



## The Menorah

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#### Rabbi 's Message

To my Temple Emanuel family,

We are all aware that we are going through very interesting times. How we deal with the issues confronting us will define not just our lives but possibly generations to come. Our tradition gives us the tools to deal with the isolation, and fears that are currently confronting us. We are finding ways to cope, attendance at



services, albeit online have been consistent and comforting. I have been teaching a variety of subjects every Wednesday and again the attendance has been gratifying.

I want to remind everyone that Judaism teaches us that we are to be partners with God. This means that where we can be present to help effect positive changes in our world we need to do so to the best of our abilities. We can continue to be there as a compassionate community caring for each other and reaching out to help support and heal those who need us in these difficult times.

We have determined that it is in the best interest of the congregation at this time to continue the online services through the High Holy Days. We are following the guidance of the most recent rulings of the Rabbinical Assembly and the medical community. I know that this is a departure from what we are all used to, but Judaism has always adjusted to the needs of the times and circumstances and we will make the effort to provide a meaningful service that preserves the spiritual sanctity and the health of our Congregation. I am looking forward to the time when we will once again be able to pray together in person, but I am thankful we are blessed with the means to come together online in the meantime.

I am reminded that within the Ark of the Covenant there were two sets of tablets, one set was whole and the other was shattered. During this Covid-19 crisis, we see the whole and the broken tablets of humanity. Both are part of the human reality, but the Torah reminds us to think ahead, to look to better times. It calls on us to pick up the broken pieces and regain our sense of balance and commitment to the future.

It also challenges us to rise up to be the best that we can be. Each of us can, and must, contribute to the integrity of humanities' whole tablets, humanity at its best. We need to enlarge the space given to humanities; whole tablets, and confine the broken pieces to a tiny corner.

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Online Services: Fridays 7:30 pm Saturdays 10:30 am

#### Wednesdays 7 pm

Rabbi's Adult Ed Class

#### Online Trivia Fun

Sundays 4 pm

#### Lunch with Rabbi

6/8 Noon

#### **Online Book Club**

6/9 11 am

#### **Honor our Grads**

6/12 Services 7:30 pm About the Archives

"The Show Must Go On!"

By Cat. Eskin

At 8pm on Thursday evening, 16 April, nine advanced English students finally had their moment: a public presentation based on the oral history interviews they collected as part of their senior-level course in Creative Non-fiction. Originally scheduled for April 2nd, the event—a live presentation set on FSC's campus—was sadly cancelled by COVID-19 safety measures. We had initially despaired of having the event at all, but the quick-thinking of the Temple's president and the willing participation of displaced students helped it all come together.

My students had already completed their interviews when the campus was forced to close its doors in the middle of March. The class, which was being taught for the fifth time this Spring, is service learning, meaning the students performed 25 hours of community service (each!) as part of the course requirements. Earlier iterations of the course (2009, 2011, 2013, and 2015) involved very different conditions. Though the interviews were complete, students had to navigate other elements of the course without being able to actually, physically meet with their subjects. Combine those issues with the challenges of remote teaching and we could have had a real disaster. Instead, the very tools which I was using to hold virtual classes with students provided a solution to the presentation



Zoom Screen (photo credit: Gerri Schaad, FSC Archivist)

problem: Zoom! As our service partner, Temple Emanuel (and especially Temple President Allen Shane), pitched and supported the idea that we put "Polk County Jewry and Creative Biography" on-line. President Shane set up and ran the Zoom event.

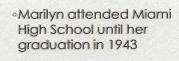
The new platform also allowed for a variety of unintended outcomes: parents and family of both the students and the narrators (those people who were interviewed) were able to come out to the presentations. Senior Hannah Kiester (who worked with Lizandra Izsak) enthused, "My

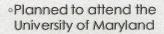
family enjoyed tonight's presentations! My grandparents joined from Michigan, and my Grandmaw wanted me to thank you for making these presentations available." I also took the opportunity to invite alums of the class to the presentation and several took me up on the offer. Susan Peace Randall (who participated with the class of 2011), said in the Zoom chat: "Great job! You guys did amazing. This brought back so many memories." Jenna Rice, who was part of the inaugural class back in 2009, added, "I'm so glad I joined the

zoom presentation. I hope all of you enjoyed Dr. Eskin's class as much as I did 11 years ago ©." There were several more who sent back their regards to the Temple for the experience.

For those who were experiencing the "public" part of the presentation for the first time,

trepidation, but there was some Bittinger ultimately, Alex interviewed Harry Wladowski) confessed "I'll admit that [the presentation] was much more enjoyable than I thought" it would be. At its height, there were over 50 people on the Zoom call. I will reiterate what I said to participants during the event: the evening's presentation was "particularly gratifying because—in spite of the odds—the students have been able to share the results of their interviews not just with me, but with all of you. You have Slide from "Marilyn Signer: A Living Legacy" Presentation (K. Royce)







helped make their work relevant by witnessing it." When asked if I would run the event through Zoom again, I demurred. I like the idea of having everyone in the same room. Still, we are all so lucky to have a supportive community, regardless of the platform.

The "Class" of 2020 included the following (the person who the student interviewed is in parentheses after the name of the student): Alex Bittinger (Harry Wlodawski); Logan Carver (Garv Rabin); Megan Handley (Dan Leviten); Paul Kenzie (Norm Small); Hannah Kiester (Lizandra Iszak); Kimmy Knight (Marlene Wlodawski); Mady Lauderman (Marvin Wyman); Jordan Reed (Rabbi David Goldstein); and Kim Royce (Marilyn Signer).

The evening was dedicated in memory of Jerry Rabin (see *In Memoriam*).

Images:

"Screen Shot" by Gerri Schaad, FSC Archivist

Slide from PowerPoint Presentation: Kimberly Royce, "Marilyn Signer: A Living Legacy"

#### THANKS!

Thank you to all our contributors to the June issue of The Menorah. There are many who shared parts of their lives and your participation is greatly appreciated.

If anyone wants to submit an article, pictures, or a profile for our September High Holiday issue, please contact irmacole26@gmail.com. The deadline for that issue will be August 31st.

We will also be accepting ads for that issue so we can pay for printing and mailing. If you want to renew your ad from last year, please let us know. Contact irmacole26@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued support.

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I pray that G-d will bless us all with good health....physical, spiritual, emotional, and mental. May the current plaque come to a speedy conclusion, and may the social unrest lead us to a stronger society, a more balanced one where we all feel protected and equal.

