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HIGH HOLY DAYS



BULLETIN
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“A Lifelong Jewish Journey” Rabbi Max Chaiken

Lately I’ve been noticing our Temple Emanuel logo. It reads “a lifelong Jewish journey” and while you’ve probably seen it many times, I wonder: what does that phrase mean to you?

While it could be different for many of us, for me, it relates to how we live our values and our Judaism on our path through life. Many of you know that the term for “classical/traditional Jewish law” is Halakhah. You might even be inclined to think, as a liberal Jew in a Reform congregation, that “oh, I don’t keep kosher. I’m not that Jewish. That’s for the orthodox. We don’t do that.” If you’ve ever had one of these thoughts, please keep reading!

You see, we actually do have halakhah already in liberal Judaisms.

My teacher Rabbi Dr. Rachel Adler puts it like this:

Halakhah comes from the root H-L-Kh, to walk or to go. Halakhah the act of going forward, of making one’s way. A halakhah, a path-making, translates the stories and values of Judaism



Rabbi Max Chaiken

into ongoing action. That makes it an integral component ... of any kind of Judaism [Engendering Judaism, 21].

As Jews living in the 21st century, and in the United States of America, we typically have a great deal of autonomy. We control our individual choices, our diet, our Shabbat practice,

and every other way that our Judaism impacts “us.” So if we truly want Temple Emanuel to be integral on “our lifelong Jewish journey” then we must ask “how are we pathmaking? How are we applying the values and mitzvot of Judaism to the path of our lives?”

This is the season to ask that sacred question. Rabbi Arnold Jacob Wolf writes about it beautifully in Mishkan HaNefesh (Rosh Hashanah, 158):

I try to walk the road of Judaism. Embedded in that road there are many jewels. One is marked “Sabbath” and one “Civil Rights” and one “Kashrut” and one “Honor Your Parents” and one “Study of Torah” and one “You Shall be Holy.” There are at least 613 of them ... of different shapes and sizes and weights. Some are light and easy ... and I pick them up. Some are too

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A Message From Our President

After an incredibly busy summer, Temple Emanuel is ready for a new year! Our building has been refreshed inside and out, thanks to a wide range of improvements overseen by Neal Roberts, our house committee and hard-working staff.

From brand new siding to a refurbished school wing, a state-of-the-art sanctuary video system to cutting edge security systems, the temple building now reflects the vibrancy of our temple community.

This summer, we enjoyed innovative programming at the temple and beyond its walls. We celebrated Shabbat at the lake, studied Talmud, sipped wine on the patio and enjoyed a fantastic golf outing and reception led by Eric Schwartz. A big thanks to Eric and the entire golf committee for making that event such a success.

And the year ahead offers so much more.

Thanks to the guidance of our ritual committee led by Sam Gerber, we will be spending the High Holy Days in worship together as one community. By bringing our multiple morning services together into a single worship experience and holding one Kol Nidrei service, we can lift our voices together in unison, whether in person or online. We also now have time to enhance our holiday observances with a special Rosh Hashanah potluck, additional sacred text study on Yom Kippur, and our 2nd annual break fast led by Julie Bernstein.

You also don't want to miss out on the opportunity to leave a lasting legacy at Temple Emanuel. Buying bookplates for our High Holiday prayer books is a meaningful way to honor or remember a loved one.

Look at our temple website or page 7 of this bulletin for more on how to purchase bookplates for the special people in your life.

I hope you'll also contribute to our hybrid Yom Kippur food drive, which will be collecting both money and

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Executive Director



Maureen Chapman

The High Holy Days offer us the opportunity to reflect on the past year, where we could have done better, and how we can grow both internally and externally. Here at Temple Emanuel, we are no exception to this type of introspection as

we lead up to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Since May of this year, our clergy, staff and lay leaders have been thoughtfully planning a full year of services and programming for our community.

And this summer, we leaned into the idea of trying new things with our Shabbat at the Lake. We gathered at Camp Hadar for a morning Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Chaiken and Cantor Rachel in the serene setting of an outdoor amphitheater under a picturesque backdrop of the waterfront on Captain's Pond, followed by a potluck lunch. And an afternoon on the water with boating and splashing around with Rabbi Chaiken.

This Fall you will see that we have continued to build our partnership with PJ Library to bring our Families with Young Children programming to not only the Temple Emanuel community, but also 300+ families who are part of PJ Library in the Merrimack Valley. From Tot Shabbats, Apple Picking, Harvest Fest, Playground meet-ups, the Chanukah Lantern Walk, and so much more, we invite you to join us where you are. Please invite your friends to join us as well.

Our community seeks to engage with all ages and build our Adult Education program and we are pleased to kick-off our Larry Hodes Movie & Deli series with our Selichot program on September 9. You can read more about this program in our High Holy Day packet or in Cantor's article in this bulletin.

We will host a Cantor's Cultural Series with a visit to the Sukkah at Shapiro House at Strawberry Bank for Sukkot on September 28. You can read more about that on page 4 in this bulletin.

This community truly meets you where you are in your Judaism. And it is a community that continues to inspire me each day to bring creative and engaging programming to make the Merrimack Valley a destination for Jews.

Rabbi's Column

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deeply embedded for me, so far at least, though I get a little stronger by trying to extricate the jewels as I walk the street. Some, perhaps, I shall never be able to pick up. [But] I believe that God expects me to keep on walking Judaism Street and to carry away whatever I can of its commandments.

Dr. Adler and Rabbi Wolf teach us quite simply that Judaism is not a spectator sport. We can't be Jewish without picking up a jewel or two as we walk "Judaism Street" (or 7 Haggetts Pond Rd, if you prefer.) Indeed, we can create "a lifelong Jewish journey" but it doesn't exist here in a vacuum. It exists because people like you, working with others in our sacred community, choose to bring their Jewishness, and their Judaism, to the path of their life every day.

