



## “Snapshot from a War in Israel”

Every two months, as I prepare to write a message for our Temple bulletin, I consider what might be timely, and what might be interesting to share. I have tried to use this column as one of my regular means of “staying on message”—helping congregants get to know me, albeit impersonally, and helping congregants get to know my priorities and values.

Yet tonight as I sit down to write, an unthinkable large-scale, terrorist war waged by Hamas against our siblings and friends in Israel occupies sole focus in my mind. Just yesterday we gathered in North Andover on a baseball field, hundreds of souls coming to share their support for Israel, to mourn our losses, and to pray for the safe return of hostages. I was proud of how many showed up, and I was proud to represent our congregation. I spoke of the many places that I have called a “home” in Israel. I prayed. I sang. I

mourned. And for just a moment, as I heard the voices join with mine, my heart knew comfort. It was temporary, yes, but real. Amidst constant headlines of horror, and social media feeds frenzied with emotion, we offered each other the gift of respite; of rest. In fact, it was a temporary glimpse of Shabbat.



Rabbi Max Chaiken

Shabbat itself is the gift that has kept our people alive through the darkest of times. We light candles to bring her in. We taste the sweetness of wine and the sustenance of bread (usually Challah, sure.) We sing to the day

herself, and to her ministering angels, if we’re feeling extra grateful. We pause to rejoice in the gift of time itself; our most precious resource.

Abraham Joshua Heschel famously wrote that “Judaism is a religion of time, aiming at the sanctification of time.” Shabbat, he teaches, is our “palace in time.”

Right now I could use a palace in time; I could use a Buckingham Palace or a Taj Mahal in time. A place so beautiful and open and safe and whole that our soul can know nothing but peace. Shalom. Salaam.

Yet we are barely scraping by right now in our hovel and huts in time.

Each hour my heart breaks anew, because the silence of so many Christians is deafening, and then we hear the vitriol of the extremes on either side of us; like waters of wall and hatred ready to crash in

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and prevent us moving forward.

Yes, our world as liberal Zionists is a narrow bridge. You may have also witnessed Jewish political (and religious) right-wingers talk about vengeance; about “destroying” Gaza and “decimating” Palestine, not merely destroying terrorism, and decimating Hamas. Their anger, of course, completely justified, but in the heat of it they lose sight of the ultimate truth that we would not like being judged by the most villainous actions of our people very much either.

And you may have witnessed people on the far-left justifying Hamas' terrorist actions. They talk about the legitimately inhumane conditions in Gaza and instead of blaming the people in power—Hamas—they effectively blame Jews for living in the land at all. In our historic and spiritual homeland.

So the world of our liberal Zionist dream to be a free people in our land is indeed a narrow bridge, but the most important part is not to be afraid.

Each and every week we have a chance to gather for Shabbat. Take us up on it. Your voice will contribute to the palace in time that we create as we light our candles, sing our songs, and gather with our people.

I hope by the time this article reaches your homes that we have some stability, and that our Israel Defense Forces have restored calm. I hope that they continue to behave as the most ethical army in the world. May they defend our dear Israel against threats while defending innocent life to the best of their ability. May the leaders of Israel remember that even with a necessary war such as this, the battle will not be won by military might.

As the prophet Zechariah teaches, and we remind ourselves during the darkest season of our year: it was not by might nor by power, but by spirit that our ancestors prevailed. May our might and power serve to protect, but may we never forget that peace is gained through spirit alone.



# A Message From Our President

When life gets overwhelming, I count my blessings that I am a preschool teacher and spend my days working with our children. I particularly love this time of year because we get to teach about Thanksgiving. In addition to making handprint turkeys and enjoying a feast of cornbread and macaroni and cheese, we focus a lot on gratitude.

Initially, this abstract concept is not easy for 3 year olds to grasp. But once we explain that there are things that we feel lucky to have in our lives, there is no shortage of things for which preschoolers are thankful. The list includes their family, friends, homes, pets, toys, books and foods ranging from chicken nuggets to ice cream. Even specific superheroes and cartoon animals receive their due.

This is one of the many times when I think we have a lot to learn from 3 year olds, as I too am embracing a sense of gratitude.

I am grateful to stand together in solidarity with the Temple Emanuel community as we process the terrible Simchat Torah attacks on Israel and the war that has followed. Our hearts are with our brothers and sisters in Israel, our spiritual homeland, and with Jews around the world as we stand united against hatred and the loss of innocent life.

I am grateful that Temple Emanuel is a safe haven where we can gather, worship and learn freely. I hope you will make time to come to temple soon to find strength within our community and embrace all that makes this a place of refuge.

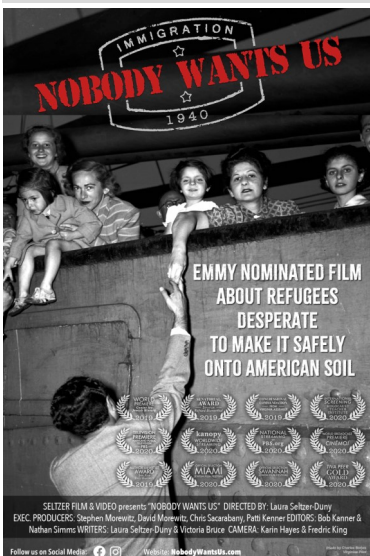
I'm grateful for the time we have had Rabbi Chaiken as the spiritual leader of our congregation. Even though Rabbi Chaiken has made the difficult choice to move on, I am grateful that we can wish the best for each other as we both look toward a bright future.

