Welcome to the

Temple Institute’s Twenty-fifth Anniversary

Gala

Dinner

Please note that this book contains the sacred name of Hashem, found on page 9. As an aspect of the commandment to revere G-d’s name and the prohibition against blaspheming it, according to Torah law this book must be treated with respect. It is forbidden to destroy Hashem’s name, throw it away or to take it into an unclean place such as a restroom.
‘From Heart to Heart’

A Personal Message from Rabbi Yisrael Ariel
Founder and Head of the Temple Institute, Jerusalem

It is a great joy and honor for me to send my personal blessings to the participants of this gala, being held in honor of the Temple of G-d in Jerusalem, on the occasion of the Temple Institute’s 25th anniversary.

The Holy Temple is the very heart and the center of the entire world. In the words of Ezekiel the prophet (Ez. 38:12), the Holy Temple is ‘the navel of the earth.’ Commenting on this verse, our sages explain that “the Land of Israel sits in the center of the world; Jerusalem, at the center of the Land of Israel; and the Holy Temple, at the center of Jerusalem.”

The concept of the Holy Temple is deeply rooted throughout the Torah and Prophets, and thus we find G-d’s words to King Solomon at the time of the dedication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem (Kings I 9:3): “I have heard your prayer… and My eyes and My heart shall be there all the days.” That is to say, the Creator promised Solomon that His ‘heart’ would always be focused on the ‘heart’ – on the Holy Temple.

This is also our blessing to those who have come to take part in this celebration, in the very heart of the other side of the world. We raise our eyes and our prayers to the ‘heart.’ May He who dwells in Heaven hear now the beating of our hearts, and accept our prayers and our supplications for the rebuilding of the Holy Temple.

It is our great joy to bless you:

Just as each one’s heart now turns to the heart of the Holy One, blessed be He, so too may His heart turn towards the household of each of you who participate in this holy gathering. May He cause His presence and His blessings to dwell in your homes. The sages of Israel explain that G-d promises: “If you come to My house… I will come to your house” (BT Sukkah 53a).

May we all merit to the fulfillment of the verse (Isaiah 66:23) “And it shall come to pass that at every New Moon and on every Sabbath, all mankind will come to prostrate themselves before Me, says Hashem.”

With heartfelt blessings – May we meet soon in the Holy Temple!

Rabbi Yisrael Ariel
The Temple Institute
ברכה מלכ אל לב

שמחת גדולה לני ובודו רבי, לברך את השתרפים למסיבה, הגרותך לכבוד מקדים

ביורשים, במלאת צפי יוצל שגיא ל_focus מקדים.

בית המקדש Хо ל עולם וחרץ חומת, וזכריך צוֹדֶה הנבנא, הכהרה להבי המקדש

שבר האירה' (יזקאל ח', יב). מפרשים חכמינו ד'ל: "ארים י샵א ורשב באמטעהו של

עולמ, וירוחים באמעט ארמ יראל. ובח המקדש באמעט ירושלים.

בית המקדש בה בבר מרני בחרות ובבנייה, וכ' אמרו: ‚שלמה באחת בח

המקדש ירושלים (מלכים א', ט, ג): ‚שמעתי את חפירות... ווהי עזר ולבך של

הימן‘, כלומר, לייבי של בר אורי הואול מרוכז כל בל"ב - מקדש.

וזrowave בברכה עלפי המיסיב וירוחם בשעת ובבל צרי הקדש השה: כלון נשיאים

את עיניהם והפילתם על כל לב. והרש שברים שמרם בשעת ואות פטרות לעבון, מקדש כה

תפילוני ואות בקשותינו לכלין בין המדהש.

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бавיתכם, וברכשת על ידי חכמי ישראל בחפירים (ס否則, א): ‚אם תבאו אל בית – אר

אובא אל ביתך.

נקהל כללו לקיים הפוסק בירושיאו, מ. כ: ‚ברית רפי ויבלושי היום, וד שירת

יובא לכל ביא כן יהושע לקפי אפרים ה'".
The Temple Institute is a non-profit educational organization in Jerusalem, Israel. It is dedicated to every aspect of the Divine commandment to ‘Make for Me a Sanctuary, and I will dwell among them’ (Ex. 25:8). This goal encompasses Biblical, archeological and scientific scholarship pertaining to the history of Jerusalem and its unique significance for the Jewish people as well as its place in the collective human consciousness. The Institute’s research places particular emphasis on the concept of the Temple of Jerusalem’s relationship to all mankind, highlighting the idea that, in the words of the prophet Isaiah, “My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.” This prophetic vision of world peace and harmony has been Israel’s goal for two millennium.

