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| Friday, November 1 Teeny Tot Shabbat Shabbat Hallelu | 7:45 PM |
| Saturday, November 2 Noach Saturday Morning Minyan | 9:30 AM |
| Friday, November 8 Erev Shabbat Service with Choir and Special Guest Rabbi Gilad Kariv | 7:45 PM |
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| Friday, November 15 Shabbat B'yachad Zimrat Shabbat | 6:00 PM .7:45 PM |
| Saturday, November 16 <i>Vayeira</i> Tiny Tot Shabbat Saturday Morning Minyan | .9:30 AM .9:30 AM |
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| Shabbat | 6:00 PM |
| Saturday, December 28 Mikeitz Simchat Shabbat Saturday Morning Minyan | .9:00 AM .9:30 AM |
| Minyan Services Monday-Thursday | 7:00 PM |

Monday-Thursday.....

Upon request. Call Laurie Zinberg: 908-232-6770 x 117

..7:00 PM

Divrei Haley - Words from the Heart

What is a synagogue?

Recently, a friend of mine who is not Jewish asked me this question. He told me that Jews had temples and shules and that they are "like churches." But he wasn't familiar with "synagogue." "Is synagogue some other Jewish place, like a JCC or a Jewish hospital or Jewish Family Service or Jewish Federation?" "No," I responded. "'Synagogue' is actually a Greek word meaning a place of assembly." He was puzzled by my answer.

So, I expanded on the answer. I told him that a classic synagogue (typical synagogue) is a Beit Keneset, a House of Assembly, a Beit Tefilah, a House of Prayer, and a Beit Midrash (A House of Study). All three combined into one. In other words, the synagogue is the institution in Jewish life where Jews gather to share in all matters of life (sacred and not so sacred); where Jews come to pray (our liturgical prayer service is based on the rite of worship as carried out in the ancient Temple in Jerusalem, except that we no longer have sacrifices; instead. we recite and sing prayers and psalms and songs); and it is the place where we engage in the study of our sacred texts to learn about the meaning of life, along with inculcating our children in our People's story, our forms of celebration, and our People's sacred and global and modern language, Hebrew.

He said to me, "I had no idea!" Truth be told, most people don't really know what goes on in the synagogue, a good synagogue, a special synagogue.

Permit me to share with you how I see it:

A synagogue is a place where Jews (individuals and families) gather to be part of community. No one lives alone. Without community we usually die, at least a death of our spirit. In community, we are embraced when in pain, we are lifted up when we rejoice, we are cajoled and encouraged to engage in activities that transform our lives and the lives of others.

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Divrei Haley - Words from the Heart

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A synagogue is a place where our souls are encouraged to soar, where the beating of our hearts can be heard and felt, where we can be comforted and moved by the songs of our people, by the ancient and modern words of our poets and writers, all of whom tell the story of the Jewish People in their own way. And our story is the most incredible narrative of a people and its encounter with the Divine over the course of the last four thousand years, wherever we have lived and thrived and contributed to society, in the Land of Israel and throughout the world.

A synagogue is a place that is safe. It is where children, from infants and toddlers to high school graduates can walk into the building and learn and grow and play, knowing that they are protected and guided by loving parents, rabbis, cantors, teachers, Jewish leaders. There are few places like this in the world any more, but the synagogue is still such a place. I pray that it will always be so.

A synagogue is one of the pillars of the community in which we live. From the synagogue we reach out to our neighbors and participate with them in honoring all that is good and kind and noble in our community. And a synagogue is a beacon of light that shines forth, welcoming all who are in need, and providing guidance and assistance to all who yearn for companionship and love.

Yes, a synagogue is all of this, and more. It is the place where God's presence should be felt from the moment you walk through the door to the moment you return to your home.

A synagogue is a place where our lives are transformed each and every day. I can't imagine what Jewish life would be like without a strong and vibrant synagogue in my life. I trust and hope the same is true for you.

