Temple Value Value

Shabbat Services:

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Friday, January 4 Shabbat Hallelu/Camp Shabbat	7:45 PM
Saturday, January 5 Vaera Saturday Morning Minyan	. <u>.</u> 9:30 AM
Friday, January 11 Erev Shabbat Service with Choir	
Saturday, January 12 Bo Simchat Shabbat Tiny Tot Shabbat Saturday Morning Minyan	.9:30 AM
Friday, January 18 Zimrat Shabbat/MLK Shabbat	.7:45 PM
Saturday, January 19 Beshalach Saturday Morning Minyan	. <u>.</u> 9:30 AM
Friday, January 25 Pre-Oneg Erev Shabbat Service	. 5:00 PM . 6:00 PM
Saturday, January 26 Yitro Simchat Shabbat Saturday Morning Minyan	9:00 AM 9:30 AM
Friday, February 1 Shabbat Hallelu	7:45 PM
Saturday, February 2 Mishpatim Tiny Tot Shabbat Saturday Morning Minyan	9:30 AM
Friday, February 8 Shabbat B'yachad Erev Shabbat Service with Choir	6:00 PM 7:45 PM
Saturday, February 9 Terumah Simchat Shabbat Saturday Morning Minyan	.9:00 AM
Friday, February 15 Zimrat Shabbat	7:45 PM
Saturday, February 16 Tetzaveh Saturday Morning Minyan	
Friday,February 22 Pre-Oneg Erev Shabbat Service	
Saturday, February 23 Ki Tisa Simchat Shabbat Saturday Morning Minyan	9:00 AM 9:30 AM
Minvan Services	

Minyan Services

From the Desk of the Senior Rabbi and President Tevet/Shevat 5779

The Sages of the Jewish tradition teach that when the Israelite people gathered at Mt Sinai, every one of them, every single one, including Moses himself, had some kind of disability.

Bulletin

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February is Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month. In recognition of this event, we thought it appropriate to provide a brief update on how Temple Emanu-El has met, and will continue to meet, our commitment to cultivate and sustain an inclusive environment. Our goal is for all current and prospective members and visitors to Temple Emanu-El to feel welcome and embraced, regardless of race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, disability, age, sexual orientation, or gender identity. With respect to religious diversity, we welcome all people who seek a connection to Jewish life and value non-Jewish individuals who are part of our community.

In an effort to FURTHER these goals, Temple leadership has established a Task Force for Inclusion and Diversity and a Strategic Planning Task Force, both consisting of congregants representing all segments of our community.

Here are some highlights of steps we have already implemented consistent with our goal:

• Youth Learning and Engagement has transformed the Ma'ayan Program (Religious School for children with disabilities), once a self-contained class for Religious School education, into an umbrella for inclusive education throughout our Kindergarten – 12th Grade learning programs.

• Our B'nai Mitzvah program is customized to meet the individual needs of each participant and their families.

• Worship initiatives include making available listening devices, large print prayer books, and visual tefillah that include graphics in addition to the written liturgy.

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More recently, the Board of Trustees voted to approve the recommendation of the Task Force for Inclusion and Diversity to:

- Place hand towels in baskets on the vanities in our restrooms, thereby enabling people who walk with the assistance of crutches to dry their hands at the wash basins without needing to walk to the towel dispensers.
- Gender inclusive language on restroom signs.

Temple Emanu-El has been accepted as one of eight congregations to participate in the first cohort of the Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest Synagogue Inclusion Project. Participation in this program will help us define our next steps. Taken together with our strategic planning work, we plan to achieve alignment with our goal of creating a more inclusive environment that supports the diversity within our community.

Thank you,

Douglas B Sagal

Rabbi Doug Sagal Senior Rabbi

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A Message From Rabbi Kroloff

Dear Friends,

Shabbat has always been the highlight of my week. It's what Jews do. I look forward to that brilliant creation embraced by our ancestors and enriched by every generation of our people.

And the best hour of that best day? Well, for me it's 9 AM at Simchat Shabbat, when - every other week- we gather for 75 minutes of song and prayer, led since its inception by Rick Calvert, renowned to us and much of the Jewish world for his *n'shama*, his soul, and for his warmth of musical spirit.

This year we are doubly blessed to have the leadership of our rabbininc intern, Hilly Haber, who brings intellectual heft and spiritual depth to our experience.

We're a small group of all ages and we welcome each of you.

Upcoming dates are January 12 and 26, February 9 and 23, March 9 and 23. The 9am hour is designed to enable you to do have the rest of the day to do whatever else you desire. I hope to see you at Simchat Shabbat.

