



Dear Community Business Owner,

We would like to invite you to participate in a fundraiser for a very worthy cause. On January 27, 2018, Oak Park Temple and The Glasser Preschool will be holding a Charity Auction to benefit the school, the Temple and the Temple's extensive community outreach programs.

We expect the event to be fun, well attended and a great opportunity to showcase your business before our appreciative audience primarily composed of residents of Oak Park and River Forest.

For your information, Oak Park Temple is not just a religious center for our community but an essential part of the social fabric. Many of the programs housed or coordinated by the Temple benefit all members of the Oak Park/River Forest neighborhood irrespective of their religious affiliation.

An example is the Homeless shelter housed in the Temple building every Tuesday night. Another is the Temple's community garden which is tended by Temple members. All produce from the garden is donated throughout the summer to our local food bank. Yet another is the Temple's participation in the Community of Congregations, a local network of religious bodies seeking to build bridges between Oak Park houses of prayer and our neighbors across Austin Avenue. This past year, Temple members adopted a refugee family from Syria. Not only have the members of this Muslim family been welcomed with donations from Temple members, but integrated into the community in a way in which we should all feel proud.

Funds from the Temple power the Social Justice Program which works to achieve economic and racial justice, support gun control and stop global warming. Rabbi Weiss, the Rabbi of Oak Park Temple, has been invited to speak at rallies for equality and social justice in and around Oak Park.

The Glasser Preschool, which is housed within the Temple, is a nondominational 501C3 not-for-profit organization and is licensed and accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)- the nation's leading organization for early childhood professionals. The school provides scholarships for children who would not otherwise be able to attend, so contributions enable the school's programs to benefit more children.

These represent just a few of the ways that Oak Park Temple and the Glasser Preschool are working to change the community in which we live for the better. Your generous contribution will allow these worthy programs to continue and expand.

In advance, we thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Rob and Becky Frank

Auction Co-Chairs


Doug and Kim Katz

Max Weiss – *Rabbi* | Julie Yugend-Green – *Cantor* | Dr. Gary S. Gerson – *Rabbi Emeritus* | Shari Schindler – *President* | Robin Arbetman – *Temple Educator*
Danielle Sandler – *Temple Administrator* | Marci Sperling Flynn – *Preschool Director*