As the new year begins, may we always remember the great power we have to fashion the "lifelong Jewish journey" with one another, and in partnership with the Divine.

Cantor's Column

“Top 7 Reasons to Love Fall at Temple Emanuel”

I saw a video yesterday entitled “Always August-Why Move Forward?” It was actually a funny video of my sister’s best friend making a summer salad (which sounded delish, by the way!)

I was struck by the title as I always mourn the end of summer, especially a summer as rainy as this with sunny days fewer and further between. I love fall in New England, but my body craves the vitamin D of the sunny beach weather.

So, I decided to make myself a top SEVEN list of reasons to **love** this upcoming fall and even, perhaps, the start of winter. And, yes, I picked the number 7 because it’s a good Jewish number!

1: Welcome Back Shabbat: What could be better than celebrating the start of a new Jewish and school year than TWO special services and a community dinner? On Friday September 8, following our Tot Shabbat at 5:30 PM, both the Soul Sisters and our newly formed Temple Band “Aliyah” will ascend the bimah for our special Shabbat service followed by a delicious, fun, self-catered community dinner. It will be an inspiring and spirited evening for all!

2: Selichot: An often forgotten prequel to the High Holy Day worship season, this we are turning our “prequel” into an actual movie night. We will be screening the documentary “**Road To Eden**” by **Doug Passon and featuring Dan Nichols and Eighteen**. “Road To Eden” tells the inspirational story of Jewish singer/songwriter Dan Nichols who loaded up his band in an RV and traveled through the Deep South bringing Jewish music to those communities during Sukkot 2011. This preview particularly excites me because we are *thrilled* to announce that Dan Nichols will be our Musician-in-Residence in May 2024 here at Temple Emanuel. Come see what we have to look forward to by coming to seeing the film, which is the inaugural movie in the Larry Hodes Film series, Saturday September 9!

3: High Holy Days

5784/2023: The fall always brings with it our new year, marking a time for us to gather as a holy community, to pray together, and start anew. This year, I am pleased to share that our High Holy Day music will be more inspiring and beautiful than ever as we welcome an incredibly talented team of musicians. Cantorial Soloist Debra Winter and accompanist Brett Maguire will be joining our team, alongside talented tenor Leo Balkovetz, the Soul Sisters, members of the Temple High Holy Day Choir, and some very talented young people who will be singing during select services. I’ve been busy planning incredible music and rehearsing with all of these wonderful musicians. Your High Holy Day experience is guaranteed to be memorable and inspirational!

4: The Cantor’s Cultural Arts Series! This year once again we are bring back these exciting opportunities, and it starts with **Lunch and Learn in the Sukkah at Strawberry Banke, Portsmouth NH, September 28th** beginning at 10:30 am in the sukkah. Bring your own lunch! Discount tickets to the Shapiro House are \$15.

5: Cantor’s Cultural Arts Series is also planning a theatre trip to see “**The Band’s Visit**” at the Huntington Theatre in Boston this winter. This Tony award winning musical tells the story of shared humanity and love of music, when an Egyptian band gets stranded overnight in a small Israeli town. Details to come!

6: Shabbat Worship with the Fringes! My heart soared last year when we were able to welcome my band “The Fringes” for Rockin’ Shabbat, and I am thrilled to share that they will be joining us three times this year! Save the date now for our first Rockin’ Shabbat of the year on Friday, December 1st at 6:30 pm.



Cantor Rachel Reef-Simpson

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Cantor's Column

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7: Chanukah Performance with Berkalit: The Premiere Jewish Acapella Group at Berklee!

While we may be getting ready for Rosh Hashanah, here in the temple office we are already thinking about **Chanukah** and the rest of this sure-to-be-incredible new year! Save the date for Sunday Morning, December 10, when we will welcome **Berkalit**, the premiere Jewish A Capella Group at Berklee School of Music in Boston for a special performance. Berkalit is the first Jewish A Capella group at Berklee, founded by my colleague Mayta Cohen, who is an extraordinary vocalist and arranger. They will light up your soul with their lush harmonies this Chanukah!

There is much to look forward to this fall! So, enjoy your final moments of summer and come back to our Temple Emanuel family this fall for all the festivities to come! Shanah Tovah!

Join the Temple Emanuel trip to Israel!

February 15, 2024— Sunday, February 25, 2024 (*“on the ground” dates*)

Our itinerary includes:

- ◆ Walking the beach promenade in **Tel Aviv** and through the old town of **Jaffa**
- ◆ Sharing moments of reflection and prayer at the **Western Wall** (the *Kotel*)
 - ◆ Shopping in the bustling **Mahane Yehuda** marketplace in **Jerusalem**
 - ◆ Exploring the Herodian fortress of **Masada** and float in the **Dead Sea**
 - ◆ Absorb the spiritual energy in the mystical town of **Tzfat** (Safed)
 - ◆ Visiting local **Israeli Reform Jewish congregations**
 - ◆ Learning about **peacebuilding** efforts between Israelis & Palestinians



Registration for the trip is open! Visit the website below for more information!
<https://mejditours.com/open-tour/israel-with-temple-emanuel-of-andover/#book-now>

GROCERY PICK-UP FROM THE BUTCHERIE

Rosh Hashanah Groceries from The Butcherie A Sisterhood Fundraiser

Pick-Up at Temple Emanuel
Sunday, September 10
Pick up from 3PM - 5PM

Visit www.butcherie.com
Select pick-up at Temple Emanuel when checking out.

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Order by Wednesday, September 13

We have once again partnered with Mamaleh's to bring their delicious Jewish foods to our community! In addition to their regular items, you may order from their Holiday menu. Holiday items include: chopped liver, whitefish salad, braised brisket, noodle kugel, sticky honey cake and much more!

Visit www.toasttab.com/mamaleh's to place an order.



YOM KIPPUR Break Fast

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING NEILAH

Meet and connect with Temple Emanuel congregants, friends and family for a delicious dairy Break-Fast immediately following the Neilah service at 6:45 p.m. RSVP by September 5th on the temple website, \$18 for Adults and children are complimentary.