Rabbi Charles A. Kroloff

B'Mishpachah במשפחה Within the Family

B'nai Mitzvah

The congregation will celebrate the following b'nai mitzvah:

January 5, 2019 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary Jacob Blaustein Son of Kathryn Moore and Robert Blaustein

Ava Levy Daughter of Mara and Rich Levy

10:45 AM in the Chapel Dylan Zuckerman Daughter of Elise and Jason Zuckerman

January 12 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary Asher Wiesen Son of Danielle and Robert Wiesen

January 19 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary Spencer Bauman Son of Shari and George Erasmus

January 26 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary Casey Isser Son of Elizabeth and Steven Isser

February 2 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary Cate Weinstein Daughter of Debra and Craig Weinstein

Congratulations

Ronna and Howard Pecker on the marriage of their daughter Sarah to Brendan Scully.

Gail and Eric Friedman on the marriage of their son Nicholas to Stacey Lynn and on the birth of their granddaughter, Madeline Elise Weinberg.

Deborah and Allan Tiedrich on the engagement of their daughter Julie to Steven Counts.

Carole and Peter Carlin on the marriage of their son Matthew Scott Carlin to Sarah Ann Rose.

Joyce and Jack Elbaum on the marriage of their daughter Lindsay Elbaum to Sean Kotkin.

Harriet and Darren Schulman and to Sandy Shulman on the marriage of their daughter and granddaughter Rebecca Schulman to Dan Fischer.

Andrea and Michael Taylor on the birth her grandson Levi Marshall Holcombe.

February 9 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary Georgia Richman Daughter of Andrea and Nathan Richman

Lucas Gunzberg Son of Jodie and Corey Gunzberg

10:45 AM in the Chapel **Samuel Laitman** Son of Jane and Michael Laitman

February 16 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary Brady Lenner Daughter of Jacqui Lenner and Stewart Lenner

> February 23 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary Spencer Saltz Son of Joanna and Scott Saltz

Brienna Karaban Daughter of Mollie Hartford and Glenn Karaban

10:45 AM in the Chapel Ethan Delforte Son of Rhonda and Matthew Delforte

In Memoriam

We remember those from our Temple Family:

Esther Niedweske

Shirley Horner

Gerry Cantor Husband of Dorothy Cantor

David Klibaner Husband of Susan Cohen

Michael Tischman

Gloria Leibowitz Mother of Nancy Kronheimer

Matthew Friedman Husband of Laura Friedman

Marcy Cherensky Wife of Leonard Cherensky

Marceline Decker

We remember those from our extended Temple family: Susan Martin

Roslyn Berman Mother of Marcia Kendler

Melvin Ashinoff Father of Craig Ashinoff

Melvin Wax Cousin of Jeff Peris

Michael Uiberall Nephew of Kathi and Ken Rosenblum

Howard Weinstein Father of Daniel Weinstein

Lucille Meltzer Mother of Gary Meltzer

Betty Silverman Mother of Joel Silverman

Edith Civins Mother of Arnie Civins

Barbara Birenbach Mother of Nan Honig

We're Here For You

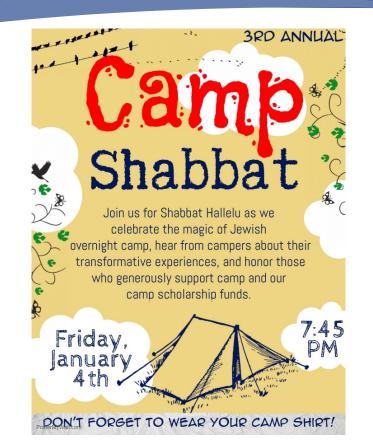
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The best way to reach a clergy member in the event of an emergency is to call the Temple at 908-232-6770 and listen carefully to the instructions.

If you cannot reach anyone at the Temple during business hours, or if it is after hours, please call: 908-301-6890.

We hope this will allow for even greater assistance for you and your families during a time of lifechanging situations.



Shabbat B'yachad & B'yachad Academy

If you are a family with a child in grades K-5, you're invited over for Shabbat *B'yachad!* B'yachad means together - a time to bring families together to experience the magic of Shabbat. As with all our Shabbat services it is open to anyone, including those not-yet members. We begin at 6 PM with a light meal, followed by an interactive service featuring a visual prayer book, music and stories. Meet new friends, celebrate Shabbat, and make lasting Jewish memories with us throughout the year. We can't wait to have you!

Plus, for our younger families (grades K-2) we are excited to welcome you to **B'yachad Academy!** Come early to Shabbat B'yachad and enjoy a unique learning experience for both parents and kids. Like Shabbat B'yachad, B'yachad Academy is open to any family (including those not-yet members) with a child in Kindergarten through 2nd grade. Older siblings are welcome and babysitting will be available for little ones. For a complete calendar of dates and prices, please visit our website: https://tewnj.org/byachad-academy/

MLK Zimrat Shabbat

Friday, January 18 at 7:45 PM

Join us for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend and our Shabbat Service in honor of Dr. King and his lifetime of work for civil rights and social justice. Guests from local Houses of Worship will be with us at our Shabbat service. How wonderful it will be to worship with friends of other backgrounds and faiths! Please join in on the unique experience this promises to be!

