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Shabbat Services:

Friday, March 6 TEEny Tot Shabbat Shabbat Hallelu	5:30 PM 7:45 PM
Saturday, March 7 T'tzaveh Saturday Morning Minyan	9:30 AM
Friday, March 13 Erev Shabbat Service with Choir	7:45 PM
Saturday, March 14 Ki Tisa Simchat Shabbat Saturday Morning Minyan	9:00 AM 9:30 AM
Friday, March 20 Shabbat B'yachadZimrat Shabbat Service	6:00 PM 7:45 PM
Saturday, March 21 Vayak'heil Saturday Morning Minyan Tiny Tot Shabbat	9:30 AM 9:30 AM
Friday, March 27 Pre-Oneg Erev Shabbat Service	5:00 PM 6:00 PM
Saturday, March 28 Vayikra Simchat Shabbat Saturday Morning Minyan	9:00 AM 9:30 AM
Friday, April 3 Shabbat Hallelu	7:45 PM
Saturday, April 4 Tzav Saturday Morning Minyan	9:30 AM
Friday, April 10 Erev Shabbat Service with Choir	7:45 PM
Saturday, April 11 Sh'mini Simchat Shabbat Saturday Morning Minyan	9:00 AM 9:30 AM
Friday, April 17 Shabbat B'yachadZimrat Shabbat Service	6:00 PM 7:45 PM
Saturday, April 18 Shimini Saturday Morning Minyan Tiny Tot Shabbat	9:30 AM 9:30 AM
Friday, April 24 Pre-Oneg Erev Shabbat Service	<u>5</u> :00 PM <u>6</u> :00 PM
Saturday, April 25 Tazria-Metzora Simchat Shabbat Saturday Morning Minyan	9:00 AM 9:30 AM
Minyan Services Monday-Thursday Upon request. Call Laurie Zinberg: 908	7:00 PM 3-232-6770 x 117

Divrei Haley - Words from the Heart

The Perfect Rabbi

The search is on for Temple Emanu-El's next Senior Rabbi. In the coming days the Rabbinic Search Committee will review resumes, interview candidates, and recommend the best candidate for the position, a Rabbi who I hope will serve and lead the Temple well for many years to come.

Of course, everyone will want the "perfect" Rabbi; and everyone has a different opinion of what the "perfect" Rabbi should be; that's what makes choosing the next Rabbi so important and such a daunting task.

For what it is worth, I will share with you the characteristics and attributes and skills that I believe the "perfect" Rabbi should possess. They are as follows:

- The "perfect" Rabbi should be a Jew! Not just in title, but in every part of his/her being. The "perfect" Rabbi should live and breathe being a Jew; the Rabbi's jewishness should emanate from every fiber of his/her body and soul.
- The "perfect" Rabbi should be grounded in a deep understanding of our Jewish faith, with a remarkable ability to articulate that understanding in a way that speaks to the issues of our day and the challenges of our time. The "perfect" Rabbi should be able to translate the ancient and eternal values of Judaism based on the encounter of our people with the Divine, and transform those values into the everyday life of our congregation.
- The "perfect" Rabbi should possess a deep and unconditional love for the Land of Israel and continue to see that the State of Israel represents one of the truly great miracles of Jewish history, and the "perfect" Rabbi should work tirelessly to imbue that love for Israel into the hearts and minds of the Jewish People.

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B'nai Mitzvah

The congregation will celebrate the following b'nai mitzvah:



March 7
10:30 AM in the Sanctuary
Cassie Solomon
Daughter of Erica
and Gregory Solomon



March 7
10:30 AM in the Sanctuary
Samuel Cohen
Son of Cheryl and
Jeffrey Cohen



March 14
10:30 AM in the Sanctuary
Savannah Cohen
Daughter of Kelly and
Michael Cohen



March 14
10:30 AM in the Sanctuary
Joshua Ketschke
Son of Jennifer and
Matthew Ketschke



March 21
10:30 AM in the Sanctuary
Ethan Selvers
Son of Farrah and
Rob Selvers



March 21
10:30 AM in the Sanctuary
Brooke Fefferman
Daughter of Michelle and
Eric Fefferman



