

Shabbat Services:

Friday, July 5
Sunset Shabbat in Teva..... 6:00 PM

Saturday, July 6 *Korach*
Saturday Morning Minyan..... 9:30 AM

Friday, July 12
Erev Shabbat Service..... 6:00 PM

Saturday, July 13 *Chukat*
Saturday Morning Minyan..... 9:30 AM
Shabbat Walk with Rabbi Prosnit..... 9:30 AM

Friday, July 19
Pre-Oneg..... 5:00 PM
Sunset Shabbat in Teva..... 6:00 PM

Saturday, July 20 *Balak*
Simchat Shabbat..... 9:00 AM
Saturday Morning Minyan..... 9:30 AM

Friday, July 26
Erev Shabbat Service..... 6:00 PM

Saturday, July 27 *Pinchas*
Saturday Morning Minyan..... 9:30 AM

Friday, August 2
Sunset Shabbat in Teva..... 6:00 PM

Saturday, August 3 *Matot - Mas-ei*
Saturday Morning Minyan..... 9:30 AM
Shabbat Walk with Rabbi Prosnit..... 9:30 AM

Friday, August 9
Erev Shabbat Service..... 6:00 PM

Saturday, August 10 *D'varim*
Saturday Morning Minyan..... 9:30 AM

Friday, August 16
Sunset Shabbat in Teva..... 6:00 PM

Saturday, August 17 *Va-et'chanan*
Simchat Shabbat..... 9:00 AM
Saturday Morning Minyan..... 9:30 AM

Friday, August 23
Erev Shabbat Service..... 6:00 PM

Saturday, August 24 *Eikev*
Saturday Morning Minyan..... 9:30 AM

Friday, August 30
Sunset Shabbat in Teva..... 6:00 PM

Saturday, August 31 *R'ei'h*
Saturday Morning Minyan..... 9:30 AM

Minyan Services

Monday-Thursday..... 7:00 PM
Upon request. Call Laurie Zinberg: 908-232-6770 x 117

All Sunset Shabbats in Teva and Shabbat Walks are weather permitting. For the most updated location, please see our website, www.tewnj.org or Facebook page.

From the Desk of Rabbi Prosnit

I shared these words at the beginning of the Congregational Meeting:

One of my favorite parts of being a rabbi is bestowing the Priestly Blessing. It is a familiar three line prayer found in the Torah Portion Naso. Adonai spoke to Moses. Speak to Aaron and his sons: Thus shall you bless the people of Israel. Say to them:

May God bless you and protect you! May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you! May God bestow favor upon you and grant you peace!

As we recap the year, I reflect on the many times that I said this blessing. Here are some of my highlights...

- I offered the priestly blessing to over 30 B'nai Mitzvah students as their parents stood behind them beaming with pride.
- I whispered the blessing to 34 Confirmants, one of the largest Confirmation classes in the entire Reform Movement, as they led our congregation beautifully in prayer.
- Each month we concluded our Shabbat B'yachad Family Services, which saw a significant increase in participation this year, with this same benediction.
- I recited these words as I gave babies their Hebrew names, including my own, born on Yom Kippur.
- I offered these words to our Kindergartners at Teva, our graduating seniors on the bima, to wedding couples standing under the chuppah, and to individuals who have chosen Judaism at the mikvah.
- On a Shabbat in May, we said goodbye with the priestly blessing to our student rabbi, now Rabbi Hilly Haber, who brought her insight, her warmth, and her creativity to our community.
- And we blessed two congregants, Ben Bass and Dory Baron, who are making Aliyah this summer.

It was a packed year of blessing and I look forward to this upcoming year as we will have opportunities for continued blessings.

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Year in Review

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Tisha B'Av Services

Saturday, August 10 at 7:30 PM

Join us for our hauntingly beautiful, candlelit service commemorating the destruction of the two Temples and the other misfortunes of the 9th day of the month of Av. The Biblical Book of Lamentations will be chanted and our clergy will lead us in prayer and readings for the day.

March for Love

Temple Emanu-El and the Tikkun Olam Committee sponsored a march to show our commitment to Love and Against Hate. The march was held in the evening on May 1st. We marched from town hall to the Temple sanctuary. People brought signs as we walked through a closed Broad Street, joined by members of the Westfield interfaith clergy, Westfield's Mayor Shelley Brindle, Senator Tom Kean, Jr, Assemblyman Jon M. Bramnick and members of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Association of Westfield, as well as local reporters and members of the greater community. We are incredibly thankful to Chief Battiloro and the entire Westfield police department for their support in planning and executing this community event. Speakers for the rally which took place in our sanctuary included Mayor Brindle, Reverend William Williams of the United Methodist Church, Elizabeth Wolf, President of the MLK Association, and Rabbi Sagal. There were over 500 people from Westfield and neighboring towns in attendance.