Rabbi Bennett F. Miller

Simchat Shabbat

Saturdays, November 9 & 23 and December 14 & 28 at 9:00 AM Simchat Shabbat is an intimate, informal, intergenerational service with guitar music, fellowship, and bagels. Come experience the joy of Simchat Shabbat Services from 9:00-10:15 AM, followed by bagels and coffee.

B'Mishpachach במשפחה Within the Family

B'nai Mitzvah

The congregation will celebrate the following b'nai mitzvah:



November 2 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary **Benjamin Epstein** Son of Suzanne and Seth **Epstein**



November 9 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary Joshua Greenwood Son of Wendy and Jon Greenwood



November 16 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary Joshua Singer Son of Melanie and Jeffrey Singer



November 16 10:45 AM in the Chapel Layne Levine Daughter of Laurie and **Andrew Levine**



November 23 4:30 PM in the Chapel Kayla Halegoua Daughter of Melissa Schwartzman



November 16

10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

Jack Singer

Son of Melanie and Jeffrey

Singer

November 30 4:30 PM in the Sanctuary Samantha Rever Daughter of Kara and Ryan



December 7 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary Jordan Hadel Daughter of Tracy and Dan Son of Stefanie and Daniel Hadel



December 7 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary **Jared Whelan** Whelan



December 7 5:00 PM in the Sanctuary Olivia Kanterman Daughter of Debbie and Jeremy Kanterman



December 14 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary **Evan Bauer** Son of Deborah Landau and Andrew Bauer



December 14 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary Leah Gelfand Daughter of Marli and Jonathan Gelfand



December 21 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary **Amanda Williams** Daughter of Stephanie and Dan Williams



December 30 Adam Eisdorfer Son of Barbara Schwarz-Eisdorfer and Jerry Eisdorfer

In Memoriam

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

Rhoda Epstein

Wife of Stanley Epstein

Herb Goldstein

Father of Stephen Goldstein

We remember those from our extended Temple family: Robert Katz

Father of Judy Hoffman

Selma Goldenberg

Sister of Harriet Schulman

Robert Saltzstein

Father of Steven Saltzstein

Gloria Fox

Mother of Barbara Bregman and Gary Fox

Eleanor Bouer

Mother of Susan Sklar and Grandmother of Amy Doll

Stephen Gottdiener

Father of Gary Gottdiener

Martin Rosenthal

Father of Don Rosenthal

Mark Shir

Father of Boris Shir

Irving Reiser

Father of Pamela Rediker

Congratulations

Adam and John Blumenreich on the birth of their daughter, llana

Vivienne Blumenreich

Cathy and Paul Schackman on the birth of their granddaughter, Edith Pearl Faver

Martha Novick on the birth of her grandson, Liam Gutkin, son of Abby and Tara Gutkin

Terri and Rick Klass on the marriage of their daughter Sarah to **Emmet Markin**

Diane and Jerry Forman on the birth of a granddaughter, Scarlett Helena Forman, son of Daniel and Jenna Forman

Special Erev Shabbat Guest Rabbi Gilad Kariv

Friday, November 8 -Service at 7:45 PM; Dinner at 6:30 PM (by reservation)



Join us as we welcome Rabbi Gilad Kariv as our special guest at Erev Shabbat Services on Friday, November 8.

Rabbi Kariv is the President and CEO of the Israel Movement for Reform and Progressive Judaism (IMPJ). Rabbi Kariv previously served as the Associate Director of the Israel Religious Action Center. He is a visionary, building an exciting Reform Judaism in Israel.

Rabbi Kariv served in the Israeli Defense Forces' special Talpiot project of the Intelligence Corps. He graduated from the Faculty of Law at the Hebrew University, earning a combined degree with a BA in Law and Jewish Philosophy.

In 2012 and 2015, Rabbi Kariv ran for office in the primary elections under the Labor Party and more recently in the General Israeli elections. He came very close to being the first Reform Rabbi to serve in the Keneset.

