

Bulletin

March/April 2019 Volume 66 Issue 5

Shabbat/Holiday Services:	
Friday, March 1 Shabbat Hallelu	7:45 PM
Saturday, March 2 Vayak'heil Saturday Morning Minyan	. <u>9</u> :30 AM
Friday, March 8 Erev Shabbat Service with Choir/Mus	sic Shabbat
	/:45 PM
Saturday, March 9 P'kudei Simchat Shabbat Saturday Morning Minyan	9:00 AM 9:30 AM
Friday, March 15 Shabbat B'yachad Zimrat Shabbat/Men's Club Shabbat.	6:00 PM 7:45 PM
Saturday, March 16 Vayikra	
Tiny Tot ShabbatSaturday Morning Minyan	9:30 AM 9:30 AM
Friday, March 22	0.00 / 1111
Pre-Oneg. Pre-Shabbat Learning.	.5:00 PM
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Saturday, March 23 Tzav Simchat Shabbat Saturday Morning Minyan	9:00 AM .9:30 AM
Friday, March 29 Erev Shabbat Service	
Saturday, March 30 Sh'mini Saturday Morning Minyan	.9:30 AM
Friday, April 5	0.00 DM
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Saturday, April 6 Tazria	
Tiny Tot Shabbat Saturday Morning Minyan	9:30 AM
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Friday, April 12 Erev Shabbat Service with Choir	7:45 PM
Saturday, April 13 M'tzora	
Simchat Shabbat Saturday Morning Minyan	9:00 AM .9:30 AM
Friday, April 19 Service of the First Born	.8:00 AM
Saturday, April 20 Yom Rishon shell Passover 1st Day Morning Service	Pesach 10:00 AM
Friday, April 26	
7th Day Passover Service with Yizkor	10:00 AM
Pre-Oneg. Erev Shabbat Service.	.6:00 PM
Saturday, April 27 Acharei Mot I	0.00.414

Simchat Shabbat..

Minyan Services

Saturday Morning Minyan......9:30 AM

From the Desk of the Senior Rabbi

Purim vs Yom Kippur

Adar II/Nisan 5779

The Sages of the Jewish tradition sometimes teach odd things. One of the oddest is that they say that the joyful irreverent holiday of Purim is like the solemn fast day of Yom Kippur. They say Yom Kippur is a *Yom* (day) *K'Purim* (like Purim).

But what do these two days share? Well, for one thing, they share the idea of casting lots (Purim=lots). Haman (Boo!) casts lots to determine the fate of the Jews. On Yom Kippur, the High Priest casts lots to determine which sacrificial goat would bear the sins of the Jewish people. On Purim, we wear costumes. On Yom Kippur, it is the custom for many to wear a kittel, a white garment symbolizing being free of sin.

But the connection, I believe is this: On Purim, we seek to transform ourselves - to take on the identity of a character by wearing a costume, taking on a role. On Yom Kippur, we ALSO seek to transform ourselves, but there is a difference. When Purim is over, we remove the costume and mask and we are the same as we always were. On Yom Kippur, we truly, and permanently, seek to change who we are, live a different way, become better than we currently are. We pray that we do NOT go back to the persons that we were. That is why it is a Yom K'Purim, a day like Purim, but not Purim. On Purim, we change for one day. On Yom Kippur, we try to change for life.

Douglas B Sagal

Rabbi Doug Sagal Senior Rabbi

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TEMPLE EMANU-EL SPRING FUNDRAISER

The Spring Fundraiser committee is asking our temple members if they have any items or services to donate. To make a donation, please see our website.

WWW.TEWNJ.ORG/SPRING-FUNDRAISER

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:

B'Mishpachah במשפחה Within the Family

B'nai Mitzvah

The congregation will celebrate the following b'nai mitzvah:

March 2, 2019

10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

Samuel Altman

Son of Lu Qiu and Stuart Altman

Brooke Horowitz

Daughter of Marcy and Paul Horowitz

10:45 AM in the Chapel

Eliana Rafal

Daughter of Lisa and Alan Rafal

March 9

10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

Emily Constable

Daughter of Melissa and Gary Constable

March 16

10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

Ethan Roitman

Son of Sharon and Daniel Roitman

Gabrielle Sigmund

Daughter of Allison and Jake Sigmund

March 23

10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

Casey Engel

Daughter of Katy and Bryan Engel

Audrey Schwartz

Daughter of Lisa and Jeffrey Schwartz

March 30

10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

Benjamin Nathan

Son of Susan and Russell Nathan

10:45 AM in the Chapel

Emily Spirn

Daughter of Lisa and Benjamin Spirn

Philip Spirn

Son of Lisa and Benjamin Spirn

April 6

10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

Danielle Arky

Daughter of Melanie and Todd Arkv

4:30 PM in the Sanctuary

Brennan Blitt

Son of Lisa and Jonathan Blitt

April 17

Out of Building

Emory WilnerDaughter of Jennifer and Robb Wilner

April 27

10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

Ava Berman

Daughter of Shari and Stuart Berman

Alexandra Haar

Daughter of Michelle and Douglas Haar

10:45 AM in the Chapel

Zachary Marcus

Son of Andrea Fleisch Marcus Son of Lisa and Joshua Marcus

In Memoriam

We remember those from our **Temple Family:**

David Goldstein

Husband of Anne Glasser

Fred Shafman

Husband of Adele Shafman, Father of Lauren Roth and Nicole Frankel

We remember those from our extended Temple family:

Shirley Posner

Mother of Lesley Robins

Marilyn Lamm

Aunt of Stephanie Steiner

Judith Vinson Klein

Mother of Renee Sherman

Eleanor Kaplan

Mother of Joanne Bartosik

Irving Novick

Uncle of Cantor Martha Novick

Peter Sharrow

Father of Katy Engel

Sybil Schupak

Mother of Dina Leyden

Dr. Karen Schupak

Sister of Dina Leyden

Larry Gross

Step-father of Jacqui Lenner

Maurice Van Besien

Father of Steve Van Besien

Thomas Murphy

Father of Kevin Murphy

Dr. Morris Feman

Father of Robin Trynin

Edith Greene

Mother of Barbara Kahn

Bette Kalash

Mother of Laurie Levine

Congratulations

Isabel and Steven Berg on the birth of twin grandsons, Sean Michael and Ian Joseph Fenichel.

Tanya and Don Whellan on the engagement of their granddaughter, Rachel Mack to Josh Kolsky.

Amy and Paul Mesches on the birth of their grandson, Walter Mesches Messner. Nan and Ron Statton on the engagement of their daughter. Kate to Andrew Harman. **Karen and Larry Budnick** on the engagement of their daughter, Beth to Hannah Hickok.

Karen and Henry Altszuler on the birth of granddaughter, Ruby Kora Altszuler. Susan and Bob Fuhrman on the birth of grandson, Isaac Abel Fuhrman. **Bonnie and Gary Goldberg** on the engagement of their son, Adam to Sage Mandel.

We're Here For You

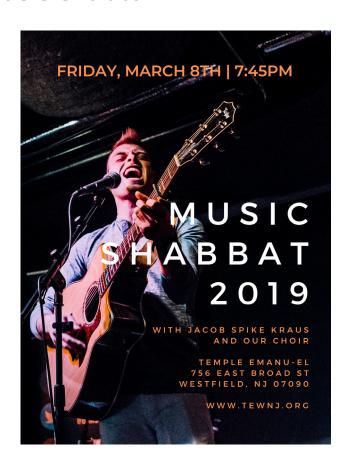
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Senior Services at the Lavy House

Jewish Family Service Social Worker Naomi Kreutzer, MSW. LCSW, provides counseling and consultation services and organizes events geared to seniors and their families at the Lavy House. Naomi is available at the Senior Resource Center at the Lavy House each Tuesday, from 9 AM - 5 PM through a grant from the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater MetroWest NJ. The service is free of charge and open to the entire community. She is available for individual appointments to address individual and family needs. If you would like to address any older adult issue for yourself or for a family member, contact Naomi at: nkreutzer@jfscentralnj.org, or call 908-352-8375, to schedule an appointment.

Our next event will be on Tuesday March 5. The topic will be: "Still Dreaming of a Good Night's Sleep". A light lunch will be served. Please call 908-352-8375 to RSVP.

