



TEMPLE EMANUEL ANDOVER BULLETIN

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As we turn the calendar to a new year, Temple Emanuel is embarking on a new chapter in our long and vibrant history. At our congregational meeting in December, Rabbi Jessica Spitalnic Mates was unanimously approved to serve as our interim rabbi. Rabbi Mates is extraordinarily qualified to lead our congregation after 22 years of service to Temple Beth El in Boca Raton, Florida.

Rabbi Mates is looking forward to working with her long-time friend and colleague Cantor Rachel Reef-Simpson at Temple Emanuel. They originally met in Israel, and now we are happy to reunite this dynamic team in Andover. We hope you'll join us for their first Shabbat service together on Friday, January 5th, followed by a special oneg. We will be holding several events at the temple for you to meet and get to know Rabbi Mates. Please keep an eye on our weekly e-News for upcoming dates. You can also read remarks from Rabbi Mates on page 3.

Meanwhile, our Rabbi Search Committee continues to do excellent work leading a rigorous nationwide search for our next permanent rabbi. They are in discussions with exceptional candidates who have compelling visions for the future of our community.

Another important update is that our Executive Director, Maureen Chapman,

decided to make a career change. Maureen joined Gateways, an organization which helps students with diverse learning needs succeed in Jewish education and meaningfully participate in Jewish life. It has been a joy to work with Maureen over the past seven years and we thank her for her dedication. Please see Maureen's message to the congregation on page 4 of this bulletin.



Dana Katz, President

To ensure a seamless transition in the office, I'm pleased to announce that Abby Mayou has joined our staff as interim executive director while we identify a permanent hire. Abby retired from a career as a synagogue executive director, and we are fortunate that she is coming out of retirement to support our congregation. Please feel free to reach out to her at executivedirector@templemanuel.net if you have any questions or need assistance and read her comments on

page 4.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank the congregants who have stepped up to make an impact on our community over the last few months. From organizing our library to leading programming about how to combat antisemitism to recruiting extraordinary rabbis, temple members have come together in meaningful ways to lift each other up.

We all realize what a challenging and frightening time this is for Jews locally and around the world. Together, our community finds strength in our connections with one another, whether at a Chanukah menorah lighting on the town common, eating Chinese food together by candlelight, praying, learning, or just talking with fellow congregants.

I want to thank each of you for your feedback, your support and your understanding during this time of change at Temple Emanuel. I look forward to building on our strong foundation and remain committed to being a congregation that opens our hearts to all who join us in embracing Jewish life together.

I wish you a 2024 filled with joy, community and, most of all, peace.

Warmly,
Dana Katz

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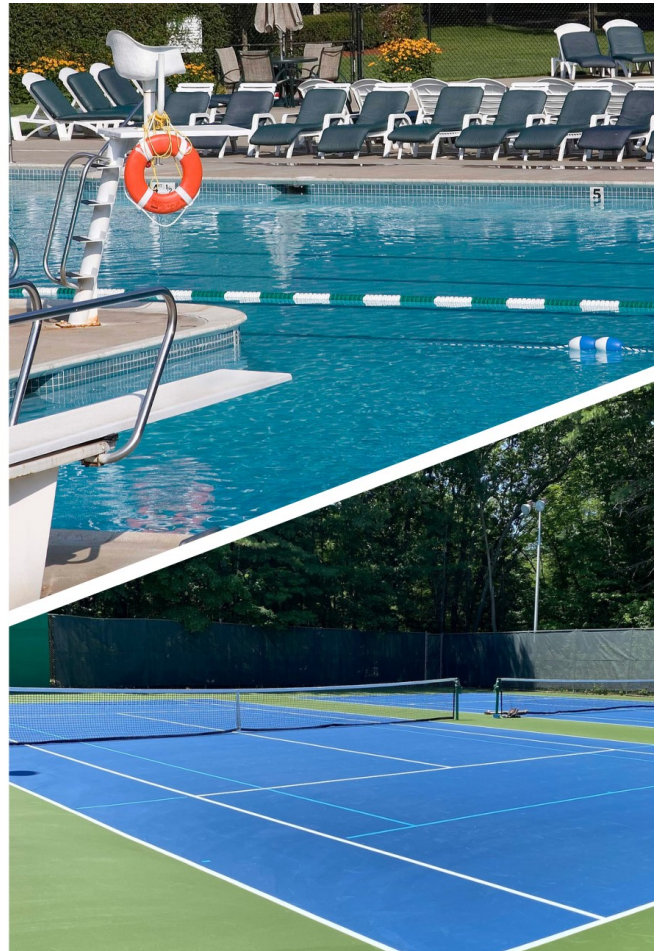
SUMMER OUTING & RECEPTION

AUGUST 5, 2024

- 11:00AM - Lunch
- 1:00pm - 6:00pm- Enjoy golf, tennis, pickleball and the pool
- 6:30pm - Dinner



Indian Ridge
Country Club



A Message From Rabbi Mates



At a steak restaurant on Long Island, the Boston Bruins were dining. Not the whole team but four players. My sister and her family were there too. She tapped one of the players on the shoulder and told him that she normally wouldn't bother them

but her husband, my brother-in-law, was a huge Bruins fan and could they take a picture with him. They obliged with kindness and joy and we have that snapshot to remember the moment.

It is with kindness and joy that I am so looking forward to spending the next six months with you at Temple Emanuel. As a native New Yorker, my dad is a Rangers fan, but you will hopefully forgive that and welcome me into the community.

I have been a rabbi for 25 years, the last 22 of which I spent as an associate rabbi at Temple Beth El of Boca Raton, where I have served an incredible 1800 family congregation from its newborns to its centenarians. One of the biggest accomplishments of my time in Boca Raton was the creation of "Project Nuremberg", an annual event for attorneys and the community at large that looked at the enduring lessons of the Holocaust and its aftermath. To that end, I am hoping to start a PhD in the fall to further delve into that topic and its intersection with art, PTSD and history. Among the many things I hope to do in my time with you is to replicate elements of Project Nuremberg for your legal community and community at large.

Simultaneous to my time in rabbinical school, I trained to be a tour guide for NFTY in Israel, the Reform Movement's youth program. That fostered my interest in not just

Holocaust but all aspects of Jewish history and to convey its lessons in powerful, fun and engaging ways. I hope to bring that creativity I bring to teaching to all ages in your congregation as well. Though I am a stranger to you now, I hope that will not be for long and I look forward to meeting you and spending time with you in your vibrant synagogue.

