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The Newsletter of Temple Emanuel Kensington, Maryland

Elul Kickoff Friday September 6

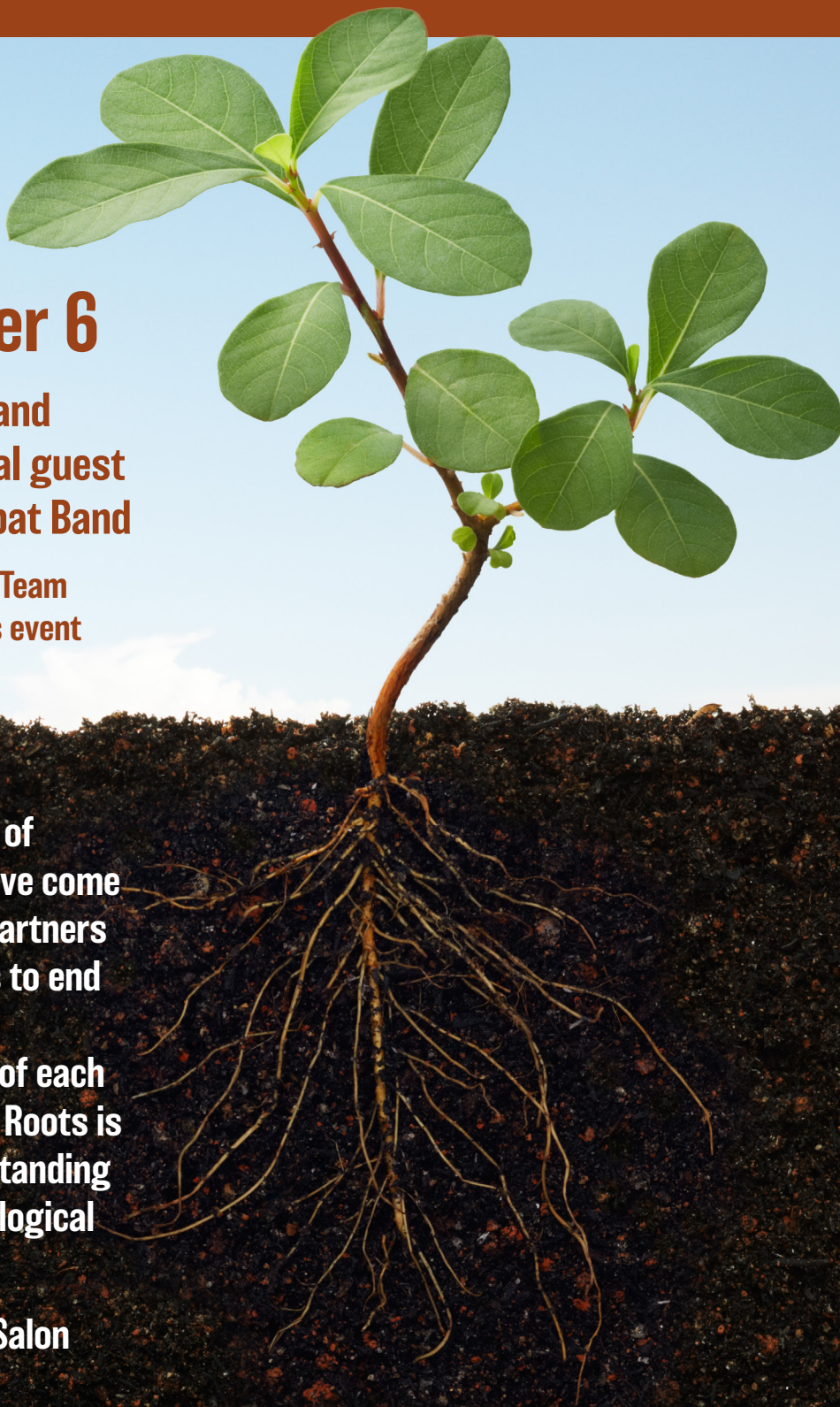
Shabbat Dinner, Service and
Board Installation with special guest
Roots and our Mizmor L'Shabbat Band

Thank you to the Global Mitzvah Team
for their generous support of this event

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People's connection to the Land, Roots is
dedicated to developing understanding
and solidarity despite our ideological
differences.

We will also have a Shabbat Salon
program with Roots on
Saturday September 7.



from the Rabbi



On Monday evening August 12th, the Jewish world will observe Tisha B'av, the 9th day of the Month of Av. This is a day of grief and mourning, for it is taught that the two Temples in Jerusalem were destroyed on this day, the 1st Temple in 586 BCE and the 2nd Temple in 70 CE. The destruction of the 2nd Temple marked the end of an independent Jewish state until 1948. Subsequent to Biblical times, Tisha B'av is also the date when the Jews were expelled from England in 1290, from Spain in 1492, and when Germany declared war on Russia in 1914, marking the beginning of World War I.