Please support our Kol Nidre Campaign

Please support our Annual Kol Nidre Appeal this year by making as generous a gift as possible. No gift is too small.

When you make your Kol Nidre donation, it goes right to work! Your dollars turn into Temple Emanu-El programs and services. They



help us maintain our building, fund our Religious School, create new worship experiences, and expand both our Adult Education programs and social action initiatives that benefit our entire community and beyond. Your Temple Emanu-El Kol Nidre gift also provides dues relief to families in need who want to belong to our community.

To participate in the Kol Nidre Appeal, please visit our website and fill out the form online OR contact Brian Chartock at 908-232-6770 x114 or email bchartock@tewnj.org.

www.tewnj.org/kol-nidre

Create a Jewish Legacy

Remembering Temple Emanu-El in your will or estate plan ensures that your work and your values will continue when you are no longer here. It also serves as an example of ongoing kindness to your loved ones. It teaches them the value you've placed on supporting Temple Emanu-El and the Jewish community. Legacy giving is for everyone. Make the most meaningful gift you can. Every gift is important.

For more information on how you can create your Jewish Legacy, please contact Brian Chartock, our Executive Director, at 908-232-6770 x114.

Create a Jewish Legacy is part of a nationwide program to sustain the future of Jewish organizations by increasing after-life giving. It is sponsored locally by The Jewish Community Foundation of Greater MetroWest, in partnership with the Harold Grinspoon Foundation.

I am interested in learning more about how I can assure Jewish tomorrows through the Create a Jewish Legacy program at Temple Emanu-El. Please contact me!

The best time to reach me:

Best way to reach me:

(Phone/email address)

Sincerely,

(Please print your full name)



Planned Giving Opportunities

Bequests. Codicil. Residuum?

Those words aren't typos, they are real terms used in legacy giving. There's a lot of jargon out there surrounding charitable donations - let us help to demystify it!

Did you know that:

...a bequest is the most common planned gift, but there are other options as well? Some of those options are a charitable gift annuity, charitable remainder trust or life insurance policies. Consider giving a gift to Temple Emanu-El that will live on through the years.

Contact Brian Chartock for more information or details on how Planned Giving can fit into your plans. We will try our best to answer all of your planned giving questions.

If you are 70 1/2 or older, you can still use your IRA for charitable contributions during your lifetime. Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) have distinct tax advantages. A QCD is not treated as taxable income; therefore, it has no effect on taxable income. This allows for greater amounts to be transferred to charities tax-free and can help the donor avoid the aforementioned negative financial consequences.

Did you know we have new stock transfer info?

Please contact Kathleen Stovall for instructions. kstovall@tewnj.org or 908-232-6770 x113.



Something to celebrate? Remembering a loved one? Feeling grateful?

Making a contribution to a Temple Fund is a great way to honor a loved one's memory, acknowledge a special occasion, or express gratitude.

Please contact Carol Jassin at 908-232-6770 x 120 to make a donation.

To make your tribute online, or see a full list of available funds, please see our website:

www.tewnj.org/tributes.html

Do you need help with shiva?

Temple Emanu-El's Shiva Help Committee can provide hands-on assistance and support. Some of the services we offer include:

- Waiting at the mourners' house to accept deliveries while others are at the funeral.

Setting up food and/or turning on the coffee pot before mourners return.
Providing shiva resources, checklists and useful contact information.

We want to be there for you and your family. Please call or email to let us know how we can help.

Marci Fisher Marcifisher601@gmail.com 908-230-7452

Leslie Dickstein Ldickstein@verizon.net 908-596-0079

Marceline Decker z"l

January 3, 1930 - December 1, 2018

Marceline (Glickman) Decker of Sarasota, Florida passed away on December 1, 2018 at the age of 88, after a long illness.

Born in St. Louis, MO, daughter of the late Max and Pearl Glickman, she was a renowned actress, musician, and teacher. In 1949, she married her husband, Cantor Don Decker z"l, who served Temple Emanu-El of Westfield for 25 years.

Marcy was a dynamic performer with a lifelong career in theatre. Her life of show business began at age 13, performing with the Red Cross and the USO during World War II. She was educated at Montclair State College and Hunter College, NYC, receiving her M.A. in 1977, and attended UCLA and the American Opera Lab. She sang in the Pacific Coast premiere of the Beggars' Opera at UCLA, the Bartered Bride, and many local theatre and vocal productions.

