thank each and every one of you who support our Temple of Aaron with consistency. To the Shabbat regulars (in-person and virtual!), to the daily minyan-aires, to the board members, to our Sisterhood members, to our school families, to our gardeners, to our Torah readers and daveners, to our Social Justice committee, to our volunteers, to our cover-to-cover *Aaronion* readers—each of you show up to our community in your own way with consistency and dedication.

Our community is made up of hundreds of individuals who have found their home here—some for generations and some newly joined this month. We build this community together with hundreds of small, consistent, daily acts of love and service. We value each and every commitment that you make to our Temple of Aaron family. Thank you.



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Cantor's Corner



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I remember sitting at the outdoor synagogue with a cool breeze coming off the lake as I waited for Kabbalat Shabbat to begin. It was mid-June when I first saw this awesome sight, and as I closed my eyes, I felt like I was in community for the first time in my life. It was moving listening to the voices of my friends and those who became my mentors and teachers for years to come. It was at that moment that I first felt at home with Judaism away from my own home.

It was just three summers later when I landed and spent Shabbat in Jerusalem for the first time, and the same feeling washed over me again. I was in a different place with new people, but the tunes and the chills on my skin, as I heard people sing together, were the same. I closed my eyes as we stood on a rooftop near the old city, and I felt like I was in another home away from home.

Being a part of immersive Summer experiences is something Andrea and I both cherished from our

childhoods and now as adults as well. We now have the opportunity to share those same moments with our own children as we make decisions for them as our parents made for us. Last summer we were lucky enough to be able to send Jonah to a taste of Herzl and a taste of Ramah. We are so lucky that we have amazing camps like these in our area that have a positive impact on hundreds of campers each year. While Andrea grew up at Herzl and I grew up in the Ramah system, ultimately, we wish for Jonah to decide which place fits him best.

Each year, we at Temple of Aaron are lucky to be able to give people the ability to attend these summer camping experiences through the generosity of a number of families who have set up Summer camp and Israel endowments and funds. Due to their foresight, we give over \$10,000 minimally each year to assist in enabling Temple of Aaron young members to have immersive Jewish overnight camping and Israel experiences. It is so gratifying to know that our community is making a difference in lives of so many youth in our community who have since returned to us, become leaders of USY, leaders on their college campus, and give back to the funds that helped them have this life-changing experience.

If you would like to give back to the ToA camp and Israel scholarship funds, please contact the office. Thank you for helping to make these life-changing experiences come true for our youth each year. Have a great Summer!



**Thank you to all of our
Take Stock in Our Youth
donors who gave so graciously
toward our 2022-2023
Campaign. Please contact
Cantor/Educator Joshua
Fineblum to invest in our youth!**

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Youth & Education News

Mazal Tov

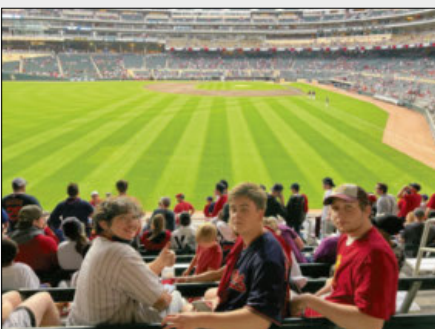
to Temple of Aaron USY on being recognized as a Chapter of Excellence for the 10th straight year and the winner of Best Tikun Olam program: **Knock Knock for Cans.**

Mazal Tov

to our own Gabi Kotovsky on being elected as **EMTZA Regional President 2022-2023!**