Based on the findings of its team of scholars and researchers, the Temple Institute creates the klei sharet, the sacred vessels for the Holy Temple. These vessels are kosher according to halacha and are ready to use in the Divine service. This is part of the Institute’s program of preparing for the Temple. The Institute has published many works of scholarship and has created educational curriculum that reconnect humanity with the ancient truths and values that Israel bequeathed to the world, bringing the world of the Holy Temple alive.

The Temple Institute maintains a unique exhibition in Jerusalem’s Old City that has received numerous awards from Israel’s Ministry of Education. Visitors from all around the globe come to this exhibit and receive great inspiration and hope. In today’s world, overrun by violence and cynical manipulation, the concept of the Holy Temple represents a fleeting glimpse at what might be possible when mankind reunites as one family. In the words of the prophet Hagai, ‘In this place I will grant peace.’

The Institute’s International Department is charged with educating English-speaking people the world over about the Holy Temple. Its members travel across the globe, lecturing and teaching. The department maintains an award-winning website, www.templeinstitute.org, that receives thousands of visitors each day. This comprehensive website is the most educational Temple resource available on the Internet in the English language. The department also broadcasts weekly internet radio and video Torah classes with regular viewers in over 150 countries. Over 800 quality educational videos have been produced. In June, 2012, the Institute’s International Department created a viral video for Tisha B’Av, ‘The Children are Ready,’ seen by 400,000 people the world over. This video rocked the notion of mourning for the Holy Temple, infusing Jewish people everywhere with a vision of hope.
A Sampling of Sacred Vessels Produced by the Temple Institute

These vessels are ready for use in the Holy Temple

The Menorah

You shall make a Menorah of pure gold, hammered out shall the Menorah be made, its base, its shaft, its cups, its knobs, and its blossoms shall be hammered from it. - Ex. 25:31

Within the Holy Temple, the Menorah, made from a single piece of solid gold, stands in the southern side of the Sanctuary. Each morning a priest prepares and rekindles the wicks. The central wick, known as the ‘western candle’ is required to burn perpetually. The oil and wicks of this candle are changed in such a fashion as to insure that it will never be extinguished.

The light of the Menorah, shining from within the holy area of the Holy Temple, represents the light of the Shechina, the Divine Presence, shining forth into the world from Jerusalem.

The Menorah was painstakingly crafted following years of extensive research by the Temple Institute’s staff of scholars and researchers. The conclusions upon which the construction of the Menorah was based took into account the halachic (Jewish law) requirements of materials, dimensions, ornamental affects and manner of manufacture as first delineated in the Book of Exodus, and further expounded upon by the sages throughout the millennia. Archeological evidence and scientific principals were also factors in the Menorah’s construction.

The Menorah fashioned by the Temple Institute weighs one-half ton. It contains 45 kilograms of 24 karat gold. Its estimated value is approximately three million dollars. The construction of the Menorah was made possible through the generosity of Vadim Rabinovitch, a leader of the Jewish community of Ukraine.

The Menorah currently sits in an open plaza next to the Rabbi Yehudah HaLevy Stairs, which lead from the Jewish Quarter to the Western Wall plaza and the Temple Mount. Millions of pilgrims and tourists pass by each year. The Jerusalem Municipality has renamed the plaza “Vadim Rabinovitch Square.”
And you shall make a table of acacia wood, two cubits its length, one cubit its width, and a cubit and a half its height. And you shall overlay it with pure gold... and you shall make for it a golden crown all around. And you shall make for it a frame a handbreadth [wide] all around, and you shall make a golden crown for its frame all around. And you shall make for it four golden rings, and you shall place the rings on the four corners that are on its four legs. The rings shall be opposite the frame as holders for the poles [with which] to carry the table. And you shall make the poles of acacia wood, and you shall overlay them with gold, and the table shall be carried with them. And you shall make its forms, its spoons, its half pipes, and its supports with which it will be covered; of pure gold you shall make them. And you shall place on the table showbread before Me at all times.

- Exodus 25:23-30

Bezichin – The Frankincense Vessels

The two golden bezichin - frankincense censers, referred to in the above passage from Exodus as spoons, are an essential element of the Golden Table of the Showbread and the service of the showbread. These two bezichin were used to contain the two handfuls of frankincense that the priests were instructed to place upon the table beneath the twelve loaves of the lechem hapanim - showbread. The twelve loaves were replaced every Shabbat and the loaves that were removed were given to the outgoing shift of priests to eat in the Chamber of the Hearth, located along the Temple Courtyard. New loaves were set in their place simultaneously, and together with them the two golden censers of fresh frankincense that are placed on the table. Our sages tell us that the showbread never grew stale, that it remained hot and fresh, and that even a morsel of the bread was filling and satisfying the priests that ate it.