Your Cantor Rachel Reef-Simpson, on the other hand, is no stranger to me. Minutes after I met her for the first time in Israel in the summer of 2014 where she was sharing a Jerusalem apartment with my cantor for their cantorial studies, a RED ALERT went off. In Israel, as you may know, that means you run to the nearest shelter while Iron Dome hopefully intercepts whatever has come in. So we huddled in the stairwell together, quite a way to bond. We got to know each other better when she was cantor at the synagogue of my sister's Bruins loving family who live in Worcester, Massachusetts. I can't wait to share your bema with her.

From my first day with you, I plan to hit the ground running to serve your congregation. From the first moments of meeting your leadership and staff as I have prepared to come, it is very clear to me why you are Temple Emanuel. EMANUEL in Hebrew means GOD IS WITH US. The Jewish philosopher Martin Buber understood that God was most present WITH US when we were most present for one another. It is in that spirit I can't wait to meet you, listen to you, worship with you and maybe even once in a while cheer for the Bruins with you.

Rabbi Jessica Spitalnic Mates

Join us for our Shabbat Service on Friday, January 5 at 6:30 p.m. to welcome Rabbi Mates. Service will be followed by a special oneg.



Larry Hodes Movie & Deli: *Yentl* with Barbra Streisand Sunday, January 7, 5:00 p.m.

Barbra Streisand's directorial debut, *Yentl*, is a musical adaptation of a story by the beloved Jewish writer Isaac Bashevis Singer. *Yentl* (Streisand) is a young woman who wants nothing more than to study religious scripture. She is denied that possibility because she is a woman. She moves, passes herself off as a male named Anshel, and then begins her studies. She becomes close to fellow student Avigdor (Mandy Patinkin), eventually falling in love with him, although she can not reveal her true self as she would then be expelled. Avigdor is in love with Hadass (Amy Irving), but religious law forbids him from marrying her. Avigdor attempts to fix Anshel up with Hadass, leading to Hadass falling in love with Anshel.

Following the movie, we will enjoy a deli supper from Levine's and discuss the film. Please register on our website.

Executive Director



Maureen Chapman

As the conclusion of my time with Temple Emanuel draws closer, I am compelled to reflect on the profound journey of the past seven years and express my sincere gratitude. I write this during Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, which holds a special resonance during this period of transition. The menorah's

flames symbolize not only the miraculous light that lasted for eight days, but also the enduring illumination of gratitude. Throughout my tenure, I have had the privilege of witnessing the growth and development of not only my own family, but the entire congregation. From the birth of my children to their formative years within the embrace of our community, the menorah's glow has mirrored the warmth and unity that defines our shared experiences. In Judaism, gratitude is a fundamental virtue, and as I bid farewell, I carry with me a deep appreciation for the

enriching relationships, meaningful moments and the unique role Temple Emanuel plays as a hub of Jewish life in the Merrimack Valley.

As the flames of the Hanukkah candles dance, so too does the spirit of our community, resilient and ever bright. The connections forged, the celebrations shared and the collective growth witnessed within these walls have left an indelible mark on my heart. Leaving this position is bittersweet, yet the flame of gratitude continues to burn brightly. I extend my heartfelt thanks to the entire congregation for an incredible seven years of shared experiences and meaningful contributions. May the light of Hanukkah guide us all forward, and may Temple Emanuel continue to thrive as a beacon of Jewish life, fostering unity and celebration in the Merrimack Valley for years to come.

Thank you to our incredible clergy and staff, our lay leaders and volunteers, and to the whole congregation for welcoming me and my family with open arms and for making this experience one of the greatest honors of my life.

Interim Executive Director

My name is Abby Mayou, and I am so excited to be serving as your part-time Interim Executive Director. I look forward to becoming part of the staff team at Temple Emanuel, and I want to get to know as many congregants as possible. I hope to see you in the office, as well as at services and events at Temple.

I retired from Temple Emanuel Sinai in Worcester two years ago and rapidly found myself busy with travel, family, friends and activity. But when I got the call from Dana Katz asking if I would be interested in the interim position, I couldn't say no! I had loved my job working at a temple. The Temple is the center of Jewish life. It's the place that will keep Judaism alive.

I was brought up in a Reform synagogue in New Jersey. I loved to go to temple with my friends. In high school we had a Sunday morning social group for teenagers, where we did Israeli dancing and ate bagels!

My degree is in City Planning. After working in the field for 10 years, I decided I wanted to do something more person-

ally rewarding. My career as a temple administrator was born at Temple Anshe Amunim in Pittsfield, where I was a member.

My husband Don and I live in Hardwick, where we power our home by solar power and are not connected to the electric grid. Our vegetable and flower

gardens and fruit trees keep us busy. I have four adult children and three grandchildren. My older granddaughter attends Gann Academy, and my grandson attends the Rashi School. I babysit one day a week for my little 14-month-old granddaughter.

I hope to tell you more in person as we meet. My door is always open, and I will respond to your emails and phone calls as promptly as possible.



Abby Mayou

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

If Andover Public Schools are cancelled, Temple Offices, Preschool and the Religious School will be closed.

If Andover Public Schools have a delayed opening, there will be no morning Preschool.

Full Steam Ahead will begin at noon. There will be Religious School in the afternoon.

If the weather becomes inclement during the day and we close the Temple and Schools, you will receive an email.

Also please check our website, www.templemanuel.net, for cancellations.

Please note: in most cases, services are held whether or not the Temple and Schools are closed.

Cantor's Column

Seeing the Light

As I write this greeting, it is the night of the winter solstice. Chanukah ended last week, and our Chanukah menorahs burning brightly with 9 candles is, but, a memory. Though we look outside our windows and see the darkness of winter ahead, we also know that every day will get a little bit brighter beginning tonight until spring. We will start to, and continue to, see the light.

We've had some dark days, literally and figuratively, as Jews and as a community. I expect those dark days will continue in Israel for a while longer. But even my loved ones in Israel have hope for a brighter day and future. After all, the Israeli National anthem is called Hatikvah-the hope. We are the people of hope.

We are also the people of light. Every week, we have a symbolic reminder to look for the light when we kindle our Shabbat candles. The candles bring light into our sanctuary, homes and hearts.