Marcy was larger than life - she taught drama, English, and speech at Westfield High School, as well as living the roles of caring wife and mother. Home-cooked meals and family togetherness were Marcy's specialties, and she was also a gifted mentor and memorable teacher. Her loved ones will always remember her vivacity, her passion, her laugh, and all she accomplished professionally and personally with her incredible voice.

Marcy was predeceased by her husband of 67 years (Don), and is survived by her daughter, Elisa; son, Marlon (and his partner Connie); granddaughters Julie, Patricia (and her husband Yusuke), and Lindsay (and her husband Michael); and great-grandson Ash.

Donations may be made in lieu of flowers to the Alzheimer's Association at: alz.org.

Save the date for Yossi Klein Halevi!

Wednesday, May 15 at 7:30 PM Prizewinning Israeli author Yossi Klein Halevi, a senior fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, will discuss the future relationship between American Jews and Israel. In his 2013 book, Like Dreamers: The Story of the Israeli Paratroopers Who Reunited Jerusalem and Divided a Nation, Halevi



interweaves the stories of a group of 1967 paratroopers who reunited Jerusalem, tracing the history of Israel and the divergent ideologies shaping it from the Six-Day War to the present. His new book, *Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor*, was published by Harper Collins in June 2018.

For more information, please visit our website:

www.tewnj.org/yossi-klein-halevi



SAUE THE DATE FOR AN BO'S THEME PURIM CELEBRATION!





Youth Purim Schpiel and Carnival

Sunday, March 17 at 10:15 AM

Join us for a congregational Purim Schpiel and Purim Carnival for our Youth. Kid-friendly Purim Schpiel at 10:15 AM, followed by a Carnival! Wear your costumes! Look for more information in your email inboxes soon!

Mishloach Manot

Purim is almost here! Once again, we are working with Happy Purim online to make it fun and easy for you to send *Mishloach Manot* (Purim gift baskets) to all your temple friends. You will be receiving an email in January with your personalized login which will allow you to place your order online at: happypurim.com. If you do not receive this email, don't have an email account or have any other questions please contact Deb Carberry at decarberry@gmail.com or 908-309-8969. This is the biggest fundraiser for our Youth Learning and Engagement program so we need your support!



Education

Save these dates for upcoming events or subscribe to the Youth Learning and Engagement calendar to upload and receive updates throughout the year.

JANUARY

Wednesday, January 2 6th Grade Nisayon in Session

Saturday, January 5 B'yachad Academy Havdallah Program 4:30PM (pre-registration is required, contact Shari Rothstein in the school office

for more information) Sunday, January 6

Kgn – 5th Gr Classes Resume 8:45 – 10:45AM 5th Grade Family Program: Starting your Mitzvah Journey 11:00AM – 12:00PM - Madrichim Seminar: Returning Madrichim ONLY

Saturday, January 12 9:00AM – 1:30PM - 6th Grade Nisayon Event: Hazan et Hakol-Feeding the Hungry

Sunday, January 13 8:45 – 10:45AM - Ma'ayan in Session 8:45 – 10:45AM - K-3 and Ma'ayan Tu b'Shevat Seder 9:00AM – 1:00PM - Mitzvah Corps Bridges Run 10:45AM – 12:00PM - Extreme Yeladim Event 6:00 – 7:00PM - Cafe Torah

Sunday, January 20 No Sunday Religious School classes

Sunday, January 20 – January 21 7th Gr trip to NYC, Lower East Side

Tuesday, January 22 4th & 5th Grade Tu b'Shevat Seder No HaMakom – HS midterms

Wednesday, January 23 4th & 5th Grade Tu b'Shevat Seder

Thursday, January 24 4th & 5th Grade Tu b'Shevat Seder

Friday, January 25 4th Grade Family Shabbat Dinner & Late Night Program for students

Sunday, January 27 8:45 – 10:45AM - 3rd Grade Family Program: The Great God Hunt 8:45 – 10:45AM - Ma'ayan in Session 11:00AM – 12:00PM - Madrichim Seminar: New Madrichim ONLY 6:00 – 7:30PM - Cafe Torah, Westfield Diner

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ECE News and Registration Information

Registration for our 2019 - 2020 school year will begin in January.

- FULL DAY Infant Care for babies 3 -12 months. Hours: 7 AM 6 PM year round.
- FULL DAY Toddler Care for toddlers 12 24 months. Hours: 7 AM 6 PM year round (begins September 2019).
- Part Time and longer options for children 2 years old through FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN.

Priority Registration for temple members begins soon!



Camp Wonder June 18 - August 9 A day camp for children ages "almost" 2 to 5. Camp Wonder will take place in our beautiful and shady Outdoor Space (Teva). Our summer days will be filled with exploration, nature, water play, imagination,

friendship, and lots of fun!

Register by January 31st to GUARANTEE YOUR SPOT!