March 28
10:30 AM in the Sanctuary
Reese Carberry
Daughter of Debra and
Michael Carberry



March 28
10:30 AM in the Sanctuary
Chloe Katz
Daughter of Jennifer and
Ross Katz



March 28
10:45 AM in the Chapel
Emma Epp-Rosenthal
Daughter of Janet Epp-Rosenthal
and Matthew Rosenthal



March 28
5:00 PM in the Sanctuary
Kyra Lentzner
Daughter of Cheryl and
Benjamin Lentzner



April 4
10:30 AM in the Sanctuary
Julia Surowitz
Daughter of Dana and
Brian Surowitz

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April 4
10:45 AM in the Chapel
Robert Sorkin
Son of Naomi and
Marc Rosenthal

B'Mishpachach במשפחה Within the Family



April 18
10:30 AM in the Sanctuary
Rachel Feuchtwanger
Daughter of Rebecca and
Jason Feuchtwanger



April 18
4:30 PM in the Sanctuary
Phoebe Shapiro
Daughter of Farah and
Ken Shapiro



April 25
10:30 AM in the Sanctuary
Sophie Gingold
Daughter of Karen and
Alan Gingold



April 25
10:30 AM in the Sanctuary
Griffin Scholder
Son of Elissa Scholder
Son of Brian Scholder



April 25
4:30 PM in the Sanctuary
Maya Koslowsky & Grace
Koslowsky
Daughter of Jackie and
Marc Koslowsky

Congratulations

Carol and Jon Gross on the birth of their grandson, Asher Gavin Bates
Nancy and David Bregman on the birth of their great-grandson, Asher Gavin Bates
Bonnie and Gary Goldberg on the birth of their grandson, Benjamin Scott
Shterenberg

Marjorie and Steve Baker on the birth of their grandson, Alexander Baker Roselle Wendy and Glenn Tucker on the engagement of their daughter, Rachel Dina and Daniel Leyden on the engagement of their son, Scott to Amanda Mongiello

Isabel and Steven Berg on the birth of their grandson, Noah Ethan Berg

In Memoriam

We remember those from our Temple family:

Carol Peyser
Renee Fertig
Mother of Alice Fertig
Trevor Erlichman
Son of Jon and Allie Erlichman
Nedra Clark

In Memoriam Continued

We remember those from our extended Temple family:

Dr. Stanley GoldbergFather of Gary Goldberg **Gary Feller**

Father of Lauren Vernick

Blanche Karp

Mother of Gary Karp

Dr. Elias Garelick

Father of Cindy Gersch

Lawrence Schupak

Father of Dina Leyden

Lillian Spiro

Grandmother of Shoshana Natt

Robert Alexander

Father of Jim Alexander

Roberta Harris

Mother of Drew Harris

Harriet Cohen

Grandmother of Amanda Hudes

Irving Tripp

Father of Steven Tripp

Freyda Nathanson

Mother of Bobbi Nathanson

Floyd Whellan

Brother of Don Whellan

Stanley Hamel

Grandfather of Barry Perlman

Roslyn Iserson

Mother of Lauren Lehner

Shirley Rosenthal

Mother of Elisa Roland

Joel Park

Father of Lauren Hammer

Ronnie Lee Hollander

Sister of Susan Chiger

Judith Ziman-Scheuer

Cousin of Gail Friedman

Marcella Goldstein

Mother of Ellen Russikoff, Grandmother of Lindsay Bliss

Murray Ahrens

Father of Phyllis Binder

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World Zionist Congress Elections

Path of Peace

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

DEADLINE: June 12, 2020

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."

To place your order, please contact the Temple office at 908-232-6770, or go to www.tewnj.org/path-ofpeace and fill out the form.

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.

Report on Immigration at the Border



Join us on Friday, March 20 at 6 PM as we welcome Rabbi Kogan to Temple Emanu-El to speak about what life is like today at the Southwest Border.