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WORLD ZIONIST ELECTIONS - VOTING IS COMING SOON!



The World Zionist Congress Elections will be happening soon, and your vote is critical to maintaining a large Reform presence in Israel and the United States.

The Reform Movement is counting on us to have every eligible person in our congregation vote. Each of you is asked to stand up for Israel and for our values. As a congregation, it is important for us to be leaders in our movement and build a future for Israel that the next generation will be proud of.

Your vote is the only democratic opportunity that we as American Jews have to influence Israeli society as we continue our efforts towards equality, pluralism, and tolerance. Voting takes place online starting January 21, 2020 to March, 2020 and will take less than 90 seconds to participate. If you're 18+ and identify as Jewish, you are eligible to vote, and we hope we can count on you to vote Reform.

Additional information will be sent out as we get closer to the voting period. To get more involved in our congregation's efforts, please contact Susan Dickstein at susand623@aol.com



Please support our Kol Nidre Appeal

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



CREATE A JEWISH LEGACY

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 the Temple office.

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 throug | h |
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| the Create a Jewish Legacy program at Temple Emanu-El. Please contact me! | |

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| (Phone/email address) Sincerely, | N. 100 |
| (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.



One Congregation - One Book

Special Erev Shabbat Guest Rabbi Gilad Kariv

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Rabbi Kariv led the negotiations on the Kotel issue together with leaders of the Conservative Movement, Reform Movement, JAFI, and JFNA, which resulted in a historic decision to create a pluralistic section of the wall that was later frozen and rescinded by the government of Israel.

Rabbi Kariv resides in Ramat Gan with his wife Noa and their three children.

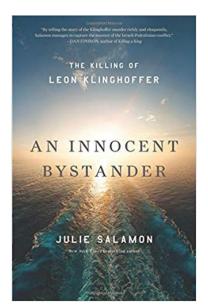
Please join us for dinner at 6:30 PM preceding services. The cost is \$25 per adult and \$15 per child. RSVP Required for Dinner. Please RSVP online at www.tewnj.org/welcome-rabbi-gilad-kariv-to-shabbat-services or contact Carol Jassin at 908-232-6770. x120.

Lunch with Rabbi Ayala Samuels

November 12 at 11:30 AM
Rabbi Ayala Ronen Samuels is the founding Rabbi of a new Reform
Congregation in Caesarea. Join her for lunch as you have the opportunity to ask any question about Israeli life, culture, and progressive Judaism. This is a great follow up from Rabbi Gilad Kariv's visit as we have the chance to continue the conversation. Please RSVP online or contact Carol Jassin at 908-232-6770, x120.

An Evening with Julie Salamon, Author of *An Innocent Bystander: The Killing of Leon Klinghoffer*

Thursday, November 14 at 7:30 PM



Join New York Times Best Selling Author, Julie Salamon, as she discusses her latest book, *An Innocent Bystander: The Killing of Leon Klinghoffer* with the Temple Emanu-El community. It is a night not to be missed!

*We encourage book clubs, individuals, and/or families to read *An Innocent Bystander* before the evening but even if you do not we hope you join us for this great event.

Please RSVP here: www.tewnj.org/one-congregation-one-book



Liturgy Lunch and Learns with Rabbinic Intern Becky Jaye

November 8, 22 and December 13 at 12:00 PM

Take a journey through our rich Jewish Liturgy. Learn about the origin and transformation of our prayers and find your own connections and paths in our prayer book. Light Lunch will be served.

RSVP Here: www.tewnj.org/liturgy-lunch-and-learns



Ba-ruch a-ta, A-do-nai El-lo-hei-nu, me-lech ha-o-lam, a-sher ki-de-sha-nu be-mits-vo-tav,

ve-tsi-va-nu le-had-lik ner shel ha-nu-kkah.

Blessed is Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who hallows us with God's Mitzvot and commands us to kindle the Hanukkah lights.

