



Member Spotlight: *Tamar Gaffin-Cahn: Reflections*



Tamar Gaffin-Cahn

Growing up in Newton felt like a community. Always things to do, always people to see and hang out with. As a teenager, I was very involved in USY, here at TE, and regionally. My favorite part of USY was the community expressing itself through the deep and meaningful friendships and the collective ruach on Shabbat. Shabbat was the only time we had to

be present with one another, no homework, no phones, only quality time. It was incredible to be part of 200 like-minded teenagers singing beautiful songs that our people have been singing for hundreds of years. It was a powerful feeling to be part of that energy.

After I graduated college, I moved to India for one year to work at a literacy company. Living alone in India was really hard but also empowering. It was hard not to have a community, and I struggled to build one but was able to rely on myself more, push myself to get out of my comfort zone, allowing me to grow. One of my favorite parts of living in India was undoubtedly the food! The country is so colorful, and there's always the hustle and bustle of even the "small" towns.

I also had the privilege of meeting Indian Jews, visiting Jewish cemeteries, learning to drive a moped (and now I drive a Vespa). For my 24th birthday, I traveled in northern India, toured an ancient castle, and noticed they were filming a wedding scene for a movie. I joined the cast as an extra in a Chinese/Bollywood film called *Brothers In India* and went zip lining around the castle! Best birthday ever! The most challenging moments were during the Jewish holidays when I felt homesick, but everything else was an adventure.

I traveled around India and Nepal for seven weeks and was able to climb up to Mt. Everest Base Camp! I had a guide, and it took us seven days to hike up and three days to come back down. Some days, we only hiked for 45 minutes because there is a daily maximum altitude one could safely trek, and some days we hiked for a few hours. On the hard days, I took one step forward and paused for two breaths because there was so little oxygen in the air. Base camp is physically on a glacier, so nothing there is permanent because the glacier is quickly melting. During peak season, you'd see the area filled with tents, but I arrived at the very end of the season, so there was one small tent left. It was so quiet you could hear the ice cracking from glaciers on neighboring mountains. Why didn't I go past Base Camp, you might ask? Well, that would take months in Nepal, months of training, and roughly \$70,000 for the experience, plus risking my life. Easy decision to only trek to Base Camp.

I came back to Boston and got my current job at The Possible Project, an afterschool program for high school students in Boston where they can build businesses. I am one of the educators guiding students in becoming their own bosses.

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TE Members Connect with TE Connects

Since Passover 2021, fourteen groups, more than 110 members, have been meeting monthly on Zoom and now in person as part of the TE Connects initiative to visit, share ideas and engage in discussion and Jewish learning together. Each group's focus is different and discussions vary greatly. The common goal is to deepen connections with each other, Temple Emanuel and, ultimately, Judaism.

In the fall of 2020, Mike Uram, at that time Executive Director of Hillel at UPenn, met with the TE Board of Directors and Trustees to discuss community building. A LEAD initiative called TE Connects, co-chaired by Bob Kann and Wendy Landon, was formed to increase connections during and after the pandemic and has gained increasing excitement and participation in a short time.

Each group is "launched" by a member of the clergy. Being taught by our clergy in a small group setting is a gift and has generated much enthusiasm for TE Connects. Although some groups are closed, new ones have begun forming. As we emerge from the pandemic, connection is even more important.

Marcie Abramson jumped on the opportunity to be part of this initiative, leading one group and co-leading another! She "loves connecting people in positive and joyful ways that help us celebrate our Judaism and our love for TE." Her set group of fourteen is composed of Morning Minyan members and several others. The cantor joined them for their first gathering and led them in song. Through icebreakers they have learned about each other, and enjoyed topics like 'Pythagorus, Gematria and You!' and a discussion of the hit show *Shtisel*. Rick Bankhead said he joined to support the shul during the pandemic. Terry Engel added, "I loved meeting in the TE tent. It was a special environment in which to catch up with friends and meet some new members. I had the feeling of warmth just because we were together with the glow of TE after so many months away." They meet monthly and look forward to continuing!