Please stay safe and connected.

Shalom oov'racha (and blessing),

Rabbi David Goldstein

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## JUDAICA PROGRAM

Temple Emanuel members and friends are invited to view the Judaica Program slide show without commentary at: https://ldrv.ms/p/s!AlXdnZwpLlxlhKArk3U6\_jJb1Kj5qg

The video from the Zoom presentation is being edited and is not ready yet for publication. In the meantime, anyone who wants to just view the slides can do so.

We have received numerous inquiries about doing a 'Part 2' so we will begin working on that later this summer. If you want to participate, please start thinking about what items you want to share images of for our next slide show. We will announce at a later date, via email, details of where and when to send your pics.

Thanks to everyone who participated and for the continued interest in this project.





We are pleased to be able to share one of the interviews conducted by a student in Cat Eskin's Creative Non–Fiction class. We hope to present more of these in future issues of <u>The Menorah</u>. Now, read on to learn more about our friend Lizandra Izsak! Thank you to Hannah Kiester and Cat Eskin.

### **Lizandra Izsak: A Woman of Determination and Compassion**By Hannah Kiester

Lizandra Izsak has spent her life working hard and with passion in order to accomplish her goals and help people. Lizandra was born Lizandra Christine Marshall on June 12<sup>th</sup>,

Lizandra Marshall, 1953

1948 in New Westminster, British Columbia, Canada. When she was two years old, she moved with her parents, Tommy and Rena Marshall to Brockville, Ontario. Five years later, her family welcomed her brother, also named Tommy. After growing up in a relatively small town, Lizandra enrolled in nursing school in the bigger town of Hamilton upon her high school graduation. When

she'd finished nursing school, Lizandra seized her opportunity to start seeing the world. She took a year off and traveled Europe before moving to Toronto and using her chutzpah to get her first nursing job amid a shortage of openings. It was there, at Mount Sinai Hospital that Lizandra's life would change. Her conversations with Jewish doctors and interns about their faith

procedure, and she

made another

answered many of the questions she'd been wrestling with, though she declared that she would "never, ever marry a Jewish guy." Not long after starting at the hospital, Lizandra met a young doctor while assisting with a

Marshall-Izsak Wedding, 1978



Yoel Bar Mitzvah, Extended Family, 1992

declaration: "I've found the man I'm going to marry." Lizandra married Moshe Izsak in January 1978 and underwent two conversions to Judaism (Conservative and Orthodox). The couple moved to first Mississippi and later Lakeland, Florida. With their three sons, the Izsaks became active members of Temple Emmanuel. Lizandra worked at forming a Mother's Morning Out program, taught Sunday School and Hebrew School, acted as a Kadima advisor, and has helped with many Temple events over the years. Her compassion and determination show that when you work hard and love what you're doing, you can always achieve your goals and find satisfaction in the work that you have done.



#### **President's Message**

These unprecedented times with the Corona Virus (COVID-19) have upset and disrupted our lives as we previously knew them. Last year at the High Holidays we would never have thought that we would need to cancel our fundraiser and close the Temple building for a pandemic. These actions were taken to protect the health and well-being of our members and friends.

The Temple board and members stepped up to the plate and tried to decrease the disruption as much as possible. We immediately launched a virtual platform to continue our services, classes, activities, and Hebrew School. I am proud to say that participation from our members, quests and friends has greatly increased since we began our online format.

We are seeing many of our Jewish summer activities, programs and camps being cancelled as the health risk to safely resume in person activities continues. We all miss the joy of being together and socializing in the same room but must remain separated for a while longer until the health risks lessen. Daily we continue to see rising numbers of individuals contracting the virus in Polk County, Florida, and the United States.

The question of when we safely reopen the building is one that is being taken very seriously. We are closely following the guidance of our medical and public health officials to inform our decisions.

Rabbi Goldstein and I are also closely following the updates distributed by the Task force made up of representatives from United Synagogue, Rabbinical Assembly, Federation, Secure Communities Network and other Jewish organizations tasked with giving direction and guidance on safely resuming our Jewish activities. We also participate in all Congregation Rabbinic and Presidents meeting and webinars to understand and gain insight and share ideas on how shuls are dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.

At this point the challenges are too great to reopen safely. Maintaining the strict distancing, personal protection, facility sanitation, and screening of all who enter the building, would be difficult. While we would all like to return to in person group meetings and services, the Jewish tradition teaches us to value the sanctity of life. With the COVID-19 numbers rising and the predictions for another wave of the virus, reopening before it is safe would put our members at high risk. We are not alone. Many of the shuls in Florida, as well as some churches in Lakeland are continuing to stream services and activities until it is safe to return to large group meetings

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Recently the Rabbinic Association's Committee on Jewish Law and Standards approved a teshuva to allow the streaming of weekday, Shabbat and High Holiday Services, over online platforms. We, like many synagogues across the U.S., will continue to have our weekly Shabbat Services and will hold our High Holy Day Services via Zoom. Having High Holiday Services online is new and uncharted territory for us and many shuls across the country. Rabbi Goldstein, the ritual committee and I are working on the many details to make our virtual High Holy Day services meaningful and inspirational for all. As we have more information, we will distribute it via email.

Over the summer months the board will be moving ahead with many of the Temple building projects that we have had to previously put on hold.

The Capital Improvement Campaign will resume raising the needed funds to cover the Temple repairs. In March, we sent a mailing with pledge cards to all Temple members. If you have not returned your pledge card, we would appreciate your doing so now, as we need 100% participation from our Temple members before we can reach out to the community to seek additional funding. I would like to extend a huge Todah Rabah to our many congregants and friends that have so generously contributed to help us complete the roof repairs and asbestos abatement in the sanctuary.

I would also like to extend a Todah Rabah to Jodie Snyder, Shelley Robinson, and the fundraiser committee for accepting the board's decision to cancel the event after the committee had worked so hard to plan it. The committee understood the need to protect the health and well-being of the greater Lakeland community and immediately went back to the drawing board to redesign the fundraiser. Within a few short weeks the committee had redesigned the fundraiser into an online auction, which was very successful. We want to express our sincere appreciation to all of our sponsors, restaurants, and other supporters. Thank you also to all who purchased merchandise from the auction.

I hope everyone is adjusting to the changing times as well as can be expected and maintaining good health. If there is anything that you need during these trying times, please let the Rabbi or me know how we can best assist you.