A few weeks ago, during our weekly service in the Religious School, I gave our kids an "assignment." I asked them to think about what brings them light. I told them we'd be sharing our answers on the 7th night of Chanukah when we lit the menorah together. I also had Chanukah story time with a few of the preschool classes and asked the kids the same question. I shared the adorable words of our children in a sermon that I gave last week, but just in case you missed it, I'll include their words here; They lit up my heart!

I got some concrete answers from our literal thinkers. One boy who is WAY smarter than me answered "photons" when I asked what brought him light. Now, I won't tell you that my initial response to him was "is that a science thing?"



MLK Shabbat Service with special guest, Cantor Jeff Klepper

Friday, January 12, 6:30 p.m.

"History has never known a protest movement so rich in song as the Civil Rights Movement. Nor a movement in which songs are as important." Newsweek, August 31, 1964

We welcome Cantor Jeff Klepper back to Temple Emanuel to join Cantor Rachel for a special service honoring the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. through the music of the Civil Rights movement. Cantor Klepper will include a teaching about the history of this music and its roots in gospel spirituals through pictures, videos and songs.



Cantor Rachel Reef-Simpson

because my mind was focused on the spiritual and not the scientific. But, when I asked the preschoolers what warms their hearts, the first response I got was "when my Dad and my Grandpa make a fire in the fireplace." Of course! So, I expanded my question to what makes your heart happy (and therefore "warms your heart") and here is what they said:

Hugs from my Grandma.

Being with my sister.

Playing with my dog.

Coming to Religious School and being with my friends.

Celebrating Chanukah at my Grandparents house.

Lighting the candles with my family.

And my favorite answer of all: my teachers at Temple and you, Cantor Rachel. Awwwww..." My heart melted in that moment. I'm sure yours would too!

I always say that kids teach me more than I could ever teach them. They are truly our sages and we learn much from them when we really listen. So, I encourage you, before our winter goes from darkness to light, and as we continue to struggle with the state of our world, to look for the simple miracles around us. Try to see the world through the lens of a child and appreciate the little things. Look for the light. It's there. It will find you if you keep your eyes open. And it'll warm your heart just like grandpa's fireplace.



Rockin' Shabbat with the Fringes Friday, January 19, 6:30 p.m.

The Fringes, Cantor Rachel's Tefillah band, is joining us as we celebrate Shabbat.

The Fringes will rock our service with contemporary Jewish music and classic folk

melodies from our Reform Jewish repertoire. Rockin' Shabbat will have you singing, clapping along and on your feet! Bring the entire family and experience a spirited and exhilarating evening of worship and music!

Director of Education



Betsy Kachel

Our Religious School programs are in full swing! Students continue to enjoy meaningful experiences, learning prayers and songs each week in community-wide services and in their classrooms.

Did you know that this year we welcomed back staff member Whitney Jablonki? She is running our Chai

Education program after an eight-year hiatus. Her role includes leading families in grade-level programs where unique Judaica pieces are created. Our school partners with Magic Brush Pottery Studio for these projects.

Our 4th grade visited Mayiim Chayim Mikveh in Newton for an interactive educational experience. In the first part of our year, the 6th graders visited the Temple Emanuel Cemetery, where they learned about the rituals and practices around death and burial. Our 9th graders are partnering with our Social Action Committee for the second year and recently purchased items for several children in need for Sisterhood's Share the Light program. And this year, our 8th graders are back volunteering in person at Cor Unum meal center in Lawrence.

Our annual Hanukkah celebration was a huge success, welcoming students, families and local unaffiliated families for a concert by Berkalit (Berklee School of Music A Capella group), crafts, games and, of course, latkes! Our youth programming is bringing back an overnight "shul-in," inviting surrounding youth groups to engage in programming and a sleep-over at Temple Emanuel!

Our preschoolers continue to enjoy our incredible outdoor spaces, even as the air is turning colder. We have added new materials to our classrooms, such as light tables and more nature-based materials and toys. We enjoy celebrating Shabbat together each week, when children and their families join together in song, prayer and ruach.

We have re-enrolled children currently enrolled in our program and have begun school visits and tours for the 2024-25 school year. Our teachers recently participated in full-day professional development programming. We welcomed return presenter, Jayna Doherty from the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. We also learned from Amanda McCrackin of the Boston Area Inspired Reggio Emilia Network.

When you are in the building, please walk through the school wing and relish the sounds of joyful learning, collaborating, connecting and playing!

Youth Engagement

Youth Engagement wishes you a happy new year and hope you had a wonderful holiday season. We are excited to announce several events in the coming months! We will be starting the year strong with indoor rock climbing at Vertical Dreams, Nashua, (approximately 25 minutes from the Temple) on Sunday, January 21, at 12 noon. Vertical Dreams staff will teach children 10 and older to climb rock walls, tie knots and reach for the sky. RSVPs for the event are needed by January 14, and a waiver will be required.

Go tubing down the snowy mountains at Nashoba Valley with us at 12 noon February 4. Race your friends and family to the bottom for nonstop fun and laughter. We request RSVPs by January 31.

Bounce over to Launch Trampoline Park for a fun-filled afternoon with Youth Engagement. We will be jumping and flipping from 12-2 pm Sunday, March 3. Waivers can be completed on-site or in advance online. RSVPs are requested, however not required, and we welcome everyone!

Shabbat Shirah Pulpit Exchange featuring Reverend Dana Allen Walsh

Friday, January 26, 6:30 p.m.



Come celebrate Shabbat Shirah-the Sabbath of Song-with our annual pulpit exchange with Reverend Dana Allen Walsh of South Church, the South Church Sanctuary Choir, and our own Aliyah band and Soul Sisters

Shabbat Shirah is the Shabbat when, in the weekly Torah portion Beshalach, Moses and Miriam rejoice in song and dance after crossing the Red Sea from slavery to freedom. Join us as we welcome South Church to our congregation and we communally celebrate our Sabbath of Song with an evening of joyful music. Reverend Walsh will share a sermon about the Song of the Sea. A festive oneg will follow.

Please join the Religious School as we collect Items for “Blessing Bags” Collecting now through January 15th

How many times have you stopped at an intersection and seen people begging on the corner?