Ba-ruch a-ta, A-do-nai El-lo-hei-nu, me-lech ha-o-lam, she-a-sa ni-sim la-a-vo-tei-nu ba-ya-mim ha-heim ba-ze-man ha-zeh.

Blessed is Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of yore at this season.

First Night Only: Ba-ruch a-ta, A-do-nai El-lo-hei-nu, melech ha-o-lam, she-he-che-ya-nu,

ve-ki-ye-ma-nu ve-hi-gi-a-nu la-ze-man ha-zeh. Blessed is Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

Blessing for the Shamash (recited each day). As one candle may kindle many others, yet lose none of its own light, so Judaism has kindled the light of truth for many religions in many lands throughout the ages.

First Night. The first light, or candle, tells of God whose first command was "Let there be light." The darkness of idol worship was scattered when Israel brought radiant knowledge of God. "I am the first, I am the last," says Adonai.

Second Night. The second light is the light of the Torah. Israel's Book of Law has brought learning and truth to all of the Western World. "The commandment is a lamp and the law is a light."

Third Night. The third light is the light of justice. No nation can endure that which is unjust to the weak. "Justice, justice shall you pursue" was the commandment of Moses. our teacher.

Fourth Night. The fourth light is the light of mercy. Cruelty hardens the heart and destroys friendships. "Do justly and love mercy" was the teaching of Micah, the prophet.

Fifth Night. The fifth light is the light of holiness. Purity of thought, ability of action, make all life sacred. From the Prophet Isaiah these words have been taken into Israel's prayer book, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts."

Sixth Night. The sixth light is the light of love. When the love, which our parents give us, makes all our lives beautiful, we learn to understand the Biblical words, "You shall love Adonai, your God, with all your heart and soul and might."

Seventh Night. The seventh light is the calm light of patience. Nothing can be achieved in haste. The spreading tree and the human soul grow slowly to perfection. Thus says King David, "Trust in the Lord, wait patiently for God."

Eighth Night. The eighth light is the light of courage. Let truth and justice be your armor and fear not. Live by the words Moses spoke to Joshua, "Be strong and of good courage."

Happy Hanukkah!

We wish for you and your families a Hanukkah of special warmth and beauty.

May the glow of the hanukkiyah bring peace to our homes,

Israel, and throughout the world.



Sunday, December 8 at 10:45 AM

Last Hanukkah we packed over 25,000

meals, and we are going to do it again this year! Join us for the perfect Social Action program for the entire family. Look out for more information and ways to RSVP for the event soon!



Latke Recipe

Latkes, fried potato pancakes, commemorate the miracle associated with the oil that burned for eight days in the Hanukkah story. Foods cooked in oil are traditionally eaten during Hanukkah.

Ingredients

- 1 pound potatoes
- 1/2 cup finely chopped onion
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 to 3/4 cup olive oil

Accompaniments: sour cream and applesauce



Directions

Preheat oven to 250°F.

Peel potatoes and coarsely grate by hand, transferring to a large bowl of cold water as grated. Soak potatoes 1 to 2 minutes after last batch is added to water, then drain well in a colander.

Spread grated potatoes and onion on a kitchen towel and roll up jelly-roll style. Twist towel tightly to wring out as much liquid as possible.

Transfer potato mixture to a bowl and stir in egg and salt.

Heat 1/4 cup oil in a 12-inch nonstick skillet over moderately high heat until hot but not smoking.

Working in batches of 4 latkes, spoon 2 tablespoons potato mixture per latke into skillet, spreading into 3-inch rounds with a fork.

Reduce heat to moderate and cook until undersides are browned, about 5 minutes.

Turn latkes over and cook until undersides are browned, about 5 minutes more. Transfer to paper towels to drain and season with salt.

Add more oil to skillet as needed. Keep latkes warm on a wire rack set in a shallow baking pan in oven.

Serve with sour cream and apple sauce.