LEAVE YOUR LEGACY IN OUR HIGH HOLY DAY PRAYER BOOKS



To honor or remember those you care about – or to express lasting appreciation to Temple Emanuel – consider purchasing beautifully designed bookplates for our High Holy Day prayer books.

For a gift of \$180, a set of two bookplates will be customized with your dedication – one for the Rosh Hashanah and one for the Yom Kippur prayer book. Your generosity will also be recognized in our donor newsletter.

Order bookplates by September 5 at www.templemanuel.net/bookplates or complete the form below.

Orders received by September 5 will be inserted in prayer books used during 2023 High Holy Day services. If you miss this year's deadline and still wish to participate, bookplate purchases may be made throughout the year.



If you would like to purchase multiple sets of bookplates, please photocopy this form and submit one for each set of bookplates.

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October B'nai Mitzvah



Ezra Pasternak, Saturday, October 21, 10:30am
Child of Alex and Kori Pasternak, grandchild of Ellen Pasternak, Barbara Zamorski, and David Duncan

Interests: I like to play soccer and I like to act in plays.

For my Bar Mitzvah project I will raise money for the Red Cross flood relief program. This program helps feed and house people who have been affected by floods. I am going to get the money by doing fundraisers like a bake sale, and a lemonade stand.

NEW MEMBERS

Justin and Jess Rothenberg
Alyssa (6), George and Genevieve (3)
Georgetown

Michael Siegal
Andover

Hanni Sarr
Boxford

Doug and Iris Adams
Andover

Erez Amit and Alana Lafferty
Bear (4), Ryder (1)
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Melissa Harman
North Andover

Alan and Rochelle Sherman
Methuen

Siri and Maxwell Wolfe
Pepperell

Julie Einhorn
Lawrence

Laura Hollin
Lawrence

Blake Cavallaro
North Andover



Open House Weekend



Join Us
**SEPTEMBER
8-10**

PJ LIBRARY TOT SHABBAT Friday, September 8

5:30 p.m.

Join Rabbi Chaiken and PJ Library for this special High Holy Day themed service combining music, movement, and storytelling. Geared towards children Grade 1 and under.

WELCOME BACK SERVICE & SHABBAT DINNER Friday, September 8

6:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Dinner

Please join your Temple Emanuel community for a Welcome Back Shabbat service featuring the Soul Sisters and the Aliyah house band followed by a buffet-style dinner.

For more details and to register, visit our website: www.templemanuel.net

OPEN HOUSE & WELCOME BACK LUNCH Sunday, September 10

9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Open House

11:00 a.m. Lunch sponsored by Brotherhood

Want to get involved or interested in learning more about what Temple Emanuel has to offer? Drop by our Open House! Our committees and groups will be on hand to chat and share about what they do. Take a moment to catch up with Rabbi Max Chaiken or Cantor Rachel Reef-Simpson. Then join us for a tasty lunch on the patio!


Bulletin Info

Next deadline for story submission: **October 10**
Please email submissions to: info@templemanuel.net
or call the Temple Office at **978.470.1356**



**Selichot Dinner, Film Screening and Service
Saturday, September 9, 600 p.m.**

Begin the High Holy Day season with Selichot, a traditional night of introspection and prayer. In partnership with the Larry Hodes Movie and Deli series, we will be screening “Road to Eden.” As we start our High Holy Day season with Selichot, we remember that the time is now, and our mission, should we choose to accept it, is to get up, get out and make it happen. The film will be followed by discussion and a brief prayer service led by our clergy. RSVP our on website.



CANTOR'S CULTURAL SERIES

**In the Sukkah
at Strawberry Banke**

Thursday, September 28
10:30 a.m.

Join Cantor Rachel and Stephen Messinger for a special Sukkot lunch and learn program followed by a self guided tour of the Shapiro House at Strawberry Banke in Portsmouth, NH. Bring your own lunch! Discount tickets to the Shapiro House are \$15. For information on carpooling or to register, visit our website.

Lunch & Learn

Summer Golf Outing & Reception *Thank You!*

Dear Temple Emanuel Community,

The 2023 Temple Emanuel Summer Golf Outing & Reception is in the books and it was a tremendous success! We raised over \$26,000 to support the temple's operating budget with the support of our sponsors, silent auction donors, committee members, volunteers, and most of all, our entire temple community. More than 170 congregants and special friends joined us on July 31st to golf, dine, socialize, take a chance on the 50/50 raffle and bid on auction items.

You can see our community in action in photos by following the QR code below as well as a list of our sponsors and donors. Many of these supporters are local businesses and all of them have an interest in Temple Emanuel. Please consider their generosity when you are making a "dine in" or "take out" choice or doing some local shopping.

We appreciate the support of the Board of Governors, Rabbi Chaiken and Cantor Rachel, as well as our incomparable support team – Executive Director Maureen Chapman, Executive Assistant Elissa Oppenheim, Bookkeeper Corinne Snyder and Facilities Director Kelly Christie. A special thank you to A.J. Roberts, of Aaron Justin Films, for his photo/video work.

Thank you, as well, for being part of this event, for bringing your friends and family members, and for generously participating in the auction. We look forward to being together again soon as we observe the High Holy Days.