Marilyn Goldman and Marcie organized and co-lead a group whose goal is to expand their own personal connections and to bring others together. The nine member group is small and intimate, composed of women in their 50's and 60's. Meeting in person was the goal because most of the members were Zoomed out and their Jewish-themed meetings include time to socialize and connect. All agree with one member's statement - "I'm glad I came; it forced me out of my comfort zone."

Maida Rubin took this on because she loves to learn and was used to organizing groups and managing Zoom. "Our small but committed group is quite diverse in background and outlook. We started off on Zoom, but now we are meeting in person and on Zoom. Meeting monthly on Monday night, topics ranged from 'What caused Mysticism's popularity in the Middle Ages?', 'Jewish Views on the Afterlife-Pt. 1,' and 'What were the Jewish influences on Cervantes's *Don Quixote*?' We have recently decided to focus by choosing one book and discussing it over the next six month period. Our discussions are great and we welcome new participants who enjoy this kind of learning." Contact Maida at mkrubin@comcast.net for more information about her group.

Additional groups are forming, including TE Connects Hartman and TE Connects Talmud for those who want to continue discussion of Shabbat morning's Talmud class. Sisterhood is also forming groups.

Join more than one! For more information contact Terri Swartz Russell at tswartzrussell@templemanuel.com.

Leading with LEAD

When you look at the bulletin page with Members' Milestones and Donations, you see many different funds listed. Some have been established for many years such as the Daily Minyan Fund, General Fund, and Prayer Book Fund while others are newer. The funds make many aspects of synagogue life possible and are wide-ranging by supporting music programs, Israel and camp scholarships, special programs in the Religions School, bereavement and more.

The Linowes Alinsky Fund for Leadership Education was established in 2017 by Joanne Linowes Alinsky and Lee Alinsky. Known as Leadership Education and Development (LEAD), this unique program is specially designed for training the Board of Directors, officers, clergy and senior staff in governance and leadership skills. LEAD provides a forum for exploring and learning ways to strengthen the way our synagogue approaches today's situations as well as framing and thinking about how to face tomorrow's issues.

Started in 2007 by Amy Klein and Hy Kempler, LEAD engages experts and authors in the fields of business, organizational behavior, Jewish learning, psychology, plus "think tanks" for a series of training sessions throughout each year.

Joanne and Lee have been TE members for 33 years. Joanne has served in many capacities including the Board of Directors, Nominating & Governance Committee, the Governance Task Group, the Board Orientation Committee, Audit and Budget Committees and now TE Connects and the Vision Committee. Leadership development is something Joanne cares deeply about.

"I see LEAD as a primary reason why Temple Emanuel maintains its position in the forefront," explains Joanne, current co-chair of LEAD with Michael Crystal. "With skill building and new thinking for those governance and leadership roles, LEAD is a foundation and springboard for our synagogue's amazing strength and success."

The goal is to provide resources to enable outside specialists to join TE member experts to serve as professional development presenters/trainers for LEAD. It's a mini-course with readings, homework and follow up applications of the learnings. Over the years we have all experienced the long term changes and impacts that resulted from LEAD sessions: the greeters who create a more welcoming atmosphere, the new TE Connects Initiative that brings us closer together, and more to come with the help of the Linowes Alinsky Fund.

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December (Kislev/Tevet) 5781 - 2021
January (Tevet /Shevat) 5781 - 2022
February (Shevat/Adar I) 5781 - 2022

Sundays at 8:00 am & 7:30 pm
Monday – Thursday at 7:00 am & 7:30 pm
Fridays at 7:00 am

Fridays at 6:30 pm
Saturdays at 9:30 am

Hanukkah Days 5 through 8 – December 1-6
Rosh Chodesh Tevet – December 5
Asara B'Tevet – December 14
Rosh Chodesh Shevat – January 3
Tu B'Shevat – January 17
Rosh Chodesh Adar I – February 1 & 2