I'm grateful for the progress we have made as a congregation, with new programming, a warmer and more welcoming sense of community, and congregants, clergy and staff who are energized and inspired.

And I am grateful for the volunteers who have stepped up to join our Rabbinic Search Committee, led by past presidents Kathe Tuttman and Dana Cohen.

We might not yet know who will be standing at our rabbi's pulpit next, but we know who will be in our pews – a community that cares for each other and embraces the future with hope and connection. This is a congregation I'm grateful to be part of and I look forward to the next part of our journey together with optimism, a determination to live our Judaism fully and thanks for all those who will be by our side.

Warmly  
Dana



## Kristallnacht Film Screening of *Nobody Wants Us* and Q&A with filmmaker, Laura Seltzer-Deny

Thursday, November 9, 7:00 p.m.

at Congregation Shalom, 87 Richardson Rd. Chelmsford, MA.

Join Temple Emanuel of Andover and Congregation Shalom for a film screening of *NOBODY WANTS US*, a movie being shown in memory of Kristallnacht, the night of broken glass which occurred November 9, 1939.

The filmmaker, Laura Seltzer-Deny, will be in attendance that evening and will discuss the film and run a Q&A.

Register on our website.



## Executive Director



Maureen Chapman

*Sanctuary.* In times like this, when we are mourning for Israel and her people, when we are seeing increases in antisemitism, and we continue to reel from the effect of COVID on our communities,

Temple Emanuel has become a sanctuary, a *place of refuge and safety*, for me and for our community.

Each day when I walk into our building, I feel a sense of calm knowing that we are doing work that serves a community beyond our walls, beyond our state and our country. And we are doing so with the support of so many. I am grateful to the Andover Police Department for their continued close partnership and commitment to ensuring we can

come together to pray, learn and socialize together through their patrolling and their guidance with the implementation of security grants. As we always have, we hold the safety and security of all as a top priority. Though you may not always see the efforts we are taking to keep our building safe, know that we continue to implement protocols, review our systems and make improvements with information as provided by local and federal authorities.

Our Temple Emanuel community gives each of us a place to hold space for each other. To comfort each other, to mourn with each other, and to celebrate lifecycle moments together. We continue to be a place of refuge and solace, our clergy are available for pastoral needs and our staff are available to support programs and initiatives that you may find helpful during these times. Temple Emanuel is our home, we welcome you where you are to support you.

## Cantor's Column

### “What is your Legacy?”

With the horrific terrorist attack on our brothers and sisters in Israel, the hostage crisis, and the war in Israel on the forefront of all our minds, I can't help but think about how life is so often scary and never predictable. We don't often think about when our last day will be and not all of us are given the time to plan. Watching the situation in Israel unfold and thinking about all these family members who were robbed of the chance to tell their family members how much they loved them and sharing their lessons learned in this lifetime breaks my heart.

It is timely, then, that I am bringing my colleague and friend Jay Sherwin to offer our community a legacy letter writing class beginning on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Jay's approach, as a chaplain and his expertise as a lawyer help guide his participants through the process of brainstorming, of writing and of sharing their legacies, is both kind and comprehensive.

So, what is a legacy letter? It is a personal letter from the heart that tells your story in your own words. The letter can impart your life lessons; share stories from your past that you'd like your family to know; express your regrets and your proudest achievements in your life or share your hopes and dreams for your loved one's future.

I encourage all of you, no matter your age, to consider joining me for this very meaningful experience. You matter and so does your legacy. Your legacy is the greatest gift you can give.

For more information, please visit our website.



Cantor Rachel Reef-Simpson



# INTRODUCING TODAH

## Temple Emanuel's new donor recognition publication

The first edition of Todah arrived in your inbox in October! You will see this new thank you communication every month. Todah provides a home for Temple Emanuel to appropriately acknowledge and show gratitude for the generosity of our donors and their thoughtful contributions. Continuing a longtime tradition of the Temple Bulletin, Todah also offers a place for us to connect as a community and learn news of our fellow congregants' milestones, celebrations and life cycle events. We hope you will enjoy reading Todah!



Betsy Kachel

What a busy and exciting start to the school year we have had!

The best part has as always, has been our incredible community.

It has been heartwarming to see

parents and care givers walking children into school and participating in school and temple events together.

Make sure to check out the photo display in our school wing. This special photo wall will introduce you to the amazing educators and staff in our temple schools!

## Education Report

Here are some exciting events to look forward to:

- \* **November 5th:** 4th Grade Field Trip to Mayyim Hayyim Living Waters Mikveh
- \* **November 6th:** Preschool Parent/Teacher Conferences
- \* **November 10th:** Tot Shabbat
- \* **November 12th:** Youth Bowling Event
- \* **November 17th:** 1st and 2nd Grade Family Shabbat Services
- \* **November 19th:** Family Education for 1st and 2nd Graders
- \* **December 10th:** Community Chanukah Celebration during Religious School
- \* **December 16th:** 5th Grade B’Nai Mitzvah Experience

# Adult Education

Please visit the calendar on our website for more information or to register for these programs.

## Adult Hebrew “Crash” Course for Beginners

Sundays, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

November 5, 12, 19 and December 3

If you missed the first week of class, it's not too late to join! Our instructor will happily meet with any new participants to get everyone caught up. Class begins immediately after the Family Service.