Shanah Tova,

The Golf Outing Committee: Eric Schwartz; Chair, Alyson D'Angelo, Dana Katz, Kevin Keller, Alex Pawlowski, Amy Riemer, Holli Roberts, Neal Roberts, Jon Strauss, Meryl Trachtenberg, Dave Trachtenberg, Gerri Weiss



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SERVICE & PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Friday, September 1

6:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service (chapel, Zoom, Facebook)

Saturday, September 2

9:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service (Zoom only)

Wednesday, September 6

11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive (social hall)

Thursday, September 7

1:00-3:00 p.m. Mah Jongg (conference room)

Friday, September 8

5:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat (patio)

6:30 p.m. Welcome Back Shabbat Evening Service with Soul Sisters and Aliyah (sanctuary, Zoom, Facebook)

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, September 9

9:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service (chapel, Zoom)

6:00 p.m. Selichot Dinner, "Road to Eden" film with discussion and service (multipurpose room)

Sunday, September 10

9:00-11:00 a.m. 1st day of Religious school, Open House

11:00 a.m. Welcome back lunch sponsored by Brotherhood, Apples and Honey on the Farm with PJ Library (Smolak Farms, North Andover)

3:00-5:00 p.m. Butcherie order pick-up (lobby)

Tuesday, September 12

7:30 p.m. Book group (conference room)

Wednesday, September 13

7:30 p.m. Board of Governors (multipurpose room, Zoom)

Thursday, September 14

1:00-3:00 p.m. Mah Jongg (conference room)

4:00-6:00 p.m. Mamaleh's orders pick-up (parking lot)

Friday, September 15

7:00 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah with Festive Oneg (sanctuary, Zoom, Facebook)

Saturday, September 16

10:00 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Service (Zoom available)

10:00 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Children's Program

1:00-1:45 p.m. Rosh Hashanah Family Service

1:00-3:30 p.m. Potluck lunch (Pomps Pond, Andover)

3:30 p.m. Tashlich Service (Pomps Pond, Andover)

Sunday, September 17

10:00 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Service (Zoom available)

2:00 p.m. Cemetery Service (Temple Emanuel Cemetery, Mt. Vernon Street)

Thursday, September 21

1:00-3:00 p.m. Mah Jongg (conference room)

Friday, September 22

6:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service (sanctuary, Zoom, Facebook)

Saturday, September 23

9:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service (chapel, Zoom)

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Andover Days (downtown Andover)

11:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning playground meetup

Sunday, September 24

7:00 p.m. Kol Nidrei Service (Zoom available)

7:00 p.m. Kol Nidrei Children's Program

Monday, September 25

10:00 a.m. Yom Kippur Service (Zoom available)

10:00 a.m. Yom Kippur Children's Program

1:30 p.m. Yom Kippur Family Service

2:30 p.m. Text study (multipurpose room)

3:30 p.m. Healing Service (chapel, Zoom available)

4:30 p.m. Mincha Service with Jonah Guest Speaker (Zoom available)

5:30 p.m. Neilah Closing Service (Zoom available)

6:30 p.m. Break Fast (social hall)

Thursday, September 28

10:30 a.m. Strawberry Banke/Shapiro House/Sukkah (Portsmouth, NH)

1:00-3:00 p.m. Mah Jongg (conference room)

Friday, September 29

6:30 p.m. Sukkot Service with oneg in the Sukkah (sanctuary, Zoom, Facebook)

Saturday, September 30

9:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service (chapel, Zoom)

4:00 p.m. Harvest Fest

Wednesday, October 4

4:00-6:00 p.m. 1st day of Wednesday Religious school

Thursday, October 5

1:00-3:00 p.m. Mah Jongg (conference room)

Friday, October 6

5:00 p.m. Tot Shabbat (Sukkah)

6:30 p.m. Simchat Torah Festival Service (and Yizkor) with Dancing and Aliyah (sanctuary, Zoom, Facebook)

Saturday, October 7

9:00 a.m. Simchat Torah Festival Service and Yizkor (Zoom only)

Tuesday, October 10

8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Blood Drive (social hall)

Thursday, October 12

10:30 a.m. Taste of Torah (conference room, Zoom)

1:00-3:00 p.m. Mah Jongg (conference room)

Friday, October 13

6:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with Soul Sisters (sanctuary, Zoom, Facebook)

Saturday, October 14

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah of Solomon Segaloff, child of Josh Segaloff (sanctuary)

Sunday, October 15

9:00 a.m. Brotherhood Breakfast series (multipurpose room)

4:00 p.m. Social Action Social Justice Committee Guest Speaker: Rich Cohen (chapel, Zoom)

Monday, October 16

6:00 p.m. Special education workshop with member Ashley Waxman (multipurpose room)

Wednesday, October 18

7:30 p.m. Board of Governors (multipurpose room, Zoom)

Thursday, October 19

10:30 a.m. Taste of Torah

(conference room, Zoom)

1:00-3:00 p.m. Mah Jongg (conference room)

Friday, October 20

6:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service (sanctuary, Zoom, Facebook)

Saturday, October 21

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah of Ezra Pasternak , child of Alex and Kori Pasternak (sanctuary)

Sunday, October 22

9:00 a.m. Social Action Social Justice warm clothing drive (lobby)

Monday, October 23

7:00 p.m. Medicare seminar with member Joe Miller (Zoom)

Thursday, October 26

10:30 a.m. Taste of Torah (conference room, Zoom)

1:00-3:00 p.m. Mah Jongg (conference room)

Friday, October 27

5:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Family Service with Holiday Happenings, Gesher, and Kindergarten (sanctuary, Zoom, Facebook)

6:30 p.m. Shabbat dinner (multipurpose room)

Saturday, October 28

9:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service (chapel, Zoom)

11:00 a.m. Shabbat Playground Meetup (playground)

7:00 p.m. Screampfest at Canobie Lake Park with Brotherhood (Canobie Lake Park)

Summer Explorers

Nearly 60 preschool aged children joined Temple Emanuel for our pilot year of Summer Explorers, a hands-on, experiential nature-based learning program designed to allow children to explore with all their senses. Our pilot two-week camp-style program combined the familiarity of many Preschool staff members with the opportunity to experience new outdoor play and enrichment specialists. Children splashed and kept cool in our splash pad, learned about gravity and water play in our outdoor playground, expressed their creativity with an outdoor painting easel and weaving station. These tactile approaches allow children to explore and engage in the world around them in new ways and allow them to grasp STEM concepts through experimentation.