It has not been our custom as a community to observe Tisha B'av, partly for logistics—it generally falls smack dab in the middle of summer vacation, but mostly because of the theological implications. While mourning the destruction of the two Temples, more traditionally observant Jews also pray that the Third temple will be built. This would mark a shift back to sacrificial Judaism, a faith from which we have thankfully evolved and to which most of us have no desire to return.

But this year, after witnessing the terrible massacre of our people on October 7th and the subsequent destruction of Gaza, Tisha B'av carries a different meaning. It reminds us that these catastrophic events continue into the present day and gives us a structure to lament the loss and devastation of ancient days all the way to 2023. So this year, I plan to reflect and grieve not just for what happened in ancient days but what happened and continues to happen now. I will take some time to reread the Book of Lamentations, attributed to the prophet Jeremiah as he witnessed the destruction of the First Temple and Jerusalem. I'm always moved by the cries, the anguish, and the despair, which undoubtedly resound with greater resonance this year.

Tisha B'av, as terrible a day as it is, ends with hope. As we conclude the Book of Lamentations, we read the penultimate verse twice, "Take us back, O Eternal, to Yourself, and let us come back; Renew our days as of old." (Lamentations 5:21). We pray that, in spite of the suffering and the loss, that God will return to us and we will return to God's embrace. We seek healing, comfort, care, reconciliation.

This summer, I pray these words with extra fervor. I pray that our relationships with one another and with God will be strengthened and renewed. I pray this war and suffering will end, that the hostages will be returned, that Israelis and Palestinians can look towards a brighter future. I pray October 7th becomes the last tragedy which necessitates large scale mourning. I pray that the *sinat chinam*, the boundless hatred which the rabbis taught led to the destruction of the 2nd Temple, will change to *ahavat chinam*, boundless love.

I wish you and your loved ones a good, relaxing, and peaceful summer, and may all of us move on from our mourning that we may be taken back to relationships and lives filled with goodness, peace, and blessing.

Rabbi Adam Rosenwasser

ADULT B'NEI MITZVAH CLASS WITH RABBI ADAM

A new class will be forming this fall. Join us for an information session on Sunday October 20.

Class will begin October 27, and be held 9:30-11:30 on Sunday mornings when there is Religious School. One hour with Rabbi Adam and one hour (optional) for Hebrew study with Dina Korman. Please contact Rabbi Adam if you are interested.

from the Cantor



Chevre: I hope that everyone is enjoying some summer fun! Whether your children are at camp or you are preparing for vacation, I hope that we all find some time to relax and enjoy the beautiful weather. I am excited to take a family road trip at the end of the summer to New York City, Connecticut, and culminating at Ramah New England Family Camp! It will be a wonderful time to enjoy Shabbat together, participate in outdoor adventures, sports, boating, art, and other fun family activities. I can't wait to tell you all about it upon my return.

On the homefront, there are many exciting events on the horizon!

At 7 PM on July 7, I am thrilled to represent Temple Emanuel at the Bethesda Big Train Baseball Game. In addition to singing the National Anthem and Take Me Out To The Ballgame (In Yiddish!), the Mizmor L'Shabbat Band and I will perform a mini-concert from 6:30 to 6:45 PM in the sculpture plaza. We are excited to perform some baseball crowd-pleasing classics, such as Centerfield (John Fogerty), We Will Rock You/ We Are The Champions (Queen), and Glory Days (Bruce Springsteen). Please visit <https://www.bigtrain.org/individual-tickets> to purchase your tickets!

I'm also excited to welcome back our Kol Zimrah Adult Choir and Kol Ruach Jr. Choirs, as we prepare for the upcoming year! Both groups are seeking new members, and no musical experience is necessary to join: only a love of music! Weekly Rehearsals for Kol Zimrah begin on Tuesday, August 27, from 7:30 - 9 PM, and our weekly Jr. Choir rehearsals begin on Sunday, September 15 from 8:30-8:50 AM (including a breakfast snack) before Religious School. Anyone who is interested in joining the Jr Choir is also invited to attend a Back To School Kickoff party on Saturday, September 7 from 4-6 PM, featuring games, crafts, and treats! Save the date, be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks, and please reach out to me with any questions or inquiries.

We will then set our sights on the High Holy Days. With the arrival of Elul in September, Jews throughout the world will spend the month reflecting, preparing to atone, forgive, and spiritually reset for the upcoming year. We will have special Elul Shabbatot throughout the month of September, when we will sing with the Mizmor L'Shabbat Band (Sep 7), and dedicate our new Torah covers (Sep 13). Elul will culminate with the arrival of Selichot on the evening of September 28, the Saturday evening prior to Rosh HaShanah. As we enter into a time of repentance and forgiveness, we will enjoy a thought provoking short film, experience a beautiful service featuring the Kol Zimrah Choir, and change our Torah mantles to our beautiful white covers, representing purity and the wish that through repentance, our sins will be made white as snow (Isaiah 1:18).