When you do it is heartbreaking. Our 7th and 8th graders are participating in a social action program called “mitzvah makers” and in the month of January will be making blessing bags and distributing them at the Boston Health for the Homeless Program. If you are unfamiliar with what to donate for blessing bags, here is a list of items to choose from: **note—travel sized items for this collection!*

- * Band-Aids
- * Cough drops
- * Toothpaste
- * Deodorant
- * Snack crackers/cheese
- * Beef jerky
- * Peanuts
- * Capri Suns/Juice boxes
- * Gum
- * Mints
- * Toilet paper
- * Instant oatmeal
- * Hand/foot warmers
- * Neosporin
- * Chapstick
- * Toothbrush
- * Floss
- * Cereal bars
- * Peanut butter
- * Raisins
- * Applesauce cups
- * Trail mix
- * Hard candy
- * Body wash
- * Dried fruit



There will be a box in front of the Religious School Office and in the Temple foyer to drop off donations.

2027 B’NAI MITZVAH ASSIGNMENTS

**Megan Buchwald Stimpson, Xavi Casadei, Alex Epstein, Matthew Fink,
Hadley Gassman, Alexander Kitces, Lyla Segal, Levi Stein, Ryan Tammaro**

Once again it is time to assign dates for our B’nai Mitzvah students.

At this time, we are assigning dates for all of our 4th grade students.

Each year, we take the list of students, organize them into chronological order by birthdate, and place them into our calendar of available dates.

We make available a limited number of Saturday afternoon Mincha/Havdalah services as alternatives to the traditional Saturday morning service. Requests for these services must be made at the time of assigning dates, as our clergy and congregational calendars rely on the timing of our services many months ahead. Depending on the number of requests we receive for the afternoon services, we hold a lottery to determine the families who will have their simcha at that time.

These are not assigned on a first-come first-served basis.

If you would like to take advantage of this, please contact Elissa Oppenheim in the Temple Office no later than: Friday, February 2nd via email only at eoppenheim@templemanuel.net.

If you have a child enrolled in our 4th grade whose name does not appear on this list, and who does not already have a date for their B’nai Mitzvah, please make sure to inform Elissa as soon as possible, and no later than February 2nd.

As a reminder, you must be a Temple Emanuel member in good standing and your child MUST be a registered in our Religious School at this time in order to be eligible for us to assign a date for their B’nai Mitzvah.

We are excited to be on this journey with you and your family.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to reach out!

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 Shabbats

Friday, January 5, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, February 9, 5:30 p.m.

Join our clergy and PJ Library at 5:30 for this special service combining music, movement, and storytelling. Geared towards children Grade 1 and under.

Social Responsibility

Why a new name for our committee in 2024? **Social Responsibility** encompasses all that Temple Emanuel stands for in the community: integrity, empathy for our neighbors in need, educating ourselves about social inequities and the hard work we are doing to reduce them, and building trust among with our neighbors of other faiths.

The Jewish Values in Action Program for the 9th Grade:

The December class was a huge success! Eight students worked in teams to budget and select items for less-fortunate children as part of the "Share the Light" program with funds from the Social Action-Social Justice budget. Students discussed balancing needs vs. wants within a budget and the joy of giving to others. The gift-giving will be anonymous, since the gifts will be given to the children by their parents.,

SAVE THE DATE - MONDAY, January 22, for Dr. Jim O'Connell's stimulating presentation "Lessons from the Streets: Three Decades Caring for Boston's Rough Sleepers." Registration for sandwiches and snacks will be in the E-News.

SAVE THE DATE - Sunday, February 11, @ 5 pm. Join us for a screening of "Shared Legacies," a *powerful prescient documentary on the historical alliance between Jews and Black people.* Registration for the movie and deli supper will be in the E-News.



Volunteers for a Spring Habitat For Humanity Project: We're creating a list of volunteers. Date TBD.

Temple Emanuel began hosting **Second Nurture** monthly in our building. **Second Nurture** supports foster families and provides opportunities for cohorts to meet around the country and was founded by Susa Silverman, sister of famed comedian Sarah Silverman, in 2017. After discussing fostering and adoption with hundreds of people in dozens of cities in the U.S. and Canada, she realized that many more would foster and adopt successfully if they had direction, fellowship and support. If you are interested in helping to continue this important program, please let us know if you would be able to volunteer as a child caregiver during the meeting times for parents Look for the **volunteer form** in the **E-News**.

Amy Sebell & Holli Roberts

Sisterhood

Happy New Year!

If one of your resolutions for 2024 is to "get more involved" or "give back to my community," Sisterhood would love to work with you. Our volunteers are what make Sisterhood so wonderful and successful.

Please save the date for some of our exciting programming coming soon. We've got Mah Jong learning classes starting in January; B'Nai Mitzvah 101 for all of us about to be or already deep into planning mode (shout out to all my fellow 6th-grade parents!); a special Sisterhood Shabbat weekend beginning with Friday night services March 1 and a brunch during religious school March 3; and our Spring Soiree speaker, who will inspire us with her journey, on Thursday, May 9.

I hope everyone had a restful December and is as excited as I am to welcome 2024.

Alyson D'Angelo, Sisterhood president

MAH JONGG CARDS

Deadline to order is Jan 5, 2024

\$14.00 for Standard size/\$15.00 for Large print size.

Checks should be made payable to Sandra Rosenbach and mailed to her at:

83 Emerald Court, Tewksbury, MA 01876

Please include the name and address of everyone you are ordering cards for.

That way the cards will be mailed directly to their house.

This is a mini fundraiser for Sisterhood.

Any questions, feel free to call Sandy at 410-353-1881

Brotherhood

Greetings from the Brotherhood. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and isn't burnt out on the "cheer."

The Brotherhood was happy to support our religious school and Sisterhood at the annual Hanukkah celebration in December. It was awesome to see so many members of our community, especially those with young children, engaged and enjoying the holiday spirit. Betsy and Judy did a wonderful job getting everything organized. The latkes were awesome, as were all the other snacks and activities. Many thanks to all the people who helped in the kitchen, but especially to Rob Dubman for helping organize our group and Alyson D'Angelo for her hard work and support on behalf of the Sisterhood.

In November, the Brotherhood organized our 11th annual temple-wide Tasting Event, "Temple Schmooze," at the home of Neal and Holli Roberts. This year's theme was chocolate (awesome!) and featured a selection of handmade chocolates with a discussion on the art of chocolate making. It was a great turnout of 50 of our community for dinner, drinks and dessert. We hope next year's event will be as successful. A special thanks to our Brotherhood hosting in their beautiful home.

We also held our first Brotherhood Night Out (BNO) of the temple year at the new Autograph Tavern in Andover. Many of our brothers enjoyed a fun night of hanging out and laughing at the newest sports bar in town. Thanks to Andy Lazar for coordinating. Coming up in the next few months will be more BNOs, so please check your email for details and join us for the fun!