We welcome Nature’s Pace for wonderful Story walks, yoga and crafts using natural materials as mediums. Top Secret Science spent the morning allowing children to experiment with different science projects. The week was centered on insects with an interactive insect puppet show, making butterfly wind chimes, decorating bug catcher, and making fly swatter paintings. Our second week focused on marine life with the Massachusetts Audubon Society sharing about the tide pools habitats and bringing creatures for the children to hold! The UNH Marine Docent program brought in their marine animals for a special touch tank session. And so much more!

We are excited about the success of the pilot program and have already begun to think about the possibilities for next year!

Thank you to all of the staff, especially Sue Brenner, for making this program a great success!

Education Report



Betsy Kachel

Spending time at URJ Eisner Camp is always a highlight of my year. Spending my time at camp with members of our temple community is a blessing. This summer we took a few moments on a

gorgeous Shabbat morning to reflect on why we love our time at camp and what traditions we hope to bring back to Temple Emanuel.

Aden: I love the greenery, the people, and the music. I would like to bring back ruach (spirit).

Owen: What I love about camp is all the fun stuff and kindness. I would like to bring back all the music.

William: I love the songs at camp.

Elena: I love bunk time and the different melodies to all the prayers. I want to bring back challah!

Leah: I love bunk time and I would want to bring back song melodies.

Aaron: I love the sense of community and I would like to bring back the Keshet/Limmud program.

Xavi: I love playing Gaga and pretty much everything! Camp is great!

The great news is that we can make all these wishes come true. Rabbi Chaiken spent two weeks

on faculty at Eisner and had first-hand opportunities to be a part of the Ruach, music, and Jewish learning. Together he and I look forward to incorporating some of the Eisner (and Jewish overnight camp) magic into the experiences we create for our students in our temple schools.



The Preschool

at TEMPLE EMANUEL

The Preschool at Temple Emanuel provides a safe, warm and caring environment that welcomes children and families to our community. We encourage children to explore, experiment, and create while promoting self-confidence, self-expression, independence and a lifelong love of learning.

If you are interested in learning more about our Preschool, please call the school office 978-470-1563 or explore our website at templemanuel.net.

J-FLEX: The Jewish Family Lab for Educational eXperiences

Are you looking for ways to engage your WHOLE family in Jewish cultural experiences and holiday programs? Do you have busy lives, diverse learning needs, or come from a multifaith family, and want to learn and grow in your Jewish identity together? This program is for you!

Welcome to Temple Emanuel's Jewish Family Lab for Educational eXperiences, or J-FLEX! Our J-FLEX course offers a *supplemental* program for family-wide educational enrichment throughout the school year on Saturday afternoons/early evenings. J-FLEX is designed for families with children age 7 and older. During each lab session, families will have the chance to connect with one another and to learn about Jewish culture, ideas, and practices in an informal environment. Over the course of the year, our experiences will help us deepen our connection to one another and to Judaism. We hope you will enroll and join us!

CALENDAR & THEME AT A GLANCE:

Session 1: 10/14/23 Shabbat & Challah Workshop

Session 2: 12/2/23 Folks Tales & Jewish Values

Family Fun Morning: Chanukah Party – Sunday, December 10 with our religious school

Session 3: 2/3/24 - Diversity in Jewish Life

Session 4: 3/2/24 - Jewish Iron Chef

Family Fun Morning: Purim Carnival – Sunday, March 24 with our religious school

Session 5: 4/20/24 Art, Meditation, Spirituality

Family Fun Weekend: Musical Experience – Sunday, May 17 with guest musician Dan Nichols

Session 6: 6/1/24 - The Torah of Life

2023-2024 Tuition:

Member Family with children enrolled in religious school: \$270/family

Member Family without children enrolled in religious school: \$360/family

Prospective Member Family: \$540/family, applied as dues upon becoming members

As a pilot program, we will launch once we have a minimum of 10 families enrolled.

Bread & Roses

As many of you know, Temple Emanuel has had a very longstanding project supporting Bread & Roses in Lawrence, one of the most established community kitchens in that city which serves over 100 dinners almost every night and provides critical support to address food insecurity. For the past couple of decades, it has thankfully been in the very capable hands of Amy Sebell and a cohort of very giving, supportive temple members. Amy felt the time had come to pass the baton, and Les Satlow and I feel very honored to take on the responsibilities of co-chairs to carry on this worthy project.

For those not familiar with the project, the main focus is supporting the serving of dinner to Bread & Roses' guests from 3:30-6:30pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Temple Emanuel's group consists of several dedicated teams, including shoppers, cooks, drivers and servers. If you would like to join the team, you can contact Les or me at our phone numbers below. I've always liked the phrase "many hands make quick work". How true that is. I also find that it makes the work fun. I should also take this opportunity to say that donations to the Social Action Fund at the Temple support this great work.

Les and I look forward to working with you all as we settle into our new roles.

Scott Mallory and Les Satlow

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Tot Shabbat

Fridays, 5:30 p.m.

September 8

October 6

*5:00 p.m. Pizza in the
Sukkah

November 10

December 8

January 5

February 9

March 8

April 5

May 17

June 14

Join us for Fall Activities

Playground Meet-Up

Saturday, August 26, 11:00 a.m.

Apples and Honey on the Farm

@ Smolak Farm, North Andover

Sunday, September 10, 3:00 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah Family Service

Saturday, September 16, 1:00 p.m.

Potluck Lunch & Tashlich Service

@ Poms Pond, Andover

Saturday, September 16

1:00 p.m. Potluck

3:30 p.m. Service

Yom Kippur Family Service

Monday, September 25, 1:30 p.m.

Harvest Fest

Saturday, September 30, 4:00 p.m.

Please visit www.templemanuel.net for more information and to register.



Youth Engagement

Youth Engagement is proud to be returning for our second year of programming and we are excited to share our plans with you! I will be at Temple Emanuel's Open House on September 10th and look forward to seeing you all again.