Stay safe and well,

Allen Shane

President

Temple Emanuel



#### In Memoriam

#### A Ray of Florida Sunshine: Jerry Rabin (1930-2020)

By Cat. Eskin

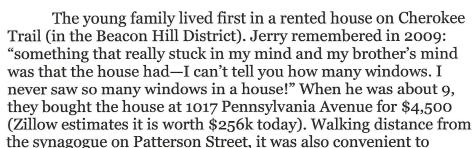
Oftentimes we are less enthusiastic about those individuals whom we identify as "institutions" in our community. Perhaps we are intimidated by the depth of their experience, put off by their first-hand knowledge about everything that we don't know ourselves, or we just can't relate to a person who has passed from the merely "popular" to the object of awe. Thankfully, that was never the case with Gerald "Jerry" Rabin. Jerry was unassuming and approachable. Always. Even as his health became more fragile, he continued to work on the House and Grounds committee, frequently checking on conditions in the Temple's building and attending events or services with his characteristic warmth and kindness.

Jerry was certainly a Lakeland institution. Born on the Lower East side of New York City in September of 1930 to parents Nettie (nee Goldman) and Russ Rabin (born in Romania), he was blessed with two enterprising, fun-loving role models. The family of four (including younger brother Leonard, or "Moose" as he was called by friends) arrived in Lakeland in 1933, joining the growing collection of Jews from around the country (and the world). Russ signed the original charter for the Jewish Alliance (the pre-cursor to Temple Emanuel) in 1934 while Nettie was an active member of the Ladies Auxiliary (later the Sisterhood) and a force among the early Sunday School faculty. During a guest lecture at Florida Southern in 2008, Jerry remembered

Nettie's attempts to keep kosher in the "wilds" of central Florida. Years later, his maternal grandparents would leave the sunny weather because they missed their kosher, observant community back in New York. He and his immediate family would return each summer to Delancey Street to visit grandparents and the



summer to Delancey Street to visit grandparents and the farms in NJ where his father was raised.



members of the extended family. That family—the Rabins, Pincuses, Levitts, Kodishes, Goldmans—would turn out in large numbers in 1943 to celebrate



Jerry with mother Nettie, c.1944



Jerry's Bar Mitzvah prayer book, 1943

Jerry's bar mitzvah, the first to be officiated by a Rabbi (Rabbi Freedman) and held, according to Jerry, at the Sorosis Club because of the numbers. Jerry's memories of the original schul are unsurprisingly connected to Sunday School. He explained, "at that time Patterson was paved but New York, which ran north and south, was unpaved. And during recess the teachers and us would go out and play tag football in the dirt road." During his teenage years, he and his best friend, Ernest Berthe, would travel to Tampa with the Blumberg girls to attend AZA events and socialize with other Jewish kids.

At fifteen, he met the love of his life, Joan Alper. He had family living in Palm Beach and his girl cousins were friends with Joan: "my cousins were having a little get together on the beach. You know, just a group and that's

when I first met her." When Jerry saw her again at the University of Florida, he was already a brother of Pi Lambda Phi and the rest, as they say, is history. He graduated with a BS in Business Administration (and a minor in Agriculture) in 1951. Jerry planned to return for law school, but fatherhood followed quickly after love and marriage. He and Joan married in April of 1952, had their first son, Gary, in February of 1954 and second son, Larry, in November of 1956. The couple were active at the Temple, attending parties and adult education programs. Jerry loved learning about Judaism all his life, a habit he developed first with Rabbi April and then



Jerry enjoying his honeymoon (Nassau, 1952)



Joan, Jerry, Reuben Miller, Russ and Nettie Rabin enjoy New Year's Eve at the mansion (c.1953)

Rabbi Cutler, young rabbis who served in Lakeland after Jerry returned to town with Joan. Jerry enjoyed working with his father in the family business, using his degrees to help modernize management and marketing. As the 1950s ended, during a New Year's Eve party at the Temple mansion on Lake Hollingsworth, an emergency call came in that the Rabin packing house was on fire! Located in Plant City at the railroad station, the fire raged through not just the Rabin's establishment, but all the wooden processing buildings that January in 1959. By then, Jerry and his brother Leonard had expanded the business to create the Tri-County Grove Service (1957-1963), beginning what would become more real estate-directed professions for the siblings.

Things in Imperial Polk County were changing.

The predominantly agricultural economy that Russ and Nettie had encountered when they first arrived in the 1930s was shifting by the time Jerry and Joan were raising their family. Moving from strictly agricultural interests, Jerry and Joan inherited responsibility for Joan's father's liquor store in Belle Glade, FL upon his death in 1962. Jerry was helping his motherin-law clean out a warehouse in between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur that same year when he was burned badly on his arm and upper torso, injuries that required skin grafts



The Rabin family celebrate Rosh Hashanah (1967)

and months in the hospital. During the ten years that followed, he and Joan would drive

down to Belle Glade (over 3 hours each way) to run the liquor store, leaving on Sunday evening and staying until Monday evening (1963-1972)—all while Jerry was still working with his brother and his father. By 1972, when Jerry's parents passed away, he took a job with the State of Florida as a grove and citrus property appraiser. While he enjoyed the work, the travel was burdensome and took him away from his family. Jerry diversified again, starting his own property appraisal business which he ran from 1975 until his retirement in 2005.

Along the way he did more than just witness history. Jerry Rabin's involvement

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Jerry's invitation to Chiles' Inaugural (1991)

in the world was focused and thoughtful. He watched in awe as his LHS classmate, Lawton Chiles, made the 1,003-mile, 91-day walk across Florida from Pensacola to Key West in 1970. Jerry supported his friend's bids for US Senate and eventually, two terms as governor of Florida. He was especially committed to Jewish life in Lakeland (and around the world). Jerry served

numerous terms on the executive board of Temple Emanuel, including two as its president: 1968-1969 and 1988-90. Like his mother Nettie, who had helped collect and settle the Goldsmiths when they arrived just

before the start of WWII, Jerry took up the cause of Jews in distress. During his latter term as president, he was instrumental in the resettlement of two Soviet Jewish families in Lakeland. Jerry was honored with a life-time Board of Trustees appointment. A proud participant in B'nai B'rith (he enjoyed the Bowling League!) and the



Stan Katz, Joe Stone, Jerry and cousin Sam Pincus (1963)

Temple's Men's Club, he also worked for Israel and the United Jewish Appeal. Always in concert with his wife Joan, Jerry maintained and beautified the Temple through his work on House & Grounds long after the two had retired. He was recognized twice as the Temple's Man of the Year (1994-1995 and 2010-2011).