Bat Mitzvah: Ariel Gross, daughter of Laura Page and Mark Gross
Mincha Bat Mitzvah: Olivia Peters, daughter of Jessica and John Peters

Mincha Bat Mitzvah:
Liat Williams, daughter of Shirley and Ziv Williams

Musical Shabbat / Parshat Vayechi

Parshat Shemot

Parshat Va'era

Parshat Bo

Bar Mitzvah: Benjamin Mulderry,
son of Yvette Lowenthal-Mulderry and Peter Mulderry

Musical Shabbat / Shabbat Shirah / Parshat Beshallach

Parshat Yitro

Parshat Mishpatim

Musical Shabbat / Parshat Terumah

Parshat Tetzaveh

Parshat Ki Tisa

Parshat Vayakhel / Shabbat Shekalim



December 3	3:54
December 10	3:54
December 17	3:55
December 24	3:59
December 31	4:04
January 7	4:08
January 14	4:16
January 21	4:24
January 28	4:33
February 4	4:41
February 11	4:50
February 18	4:59
February 25	5:08

December 4	4:00
December 11	4:00
December 18	4:00
December 25	4:00
January 1	4:10
January 8	4:15
January 15	4:15
January 22	4:30
January 29	4:40
February 5	4:40
February 12	4:50
February 19	5:00
February 26	5:10

* Times may change, please check our website for service times.

The Stars of David, a group for adults with special needs, has been meeting at Temple Emanuel since 1984. Initiated by Mimi Rosenblatt, Rabbi Chiel z"l and Alan Edelstein z"l, this ongoing group meets monthly on Sunday afternoons for lunch, special programs and friendship.

The most recent coordinator, TE member Jamie Stolper, took on the role as her rabbinical internship. Recently ordained as a Rabbi, Jamie noted that “her personal and professional experience living and working with children of all abilities taught her that everyone is the same-looking for friendship, respect and opportunities to learn and have fun. It is the same with adults. The Stars made my day every month. I even included a check-in on the secular and Hebrew calendar dates and the phase of the moon. Many of the Stars remembered to look up at the moon the night before a program and report at our meeting! Sometimes the Stars joined ongoing TE programs with the Religious School, Sisterhood and even the congregation’s Challah Bake. A demonstration of various musical instruments by TE members Hal Katzman and David Stolper and watching videos of the Me2/Orchestra encouraged some Stars to attend the orchestra’s performance. March 2020 was our last in person meeting but we continued on with some Zoom programs.” With her internship over and ordination, Jamie is on to new projects but hopes to visit the Stars occasionally.

The new coordinator, Debbie Sussman, has deep connections to Temple Emanuel. She had her Bat Mitzvah and her wedding here. With three married children and seven grandchildren who live in the area, volunteering at the Newton Centre Pantry and One Can Help and as a reviewer for the foster care system, she is quite busy but happy to take on this new role. Debbie, for many years was a physical therapist who dealt with patients with special needs but she is probably best known as the director of Camp Yavneh in Northwood, NH for 26 years.

She found her way to her new role through her husband, Joel, a frequent Morning Minyan attendee. When Don Freedman, a longtime volunteer with the Stars, asked Joel if he knew of anyone who could fill the role of coordinator for the Stars, he said he just might. With Debbie's varied background, she is the perfect person to bring interesting and engaging programs to the Stars.

Thank you always to Mimi Rosenblatt for her vision and generosity and the tireless efforts of volunteers led by the Dropkins and Freedmans.

Meetings begin in person on December 5 and continue on 1/9, 2/6, 3/6, 4/3, 5/1 and 6/5. Old and new members are welcome as are volunteers!

Email Debbie at templestarsofdavid@gmail.com for information about joining or volunteering.

The Social Action Committee will conduct the Annual Coat and Warm Clothing Drive to benefit the individuals who attend the Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry at the Massachusetts Avenue Baptist Church.