TUSY Goes to the Twins Game

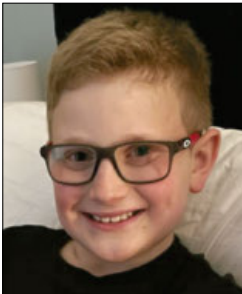


Dr. Jeffrey Weingarten Memorial Awards 2022

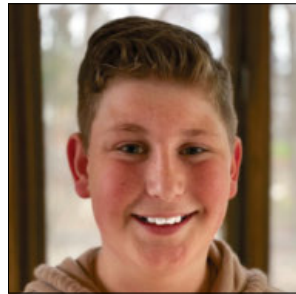
After a few year of hiatus due to COVID-19, we awarded the Dr. Jeffrey Weingarten memorial awards once again this year. Felicia and Leon Weingarten established this special award in loving memory of their son, Jeff, who graduated at the top of his medical school class and was an outstanding and dedicated doctor. He was a devoted and conscientious Jew who lived according to the highest principals of Judaism. His combination of Judaism and public service, and compassion serve as an inspiration for generations to come.

Each year, teachers and staff choose one student in certain classes to be given this award in his memory. They must be outstanding members of their class, showing enthusiasm, respect, and a love of Judaic learning. This year we are giving the award out to three deserving students from grades 5, 6, and 7 who have shown up to class, worked hard, been courteous, and have gone above and beyond this year.

Mazal tov to Finn, Carson, and Evie who we celebrated at the end of May.



Finn Tervola
5th Grade



Carson Truesdell
6th Grade



Evie Sanders Gardner
7th Grade

★ MAZEL ★ TOV ★

Mazel Tov to our TiKone USY Graduates who have been part of the program for the past 5 years. Their dedication to USY and their Judaic studies has been amazing to watch as they all took on leadership roles over the years!

Sam Dobkin
Michael Raykfeld
Sam Zien

We look forward to hearing more about your adventures in the future from the Twin Cities to Japan.

Congregational Update

Welcome to Temple of Aaron!

New Member Spotlight: Andy, Debbie, Lillie & Spritzer Hueller!

Our membership committee is sitting down with new members with a Q&A and introducing you to them here in the *Aaronion*! This month we want to welcome the Huellers! Make sure to say “Hi” next time you see them!

Q: Where did the people in your family grow up?

A: Debbie grew up in Plymouth and Andy grew up in Stillwater.

**Q: What do the two of you do for work? Hobbies?
What else keeps you busy during the day?**

A: Debbie is a corporate events planner for Land O’Lakes and Andy teaches middle-school English at St. Paul Academy and Summit School. He also writes books for children and young adults. Lillie will be in a pre-K class next year. Debbie enjoys taking her pup to the dog park, doing anything with her daughter, watching endless hours of bad TV (reality shows and soapy dramas), and learning new recipes. Andy loves books, baseball (all sports really), early mornings, playing fetch with the dog (Spritzer—a one-year-old chocolate Labradoodle), and a really good meal. Lillie spends her time learning how to spell new words, playing with her stuffies, eating turkey pepperoni, drawing pictures, cutting and gluing paper, biking, skateboarding, laughing, and making up the best stories.



Q: Why did you choose the Temple of Aaron?

A: We were looking for a new spiritual home coming out of the pandemic. Lillie hadn’t done well with virtual services, and we were ready for a fresh start as we returned to in-person. Our first time attending, at a Shabbat evening service, Rabbi Marcus and Cantor Josh made us feel absolutely welcome before, during, and after the service. Then our daughter met Rabbi Rachel, and she was smitten. In addition to weekly services, we attended Purim celebrations, and our every encounter with ToA has felt warm and inviting, from the big community celebrations to the meaningful conversations with clergy. We like that there are other young families and that those with whom we’ve attended services have seemed not only to not mind our four-year-old’s interruptions but to have appreciated them.

Q: Favorite Jewish Food?

A: While there are so many great ones, we all agree: Baubie’s Matzo Ball Soup!

Q: Favorite Jewish Holiday?

A: Debbie’s Aunt Barb and Uncle Lon have always made Passover Seder perfect: family, food, wine, story, laughter.



Shabbat Lunch Learning Session : June 18, 2022

The Lerman family have been members of Temple of Aaron since at least 1916. Bill Lerman came along in 1951 and was a regular Shabbat attendee starting in 1993. He first visited Israel in 1969 as part of a USY pilgrimage. Bill attended Hebrew School for ten years at St. Paul Talmud Torah and through confirmation at Temple of Aaron Sunday School.