Calling all adults! Are you a Hebrew School dropout? Want to refresh your Alef Bet? Maybe you never learned any Hebrew, and want to find a way to share with what your kids are learning?

**This course is open to all. New and returning students are welcome.** Tuition of \$25 for temple members, \$36 for prospective members.

## Book Group

Tuesday, November 7, 7:30 p.m.

We will be discussing *Sons and Soldiers* by Bruce Henderson, the untold story of the Jews who escaped the Nazis and returned with the U.S. Army to fight Hitler.

## Photowalk with Temple Members

Saturday, November 11, 11:30 a.m.

Cashman Park, Newburyport

Please join Temple members Stephen Rosenbach and Dave Trachtenberg for our next photo walk. We will meet at Cashman Park for our November photowalk.

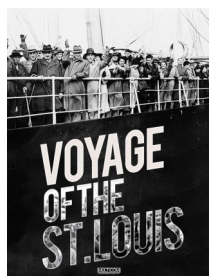
In December, we will have a Lightroom tutorial where we can improve the pictures that were taken in Newburyport.

## Larry Hodes Movie & Deli

*Voyage of the St. Louis*

Sunday, November 12, 5:00 p.m.

The ship St. Louis, carrying 937 German Jews fleeing Nazi Germany, faced rejection from multiple countries in the Americas after being barred from entering Cuba. Eventually, they found refuge in Europe, but as World War II began, many passengers perished in Nazi death camps, as depicted through archival material,



survivor interviews, and the ship captain's diary.

Following the movie we will enjoy a deli supper from Levine's and discuss the film. Temple Member Steve Rosenbach will be in attendance. Steve's father was aboard the St. Louis. Steve will bring items from his father's trip to share

Cost is \$18 for members, \$25 for guests

## Legacy Letter Writing Class: An Ethical Will for the 21st Century

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.

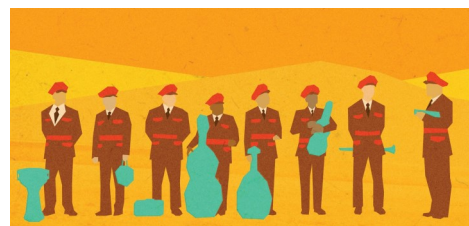
November 29, December 6, 13, and 21 (Thursday)

Ethical wills (tzava'ot in Hebrew) are deeply rooted in Jewish tradition, beginning with Jacob's instructions to his sons in Genesis 49. This four-session online course is designed to introduce the concept of legacy letters and to help you craft your own legacy letter. The course includes interactive discussion, brief writing exercises; advice and a model structure to help with your letter.

Cost is \$36 per person to participate.

## Cantor's Cultural Series: The Band's Visit @ Huntington Theatre

Saturday, December 9, 2:30 p.m.



Join Cantor Rachel and temple members for a trip to the Huntington Theatre in Boston to see the musical, *The Band's Visit*. In this feel-good musical, an Egyptian band of musicians is stranded in a small Israeli town after a transportation mix up, and with no lodgings available, the locals take them in for the night. By morning, surprising connections have been made and friendships forged over moments of shared humanity and love of music.

Group rate tickets available until 11/9. \$60 per person.

# Families with Young Children

## Bagels, Babies and Beyond

**Fridays, 9:30 a.m.**

Come and meet other parents and caregivers to talk, share stories and ideas, and have some fun with your little one. Ages 1 month and up.

## Tot Shabbat

**Friday, November 10, 5:30 p.m.**

Join our clergy and PJ Library at 5:30 p.m. for this special service combining music, movement, and storytelling. The theme will be giving and thanks. Geared towards children Grade 1 and under.

## PJ Library Parents Night Out (and children, too!)

**Tuesday, November 14, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.**

Parents deserve a night out to schmooze and socialize while their children learn about Tzedakah. Join us to learn how to make dairy-free noodle kugel, a perfect addition to your thanksgiving feast! Children, ages 1-5, will enjoy a pizza dinner and activities with teachers in another room.

## PJ Library Hannukah Story Lantern Walk

**Sunday, December 3, 4:30-6:30 p.m.**

More information below.

Register at [Lappinfooundation.org](http://Lappinfooundation.org)

## Tot Shabbat and Dinner

**Friday, December 8, 5:30 p.m.**

Join our clergy and PJ Library at 5:30 p.m. for this special Chanukah themed service combining music, movement, and storytelling. Geared towards children Grade 1 and under. Enjoy pizza and latkes for dinner.

## Community Chanukah Celebration

**Sunday, December 10, 9:00-11:00a.m.**

Children with their grownups will experience the spirit of Chanukah through a family-friendly service with acapella group, BerKalit, and so much more!

Free for temple members. \$18/family for guests.

Visit our website to RSVP.

## PJ Library Chanukah Stories & Playtime

**Thursday, December 14, 10:00a.m.**

Join us for a morning of Chanukah stories, playing dreidel and informal play at Wishing Wellz in Andover.



Please Join PJ Library for our **THIRD** annual.

# Hanukkah Story Lantern Walk

**Sunday, December 3, 2023**  
**Sunny Meadow Farm – Robin Hill Road, Chelmsford**

Follow the enchanted lit up path and read a self-guided Hannukah story under the stars. A DIY hot chocolate station, magical crafts, and other festive treats will be available as you mingle with other families from all over the Merrimack Valley and beyond!