About The Speaker:

Rabbi Claudio J. Kogan, M.D., M.B.E., M.Ed. is an ordained rabbi and a medical doctor. Rabbi Kogan is the Director of the Institute of Bioethics and Social Justice at UTRGV/ School of Medicine. Previously, he served as rabbi for Temple

Emanuel in McAllen TX and before he has been serving as a chaplain at the Yale School of Medicine. Rabbi Kogan continues to serve as a chaplain for various law enforcement agencies and hospital systems throughout the area. He previously served as a rabbi in synagogues in NJ, CT, TX and Latin America.

WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS ELECTIONS IS HERE

Do you believe the Reform Movement should have a stronger presence in Israel? If so, we ask you to vote in the World Zionist Congress Elections.

The World Zionist Congress Elections is open now **THROUGH MARCH 11, 2020** and your vote is critical to maintaining a large Reform presence in Israel and in the United States. Your vote is the only democratic opportunity you have to influence Israeli society as we continue our efforts towards equality, pluralism and tolerance.

Voting takes place online. If you're 18+ and identify as Jewish, we hope we can count you to vote Reform. Intrigued? Visit the ARZA website to learn more: ARZA.org.

If you would like to get involved, or have questions, contact: Susan Dickstein at **Susand623@aol.com.**

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Tikkun Olam

Community Connect

SENIORS & TEENS

Seniors - Would you like to have a local Westfield teen come to your home to share a common interest? Teens - Are you looking to get more involved in your local community? Community Connect is looking to pair senior citizens with teens so they can share some interests and talents together. Some of these hobbies and talents include (but are not limited to): drawing, reading a book, and doing puzzles. If you are a senior citizen or a teen interested in the program or would like additional information, please email Ethan Messerman at emesserman@yahoo.com.

Shomrei Adamah - Guardians of the Earth

Temple Emanu-El is proud to launch an environmental awareness campaign that we invite you to be a part of. We have adopted 10 commitments that members of our community can make towards limiting our environmental impact (such as waste reduction, water conservation, and cleaning up litter). By signing up for Shomrei Adamah, you will receive monthly tips, resources and invitations to events that will help you and your family adopt small changes that can make a big difference.

Sign up at https://forms.gle/h3RYTpjfjdNa7VGU6 to be a part of Shomrei Adamah.

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.

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,	CREATE A JEWISH LEGACY

Memorial Plaques

Plaques are placed in the sanctuary to memorialize a loved one. The light is lit on the anniversary of a loved one's death, and on Yom Kippur. Donation for a plaque is \$500.

Please contact Carol Jassin at 908-232-6770 x 120 for more information.

Qualified Charitable Distributions

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 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.



Happy Purim! | March 9-10, 2020

ReformJudaism.org

Purim Schpiel and Pre-Purim Party for Adults and Families

That's why they call it a Schpiel!



Join Temple Emanu-El for an Elton John themed Purim Celebration on Monday, March 9. We'll start the night at 5:45 PM at the Pre-Purim Party, sponsored by Men's Club, where we'll enjoy karaoke, laughs, and a British themed dinner.

RSVP at www.tewnj.org/purim

We'll end the night with our Elton John themed Schpiel and Megillah Reading at 7 PM.

Don't forget to wear your favorite Elton John outfit!

Totally Awesome Purim Carnival



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Passover - April 8 - 15

Need a Place to go for Seder?

Everyone should have a place to go for Seder. If you would like to be hosted or to host please contact Laurie Zinberg at lzinberg@tewnj.org or call 908-232-6770 x 117.

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 Laurie Zinberg. If you do not have access to a computer, please stop by the the office to obtain a form from Laurie Zinberg. She can be reached at 908-232-6770 x 117 or lzinberg@tewnj.org. Any donations will



Charoset Stories

Each charoset has a different story, taste and origin. Join us for an evening of charoset making and tasting led by the Federation of Greater Metrowest Rishonim! RSVP Here: www.tewnj.org/charoset

Passover Services

Please join us on Thursday, April 9 at 10 AM for Passover First Day Morning Service and on Wednesday, April 15 at 10 AM for 7th Day Passover Service with Yizkor.

Looking for a new Matzah Ball Recipe? Try these Vegan Matzah Balls and let us know what you think!