The message was clear.

"We as a community must rise above antisemitism and hate speech. Together we will be stronger, better and reassured. We look forward to working with you to improve our mindset and focus on the positivity we all have to offer. Join us in this conversation and call out when you see hate in our schools, town, state and country."

Thank you everyone for your support and for coming.

- Alayne Morgenthal
Vice President for Social Justice and Religious Living



Year in Review

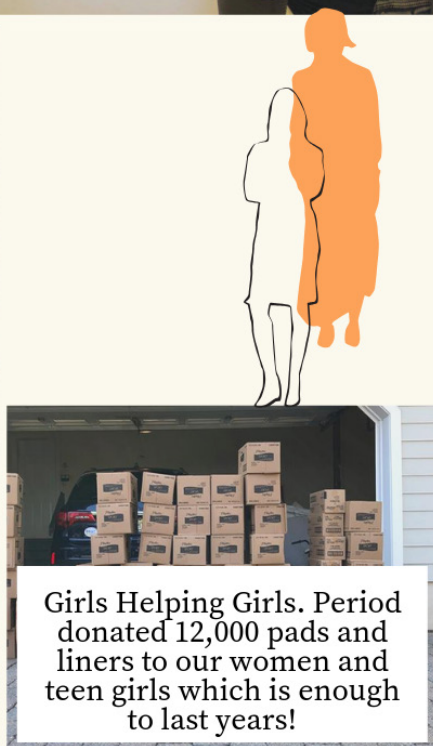
Saturday Morning Fun Club



On March 16, Congressman Tom Malinowski visited us and spent time meeting both refugee families and volunteers.



The Westfield Fun Club has been honored to speak at several events. Two of our men joined us and eloquently told their stories.



Girls Helping Girls. Period donated 12,000 pads and liners to our women and teen girls which is enough to last years!

TEWTY Year in Review

This past year we had a variety of fun events, many of which we hope to continue next year. Our Thanksgiving lunch, or "Friendsgiving" as we called it, was a memorable experience where temple teens gathered in the Lavy House to hang out with one another while eating many delicious Thanksgiving classics. We had two temple Shul-Ins where teens had the opportunity to sleep over at the temple for a night. We played games, hung out, talked and truly had a blast. The latest Shul In's theme was "Emily's Bat Mitzvah," celebrating Emily Halpern, our incredible TEWTY supervisor. Another great event included our dinner at Arirang, where we ate amazing Hibachi food before attending Friday night services. Our Mother's Day fundraiser, where we sold bouquets of flowers at Sunday Religious School, was also quite successful and something we wish to continue.



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In Memoriam

We remember those from our Temple Family:

Betty Barnett

Edwin Yanowitz

Husband of Joyce Yanowitz

Lois Staffin

Wife of Dr. Gerald Staffin

We remember those from our extended Temple family:

Helen Forman

Mother of Dr. Jerome Forman

George Geller

Father of Shelley Geller

Harvey Luppescu

Father of Dr. Neal Luppescu

Patricia Kook

Mother of Deborah Bashkoff

Robert Godfrey

Father of Pam Raiff

Elisa Benformas Bilman

Sister of Rabbi Yishak Bilman

Joyce Scher

Mother of Jill Kaufman, sister of Nancy Bregman, aunt of Carol Gross and Wendy Bregman

Edith Klein

Aunt of Pete Klein

Kenneth Plattman

Father of Stephen Plattman

Shirley Tannenbaum

Grandmother of Stacy Bergerman

Annette Rindner

Mother of Dan Rindner

Allen Gold

Father of Dr. Jeffrey Gold

Elliott Tananbaum

Father of Allan Tananbaum

Congratulations

Henriann Robins on the marriage of her granddaughter, Julia Veloric to Keith Gervis.

Laurie Goldsmith-Heitner and

Saul Heitner on the birth of

their granddaughter, Marigold

Ann Heitner to Max Heitner and

Alexandra Cooperstock.

Welcoming our New Staff!

Our Youth Learning and Engagement Department is thrilled to be welcoming two new partners to our professional staff. We are looking forward to introducing you to our new team and hope you will join us in welcoming them home to Temple Emanu-El.

Introducing Samantha Eichert

Samantha Eichert is so proud to be expanding her role at Temple Emanu-El as our Assistant Director of Youth Learning and Engagement. Currently, Samantha co-leads our 11th and 12th grade Geshar l'Keshet program during HaMakom on



Tuesday nights. Born and raised in the Philadelphia area, Samantha began her leadership within the Reform Movement at a very young age. While still in high school, she attended Gratz College, completing the Isaac Mayer Wise Reform Teaching Certification program. She earned a BA from the University of Hartford in Judaic Studies and Sociology with a minor in History. Samantha has also completed the Union for Reform Judaism's Youth Professional 101 Program.