# December Adult B'nai Mitzvah

**Tony Perry, December 8, 6:30 p.m.**

Eric Adelman & Tony Perry invite the Temple Emanuel Community to a special Friday Night Service on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023. On this night Tony will be called to the Torah as he becomes an Adult Bar Mitzvah.



Please join us for this mitzvah and special milestone in Tony's Jewish journey.

## Brotherhood

Greetings from the Brotherhood. While the events in Israel weigh heavily on our minds and hearts, I wanted to begin this with a message of support for our brothers and sisters living in the immediate areas of conflict, as well as for all of us impacted in our own ways. I know many of us have friends and family in harms' way and our thoughts are with you at this time of need.

The Brotherhood was happy to be a part of a very successful Welcome Back lunch that took place during the Open House. Even though many were impacted by the storms that came through earlier that week, it was awesome to see so many of our

community come together at the temple and support each other. Many thanks to the efforts of Steve Waldman and his group in helping get the original Friday night dinner prepped and served at the lunch.

Late September and October were packed with the construction and takedown of the new sukkah, our first breakfast of the year with speaker Jonathan Silverman (editor of "Astros and Asterisks" about the Houston Astros sign-stealing scandal), our annual tailgate event that is always a great time (regardless of how well the Patriots are doing!), and Screemfest at Canobie Lake.

Coming up soon on November 18th will be our annual Tasting Event, where we'll get together at the Roberts' home for dinner and drinks. This year we will be doing a chocolate tasting. 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! Please RSVP on the Temple website.

We will also be having our first Mens' Night Out on Thursday, November 30th. Please watch your email for details.

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 Brotherhood gmail address – TEAndoverBrotherhood@gmail.com

Hope to see everyone soon. Stay safe.  
Alex Pawlowski

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Any Questions? Email [sharethelightmanuel@gmail.com](mailto:sharethelightmanuel@gmail.com)

# Meet our Executive Committee

compiled by Brianna Trachtenberg

In an effort to get to know them better, the members of the temple's Executive Committee were asked the following questions:

- *What is your name, position, and how long have you been a temple member?*
- *Why did you decide to join the temple?*
- *Why did you decide to join the executive committee?*
- *Why do you enjoy being a member at Temple Emanuel? Or What is your favorite thing about the temple community and why?*
- *Was there an event, service, or moment that made you feel connected to the temple community?*
- *Why is being involved in the temple community important to you?*
- *What is your favorite activity to do outside of the temple?*

See their answers below!

**Dana Katz:** Dana Katz currently serves as President of Temple Emanuel. Dana and her family have been members of the temple for 16 years. When they first moved to the Merrimack Valley, Dana and her family were looking for a vibrant and welcoming Jewish community and found it at Temple Emanuel. She has especially loved watching her children grow up from preschool to celebrating their B'nai Mitzvah and now watching them all enjoy services together when they come home from college. At Temple Emanuel, Dana and her family found not only a welcoming community but a second home. For Dana, it's important for her to keep the congregation strong and vibrant. The temple offers a place where she can enjoy socializing, social action and spirituality. Outside of being involved in the temple, Dana enjoys playing tennis, reading, traveling and spending time with family and friends.

**Nick Hirth:** Nick Hirth is the 1st Vice President of Temple Emanuel. Nick and his family have been members of the temple for 12 years. Judaism is an important part of Nick's identity and he wanted to pass that on to his children. Joining Temple Emanuel has made him feel more connected to his family. Nick was originally excited to join the Executive Committee because he wants to help shape the

temple's future and grow it into an institution that profoundly touches everyone. His favorite part of the temple is the strong relationships he has built with others over the years at events like last year's Break-Fast after Yom Kippur. Outside of Temple Emanuel, Nick enjoys playing tennis with his children.

**Tara Satlow:** Tara Satlow is serving as the 2nd Vice President and has been a member of Temple Emanuel for the past 14 years. Tara 'funneled' her way to becoming a temple member through her children – exploring Toddler Time, enrolling in Preschool, and ultimately joining with the start of Religious School. Tara gradually expanded her own involvement in Temple Emanuel through Sisterhood in which she co-chaired Family Programming, Women's Programming, and 'co-started' the Soul Sisters. She also chaired the Preschool Board for 8 years and the Director of Education Search Committee. For Tara, Temple Emanuel represents community – past, present, and future. She understands the importance of roots and wings, and each of us doing our part to ensure Temple Emanuel thrives from generation to generation, which is why she said yes to joining the Executive Committee. Outside of the temple, Tara enjoys her husband's cooking and going on really cool vacations with her family.

**Dara Obbard:** Dara Obbard serves as the 3rd Vice President of Temple Emanuel and has been a member for 8 years. Dara had originally joined the temple after getting to know the community through the religious school. Being involved in the temple has helped sustain her and her family's connection to Judaism. Dara felt the most connected to the temple after giving the Jonah Speech on Yom Kippur on dealing with anxiety and the death from cancer of her mom and best friend from college. The outpouring of support and love made a big positive impression on her. She knew that she wanted to join the Executive Committee because she wanted to have a voice in shaping the community and seeing how the temple operates behind the scenes. Outside of the temple, Dara enjoys going to see live theater and music performances, museums, urban exploration and trying new and exciting foods.