The brilliance of this recipe is that you don't boil the matzah balls. You bake them! This way, they stay intact. The quinoa holds the mix together (and adds protein). (Receipe by Lisa Dawn Angermae)

Makes 24 Matzah Balls

Ingredients:

1 cup quinoa flakes

2 cups boiling water

One box (2 packets) matzah ball mix

1/4 cup light vegetable oil (like safflower)

Directions:

- 1. In a large mixing bowl, cover the quinoa flakes with the water. Let stand for 2 or 3 minutes.
- 2. Stir in both packets of matzah meal mix along with the oil, and mix until well blended. Cover the bowl and refrigerate for at least 15 minutes.
- 3. Just before baking, preheat the oven to 275 F.
- 4. Roll the mixture into approximately 1-inch balls; don't pack them too firmly. Arrange on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, carefully turning the matzo balls after 10 minutes, until firm to the touch; don't let them brown.
- 5. If making ahead of time, let the matzah balls cool completely, then cover until needed. Warm them briefly in a medium oven and distribute them among the soup bowls, allowing 3 or 4 matzah balls per serving.

Lisa Dawn Angerame is living as a vegan for her family's health, the health and welfare of the animals, and that of the planet. She blogs at LisasProjectVegan.com.

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Education

Religious School Calendar

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

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Sunday, April 7 – Thursday, April 16 No School-Spring Recess

Wednesday, April 15 5:30-7:45PM 6th Grade Nisayon In Session

Saturday, April 18 7:00-10:00PM TEWTY Youth Group Event

Sunday, April 19 11:00AM-12:00PM New and Returning Madrichim Closing Seminar 1:30-3:45PM 6th Grade Nisayon: Shoah through the eyes of a child 6:00-7:00PM Cafe Torah (11th & 12th Grade), Westfield Diner

Tuesday, April 21 8:15PM-9:00PM Confirmation Meeting for 9th grade families

Friday, April 24 – Sunday, April 26 NFTY Spring Kallah

Sunday, April 26 8:45AM-10:45AM 4th Grade Family Program: Sefer Li 10:45AM-12:30PM Taste of Youth Group/ Kgn-2nd Grade 11:00AM-12:30PM 8th & 9th Grade Mitzvah Coms

MARCH

Sunday, March 1 8:45 – 10:45 AM 5th Grade Family Program: Starting Your Mitzvah Journey

Sunday, March 8 10:15 – 10:45AM Family Purim Schpiel – join us for an all-school Purim play followed by the carnival 10:45AM - 12:15PM Purim Carnival 6:00 - 7:00PM Cafe Torah (11th & 12th Grader), Westfield Diner

Wednesday, March 15 9:00AM - 1:00PM 6th Grade Bridges Run 10:45AM - 12:30PM Taste of Youth Group/ Kgn-2nd Grade 11:00AM - 12:30PM 8th & 9th Grade Mitzvah Corps 11:00AM - 12:00PM Madrichim Seminar for New Madrichim

Friday, March 20 - Sunday, March 22 8th & 9th Grade Trip To Boston, MA

Early Childhood Education

Registration for September 2020 School Year

Starting September 2020 and FOR THE FIRST TIME IN TEMPLE EMANU-EL HISTORY, our ECE Program will be offering enrollment options for families with children 3 months through 4 years old FULL TIME from 7 AM - 6 PM and year-round (shorter options available).

You can find our registration form here: www.tewnj.org/ece-forms-information

CAMP WONDER

Temple Emanu-El Early Childhood Education Program

A Day Camp for Children Ages 2 and 3

Monday June 15th - Friday August 7th, 2020

For 6, 7, or 8 Weeks



Camp Wonder will take place in our beautiful and shady Outdoor Space (TEVA). Our summer days will be filled with exploration, nature, water play, imagination, friendship & lots of fun.

WONDERful MORNINGS (9:00-12:30pm) Art, water splash zone, science, music, special visitors, Shabbat

celebrations and much more

WONDERful AFTERNOONS
(12:30-2:00pm for 3 year olds)
Daily themed enrichment classes
Monday – Movement Madness
Tuesday – Teva Adventures
Wednesday - Weird Science
Thursday – Arts and Crafts
Friday – Music Exploration

For More Information Contact Jill Cimafonte, Director 908-232-7663 JCimafonte@TEWNJ.ORG



Youth Learning and Engagement

Registration for 2020/21

Registration for the 2020/21 year will begin after spring break and is entirely online. For information, visit our website or contact Samantha Eichert at 908-232-6772 or **seichert@tewnj.org**.