Bill began reading Torah and Haftarah regularly in 2003. He retired from St. Paul Public Schools in 2009. When Bill’s daughter Ariela made Aliyah to Israel in 2012, Bill and wife Mary began visiting every year for one-to-two months. After granddaughters Eden and Ruti arrived on the scene, Mary and Bill decided to join them by relocating, and landed in Israel on March 1, 2021, where they reside in an apartment complex in Jerusalem. Their daughter’s family lives in the adjoining building, making it very easy for them to be a part of each other’s lives.

Please join Israeli Bill Lerman after services on June 18, 2022, to learn. The topic will explore making Aliyah: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly. Bill will focus on how Israel is different from Minnesota, and how Israel is the same. What should be your expectations?

We Want To Contact You

Many people have eliminated their home phone, changed cell numbers/emails. Periodically, clergy have no way to connect to remind you of a *yahrzeit*, wish you a happy birthday or share details of a special upcoming program. Please email clergy assistant (KristinJohnson@templeofaaron.org) or call her at 651-252-6407. We can be a stronger community with better personal contact information.

New Baby!

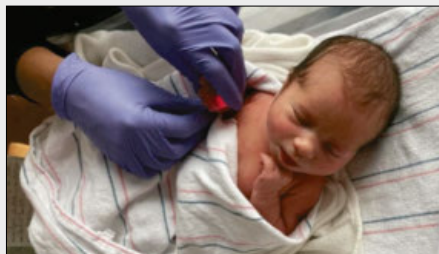


Jack and Molly Billion welcomed their son Ben on April 29, 2022. The new parents had his bris at Temple of Aaron May 6, 2022. Please join us in welcoming our newest congregant and wishing *Mazel Tov* to the proud parents!

New Baby!



Betty Meerovich and Alan Berks welcomed their son, Samuel Meerovich Berks, on April 13, 2022! Samuel is also welcomed by big brother Ezra Lunser, grandparents Alexandra and Gedaly Meerovich, grandmother Joy Berks, and many other excited relatives and friends! The proud parents had a beautiful bris for Samuel at Temple of Aaron led by mohel Dr. Laurie Radovsky. Please join us in welcoming our newest member and saying “*Mazel Tov*” to the happy parents!



Group & Committee Voices

Sisterhood Happenings (Women’s League for Conservative Judaism)

FOOD SHELF — The need continues. Sisterhood supports the Temple of Aaron Food Shelf program with donations to Francis Basket Food Shelf through the St. Paul Neighborhood House. You can bring food items to the Temple, mail checks or donate online. To donate by check, mail your check, payable to Temple of Aaron Sisterhood, along with optional honorarium or memorial information, to Susan Gonzalez, 5015 42nd Ave. S., Minneapolis, 55417. To donate online through the Temple website: click on the yellow “Support” button in the upper right-hand corner of the homepage, then type in “Sisterhood Food Shelf” in the “Desired Category” section. You can also enter information in the “Comments” section. You have the option to pay by credit card or through PayPal. If you have questions, call Susan at 612-701-5606.

SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP — Come in, schmooze a little and shop for Jewish ritual items. For lifecycle events such as births, bat/bar mitzvahs, graduations, engagements, weddings and anniversaries, we have a gift registry. Our hours are Sundays from 9:30-11:30am and by appointment by calling Gift Shop volunteers Marcia Taple (651-688-3030 or 651-402-6891) or Etta Lambright (612-229-4340).

BAMBOO/STICKS; DOTS/WHEELS; CRACKS/NUMBERS; WINDS & DRAGONS — If you know what these words refer to or if you’re curious to know, come and join us for Mahjongg! We welcome beginners to experts. If you’re a beginner, we can teach you how to play. The next game is Sunday, June 26 at 1:00pm. Other summer games are Sunday, July 24 and Sunday, August 21 at 1:00pm. Contact Margie Schneider at 651-698-4358 or 7381jbs@comcast.net if you have questions and to reserve a spot at the table.