We are especially excited about our next breakfast on Sunday, February 4. Our special guest speaker will be Dan Shaughnessy, long-time Boston sports columnist and associate editor at the Boston Globe. Dan was born and raised in Massachusetts and has 'lived and died' Boston sports for a long time. He has written many books, including "The Curse of the Bambino" and his most recent, "Wish It Lasted Forever – Life With The Larry Bird Celtics," about his time covering the 80s Boston Celtics. We hope our Temple community, not just those in the Brotherhood, will come for bagels and interesting conversation. A special

thanks to Steve Cooper, Temple member and reporter at WHDH 7News, for helping to organize and moderate this event. Stay tuned for more information, and remember to sign up early, as space will be limited and we expect it to sell-out. As always, the breakfast is free to all paid-up Brotherhood member.

Wishing everyone all the best. As always, 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
Brotherhood President

TEMPLE EMANUEL OF ANDOVER
BROTHERHOOD SUNDAY BREAKFAST SERIES

Featuring
Guest speaker
DAN SHAUGHNESSY

Moderated by
STEVE COOPER
News reporter at WHDH 7NEWS

Dan Shaughnessy is a sports columnist and associate editor at the Boston Globe. He has been named Massachusetts Sportswriter of the Year 14 times and 12 times has been voted one of America's top ten sports columnists by the Associated Press Sports Editors.

Shaughnessy has written thirteen books, including his most recent book "Wish It Lasted Forever -- Life With The Larry Bird Celtics", a book about his days covering the 1980s Bird Celtics.

He makes regular appearances on MLB Network, WHDH SportsXtra, and NBC Sports Boston.

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Bread & Roses

Bread & Roses continues to serve its ever-growing number of clients. We have seen a marked increase in meals served over the last two months, to approximately 150 on average. The Temple has gladly stepped up its meal production to accommodate these numbers.

If you would like to join the serving team that meets at Bread & Roses on the second Tuesday of each month from

3:30-6 pm, or if you are interested in delivering the temple-prepared meals to Bread & Roses on that same day around 10 am. or if you have questions, please contact Scott Mallory at 978-987-1970 or Les Satlow at 617-816-4098.

Scott Mallory and Les Satlow, co-chairs

SERVICE & PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Thursday, January 4

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

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

Friday, January 5

9:30-10:30 a.m. Bagels, Babies and Beyond (room 1)

5:30-6:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat with clergy and PJ Library (chapel)

6:30-7:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service followed by special oneg to welcome Rabbi Jessica Spitalnic Mates (sanctuary, Zoom, Facebook)

Saturday, January 6

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

Sunday, January 7

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 Class for Beginners (conference room)

9:30-11:00 a.m. Mah Jongg Learning Class (social hall)

9:30-11:00 a.m. Sisterhood B'nai Mitzvah 101 (room 1)

5:00-9:00 p.m. Larry Hodes Movie & Deli: Yentl (multipurpose room)

Monday, January 8

5:00-6:30 p.m. Cook for Bread and Roses (temple kitchen)

Tuesday, January 9

3:15-6:30 p.m. Serve at Bread and Roses

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Saturday, January 13

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

Tuesday, January 16

7:30-9:00 p.m. Temple Book Group (Zoom)

Wednesday, January 17

7:30 p.m. Board of Governors Meeting (multi-purpose room, Zoom)

Thursday, January 18

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

Friday, January 19

9:30-10:30 a.m. Bagels, Babies and Beyond (room 1)

6:30-7:30 p.m. Rockin' Shabbat Evening Service featuring The Fringes (sanctuary, Zoom, Facebook)

Saturday, January 20

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

Sunday, January 21

9:00-9:30 a.m. Family Service (sanctuary)

9:00-11:00 a.m. Religious School

9:30-11:00 a.m. Mah Jongg Learning Class (room 1)

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

12:00-3:00 p.m. Rock Climbing with Youth Engagement (Vertical Dreams)

Monday, January 22

6:00-8:00 p.m. Social Responsibility Committee Guest Speaker Series - Lessons From The Streets: Three decades caring for Boston's rough sleepers (chapel/multipurpose room, Zoom)

Tuesday, January 23

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

Thursday, January 25

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

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

Friday, January 26

9:30-10:30 a.m. Bagels, Babies and Beyond (room 1)

6:30-7:30 p.m. Pulpit Exchange and Shabbat Shirah featuring Soul Sisters, Aliyah, and Reverend Dana Allen Walsh (sanctuary, Zoom, Facebook)

Saturday, January 27

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

Sunday, January 28

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 Class for Beginners (conference room)

Thursday, February 1

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

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

Friday, February 2

9:30-10:30 a.m. Bagels, Babies and Beyond (room 1)

6:30-7:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service (sanctuary, Zoom, Facebook)

Saturday, February 3

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

Sunday, February 4

9:00-9:30 a.m. Family Service (sanctuary)

9:00-11:00 a.m. Religious School

9:30-11:00 a.m. Mah Jongg Learning Class (room 1)

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

9:30-11:00 a.m. Temple Breakfast Sponsored by the Brotherhood Featuring Award-Winning Sports Columnist Dan Shaughnessy, Moderated by Steve Cooper (social hall)

Tuesday, February 6

1:00-8:15 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive (social hall)

Thursday, February 8

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

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

Friday, February 9

9:30-10:30 a.m. Bagels, Babies and Beyond (room 1)

5:30-6:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat with clergy and PJ Library (chapel)

6:30-7:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening

Service (sanctuary, Zoom, Facebook)

Saturday, February 10

9:00-10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service (chapel, Zoom)

Sunday, February 11

9:00-9:30 a.m. Family Service (sanctuary)

9:00-11:00 a.m. Religious School

9:30-11:00 a.m. Mah Jongg Learning Class (room 1)

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

Monday, February 12

5:00-6:30 p.m. Cook for Bread and Roses (temple kitchen)

Tuesday, February 13

3:15-6:30 p.m. Serve at Bread and Roses

Thursday, February 15

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

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

Friday, February 16

9:30-10:30 a.m. Bagels, Babies and Beyond (room 1)

6:30-7:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with Soul Sisters (sanctuary, Zoom, Facebook)

Saturday, February 17

9:00-10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service (chapel, Zoom)

Friday, February 23

6:30-7:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service (sanctuary, Zoom, Facebook)