And you shall take fine flour and bake it [into] twelve loaves. Each loaf shall be [made from] two tenths [of an ephah of flour]. And you place them in two stacks, six in each stack, upon the pure table, before HaShem. And you shall place pure frankincense alongside each stack, and it shall be a reminder for the bread, a fire offering to HaShem. Each and every Sabbath day, he shall set it up before HaShem [to be there] continuously, from the children of Israel an eternal covenant. And it shall belong to Aaron and his sons, and they shall eat it in a holy place, for it is holy of holies for him, among the fire offerings of HaShem, an eternal statute.

- Leviticus 24:5-9

The Frankincense Censers created by the Temple Institute are each made of 150 grams of 14 carat gold. Their design is the result of intensive research, planning and painstaking craftsmanship. The bezichin, like all the vessels created by the Temple Institute, are made in strict accordance to the word of Torah, as it has been handed down from generation to generation since its revelation on Mount Sinai. And like all the vessels created by the Temple Institute, the bezichin are intended for use in the Divine service of the Holy Temple, may we merit to rebuild it soon.
One of the main aspects of the holiday of Sukkot (Tabernacles) is the Biblical commandment, “And you shall be glad on your holiday, and you shall be only joyful” (Deut. 16:14). Indeed, the pilgrims who arrived in Jerusalem at the Temple’s courtyard came to rejoice. The focus of this rejoicing was the ceremony surrounding the unique, once-a-year Mosaic commandment to pour water on the altar - the water libation. This commandment was transmitted orally by G-d to Moses on Mount Sinai and is associated with prayerful anticipation for the coming year’s life-giving rain. It is also alluded to in the verse, “You shall draw water with joy from the springs of salvation” (Isaiah 12:1).

The Mishna (Sukkah Ch. 5) teaches:
“Whoever has not seen the celebration of the water libation has never experienced the feeling of true joy. Great lamps of gold were hoisted, with four golden bowls at the top of each lamp. Four young priests-in-training would climb to the top, carrying immense oil jugs with which they would fill the bowls. Once lighted, there was not a courtyard in all of Jerusalem that did not glow with the light that emanated from the celebration in the Temple courtyard. As the people sang, the righteous and pious men would dance before the people while juggling flaming torches. The Levites, standing on the fifteen steps that descend from the Court of Israel to the Women’s Court, played on lyres, harps, trumpets and many other instruments. Two priests who blew silver trumpets stood at the top of the stairs on either side of the entrance to the great gate of the Court.

Men, women and children participated in the immense joy of the water libation - some directly, while others stood and watched. Special elevated balconies were constructed to enable the righteous women of Israel to watch the wise men of the Sanhedrin as they danced. At dawn, the assembly proceeded with melody and song to the spring of Shiloach, at the foot of the walls of Jerusalem. One priest carried with him a special decanter and filled it with the sparkling spring water. Then the congregation ascended again to the Temple, led by the priest who bore the sacred vessel. Arriving at the Temple, he brought the decanter up to the altar, and poured the water into the silver cup at the corner of the altar.

This ceremony was accompanied by yearning and prayers for blessing on the earth and its produce. On a deeper level, it was also directly connected to the reception of prophetic inspiration. The libation vessels were designed and created by the famed HaTzorfim company, Israel’s most prestigious craftsmen of fine Judaica. The owners of this company felt a deep stirring to begin creating vessels for the new Temple.
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- Exodus 25:23-30

Within the holy Sanctuary of the Temple, on the northern side, stands the Table of the Showbread. It is a commandment to constantly display twelve loaves of specially baked bread – corresponding to the twelve tribes of Israel – on this table, before the Shechina – the Divine Presence of G-d. The table is constructed of wood and overlain with gold. The table weighs several hundred kilograms. The twelve loaves rested on atop another in two groups of six. Golden tubes separated the loaves.