For the 2023-2024 religious school year, there will be 10 events spread to about 1 per month. Our 1st event will be pumpkin painting and lawn games during Temple Emanuel's Harvest Fest on September 30th alongside many other activities and groups.

On October 15th, take a hayride to the beautiful apple orchards of Cider Hill Farms and gather your apples for Rosh Hashana! There will be time to enjoy lunch from the farmstand, playing in the sand pits and tire swings, and noshing on the best fresh apple-cider cinnamon donuts. For discounted pricing, please RSVP.

On November 12th, get the ball rolling by showing off your bowling skills in your spare time. Based on RSVPs, we will reserve lanes at Wamesit for groups or families. There will also be opportunities to explore the arcade area and the dining pavilion. During Temple Emanuel's religious school Chanukah celebration, Youth Engagement will be molding candles from beeswax and invite children of all ages to join us at our table!

Get your adventurous side moving by indoor rock climbing with us at Vertical Dreams Nashua. This event will be held on February 4th after religious school and a date to RSVP by will be sent out as the event approaches.

Youth Engagement will be bouncing around Launch Trampoline Park on March 3rd and hope you'll flip out! RSVPs and complete waivers will be required in advance.

Temple Emanuel's Religious School and Youth Engagement will once again host the annual Purim celebration during religious school hours on March 24th. Who will you dress up as?

After our Purim celebration, see how fast you can go while tubing at Nashoba Valley. Race against your friends and your parents for the most fun! Tickets can be purchased upon arriving at the location.

On April 7th, join Youth Engagement for minigolf, arcade games, ice cream, and more at Kimball Farms. We promise lots of laughs, brain freeze, and a hole in one. Okay... so maybe not the last one.

To end the year, on May 19th, Youth Engagement will have our second annual field day on the patio and back lawn. There will be food, games, tie-dye, and so much more! Bring the whole family for a morning of fun!

-Heather Roberts

President's Column

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nonperishable items to support Bread and Roses.

Our dynamic programs extend beyond Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

We kick off the fall with a special Larry Hodes Movie and Deli night for Selichot. Then, just in time for Sukkot, Temple Emanuel's social action/social justice committee led by Amy Sebell and Holli Roberts will be joining with the Reform Action Committee in a statewide effort to end housing insecurity.

You'll also want to mark your calendar for Harvest Festival on Sept. 30, with games for all ages, food trucks and beer tasting from Night Shift Brewing.

All of these programs and projects happen because of our dedicated clergy, our talented staff and because of you – our congregants. Your support, time, energy, ideas and resources allow Temple Emanuel to thrive. It is never too late to get involved. Check out a list of opportunities on pages 18 and 19 of the bulletin.

If you have ideas for programs or other ways to enhance our temple community, please send them along through our online or in-person suggestion box. Your thoughts and input are welcome!

I'm looking forward to a wonderful 5784 with all of you.

May you and your loved ones be inscribed in the book of life for a year of health, happiness and peace.

L'shanah tovah,
Dana

Brotherhood

Welcome back! Hopefully everyone had a wonderful summer (and stayed dry!). As fall begins, it is my honor to provide an update and look forward as the newly elected Brotherhood president.

The Brotherhood was honored to be a part of a very successful Temple Summer Golf Outing at Renaissance Country Club, and to have one of our own, Eric Schwartz, chair the committee that executed such an awesome event. Hopefully many of you had a chance to golf or join for dinner and bid on some great items. If you missed your chance, I hope you'll keep an eye out for the next one!

We on the Brotherhood board have spent our summer planning a great slate of events for the upcoming year, starting with a Welcome Back lunch to be held on the patio the first day of the new school year, September 10th,. We invite everyone, not just the Brotherhood, to stop by and grab something to eat, catch up with friends, and check out the list of events we have planned.

Our early fall slate will include a sponsored breakfast on Sunday, October 15th (as always, it is open to all and free to any paid up Brotherhood member), a Patriots tailgate party in the Temple

parking lot on Sunday, October 22nd, and hopefully our first ever family Scream Fest night at Canobie Lake on Saturday, October 28th. Please check your email bulletins for more details, including what we hope will be a wonderful speaker at the breakfast!

Also in early November (Saturday the 4th) we will be holding our annual Tasting Event, where we'll get together at a member's house for dinner and drinks. It's always a great opportunity to meet some new people or get to know those you see all of the time in the hallways of the Temple!

If you haven't had a chance to join Brotherhood for this year, I encourage you to do so on the Temple's website. We are making a concerted effort to get more engaged with our entire membership and welcome any feedback or ideas on ways to provide for the Temple community. Please feel free to reach out to me at the TEAndoverBrotherhood@gmail.com
Hope to see everyone soon.

L'Shana Tova

Alex Pawlowski
Brotherhood President

Sisterhood

I hope everyone had a relaxing summer – as I write this, it's hard to believe we will be starting another school year soon, but what a great year it will be!

I am truly honored to be serving as your Sisterhood President for the coming term and am so fortunate to have an outstanding board planning wonderful events and sharing their experiences with us. If there is a particular interest that you have, or just want to get involved, please reach out. Sisterhood membership is open to all in our community; you do not need to be a member of the Temple nor do you have to be Jewish.

If you would like to become more involved or have any questions, feel free to contact me directly or stop by our table at the Open House in September.

-Alyson D'Angelo, alysonzdangelo@gmail.com

Social Justice & Social Action

Temple Emanuel recently became a **Cornerstone Congregation of RAC-MA. RAC-Massachusetts (RAC-MA)** launched on Sunday, June 12, 2022 as the ninth state project of the Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism. RAC-MA mobilizes the power of 40 congregations representing 14,000+ households across the state to represent the voice and conscience of the Reform Jewish movement. We participated in a lengthy research project to select this year's theme - HOUSING EQUITY. Keep your eyes open for action alerts and events.