TE collects new and gently-used winter coats, hats, scarves, gloves, and warm clothing for men, women, and children as well as blankets and new socks and small toiletry items.

Watch for details on the TE website.



The Mishnah teaches that Tikkun Olam means “to mend” or “to repair” the world. That is a tall order! But it is difficult to avoid seeing the brokenness in our world now that feels in urgent need of being set right. In light of this moment in America where we are seeing and experiencing institutional racism; housing discrimination in housing, jobs and education; gun violence, voting rights challenges, climate change and the disproportionate effect that poverty has on access to health care and mental health services, we feel compelled to educate ourselves, to engage and to act. As a group we are committed to taking an active role in encouraging our community’s engagement in the pursuit of social justice on these issues and others.

Through the Social Justice Advisory Board (SJAB) Temple Emanuel has:

- Become a Level II Sanctuary Synagogue, working with other faith communities to support an immigrant family
- Signed on to the Solidarity Consortium working with other local institutions to support Black-owned businesses
- Taken an active role in Tzedek Reflection, a consortium of over 25 synagogues seeking to educate and act as a community on matters such as food insecurity, immigration and voting rights
- Helped form a Committee against Gun Violence
- Worked with JALSA to organize our community to send postcards to encourage voter turnout in the 2020 election

Want to be involved? Contact us and join us on Wed., Dec. 8 at 8 pm for a Zoom panel discussion with Ruth Zakarin, Executive Director of the MA Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence; Sen. Cynthia Creem, State senator and TE member; and Stephanie Hartung, Professor of Law, Northeastern University when they address issues of Criminal Justice and Racial Profiling and pose the question “How can we be effective allies for change?”

Contact Elissa at elissafenster@gmail.com or Jim Cohen at jcohen@lca-llp.com for more information on SJAB and Zoom link for the program.





A fun art project!



Scotch in the sukkah with Brotherhood



Ice cream in Newton Centre with Sisterhood



An edible sukkah-yum!

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Carol Schauer announces the marriage of her son, Sam, to Michelle Albert

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55 Years

Ruth Ann and Ed Feinberg

50 Years

Barbara and Selig Adler
Carol and Steven Henry
Silvia and Enrique Testa

45 Years

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Suellen and Andre Perold

35 Years

Belinda and Barry Kussman

30 Years

Rita Aisner and Greg Corrado
Lesley and Phillip Silberstein

20 Years

Marcie Abramson and Jeffrey Hunt
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15 Years

Rachel and Ron Blankstein
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10 Years

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MARK SHOOMAN
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May their memory always be for a blessing.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

- Monday, November 29 - Monday, December 6. . .Hanukkah
Tuesday, December 14.Fast of Tevet
Saturday, January 1.New Year's Day
Monday, January 17.Tu B'Shevat/MLK Day
Thursday, January 27.International Holocaust Remembrance Day
Monday, February 21.Presidents' Day

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Shabbat dinners, Hanukkah parties, Family Mitzvah Project Day, movies, snow tubing, Super Bowl party are all back!

Covid precautions strictly observed.

Contact Cayla at Cberkowitz@templemanuel.com for information and details!

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Please email Tracy at Tracys120@yahoo.com for details, RSVPs, and Zoom links.

ALL ACTIVITIES MEET ON ZOOM

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| L'Chaim | Tuesdays 1:00-2:00 pm on |
| Total Body Workout | Wednesdays 1:00-2:00 pm |
| Zumba with Ketty | Thursdays 1:00-2:00 pm |
| Artful Afternoons on Zoom | Thursdays 2:00-3:00 pm |
| Memory Café | Thursdays 1:00-2:00 pm |
| Meetings may be in person - please check with Tracy. | |
| Caregiver Support Group | Fridays 11:00 am-12:00 pm |
| Adult Child Support Group | Tuesdays 6:15-7:30 pm |
| Meets monthly: Dec 7, Jan 11, Feb 8 | |

HARTMAN HAPPENINGS

- Monthly Hartman Scholars**
- Upcoming:** Sunday, December 12 at 10:00 am with Gordon Tucker
Sunday, January 9 at 10:00 am with Lila Kagedan
- Recordings of October's session with Mishael Zion and November's session with Micah Goodman can be found on the Hartman Learning Initiative page of the TE website.
- Join Rabbi Gardenswartz and TE members at the Hartman Institute's Study Retreat in Israel. Contact Chairs Amy Klein and Brian Lefsky at abklein@abkbl.com for more information.
- Hartman@Home** – Look for our weekly Hartman@Home emails on Fridays midday for updates on Hartman programming and ideas that matter each week.