During her college years in Connecticut, Samantha continued to further her synagogue involvement, serving as the Principal for the Lower School at Congregation Kol Haverim in Glastonbury. After graduating from college, Samantha made her way to New Jersey with her now-husband, Matt, and continued to serve in various roles in the Jewish community.

Samantha's recent leadership roles include the Judaic Curriculum Coordinator at Temple B'nai

Abraham in Livingston, Director of Youth Engagement at Temple Sinai in Summit, and the Temple Administrator at Temple Emanu-El in Edison.

Samantha and Matt currently reside in Edison with their two dogs, Thor & Ariel.

Samantha is eager and excited to get to know everyone who comes through our doors and work with our community. She will begin her new role at TEE on July 1. Please reach out, stop by and say hello. She is always happy to get to know new faces.

Introducing Aaron Soloman

Aaron Soloman is incredibly excited to join the Temple Emanu-El family this coming year as the new Coordinator of Youth and Family Engagement. Aaron also grew up in Philadelphia, and in May 2018, graduated from Brandeis University with Bachelor's degrees in Computer Science and Economics. He has worked in those fields for startups in Sydney, Australia and Los Angeles, California as both a Data Analyst and Consultant.

Aaron will be continuing Temple Emanu-El's partnership with URJ Camp Harlam as our new CLASP Fellow (Camp Leadership and Synagogue Professional). He has been working at Camp Harlam for the past 6 summers and has been a member of the Harlam family since 2007, his first summer as a camper. Aaron has worked with many different age groups ranging from 2nd to 9th graders. Since his first summer on staff as a cabin counselor, he has continued his professional growth in Jewish youth engagement, becoming a Unit Supervisor, teaching, leading and caring for so many of TEE's Harlam campers.



Among his many leadership accomplishments, Aaron achieved the rank of Eagle Scout and is counted among a very special group of young people at Camp Harlam who have been recognized for exceptional leadership, receiving the Mitch Perlmeier Award.

Aaron can't wait to bring his technical knowledge, analytical experience, and passion for Jewish education to Temple Emanu-El. He is thrilled to join the congregational family following this camp season.

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)



Help Feed the Hungry

Is this not the fast I look for: Is it not to share your bread with the hungry? - *Isaiah*.

Each year during the High Holydays, our Temple family collects hundreds of pounds of food for donation to the Westfield Food Pantry. Please join us again this year as we continue our efforts to help feed hungry families in our larger community.

As in the past, empty grocery bags will be distributed to congregants after Rosh Hashanah services. We ask that you return the bags filled with non-perishable food items on Yom Kippur morning, October 9. Volunteers from the Westfield Food Pantry will be stationed in both parking lots (at Temple Emanu-El and the First Congregational Church) to assist with the collection. The following items are greatly needed: canned foods such as tuna, beans, soup, fruit, vegetables, chili, and nutritional supplements for the elderly; boxed foods such as rice, pasta, cereal, pancake mix, and instant potatoes; and peanut butter and jelly.

Today rabah for your continued generosity.

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.



High Holydays 5780

High Holyday Services 5780/2019

Community-Wide Selichot Celebration

Saturday evening, September 21

*Community-Wide Selichot Celebration Temple
Beth Ahm Yisrael in Springfield.....8:00 PM

Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 29

Erev Rosh Hashanah Services.....6:00 PM

Monday, September 30

Early Morning Service8:30 AM
Parallel programs for grades K – 58:30 AM
**Kol Haneshamah Service at FCC.....9:45 AM
***Kulanu Service.....10:00 AM
Late Morning Service.....11:30 AM
Tiny Tot Service.....3:00 PM

Tuesday, October 1

Morning service, Second Day.....10:00 AM
Tashlich at Mindowaskin Park at the conclusion of
this service

Yom Kippur

Tuesday, October 8

Kol Nidre Service.....8:00 PM

Wednesday, October 9

Early Morning Service8:30 AM
Parallel programs for grades K – 58:30 AM
**Kol Haneshamah Service at FCC*9:45 AM
***Kulanu.....10:00 AM
Late Morning Service.....11:30 AM
Parallel Discussions (Part I)
Immediately after early morning service
Parallel Discussions (Part II)
Immediately after late morning service
Tiny Tot Service.....2:00 PM
Afternoon, Yizkor & Neilah Services.....3:15 PM

Admission by Ticket and Photo ID Only

*Selichot will be located at Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael
in Springfield - 60 Temple Dr, Springfield Township,
NJ 07081.

**FCC is First Congregational Church, which is
located at 125 Elmer Street in Westfield.

***Kulanu will be located at Wilson School - 301
Linden Ave, Westfield, NJ 07090.

High Holydays will be here before you know it!

Please fill out your High Holyday ticket order forms in our new online form at
www.tewnj.org/highholydays OR mail them back to the Temple office ASAP! The
deadline is Friday, August 16.