Temple Emanuel recently became listed as a **Keshet** synagogue where all are welcomed to join. Keshet's Mission: ***Keshet works for the full equality of all LGBTQ Jews and our families in Jewish life. We strengthen Jewish communities. We equip Jewish organizations with the skills and knowledge to build LGBTQ-affirming communities; create spaces in which all queer Jewish youth feel seen and valued; and advance LGBTQ rights nationwide.***

Temple Emanuel was recently asked to join the **ADL's Kulanu Program. Kulanu, meaning "all of us" in Hebrew, is an eight-month program that will offer selected synagogues exclusive access to expert insight and webinars, an opportunity to be part of a community of practice, and work to build meaningful connections between synagogues working together to address antisemitism. We will share programs and information through the e-News.**

SAVE THE DATES!

The SASJ committee will host a **Speakers Series**, beginning with **Richard Cohen**, Former Head of the Southern Poverty Law Center on **10.15.23** and **Dr. Jim O'Connell**, Pres. Of Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program and Assistant Prof of Medicine at Harvard Medical School on **1.22.24**. Dr. O'Connell is featured in Tracy Kidder's new book "Rough Sleepers". The **Yom Kippur Food Drive** will be hybrid this year. Donations can be made on-line through the Temple website or by bringing a bag/box of non-perishable food to Kol Nidre or Yom Kippur services.

A **Fruits & Vegetable Food Drive** will be held during Sukkot. Please see the E-News for donation dates.

Debbie Hirsch is organizing a team for the **Making Strides for Breast Cancer Walk** to be held on **10.1.23**. Please sign up through the Temple website.

The committee will assist **Heather Roberts** monthly working with **9th graders** on a Social Justice program.

The 9th Grade will again shop on-line with funds from the Social Action Fund as part of the **Share the Light Program** as a budgeting experience.

The committee participated in the Inter-faith planning of this year's **Andover Juneteenth Celebration** at the Cormier Youth Center which was a tremendous success. We will do so again in 2024.

Grandma's Chicken Soup continues to provide solace to congregants and their families during their bereavement. The program is funded through Bulletin donations.

The Warm Clothing Drive is scheduled for **10.22.23** during Sunday school hours.

Volunteers: please reach out to Amy Sebell or Holli Roberts to sign up.

The Bread & Roses Committee is continuing its mission to feed 100-125 people monthly under the new leadership of **Les Satlow** and **Scott Mallory**.



The holidays don't end with Yom Kippur!

CELEBRATE THE FESTIVALS OF SUKKOT AND SIMCHAT TORAH

Friday, September 29

Sukkot Service

6:30 P.M.

Special oneg in the Sukkah
following the service

Saturday, September 30

Harvest Fest

4:00–7:00 P.M.

Sukkah decorating,
Night Shift Brewing beer tasting,
food trucks, family fun and
games for the young
and young at heart. Rain or shine.

Friday, October 6

**Simchat Torah Festival Service
(and Yizkor) with Dancing**

6:30 P.M.

Saturday, October 7

**Simchat Torah Festival Service
and Yizkor**

9:00 A.M.

Zoom only

These services and events are open to the public.



Free special education workshop

**MONDAY OCTOBER 16 AT 6 PM
AT THE TEMPLE**

The attorneys from Education, Consulting, Advocacy & Legal Services LLC are inviting any Temple Emanuel parents, teachers, and interested adults to a complementary informal info session. Please feel free to bring any questions. Topics will include but are not limited to:

- 504 plans/IEPs
- Bullying
- Struggling Students
- Behavior Concerns

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MEDICARE SEMINAR

Monday, October 23, 7:00 p.m.

Confused about your Medicare options or want to understand all your options better? Attend this free educational webinar hosted by Temple Member and Medicare Insurance agent Joe Miller.

Joe's overview will cover:

- **What is Medicare A, Medicare B, Medicare C & Medicare D?**
- **Medicare options if you plan to work past 65**
- **Different Medicare coverage options and costs**
- **How to choose Medical and Drug coverage and explain the different enrollment periods.**

Last, He will talk about how you may be able to save time & money and where you can find more information.

When we're done, if you have more questions, He will try to answer those, too. RSVP on our website.



GET INVOLVED, MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Do you have ideas for adult education programs you'd like to see at the temple? Social action events we should participate in? Ways to raise money, engagement or spirit? Then join a temple committee! All temple members are welcome to get involved with one or more temple committees. No prior experience is needed. Below is a list of committees that are actively seeking new members. If you're interested, **email president@templemanuel.net**. Share your talents and your voice!

Adult Education: Temple Emanuel's Adult Education Committee is a temple member-driven learning community that offers the chance to participate in a wide range of educational opportunities with a special focus on Jewish topics. Programs should be intellectually stimulating and conducted in an environment intended to foster member participation and to promote learning, communication and a sense of community. These opportunities are offered through such formats as courses, classes, seminars, forums, conferences, workshops and field trips.

Communications Task Force: Do you love posting on social media? Are you great at telling stories and sharing news? Join the temple's new Communications Task Force. This group of volunteers will work on the temple's social media posts and our bimonthly bulletin with support from our office staff and temple leadership.

Development Committee: Temple Emanuel's Development Committee supports the ongoing development effort aimed at increasing philanthropic giving from Temple Emanuel members. Our committee is looking for additional members who are interested in helping us think strategically about opportunities to deepen relationships with members and identify opportunities for continued philanthropic support.

Investment Committee: The Investment Committee is responsible for establishing and implementing the strategy of the investment accounts of the Temple. The committee has taken a

passive, low cost, diversified strategic asset allocation approach to investing the congregation's funds and explicitly avoids market timing. Committee members, with input from temple leadership, will meet regularly to review performance and ensure that the allocation remains in line with the risk tolerance of the temple.

Membership and Engagement Committee: The Membership and Engagement Committee strives to build a strong, diverse and enduring temple membership community. Committee members help establish communications and programming aimed at recruiting, welcoming and retaining our members. If you have ideas to help make the temple more welcoming, enjoy speaking to a variety of people, and want to share what you love about Temple Emanuel, this is the committee for you!