Education

The Temple Sholom Holocaust Remembrance Committee is pleased to host a Community-Wide Kristallnacht commemoration on Sunday, November 3, at 7 PM. The Czech Memorial Scrolls Project

On November 9-10, 1938, Nazi Germany launched a mass assault on Jewish communities in Germany, Austria and parts of Czechoslovakia. This was known as Kristallnacht. Over 1,000 Jewish synagogues and over 7,500 Jewish businesses were destroyed, and approximately 30,000 Jewish men were arrested and taken to concentration camps. Miraculously, during this event and over the course of the war, 1572 Czech Torahs were saved.

This program focuses on six of these Torahs, housed at: Congregation Beth Israel, Scotch Plains; Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah, Clark; Temple Beth El Mekor Chayim, Cranford; Temple Emanu-El, Westfield; Temple Sinai, Summit; Temple Sholom, Scotch Plains.

This program is presented through the generous support of the Rabbi Sydney Nathanson Fund. Please contact the Temple office if you may need accommodations to participate in this event.



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Early Childhood Education



Play is children's "work" in our ECE. These children are learning about shapes, size, textures, balancing, and cooperation with wooden loose parts.

Youth Group





Youth Learning and Engagement

Our Youth Learning and Engagement participants had a great fall! Here are a few highlights:



Nisayon, the 6th grade experience, began with a family Shabbat program at the Trailside Nature and Science Center in Watchung Reservation. Samantha explored the night theatre and "camped out" with some of her new friends.

On Sunday, September 22, seven of our wonderful 8th & 9th graders in our Mitzvah Corps kicked the year off

at the Westfield Neighborhood Council. They learned about the

deep relationship Temple Emanu-El has had with WNC from its beginning from our temple member and WNC founder, Harold Cohen. The teens studied the many ways in which WNC impacts and serves the Westfield low-income community and the ways they



will be engaging with WNC this year. Our teens ended the day by reorganizing,



cleaning, and beautifying WNC's Learning Lounge, which is used as a tutoring center and playroom for the Westfield community. We gratefully acknowledge temple member and vice president of the Westfield Neighborhood Council, Amy Kover, for reconnecting us with the WNC and for helping our YLE team to create a meaningful program for our Mitzvah Corps

participants and the members of our greater Westfield community.



Temple Member and our school Mercaz coordinator, Hannah Lieberman, reviewing Hebrew after a long summer break.



Madrichim, teen leaders, welcomed learners back at Opening Day.

TEWTY

Co-Presidents Dylan Berger and Aidan Berman, along with the rest of the TEWTY board, are beyond excited for what the school year has in store for TEWTY. The board consists of nine members who all help to contribute to the collaborative group dynamic. The board met on October 22 in the Lavy House to begin planning the year's events. TEWTY hopes to carry out many events for the year, or approximately one a month, ranging from Shul-Ins to community service events and casual hang outs. This past Rosh Hashanah, TEWTY helped to lead the Tashlich service at Mindowaskin Park. It was a great opportunity to reflect on the past year and made us excited for what is to come. Aaron Soloman, the new group advisor, has been an excellent role model for TEWTY thus far and everyone is thrilled to have him. Please stay tuned for information about upcoming events.

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

November

Sunday, November 3 8:45-10:45 AM - K/1 Family Program: Kabbalat Shabbat 1:30-3:30 PM - Nisyon Event: Remembering the past, Looking to the Future 6:00-6:45 PM - Cafe Torah, Westfield Diner

November 5 -10 No Classes, NJEA Teacher's Convention and Veteran's Day school closing

November 15 - 17 NFTY Fall Kallah

Sunday, November 17
10:00AM-1:00P M - 10th Grade Confirmation Bridges Run
11:00AM-12:00 PM - New Madrichim Seminar
11:00AM-2:00 PM - Extreme Yeladim Event
12:00-2:00 PM - TEWTY Event
6:00-7:00 PM - Cafe Torah, Westfield Diner