I look forward to seeing you at all these fun and meaningful events. Wishing everyone a happy summer!
L'Shalom, Cantor Lindsay Kanter



BASEBALL WITH TEMPLE EMANUEL

Sunday, July 7, 7:00pm

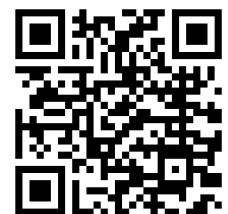
Bethesda Big Train vs. Alexandria Aces

Shirley Povich Field

10600 Westlake Drive, Rockville, Maryland 20852

Cheer Cantor Lindsay on as she sings the national anthem at Bethesda Big Train.
Featuring the Mizmor L'Shabbat Band in a pre-game mini-concert at 6:30pm.
It's also bobblehead night!

Buy tickets here:
[www.bigtrain.org/
individual-tickets](https://www.bigtrain.org/individual-tickets)



from the Early Childhood Center

“In some Native languages the term for plants translates to “those who take care of us.”
— Robin Wall Kimmerer

The natural world is such an integral part of our school's identity. The playscape behind the school was created with children in mind, to be a place of freedom and reflection; a place for loudness and excitement; a place for joy, growth, and playful learning. Stepping beyond the early childhood center's doors into the bamboo forest or the wooded area behind the school offers opportunities for playful learning on a grandiose scale. Closer to the building, our smaller garden spaces offer the same benefits, just a little “closer to home”, so to speak. Still, no place holds more weight than the other to the children, when it comes to how they encounter and enjoy each space.



It is important for the children to have a hand in the curation, care, and enjoyment of outdoor spaces. Gardening isn't the same for everyone. Some of us love the feel of the dirt between our fingers, while some of us would rather stay away from the risk of getting dirt under our nails or meeting the resident creatures, opting to take a photo, or draw a sketch instead. The myriad ways the children encounter the gardens, from weeding, seeding, and nurturing, to sitting, thinking, drawing, and questioning, all mirror the beauty and diversity of nature we are fortunate to work alongside.

Our playscape gardens look a bit different every year, reflecting the changes we all undergo as we grow. While every garden bed we cultivate may offer a different harvest each year, the intentions we (as educators) place within the space, and the Jewish values we hope to glean from encountering it, remain just as important from year to year. What doesn't change is the value we give to the time we spend nurturing the space, ourselves, and our relationships. We hope to meet the call to become shomrei adamah, guardians of the land, and exemplify the commandment of tikkun olam, repairing the world.

The focus of the Atelier on natural materials is meant to make encountering the natural world accessible while being both indoors and outdoors. Thoughts of nature and the natural world don't have to screech to a stop when we come back inside. The rain doesn't need to deter us (typically it does NOT) from being outside, and it certainly does not need to hinder our curiosity about the relationships we are building with one another and the world.

On the contrary, our beautiful outdoor environment, from the forest to the flower gardens, cultivated and cared for by the people who inhabit this early childhood center, nurture us all right back with their multitude of gifts.

- Leslie Hurd, *Atelierista*



from the Outgoing President



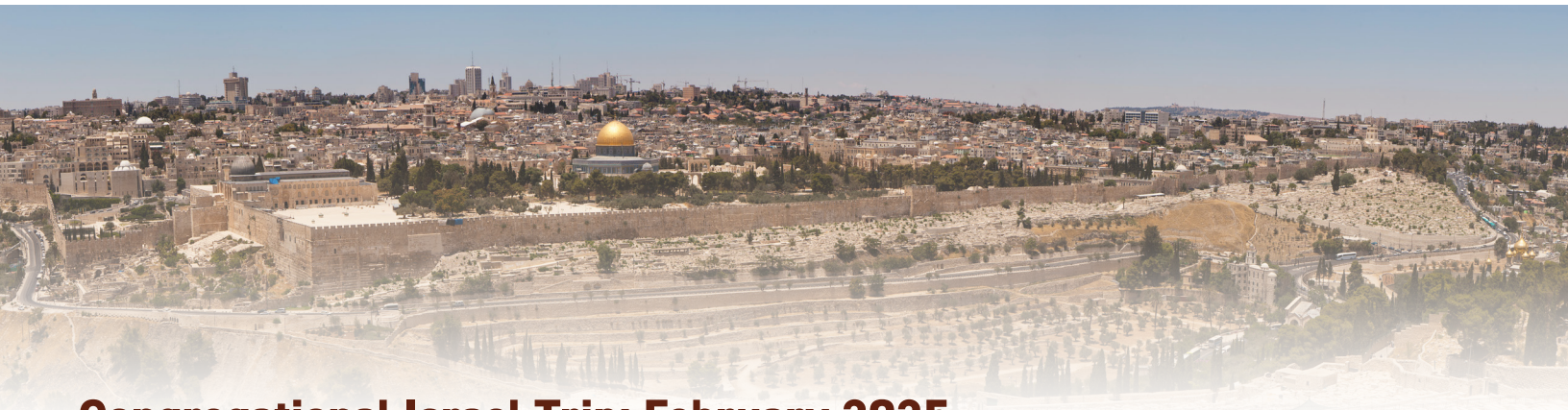
I'm writing this message just after our annual meeting, where the congregation voted to approve a balanced budget, and to install a new slate of senior lay leaders. I wish our new President, Andrew Stavisky, and the Board of Trustees successful terms in office. It was my great privilege and pleasure to serve as President these past two years. I am assured by my predecessors that there is no better job in lay leadership than Immediate Past President, so I have that to look forward to.