To register, please visit: www.tewnj.org/summer-fun

Infant Care

Our Infant Room is filled with beautiful babies and a dedicated and loving staff. Availability begins July 2019. Reserve your spot before it is too late!



For more information about our Early Childhood, please visit our website: www.tewnj.org/learn/ece email Jill Cimafonte, Director at: JCimafonte@tewnj.org, or call our ECE Office at 908-232-7663.

Education

Jewish Summer Camp and Israel Experience Scholarships Available!

Temple Emanu-El knows that Jewish summer camp and Israel experiences have a lasting impact on our youth and we want to be able to help send our students to Camp and to Israel! Each year we are able to offer limited needs-based scholarships for temple members to attend Jewish summer camp as well as scholarships for Israel programs. Please contact Emily Halpern or Rabbi Ethan Prosnit for a scholarship application. **Applications are due no later than January 31, 2019**.

Looking for a way to honor someone? Had a life changing experience at a Jewish Camp or on an Israel program? We hope you might consider donating to one of the many Camp/Israel Scholarship funds.

Please be in touch with Rabbi Prosnit if you have any questions regarding summer programs. He can be reached at 908-232-6770 x 115 or rabbiprosnit@tewnj.org.

Youth Group Update!







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Friday, February 1 – February 3 6th Grade Retreat: Camp Harlam

Sunday, February 3 11:00AM - 12:00PM - Madrichim Seminar: Returning Madrichim ONLY

Friday, February 8 5:00PM - B'yachad Academy

Friday, February 8 - February 11 10th Grade Confirmation Trip to Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism in Washington, DC

Sunday, February 10 8:45 – 10:45AM - Ma'ayan in Session & Extreme Bonim event 6:00 – 7:30PM - Cafe Torah

Tuesday, February 12 Lifnei (Homework Club) No 6th Grade Learning Lab 4th & 5th Grade & Ha'Makom in Session

Wednesday, February 13 Lifnei (Homework Club) No 6th Grade Learning Lab 4th & 5th Grade in Session 6th Grade Nisayon in Session

Thursday, February 14 Lifnei (Homework Club) No 6th Grade Learning Lab 4th & 5th Grade in Session

Thursday, February 14 – February 18 11th & 12th Grade Trip to NOLA

Friday, February 15 – February 18 NFTY Convention – Dallas, TX

Sunday, February 17 No School

Friday, February 22 Family Shabbat Dinner and Ma'ayan Service Celebrating Jewish Disabilities Awareness and Inclusion Month

Saturday, February 23 9:00AM - B'yachad Academy

Sunday, February 24 8:45 - 10:45AM - Ma'ayan in Session 9:00AM - 1:00PM - Confirmation Bridges Run 10:45AM - 12:15PM - Mitzvah Corps 10:45AM - 12:00PM - Extreme Bonim Event 1:30 - 3:15PM - 6th Grade Nisayon Event: Courage of the Heart/Ometz Lev 6:00 - 7:30PM - CafeTorah

Congregational Learning

An Evening with Rabbi Lila Kagedan

Sunday, January 13th at 6:00 PM Join Rabbi Lila Kagedan, the first female Rabbi hired by an Orthodox synagogue, for a special evening where she will speak about her personal journey to the rabbinate, as well as the halachic basis supporting women in the rabbinate. The evening will be a combination of text, personal narrative and Q&A.

This event is Sponsored by Temple Emanu-El's Sisterhood. A light dinner will be served. Please make sure to RSVP!

www.tewnj.org/rabbi-lila-kagedan





Rabbi Sagal's Holy Scrollers Torah Study

Saturdays, 8:15 AM at the Lavy House Every Shabbat this 50-minute discussion and study will focus on the Torah Portion of the week, Jewish ideas and values, and the task of living a life of meaning.

Tuesday Morning Bible Class

Tuesdavs, 9:30 AM

How does the Torah fit in my story? Participants study Bible plus the latest events of concern to the Jewish people. Feel free to drop in; you are always welcome!

In Depth Study of the Haggadah + Creating a Temple Emanu-El Haggadah *Thursdays, January 3 and 17 at 7:30 PM*

The Passover Haggadah is one of Judaism's most engaging and captivating texts. It is also the guidebook for one of the most well-known and widely observed rituals among Jewish communities throughout the world. Study different Haggadot with Rabbi Sagal and learn about the development of the Haggadah, in hopes of creating a TEE Haggadah for our congregational seder on Saturday, April 20 at 6 PM!