Saturday, November 23 9:00AM-12:00 PM - Nisayon Event: Winter Celebrations

November 25 - December 1 No Classes, Thanksgiving

December

Friday, December 6 - Sunday, December 8 Taste of NFTY-URJ Camp Harlam

Sunday, December 8 8:30 AM-12:30 PM - Sisterhood Hanukkah Sale 9:30-10:30 AM - 8th & 9th Grade Mitzvah Corps, Hanukkah Helping Hands 9:45-10:45 AM - YLE Parent Gatherings 6:00-7:00 PM - Cafe Torah, Westfield Diner

Sunday, December 15 8:30 AM-12:30 PM - Sisterhood Chanukah Sale 9:00 AM-1:00 PM - 10th Grade Confirmation Bridges Run 11:00 AM-2:00 PM - Extreme Bonim Youth Group Event

December 22 - January 2020 No Classes, Winter Recess

Congregational Learning

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



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



It's all about the story. The journey can be the most exciting part! What is your story? And where does it fit in relation to Judaism? This year, we hope to help you find a great understanding of your place in the Jewish story. Throughout the year, our congregational family will strive toward a deeper connection to our Judaism through the theme of Am'cha: Your People. Your place. Your story.

We invite you to join us to find YOUR place in the story.

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!

Oral History Training with Gail Meyers

Wednesday, November 13 at 12:00 PM

Create your own oral history to preserve your story. Gail Meyers was trained at Columbia University in Community Based Oral History. Attend an introductory session about the power of sharing your story and then participants will be invited to sign up for private sessions to record their own stories with Gail as the interviewer.

Connie Reiter's Torah Study

Saturdays, November 16 and December 21 at 9:30 AM

For over 20 years, this eclectic adult group has been studying various books from our tradition, starting with the Torah and progressing through various books from the rest of the Tanach. We continue that tradition this coming year, starting with Book of Psalms. Psalms are often quoted in our liturgy – in the Shabbat service, as well as in the readings fro the High Holydays and other holidays. We read text in the Tanach as well as various Commentaries – all in English. Our study leader is Connie Reiter and discussions range far and wide.

Congregational Learning Continued

Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Kroloff

Monday, November 18 at 11:30 AM

Informal and lively! 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. Donations to support this program are welcome. Kindly direct them to the Rabbi Charles A. Kroloff Fund for Jewish Learning. *Monday, November 18 at 11:30 AM* - Our guest will be Rabbi Ayala Ronen Samuels, PhD, founding rabbi of the liberal synagogue in Caesarea, Israel. We will be discussing "What Keeps Israelis Up At Night — What Do They Hope For In The Morning?"

Cognitive Vitality with Elizabeth Miller

Thursday, November 21 at 12:00 PM

Join Elizabeth Miller, a health and wellness consultant, to learn strategies on how to age well, how to keep your mind active, and how to live your life to the fullest.

Pursuing Justice: Using Law to Confront Anti-semitism with Amy Spitalnick, Director of Integrity First for America.

Wednesday, December 4 at 7:30 PM

Amy Spitalnick is a Modern Day Nazi Hunter. She represents the Charlottesville residents injured at the August 2017 white nationalist rally and she will share the work of Integrity First for America's groundbreaking lawsuit against white supremacists, neo-Nazis, and affiliated hate groups. She will present on their new method of combating violence based on racism, sexism, and anti-semitism.

Be in the Moment: Introduction to Mindfulness and Meditation in a Jewish Context

Tuesdays, December 3, 10 and 17 at 7:30 PM

Rabbi Rex Perlmeter is offering a class for those who would like to begin to develop a mindfulness meditation practice and would appreciate a structured step-by-step approach. This class is an opportunity to pause in the midst of our hectic lives, to calm our bodies and minds and to shift from a mode of mind oriented toward "doing" to a more spacious mode of mind that rests in "being". Each session will be framed by a Jewish concept or teaching as we cultivate steadiness, compassion, self-acceptance and kindness. This class is appropriate for both beginners and those with some meditation experience. It will provide an inclusive and welcoming environment that is accessible to all. No meditation experience or Jewish knowledge is necessary. You are welcome just as you are.

