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**THE TEMPLE ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD OFFICERS:
*PATTY MARKS TO LEAD 750-MEMBER CONGREGATION***

Nashville, Tenn. – The Board of Trustees of The Temple - Congregation Ohabai Sholom in Belle Meade has named its officers for 2008-09.

They are: President Patrice “Patty” Marks; Vice President Randall “Randy” Goldstein; Treasurer Rafael “Ray” Berk; and Secretary Ralph Levy, Jr., all of Nashville.

Patty Marks is the 55th president of The Temple, which has historical beginnings dating back to 1851 in Nashville when The Temple purchased cemetery property. Marks also will be the fourth woman president to serve, joining the ranks of Elise “Lisa” Small, serving as president from 1993 to 1996; the late Suzanne Morris as president, 1992 – 1993; and the late Peggy Steine as president, 1976 to 1978. She is a para-rabbinic fellow, having received training at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, and leads a weekly women’s Torah study group at The Temple.

Marks has served as a full-time community volunteer over the last 20 years. She has shared her talents and leadership abilities in fundraising, financial administration and special events planning with numerous nonprofit organizations, including those specializing in education, social services, and literacy.

She currently serves as a board member of the Tennessee Commission on Holocaust Education and Abe’s Garden at Park Manor, an independent living community for seniors in Belle Meade whose mission is to ultimately build an “aging in place” campus for Alzheimer’s & dementia patients. She also is involved with the Nashville Adult Literacy Council.

Vice President Randall Goldstein is senior vice president, financial advisor of Morgan Keegan & Company. Treasurer Ray Berk is a lawyer of the firm, Ray H. Berk, Attorney at Law. Secretary Ralph Levy is counsel of the regional law firm of Frost Brown Todd, LLC in Nashville.

Founded in 1851, The Temple, Congregation Ohabai Sholom, www.templenashville.org, is Nashville, Tenn.’s oldest and largest Jewish congregation. As a reform congregation, The Temple has over 750 members and serves the Middle Tennessee region, including Davidson and Williamson Counties with Mark Schifftan serving as its senior rabbi.