Jerry was especially close with his family—his wife, his brother, his sons, nieces, nephews and grandchildren. A private person, Jerry was physically active

LHS yearbook, 1947

and out-going. He loved to play any sports; having been a star on the Dreadnaught basketball team (1945-47), he was a multisport player at the University of Florida with his fraternity brothers. He took up golf a bit later, but was no less keen for the late start. I have it on good authority that he used to check his son Gary out of Lakeland High School on Thursdays to play a round or embark on some other adventure. He created a "safe space" for his children before the term was coined. Jerry took his roles seriously, but was certainly not without humor.

Jerry and Joan were founding members of the Temple Emanuel Archive (TEA) Board, helping to draft our mission statement and begin the mechanics of



Jerry, Joan and Gary at the re-dedication of the Education Building (2009)

our collection. Jerry agreed to be interviewed by my very first class of biography students back in 2009, knowing full well that the students (and me along with them) were still figuring out the whole oral history "thing." Backing the TEA financially, as well as intellectually and physically, Jerry was a source of information about not just the Jewish community but the larger Lakeland community. Easygoing and kind, Jerry was aware that he sometimes appeared to be a pushover: during an interview in 2010, he joked "I seem like I was oblivious to the whole world!" He made this assessment because, as he put it, "I can't recall anything really bad." Having grown up during first the Depression and then war-time privations, Jerry maintained a positive attitude even in the worst of times. He showed us all that adversity does not need to translate into apathy or selfish behavior. Instead, he patiently—and with wry humor—modeled the recipe for a civic

engagement that could be fulfilling, life-affirming and effective. Jerry Rabin provided our community with the ray of sunshine that will continue to warm us for years to come.

#### **HIGH HOLIDAY NEWS**

Amy Blocher, Religious Committee



It is getting to be the time of year again that we begin to prepare for the High Holidays. We are working on the Book of Remembrance, so you may get a telephone call about names you want in the book. The Ritual Committee is working to make the holidays as enjoyable as possible for everyone.

Rosh Hashanah begins on Friday evening, September 18th, and the two days of services are Saturday and Sunday, September 19th and 20th. Erev Yom Kippur is Sunday, September 27th, and services will be Monday, September 28th.

As of now, we are planning on having the services on Zoom. We will still have Aliyahs during the Torah services, just do them a little differently. Our plans include having a cantor, of course, and our congregation singing along. Each of you will have a Siddur and will be able to follow the service with the Rabbi and Cantor. We plan to make our High Holiday services as beautiful and heartfelt as possible.

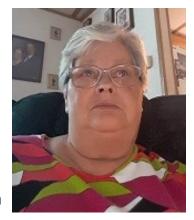
Monthly Profile: This month we feature 3 profiles instead of just one! It seemed appropriate to group these together. We invite you to get to know our friends Ada and Bill Sahlin, and Edie Rhoades in these profiles that they wrote for us. As always, you can read all our profiles at: https://templeemanuellakeland.com/member-profiles/

#### **PROFILE of Ada Badgero Sahlin**

Ada was born 5/7/48. Mt. Clemons, Michigan was my home. My mother was born in the house where I was born. My sister Caroline, who sadly just passed last month in Michigan, was 12 years older. I would call her every night at 8:30 unless I'd fallen asleep. Then she would call me at 9 pm.

I had a good childhood. I had a close friend that I still talk to from "diaper hood" 'till now. I went to school dances, football games, and rode bikes.

I have 2 sons, Richard and Chris. Richard was a June baby, 1968. Chris was born in Sept. 1970. Both were easy births, both weighed 8lb. 4oz., both 21" long. Both still live in Michigan.



I went to school K-12th grade in Mt. Clemens. I loved world history, especially sharing stories with my Dad, who served in WWI. I enjoyed school but never went to college because of the expense.

I worked in a dry cleaner through a school program until I got married. Then I worked as a waitress, bartender and manager. Bartending was my most interesting job. The stories I would hear! I met Bill waiting tables.

I moved to Lakeland in 1991 and worked at Denny's where I injured my back. When we came to the



Temple, I was needing surgery on my back and we both needed a place to work. Bill took care of me post-surgery from 1992-2000. Temple was not just a job for us...it became family and friends for Bill and I.

I love to cook and spoil my family. I'm into coloring now and working outside with the pool. I enjoy reading novels, right now Danielle Steel's "Friends Forever."

We went to First Lutheran Church every Sunday. I attended Catholic Church for my marriage.

My Dad was my biggest influence. He worked hard. I remember him saying you should always treat everyone like you would want them to treat you.

The one thing people would be surprised to learn about me is that I have OCD. I try to control it. Also, don't talk to me until I've had my coffee in the morning!

My proudest moments were watching my kids grow up. I would watch them sleep, and I would be proud that I could make a human be so cute. I was also proud watching Edie's grandkids come into the world and now we have a great grand coming!

The best advice I would give my younger self is that you can't fix things that are broken, just try to repair what you can and move on to the next thing.

#### **PROFILE of Bill Sahlin**

Bill was born on 4/10/42 at home in Rock Port, Missouri. He had 4 brothers named Charles, James, Robert and Albert and 5 sisters named Elma, Edith, Harriett, Becky and Alisa. Here is his story:

I was raised in church. I played hard. You had to kiss and make up if you fought with your family members. I have 2 daughters, Carole and Donna. They both live in Little Rock, Arkansas. Donna was a nurse and Carole is a manager at a trucking firm.

I quit school to join the Air Force. I became an aircraft mechanic for 4 years and then worked for TWA. I owned my own business as an aircraft mechanic and helped teach Fran Bohrer (former Temple secretary) to fly. I built 2 homes, owned a hunting lodge and worked for a janitorial service.

The most interesting job I have had was working at Temple Emanuel with everyone telling me what to do and trying to please everyone.



My interests are airplanes and my family. The Bible is my book, I read it often. I was raised in the Church of God to be good, kind, and turn the other cheek.

My mother has been the biggest influence in my life. Her love kept me from ever getting in trouble.



The one thing people would be surprised to learn about me is that I suffer from ADHD.

My proudest moments were when I met and married Ada, and watching Edith's grandson, Austin, finish high school with honors.

The best advice I would give my younger self is don't eat yellow snow, education is important, love someone forever and not for a one-night stand.

I would also say respect your elders, and always help people if there is anything you are able to do.