Online Congregational Hanukkah Candle Lighting - Story, Song, and Blessings

Monday, December 23 at 5:30 PM

Celebrate Hanukkah with your Temple Emanu-El Community from the comfort of your home! Log-on your computer and light the Hanukkah candles as we sing songs and share stories. RSVP to receive the log-in.

For more information, and to sign up, please go to: www.tewnj.org/congregational-learning

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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.

Civil Rights Trip

April 16 - 19, 2020

"For we were once strangers in a strange land."

We are excited to announce Temple Emanu-El's Civil Rights Journey, April 16-19, 2020, Join fellow Temple Emanu-El Members for a meaningful trip to the South, with stops in Birmingham, Selma, and Montgomery. Learn on location about the Civil Rights Movement and the impact the Jewish community had on this important chapter of American history. Highlights will include: visits to the Rosa Parks Museum and the Civil Rights Institute, a Creative Shabbat Tefilah at the Edmund Pettus Bridge, and tours of Freedom Park and the 16th Street Baptist Church. Register by November 15 to save your spot.

www.tewnj.org/civil-rights

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 two meetings will be on November 6 and December 4 at 7:00 PM.

How to Get Involved with Social Justice Activities at TEE

Join us for our Tikkun Olam/Social Action Meetings on November 13 & December 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 Membership Appreciation Dinner



Men's Club/Sisterhood Chinese Food & Movie



Library News....

Fall is in the air and the house feels just a little quieter. Why not stop by the Fritz Lehr Library and select a new book as you promised yourself you would as soon as it got a little cooler. Some interesting new reads:

- Underground Fugue by Margot Singer
- The Origin of Sorrow by Robert Mayer
- The Wartime Sisters: A Novel by Lynda Cohen Loigman
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November/December 2019

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Please note that Bar/Bat Mitzyah 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.

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5:30 PM TEEny Tot Shabbat 7:45 PM Shabbat Hallelu