Music Shabbat



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 March 9 & March 23 and April 13 & 27. The 9 AM 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

We Want Your Input!

We want your input! Design Charrette with the Architects Sunday, March 31 from 11 am to 4 pm*

Come participate in an exciting all-day workshop to reimagine our synagogue building!

- The architects will lead an all-day session where we will explore options and possibilities. Refreshments will be served.
- We will break up into smaller groups for some hands-on design, and then present our ideas to the whole group.
- · Everyone will have a chance to express their ideas.

This process will allow the architects to synthesize our concepts and incorporate them into the design of our building.

Please RSVP by March 25 at www.tewnj.org/charrette or call the Temple office.

*Those who participate are committing to the full day, from 11 am – 4 pm, and will come back the evening of April 4 to review the architect's renderings based on the input you gave.

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CREATE A JEWISH LEGACY

What is a Charrette?

A design charactet is a productive, collaborative, energizing and inclusive tool for designing a building, it helps to ensure that all voices are heard, all options are discussed and that there is buy-in on many levels. You will form eavy feeling that you have contributed to the process and have a stake in the results and understand how the final plan came to be. The result, while still very conceptual, forms a solid basis for the more detailed work to come.

Kol Nidre

We thank everyone who gave to this year's Kol Nidre Appeal and made it a success! We appreciate your support in helping our Temple grow!

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)	22024
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.



Purim Schpiel and Megillah Reading

Join us for a fun filled evening on Wednesday, March 20. We will start the night off at 5:45 PM with a Purim Power Hour sponsored by Men's Club. After, we will follow with the Purim Schpiel and Megillah Reading (to the theme of Queen) at 7 PM in the sanctuary!

For the most up-to-date information, please visit our website:

www.tewnj.org/purim





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. We will start with a kid-friendly Purim Schpiel at 10:15 AM, followed by a Carnival! Wear your costumes!

Attention 6th Graders, Teens and Adults! We need volunteers for the 9:30am, 10:15am and 12:15pm shifts to help set up, run a game/booth, and help clean-up.

To sign up, please see our website: www.tewnj.org/purim

Passover - Friday, April 19 - 27

Passover Services



Service of the First Born

Friday, April 19, 8:00 AM Since the Angel of Death "passed over" the first born of the Israelites in Egypt on the eve of the liberation from bondage, it is traditional for first born men and women to fast the day before Passover. In order to break their fast early in the day, it is customary to hold a brief prayer service, as well as a text study called a siyyum, which is then celebrated with food. In this manner the fast is brief. First born men and women of all ages (as well as anyone else) are invited to join us. We will also "burn the chametz" that remains in our synagogue in preparation for Passover. The service will be led by Rabbi Sagal (first born!).

Congregational Second Night Passover Seder

The committee on Religious Living of Temple Emanu-El is sponsoring a Second Night Seder led by the clergy on April 20, at 6:00 PM.

The seder meal is catered by The Ultimate Caterer of Marlboro, NJ. The meal will consist of a traditional seder plate, boneless breast of chicken, 4 side dishes, fresh fruit salad and a dessert tray. Children will feast on chicken fingers and fries. There will be a Seder plate on each table, with accompaniments, as well as a bottle of red wine, soda, tea, coffee, and a box of matzah.

The cost for members is \$60 per person and \$30 for children 12 and under. In order to serve the community, Temple Emanu-El is offering this Seder to non-members at a cost of \$70 per person and \$40 for children 12 and under. Financial assistance is available through a confidential call to one of the rabbis or Brian Chartock. Please see our website to RSVP:

www.tewnj.org/passover

Selling of Chametz - Mechirat Chametz

The practice of selling chametz (leavened products) arose out of a desire to fulfill in detail the Torah's requirement of having no chametz in one's possession during Passover. If you would like to sell your chametz, please fill out the form that can be found on our website, and return it to Rabbi Sagal. If you do not have access to a computer, please stop by the Rabbi's office to obtain a form from his assistant, Laurie Zinberg at 908-232-6770 x 117 or |zinberg@tewnj.org.

Path of Peace

What a wonderful way to honor someone! Have a brick installed in the Temple Path of Peace!