## STAY CONNECTED WITH OUR VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

#### What's Happening?

Your Temple Emanuel family has several ways to keep us all connected during these times of staying at home. If you have not participated, we invite you to join in the following activities via Zoom:

Weekly Friday Shabbat Services at 7:30 pm

Weekly Saturday Shabbat Services at 10:30 am

Weekly Sunday Trivia Fun at 4:00 pm

Weekly Wednesday Adult Ed Class with the Rabbi at 7:00 pm

Lunch with The Rabbi Monday June 8th at Noon via Zoom

Special Shabbat Services Honoring our Graduates – June 12th at 7:30 pm

If you need help gaining access to Zoom, please let us know. Seeing your Temple friends, even online, is a good thing! Contact Allen Shane president@templeemanuellakeland.com

Also, check out the JCC, USCJ, and other Jewish and Yiddish websites as they have programs available that are really interesting. Some offer guest speakers, cooking, and museum or city tours. All great for entertainment and learning. Share what you find on our Facebook page!

#### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS from Sheri Hewson

I believe I am the only one teaching right now. I have been teaching the Rabbi's Tuesday class (3 students) and my Wednesday class as a combined class on Wednesdays from 4:30 - 6:00 pm.

We have been learning the Amidah, Yigdal, Torah Prayers, Hatikvah and other songs (including the "hand Jive" David, Melach Yisroel.. Chai Chai Vikayam. My 2nd graders, Cassie and Emmeline, have been helping teach, as their brother and sister are part of my class.

Next we will be working on Half Torah Prayers. I am hoping Eve will be able to assist me in this undertaking.

I want to commend the students for attending and doing their best under these circumstances. They are home all day on the computer at school, then they get me and they have been great. One wonderful day in particular, I will never forget, just for the day we were all "Ben" and "double Ben", including me.

Thanks to the parents for helping them log in and sometimes sharing the computer. A big shout out to all the families who have been attending Friday night services together. It is so nice to see all of you and its a great way to practice. I am keeping track of stars!

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#### **PROFILE of Edie Rhoades**

Edie came from a family of 10 children, 5 girls and 5 boys. She grew up in Atchison County, Tarkio, Missouri. Here is her story:

I was young when my Dad passed away so my Mom had to raise 10 children on her own. Charles is the oldest boy, Elma the oldest of the girls. There was James, Robert, Bill, Albert, Harriet, Rebecca, Alisa. Sometimes life was hard, but the boys protected the girls.

The thing I remember most as a child growing up was if our Mom caught us fighting, we had to kiss each other and tell them "I love you" and give them a hug. I did odd jobs when I was younger, like a paper route, and helped raise my younger siblings.

I have 2 children, my son was born 5/31/80, and my daughter was born 2/3/82. My daughter has 6 boys, 1 girl. My son has 2 boys. I have 1 great granddaughter, and a 2nd great grandson will be born in June.

I graduated high school 5/17/67. I attended Junior College in the Midwest. I got a degree as a key punch operator. I worked at a Beef Packing plant, as a

waitress, and ran food service at a school in Kansas City, Missouri. I also worked at Disney for 22 years in housekeeping. I began helping Ada at Temple in 1992

The most interesting job I ever had was working in the Beef Packing plant in Omaha, Nebraska. I was one of the main butchers, the only female at the time, and I could outperform the men!

I read a lot of different books. I am currently reading a book by Belva Plains. I also like to watch movies on the Hallmark Channel.

I was raised by a Pentecostal mother. I was raised to respect my elders. My Mom and Dad had the biggest influence on my life. I was raised to always respect my parents.

My proudest moments were when my children started to make something of themselves. Austin and Re-

becca both have 4 year scholarships to Georgia Tech.





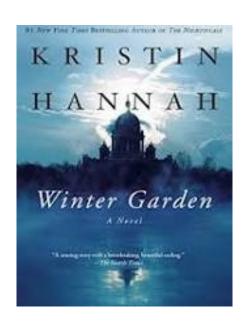
Would you like to share your story?
Please contact Irma Cole at irmacole26@gmail.com We would love to learn more about all our temple members!

#### **BOOK CLUB NEWS** - Jane Renz

Our JUNE Book Club meeting will be held on the 9th at 11 am via Zoom. Our selection is "Winter Garden" by Kristin Hannah.

Here is a link to purchase the book: https://smile.amazon.com/Unknown-Winter-Garden-A-Novel/dp/B0036UZC5Y

Mesmerizing from the first page to the last, Kristin Hannah's "Winter Garden" is one woman's sweeping, heartbreaking story of love, loss, and redemption. At once an epic love story set in World War II Russia and an intimate portrait of contemporary mothers and



daughters poised at the crossroads of their lives, it explores the heartbreak of war, the cost of survival and the ultimate triumph of the human spirit. It is a novel that will haunt the reader long after the last page is turned.

Contact is Jane Renz: jane7751@aol.com

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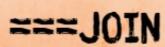
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# BOOK CLUB



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#### THE COVID FILES

For the June issue of The Menorah, we asked you to tell us what life has been like for you during the past few months.



- 1. How has your life changed?
- 2. Have you been working, schooling at home, or learning new things (how to cook, play games, or what!)?
- 3. Is Zoom now a part of your life?
- 4. Have you read any good books, done a lot of puzzles, or binge watched TV? What are your recommendations?
- 5. What have you missed? Movies, sports, restaurants?
- 6. How comfortable are you in public? Are you wearing a face mask?
- 7. What do you expect the new 'normal' to be like?

Here are all of the answers received in each person's own words:

I have worked from home since March 23 seeing patients via Zoom 5 days per week. That is a lot of computer sitting time. I get dressed every

day but no shoes. Usually, the dog is at my feet. I like the quiet and never realized how noisy the work-place is. On the rare occasion that I leave the house I always wear a mask and carry hand sanitizer in my purse. I look forward to being able to go to dinner with friends again. I recently read "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens. That book was amazing and I recommend it to all. Available at Lakeland Library. Mayra Kear, APRN

- 1. Life has changed for the worse because of social distancing. Missing friends and family. It has changed for the better because I'm not running unnecessary errands every day just because I can.
- 2. Cooking! Am cooking more than I have in years. Have not eaten out or ordered in. Do miss eating out. Especially Thursdays with Marvin.
- 3. ZOOM and FaceTime have become a necessary part of my life. From doctors to the Temple to family get-togethers. Would really feel isolated without them.
- 4. Ah, Netflix and Amazon. A welcome respite from politics and COVID-19 on television. Recommended on Netflix...Becoming...Shtisel...Fauda...Babylon Berlin. Also want to start watching The Crown.
- 5. What have I missed? Seeing my family and friends. Eating out. Mah Jongg. Feeling safe.
- 6. I am not comfortable in public and I DO wear a face mask.
- 7. The new normal? Apprehension and hope! There will be more use of technology to conduct businesses of all sorts and education, now that people realize that "remote" can work. Handshakes and hugs as greetings are probably things of the past. Pity!