**Come with us to Israel for
Hartman's Community Leadership Retreat
June 22-29, 2022**

Tamar Gaffin-Cahn (continued from Page 1)

I have many roles here at Temple Emanuel. For the past three years, I've been a Rosh Hodesh leader, I also attend USY events, and am currently teaching some of the 8th grade Hebrew School classes with Rabbi Robinson! I've also supported the 6th graders and their families while they learn about and decide on their Bar/Bat Mitzvah Project. I care deeply about the growth, development, and leadership that young people are capable of. I am also on the Social Justice Committee. It's fulfilling to bring Jewish and justice values together to support our greater Boston community.

My favorite part of being a Rosh Hodesh leader is hanging out with young people and being in their presence as they learn, grow, and develop into unique, strong, brilliant, kind, and beautiful young adults. Over the past few years, it's changed a lot, primarily because of COVID, which has changed how we meet, what we talk about, and what they need out of the Rosh Hodesh program. Being a Rosh Hodesh leader has confirmed my understanding that you must always meet people where they are and allow students agency in their programs. Does the teenager need to vent or support a friend by sharing their wisdom? Do they need time to build something with their hands or reflect on their own experiences? Do they need someone who will sit and listen or give them advice? I see my role as to facilitate and support, but these young women already have the wisdom and skills to help each other. They're pretty great.



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Loving the Stranger

by Rav Hazan Aliza Berger

בְּאֶזְרַח מִקֶּם יִהְיֶה לָכֶם הַגֵּר הַגֵּר אֲתֵכֶם, וְאַתֶּכֶת לֹו קְמוּדָה--כִּי-גֵרִים הָיִיתֶם, בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם: ֹאֲנִי, יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם
The stranger that lives in your midst shall be like a citizen of your people, and you shall love them as you love yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.
- Leviticus 19:34

After generations of oppression and struggle, after generations during which we had to flee our homes and reside in a strange land in order to survive, the Torah is determined to harvest our own experiences for good. The Torah tells us no fewer than 36 times to support and care for the strangers in our midst, because we were once strangers in a strange land. The Torah is clear—it's not enough to just provide for the physical needs of strangers amongst us. We must love them. We must love them the way we love the people we've known all our lives.

We take this mitzvah very seriously at Temple Emanuel. Whenever the opportunity arises to support someone in our midst, someone who has had to flee their home for safety, we welcome them with open arms. We have loved and supported a Syrian family, a refugee from Uganda, a refugee from Rwanda, and now we are organizing to support a family from Afghanistan.

Already 170 of our members have volunteered to help. Fifty have volunteered to help this family to acclimate to Boston, 20 have volunteered to help this family access medical and mental health care, 30 have volunteered to help teach English, 24 have volunteered to help the family find jobs and build their resumes, 39 have volunteered to help kids with homework, 3 have volunteered to open their homes, and countless others have volunteered to help in other ways.

We don't know anything about the family that will join us. We don't know how many people there will be, we don't know how old they will be or whether they will speak English, we don't know what work they've done or what language(s) they speak, and we won't know until they arrive. But what we do know is that we at Temple Emanuel are ready to love them, ready to support them and guide them, and ready to celebrate with them as they encounter the blessings and possibility of a life here in the Boston area.

Welcoming and supporting Afghan refugees gives us the opportunity to channel our generational trauma into healing and to create a more caring world—the kind of world we all dream of.