We are also just coming off a series of dialogues about the conflict in Gaza, facilitated by our distinguished visitor, Kohenet April Baskin. After an introductory Zoom session earlier in May, we had about 60 participants for an in-person session on May 16. We broke into table groups based on ideas that surfaced during the Zoom session, and covered topics like "intergenerational perspectives," "ethical dilemmas and Jewish values," and "identity, belonging, and the long-term vision for Jewish identity." Our conversations were both genuine and respectful, and I think I can speak for nearly everyone when I say I came away from the evening with a renewed faith in the strength of our community and our ability to engage with one another meaningfully, even when the subject is difficult and controversial.

April was unable to finish the dialogue series as planned on Friday, May 17, but we continued the conversations from the night before without her assistance. We look forward to her returning to conclude the program as soon as we can get her on the schedule. And we also look forward to finding ways to carry this dialogue forward.

As I finish my term as President, I would like to thank you all once again for entrusting me with this responsibility. I have learned a tremendous amount, and deepened my connections to this community and to the Reform movement. I look forward to seeing you around Temple!

Martha Hirschfield



Congregational Israel Trip: February 2025

Join Rabbi Adam and Dianne Neiman on the Temple Emanuel Journey to Israel taking place February 12-21 2025. This particular trip will focus on Israel as a sacred land for Jews, Christians, and Muslims. We'll be visiting holy sites from all three religions, engaging in meaningful conversations with folks from across the political and religious spectrums, and deepening our connections to this wonderful, challenging, and complicated place.



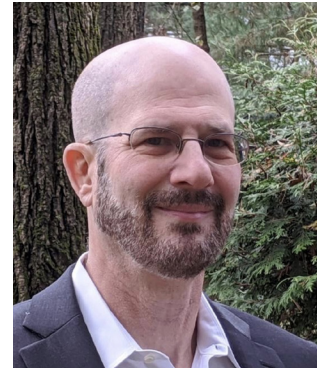
More information about the trip including itinerary and pricing here:

https://www.j2adventures.com/join/temple-emanuel-kensington-md_feb-2025/

Now more than ever, it is crucial for us to continue to engage with Israel and its people. Whatever your position on the conflict, Israel is a place worthy of our attention and focus. Rabbi Adam hopes you'll come with him to see this beautiful, troubled, complicated, extraordinary place with your own eyes next February. If you have any questions, please contact Rabbi Adam.

from the Incoming President

I am humbled and excited to begin my two-year term as the next President of Temple Emanuel. And I'm eager to build upon the foundation laid by the Presidents who came before me, including most recently, Monte Mallin, who deftly took us through Covid, and Martha Hirschfield, who successfully took us through our "reboot" and into the post-Covid era. These are big shoes to fill.



As I shared at our recent annual meeting, the TE community has enriched my family's life immensely since joining 20 years ago. We have gone through B'Nai Mitzvah, Confirmations, and everything in between. Our family is actually a pretty good microcosm of the Temple Emanuel community. Nora and I have 5 kids, and it's growing even more with all of their significant others and even a few pending weddings this coming year. Our family is blended. It's interfaith. It's multi-cultural and international. And our views span the gamut on most issues.

In my remarks at the annual meeting, I shared a bit about my background—I grew up in the Boston area (and I'm still a diehard Boston sports fan), and I have been in the DC area for more than 30 years. In between, I lived in Israel for two years, and South America for 3 years. Professionally, I have worked at the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), the non-partisan, independent, investigative arm of Congress, for nearly 2 decades, where I've honed my skills in evidence-based decision-making and in facilitating discussions among diverse populations and perspectives. These skills will be invaluable as we navigate the complexities and opportunities ahead for the Temple.

My own involvement at Temple Emanuel has been extensive and rewarding. I served on the Board of Education for many years while my kids were in Religious School, and I have been an active member of the Brotherhood Board for over a decade. Additionally, I have served on the Board of Trustees and several committees, including finance and strategic planning, as well as the recent new Rabbi and Director of Congregational Learning selection committees. These experiences have deepened my own commitment to our congregation's values and vision.

As we look ahead, I'm eager to work with our amazing clergy, Rabbi Adam and Cantor Lindsay; with our tireless Executive Director, Dianne; the dedicated senior staff, our incredible education leaders Laura and Dana, our Shaliach and youth director, Snir, and our extensive lay leadership, which includes our Board of Trustees and the leaders of the many committees we have at Temple Emanuel.

I want to quickly outline some of the areas I will focus on over the next 2 years, many of which builds on what's already been started by our leaders.

- Building a culture of inclusion
- Creating safe spaces for community discussions on issues like Israel/Gaza, like those we had earlier this month.
- Building a culture of philanthropy.
- Growing our membership and finding ways to ensure the Temple is in solid financial shape.
- Investing in and growing the ECC and our Religious School.
- Investing in and ensuring the security of our facility.
- Ensuring institutional continuity, particularly at the Board of Trustees' level.
- Encouraging increased involvement by members in Temple activities. Our community is only as strong as we make it.