  Marilyn Signer

#### What life has been like during the pandemic By Susan Bowers

I have always been somewhat of a homebody so my life style has not changed much. I have been working from home for nearly 20 years and although my schedule is flexible, I try to keep pretty much the same schedule. I take Wednesday's off to do shopping, doctor's appointments (although the last one was done over the phone), and catching up on housework.

Even before Zoom, I was, and still am a part of a daily online Maarv service, so doing things spiritually online is not all that new to me. I see the internet as an opportunity to share with others as if they were a part of a world-wide congregation. I was able to have a zoom meeting with a long time friend who lives in the UK. We had a wonderful chat. The company I contract with has had some zoom meetings. I actually got to meet the CEO and the management team for the first time after all these years. I also got to meet fellow agents after only seeing avatars and names in a work chat.

As far as entertainment and such, I like the old film noirs from the 30s and 40s. It is fascinating that many of the themes in those old movies could be played out today with little change. On the newer front, since the three NCIS shows are on a break, I have been watching, Bob love Abishola on CBS dot com. Although it is a sit com, it has a strong insight into racism and cultural differences.

I have been spending more time practicing my autoharp. I have Debbie Friedman's book, "Sing Unto God," and am working on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm and have adapted it to play on the autoharp.

I am also one of four moderators for an international fan club website for a well known celebrity. We have a message board and sometimes get a surprise visit from our host for a cyber-chat.

Bob and I seldom eat out. As far as movies, I have a library of videos. I like the old Highway Patrol series from the 50s, as well as Star Trek, Person of Interest, just to name a few. The last movie we actually went to see was the last Star Wars movie which was awesome.

One thing that I have been enjoying is Patrick Stewart's sonnet readings on his Facebook page. I love his voice.

I always have my face mask with me. I am rather comfortable in public, although, I have only been to the grocery store, and then the pharmacy drive-thru. I did drive past the mall one day and it looked like a ghost town.

I don't expect my life to change too much. I am happy with my work. Although I talk with people over the phone, I find many people are having a hard time during this time and I am glad to be a calm voice letting them know that they are not alone. Also, thru FB, I am able to stay in touch with family members and friends who live in other areas.

Life has really changed. Not going many places, really just to the supermarket and home.

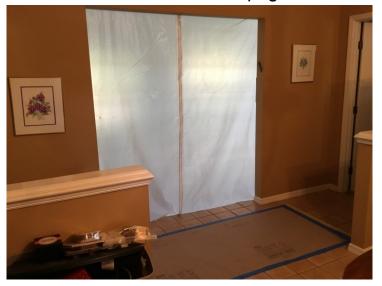
Trying to stay busy, playing games such as Mexican train. Also playing mahjong on line once a week with temple members.

Read several books, such as <u>Paris Seamstress</u>, and <u>Winter Garden</u> for Book Club among several others.

Thankful for ZOOM. Trivia is fun on Sundays. Hopefully this will end soon.

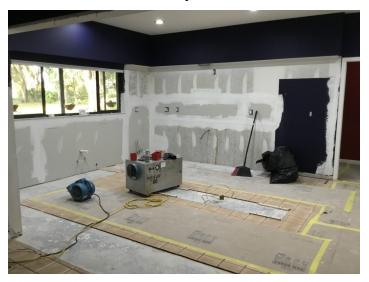
Myrna and Harvey Garbow

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Lizandra and Moshe are zipped away from construction workers as they demolish and rebuild their kitchen, eat in area and laundry room after a non essential water leak.





Our present kitchen/bathroom combination. It is the guest bathroom. Our dining/laundry room is shown set for Shavuot lunch.





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My life is going almost everyday from the house to Ira's office.... I am his captive audience since we aren't going anywhere else to speak of..... a big outing is to Auburndale for soft serve ice cream at a place Ira likes.... I am having my groceries delivered and I really like that... don't enjoy the cleaning off ritual when they get delivered but love not having to go to the store... Zoom is a huge part of my life.... that is how I see my kids and grandkids, have had several friends' Zooms which are fun and weird at the same time...I have enjoyed the Zoom services from the Temple as well as Trivia... have also attended services at a synagogue in Las Vegas that my kids tune into... celebrated 2nd seder with them that way.. it was good my granddaughter who began Hebrew this year did one of the 4 questions so of course I kvelled. I have attended my granddaughter's preschool "graduation" on Zoom and my grandson's 5th birthday party both of which i may not been a part of ordinarily because I probably would not have been there for those events in person.. so that was good. I have learned how to create a zoom conference and have had to sign in to many zoom court hearings, mediations etc. in Ira's office because that is how it is done now until July at least. It was a learning curve for me but finally have the knack of it... I am not comfortable too much in public and don't do much out and wear a mask when I do even if it is to pick up food at curbside, the bank drive through etc. I am dismayed to see that a lot of people do not wear a mask for example customers in the post office etc.

I have sent gifts of toilet paper to my kids who panicked that they were running out and couldn't find any... who would have ever thought that would be a thing. All my credit card charges now are Instacart and Amazon....

What I have missed are live performances, moving about at ease without having to think about it, and most of all my kids and grandkids and the knowledge that it may be a long time before I see them and can hug and kiss them.... that makes me sad and sometimes angry. I truly do not want to think about the new normal.

#### Tammy Serebrin

Life is very surreal during the pandemic. Since the second week of March we have been at home. We were walking around the neighborhood with our masks but now we just exercise every day on our treadmill.

We have our groceries and produce delivered to our house. Harry is now working solely from home. I've been organizing items I've talked about and redecorated a little to brighten our space. Harry has been loving cooking every day and I've made a game out of taking a picture every day showing our meals.

I rewatched Mad Men and Harry watched for the first time. Now we're watching Riverdale. We've celebrated family birthdays by drive bys or social distancing outside. We FaceTime with family and friends to stay connected. We both enjoy reading and have been trying to do that more.