Saturday, February 24

9:00-10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service (chapel, Zoom)

Reflections from Tony Perry's Adult Bar Mitzvah

Three years ago, my husband Eric and I came to Temple Emanuel. Shortly after we became members, the Temple offered an adult Bar Mitzvah class. I inquired about it and discussed it with Eric. As always, he was very supportive, and my Bar Mitzvah Journey began with Cantor Idan, learning the Hebrew alphabet. A year later, Cantor Rachel joined Temple Emanuel, and she and I worked together for the next 18 months. My only request to Cantor Rachel was that I was not in a rush. I wanted to enjoy the

of my lessons were done via Zoom. From reviewing the Hebrew alphabet and learning to read our Shabbat prayers in Hebrew to learning my Torah portion, *Vayeishev* from the book of Genesis, I never found my studies to be burdensome. I enjoyed studying, learning and working with Cantor Rachel. If anyone asks me if I would do it again, my answer is yes. It was an incredible experience.

I chose December 8 as my Bar Mitzvah date to celebrate my 60th birthday in a unique way, as well as to commemorate my conversion to Judaism 13 years ago. When reading the various Torah portions in December, I chose *Vayeishev* because I could relate to Joseph and his story. Part of my life's journey was trying to be recognized and accepted, just as Joseph. Milestone birthday celebrations are wonderful, but the memories of my Bar mitzvah and the journey I took with Cantor Rachel will last a lifetime.

I also must comment on the outpouring of support from the Temple Emanuel community. Once the Temple announced my Bar Mitzvah date, the support and encouragement from everyone was warm and heartfelt, especially on the night of my Bar Mitzvah. This type of support is what makes Temple Emanuel so special and emphasizes to Eric and me that we made the right choice to join this incredible Jewish community.



journey. That I did, deepening my faith in Judaism as I really began to understand my prayers and studied my Torah portion.

Many people ask, "Why as an adult would you want to spend so much time preparing for a Bar Mitzvah?" I converted to Judaism 13 years ago. After my conversion, I knew I would want to have a Bar Mitzvah someday. Because of the time and dedication such a journey would entail, one needs to have the right clergy to work with. I found that at Temple Emanuel.

Cantor Rachel and I worked very closely together for 18 months, throughout the year. Thanks to Zoom, 90 percent



Adult Education

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Taste of Torah

Continues Thursday, January 4, 10:00 a.m.

Please join us for an interactive class studying our sacred text. All are welcome and encouraged to participate, online or in person!

Adult Hebrew “Crash” Course for Beginners

Sundays, 9:30-11:00 a.m. (after family service)

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Larry Hodes Movie & Deli Yentl

Sunday, January 7, 5:00 p.m.

Barbra Streisand's directorial debut, *Yentl*, is a musical adaptation of a story by the beloved Jewish writer Isaac Bashevis Singer. *Yentl* (Streisand) is a young woman who wants nothing more than to study religious scripture. For more information, see page 3.

Following the movie we will enjoy a deli supper from Levine's and discuss the film.

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

Book Group

Tuesday, January 16, 7:30 p.m.

Join the temple Book Group to discuss *The Prison Minyan* by Jonathan Stone.

Coming Together as a Community to Discuss Antisemitism after the Attacks on Israel

By Andy Tarsy, temple member

On November 6, nearly a full month after the Hamas attack on Israel, we gathered as a congregation and community to reflect on the tragedy and the complexity that was unfolding, evolving and echoing in our lives. We brought together a diverse group of friends as expert resources on a range of topics, with the modest goal of taking a step in the direction of deeper understanding and, most importantly, a step toward one another as a congregation and community.

Dimitry Anselme of *Facing History and Ourselves* shared the observation that antisemitism is very real and dangerous right now and has been rising for a long time. He not only validated a widely felt sensitivity, but also urged the congregation to recommit to building relationships with other communities and cultivating shared empathy and understanding, where possible. **Peggy Shukur of the *Anti-Defamation League*** validated that the danger to Jews and Israel is very real, and that it is valid and appropriate to feel great concern for innocent people and the tragedy happening in Gaza during this war. **Psychologist David Rainen**, who grew up at Temple Emanuel, offered a perspective about how to process all these issues within our families. He encouraged us to embrace our complex emotions and create space for young people to ask questions, share their feelings and seek reassurance that

they are safe. **Chief Patrick Keefe and Detective Sgt. Mark Higginbottom of the *Andover Police Department*** joined Temple Emanuel Executive Director Maureen Chapman to focus on the commonsense elements of building safety and emphasize the strong relationship that has long existed between the department and the Temple.

A robust discussion in response to the panel covered topics from the situation in Israel and Gaza to what it would take to bring an end to all forms of hatred and prejudice, including antisemitism, as well as the hard questions of how to achieve peace and co-existence between Israelis and Palestinians. It was a good opportunity to voice our concerns and hear a range of reflections from the panel and one another.

My goal as moderator was to expose our community to the depth and sincerity of our friends, and to add more light than heat in an already passion-driven moment. I believe that strength requires not only candor and resolve, but also empathy and resilience. We choose to continue learning and building relationships in times like these as a reflection of our Jewish values and as part of a long-term strategy for our own safety and the safety of others. As a Temple community, we will continue our numerous paths of further engagement around our shared values and concerns.