Religious School Committee: The purpose of the committee is to facilitate a feedback loop between families and the religious school staff, helping to ensure that the school evolves with the needs of the community. This committee supports the needs of the Religious School professional staff, and our goals include meaningfully supporting the mission and success of the religious school with initiatives that prioritize engagement and community building, as well as fiscal health.

Ritual Committee: The Ritual Committee works in cooperation with the clergy to review the congregation's prayer services and holiday observances. The committee decides matters pertaining to the temple sanctuary and liturgical materials. It is the responsibility of the committee to bestow aliyot and other honors during services. We strive to strike a balance among tradition, innovation, and spirituality in ways that will make them fulfill the needs of the congregation.

Social Action/Social Justice Committee: This committee is actively involved in coordinating efforts to fulfill the mitzvah of tikkun olam (repairing the world) through social action and social justice. This committee organizes educational, charitable and volunteer opportunities for our congregants, including providing meals and pantry items for the food-insecure population in Lawrence through the Bread & Roses Soup Kitchen.

UPCOMING COURSE: Writing a "Legacy Letter," a Jewish Ethical Will for the 21st Century

Have you been thinking about your legacy in this world as we approach the holidays? Do you ever wonder how your loved ones will remember you? Consider this four-session online course designed to introduce you to the deeply rooted Jewish custom of writing a "legacy letter." A legacy letter (also called an ethical will) is a written document that allows people to share their life lessons, express their values and transmit their blessings to future generations. It is not a formal legal document, nor typically a full-length memoir, but a brief personal statement, typically just a few pages. Writing one serves to create an enduring gift for children, grandchildren and other loved ones.

The course will be taught by Jay Sherwin, who has practiced law, worked as a philanthropy consultant and served as a hospital chaplain. Jay created the *Life Reflections Project* to educate people about legacy letters and ethical wills and now teaches classes and workshops nationwide to guide conversations like this. Jay grew up in Worcester, where his family was actively involved at Temple Emanuel Sinai. You can read more about Jay on his website at www.jaysherwin.com, but the course will include interactive discussion, writing exercises, and offers advice and model structure to help you complete your letter, share it with loved ones and preserve it for future generations.

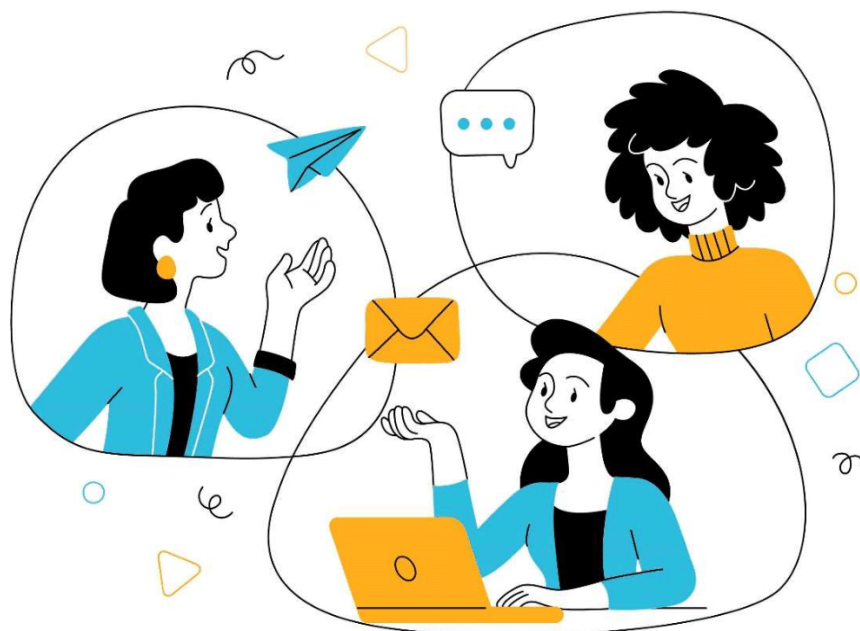


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JOIN THE TEMPLE EMANUEL COMMUNICATIONS TASK FORCE!

Have a background in marketing, journalism, or public relations? Love posting on social media? Great at telling stories and sharing news? Join the temple's new Communications Task Force!

Members of the Communications Task Force will:

- *Work collaboratively with office staff, clergy and temple leadership to plan and execute both internal and external communications strategies*
- *Assist the clergy and staff in developing marketing materials that align with Temple Emanuel's mission and branding*
- *Draft articles for and help publish our bimonthly bulletin*
- *Maintain Temple Emanuel's social media accounts*
- *Craft and disseminate press releases and obtain media spots*

Seeking congregants of **ALL AGES**; students are welcome to join and earn certificated volunteer credits. Participation can be asynchronous and on an as-needed basis for those who cannot attend regular meetings.

Contact communications@templemanuel.net if you are interested.



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SAVE THE DATES FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS 5784

Selichot, Saturday, September 9
6:00PM—Dinner, followed by film screening of Road to Eden and discussion

Erev Rosh Hashanah, Friday, September 15,
7:00PM-8:30PM—Evening Service

Rosh Hashanah, Saturday, September 16
10:00AM—12:30PM—Morning Service
1:00PM—1:45PM Family Service
1:00PM—3:30PM Potluck Lunch
3:30 PM—4:30PM Tashlich Service

Rosh Hashanah II, Sunday, September 17,
10:00AM-12:30PM

Cemetery Service, Sunday, September 17,
2:00PM

Kol Nidre, Sunday, September 24,
7:00PM-8:30PM Evening Service

Yom Kippur, Monday, September 25,
10:00AM—8:00PM Morning Service and Yizkor at 10:00AM, full day to include Childrens/Family service, Text Study (NEW THIS YEAR), Healing Service, Mincha and Neilah and our Community Break Fast