**Jamie Kitces:** Jamie Kitces is the 4th Vice President of Temple Emanuel. Jamie was a member of the temple when she was growing up and when she moved back to Andover she rejoined in 2014 with her family. During Covid-19, Jamie got involved with the Board of Governors and was then asked to join the Executive Committee. She wants to help continue to move the temple to a bright and successful future. Jamie has especially enjoyed having her children in the religious school and making new friends at different temple events. The close relationship she and her family have built with the clergy has also been a big part of her love for the temple. Jamie truly values the community that the temple has given her. Outside of the temple, Jamie enjoys going on trips, spending time with friends and family and walking her dog.

**Eric Schwartz:** Eric Schwartz is the Treasurer on the Executive Committee. Eric and his family joined the temple in 2010 when they moved to Andover. They are an interfaith family, but have chosen to raise their children Jewish. Over the years, Eric and his family have met some of their closest friends at Temple Emanuel. One of Eric's favorite memories at Temple Emanuel was the recent Summer Golf Outing that he and the Outing Committee planned together. Seeing the community enjoying the event was truly an amazing experience! By being on the Executive Committee, he wants to help continue to ensure the temple remains a vibrant place while also giving back to the community. Outside of the temple, Eric enjoys playing golf, traveling, hiking in New Hampshire and watching his children's sporting events.

**Elliot Hacker:** Elliot Hacker is the newest member of the Executive Committee and serves as the Assistant Treasurer. His parents and grandparents originally joined Temple Emanuel in the 1950s and then he and his wife joined the temple 50 years ago. Elliot has had a lot of experience in different financial positions and is excited to bring his knowledge to the Executive Committee. One of his favorite parts of the temple is the diversity within the community. He enjoys listening to various conversations at board meetings as well as between different congregants. For Elliot, his trip to Israel with Rabbi Roth was what grew his connection stronger to Judaism. Outside of the temple, Elliot and his wife have built a long-standing tradition of having monthly Shabbat

dinner with several different families. Temple Emanuel is an important part of Elliot and his family's lives.

**Susyn Lichtenberg:** Susyn Lichtenberg is the temple's Financial Secretary. She and her family have been temple members for 20 years. Susyn joined the executive committee because she felt it was time to step up and offer her skills to support the community that means so much to her. She enjoys the connections she has formed at the temple and the opportunity to get to know a wide range of members that she might not have met otherwise. In her free time, Susyn enjoys playing tennis, taking her dog for walks around the neighborhood and traveling with her family.

**Jeremy Segal:** Jeremy Segal is the Assistant Financial Secretary for the temple. Jeremy and his family have been members of the temple for 15 years and got involved when their children entered the preschool. Over time, Jeremy continued to be more involved in the temple and decided to join the Executive Committee so he could get more involved and have a stronger voice in deciding the future of the temple. The friendships and support that he and his family have built is one of the things that he enjoys the most about the temple. Outside of the temple, Jeremy enjoys spending time with family, watching his children's sporting events, finding new restaurants, playing golf and supporting his favorite Boston sports teams.

**Nancy Kashanek:** Nancy Kashanek serves as the temple's Recording Secretary. A member of 23 years, Nancy has led and participated in many temple committees in addition to serving on the Board of Governors. Her involvement began with her three children attending preschool and religious school, and evolved as her connections to other members developed into meaningful friendships. The temple has always felt warm and welcoming to her interfaith family and she enjoys the breadth and depth of programming. Committed to lifelong learning, Nancy became an adult Bat Mitzvah at Temple Emanuel in 2004. She takes pride in her temple work and is enthusiastic about all the temple offers the community. Her other interests include travel, reading, volunteer work and family.