Donald M. Weill Writing Award

Announcing the Annual Donald M. Weill Creative Writing Award For Members of Temple Emanu-El who are currently in 11th or 12th Grade.

The Donald M. Weill Creative Writing Award is 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 will be open to Temple Emanu-El students in 11th &12th grade. Students may 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.

The deadline for the submissions is **Friday, May 22, 2020** and they will be judged by a committee of teachers and clergy. The award will consist of a \$250 cash prize and the recipient's name will be engraved on a plaque to be displayed in the Temple. The award will be presented during the June 12 Shabbat service.

The winning submission will be printed in the Bulletin. Submissions must be no more than four typewritten pages, double spaced, and must be emailed in a readable format to jhernandez@tewnj.org.

"The Universe: I wasn't there at the very start of it, But I'm grateful to have been a part of it."

Donald M. Weill

Religious School Calendar cont'd

Sunday, March 22 8:45-10:45AM Youth Learning and Engagement Parent Gatherings 10:00-10:45 AM Nisayon Orientation for 5th Grade Families 1:00-6:00PM NFTY Elections 6:00-7:00PM Cafe Torah (11th & 12th Grader), Westfield Diner

Friday, March 27 5:30-9:00PM 6th Grade Nisayon: Ani Yehudi, I am a Jew

Sunday, March 29 8:45-10:45 AM Passover Seder for Kgn-3rd Grade 10:45AM-1:00 PM Extreme Yeladim & Extreme Bonim Chocolate Seder

Tuesday, March 31– Thursday, April 2 4:00-5:45PM Holiday Celebrations: Passover (4th & 5th Grades)

Parent volunteers welcome!

Get Fit with Dance!

Check out our Dance Fitness 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.

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

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Congregational Learning

Real Jewish Values with Danny Siegel

Join us on April 21 and/or 22 at 7 PM as we welcome Danny Siegel as he discusses Real Jewish Values. Danny Siegel is an American author, lecturer, and poet who has taught in more than 500 North American communities about tzedakah and Jewish values.

Siegel is the author of 29 books on such topics as practical and personalized giving, healing and humor, and has produced an anthology of 500 selections of Biblical and Talmudic quotes about living life called *Where Heaven and Earth Touch*.

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

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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!

Israeli Lunch & Learn

Tuesdays, March 3 and April 20 at 11:00 AM

Danielle, our shlicha from Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest, will bring Israel to Temple Emanu-El. Join us as we learn about a new topic each month including current events, arts and culture, food, and politics. A light lunch will be served.

Art Journaling for the Soul

Wednesdays, March 4, 11 and 18 at 7:00 PM

Shari Seltzer will guide participants to create pages that express hopes, dreams, healing, and inner wisdom using mixed media art techniques. Be inspired by Jewish prayer, holidays, traditions, lyrics, and poetry. Art making experience not necessary. Willingness to allow your inner artist to nurture your soul is essential. Please plan to attend all sessions.

Connie Reiter's Torah Study

Saturdays, March 21 and April 18 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 from 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

A Discussion of BDS on College Campuses

Tuesday, March 10 at 7:30 PM

Anti-semitism is on the rise and has never been seen to the extent we see it today. BDS has infiltrated our college campuses leaving students feeling confused and scared. The Tikkun Olam Committee of Temple Emanu-El is pleased to announce the return of Maria Ntourlia from StandWithUs. Maria will hold a discussion about the rise of BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) on college campuses, as well as the disturbing increase of anti-semitism.

StandWithUs is a non-profit education organization supporting Israel and fighting misinformation and hate leading to anti-semitism.

Tell Your Story Better!

Tuesdays, March 10 and 17 at 7:00 PM

Join Jamie Brickhouse, a 4-time Moth Champ, a National Storytelling Network Grand Slam champion, and Board member of the National Storytelling Network to learn ways to craft your own story.

Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Kroloff

Spring Dates: March 16, April 20, May 18, Mondays, 11:30-12:30 followed by complimentary lunch

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.

March 16, 11:30 AM Rabbi Kroloff will engage in Dialogue with Fr. Anthony Randazzo, Pastor, Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, Westfield.

April 20, 11:30 AM Rabbi Kroloff will dialogue with Hon. Shelley Brindle, Mayor of Westfield on "REIMAGINING WESTFIELD".

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

Creating a Just World: Tzedaka and Judaism's Giving Mindset with Rabbi Mary Zamore

Thursday, April 23 at 7:30 PM

Celebrate Rabbi Zamore's most recent book *The Sacred Exchange: Creating A Jewish Money Ethic* with a program and book signing and reception. Judaism

has much to teach concerning our spiritual understanding of money, including the financial imperative to help others. Tzedaka starts with a giving mindset, in which even the poor are instructed to give to others and wealth is defined by "being content with our lot," and yet we also appreciate financial security and prosperity. Living in a modern culture that promotes acquisition over giving, how do we return to our Jewish values to create a just world through giving?



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

Sisterhood Gift Shop

Sisterhood plays an important role within the temple by supporting programs, scholarships and Jewish leadership programs for our clergy & congregation. On an ongoing basis, we provide the Bima flowers and Oneg on Shabbat. Our Judaica shop, which is staffed entirely by our volunteers, offers a wide range of items to enhance Jewish holiday celebration, life-cycle events and daily life. Please support our temple by shopping in our gift store.

To set up an appointment, please contact: Susan Schuman at 908-889-4704 or email judaicashop@tewnj.org



Your Clergy Wants to Know...

We are eager to be in touch with all members of our TEE family whenever there are occasions of joy or sadness in your lives. We visit Overlook Hospital as needed, but they no longer notify us when our members are patients there. If a family member is in any other area hospital, please also let us know.

When there is an illness or a death in your family, please call Laurie Zinberg at 908-232-6770 x117 as soon as possible. We very much want to be with you in your time of need.

Tikkun Olam

Hadassah

March 30 and April 20 at noon

The Temple community is welcome to Westfield Chapter of Hadassah on March 30 at noon in Greifer Sacks Hall, where our featured speaker is Sue Kobren of the New Jersey Jewish Genealogical Society. She will address, "How to Find Out Who You Are: A Genealogical Overview." She will dispel the myth, "all the records are destroyed" and "I never interviewed my parents and grandparents.... there is no information left."

Our April 20 program, also in Greifer Sacks Hall, is "What's Up in Israel: The joyful, the beautiful and even the unimaginable, the controversial!" Our shlicha, Danielle Konorti, will present a program on Israel in these current times. Danielle is our shlicha in Global Connections of Greater Metrowest in connection with the Jewish Agency. She has been involved with children and adults in surrounding communities and afforded everyone the good fortune to learn about Israel.

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.

This Earth Week, please join us for Temple Emanu-El's

Lenape Park Beautification Day









This event is held in partnership between Temple Emanu-El's Tikkun Olam Committee, The Americorps NJDEP Watershed Ambassadors Program, and Union County Parks and Recreation.

Temple עמנו אל Emanu-El of Westfield









This year marks the **50**th **anniversary of Earth Day**, and to celebrate, Temple Emanu-El is hosting a Beautification Day event in nearby Lenape Park!

Date: April 19, 2020

Time: 10am - 12pm

<u>Location:</u> Westfield Entrance at the end of Nomahegan Drive.

Beautification Day will be comprised of two main activities – trash clean-up and invasive plant removal. Gloves and garbage bags will be provided for the clean-up, and there will be limited clippers available for invasive removal. Never removed invasives before? That's okay – we will have a few "experts" available to help!

Please wear closed-toe shoes and comfortable clothing with long sleeves and pants! Bring your own re-fillable water bottle to refill throughout the day as we will not be providing cups or plastic water bottles in an effort to reduce waste!