DEADLINE: June 2019

Due to the specifications of the company, bricks cannot be ordered and installed on an individual basis. All bricks are ordered and installed in time for the High Holydays.

Select either a Standard 4" x 8" brick with your 1-3 line inscription priced at \$180, or a Large 8" x 8" brick with up to five lines at \$360. Each line can be up to 13 characters (letter, space or punctuation) long.

You may also choose a "Reserved" brick to secure your space for future use. These bricks are priced at \$25 for a 4" x 8" or \$40 for an 8" x 8."

Please see our website for more information:

www.tewnj.org/path-of-peace



Wishing you a Happy Passover!

Get great recipes, blessings, seder ideas, and more.

ReformJudaism.org

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

Youth Group Update!



Extreme Yeladim





Some Extreme Yeladim had a bouncing good time at our winter event at Rebounderz. Watch your email for information on upcoming events and save the date of April 7th for our Chocolate Seder!

TEWTY

TEWTY is enjoying a successful and fun year so far! We have been enjoying our "Tuesdays with TEWTY" in the Lavy House as well as our regular events. We are looking forward to our second shul-in of the school year this spring as well as a couple other fun end of year activities. If you are in grades 8-12 and are interested in becoming more involved with our senior youth group, please contact President Andrew Steiner (drewbys@msn. com) or Advisor Emily Halpern (ehalpern@tewnj.org). Please follow us on Instagram @tewtynftyger and Facebook @tewtywestfield!!!

Youth Learning & Engagement Open House



TEMPLE EMANU-EL'S YOUTH LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT

OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY, MARCH 3

8:45 AM - 10:45 AM

Come find out why students in our Youth Learning and Engagement Department have so much ruach (spirit).

- Prospective families are welcome! Bring your friends and experience the magic at Temple Emanu-El!
- . Meet our clergy, staff and faculty.
- · Learn about our curriculum and educational theme.
- · Find yourself at home!

TO RSVP OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT: WWW.TEWNJ.ORG/YLE-OPEN-HOUSE

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2019-2020 School Registration

Registration for the 2019/20 year will begin after spring break and is entirely online. For information, visit our website or contact Shari Rothstein at 908-232-6772 or **srothstein@tewnj.org**.

www.tewnj.org/religious-school

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

MARCH

Sunday, March 3

8:45 - 10:45 AM - Open House

9:00 AM – 11:00AM - Nisayon event: Mitzvot of Greater Metrowest @Temple Emanu-El

11:00 AM – 12:00PM - Madrichim Seminar for NEW Madrichim

Friday, March 8

4:00 PM - Bus departs for 5th grade retreat to Camp Harlam

7:45 PM - Music Shabbat with Pop-up Choir for students in grades 3-12

Saturday, March 9

9:00 PM - Bus returns from 5th grade retreat

Sunday, March 10

6:00 - 7:00 PM - Cafe Torah (11th & 12th Graders), Westfield Diner

Sunday, March 17

10:15 -10:45 AM - Purim Schpiel 10:45 - 12:15 PM - Purim Carnival

Wednesday, March 20

7:00 - 7:45 PM - Purim Schpiel and Megillah Reading

Friday, March 22

5:30 - 9:00PM - Nisayon event: Yom Yisrael

Saturday, March 23

12:00 PM - Mitzvah Corp: Franciscan Charities

Sunday, March 24

11:00 - 12:00 PM - Madrichim Seminar for Returning Madrichim

6:00 - 7:00 PM - Cafe Torah (11th & 12th Graders), Westfield Diner

Sunday, March 31

5th Grade Families: Nisayon Orientation, Introduction to 6th Grade - Youth Learning and Engagement Parent Gathering

APRIL

Sunday, April 7

8:45 - 10:45 AM - Passover Seder for Kgn-3rd Grade 10:45 - 12:30 PM - Extreme Bonim & Extreme

Yeladim Chocolate Seder

11:00 – 12:00 PM - Madrichim Seminar for NEW Madrichim

1:30 - 3:45 PM - Nisayon event: Shoah through the Eves of a Child

6:00 - 7:00 PM - Cafe Torah (11th & 12th Graders), Westfield Diner

Tuesday, April 9 - Thursday, April 11

Holiday Celebrations: Passover (4th & 5th Grades) Parent volunteers welcome!