# SERVICE & PROGRAM SCHEDULE

## **Thursday, November 2**

**10:30–11:30 a.m.** Taste of Torah (room 1, Zoom)

**1:00–3:00 p.m.** Mah Jongg (social hall)

**7:30–9:00 p.m.** A Capella workshop led by Mayta Cohen, leader of BerK alit (chapel)

## **Friday, November 3**

**9:30 a.m.** Babies, Bagels, and Beyond (room 1)

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

## **Saturday, November 4**

**9:00–10:00 a.m.** Shabbat Morning Torah Study (chapel, Zoom)

## **Sunday, November 5**

**9:00–9:30 a.m.** Family service (sanctuary)

**9:00–11:00 a.m.** Religious school

**9:30–11:00 a.m.** Adult Hebrew for Beginners (conference room)

**6:00–8:00 p.m.** Sisterhood Welcome Back Dinner (social hall)

## **Tuesday, November 7**

**7:30 p.m.** Book Group (conference room)

## **Thursday, November 9**

**10:30–11:30 a.m.** Taste of Torah (room 1, Zoom)

**12:30–2:30 p.m.** Mah Jongg (social hall)

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

**7:00 p.m.** Kristallnacht Film Screening and Q&A (Congregation Shalom)

## **Friday, November 10**

**Temple Office Closed, Preschool Open**

**9:30 a.m.** Babies, Bagels, and Beyond (room 1)

**5:30–6:00 p.m.** Tot Shabbat

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

## **Saturday, November 11**

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

## **Sunday, November 12**

**9:00–9:30 a.m.** Family service (sanctuary)

**9:00–11:00 a.m.** Religious school

**9:30–11:00 a.m.** Adult Hebrew for Beginners (conference room)

**9:30–11:00 a.m.** Kugel & Kibbitz (social hall)

**12:00–3:00 p.m.** Youth Bowling (Wamesit Lanes)

**5:00–8:00 p.m.** Movie & Deli Night (multipurpose room)

## **Tuesday, November 14**

**5:30–7:00 p.m.** PJ Library Parents' Night Out (social hall)

## **Wednesday, November 15**

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

## **Thursday, November 16**

**10:30–11:30 a.m.** Taste of Torah (room 1, Zoom)

**12:30–2:30 p.m.** Mah Jongg (social hall)

## **Friday, November 17**

**9:30 a.m.** Babies, Bagels, and Beyond (room 1)

**6:30 p.m.** Shabbat Evening Family Service with Grades 1 & 2 (sanctuary, Zoom)

**7:30 p.m.** Congregational Shabbat Dinner (social hall)

## **Saturday, November 18**

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

**6:30 p.m.** 11th Annual Tasting Event, Temple Schmooze (home of Neal and Holli Roberts)

## **Sunday, November 19**

**9:00–9:30 a.m.** Family service (sanctuary)

**9:00–11:00 a.m.** Religious school

**9:30–11:00 a.m.** Adult Hebrew for Beginners (conference room)

**1:00 p.m.** Merrimack Valley Chorus A Capella Concert (social hall)

## **Wednesday, November 22**

**12:00 p.m.** Temple office closed until Monday, November 27th

## **Friday, November 24**

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

## **Saturday, November 25**

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

## **Tuesday, November 28**

**2:00–7:00 p.m.** Red Cross Blood Drive (social hall)

## **Wednesday, November 29**

**7:00 p.m.** Legacy Letter Writing course with Jay Sherwin (Zoom)

## **Thursday, November 30**

**10:30–11:30 a.m.** Taste of Torah (room 1, Zoom)

**12:30–2:30 p.m.** Mah Jongg (social hall)

**6:30 p.m.** Brotherhood Men's Night Out

## **Friday, December 1**

**9:30 a.m.** Babies, Bagels, and Beyond (room 1)

**6:30 p.m.** Shabbat Evening Family Service with The Fringes (sanctuary, Zoom, Facebook)

## **Saturday, December 2**

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

**4:00 p.m.** JFLEX

## **Sunday, December 3**

**9:00–9:30 a.m.** Family service (sanctuary)

**9:00–11:00 a.m.** Religious school

**9:30–11:00 a.m.** Adult Hebrew for Beginners (conference room)

**4:30–6:30 p.m.** PJ Library Hannukah Story Lantern Walk (Sunny Meadow Farm)

## **Wednesday, December 6**

**7:00 p.m.** Legacy Letter Writing course with Jay Sherwin (Zoom)

## **Thursday, December 7**

**10:30–11:30 a.m.** Taste of Torah (room 1, Zoom)

**12:30–2:30 p.m.** Mah Jongg (social hall)  
1st Night of Chanukah

**Friday, December 8**

**9:30 a.m.** Babies, Bagels, and Beyond (room 1)  
**5:30 p.m.** Tot Shabbat and Dinner (social hall)  
**6:30 p.m.** Shabbat Evening Service with Adult Bar Mitzvah of Tony Perry (sanctuary, Zoom, Facebook)

**Saturday, December 9**

**9:00-10:00 a.m.** Shabbat Morning Torah Study (chapel, Zoom)  
**2:30 p.m.** Cantor's Cultural Series—The Band's Visit at the Huntington Theatre

**Sunday, December 10**

**9:00-11:00 a.m.** Chanukah Celebration with Religious School and BerKalit

**Monday, December 11**

**9:00 a.m.** Lifeline Screening (social hall)

**Wednesday, December 13**

**7:00 p.m.** Legacy Letter Writing course with Jay Sherwin (Zoom)

**Thursday, December 14**

**10:00 –11:00 a.m.** PJ Library Chanukah Stories & Playtime (Wishing Wellz )  
**10:30–11:30 a.m.** Taste of Torah (room 1, Zoom)  
**12:30–2:30 p.m.** Mah Jongg (social hall)  
**4:00–6:00 p.m.** Mamaleh's pick-up (parking lot)

**Friday, December 15**

**9:30 a.m.** Babies, Bagels, and Beyond (room 1)  
**6:30 p.m.** Shabbat Evening Service (sanctuary, Zoom, Facebook)

**Saturday, December 16**

**9:00 a.m.** Shabbat Morning Service (chapel and Zoom)  
**10:00 a.m.** B'nai Mitzvah Experience—5th grade (sanctuary)

**Sunday, December 17**

**9:00-9:30 a.m.** Family service (sanctuary)  
**9:00-11:00 a.m.** Religious school

**Wednesday, December 20**

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

**Thursday, December 21**

**10:30–11:30 a.m.** Taste of Torah (room 1, Zoom)  
**12:30–2:30 p.m.** Mah Jongg (social hall)  
**7:00 p.m.** Legacy Letter Writing course with Jay Sherwin (Zoom)

**Friday, December 22**

**9:30 a.m.** Babies, Bagels, and Beyond (room 1)  
**6:30 p.m.** Candlelit Shabbat Evening Service with Soul Sisters and Aliyah (sanctuary, Zoom, Facebook)  
**7:30 p.m.** Congregational Shabbat Dinner (social hall)