Help Usher In the New Year!

We are always looking for ushers to help us create the best possible High Holyday
experience for our attendees. Please visit our website for more details.

Assisted Listening Device System

A few assisted listening devices are available in the Sanctuary, and large-print prayer
books are available in the Sanctuary and at Kol Haneshamah services. Our ushers will
be happy to assist you.

Wheelchairs and Low Mobility

To reserve a wheelchair space for any of our services, please contact Jackie Master at
jmaster@tewnj.org or by phone at 908-232-6770x133. We have accessible stalls in
several of our bathrooms and at Wilson School. Any driver with a passenger who uses
a wheelchair or has low mobility is welcome to pull to the accessible parking entrance at
the back of the Temple building to drop them off before going to park their car.

High Holyday Experiences for Youth

Registration for these programs is completely online at www.tewnj.org/highholydays.

Rosh Hashanah Morning - Monday, September 30 at 8:30 AM

Yom Kippur Morning - Wednesday, October 9 at 8:30 AM

Please drop your children off at 8:15 AM; services begin at 8:30 AM.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED to participate in all programs listed below.

Babysitting

Babysitting is offered for toilet-trained 2 - 4 year olds during the early Sanctuary Service
on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur for a fee. Registration is due by September 20. For
more information and to register your child, please visit our website.

Youth Programming and Worship for K- 5th Grade

Registration for Children's Parallel Programming and teen volunteers can be found in
the High Holyday section of our website. Registration is due by September 20. For more
information please contact Samantha Eichert at seichert@tewnj.org or by phone at 908-
232-6770 x123.

High School Volunteers

9th – 12th graders can volunteer in our Babysitting and Youth Parallel Programming.
Volunteers are accepted on a first-received basis with priority given to teens who
currently participate in our Madrichim Program, are enrolled in our Religious School and/
or participate in our youth groups.

Kulanu

Simply fill out the member and/or guest ticket order forms and select Kulanu as your
service option. Seating is limited; we can only accomodate the first 250 people who sign
up. Tickets must be issued for attendees of all ages.

For more information about High Holydays, please visit our website:

www.tewnj.org/highholydays

High Holyday Ticket Information

Please note the following policies concerning High Holyday tickets:

- ✧ At Temple Emanu-El services, every attendee, including children of any age (infant through college), will need a ticket. Everyone high school aged through adult needs a photo ID with their ticket.
- ✧ At Kol Haneshamah services, tickets must be issued for attendees of all ages. One parking permit per family per Holyday will be issued as well.
- ✧ Your tickets will be delivered via email - same as last year. You can print out the email to show at the door, or you can show the ticket (email) on your smartphone. If you do not have an email address you may come into the Temple and pick up your ticket or it will be held for you at the door.
- ✧ Please have your tickets and ID available prior to reaching the door to save time.
- ✧ Congregants with tickets and photo ID in hand may enter as directed by the ushers.
- ✧ Congregants without tickets or without a photo ID will be directed to a table where their membership can be confirmed.

Please note the following information:

- ✧ Tickets will be issued at no cost to members who are current with their Temple financial obligations and who have sent in their ticket order form (or filled them out online). Order forms for your ticket(s) and additional guest tickets were mailed in June and can be found on our website.
- ✧ Guest tickets for adult children attending **either** Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur services, but not both, cost \$90 per ticket.
- ✧ Guest tickets for adult children attending both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services and all other guests, whether attending services for Rosh Hashanah only, or Yom Kippur only, or both cost \$180 per ticket. You can mail your check with your form or pay online through Chaverweb!
- ✧ There is no charge for anyone 26 and under. Tickets are required for all attendees. Please remember that Temple Emanu-El participates in the URJ reciprocity program. All members in good standing at another congregation may receive tickets for free. Simply have their temple let us know that they will be attending! Still include them on your Guest Ticket order form and jot down "recip" next to their name(s).
- ✧ Please do not ask for exceptions to these rules.
- ✧ Tickets will be emailed approximately 2 weeks prior to Rosh Hashanah. Do not delete the email that contains your electronic ticket.

Photo ID required with ticket.

If you or any family member or guest do not carry items on the Holydays, call the Temple Emanu-El office and let us know.

High Holyday Decorum

- ✧ For safety's sake, strollers are not permitted in the Sanctuary due to fire regulations.
- ✧ Please respect the dignity of the service, and refrain from leaving your seat during the sermon or at any time when the Holy Ark is open.
- ✧ If your child becomes restless during the service, please take him or her to a more suitable area.
- ✧ Seats may be saved up to 10 minutes before services begin.
- ✧ Please be on time – taking seats after services have started is disruptive to those in the area.
- ✧ In deference to those with allergies, please refrain from using heavy fragrances.