Tuesday, April 23

Classes Resume

8:15 - 9:00 PM - Confirmation Meeting for 9th grade families

Friday, April 26 - Sunday, April 28 8th & 9th Gr Trip to Boston, MA

Sunday, April 28

8:45 - 10:45 AM - 4th Grade Family Program: Sefer Li

10:45 - 12:00PM - Mitzvah Corps

10:45 - 12:15 PM - Mitzvah Corps

6:00 - 7:00PM - Cafe Torah (11th & 12th Graders), Westfield Diner

Congregational Learning

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: jane.berlant@gmail.com.

Our next meetings will be on Wednesday March 6 and Wednesday, April 3 at 7:00 PM.





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

Tuesdays, 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!

Israeli Brunch and Learn



Sunday, March 10 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. On March 10, the topic will be: Israeli Campaigns and Polls. This is

part of an ongoing 3-part series: The Israeli Elections.

Rabbi Kroloff's Lunch and Learn Spring Dates

Join us for a lunch and learn with Rabbi Kroloff! Discussion topics will include contemporary events, films of Jewish and general interest, spiritual issues, aging wisely, family concerns, the rabbi's struggles, Israel, the American Jewish community, and recent developments in Jewish live.



A delicious and complimentary lunch will be offered.

Donations to support this program are welcome. Kindly direct them to the Rabbi Charles A. Kroloff Fund for Jewish Learning.

March 18 at 11:30 AM

Jewish values (or absence thereof) in three films and

videos: The Kominsky Method, The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel, and The Green Book.

April 8 at 11:30 AM

A dialogue with U.S. Representative Tom Malinowski (NJ 7TH CD) (Subject to change depending on schedule of US House of Representatives)

May 13 at 11:30 AM
Judaism for non-believers.

Congregational Learning

Connie Reiter's Torah Study

Saturday, March 16 and Saturday, April 13 at 9:30 AM

This year's curriculum offers 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.

Navigating Cancer - The over-looked caregiver.

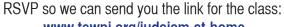
Tuesday, April 2 at 7:30 PM

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.

Judaism at Home: Spicing up Your Passover Seder

Wednesday, April 3 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.



www.tewnj.org/judaism-at-home

Judaism at Home

Count to a Thousand

Thursday, April 11 at 7:30 PM



In her novel, *Count to a Thousand*, Caroline Goldberg Igra, tells the story of an American expatriate who constructs a purposefully insular life in Israel similar to the one she'd expected to live back in the United States until it's time to send her eldest child to the army.

Prayers for Challenging Times Thursday, April 25 at 7:30 PM

Join Rabbi Prosnit as we explore our Jewish tradition and prayers for challenging times. We will focus on prayers of healing, prayers for mourning, and prayers after communal tragedies. What does our tradition teach us when we have different spiritual needs? How do we invoke awe, seek clarity of our feelings and question God?

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 dvnamic speakers and engage with our elected officials. For more information, contact Rabbi Ethan Prosnit, eprosnit@tewnj.org.



Emergency Number

Lifecycle Emergency Number: 908-301-6890.

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.

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.

Mandy Reichman Feeding Program

5 years ago at the Mandy Reichman Feeding Program fundraiser we started the sponsorship program. The sponsorships exceeded our expectations and lasted through January 2019.

We are incredibly thankful to all of you who have generously supported our program by sponsoring a week of meals or a week of cookies or a week of zip lock bags or a week of meat or cheese. You may continue to be a sponsor and send a check to me made payable to Temple Emanu-El: Meryl Reichman @ 17 Round Hill Rd, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076 and we will acknowledge you in the Friday night bulletin. You can mark the sponsorship in honor of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one or anything you would like. Your generosity tremendously helps us to fulfill Mandy's dream to feed the hungry. We have continued her legacy for 18 years and still going strong.