**Saturday, December 23**

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

**Friday, December 29**

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

**Saturday, December 30**

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

## NEW MEMBERS & THANK YOU

**New Members**

Katie Pfeiffer  
Tyngsboro

Sophie Taylor  
Lowell

Suzanne and Paul Zwicker  
Boxford

David Landy  
Haverhill

Lauren and Jake Zelnick  
Jonah (4), Nolan (3)  
North Andover

Deb and Doug Zimon  
Stoneham

Danielle Zion and Kyle Rossiter  
Carlisle

Maya (3), Theodore (10 months)

Karen Lipshires and  
Cindy Clatterbuck  
Tewksbury

Marisa and Phil Zelfond  
Myla (5)  
North Andover

Davita and Kevin Block  
Sage (8), Asher (5)  
North Andover

Vivian Burton  
Tewksbury

Kayla and Dan Haskin  
Methuen

Brianna and Anderson Michel  
Helix (2), Liora (2 months)  
Londonderry, NH

Karen Rudnicki and  
Josh Brown  
Ellison (5)  
Tewksbury

Samantha Willford  
Boxborough

Jennifer Willford  
Amherst, NH

**Onegs**

September 15 — Alyson D'Angelo  
October 20 — Pasternak Family

**Bimah Arrangements**

October 20 — Pasternak Family



# Social Justice & Social Action

Thanks for helping our committee make a difference in so many ways!

**The Jewish Values in Action Program for 9th Graders** is off to a great start with monthly hands-on activities to enhance their understanding of Social Justice. Topics include voting rights, food insecurity, social isolation and more.

**The Yom Kippur Food Drive to Benefit Bread & Roses was a success again this year.** Thank you to our members who donated generously to our annual On-Line Food Drive which raised \$4,500. We also collected over 100 bags of non-perishables.

**Lazarus House** was delighted to receive our carload of fresh produce received during Sukkot.

***Congratulations to Debbie Hirsh and our Temple Emanuel Making Strides for Breast Cancer Team for raising over \$3,300!***



**The Postcard Writing Campaign to Promote Voter Registration & Voting:** Thanks to the volunteers who made this 2nd postcard writing event on October 11th a great success in helping the cause in Ohio. With these events, we sent postcards to two states currently experiencing barriers to voting.

Thank you to everyone who brought us gently-worn coats, mittens, hats and sweaters to the **Warm Clothing Drive to Benefit Debbie's Treasure Chest** - a Methuen-based program providing aid and support for disadvantaged and at-risk families in the Merrimack Valley.

We are SO excited to return to indoor dining at **Bread & Roses**. Our Mac & cheese and homemade cookies are the best in town! It's heartwarming to see and hear how happy the patrons are to be back indoors enjoying a hearty hot meal!

**DRIVERS WANTED:** Can you spare 2 hours/month on the 2nd Tuesday morning of the month to help pick up food at the Temple and deliver it to Bread & Roses?

Please contact: Les Satlow [lsatlow@gmail.com](mailto:lsatlow@gmail.com) or Scott Mallory [rscottmallory@gmail.com](mailto:rscottmallory@gmail.com) to volunteer.

We are always looking for exciting ways to help our community! Thanks to all who have shared their ideas with us!

The Social Action/Social Justice committee recently hosted **Richard Cohen**, formally legal Director of the Southern Poverty Law Center, who spoke compellingly on the topic of **Hate in America, why it is getting worse and what can be done about it.**

Cohen is shown here with childhood friend, Susie Novick, co-chair of the speaker series program who introduced him. Kathe Tuttmann is the other co-chair.



**Amy Sebell & Holli Roberts, Co-Chairs**

**Helen and Walter Wertheimer  
Community Service Award  
Presented to the  
100th Anniversary Campaign Committee**

**Due to the state of emergency following the microburst on September 8, the award was presented during the service. However many folks remained with out power and did not hear the speech. Please read the remarks from Susie Novick, campaign chair, below:**

In 2006, the Helen and Walter Wertheimer award was established to honor two extraordinary temple volunteers.

Some of you knew Helen and Walter, some did not. For those who are newer to this community, I just want to give you a little background on these two special people.

Helen and Walter's lives were shaped by the horrors of WWII. Both were born in Germany. After Kristallnacht, Helen, barely eight years old, was put on a train with her older brother as part of the Kindertransport and sent to England.

Helen and her parents, fortunately, were eventually reunited, and they came to America. Her father, a physician, learned English, passed the exams, and practiced medicine in Washington Heights in New York City.

Walter who was ten years older than Helen was already a young teenager when the dark clouds of Nazism cast their shadow. He too found his way to America.

Many years later, as was common in the German Jewish community, they were introduced by mutual friends, they courted, they married, and Walter eventually took a job in the shoe industry in Lowell.

When they moved to Andover in the sixties, they immediately immersed themselves in every aspect of Temple life and continued their steadfast volunteer work for decades. Helen was Sisterhood president and became the first woman president of Temple Emanuel. Walter devoted his energies to adult education. I was fortunate to work with him on Holocaust programming here at the Temple when I first joined the Temple. I also was fortunate to get to know Helen.

They were both extremely welcoming to new families, and truly set the bar high for what this congregation could and should be.

They were never blessed with children of their own... we were all their children, and our children were like their grandchildren.

This award was established to honor not only the Wertheimers, but the spirit of volunteerism that they embodied. Today the committee for the "Campaign for the Generations" was chosen to receive this award.

As chair of the campaign and on behalf of our committee, we thank you for this honor. We could not have been so successful without the efforts of everyone in our Temple community.

There were 450 campaign donors representing 95% of our congregation. No donation was too small to help with this endeavor.