For questions or more information, email dshebitz@kean.edu

How to Get Involved with Social Justice Activities at TEE

Join us for our Tikkun Olam/Social Action Meetings March 11 & April 1 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, pamelabclarke@gmail.com 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

Please Join Us for "An Evening of Ceremony and Remembrance" Led by Women For Women

An Intergenerational Women's Seder Sunday, March 29 from 4:00 – 7:00 PM The evening will be deliciously catered by Deli King of Clark

Sisterhood's Social Action Project - Distributing Dignity: "Lifting up Women in Need"

Please bring a new bra and a package of feminine supplies to the Seder.

Sisterhood will have donation boxes available for collection.

Cost: \$36 Sisterhood Members & Guests, Children 12 & under \$18. Please RSVP to **Sisterhood@tewnj.org** by March 23. Drop off or Mail Checks to Temple, note: Sisterhood Seder on envelope.

For more information contact: Maralyn Lieberman – 732-595-5050

Don't forget to bring your favorite Passover recipe!

Sisterhood Book Club

Wednesday, March 11 at 7:30 PM

Join Sisterhood in the Fritz and Edith Lehr Library. Our selection is "Lake Success: A Novel" by Gary Shteyngart. The community is welcome and we look forward to seeing you then.

Men's Club

Invites all the men of TEMPLE EMANU-EL to join us on:

Wednesday March 26 from 7 - 9 PM at THE LAVY HOUSE-Temple Emanu-El All of the men of Temple Emanu-El are invited to join us for our 10th ANNUAL MEN'S SEDER. Learn, share, & discuss men's topics based (loosely) on the Haggadah:

What enslaves us as men? What are our blessings? What plagues us as men? What embitters our souls?

Explore what it means to be a Jewish man. Come together to eat, laugh, & share our stories. Rabbi Miller will help us in an evening of fraternity & brotherhood (Mixed with a little wine!) Together, we'll celebrate our freedom - as Jews, as Men! Don't miss this unique event!

Dinner by DELI KING & COST IS \$18

RSVP and/or Questions, please call Dave Gelber (908) 787-7505

Email: dgelber@msn.com

Library News...

Attention! A new order of books has been placed and received. The Lehr library is quite up to date with some of the best Jewish literature. Come in and take a look. There is surely an inviting topic there for you!



A few new reads:

- The Lost Girls of Paris: A Novel by Pam Jenoff
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Our Temple Community: Youth

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Divrei Haley - Words from the Heart

- The "perfect" Rabbi, through teaching, preaching, writing, guiding, cajoling, encouraging, and most important, "modeling" that "perfect" Rabbi should lead us in such a way that we create and build lives of meaning and significance, that the Temple becomes a "tabernacle" of holiness and safety, and that our community grows to reflect the very best of what a Jewish community is all about.
- The "perfect" Rabbi should teach us by example, and expect from us, that we treat each other with respect and honor, that we do everything in our power to prevent "lashon harah" (the inappropriate use of language) from falling from our tongues, that we honor our teachers, care for our elderly, and prove to be worthy mentors for our young.
- The "perfect" Rabbi should show us how to live with "awe" in our hearts and souls and in our daily practice. And the "perfect" Rabbi should help us live with a deep sense of wonder, what it means to live in a world fashioned by God, given to us as a precious gift, and treated by us as a treasured legacy to behold each and every day.

Yes, that's the "perfect" Rabbi for me. I hope and pray that is the "perfect" Rabbi for you and the "perfect" Rabbi that is chosen for Temple Emanu-El.

Rabbi Bennett F. Miller

Youth Groups







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March/April 2020

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

Please note that Bar/Bat Mitzvah dates are no longer listed on this calendar. See page 3 for this information.

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Bible Class

Israel Lunch & Learn

Mandy Reichman Feeding Program

Thursday, April 30

Bible Class

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Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class

Sisterhood Meeting

9:30 AM

5:10 PM

7:00 PM

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11:00 AM

11:00 AM

5:10 PM

Mandy Reichman Feeding Program

Dance Fitness

Bible Class

Tell Your Story Better

4:00 PM

9:30 AM

5:10 PM

7:00 PM

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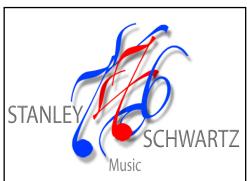
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