Each Sabbath, the loaves are simultaneously removed and changed, replaced by fresh loaves, so as to insure that these loaves remain "perpetually" on the table. Four pairs of priests entered the Sanctuary: two pairs to replace the showbread and two pairs to replace the golden censors of frankincense. In this manner, not even a moment passed when the breads where not in their proper place on the table, as the Biblical commandment requires (‘at all times’). Tradition relates that a miracle constantly occurred: when the previous week's loaves were removed, they were found to be fresh and warm, as if they had just been baked. These loaves are distributed among the priests. The lesson is clear: that which is found in the presence of G-d can never grow old or stale.
The tzitz, commonly referred to as the High Priest’s crown, though this is an inaccurate description. The tzitz is actually a plate, fashioned from one single piece of pure gold. It is worn across the forehead, extending from ear to ear, and held in place by a string dyed in the same techelet sky-blue color as used in all the High Priest’s garments. The tzitz bears the inscription: ‘Holy to Hashem,’ and is worn by the High Priest at all times, while he is officiating in the Holy Temple. This is the meaning of the verse, “And it shall be worn on Aaron’s forehead, that he shall carry the iniquity of the holy things which the Children of Israel shall sanctify in all their holy gifts; and it shall always be upon his forehead, that they may be accepted before Hashem” (Ex. 28:38).

The tzitz was attached by techelet-dyed threads and kept in place on the High Priest’s forehead. According to Talmudic sources, it was worn on top of a special sky-blue woolen cap, as seen in this illustration.

The incense vessel holds the Torah’s requirement of ‘half a portion’ (approx. 200 grams) of the incense offering ingredients. According the Mishna in Tractates Yoma and Tamid, the vessel features handles, and a covering equipped with a small bell. The vessel is carried into the Sanctuary of the Temple, where the golden incense altar stands. The vessel was placed on top of a second vessel resembling a tray, so that if any of the ingredients should fall they would be gathered into the lower vessel. Upon entering the Sanctuary the priest sounds the small ring-shaped bell seen on the top of the incense vessel’s cover.

The holy Zohar teaches that the incense offering was the most beloved part of the Temple service in G-d’s eyes. This is because the incense represents the elusive quality of unity, so highly valued by the Al-mighty. This twice-daily service required the participation of three priests. When the incense was spread over the coals on the golden incense altar, a straight column of smoke rose up to the ceiling, spreading out and filling the entire Sanctuary.
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Lance & Darla Deckard

Our ever-faithful and devoted friends Mr. and Mrs. Lance & Darla Deckard, who skillfully and dependably manage the daily affairs of the Temple Institute, Inc. with sincerity and fidelity, not as duty but as a mission, working unfailingly towards the vision they treasure of the rebuilding of the Holy Temple for the restoration of the honor of Hashem, who open up to us their home and their hearts with earnest warmth and love.

Steve & Barbara Claus

Our precious friend and highly beloved counselor Mr. Steve Claus, a great champion of Torah and truth, who exudes love of Hashem, who provides the Temple Institute with invaluable direction, advice and wisdom with all his heart, standing ever ready to aid and assist, without whose guidance this dinner would not have come to pass.

Brian Jones and Joy Beth Holley

Our dear and cherished friends Brian David Jones and Joy Beth Holley, great and sincere servants of Hashem, who have faithfully provided the Temple Institute with professional hosting and internet services ever since the invention of the Internet… plus complete technical guidance, love and patience, insight and understanding, abundant support – and much, much more that cannot be described.

Brody & Jan Gibson

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The stalwart and tireless Mr. & Mrs. Zev & Yocheved Leah Woodward and Mr. & Mrs. Brian & Camie Davis, lifelong friends of the Temple Institute whose passion for the Temple knows no bounds, who have labored ceaselessly and tirelessly, working endless hours, day and night, with the unparalleled dedication that can only accompany a labor of love, who literally conceived and then carried the Temple Institute's 25th Anniversary Gala full term, persevered during its difficult labor, and gave birth to it, with thanks to the Al-mighty for all His miracles.

Our sweetest and dearest Mr. and Mrs. Yonah Barrett, whose deep commitment for Torah guides their every step, who toil with love, transmitting that to us in many ways, who utilize accomplished and superb technical knowhow, for the building of the Holy Temple and the dissemination of Torah knowledge and the advancement of Hashem, Torah and Israel with no thought of reward.

Our loyal, steadfast and devoted friends, Mr. and Mrs. Yedidya and Emuna Smith, the most faithful of servants, who tirelessly give of themselves, putting their own needs as naught, seeking only to serve, constantly on guard as warriors who know no fear but the fear of Heaven, providing for our needs, all for the honor of Hashem and the Holy Temple, and for the love of Torah and Israel.