Kulanu

We offer a prayer service we call Kulanu, meaning "all of us". This unique worship experience is open to attendees of all ages, though it is designed as a prayer option for those families with K-7 students. Services will be led by our new Student Rabbi and a songleader, along with appearances from our own TEE Clergy. This interactive and intergenerational service includes a youth-oriented prayer book, guitar accompaniment, as well as stories and meaningful discussion. At Kulanu, we intend kids and adults to share a time of connection, celebration, and awe. Open to Temple Members (and their guests) and ECE families. Space is limited, pre-registration is required.

Location: Wilson School – 301 Linden Ave, Westfield

Monday, September 30 @ 10:00 AM

Wednesday, October 9 @ 10:00 AM

Kol Haneshamah

Our alternative High Holyday worship service is held on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur. Kol Haneshamah aims to provide a worship experience that is participatory, contemplative, and informal. Led by members of our clergy and guitarist/songwriter Rick Calvert, this is an adult-oriented service but very appropriate for children and teens. Tickets are required.

Location: First Congregational Church – 125 Elmer Street, Westfield

Monday, September 30 @ 9:45 AM

Wednesday, October 9 @ 9:45 AM

Shofar Class

Cantor Novick will hold her annual Shofar Blowing Class for any young person who is interested in learning how to blow the shofar or brushing up on his or her skills. You must bring your own shofar to the class. Contact Susan Schuman at 908-578-4856, if you need to purchase one from the Sisterhood Gift Shop. Be on the lookout for more information!

Education Year in Review

Bat Mitzvah

The congregation will celebrate the following bat mitzvah:

July 20

10:45 AM in the Chapel

Sophie Gurland

Daughter of Greer and Ira Gurland

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

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
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908-596-0079

Early Childhood's Year in Review!

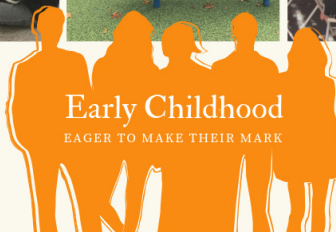


We celebrate Shabbat every week, led by a member of our clergy and families also join us as special guests. Pictured: our Kindergarteners hosting Shabbat in TEVA (our outdoor classroom).



Our brand new infant room has been a great success, due in part to our wonderful teachers.

Here we are celebrating Sukkot in the sukkah and experiencing friendship, fun and learning!



Youth Learning and Engagement's Year in Review



YOUTH LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT



Education Year in Review



Mazal Tov to our Confirmation Class!

Mazal tov to the families of the Confirmation Class of 5779! A tribute to the Religious School Fund is a wonderful way to acknowledge a simcha and honor one of our teens or their families. Please visit our website www.tewnj.org/tributes

Dylan Berger	Jacob Holtzman	Jade Radice
Aidan Berman	Jessica Isser	Sarah Rappoport
Ryan Borak	Alex Kaplan	Meredith Rosenthal
Marcus Brotman	Noam Kelner	Lee Rosenthal
Andrew Cohen	Madeleine Learner	Ryan Rosenthal
Eli Cohen	Nathan Lechner	Mattie Waller
Russell Cohen	Maya Levitt	Jesse Weinstein
Jake Delforte	Eliza Lox	Amanda Wendler
Ben Freedman	Noah Metz	Jacob Wendler
Cooper Harris	Eric Mordkovich	Amanda White
Samantha Hoffmann	Emilia Nathan	Justin Zucker
	Sara Perlin	



Please save these dates for the beginning of an exciting new year of Youth Learning and Engagement at Temple Emanu-El!

NEW STUDENTS:

*Consecration Service for NEW students
Sunday, September 22, 10:15 – 10:45am,
followed by a light reception until 11:15am,
parents are invited to join us.*

OPENING DAYS:

*Kgn-5th Grade
Sunday, September 15, 8:45-10:45 AM for
students and parents.*

*6th Grade Nisayon
Wednesday, September 18, 5:45-7:45 PM*

*HaMakom (7th - 12th grade)
Tuesday, October 15, 7:00-9:00 PM*

*First Madrichim Seminar is
For NEW Madrichim only – Thursday,
September 5, 7:00-8:30 PM
With a parent orientation from 8:00-8:30pm
For ALL Madrichim - Sunday, September 8,
9:00-11:30 AM*

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 life-changing situations.

We're Here For You

Your clergy are committed to providing attentive, compassionate, and excellent pastoral care. Please call us at 908-232-6770 to let us know of your needs, or to inform us of a pastoral or life cycle emergency. We ask that you avoid the use of e-mail to communicate pastoral or life cycle issues. E-mail cannot be relied upon to provide timely and appropriate responses.

The Donald M. Weill Creative Writing Award Winner

Upcoming Events

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, July 30 and August 13 at 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!

Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Prosnit - Prophets

Wednesdays, July 17 & 24 and August 7 at 12:00 PM

Micah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel... we have heard of them, but who were they? What values did they preach? How are they still relevant today? Join us for a summer lunch and learn with Rabbi Prosnit. Bring your lunch, we'll provide drinks and dessert as we study about the Prophets and uncover who they were, what they did, and how their teachings still influence us.

Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Kroloff - Save the 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 life. 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.

Our Fall dates are:
9/16, 10/28, 11/18 at 11:30 AM.

Announcing the Donald M. Weill Creative Writing Award Winner

The Donald M. Weill Creative Writing Award was established in loving memory of Donald M. Weill, a published writer and member of Temple Emanu-El for 45 years for whom writing was both a gift and passion. Beside his published books of light verse, his work has been seen in all major newspapers and magazines. In addition, he was a lyricist.

The contest, open to Temple Emanu-El students in 11th & 12th grade, invited students to submit writings in the following categories:

- Short Stories
- Song Lyrics
- Poetry
- Personal Essay

The theme of the writing must be related to Jewish identity/or ideas. We are pleased to share with you the winning submission for the 2019 Donald M. Weill Creative Writing Award, written by Maddie Katz.

A Small Memoir from a Plane Destined for New Jersey

By Maddie Katz

In this airplane, it's quiet for a bit. My headphones have fallen out somewhere in the hood of my sweatshirt and I have woken up with a stiff neck and sore heart. It is July 26th and has been for about 27 hours. I will be arriving home soon to the bustle of Newark Airport and my five weeks in Israel will no longer be a tomorrow, but a yesterday. I close my eyes, with nothing to do, and allow memories to come.

I was in the Negev, July 3rd. The sun beat, as it did daily, burning my shoulders and coaxing the freckles to dance across my face. My hat shielded some of the brightness from my eyes, but the wind had gotten the best of the flimsy thing causing it to, in an abrupt gust of wind, tumble down to the ground below. It was day three in the desert and my greasy hair, lack of sleep, and ache in my back were enough to inform me that I couldn't do this another day. That was fine, however, because this hike was our last. My hand was grabbed and I was hoisted up a steep section of the mountain. People were behind me, people were in front of me, but nobody was in a hurry. This was desert time, endless time, boil you alive time. We reached a peak and sat, drinking in the empty landscape and what was left of our water. "Look around" our guide announced. "From this point you can see three nations. Look ahead of you. Behind those mountains is Jordan. Look to the right of you. Behind that fence is Egypt. And we are in Israel." He says this casually, as if seeing these nations all at once was an occurrence not to be marveled at. I felt impossibly small. We hiked down that mountain shortly after, my well-worn shoes begging for some rest. On the way down, we spoke of dinner that night, who would ride in the big bus, and who in the van, and questioned where we would lay down our sleeping bag for the brief hours of sleep ahead of us, desperate for a shower and some chapstick. And we went to bed, an infinite amount of stars above. I counted six shooting stars that night. We did not get much sleep.

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Special High Holyday and Shabbat Services

Kulanu High Holyday Service

Last year during the High Holydays, we piloted a new prayer service called Kulanu, meaning “all of us”. This unique worship experience was designed as a prayer option for those families with K-7 students. At Kulanu, we intended kids and adults to share a time of connection, celebration, and awe. Here are some testimonials of that service!



“My husband & I felt very fortunate to have a family friendly service that we could share with our 3 grandchildren. Their ages ranged from 6 - 12. Once we were seated and received the prayer books, all 3 of our grandchildren felt comfortable in its ease of reading & content. The clergy provided a fun & meaningful service. It was a wonderful start to the high holydays for all of us.”

“My entire family loved the service and the time flew by. My children who usually can’t sit through a service were so involved they didn’t want to leave even when the service was over. We all loved it!!”

JDAAIM Shabbat

The month of February is Jewish Disabilities Awareness, Acceptance, and Inclusion Month. This year our staff, along with our Task Force for Diversity and Inclusion, created a special Shabbat service dedicated to celebrating the diversity of our congregation and exploring what it means to be an inclusive community. This meant incorporating a visual supplement to our regular Shabbat prayers, using alternative language, and having modifications and tools readily available for individuals with a disability to better enjoy and participate in the worship. We were also very lucky to welcome special guest, author and disability advocate Gabrielle Kaplan-Mayer. Along with speaking to us during services, she facilitated a wonderful program following services where members young and old shared artistic representations of the gifts that they bring to our community. We look forward to our next JDAAIM Shabbat on February 28, 2020.