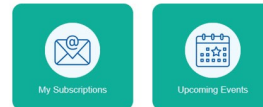
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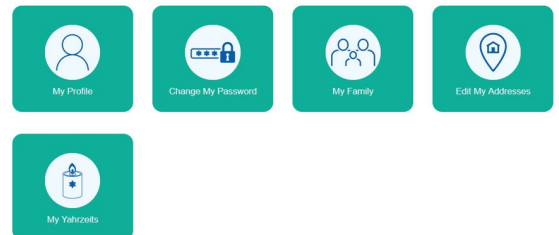
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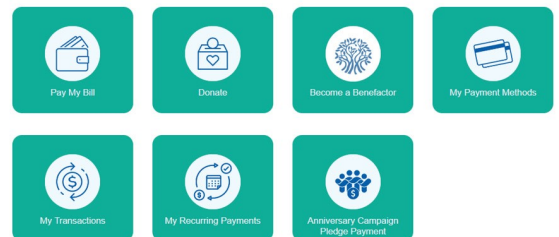
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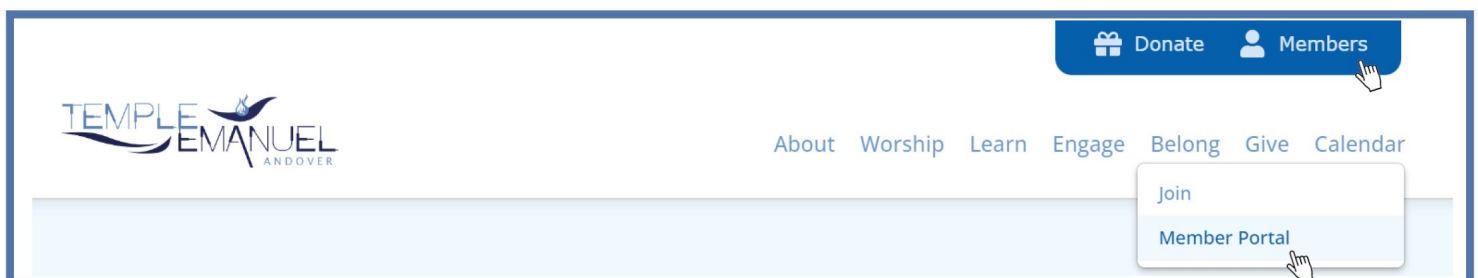


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The March for Israel

By Rebecca Joyner, temple member and Religious School Committee Chair

My cousin Nikki and I had been texting regularly after October 7, when we heard about plans for a rally in Washington, D.C. We'd both been shocked by how quickly the horror of that day had turned into upsetting speech--and sometimes just as upsetting silence--in the U.S. Her congregation was arranging transportation from New York, so we signed up. My teenage daughters, Delia and Annabelle, decided to join us. A week later we all boarded a bus together.



Nikki's rabbi read a prayer written for the occasion as we pulled out of the parking lot that morning: "I arise today/ in the name of hope and peace/ I am blessed and I am ready /I am here and I am present..."

The drive south was slow; the highway was crowded with other buses and with cars flying Israeli flags. When we finally arrived, we found a spot far from the stage, but near a video screen and a loudspeaker.

The two things I remember most clearly:

- **The hostages' families implored us to speak up.** Rachel Goldberg's son Hersh was kidnapped from the Nova music festival, and she has been everywhere since then advocating for his return. From the stage in D.C., she asked why "everyone in the world – all the screamers, the indifferent, the experts, the academics... the haters, the leaders, the lovers, the every single one of us... why, WHY is the world accepting that 240 human beings from almost 30 countries have been stolen and buried alive?" She took my breath away.
- **There were many of us, and our numbers mattered.** The crowd was estimated around 300,000. We were religious and secular, young and old, progressive and conservative. But we were of one mind on the issues of supporting Israel, freeing the hostages and combating antisemitism. Nikki texted a photo of the four of us to her cousins in Tel Aviv, and they sent back a video of themselves cheering.

On the bus ride home, there was wine for the grown-ups. I sipped mine from a plastic cup while I re-read the prayer that had launched our trip many hours earlier. "...I march today/ for my people Israel/ for my children and/ for my grandparents/ for our safety and for our future..."

A prayer for everyone marching for Israel tomorrow in Washington, DC:

By Evan Schultz

I arise today
in the name of hope and peace.
I am blessed and I am ready,
I am here and I am present.

I carry today
those who sat along the
rivers of Babylon,
who prayed to return home,
who longed to dance
in the streets of Jerusalem.

I stand today
for the pioneers
and for the soldiers,
for the hostages young and old,
for all those who mourn and grieve.

I march today
for my people Israel,
for my children and
for my grandparents,
for our safety and for our future.

I pray today
for more compassion,
for a world yet to be,
for generations yet to be,
for a world redeemed.

I place myself today
on the arc of history,
in our nation's capitol.
I stand as an American,
as Israel, as a Jew.

May I have the courage
to march peacefully,
stand proudly,
pray softly,
and sing with fullness of heart.

May we swiftly bring them home,
and may all God's sacred beings,
one day know wholeness and peace.

Rabbi Emeritus Roth's 100th Birthday Memories



On January 9, 1929, I arrived in the United States with my family from Europe. I was five years old. I studied at the yeshiva until I turned 18, in 1942, and was drafted into the United States Signal Corp. During my army service, I married my beloved Lillian, of blessed memory. I was in the European and Pacific theatres. I was in Germany when the war ended in Europe, and in the Philippines, then Yokohama and Tokyo, Japan, when the war ended with Japan.

When I returned to the U.S., our daughter Sheilah was six months old. I went to work to support my family. My older brother Michael said to me, "You spent all those years studying in yeshivah—you should go to Rabbinic school!" I listened to him and started Rabbinic school at Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City. It merged with Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, and my NYC classmates and I moved our studies to HUC in Cincinnati. We were known as the "Manhattan Transfer." As a Rabbinic student, I was permitted to serve as Rabbi at the Temple in Middletown, Ohio, even though not fully ordained, because of my years of yeshivah training. I was ordained in 1958 from HUC-JIR and served an additional four years in Middletown.

I became Rabbi at Temple Emanuel in Lawrence (which subsequently moved to the Andover location) in 1962, and served 28 years until my retirement in 1990. Memories of Temple Emanuel include:

The construction of the new building in Andover and congregants hand carrying sifrei torah from Lawrence to Andover like a relay race.

Annually taking the confirmation class to experience Jewish New York. We visited the Chabad headquarters, toured the Streit's matzah factory and saw a play on Broadway with Jewish content. I can't tell you how many times I have seen Fiddler on the Roof!

I invited Bill Baird, a well-known advocate for women's reproductive rights, to speak at the Temple. But I didn't realize when I extended the invitation, the controversy this would raise from the Catholic community and others who disagreed with Baird's views. So, we cancelled the talk. Baird's supporters picketed outside Temple in protest.

Subsequent to the Baird controversy, I helped facilitate an ongoing dialogue with local Catholic clergy, which helped our relationship with the community and also led to

Cardinal Cushing coming to the temple to speak.

My colleague and friend Rabbi Robert Miller and I, as part of a group trip to the then Soviet Union, visited refuseniks-- Jews who were denied exit visas. Many of them were scientists and professionals. We secretly brought them medicine, clothing and personal care items. Rabbi Miller and I were detained by the KGB for a few hours. It was a heartbreaking visit. At one point, when we were outside a refusenik's home, we were unable to complete our visit, since KGB agents were watching us.