Special thanks to our superb audio/visual team: Mr. Brian D. Jones, Mr. Brian Davis, Mr. Yonah Barrett and Mr. Jim Long. Special thanks to our security team: Mr. Sharir Richman, Mr. Anthony Harwood, Mr. & Mrs. Yedidya Smith, and the GOC. And to all those who are too numerous to name who continue to stand by the Temple Institute…

For All This and So Much More – Thank You.
“Thus said Hashem, Master of Legions: This nation has said, ‘The time has not yet come!’ But I say, It is time for the Temple of Hashem to be rebuilt!” (Hagai 1:2)

“It will happen in the end of days: The mountain of the Temple of Hashem will be firmly established as the head of the mountains, and it will be exalted above the hills, and all the nations will stream to it...for from Zion will the Torah come forth, and the word of Hashem from Jerusalem” (Isaiah 2)

Dr. and Mrs. Alex and Irene Shraga are wholeheartedly committed to educating the people of Israel and all of humanity, about the great importance of the Temple Mount. They share the prophets’ vision of the Holy Temple, and their selfless generosity has greatly aided the Temple Institute in embarking upon a new series of educational projects that advance these goals. Their warm friendship, wise counsel, welcome assistance and sincere concern for Israel’s future have become a guiding light for the Institute. With deep gratitude the Temple Institute presents Dr. and Mrs. Shraga with the Mount Moriah Award for Promoting Temple Awareness.
Mr. & Mrs. Sam and Brenda Peak

“For Ezra set his heart to expound the Torah of Hashem and to fulfill and to teach its statute and law in Israel” (Ezra 7:10).

“I am Hashem; I have called you with righteousness; I will strengthen your hand; I will protect you; I will set you for a covenant to the people, for a light to the nations; to open blind eyes; to remove a prisoner from confinement, dwellers in darkness from a dungeon” (Isaiah 42)

Sam Peak has dedicated his life to teaching Torah, bringing his teaching and wisdom to every corner of the Southwest, though his influence reaches far beyond this region. Indeed he has touched so many lives and has brought spiritual sustenance, blessing and knowledge to countless families and individuals. None of this would be possible but for Brenda, a true woman of valor, who encourages and supports Sam in his life’s work of sanctifying Hashem’s name. Together they are a shining example of selfless dedication. Sam and Brenda are lifelong supporters of the Temple Institute, and so much of what the Institute has accomplished is due to their help. With love and esteem, the Temple Institute presents Sam and Brenda Peak with the Ezra Award for Torah education.
Noahide Lifetime Achievement Award

Mr. & Mrs. Bill and Carole Gibson

“For then I will change the nations to speak a pure language so that they will all proclaim the name of Hashem to worship Him with a united resolve” (Zephaniah 3)

“Rabbi Meir taught: A Gentile who occupies himself with the study of Torah in order to fulfill it, is as great as the High Priest” (Sanhedrin 59.)

At great personal sacrifice and with humility, love and perseverance, Tuvia and Batya (Bill and Carole) Gibson established the South Plains Hebraic Center, which has become a pioneering Noahide community in the heart of West Texas. They are role models and leaders of their community. May Hashem bless them to see the Center take its place as a place of Torah education for generations to come. Tuvia and Batya endeavor to raise their family with true love and fear of G-d, and they work tirelessly for their community. The Gibsons are greatly dedicated to helping the Temple Institute towards the vision of the Holy Temple and their friendship is treasured. The Temple Institute is profoundly honored to present them with the Noahide Lifetime Achievement Award.
“Thus said Hashem: I recall for you the kindness of your youth, the love of your nuptials, you followed Me into the wilderness, into an unsown land” (Jer. 2:2)

“At the splitting of the sea, Nachson jumped into the water first, and his merit the waters parted so that the entire nation could pass through on dry land…” (Midrash)

For many years, Mrs. Devora Chana (Darla) Deckard has been an educator and resource center for numerous people seeking a greater understanding of the Torah. At times this was at great personal sacrifice. Like Nachson the son of Amidav, prince of the tribe of Judah, she forged a path of understanding and knowledge where none had gone before, enabling others to follow. Her selfless dedication served as an inspiration to those whose lives she touched. Together with her family, she longs for the rebuilding of the Holy Temple and works alongside her husband Lance with great diligence to aid and assist the work of the Temple Institute.

In recognition and deep appreciation of these accomplishments, and of her commitment and love for Torah, the Temple Institute presents Mrs. Deckard with the Nachshon Award for Trailblazing.
The Guardians of the Children

“He has told you, O man, what is good, what does Hashem require of you – but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your G-d” (Micah 6:8)

“I returned and contemplated all the acts of oppression that are committed beneath the sun: Behold! Tears of the oppressed with none to comfort them, and their oppressors have the power – with none to comfort them” (Ecc. 4:1)

“...And the streets of Jerusalem with be filled with boys and girls playing in its streets” (Zech. 8:5)

True righteousness can only be measured by deeds. To champion those who are suffering, to rescue the abused and vulnerable, to confront the forces of evil...to hear the cries of a child and to stop the cycle of pain...this is true righteousness. Our sages teach that whoever saves one soul, is credited with saving the entire world. The Guardians of the Children are a group of dedicated men and women who stand ready to act on behalf of those who cannot protect themselves.