Music Shabbat



On March 8, 2019, we held our annual Music Shabbat service with our special guest Jacob “Spike” Kraus. It was a fantastic night of music and prayer that spanned all the generations of Temple Emanu-El: including

our youth “pop-up” choir, our adult choir, and our young instrumentalists. Spike shared with us not only his music, but his incredible energy and heart. His music has already been part of our repertoire on Shabbat and in our Religious School. As we all sang the closing song together, the feeling in the sanctuary was truly electric. In addition, before the service Spike spent some time working with our current and future teen song leaders on how to teach and engage a community in song.

If you were not able to attend Music Shabbat, you can find Spike’s music on his website: www.jacobspikekraus.com. And we are already looking forward to next year’s special guest – keep your eyes open for the announcement!

Yossi Klein Halevi

On May 15, we welcomed Yossi Klein Halevi to Temple Emanu-El, prizewinning Israeli author, who discussed the future of American Jewry and Israel. This event was generously sponsored by the Rabbi Charles A. Kroloff Fund for Jewish Learning and co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest.

Jaclyn Yoselevich, who came to see Yossi speak, told us what seeing Yossi Klein Halevi meant to her.

“Seeing Yossi Klein Halevi was an eye opening experience. Hearing about our connections as Jewish Americans to Israelis and Palestinians just across the pond. Being a college student trying to be active in Israeli politics and culture is incredibly important. Halevi, living in Israel, gave us the idea to challenge ourselves to create and build a deeper bond between Israel, Palestine, and America through learning culture and heritage. We are neighbors and we have this opportunity to create a future of hope, change, and even peace.”

- Jaclyn Yoselevich



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.

Family Promise

From August 4 - 18 our Congregation opens our doors to the homeless through the Family Promise program. We provide meals, companionship, and rooms for guests to sleep and relax. In order to run this important program we need your help! We are looking for congregants to cook meals, hang out, and sleep over at the Temple (you get your own room) so that our guests can have a safe and welcoming place to stay. We could not provide this crucial program without you. This is a great and meaningful program for the entire family to participate in. In the past families have cooked meals together, played games with our guests, and had a sleepover at Temple. To sign up for a volunteer shift, please go to:

bit.ly/familypromise-summer19

Mandy Reichman Feeding Program 2019

Mandy's dream has been realized for 18 years. A young lady saw a need and hoped we would fulfill her dream in her memory. To date we have made nearly 700,000 sandwiches.

We are indebted to our loyal volunteers who have come weekly for 18 years. We thank our Bar/Bat Mitzvah students who chose Mandy's dream as their mitzvah project.

We have met so many dedicated children from Girl Scout troops, Boy Scout troops, National Honor Society and Students Concerned for the Needy as volunteers.

The highlight of 2019 was when Mandy's roommate and close friend from Columbia University, Dr. Danielle Novetsky Friedman brought her daughter and about 12 of her friends from New York City to volunteer at the Feeding Program as her Bat Mitzvah project. Danielle named her daughter in memory of Mandy and wanted Micole Amanda to see what her name represents. We don't think Mandy ever dreamed this would happen.



Rise Against Hunger 2018

Rise Against Hunger was a festive family-friendly social action event. Families of all ages came together and helped pack over 25,000 meals for those in need.

"Knowing how hunger impacts the lives of so many in our country and around the world, our family remains committed to helping others have sufficient nutrition."

Jeff and Eleanor Peris



Our Temple Community

Sisterhood

Our next Book Club meeting will be Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 7:30 PM. We will meet in Clark at the home of member Michelle LeVine, who has graciously invited the Book Club. Please RSVP to Roni at 908-654 5508 or Janice at 908-272-8272 At that time you will receive Michele LeVine's address.

The selection for July 18, 2019 is a novel: Orly Castel-Bloom, *An Egyptian Novel*.

In 2015, Castel-Bloom won Israel's highest literary award—the Sapir Prize—for her latest novel, *An Egyptian Novel*. Released in an English translation last month (translated by Todd Hasak-Lowy), English readers can finally delight in the tales of an Egyptian-Jewish family throughout generations. Castel-Bloom, currently a creative writing professor at Tel Aviv University, has written 11 books in the last three decades; only four are available in English. *Dolly City* (translated by Dalya Bilu), her most famous novel, is considered one of the most important works of postmodern Hebrew literature. Moral of the story: don't sleep on Orly Castel-Bloom.

Book and Author Event

It was a powerful and enjoyable evening for all those who attended Sisterhood's Love Your Life with our own inspirational entrepreneur, coach, author and member Cheryl Marks Young. Thank you Cheryl and thank you committee for a lovely evening! #JoyComesFromTheJourney #CelebrateTheGoal



TEWTY Year in Review

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The year was filled with amazing events and we hope to carry on the fun into next year. This year would not have been possible without the hard work of Emily Halpern, a great friend and inspiring mentor. You will be missed very much next year! Another thank you goes to President Andrew Steiner who was a great asset to TEWTY this year and set the standard for what a true TEWTY leader should be like. Lastly, a big shout-out goes to everyone on the General Board. All of your dedication and helpfulness was truly appreciated.