Saturday, November 2

Holy Scrollers Torah Study 8:15 AM

Saturday Morning Minyan followed by 9:30 AM

Light Brunch and Discussion

10:00 AM Saturday Morning Fun Club

Monday, November 4

4:00 PM Dance Fitness

Tuesday, November 5

9:30 AM Bible Class

5:10 PM Mandy Reichman Feeding Program

Wednesday, November 6

7:00 PM Blankets of Love Hebrew Ulpan 7:00 PM

Friday, November 8

12:00 PM Lunch and Learn with Rabbinic Intern

Becky Jave

7:45 PM Erev Shabbat Service with Choir and

Special Guest Rabbi Gilad Kariv

Saturday, November 9

Holy Scrollers Torah Study 8:15 AM

9:00 AM Simchat Shabbat

9:30 AM Saturday Morning Minyan followed by

Light Brunch and Discussion

Monday, November 11

4:00 PM Dance Fitness

Tuesday, November 12

9:30 AM Bible Class

Lunch with Rabbi Ayala Samuels 11:30 AM 5:10 PM Mandy Reichman Feeding Program

Wednesday, November 13

Lunch and Learn: Oral History Training 12:00 PM

7:00 PM Hebrew Ulpan

Tikkun Olam/Social Action Committee 7:30 PM

Meeting

7:30 PM Sisterhood Book Club

Thursday, November 14

7:00 PM Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class

7:30 PM An Evening with Author Julie Salamon

Friday, November 15

6:00 PM Shabbat B'yachad 7:45 PM Zimrat Shabbat Service

Saturday, November 16

8:15 AM Holy Scrollers Torah Study 9:30 AM Tiny Tot Shabbat

Connie Reiter's Torah Study 9:30 AM

9:30 AM Saturday Morning Minyan followed by

Light Brunch and Discussion

10:00 AM Saturday Morning Fun Club

Monday, November 18

11:30 AM Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Kroloff

4:00 PM Dance Fitness Tuesday, November 19

Bible Class 5:10 PM Mandy Reichman Feeding Program

Wednesday, November 20

7:00 PM Hebrew Ulpan Thursday, November 21

12:00 PM Lunch and Learn: Cognitive Vitality

7:00 PM Men's Club Meeting 7:30 PM Sisterhood Meeting

Friday, November 22

Lunch and Learn with Rabbinic Intern 12:00 PM

Becky Jaye

5:00 PM Pre-Oneg

Erev Shabbat Service 6:00 PM

Saturday, November 23

Holy Scrollers Torah Study 8:15 AM

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, November 25

4:00 PM Dance Fitness

Tuesday, November 26

9:30 AM Bible Class

Thursday, November 28

Thanksgiving - All Offices Closed

Friday, November 29

Thanksgiving Friday - All Offices Closed

5:00 PM Pre-Oneg

6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, November 30

8:15 AM Holy Scrollers Torah Study

9:30 AM Saturday Morning Minyan followed by

Light Brunch and Discussion

Monday, December 2

4:00 PM Dance Fitness

Tuesday, December 3

Bible Class 9:30 AM

11:00 AM Israel Lunch & Learn

Mandy Reichman Feeding Program 5:10 PM

7:30 PM Jewish Meditation Class

Wednesday, December 4

7:00 PM Blankets of Love 7:00 PM Hebrew Ulpan

7:30 PM An Evening with Amy Spitalnick: CEO of

Integrity for America

Thursday, December 5

7:00 PM Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class

Friday, December 6

7:45 PM Shabbat Hallelu

Saturday, December 7

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, December 8

10:45 AM Hanukkah Social Justice Program

Monday, December 9

4:00 PM Dance Fitness

Tuesday, December 10

9:30 AM Bible Class

5:10 PM Mandy Reichman Feeding Program

7:30 PM Jewish Meditation Class

Wednesday, December 11

7:00 PM Hebrew Ulpan

7:30 PM Tikkun Olam/Social Action Committee

Meeting

Thursday, December 12

7:00 PM Men's Club Meeting

Friday, December 13

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7:45 PM Erev Shabbat Service with Choir

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9:00 AM Simchat Shabbat

9:30 AM Saturday Morning Minyan followed by

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10:00 AM Saturday Morning Fun Club

Sunday, December 15

Hanukkah Judaica Shop Sale 8:30 AM

Monday, December 16

4:00 PM Dance Fitness

6:30 PM Sisterhood General Meeting & Dinner

Tuesday, December 17

9:30 AM **Bible Class**

5:10 PM Mandy Reichman Feeding Program

7:30 PM **Jewish Meditation Class**

Thursday, December 19

7:00 PM Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 7:30 PM Sisterhood Meeting

Friday, December 20

6:00 PM Shabbat B'yachad 7:45 PM Zimrat Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 21

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, December 22 - Sunday, December 29

Family Promise

Sunday, December 22

5:30 PM Lighting of the first Candle

Monday, December 23

4:00 PM Dance Fitness

5:30 PM Online Congregational Candle Lighting

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day -- Offices Closed

5:00 PM Men's Club/Sisterhood Event

Friday, December 27

5:00 PM Pre-Oneg

6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service/Hanukkah Shabbat

Saturday, December 28

8:15 AM Holy Scrollers Torah Study

9:30 AM Simchat Shabbat Saturday Morning Minyan followed by 9:30 AM

Light Brunch and Discussion

Monday, December 30

4:00 PM Dance Fitness

9:30 AM

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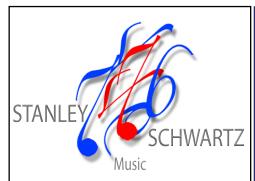
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