BUILDING FUND CARDS — For a minimum donation of \$10, a card will be mailed for a happy (or sorrowful) occasion. All funds raised will be presented to the Temple for a targeted donation to enhance the building. Contact Susan Kushner at suzikush@yahoo.com or 651-454-8336 with the pertinent recipient and donor information. Mail your check, payable to Temple of Aaron Sisterhood, to Sue Schwartz, 1474 Wachtler Avenue, Mendota Heights, 55118.

TORAH FUND CARDS — Torah Fund financially supports Conservative (Masorti) students studying to be rabbis, cantors and future lay leaders. Contact Torah Fund Chair Amy Miller Stern at 651-235-6758 or at amym@comcast.net for donation and acknowledgment card information. To donate by check, mail your check — made payable to Torah Fund — along with optional honorarium or memorial information, to Amy at 1480 Woodview Ave. East, Eagan, 55122. Donations can also be made online at inspired.jtsa.edu/torahfund/ and an e-card can be sent as an honorarium or memorial. Be sure to note “Temple of Aaron” on the Affiliate line.

Families from temple of Aaron enjoyed our relaxing and fun annual Kallah in May. A great time was had by all and we look forward to next year’s weekend. SAVE THE DATE: May 5-7, 2023.



Thank you תודה רבה

Donations in memory of loved ones (\$10 or more)
April/May 2022 Nisan/Iyar 5782

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Todah Rabah . . .

. . . to all our Torah and haftarah readers, including Alisha & Norman Simon, Maya Katz, Levi Paper, Wil Paper, Eli Perr, Michael Levin, David Baldinger, Erin Baldinger, Alan Divine.
. . . to Rachael and Joel Paper for sponsoring Shabbat lunch for the congregation in honor of their son Levi's Bar Mitzvah.
. . . to Andrew and Abigail Katz for donating to the Shabbat fund in honor of their daughter Maya's Bat Mitzvah.
. . . to Ellen & Peter Rosen for donating to our Shabbat Lunch Fund in honor of the upcoming wedding of Sarah Rosen & Jack Iverson.
. . . to Ron & Karen Matz and Ted & Jackie Flaum, who sponsored Shabbat meal for everyone in honor of the upcoming wedding of Maggie Matz and Gabe Flaum.
. . . to Gary Portnoy Erin Baldinger and David Baldinger for leading Shabbat Services.

Blessings

JUNE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

We acknowledge every 5 years and all anniversaries of more than 50 years

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- 10 Loren & Susan Taple

נדמו נדמו עמי

Our deep and sincere sympathy to the families of the following members who have passed away

**Fanya Feygina
Felicia Weingarten
Faina Terk**

A Memorial Plaque Has Been Displayed For

Lorraine Garon

IYAR BANNER: Titled "Jerusalem" (Dan Reisinger design). It depicts Jerusalem wrapped in a Talit in honor of Israel Independence Day. Dedicated by Leonora Greenberg in honor of her family.

Help Those Who Need Food Shelf Every Week

Thousands of Minnesota families rely on food shelf for a simple meal. We can help working families, children and seniors who might go without food. Bring food to synagogue, go to website and donate, or mail check to chairperson Susan Gonzalez. Susan will mail a card for get well, celebration or condolence. Help us help others!



Cemetery Planning Reduces Stress



We sell affordable graves to members and non-members with multi-month payment plans. Act now to solidify family plans. We have a mixed faith section for members.

Contact Executive Director Ken Agranoff at 651-252-6406 or kenagranoff@templeofaaron.org for an 18-minute meeting. Seize the opportunity to avoid a last-minute emotional meeting.

...and More

We're Back Building with Habitat this August: Join the Fun, Make New Friends and Even Gain Some Skills!