- Dylan Berger and Aidan Berman

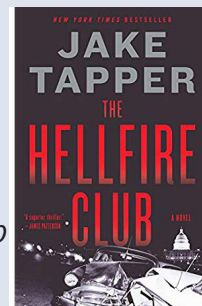
Library News....

It has been a busy year at your Temple library. Many new books have been ordered in various genres.

If you love fiction or nonfiction, enjoy films or periodicals, books for children and young adults, come check out the Lehr library. Sisterhood book group has been meeting in the library and if you are interested in joining a book group that meets every other month all are welcome.

Some recent acquisitions:

- *The Female Persuasion: A Novel* by Meg Wolitzer
- *A Terrible Country: A Novel* by Keith Gessen
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July/August 2019

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- Please note that Bar/Bat Mitzvah dates are no longer listed on this calendar. See page 8 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.

Thursday, July 4

Independence Day - All offices closed

Friday, July 5

6:00 PM Sunset Shabbat in Teva

Saturday, July 6

8:15 AM Holy Scrollers Torah Study

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

Wednesday, July 10

7:00 PM Social Action/Tikun Olam
Meeting

Friday, July 12

6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, July 13

8:15 AM Holy Scrollers Torah Study
9:30 AM Saturday Morning
Minyan followed by Light
Brunch and Discussion
9:30 AM Shabbat Walk with Rabbi
Prosnit

Wednesday, July 17

12:00 PM Lunch and Learn with
Rabbi Prosnit

Thursday, July 18

7:30 PM Sisterhood Book Club

Friday, July 19

5:00 PM Pre-Oneg
6:00 PM Sunset Shabbat in Teva

Saturday, July 20

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

Monday, July 22

4:00 PM Dance Fitness

Wednesday, July 24

12:00 PM Lunch & Learn with
Rabbi Prosnit

Friday, July 26

6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, July 27

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

Monday, July 29

4:00 PM Dance Fitness

Tuesday, July 30

9:30 AM Bible Class

Friday, August 2

6:00 PM Sunset Shabbat in Teva

Saturday, August 3

8:15 AM Holy Scrollers
9:30 AM Saturday Morning
Minyan followed by Light
Brunch and Discussion
9:30 AM Shabbat Walk with Rabbi
Prosnit

Sunday, August 4 - August 18

Family Promise - All Day

Monday, August 5

4:00 PM Dance Fitness

Wednesday, August 7

12:00 PM Lunch and Learn with
Rabbi Prosnit

Friday, August 9

6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, August 10

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

Saturday, August 10 Continued

7:30 PM Erev Tisha B'av Service

Sunday, August 11

Tisha B'av

Monday, August 12

4:00 PM Dance Fitness

Tuesday, August 13

9:30 AM Bible Class

Friday, August 16

6:00 PM Sunset Shabbat in Teva

Saturday, August 17

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

Monday, August 19

4:00 PM Dance Fitness

Friday, August 23

6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, August 24

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

Monday, August 26

4:00 PM Dance Fitness

Friday, August 30

6:00 PM Sunset Shabbat in Teva

Saturday, August 31

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

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A Small Memoir from a Plane Destined for New Jersey

By Maddie Katz (continued from page 10)

The desert had a way of shaping Israel for me, bringing it beyond the prayers in synagogue and the "one days" in camp. Fewer than twenty-four hours after the plane had found Earth at Ben Gurion Airport, my closest friends and I found ourselves waking up to a sky painted with deep reds, yellows, oranges, and promises. That sun stretched over the ice cream dripping down our hands, baked the Dead Sea mud on our backs, glistened on the surface of the Red Sea, and peered through spaces in the roof at Shuk HaCarmel. It rose again and again at Masada, Jerusalem, Eilat, Tel Aviv. Each picture, each small trinket, each grain of sand between my toes was under this sun, the same desert sun with different faces.

I know how lucky I am to have been able to go to Israel. While I was fortunate enough to grow up in an accepting community with a relatively large Jewish population, camp and Israel were where most of my identity as a Jewish person stemmed from. It was at camp where Judaism took root into my soul, beginning as a small seed in 4th grade and branching out into an oak tree in Israel. The desert sun helped foster that growth. I learned the friendship of being Jewish, the community of being Jewish, the arms-around-you-and-swaying side of being Jewish. I walked around and my heart would swell because these people around me, although we were vastly different, shared a common history. Our stories may not have been in the same sentence, but they were on the same page.

I open my eyes on the plane now, the city landscape beneath me and my friends beside me. I glance at the slight sunburn on my arm, a remembrance of the weeks before, and clutch the Star of David around my neck.

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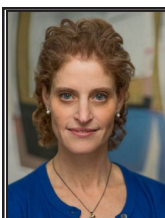
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