I am honored to serve as your President and look forward to working alongside each of you. Please reach out with your ideas, concerns, and hopes for our future.

Andrew Stavisky

from the Shaliach/Director of Youth Engagement



Shalom everyone!

We had a very eventful couple of months! Lots of KESTY events, special services, Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel Engagement opportunities and so much more! In between all of these things, we also elected our new teen board!

I'm glad to announce our new KESTY Board for 2024-2025:

- Anna Bryan-Taff, President
- Gus Bookbinder, Cultural and Religion VP
- Jonah Lerner, Programming VP
- Vera Samuels, Membership VP
- Gabby Ross, Communications VP
- Veronica Zhurkin, Social Action VP

This is going to be a great year! This amazing group of teens is super excited to come up and bring new and extraordinary programs to our Temple Youth! I am very proud of them and excited to work with them next year.



As we look forward to welcoming the new year after the summer - please check out our KESTY calendar on our website, where you will find the full schedule for events for the year for our KESTY group and also our Younger KESTY groups!

We will kick off the year of youth programming with our KESTY-led Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services (10/3, 10/12), and also with our Annual Kickoff Bonfire (11/12 at 7:30pm). See more details on the High Holy Days services on page 8. Hope to see you there!



As you're reading this, I am headed to Australia, where I will be spending my summer, learning and teaching at a Jewish Day School in Melbourne. I'm excited to share my experiences with you and bring Israeli Ruach and my Israel story to our amazing community for a third year. My experience as a Shaliach at Temple Emanuel has been so incredible, and it's all thanks to you.

עם ישראל חי! תודה רבה!

La'Shalom,
Snir

Art in HaMakom

Our Shaliach Snir Holtzman curates the July art exhibit in HaMakom.

Embark on a journey through triumph and resilience as we celebrate Israel's Independence Day, showcasing the nation's heroes and winners on the global stage of the Olympics. Discover the untold stories of perseverance, passion, and pride that have defined Israel's sporting legacy, highlighting the extraordinary individuals who have inspired a nation and conquered the world's most prestigious athletic arenas

We are always seeking referrals to artists interested in displaying their work for future exhibits. To refer an artist, please reach out to the Temple Office to be connected with Lori Gordon.

High Holy Days

At this year's services there will be many opportunities for us to pray together as a community and with our families. Services will be held on-site at Temple Emanuel and at nearby Kensington Cabin Park. Some will also be available for Live Streaming for those unable to attend in person.

Current Members: All current Temple Emanuel adult members will be mailed tickets and sent links to Live Streamed services. Members must still register to reserve childcare, to purchase prayer books, or include names in the Book of Remembrance.

Not a current TE member? We would love to have you join us! We offer a variety of services and programs including some specifically geared for families and young children. Tickets and/or rsvps are required for some services.

Watch your email and <https://www.templeemanuelmd.org/worship/high-holy-days-5785-2024/>

for updates! If you have any questions, contact the Temple Office at office@templeemanuelmd.org or 301.942.2000.

Schedule of Services

Elul Shabbat Services: Fridays September 6, 13, 20, and 27

Selichot: Saturday September 28

Service followed by film (The Last Repair Shop) and discussion

Erev Rosh Hashanah: Wednesday October 2

Rabbi Emeritus Warren Stone will give the sermon on 10/2

Rosh Hashanah: Thursday October 3

- Family Service
- Main Sanctuary Service
- Afternoon Service led by our KESTY teens
- Taschlich

Shabbat Shuvah: Friday October 4, led by WRJ

Community-Wide Commemoration of October 7th

Kol Nidre: Friday October 11

Yom Kippur: Saturday October 12

- Family Service
- Main Sanctuary Service
- Discussion led by Bruce Katz
- Afternoon Service led by our KESTY teens
- Healing Service
- Yizkor
- Neilah
- Break-the-fast

Erev Sukkot: Wednesday October 16

- Pizza in the Hut Dinner and Service

Sukkot: Thursday October 17: Community Festival Service

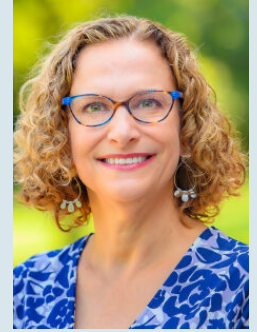
- Friday October 18: Sukkot Under the Stars Service
- Saturday October 19: Open House at Rabbi Adam's for TE Members

Simchat Torah:

- Wednesday October 23: Service and Festive Oneg
- Thursday October 24: Community Festival Service



from the Director of Congregational Learning



I am always surprised when people ask me if I take the summer off from my work as the Director of Congregational Learning. If anything, summer is busier than the school year! Summer is when our educational team works to write curriculum, prepare classrooms, schedule electives such as art and music, hire staff, purchase supplies, and so many other important tasks. If we do these things well, the school year starts off strong.