I led a trip to Israel with local clergy so they could learn more about Israel. It was funded by community donors, so each clergy member only had to pay \$100. The Lawrence Eagle-Tribune sent a reporter who filed daily reports.

I contributed to the new prayer book for the Reform movement and got a mention in the prayer book's forward. Lillian proudly pointed out the mention when we had visitors at Temple.

Post retirement, I spent a few months each year for five years in San Jose, Costa Rica. I helped start the Reform congregation there and officiated at many life cycle and community events. Lillian and I spent 11 years leading services and Jewish holiday celebrations on Queen Elizabeth II around-the-world cruises. There was actually a small synagogue on board the ship!

I am proud of our congregants who grew up at Temple Emanuel and were ordained as rabbis, among them, Rabbis Karen Landy and Carole Balin. I officiated at many of their and their families' life cycle events over the years.

I am most proud of my family: my beautiful Lillian, who was at my side as the perfect wife and rebbetzin for 71 years; our children, Sheilah (Donald) and Michael (Sharon); our grandchildren Rachel, Sarah (Glenn), Sammy (Leah), and Danny (Gabi); and our great-grandchildren, Abigail, Benjamin, Emmett, Ezra, Simon, and Lily.



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Reflections from Rabbi Roth's Son

Dad considered the Temple Emanuel community as one big family, and I clearly recall his pride in serving as the rabbi of this community and being its representative in the wider Merrimack Valley for close to three decades. In particular, I recall my family always sitting in the second row of seats in the sanctuary, directly in front of Dad so he could easily see us during services.

Fondly and with melancholy, I recall my Bar Mitzvah in the Lawrence sanctuary to which the entire congregation was invited (and to a 13-year-old it seemed like everyone attended). I remember Passover Seders every year at our home in Andover, attended always by different Temple families with the goal of eventually inviting every Temple family who wished to join us for a Seder. I recall with pride the many great sermons Dad delivered on the High Holy Days, especially those in which he preached about the moral issues of his day (still as relevant today as when he first delivered them). He so often drew from his own family background--emigrating to the United States when he was a toddler and then attending the most Orthodox yeshivah in Williamsburg, Torah V'daat--to craft his messages for the congregation.

I remember his bringing me and Mom almost every year to

the annual meeting of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. I recall the many trips he meticulously planned and led to Israel for Temple members, and I would hear people talk about these in glowing terms for years! I will never forget the numerous confirmation class trips to visit many places of Jewish interest in New York City, including Temple Emanu-El, the offices of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (now the Union for Reform Judaism), the Streit Matza factory, and Broadway to see Fiddler on the Roof year-after-year (starting with Zero Mostel who created the role of Tevye)! I will also never forget his offices in the Temples, both in Lawrence and Andover, where I would "hang out" before and after services. I will always remember the retirement gala the Temple graciously and generously hosted for him before his retirement.

Alas, space limitations preclude my sharing a great many more memories. But the members of Temple Emanuel, when my Dad was its rabbi, are still an important part of his extended Jewish family today, even as he approaches 100. I know he would love to hear from you (easiest via email). From the Roth family to Temple Emanuel and the Jewish community in Andover, warm wishes for a happy and healthy 2024!

Michael Roth

Reflections from Rabbi Roth's Daughter

I echo many of the same sentiments as my brother. But, unlike Michael, when we moved to Lawrence I was already entering my senior year of high school. So the memories I have of my dad in the following years were through my many visits home for the holidays and vacations.

I always loved being the Rabbi's daughter which speaks well of my father. In addition, I was a goody-two shoes girl so I fit into the being-a-good role model shoes perfectly.

It is impossible to reminisce about my dad without talking about my mom. Unlike many other Rabbis and their spouses my mother and dad were a team. There wasn't a service, bar mitzvah, wedding, funeral, etc...he officiated at when she wasn't at his side.

I recall dinner times when the phone would ring and when they would ask for my dad my mother would say "Can I take a message? He is eating dinner." But, Inevitably, my father would succeed in convincing her that he would take the call. I also recollect that no sooner would he be finished eating dinner then he would rush back to the synagogue for a meeting.

Although he claimed to have not always been there when I needed him. In fact, when he retired he gave me a watch for

all the time he claimed he had stolen from me. But, I NEVER felt that way. He brilliantly managed being an always available Rabbi to his congregants and always available husband/dad/ for his family. Even at Temple meetings our family was on his mind. Apparently, he once started a Temple Board meeting with the question: "Before we begin who can get me two Cabbage Patch dolls for my granddaughters!"

My mom's official job at the Temple was running the Gift Shop. My mother had incredible taste and so it was a flourishing addition to the Temple.

My mom Lillian never lost an opportunity to share with someone that "I am the Rabbi's wife." She was incredibly proud.

I always used to say and today I echo those same sentiments: what he preached from the pulpit he practiced in public. Need I say more...

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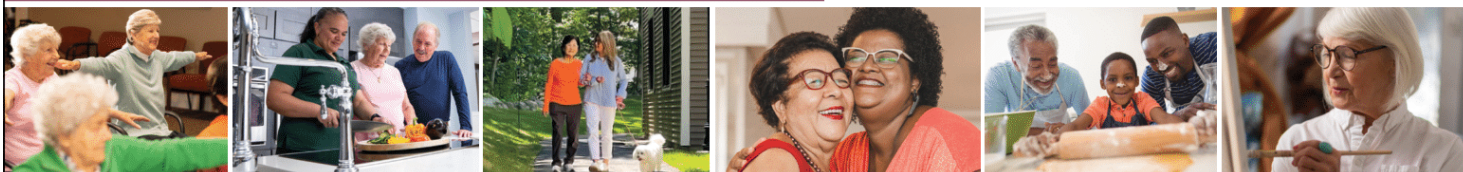
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COMMUNITY PURIM CELEBRATION

Sunday, March 24, 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
 All are welcome!

Don your favorite costume to celebrate the Feast of Lots. See our Purim shpiel and hear the whole megillah. Adults can visit our Purim Mimosa Bar. Youth will enjoy entertainment, games, prizes and much more.

Free for temple members; \$18 per guest family and prospective members

Want to participate in our Purim Spiel?!

Esther's Story: Taylor's Version: A Taylor Swift Spiel

Auditions and read through on Wednesday, January 17th from 6:00 -7:30 p.m.
 and Sunday, January 21st from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Rehearsal dates pending

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