A special relationship has been formed between the Temple Institute of Jerusalem and the South Plains, Texas chapter of the Guardians of the Children. The vision of the Holy Temple is that of a world united by love and true justice...a world wherein the Divine image in which man was created is untarnished by exploitation and violence.

In recognition of their selfless motivation and actions on behalf of children at risk, the Temple Institute presents the South Plains chapter of the Guardians of the Children with the Tikun Olam Award for Community Service.
Visiting The Temple Mount

...Arise,

let us ascend to Zion,

to Hashem our G-d!

- Jer. 31:5
The Temple Institute's Exhibition is Expanding and Moving to a New Location

Architect's Concept for the New Exhibition

With G-d's help, the Temple Institute's Jerusalem exhibition, 'The Treasures of the Temple', will be relocating to a larger, expanded location within the Old City, in early 2013
Thank you, Sam and Brenda, for all you do.
The 300 Newsletter has touched so many and it has brought so much depth and learning into the lives of so many people.
You are so deserving of this special honor and of our sincere thanks.

Melinda P. Craddock
Tre’ John & Family
wish to take this opportunity,
on this very special occasion,
to honor
Dr. & Mrs. Alex Shraga
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Peak
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Gibson
Mrs. Darla Deckard
The Guardians of the Children
Moshe Feiglin
Rabbi Yisrael Ariel
Rabbi Richman
Verne John
and the memory of
Gilda John
We, who congregate at South Plains Hebraic Center wish to acknowledge each of the guests of honor recognized at tonight’s dinner. Hashem uses you to keep the vision of The Temple before us;
(Alex & Irene Shraga)
to teach us to know and challenge us to keep Torah;
(Sam & Brenda Peak)
leads us in our efforts to walk and grow in Torah;
(Bill & Carole Gibson)
opened the doors through which we began our journey;
(Darla Deckard)
and have been a model of the performing of mitzvot.
(Guardians of the Children)

Also, we are so grateful to Rabbi Ariel for beginning the work of building the Holy Temple - may we see the building of and its completion in our day; we are inspired by Moshe Feiglin for his willingness to be a leader who is not motivated by political expediency but is guided by his love for Hashem; and we note, in a most special way, Rabbi Richman and his wife, Rena, for their example to us, their concern for us, and the prayers they say on our behalf. We know that the responsibility of our community is a burden they have willingly taken upon themselves and for doing all this, we are most thankful!

We would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the efforts of Yitzchak Reuven; today, as a layman, he is faithful to the rebuilding of the Holy Temple; as a young soldier, he was faithful to his friend and because of his heroic action, we have a Rabbi today.

Bronze Page
Sherry Leverett
wishes to take this opportunity on this
momentous occasion to honor
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Peak and
congratulate
The Temple Institute.
The Lannom Family

wishes to take this opportunity on this

momentous occasion to wish

congratulations to

The Temple Institute.
From Blessing of the Nation

May all our brothers’ hands
who grace the dust of our land,
wherever they are, be strong.
Do not give up, in joy and song,
come together to the nation’s aid!

*Chaim Nachman Bialik*

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Congratulations to The Temple Institute on their 25th anniversary.

In honor and memory of Chaim Nachman Bialik
Poet of Israel
We at Pathology Solutions Salute:
Dr. and Mrs. Irene Shraga
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Promoting Temple Awareness
The Pilgrims

Jerusalem of gold, we see your beauty, we hear your voice
Jerusalem of gold, we fill your wells, we pour your fountains
We descend to the Dead Sea by way of Jericho
We ascend and pray on the Temple Mount
We blow your horn!
Jerusalem of gold, and of bronze, and of light
Behold we are the violins for all your songs . . .

(the pilgrims: Nga Van Duong
aka Nancy Duong
and friends)
Katherine Emunah Mancha wishes to take this opportunity on this momentous occasion to honor Mr. and Mrs. Sam and Brenda Peak.
With utmost gratitude to Hashem for His countless blessings,

With deep appreciation for the holy work of the Temple Institute, and especially
Rabbi Yisrael Ariel
and
Rabbi Chaim Richman,

In memory of Ari and Sari Horowitz z”l, whose dedication to Am Israel and Eretz Israel continues to inspire all those who they touched.