I also take time in the summer to reflect on the previous school year. What were our successes and where can we improve our programs? One highlight from the 2023-2024 academic year was the success of our grade-level field trips. The trips varied from a weekend in New York City, to the American Visionary Art Museum in Baltimore, MD, to a Shabbat overnight at the Smith Environmental Center in Montgomery County. During the summer, we will organize field trips for next year. We are also creating partnerships with area synagogues to expand opportunities for our students and to help them meet local Jewish peers. Building a *kehilla* (community) is an important part of successful learning and Jewish identity.

Summer is also an excellent time to engage in professional development. In July, I will attend NewCAJE, a national conference for Jewish educators from a variety of institutions including synagogues, camps, day schools, JCCs, online programs, and after school programs. Presenters come from a variety of backgrounds and may include artists, musicians, classroom teachers, clergy, professors, authors, and so many more. When I attend a conference like NewCAJE, I'm like a kid in a candy store. There are so many topics to choose from and I'm guaranteed to bring back innovative ideas to Temple Emanuel. I am grateful to the community for supporting my continued education.

I also appreciate summer because it gives our children the opportunity to attend camp. I'm a huge fan of camp, especially when there is Jewish content! Camp is an excellent opportunity for kids to build community (*kehilla*), learn new skills (*limud*), and display camp spirit (*ruach*). Kids attending local Jewish camps such as Capital Camps, Camps Louise & Airy, and Camp Harlam, may even have a visit from Rabbi Adam and Snir Holtzman. And campers love mail! If you'd like Temple Emanuel to send your camper a card, send contact information to Ruth Szykman, Religious School Coordinator, at ruth@templeemanuelmd.org.

Wishing you a wonderful summer!
Laura Naide

ADULT LEARNING

This Fall we want to offer classes to engage our adult learners on a variety of topics. Our ongoing programs include Rabbi Adam's Mussar (Jewish values) classes and weekly Torah study. Our *shaliach* (Israeli emissary), Snir Holtzman, will offer classes on topics related to Israel which might include film and literature, conversational Hebrew, and Israeli customs and traditions. We are also planning several food-related classes focused on holiday traditions (e.g., not everyone eats hamantaschen on Purim!). If you are interested in helping to plan Adult Education offerings, please contact me at lnaide@templeemanuelmd.org.

HIGH HOLY DAYS PROGRAMMING FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

We hope to see you this fall when we host special services just for families and children! Members and non-members are welcome. See more on page 8.

2024-2025 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Enrollment is open now and easier than ever because it is now online through Temple Emanuel's ShulCloud database. You only need to complete one enrollment form per family and much of your personal information will automatically be imported into the form.

You'll need to login to your Temple Emanuel ShulCloud account to enroll. If you need help accessing your ShulCloud account contact the Temple office or call 301-942-2000. If you need help with Religious School enrollment contact Ruth Szykman, Religious School Coordinator at ruth@templeemanuelmd.org.

Please enroll at your earliest convenience. Religious School starts on Sunday, September 8, 2024. The first Tuesday classes (Online and In Person Hebrew & Upper School) are on September 10 and the first Thursday classes (Third Grade Online Hebrew) are on September 12. We're looking forward to a wonderful year!



A Local Palestinian Israeli Initiative for Understanding Nonviolence and Transformation

Featuring Noor A'wad & Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger
Friday September 6 and Saturday September 7

Roots/Shorashim/Judur is a unique network of local Palestinians and Israelis who have come to see each other as the partners we both need to make changes to end our conflict. Based on mutual recognition of each people's national identity and connection to the land, they are challenging the assumptions their communities hold about each other, building trust and creating a new discourse around the conflict in their respective societies.

Hear Noor A'wad and Rabbi Hanan share personal stories of struggle and transformation, as well as their vision of mutual national recognition and reconciliation.



Noor A'wad

Noor's family moved from Amman, Jordan to Beit Sahour following the signing of the Oslo Accords. There, he began thinking about his identity as a Palestinian refugee. While studying to become a tour guide, Noor traveled to Israel and for the first time saw Israelis beyond the frame of "occupying soldiers." In 2012, Noor was licensed by the Palestinian Ministry of Tourism. After meeting Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger and Ali Abu Awwad in 2016, Noor joined Roots, where he currently organizes joint Palestinian-Israeli activities and speaks to visiting groups about his personal experiences living through the conflict as a Palestinian who has seen much tragedy, and in such conditions is motivated to work toward a political solution. Noor resides in Bethlehem today, where he guides English-speakers on geopolitical tours of the region.

Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger

Hanan Schlesinger is an Orthodox rabbi and teacher, and a passionate Zionist who has been profoundly transformed by his encounters with Palestinians and the Palestinian People beginning in late 2013. Originally hailing from New York, Rav Hanan immigrated to Israel on his own at the age of 20 and has lived in Alon Shvut, Gush Etzion, for 40 years. In early 2014, Ali Abu Awwad and an Israeli partner Shaul Judelman, together with Rav Hanan and other Israelis and Palestinians, founded Roots/Judur/Shorashim. Rav Hanan currently serves as its Director of International Relations. Rabbi Schlesinger is a member of the Rabbinical Council of America and the International Rabbinic Fellowship, as well as Beit Hillel, an Israeli rabbinical association. He and his Israeli-born wife Ayala have four grown children and eleven grandchildren.