Judaism at Home: Celebrating Tu Bishvat

January 20 at 8:00 PM Join your clergy from the comfort of your own home for a thirty minute online class exploring ways to create meaningful holiday experiences for you and your family. RSVP so we can send you the link for the class: www.tewnj.org/judaism-at-home



Connie Reiter's Torah Study

Saturday, January 19 and Saturday, February 16 at 9:30 AM

This year's curriculum will offer a new pattern for our special study group. During the past 22 years, we have concentrated on a particular book from the Bible, and more recently, a particular topic. This year, we will consider several somewhat shorter topics, such as "The Idea and Unraveling of Jewish Law" and "The Idea of a Deity, a Creative Power" and "Biblical Journeys and Our Own." Discussions are led by Connie Reiter. We welcome you to join us in the Temple Library for these participatory conversations and suggest that you bring a *Tanach* with you.



Two Jews, Three Opinions; A Lunch & Learn in Modern Midrash

Thank you to all who came to Student Rabbi Hilly Haber's Lunch and Learn! We studied and analyzed ancient and not-so-ancient takes on Biblical literature. Commentators included Nachmanides, Rashi, Michael Chabon, Leonard Cohen, and Toni Morrison.

Congregational Learning

Israeli Dancing

Thursday, January 24



Get your dancing shoes laced up and join our Shlicha, Danielle, as she takes you through different decades of Israeli dance. Not only will you work on your muscle tone, meet a new dance partner, but you will learn some great new moves!

Israeli Brunch and Learn Sunday, February 3 at 9:00 AM

Our Shlicha, Danielle, brings Israel to New Jersey by sharing current trends, news stories, and hot topics happening in Israel now! Join us for breakfast and an engaging presentation and discussion.



Navigating Cancer - Treatment has ended - now what?

Tuesday, February 5 at 7:30 PM

Navigating a cancer experience or living with a chronic disease can be debilitating and challenging. Often we feel greater stress, fatigue, anxiety and, more importantly, we feel alone. Join us and learn tools and strategies to create a better survivorship program and come meet others with similar experiences. This course is taught by Wendy Van Besien.

Rabbi Kroloff's Lunch and Learn Spring Dates

Thank you all to have come and participated in Rabbi Kroloff's Lunch & Learns so far. Please make sure to save the dates of our spring session: March 18, April 8 and May 13.



To RSVP for any of these events, or to learn more, please visit our website: www.tewnj.org/congregational-learning You may also RSVP to Carol Jassin at 908-232-6770 x 120 or cjassin@tewnj.org

Consultation on Conscience

Come with Temple Emanu-El to Washington, D.C. from May 19 -21 for the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism's Consultation on Conscience! Consultation is dedicated to training and empowering Jewish leaders like us to make real, lasting change at the national, state, and local levels. We'll return home better prepared to lead our community in meaningful social justice work. We'll hear from dynamic speakers and engage with our elected officials. For more information. contact Rabbi Ethan Prosnit, eprosnit@tewnj.org.

Join our Delegation at the Consultation on CONSCIENCE



Tikkun Olam

Social Action Text Alerts

We have created a text system to alert you to social action volunteer opportunities and action items in our Temple, local, and wider community. Please sign up so you will be quickly informed about these mitzvah opportunities. To sign up, text @teesa to 81010. We hope these text reminders will encourage you to be involved and have your voice heard.

Blankets of Love

Blankets of Love is comprised of Temple Emanu-El congregants who meet monthly at Temple to knit and crochet blankets to present to the campers at Camp Happy Times, a free one-week overnight camp for children who have or have had cancer. Each crafter supplies their own yarn and patterns and makes their own blankets in the patterns and colors of their choice. Anyone not local enough to join us for our monthly gatherings is invited to make blankets in the comfort of their home and send them to be included on donation day. For more information about Blankets of Love or to donate any unused yarn, please contact: jane. berlant@gmail.com.

Our next meeting will be on January 2 at 7:00 PM.



Mitzvah Experience Mentors Needed

Help teach the important Jewish value of Tikkun Olam (repair of the world) to our Hebrew school children to set them on a path of social awareness and action. Part of our students' Bar or Bat Mitzvah journey includes a Mitzvah Experience which helps them see how they can put Tikkun Olam into action.

It takes a congregation.

We are looking for members who can mentor children in our congregation through their Mitzvah Experience.

Mentors will:

1. Individually meet with and guide one to three Bar/Bat Mitzvah students in the selection and execution of their Mitzvah Experience. We welcome mentors' suggestions for Mitzvah Experiences but throughout Hebrew school, students will get exposure to a variety of mitzvah options which should help their guide their choice.

Ensure that the chosen Experience requires the students' time and energy.
 Check-in 2 - 3 weeks after each of their students' Experience has begun and midway through the Experience to make sure the student is on track. (Check-in can be done by phone, email, text, in person.)

4. Offer any suggestions or guidance if necessary.

5. Connect with the student for a final review.

If you would like to be a Mitzvah Mentor please contact Rabbi Ethan Prosnit. Once we get a bunch of Mitzvah Mentors we will have an introductory meeting and orientation. This is sure to be a rewarding experience!