Irene and Alex Shraga and Family
Jerri Walker wishes to take this opportunity on this momentous occasion to honor Mr. and Mrs. Sam and Brenda Peak, Rabbi Richman and The Temple Institute.
Carole and I would like to extend our congratulations to all the Guests of Honor at this year’s Gala Dinner.

We would also like to thank Rabbi Ariel for his dedication towards the effort of rebuilding the Holy Temple.

We extend our most sincere appreciation to Rabbi and Rena Richman for their faithfulness to the Temple Institute.

Our grateful thanks must go to Yitzchak Reuven for his untiring efforts to be a blessing to those he serves.

Tuvia and Batya
Bill and Carole Gibson
Many, many thanks to Sam Peak for his wonderful teachings on the Hebrew Alphabet when he was on GLC. The tapes are still a blessing to me. I love you, Sam and Brenda; also Rabbi Richman.

Autrey Burke
To honor the work and teaching of Rabbi Richman and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Peak - We are blessed!

Lela Kennedy
Yasher Koach to all of the honorees and to our dear friends

IRENE AND ALEX SHRAGA

Your commitment to performing acts of chesed with the utmost of devotion and sweetness is astounding!

With love from...
Debbie and Jeffrey Chustckie
Susan and Shimmy Engelhardt
Shelley and Milton Goldman
Julie and Steven Katz
Martha Klein-Grossman
Sandy Freund and Steven Lang
Rachelle and Jack Markowitz
Robin and Sam Milrom
Suri and Steven Moskowitz
Rosalie and Charles Rothenberg
Estelle and Scott Siegel
Karen and Chajim Stern
Shulie and Jack Stroh
Doreen and Maurice Trainman
Leah and Bernie Weinberger
Congratulations to The Temple Institute and thanks to Sam & Brenda Peak, Bill & Carole Gibson, Lance & Darla Deckard, and Rabbi and Rebbetzin Richman for ALL that they do.

Mazel Tov to our dear friends, Irene and Alex Shraga on this wonderful honor.

Lori and Jeff Moskowitz Cheryl and Aaron Shmulewitz
My most sincere thanks and appreciation is extended to:
Dr. & Mrs. Shraga, for their vision of the Temple; Sam & Brenda Peak, for teaching Torah to me; Bill & Carole Gibson, for the leadership they show; The Guardians of the Children, for their good works.
My gracious respect goes to Moshe Feiglin, Rabbi Ariel, Rabbi & Rebetzin Richman and The Temple Institute. I owe a special thank you to Darla Deckard; for when I began on my path of Torah Learning, it was she who turned the stumbling blocks that were along my way into stepping stones.

Norm and Barbara Shegitz

Visiting the Temple Mount and Temple Institute was a life-changing experience. Congratulations and best wishes on the Temple Institute’s 25th Anniversary. We would like to honor Rabbi and Rena Richman, Sam and Brenda Peak, and all the Torah Teachers who guide us in our Torah study.

Anthony “Tony” and Judith Tafoya
I love the teaching of Sam Peak.
May G-d bless Sam and Brenda!

Johnel Harris

Words cannot express the deep gratitude we feel for our friend, Sam Peak. You opened our eyes and our hearts as our guide in Israel. Your exemplary Torah teaching has touched our souls. May Hashem greatly bless you and Brenda.

Mr. Coy and Dea Bombarger
Congratulations to our good friends and neighbors, Irene and Alex Shraga on this well-deserved honor. Yasher Koach for all your hard work on behalf of the Jewish community.

Judy and Steven Shoen

Congratulations to Irene and Alex Shraga on this wonderful honor.

Debra and Abe Gulko
May we, our children, and our grandchildren merit to see the holy temple in Jerusalem standing in all its glory, soon and in our lifetime.

Lance & Darla Deckard

Congratulations and thank you to the Temple Institute and Rabbi Chaim Richman for providing teachings in English so that we might gain a new understanding of our relationship to the Holy Temple and ultimately to the awesome, heavenly Father we serve.

Your friends in Oklahoma
Dear Irene and Alex,

We are all very proud of your dedication and resolve in building up Israel, Judaism and the platforms of the redemption. May we soon eat sacrifices together in Jerusalem.

Love,
Norman, Leah, Rafi, Hannah

We stand in respectful awe and admiration of Rabbi Ariel, Rabbi and Rena Richman and all those associated with The Temple Institute. We warmly congratulate all the guests of honor. Each of you are worthy of this recognition and we are grateful for the impact each of you have had in our lives. We especially want to honor our parents, Bill and Carole Gibson, for being examples for us and teaching Torah to us, in word and deed.