Thank you to the Global Mitzvah Team for their generous support of this event

www.friendsofroots.net

Women of Reform Judaism

Temple Emanuel's Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) / Sisterhood welcomes you to our activities this year. Membership in WRJ is a great way to get to know women of different ages and backgrounds through our annual retreat, drop-in Mahjong games, brunches, discussion groups, and other programs.

Any person identifying as female who is committed to the goals and objectives of the Temple Emanuel WRJ, its Congregation, and the Jewish community is eligible for membership. Summer is a great time to start this year's membership whether joining WRJ for the first time or rejoining WRJ if you're currently not a member. If you have not yet joined WRJ for next year, you can do so through your Shulcloud account. If you have any questions, please contact Judi Sprei, our Membership Vice President: judisprei@gmail.com

As we look forward to the upcoming year, we want to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers (bagel table, retreat, special events, seder, services, readers' salon, Rosh Chodesh, and dinners) who helped us this past year. We also want to express a special Toda Raba to Linda Wolpert who served as WRJ's co-president last year.

Read on and learn about some of what WRJ has in store for the coming year (more dates to be announced). Want more information or have questions? Contact us at: wrj@templeemanuelmd.org

Postcard Writing for Get Out the

Vote. In collaboration with the Brotherhood and the Community Social Action Committee - through the nonpartisan organization Religious Action Center (RAC) – WRJ is hosting multiple post-card writing parties. This November, voters will decide who controls the White House, Senate, and House of Representatives. Scheduled dates are: June 5, July 10, August 7 with more dates to be announced - watch the Grapevine.



Mahjong is hoping to move to monthly Sunday mornings at the Temple. This past year, WRJ hosted two Sunday morning sessions during which new players were taught how to play the game. Be on the lookout for additional sessions. This will be open to all WRJ members. In addition, other Temple members who are not members of WRJ can come twice to give it a try. Contact our Vice President for Programming Michele Parsonnet at mparsonnet@gmail.com for more information.

The **Bagel Table** continued this past year and was a huge success, feeding religious school students, parents, teachers, and Madrichol. We are always looking for volunteers to staff it. We encourage you to try it – even once, so that you can see the fun in interacting with our Temple youth and get to know other volunteers – or just stop by for breakfast - even if you don't have children in the Religious School.



Creative Crafts and Conversation - meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 2-4pm at the Temple. Join others in undertaking a craft and having a chat. It will continue in the summer so long as there are enough people to attend. To get on the mailing list, please email Esther at erstarobin@gmail.com

Rosh Chodesh and Readers Salon - will continue in the fall. **Rosh Chodesh**, or the new moon, is an ancient Jewish women's holiday, a time for Jewish women to come together and celebrate. Our Temple Emanuel Rosh Chodesh meetings include brief opening and closing ceremonies along with spirited discussions of topics related to Judaism and women. Some topics we've discussed in the past include body image, fearlessness, ethical decision-making and Jewish superstitions. We have also had baby naming ceremonies and a swimming pool mikvah. Readers' Salon gives you the opportunity to read articles from current publications, discuss them with friends and share in a casual potluck meal. It's like a book club but with only 20 minutes of reading!

CONTINUING!! Join WRJ in its monthly **KindSoup making** via Zoom, in conjunction with Kind Works. We will join together again on September 8th and thereafter to make soup and help those who are food insecure. Get all of the information you need, including the grocery list and *drop off locations*, on Kinds Works' www.dokindworks.com. **Be on the lookout in the Grapevine for the zoom link to join us.**

The Women's Retreat is January 10-12, 2025, in Dewey Beach, DE. This outing is always a highlight of our year, so mark your calendars now and be on the lookout for more information.

WRJ holds its **Monthly WRJ meetings** on the third Wednesday evening at 7pm on Zoom.

Jennifer Mann Fields and Lisa Reff
Co-Presidents WRJ



Student-led GMP Car Wash Supports Jewish-Arab Hand in Hand Program

The May 12 Annual Global Mitzvah Car Wash was a big success. Thanks to the enthusiasm and energy of our 6th and 7th grade students, madrichol, teachers and team members over 40 cars were cleaned in a two hour period. Proceeds of more than \$900, with matching GMP funds, will be donated to Hand in Hand -- a network of bilingual, multicultural schools and parent communities working to build a society of equality and trust between Arabs and Jews in Israel.

Hand in Hand has grown from two small classes in 1999 to over 2,000 students, with 5 preschools, 6 elementary, 2 middle, and 1 high school. The program is located in Jerusalem, the Galilee, Wadi Ara, Jaffa, Haifa, and Kfar Saba. Its mission is to grow, and build a Hand in Hand school in every mixed Jewish-Arab city throughout the country, leveraging a shift from conflict to cooperation for all of Israeli society.