> With deep gratitude, Meryl and Barry Reichman Jill and Jeff Reichman

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.
- 2. Ensure that the chosen Experience requires the students' time and energy.
- 3. 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 March 11 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

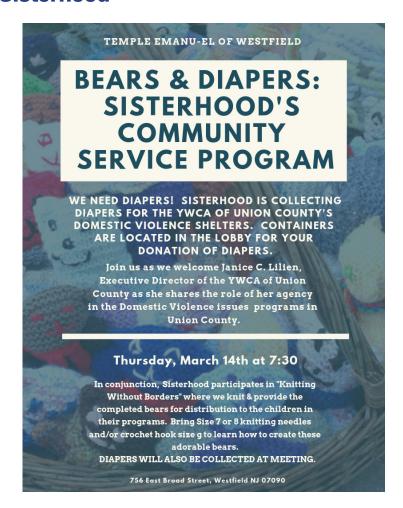
Can you give a ride to a Temple member in need of transportation to services or to a doctor's appointment? Can you cook a meal for a homebound senior or a congregant going through a difficult illness? Can you deliver a challah to a congregant celebrating something good or going through a challenging 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 AM – 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

Sisterhood



Library News....

If you wander into the Lehr Library you will be pleasantly surprised to find many new books that are on current best seller lists for Jewish content. We are proud

to say our library is being kept current by volunteers of Temple Emanu El. If you have some time during Hebrew School hours or almost any time you can give so the library doors are open it would be wonderful to have some new volunteers. Remember, it can be a great place to keep up with your own reading!

Some of the new books on the shelves are.....

- The Other Woman: A Novel (Gabriel Allon) by Daniel Silva
- Gateway to the Moon: A Novel by May Morris
- Promised Land: A Novel of Israel by Martin Fletcher
- The Tattooist of Auschwitz: A Novel by Heather Morris



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, \$7 weekly.

Mostly Music

Do you love to hear classical music performed by professional

musicians but hate the drive or train into New York City? Mostly Music brings the music and the musicians to you in the sanctuary of Temple Emanu-

El on five Sunday afternoons at 3:30 PM. On March 24th, the concert will be a program of violin concertos that features Bach and Haydn and showcases some of the newest stars of the violin world—Benjamin Beilman, Bella Hristove and Arnaud Sussmann—who have all won prizes in numerous competitions. The program will also include Fred Sherry on cello, Paul Neubauer on viola, Anthony Manzo on bass and Jeffrey Grossman on harpsichord.

Additional concerts for the 2018-19 season will be held on April 14 and May 19, 2019. Mostly Music chamber music concerts are free for those under 21 and cost \$35 at the door. For additional information go to http://mostlymusic.org or call 908-789-8578.

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March/April 2019

For up to date information or changes visit www.tewni.org/events

Please note that Bar/Bat Mitzvah dates are no longer listed on this calendar. See page 3 for this information.
 The Early Childhood Education and Religious School calendar can be found on our website at www.tewnj.org.
 Holy Scrollers Torah Study & Saturday Morning Minyan will take place at the Lavy House.

Friday, March 1

7:45 PM Shabbat Hallelu

Saturday, March 2

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

Sunday, March 3

8:45 AM YLE Open House

Monday, March 4

4:00 PM Dance Fitness

Tuesday, March 5

9:30 AM **Bible Class**

5:10 PM Mandy Reichman Feeding Program

Wednesday, March 6

Blankets of Love 7:00 PM

Thursday, March 7

7:00 PM Intro to Judaism

Friday, March 8

Erev Shabbat with Choir/Music Shabbat 7:45 PM

Saturday, March 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

Sunday, March 10

9:00 AM Israeli Brunch & Learn

Monday, March 11

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

7:30 PM Tikkun Olam/Social Action Committee

Meeting

Tuesday, March 12

9:30 AM **Bible Class**

5:10 PM Mandy Reichman Feeding Program

Wednesday, March 13

7:30 PM Sisterhood Book Club

Thursday, March 14

7:00 PM Intro to Judaism 7:00 PM Men's Club Meeting 7:30 PM Sisterhood Meeting

Friday, March 15

6:00 PM Shabbat B'yachad

Zimrat Shabbat/Men's Club Shabbat 7:45 PM

Saturday, March 16

8:15 AM Holy Scrollers

9:30 AM Connie Reiter's Torah Study

9:30 AM Tiny Tot Shabbat

9:30 AM Saturday Morning Minyan followed by

Light Brunch and Discussion

Sunday, March 17

10:15 AM Congregational Purim Family Oriented

Purim Schpiel & Carnival

Monday, March 18

9:30 AM

4:00 PM

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11:30 AM Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Kroloff

