



# TEMPLE EMANUEL BULLETIN

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## DID YOU GROW UP HERE?

That is often a question I ask to break the ice or find out more about someone I'm meeting for the first time. This is happening a lot lately while I'm with you for six months as your interim Rabbi.

I am learning in Massachusetts "here" is a different thing than "here" in the other states I've lived in, like North Carolina, Florida, Wisconsin or New York.

The town in which people in Massachusetts were born or raised might not be too many miles away, but I find everyone is very specific about where "here" is - Needham, Cambridge, Brookline, Lawrence and so on. Andover is also an answer for some, and that seems to be the "here" to which people think I'm referring. Actually, I generally mean the whole state of Massachusetts.

I love that town pride. I love that everyone seems to know the best this or that in each town and where to go for the best thing. I love that people drive far for cannolis or bagels and deli, and after tasting these things here, I feel it is definitely worth the drive.

Even though people are very tied to their "here" here, we as a Jewish people actually are far more used to wandering. One of our names, "Hebrews," literally comes from the Hebrew root meaning "to pass through," as if we are always wandering and never settling down. Even when we are settled as a Jewish people, whether in Israel or around the world, modern times have shown that while we feel attached to our "here" where we live, our enemies want us to leave, or anti-Semites want to let us know how much they hate us for being here.



**Rabbi Mates**

I think that is something so interesting about the Jewish people. Before 1948, our last "here" as a Jewish people ended in the year 70 CE with the destruction of the second temple in Jerusalem. If you have visited Israel, you probably prayed at the Western Wall, one of the retaining walls from the second temple that King Herod built. And I would guess that in your prayers at that holy and special place, one of the sites

closest to the Holy of Holies that was the center of the temple when it stood in Jerusalem, you probably felt at home there, too, in the Jewish homeland. I think it is understandable, admirable and beautiful that we as a people have several "heres" that define our homes. Remember when Abraham left his birthplace in the book of Genesis, there are multiple synonyms to describe the place where he is from. Words remind us of connection to physical place, to family and to ideas.

Rav Kook, the first chief rabbi of the modern-day state of Israel, had a poem that he wrote about the stones of the Western Wall.

"There are hearts and there are hearts,  
There are stones and there are stones,  
There are hearts made of stone  
And stones made of hearts."

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### DID YOU GROW UP HERE?

His touching and beautiful tribute to the power of the feeling one gets at the Western Wall and the heartfelt connection one has there is truly beautiful. But we do not only need to be in Israel to feel tremendous love, connection, gratitude and God.

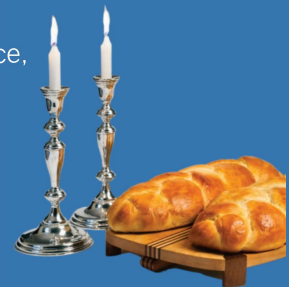
I can say after my first month here that this "here" of Temple Emanuel is full of heart as well. It is evident in all facets of Temple life, from the teachers of the youngest in the school to the congregants who keep watch over the cemetery, congregants of all ages engaged in incredible learning, beautiful worship in many forms, and especially the staff and lay people who make this "here" of Temple Emanuel simply the best "here" to be.

The Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel sponsors the mailing of this bi-monthly bulletin.

### CONGREGATIONAL SHABBAT DINNER Friday, March 15

After Shabbat evening service, which begins at 6:30 pm and features our 4th grade class.

Register by March 8th on the temple website.



### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Samantha and Dave Sullivan**  
**Ryan** (5)  
Andover

**Jenna and Patrick Martin**  
**Evie** (4)  
Wilmington

**Bruce and Ellen Wahle**  
Worcester

**Adam and Stacey Lipman**  
**Layla** (5) **Mason** (5)  
Haverhill

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are approaching the spring, a time of growth and fresh starts, and we at Temple Emanuel are experiencing that first-hand in meaningful and exciting ways.

I hope you have already had the chance to meet and hear from our interim Rabbi Jessica Spitalnic Mates. She has hit the ground running since arriving at Temple Emanuel two months ago, getting to know congregants, teaching children and adults, leading meaningful worship and life cycle events, and participating in our community. If you haven't connected with Rabbi Mates yet, I encourage you to schedule a time to chat. I know that you will walk away feeling engaged and inspired.

Once Rabbi Mates' time at Temple Emanuel ends on June 30, we will have the joy of welcoming our next settled spiritual leader, Rabbi David Wilfond, and his family to the Merrimack Valley. I'd like to thank the many congregants who gathered on Zoom in January to approve Rabbi Wilfond's hiring. We as a community will benefit from his vast experience in synagogue life, leadership in the Reform movement, and skills as an outstanding educator, gifted programmer and warm pastoral presence. He will build on Temple Emanuel's strengths as we continue to evolve together.

For our final staffing update, a big thank you to Mitchell Schneir and Jennifer Srivastava, who are overseeing the process to find our next permanent executive director. In the meantime, our interim executive director, Abby Mayou,



**Dana Katz**

is doing a phenomenal job partnering with our fantastic staff, volunteers and congregants. We are fortunate to have so many people who work so hard for the benefit of our community.