We look forward to Zoom meetings and trivia. I miss my life and living it in a carefree way. Now we grab a mask even when another human is even 12 feet in proximity. We venture out on car rides but are not ready to go anywhere even with a mask. So our world looks so different than it did before March 19. That date is approximately the last time we were out in public at all.

Not being able to see our family is the hardest part of all. But we try to have a positive attitude and know this too shall pass.

Marlene and Harry Wlodawski

1) My life had changed drastically in December when I changed jobs and my soon-to-be-ex-husband moved out. When the COVID19 changes came, I was already working 100% online. I often joke to colleagues "I beat the rush to teach online!" For me, the only real change is that the three children have been home 24/7 as they don't go to school.

My thankfulness has increased. I am very thankful that I made some drastic life changes when I did. I'm in a very secure job and safe environment that gave me no stress during stay-at-home orders.

- 2) I always work from home, so no change there. The children have been doing their school work from home, which is a challenge as I'm fully employed and they have three very different curricula from gifted-advanced to special education. Sammy's education has been a particular challenge because due to his Down Syndrome, he normally has three teachers and three different types of therapists during his school day all of whom I'm supposed to replace. This all has kept me so busy, that I've not been able to do anything new. In fact, I've been busier than normal!
- 3) Zoom (and several other video conferencing platforms) became a part of my work life months ago. I have few friends and relatives, and all are distant, so it has been part of my personal life for decades. For the first time ever, it is now part of my religious life, though.
- 4) I've had less free time than before, as I already noted. I did get a lot of yard work done because I've decided I needed more physical activity when I wake to help counter the stresses of simultaneously working and teaching the rest of the day.
- 5) With limited time and no local friends, I rarely went out before COVID19 (I beat the rush for social distancing as well!). It is certainly very lonely, but as we just learned in Kabbalah class with Rabbi Goldstein, there was a blessing in this for me I had nothing to miss under stay-at-home restrictions! The kids miss LEGOLAND and I miss the opportunity to wear them out.
- 6) I'm very comfortable in public. My natural introverted tendency is to avoid crowds and keep a distance from strangers, so I of course continue doing that! I don't let the virus keep me from doing what I need to do, but I try to limit risks and go to stores when they are less busy and as infrequently as possible. I wear a mask when I may be somewhat close to others, but out of respect and concern for them rather than to protect myself.
- 7) For the next few months, the new normal will be reduced capacity at businesses and more concerns over cleanliness. But human tendency is to tune out dangers that stay too long and to go back to what is comfortable. I have acquaintances in countries such as Iran that were hit early. They are reporting that everything is near normal and continues to go towards it more and more each day. In months, we'll be nearly back to how things were before. In years, things will settle again and this will all be a shared memory that we talk about sometimes. The events have accelerated some changes that were underway such as white-collar jobs being worked at home, children or family at home with those who work at home, online education, and the increase of awareness of equity issues such as food security and Internet access for children. However, I do hope that some other things stick, too. I hope that people continue to be considerate of each other, show more concern for health and the environment, and keep at least some of the positive reprioritization that has occurred in their lives.

Melissa Morris

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- 1. All of my classes switched to "remote learning," which has meant a change in my pedagogical style. Mostly, I taught classes on-line in Zoom, but performance-based assignments were especially tough: I have my students perform scenes from Shakespeare and that just couldn't happen! Instead, I asked the directors to provide detailed stage directions in their scripts and had the students do a "read-through" with narration by the director. Not the same, but it worked.
- 2. I was designated "essential personnel" and I have been walking in to work each day. My building is pretty much empty and I have been tasked with keeping the plants alive and generally checking on the building. I share the space with the Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, so I have definitely forged a relationship (from six feet away) with her.
- 3. I had to actually sign up and pay for Zoom for the months I was using it for work. I decided not to keep the subscription, but if I have to teach remotely again, I'll likely pay for it again. The extra money meant that I had unlimited meeting times and some functions (like recording) that allowed me to better work with my students.
- 4. I am now addicted to on-line puzzles. My favorite site at the moment is jigidi.com because you can search for particular artists. I also like jigsawexplorer and jigsawplanet. They are dangerous, so use caution if you like solving puzzles!
- 5. I miss hugs more than anything. I certainly continue to hug my family, but there are so many people I see and I have to keep my distance. I do like movies and restaurants, but the close physical contact is what I miss most, I think.
- 6. I wear a facemask at stores and with people I don't see very often. When I visit people—which I have done to bring things or check up on people—I am more careful with those who I think are high risk.
- 7. I'm not really sure. I'd like to think that we will be able to get back to just "being" in places, but I know that will not be the case. I want to continue to respect people's desire for distance and yet still be a welcoming person. That balance is particularly hard when there is suspicion and fear of others.

Cat Eskin

My main project has been to digitize and electronically save all of my hard copy photos. I have scanned literally thousands of pictures over the last three months. Looking at my grandparents and my wife's grandparents in photos taken soon after their arrival from Russia, Poland and the Ukraine makes me realize that I am alive now because these people, some still children at the time, and my great grandparents somehow had the chutzpah to cross Europe and board a boat to an unknown country with almost no worldly possessions or funds. Of course, given the Pogroms, what choice did they have? I view this as the second great diaspora. Not only that, they survived the 1918 flu pandemic. I wish that Yiddush would have been taught as a child so that I could have understood some of their stories. In their view, however, this was the language that was spoken when they didn't want us to know what they were talking about. NEVER were Russian or Polish spoken. Still, those pictures bring back many fond memories. As I progress through the pictures which tell the stories of our lives, I have made an effort to reconnect with people I have not seen or spoken to in 50 years. This is a very uplifting endeavor during these times and will definitely lower your sense of isolation. I highly recommend it. Remember, stayed masked, keep your distance and stop drinking Mexican beer.

Mark Donald

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How has life changed, well I don't get to socialize with my friends in person, that is awful and I miss people's faces. I don't look forward to weekends much anymore, one day just runs into the next. I do look forward to Mondays when I get to play mahjong via computer and face time.

Our summer vacation to NY that included a wedding has been cancelled. Zoom was ok for a while but I do not love it. I was out of work for a few weeks but I'm back at work, Jim works at Lowe's and hasn't skipped a beat we are grateful for that. While I was out of work I learned I have no patience for puzzles and all things I put off have nothing to do with having no time.

I like to be out and about and cleaning out closets is just no fun!! I could say I love spending time with my kids and I do but we have always eaten dinner together and have been fortunate to always make family time.