How to Get Involved with Social Justice Activities at TEE

Join us for our Tikkun Olam/Social Action Meeting on January 9 at 7:30 PM The committee usually meets the second Wednesday of every month to help us plan upcoming Social Action programs and create a vision for the future. Questions? Contact the Tikkun Olam Co-Chairs David Burk and Daniela Shebitz at tikkunolam@tewnj.org.

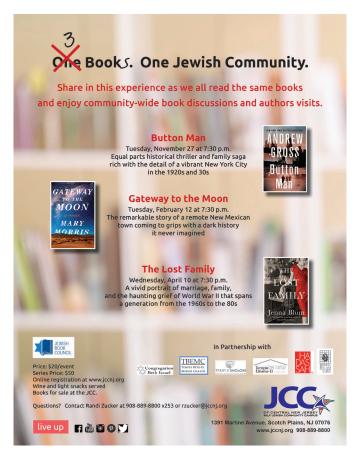
Sign Up to be a member of the Caring Community

Can you give a ride to a Temple member in need of transportation to services or to a doctor's appointment? Can you cook a meal for a homebound senior or a congregant going through a difficult illness? Can you deliver a challah to a congregant celebrating something good or going through a challenging time? Sign up for the Caring Community email list by contacting Pamela Clarke, pamelaclarke@achievementfirst.org or Lynda Wald, Lynda.wald99@gmail.com.

Volunteer for one of the shifts at the Westfield Food Pantry on the 2nd or 4th Wednesday of each month (9:15 – 11:15 AM). To volunteer to sign up contact Alice Fertig, Asfertig@gmail.com.

Participate in our Saturday Morning Fun Club for Refugees, Mitzvah Garden, Blankets of Love, Mandy Reichman Feeding Program, or one of the other wonderful events we do at Temple Emanu-El. For more information about any of these programs, contact tikkunolam@tewnj.org.

Our Temple Community



Library news....

So glad to see so many members using the Temple library and enjoying some of

the new books that have been added to the shelves. We hope some of you who have never browsed the library come in and check it out. Sometimes it is nice to hold a real book in your hands. Some recent titles you might look for:

- Almost Autumn, Marianne Kaurin
- Sadness is a White Bird: A Novel, Moriel Rothman-Zecher
- The Immortalists, Chloe Benjamin
- French Toast Sundays, Gloria Spielman
- The Librarian of Auschwitz, Antonio Iturbe

It's easy to check out any material - simply follow the

directions next to the box on the counter. Now find some time and enjoy reading a good book! Library hours are posted on the library door and on the Temple website. You can leave a message at 908-232-6770 x 131, or email us: Brett Harris: bharris@wilentz.com; Janice Kessler: 128beans@comcast.net; Bettye Barcan: bgb43@verizon.net.

Sisterhood News Get Fit with Dance!

Check out our re-named Zumba class as our instructor, Theresa, now includes many styles of music and dance. This is a highly enjoyable, hour-long, low-impact class for both men and women, The class is now known as Dance Fitness. We welcome all to join us Mondays at 4:00 PM, Greifer Sacks Hall, \$5 weekly.

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Make a tribute donation quickly and easily online at www.tewnj.org/tributedonation

Temple Emanu-El offers many opportunities to remember a loved one, honor a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, the birth of a child, a wedding, or show your appreciation for someone. A full listing of all Temple Funds can be found online at www.tewnj.org/donate/ tributes, or stop by the Temple office.



January/February 2019

For up to date information or changes visit <u>www.tewnj.org/events</u>

Please note that Bar/Bat Mitzvah dates are no longer listed on this calendar. See page 3 for this information. In addition, the Early Childhood Education and Religious School calendar can be found on our website at www.tewnj.org

Tuesday, January 1 Offices Closed -- New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 2 7:00 PM Blankets of Love

Thursday, January 3

7:00 PM Intro to Judaism 7:30 PM Haggadah Class

Friday, January 4

7:45 PM Shabbat Hallelu/Camp Shabbat

Saturday, January 5

8:15 AM	Holy Scrollers Torah Study
9:30 AM	Saturday Morning Minyan followed by
	Light Brunch and Discussion
10:00 AM	Saturday Morning Fun Club
4:30 PM	B'yachad Academy

Monday, January 7

4:00 PM Dance Fitness

Tuesday, January 8

9:30 AM	Bible Class
5:10 PM	Mandy Reichman Feeding Program

Wednesday, January 9

7:30 PM Sisterhood Book Club

Thursday, January 10

7:00 PM Intro to Judaism 7:00 PM Men's Club Meeting

Friday, January 11

7:45 PM Erev Shabbat Service with Choir

Saturday, January 12

8:15 AM	Holy Scrollers Torah Study
9:00 AM	Simchat Shabbat
9:30 AM	Tiny Tot Shabbat
9:30 AM	Saturday Morning Minyan followed by
	Light Brunch and Discussion