The families of Brody & Jan Gibson and Kyle and Ambra Knox
Gary and Elizabeth Finkelshteyn wish to take this opportunity on this momentous occasion to honor Alex and Irene Shraga.

Thank you Rabbi & Rena Richman and Sam Peak for opening our eyes to the wonders of the Torah.

The Davis Family

Kevin and Glen Harlan wish to take this opportunity on this momentous occasion to honor Sam and Brenda Peak, Bill and Carole Gibson, Rabbi and Rena Richman and we wish to congratulate the Temple Institute.
The Waco Library Study Group wishes to express our gratitude to Shmuel Peak, the “Yiddish Cowboy”. His selfless commitment to teaching Torah has truly elevated our lives and brought us closer to Hashem. We thank you for teaching us to study Torah for the sake of Heaven.

May you be blessed as you have blessed us!

Toda Rabah Bishvil Hakol

My love for Sam Peak is much like my love for Hashem. It is as inexplicable as they are inextricable in my life and everyone in my family.

Dr. and Mrs. Jason and Jennifer Specht

Mazel Tov to Irene and Alex on your award! May you go from strength to strength.

Robyn and Chaim

Irwin and Betty Keller wish to take this opportunity on this momentous occasion to honor Alex and Irene Shraga.
Yasher Koach to the Temple Institute in recognizing and acknowledging Dr. and Mrs. Alex and Irene Shraga as Guests of Honor and bestowing them the Mount Moriah Award for Promoting Awareness. The East Brunswick NJ community is fortunate to have them as friends and Neighbors. Mazal Tov.

Lori and Alvan Small

I’m touched forever by the way you all love Hashem. Thank you.

Betty Bolin

Mazel Tov to Alex and Irene Shraga on this honor - May your family be blessed for your continued good deeds.

Kim and Harry Newmark
Sam and Brenda,
Congratulations on this special honor in the field of Torah education. I am so proud of you both for your love and dedication to this important endeavor. Love you both.

Lucy Kay Peak Robinson

Faigie and Gary Cornick wish to take this opportunity on this momentous occasion to honor
Alex and Irene Shraga.

If you build it, He will fill it.
From Jews in Brooklyn who believe in building the Holy Temple now.
Congratulations to
The Temple Institute.

Mr. & Mrs. Lester Goldsmith

Congratulations to the Temple Institute and blessings to Sam Peak for being our teacher.
Kay & Victory Sanders
The Lansing Chavurah wishes to take this opportunity on this momentous occasion to congratulate The Temple Institute and Sam Peak; and we honor Rabbi Yisrael Ariel and Rabbi Chaim Richman for all they have done.

Danna and Yair Nezaria wish to take this opportunity on this momentous occasion to honor Alex and Irene Shraga.

Mr. & Mrs. Zevulun Woodward wish to take this opportunity on this momentous occasion to congratulate The Temple Institute and to honor Sam Peak, Mrs. Darla Deckard and Rabbi Chaim & Rena Richman. What an amazing, amazing work you all are doing for the honor of Hashem’s name. May you continue from strength to strength. Much love, Zevulun & Yocheved

Tammy Rodriguez wishes to take this opportunity on this momentous occasion to honor Mr. and Mrs. Sam & Brenda Peak and to congratulate The Temple Institute.
Wayne Simpson wishes to take this opportunity on this momentous occasion to honor Mr. and Mrs. Sam & Brenda Peak.

Jim and Carole Long of Lightcatcher Productions and Lightcatcher Books want to congratulate The Temple Institute and express our sincere gratitude to all of those who continually offer support and encouragement for the rebuilding of the Third Temple.

Dearest Sam,
OY VEY!! Your teachings reached us in of all places, Massachusetts!! Your example and mentoring have completely given sight to our blindness; we are FOREVER CHANGED!
You revealed to us the truth and love of Torah.
You shared and explained the teachings of the Sages. Our trips to Israel with you, gave us a love of the Land and its People. You introduced us to our beloved Rabbi Richman and the Holy work of The Temple Institute.
Thank you to Brenda and your family for their sacrifice and support and may Hashem bless you abundantly as we move closer to the arrival of the Mashiach.
Love,
Your friends on the South Shore of Massachusetts.

Mrs. Sharon Cosby wishes to take this opportunity on this momentous occasion to honor Mr. & Mrs. Sam and Brenda Peak,
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Congratulations to our friends, Irene and Alex Shraga, on this most distinguished honor and to all the honorees for your contributions.

Francine and Carey Tajfel

Robyn and Jeff Perlman wish
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Mazel Tov to our good friends, Irene and Alex Shraga, on this honor.

Tamar and Stewart Green
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