The good thing for us is we have gotten a lot of yard work done on our weekends. Put up a fence that has been coming down since the last hurricane. I binge watched "Mad Men", "Dead to Me", and currently watching "The Outerbanks".

Kyle is graduating high school and has put in an application for Publix warehouse, he is thinking about his next step. Kayla is busy, doing Zoom meetings every day for her job as the university's student body vice president.

I do not know what the new normal is. I pray every day that they will have a cure/vaccine ASAP. I go back and forth how I feel in public, I carry wipes and hand sanitizer, what else can you do?

Jim says we should do services in the parking lot. Bring your own chairs. Sit in your car. Set up a speaker system etc. (and he just added that, lol)

Lori Dougherty

Marvin Wyman writes: I have been making face masks like gang busters. I gave my Doctors each about 10 and Lakeland general about 100, the Lakeland police & Fire, and Polk Sheriff departments each 40. So you see I have been not been idle!

I wouldn't say my life has changed a great deal. Prior to the pandemic my life had greatly changed due to not working anymore and my closest friends either dying or having health issues. What I rediscovered while getting used to self isolation is that I need to have a schedule and/or purpose. I soon found that I needed to set up the schedule. So I decided to "kill two birds with one stone." By doing this I got things cleaned, DVR cleaned out, and lots of magazines read. I have missed not being able to meet for lunch, dinner, social affairs and movies.

I started watching "Grace and Frankie". Great actors and funny. I learned how to use Zoom and I have become a regular Friday night Temple person. I do miss my volunteering greatly. I do miss not seeing people and not being touched by someone. I am wearing a face mask. I do believe that option will be around for awhile. I do think that people will be worried about closeness until a vaccine is available. The pandemic has made me think about my life as I am aging and things that I want to do in my life.

Joan Greenbaum

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This current pandemic has altered every ones routine. My memory of a viral infection in the country was the swine flu inoculation I received at the old Sears town in the 70's. "Quarantine" drives from Italy when they had the Black plague, the Venetians knew about transmission so they required all care ships spend 40 days on an isolated island in the lagoon before unloading their cargo. The sad facts is that our government officials worry more about business rather than the science about avoiding the loss of 100,000 people.

Personally Bonnie and I have isolated ourselves from everyone, we wear masks to Publix, Sam's, Palace Pizza, and any outing. Bonnie is always working on a new puzzle, and the price of new ones have doubled due to delivery problems. At the start we began cleaning out cabinets, reorganizing storage areas, cleaning, cleaning. I have replaced old bushes, had roof cleaned, had driveway resurfaced.

We had planned a special all family trip to Austin Texas to celebrate my mother-in-law's 90th birthday which has been cancelled. I currently have tickets to fly to Rome in Sept. for a 3 week driving trip to follow James Bond drive to Switzerland as in "Goldfinger", but we are not sure if this is possible.

Businesses are asked to control transmission of a virus with no medical training and that is doomed to fail. Last night I went to pick up pizza, I wore a mask, the workers who wore a mask several weeks ago now discarded them now. We cannot expect untrained people to get it.

The selection of TV shows is poor, redundant, and boring. I even started back on the Temple Dues adjustment committee which I said I will never do again after 30 years. Bonnie plays Mahjong remotely, every afternoon we play gin rummy, and walk if the temperature is under 95.

I just received a travel book on Romania, they still have watering troughs in the towns for the livestock. I am planning future trips to Poland, Machu Picchu, and France. It is hard to avoid crowds wherever you go but we try. We use our masks wherever we go.

Marvin Odro

Life since COVID-19 has returned to a weird kind of normal for me. Allow me to explain... My favorite thing to do a few times a week is to get into my car, crank up some upbeat music, open the windows and sunroof and drive down a country road with little traffic and few lights, sometimes maybe a bit over the speed limit, hair flying in the wind, feeling free and happy.

I did this before and I will probably always make time to do it from now on. I truly began this escape a couple of decades ago when I had to isolate or "hibernate" living in MA. I called my car, "my mobile bubble", an homage to my disease, commonly referred to as "the Bubble Boy disease".

Every fall, sometimes toward the end of summer depending upon the flu season that year, I would self-isolate, stay home through the spring. Everything was either delivered, including food (once you get to know who picks out your produce it tends to improve) or picked up by a family member.

If I wasn't sick, I loved to take drives, anything to get me out of the house. A 5 minute drive, I was at a large lake and a 20-30 min drive, the Atlantic (the ocean is so peaceful in the winter and the air is fresh and healthy for my lungs!) The drive must include a natural, beautiful view, or "the pretty" as I would jokingly refer to it with my kids. "I have to go out and see the pretty", I would tell them. And it still is!!

Sheri Hewson

## CONGRATULATE OUR GRADS!



Marilyn Signer's great granddaughter, Molly Gleicher. Daughter of Brian and Abby Signer Gleicher. Granddaughter of Arnie and Susan Signer. Molly graduated from Wootton High School in Potomac, MD.

Molly will be a Florida Gator as were her mother and father. Molly played soccer and several years ago her team won the Silver Medal in the Maccabi Games. She was then on the Wootton lacrosse team.

We are all so proud of her.

Valerie Dennis, daughter of Beth and Michael Dennis, graduated from the University of Central Florida with a Bachelors of Art in Technical Writing.

She has been working full-time at Publix while taking 2-3 courses per semester online.





Harlan Ticatch graduated May 22, 2020 from the U.S. Naval Academy with honors and with distinction. He earned a B.S. degree in Weapons, Robotics, and Control Engineering and will begin training as a Naval Aviator in Pensacola, Florida, and then Corpus Christie. Texas.

Harlen is the son of Nathan and Paula Ticatch and grandson of Robert and Doris Trohn.



Rebeccah Ana Lipson, daughter of Ana and Eric Lipson. graduated from Groton School in Groton, MA, where she was prefect (leader) of the chess club, Jewish student association and the Diversity and Inclusion Club.

Her activities also included theater production, cross-country, and ice hockey. She was a violinist in the school orchestra.

She will be attending Occidental College in Los Angeles, in the fall.

Kyle Doughtery, son of Jim and Lori Dougherty, is graduating from George Jenkins on June 10th.

He is graduating with honors and some college credits.

Kyle is still deciding what he would like to do. He is thinking about going to a trade school.





Ariel Vugman is graduating from George Jenkins high school.

She is the daughter of Temple members Alex and Galina Vugman.

Ariel will be attending USF in the fall.

She spent her spare time in high school volunteering at Peace River Center.



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