Habitat for Humanity-Interfaith New Home Construction

August 8-12 • 8:30am-3:30pm • 255 Second Street North, Bayport

Join us the week of August 8-12 to bring communities together to create, preserve, and promote affordable homeownership and advance racial equity in housing. Temple of Aaron members will be reuniting with Interfaith Builders and Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity to construct a new home in Bayport. (Due to limited building options this summer, we are not able to build in St. Paul as in past years.)

We are proud to build alongside eight other Saint Paul congregations working collectively to fight homelessness. Interfaith Builders is a consortium of congregations: Gloria Dei Lutheran, Holy Spirit Catholic, Macalester Plymouth United, Olivet Congregational, St. Anthony Park Lutheran, St. Paul's UCC, St. Thomas More Catholic, Temple of Aaron. As a consortium, we are responsible for recruiting volunteers to build and assist with offsetting building expenses through financial donations.



Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity has been working with families, local businesses, and their communities for over 30 years to build quality, affordable new homes and restore existing ones needing repair. Habitat sells homes to families that meet home ownership eligibility criteria at no profit, with zero interest mortgages.

Families receive homeownership coaching that addresses financial and practical strategies to optimize homeownership success. Partner families are also required to volunteer many hours toward the actual construction of their future home.

Building during the pandemic has presented new challenges. Strict safety procedures are always in place which include COVID-19 guidelines for all builders at a job site. Volunteers are expected to work a full day, must be at least 16 years old, and adhere to all safety guidelines. When signing up to build, a signed waiver will be requested.

You can sign up to build at: interfaithbuilders.tchabitat.volunteerhub.com

You will not be permitted to volunteer if you have not completed this process.

If you cannot participate in the building, you can help by serving as a host one of the days. Hosts greet participants, take photographs, keep participants hydrated and help serve lunch. Our Sisterhood will be serving lunch on Friday, August 12.

Monetary Donations: Each participating congregation is asked to contribute \$1000 toward the cost of building materials. Whether you are building with us on-site or would just like to support our efforts, a donation of \$36, \$54, or more would be most appreciated.

Please make your donation online at Temple of Aaron's website. Click on the "support" tab on the top right side of the home page. Once redirected to the "Giving Page" complete the form, choosing your donation amount and indicate in the "comments" that funds are for Habitat -Interfaith Builders. You can also send a check to Temple of Aaron; make check payable to Temple of Aaron and write "Habitat-Interfaith Build" in the memo line.

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B'nai Mitzvah



Hannah Frye Sanders, daughter of **Julie and Jeffrey Sanders**, will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on June 3 & 4, 2022.

Hannah is in seventh grade at St. Paul Academy, where she participates in volleyball, debate, group chorus, Jewish student advocacy, and the American Philatelic Society. She also enjoys pickleball, travel, embracing her inner Floridian, and collecting Coccinella.

Hannah has designated the Survivor Mitzvah Project, an organization currently providing emergency aid to Holocaust survivors in Ukraine, for her tzedaka contribution.

Our Shabbat lunch will be sponsored by Hannah's parents, **Julie and Jeffrey Sanders**.



Eli Frye Sanders, son of **Julie and Jeffrey Sanders**, will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on June 3 & 4, 2022.

Eli is in seventh grade at Saint Paul Academy, where he participates in cross-country running, hurdling, basketball, Mishpacha, the Multicultural Club, math team, and Mathematics Club. He also enjoys hiking, wilderness survival, freshwater fishing, ice fishing, and fossil collection and preservation.

Eli has designated the Survivor Mitzvah Project — providing relief, rescue and relocation to Ukrainian Holocaust survivors — for his tzedaka contribution.

Our Shabbat lunch will be sponsored by Eli's parents, **Julie and Jeffrey Sanders**.

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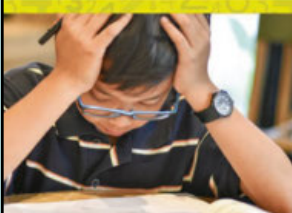
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