Dance Fitness

Tuesday, March 19

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

Wednesday, March 20

6:00 PM Purim Power Hour Sponsored by Men's Club

7:00 PM Purim Schpiel/Megillah Reading

Thursday, March 21

7:00 PM Intro to Judaism

Friday, March 22

5:00 PM Pre-Onea

5:00 PM Pre-Shabbat Learning with Student Rabbi

Erev Shabbat Service 6:00 PM

Saturday, March 23

8:15 AM Holy Scrollers Torah Study

9:00 PM Simchat Shabbat

9:30 AM Saturday Morning Minyan followed by

Light Brunch and Discussion

10:00 AM Saturday Morning Fun Club

Monday, March 25

4:00 PM Dance Fitness

Tuesday, March 26

9:30 AM Bible Class

5:10 PM Mandy Reichman Feeding Program

Thursday, March 28

Intro to Judaism 7:00 PM 7:00 PM Israel 101

Friday, March 29

7:45 PM Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, March 30

8:15 AM Holy Scrollers

9:30 AM Saturday Morning Minyan followed by

Light Brunch and Discussion

Sunday, March 31

11:00 AM Architect Charrette

Monday, April 1

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

Tuesday, April 2

9:30 AM **Bible Class**

5:10 PM Mandy Reichman Feeding Program

7:30 PM Living with Cancer

Wednesday, April 3

7:00 PM Blankets of Love

8:00 PM Judaism at Home

Thursday, April 4

7:00 PM Charrette Follow Up 7:00 PM Intro to Judaism

7:45 PM

10:00 AM

Friday, April 5 6:00 PM Shabbat B'yachad

Saturday, April 6

8:15 AM Holy Scrollers Torah Study 9:30 AM

Tiny Tot Shabbat

Shabbat Hallelu

9:30 AM Saturday Morning Minyan followed by Light Brunch and Discussion

Saturday Morning Fun Club

Monday, April 8

11:30 AM Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Kroloff

4:00 PM Dance Fitness **Tuesday, April 9**

9:30 AM Bible Class

Thursday, April 11

Intro to Judaism 7:00 PM 7:00 PM Men's Club Meeting 7:30 PM Count to a Thousand

Friday, April 12

7:45 PM Erev Shabbat Service with Choir

Saturday, April 13

Holy Scrollers Torah Study 8:15 AM

9:00 AM Simchat Shabbat

9:30 AM Connie Reiter's Torah Study 9:30 AM Saturday Morning Minyan followed by

Light Brunch and Discussion

Sunday, April 14

Men's Club Seder 6:00 PM

Monday, April 15

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

Tuesday, April 16

Bible Class 9:30 AM

Wednesday, April 17 7:30 PM Sisterhood Meeting

Thursday, April 18

7:00 PM Intro to Judaism

Friday, April 19

8:00 AM Passover Service of the First Born 2:00 PM Offices Close for Passover

Saturday, April 20

10:00 AM Passover First Day Morning Service 6:00 PM Passover Second Night Congregational

Seder

Tuesday, April 23

9:30 AM Bible Class

Wednesday, April 24 7:30 PM Tikkun Olam/Social Action Committee

Meeting

Thursday, April 25

7:30 PM Prayers for Difficult Times

Friday, April 26

Passover 7th Day -- Offices Closed

10:00 AM Seventh Day Passover Service with Yizkor

5:00 PM

6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 27

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 5:00 PM Maimuna - Israel Program

Sunday, April 28

Tikkun Olam/Social Action Adopt a Park 11:00 AM

Monday, April 29

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

Tuesday, April 30 9:30 AM **Bible Class**

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Our next meeting will be on Monday March 11 at 12:00 PM in Greifer Sacks Hall.

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We will also be meeting on Monday, April 1 at 12:00 PM in Greifer Sacks Hall.

We are delighted to welcome our own Cantor Rubel. Her program is "Music for the Heart: Songs of Sacred Relationships" Cantor Rubel will present Jewish liturgical music related to the important relationships in our lives: parents and children, romantic relationships, friends, and our relationship with God.

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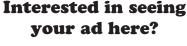
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