Sunday, January 13

6:00 PM An Evening with Rabbi Lila Kagedan

Monday, January 14 4.00 PM Dance Fitness

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Tuesday, January 15		
9:30 AM	Bible Class	
5:10 PM	Mandy Reichman Feeding Program	

Thursday, January 17

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7:00 PM	Intro to Judaism	
7:30 PM	Haggadah Class	
7:30 PM	Sisterhood Meeting	

Friday, January 18

7:45 PM Zimrat Shabbat/MLK Shabbat

Saturday, January 19

8:15 AM	Holy Scrollers Torah Study
9:30 AM	Connie Reiter's Torah Study
9:30 AM	Saturday Morning Minyan followed by
	Light Brunch and Discussion

Sunday, January 20

8:00 PM Judaism at Home Learning

Monday, January 21

Tu B'Shevat Martin Luther King Jr. Day -- Office Closed

Tuesday,	January 22
9:30 AM	Bible Class

Wednesday, January 23

7:30 PM Tikkun Olam/Social Action Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 24

7:00 PM Intro to Judaism 7:00 PM Israeli Dancing

Friday, January 25

Pre-Oneg 5:00 PM 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 26

Holy Scrollers Torah Study 8:15 AM Simchat Shabbat 9:00 AM 9:30 AM Saturday Morning Minyan followed by Light Brunch and Discussion 10:00 AM Saturday Morning Fun Club

Sunday, January 27

5:00 PM TEE Goes South to Florida

Monday, January 28

9:30 AM Cafe Ivrit 4:00 PM Dance Fitness

Tuesday, January 29

9:30 AM **Bible Class** 5:10 PM Mandy Reichman Feeding Program

Thursday, January 31

7:00 PM Intro to Judaism

Friday, February 1

7:45 PM

Saturday, February 2

8:15 AM	Holy Scrollers Torah Study
9:30 AM	Tiny Tot Shabbat
9:30 AM	Saturday Morning Minyan followed by
	Light Brunch and Discussion
10:00 AM	Saturday Morning Fun Club

Sunday, February 3

9:00 AM Israeli Brunch & Learn

Monday, February 4

9:30 AM Cafe Ivrit 4:00 PM Dance Fitness

Tuesday, February 5

9:30 AM **Bible Class** 5:10 PM Mandy Reichman Feeding Program 7:30 PM Living with Cancer

Wednesday, February 6 7:00 PM Blankets of Love

Thursday, February 7 7:00 PM Intro to Judaism

Friday, February 8

5:00 PM B'yachad Academy 6:00 PM Shabbat B'yachad 7:45 PM Erev Shabbat Service with Choir

Saturday, February 9

8:15 AM	Holy Scrollers Torah Study
9:00 AM	Simchat Shabbat
9:30 AM	Saturday Morning Minyan followed by
	Light Brunch and Discussion
10:00 AM	Saturday Morning Fun Club

Monday, February 11

4:00 PM **Dance Fitness**

Tuesday, February 12 9

9:30 AM	Bible Class
5:10 PM	Mandy Reichman Feeding Program

Wednesday, February 13

7:30 PM	Tikkun Olam/Social Action Committee
	Meeting
7:30 PM	Sisterhood Meeting

Thursday, February 14

7:00 PM Men's Club Meeting 7.00 PM Intro to Judaism

Friday, February 15

7:45 PM Zimrat Shabbat

Saturday, February 16

8:15 AM	Holy Scrollers Torah Study
9:30 AM	Connie Reiter's Torah Study
9:30 AM	Saturday Morning Minyan followed by
	Light Brunch and Discussion

Monday, February 18

4:00 PM Dance Fitness

Tuesday, February 19

9:30 AM **Bible Class**

Thursday, February 21

7:00 PM Intro to Judaism

Friday, February 22

Pre-Oneg
Pre-Shabbat Learning with Student Rabbi
Hilly Haber
Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 23

8:15 AM	Holy Scrollers Torah Study
9:00 AM	Simchat Shabbat
9:00 AM	B'yachad Academy
9:30 AM	Saturday Morning Minyan followed by
	Light Brunch and Discussion
10:00 AM	Saturday Morning Fun Club

Monday, February 25

9:30 AM Cafe Ivrit 4:00 PM Dance Fitness

Tuesday, February 26

9:30 AM **Bible Class** 5:10 PM Mandy Reichman Feeding Program

Thursday, February 28

7:00 PM	Israel Program
7:00 PM	Intro to Judaism

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Shabbat Hallelu

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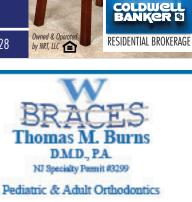
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