Community and commitment are two values that I and so many others hold dearly as we think of Temple Emanuel. As we look to the future, I know these values will continue to serve as a foundation for our Temple. We see this with our community dinner tonight and in all of our programming throughout the year.

The campaign was enormously successful because of the hard work of many people. I must tell you, as campaign chair, I had the great honor to work with the most giving, supportive, and hard-working group of women I have ever had the privilege to be part of. This was truly a dream team. We started this endeavor when Amy Riemer was president. Let me introduce them to you now, Amy Riemer, Christin Hazel, Susan Holzman, Andi Pollinger, Jen Srivastava, Ruthie Weiner, and Gerri Weiss.

I just want to say that Andi Pollinger's leadership made so much of this possible. She made sure that we were always on task. She studied all the details and created a great environment for us all to be a part of.

This committee was a case study in the power of teamwork, organization, vision and how to motivate volunteers. We celebrated, problem solved, and course corrected as we needed to. In the end we were extremely proud of what we helped our Temple Emanuel Community accomplish.

## Candlelit Shabbat and Congregational Dinner

Friday, December 22

6:30 p.m. Service/7:30 p.m. Dinner

Join us for an special Shabbat evening service with the acoustic music of Aliyah, our house band, and the Soul Sisters. We will light our sanctuary by candles for this intimate service setting followed by a congregational Shabbat dinner. Dinner is complimentary for temple members. Register on our website.

## Youth Engagement

As the Youth Engagement Coordinator, I have enjoyed seeing the children of Temple Emanuel partake in pumpkin painting at our annual Harvest Fest and pick apples at Cider Hill!

Looking to November and December, Youth Engagement has a couple of events planned. We will be bowling turkeys on November 12th at

Wamesit Lanes in Tewksbury. This event is for children 10 and up. RSVPs are required to attend with more details to follow later.

We will be making and minding our beeswax candles during the Chanukah celebration on December 10th. All religious school families are encouraged to attend and enjoy!

## NER BBYO President Isabelle Belansky

Hello from somewhere between Omaha, Nebraska and Boston, as I fly home from BBYO's International Executives Conference. Being together for five days with BBYO regional presidents from around the world was incredibly inspiring! We kicked off our centennial year in Omaha, where BBYO was founded 100 years ago. Seth, my co-president for New England Region (NER) AZA (Boys), and I were honored and proud to represent our New England teens.

I want to encourage your teens to connect with BBYO's Merrimack Valley (MV) youth group chapter. Our MV chapter was founded by teens who graduated high school in 2021, including several Temple Emanuel friends. This year's MV chapter board includes four Temple Emanuel teens: Syd Goldberg, Delia Joyner, Kyla Slomsky, and Max Polonsky.

Why is BBYO special? What began as a way to connect to a Jewish community of teens during covid and see summer camp friends from other towns became so much more for me! BBYO gives teens opportunities to meet friends, try new things, get connected to Jewish life, build skills and give back to our community.

Our programs are developed and run for and by teens, with guidance and support from professional staff. Some teens have had Jewish experiences through overnight camp, Israel trips, and are part of local temples, experiences that I've been lucky to have, but not all. All Jewish teens, starting in 8th grade, are welcome to be part of BBYO's amazing programs and experiences.

BBYO has been such a positive part of my life. Seth and I are energized to lead our region forward with dedication and spirit. I can't wait to see all that lies ahead for our BBYO community this centennial year!

I hope your teens and their friends make this their year to get involved with BBYO! To learn about regional and local programs, follow the MV chapter's Instagram @mvbbyo.

I can't wait to see your teens at local events! Please reach out to @nerpresidents on Instagram or email [nersiah79@gmail.com](mailto:nersiah79@gmail.com) if I can help answer any questions.

Happy new year!  
Isabelle Belansky  
NER BBYO Regional President, BBG (Girls)





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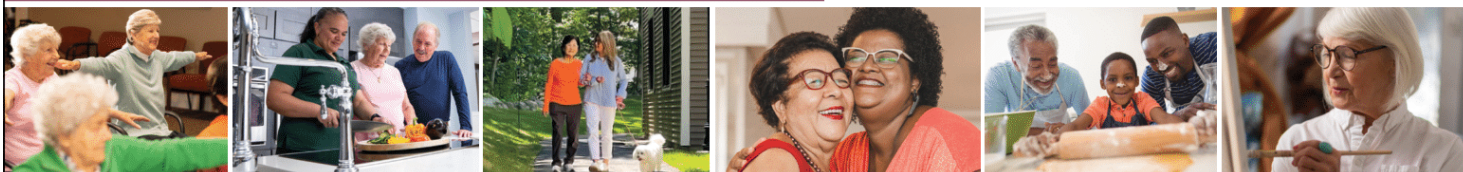
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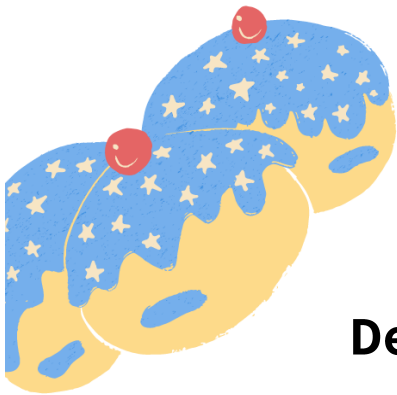


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## Community Chanukah Celebration



**December 10, 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.**

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Visit our website to RSVP.