Hand in Hand recently created a Jewish-Arab University Student Community to bring together students from colleges across Jerusalem in a year-long cohort for shared learning, dialogue, and social action. The goal is for these young adults to become leaders throughout the country to promote mutual respect and equality of opportunity.

“With a war waging and thousands of precious lives lost ...We resolve to continue overcoming adversity, day by day, for the sake of a better future for all, Jews and Arabs alike.”

Dani Elazar, Chief Executive, Hand in Hand



GMP has made Israel-Arab Peace Building projects a priority for 2024-2025, and is in the process of determining other successful projects to support (e.g., Roots- a grassroots organization run by local Palestinians and Israelis seeking to create a culture of nonviolence, understanding and transformation in key areas of the West Bank). Congregants are encouraged to bring other promising peace building projects to our attention.

Stan Fagen (stanfagen@gmail.com) & Caroline Smith DeWaal (dewaalcaroline@gmail.com), Co-Chairs

MEMBER UPDATES

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Sydney Wright-Schaner & Jakob Seidlitz
Zachary & Laura Drescher
Jeffrey Langer
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Rachael Stern & Jennifer Haliski

CONDOLENCES

Carolyn (Zachary) Levine on the passing of her mother, Toby Hirschman
Michael (Michele) Heffner on the passing of his father, Charles Heffner, Jr.
Amy (Chuck) Kines on the passing of her father, Myron Goldberg
Joseph Rosenberg (Ellen Gerech) on the passing of his sister, Beverly Sharon Rosenberg
Pauline Steinhorn (Bill Creed) on the passing of her brother, Mark Steinhorn

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Thank You!

July 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 2pm Craft & Conversation	4 Building and ECC Closed	5 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat	6 9am Torah Study
7	8	9	10 10am Postcard Writing	11 6pm ECC Picnic	12 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Gan Emanuel	13 9am Torah Study
14	15	16	17 2pm Craft & Conversation	18 7pm Board of Trustees	19 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat	20 9am Torah Study
21	22	23	24	25	26 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat	27 9am Torah Study
28	29	30				

August 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat	3 9am Torah Study
4	5	6	7 10am Postcard Writing 2pm Craft & Conversation	8	9 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Gan Emanuel	10 9am Torah Study
11	12	13	14	15 7pm Board of Trustees	16 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat	17 9am Torah Study
18	19	20	21 2pm Craft & Conversation	22	23 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Gan Emanuel	24 9am Torah Study
25	26	27 7:30pm Kol Zimrah rehearsal	28	29	30 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat	31 9am Torah Study

September 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Building Closed, Labor Day	3 7:30pm Kol Zimrah rehearsal	4 2pm Crafts & Conversation	5	6 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat, Board Installation with guest Roots (Elul 1)	7 9am Torah Study 10am Shabbat Service and Bat Mitzvah of Sydney White 4pm Junior Choir Kickoff Party
8 Religious School / Hebrew School KindSoup with WRJ	9	10 Online Hebrew / In-person Hebrew / Upper School 7:30pm Kol Zimrah rehearsal	11 ECC New Year Reception	12	13 5:30pm Tot Shabbat 7:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat & Torah Cover Dedication (Elul 2)	14 9am Torah Study 10am Simchat Shabbat Apple Picking Offsite - Time TBD
15 Religious School / Hebrew School 5pm Bible & Brews	16	17 Online Hebrew / In-person Hebrew / Upper School 7:30pm Kol Zimrah rehearsal	18 2pm Craft & Conversation	19 7pm Board of Trustees	20 6:30 Kabbalat Shabbat (Elul 3)	21 9am Torah Study
22 Religious School / Hebrew School	23 7:30pm Board of Education	24 Online Hebrew / In-person Hebrew / Upper School 7:30pm Kol Zimrah rehearsal	25	26	27 7:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat (Elul 4)	28 9am Torah Study 10am Shalom Shabbat Selichot with Kol Zimrah
29 Religious School / Hebrew School	30					

Summer 2024 B'NEI MITZVAH



SYDNEY WHITE is in 7th grade at Sligo Middle School. She enjoys playing softball and soccer. She also loves musicals and participating in theater. Sydney loves to spend her summers at Camp Louise with her friends. For her Bat Mitzvah project, Sydney chose to organize a collection drive for Comfort Cases which is an organization that puts together kits for kids in the foster care system. Sydney is looking forward to being called to the Torah for her Bat Mitzvah and is excited to celebrate this special day with her friends and family.

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Elul 2: Dedicate Our Torah Covers

Friday September 13, 7:30pm
Erev Shabbat Service followed by Oneg

Save the date to dedicate our new Torah Covers by Fiber Artist Karen Fricke.

We are grateful to the Flax/Adler Fund, Elayne Flax, and the entire Flax family for their support of this project. Elayne worked closely with our founding Rabbi, Rabbi Leon Adler, for many years and served as the Director of Education from the early 1970s until 1997. Thank you to the project team: Jessica Bernstein, Sandi Marsden, Diane Raynes-Miller, Rabbi Adam Rosenwasser and Esther Starobin.