Those efforts have been very apparent in the incredible programming we've hosted, from an inspirational visit by Dr. James O'Connell of the Pine Street Inn to mah jongg lessons with the Sisterhood. And there is so much more ahead, including a Taylor Swift purim spiel directed by Cantor Rachel, our annual second night Passover seder and much more. In particular, please be sure to mark your calendar for the weekend of May 17, when internationally known Jewish musician Dan Nichols will spend the weekend at Temple Emanuel, leading us in song and sharing his uniquely powerful music. Special thanks to the Shack Family Fund for sponsoring this memorable weekend.

Just as the ground starts to thaw and we will soon see buds on the trees, Temple Emanuel is blossoming too. I hope you will take advantage of the many wonderful opportunities to connect with others, learn and grow this spring.

## WELCOME RABBI DAVID WILFOND

My family and I are excited to join the mishpucha (family) at Temple Emanuel in Andover. Your congregation has a great reputation as warm, friendly and musical. This speaks to our souls. We are eager to get to know you and form lasting friendships.

I became familiar with the Boston area when I was an Assistant Rabbi in Wellesley about 20 years ago. It is great to return to New England! My wife, Deborah, was raised in London, and we met in Jerusalem, where we raised our three children. In 2020, we moved to New York. Today, our son Isaac is 13, our daughter Eliora is 10, and our son Rafi is 9. They all have red hair, kind of like a Jewish version of the Weasley family from Harry Potter. We also have three cats, all rescues. Our family's favorite food is ice cream and we hope to share a cone with you at JP Licks or at a Red Sox game.



We look forward to sharing our love of Jewish life with you as we all come together to build on the strong foundation at Temple Emanuel and in the Merrimack Valley. We feel blessed to join your family as we all grow together on our lifelong Jewish journey!

Looking forward to being together starting in July.

Warmly,  
Rabbi David, Deborah, Isaac, Eliora and Rafi Wilfond

## RABBI SEARCH AND TRANSITION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Greetings! By now, you know that the Rabbi Search Committee has completed a successful search for our new full-time spiritual leader. Rabbi David Wilfond will join us July 1, along with his wife Deborah, son Isaac (13), daughter Eliora (10) and son Rafi (9). We are thrilled to welcome the Wilfonds to our Temple Emanuel family!

Rabbi Wilfond brings a wealth of experience to our synagogue. He has led congregations in New York, Wellesley, London, Israel and the Ukraine. He is a gifted teacher, an inspirational speaker and an innovative programmer. He is warm, engaging, compassionate and caring. He loves being Jewish and sharing his deep knowledge of Judaism with people of all ages.

We want to thank the members of the Search Committee: Nick Brown, Alyson D'Angelo, Tara Grossman, Lori Gerber, Nick Hirth, Toby Hodes, Nancy Kashanek, Heidi Kurland, Susie Novick, Alex Pawlowski, Tara Satlow, Amy Sebell, Lauren Tamaro and Andy Tarsy for their time, dedication and thoughtful contributions to our discussions, and for all their feet-on-the-ground work during visits and meetings with prospective candidates.

We would also like to thank Cantor Rachel and our Temple professional staff for meeting with candidates and providing helpful feedback during the search process. Last, but not least, our deep gratitude to Temple President Dana Katz and the Executive, Finance and Contract Committees for their unwavering support and assistance during the process.

We are beginning to plan for events and activities to welcome Rabbi Wilfond and his family to our community. If you would like to be involved in this process, please let us know by emailing us at rabbisearch@templemanuel.net

Kathe Tuttman and Dana Cohen, Rabbi Search Committee Co-Chairs

## FROM OUR INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



**Abby Mayou**

Now that I've met and begun working with the staff and clergy, I can say without reservation that Temple Emanuel is blessed to have such hard-working staff members who want nothing but to see the temple thrive and grow. Our weekly meetings are an invaluable tool to make sure we are all on the same page and nothing falls between the cracks. I've met and begun to work with many of you, the temple's dedicated congregants. You are, without a doubt, the most professional and committed, kind and respectful group of people I have been blessed to work with and that is very exciting! I have enjoyed working with everyone I have met here at Temple Emanuel.

I see this as a time for new beginnings and new opportunities in the functioning of the temple office. In my first two months as the interim executive director, I have been observing the operation of the office. In my 24 years of working in this capacity, I have seen different ways of operating and different kinds of systems. I bring this knowledge and many ideas to the temple.

There are some systems and functions that need to be updated. In some cases, those are missing and need to be put into place. As a part-time temporary executive director, I am keeping in mind that someone else will be sitting in my office in a few short months. I want their beginning to be as easy as possible.

We have begun to put a Policy and Procedure Manual in place in the office. This document will prove to be an incredibly valuable tool going forward.

I look forward to doing a deep dive into more of the functions of the temple and putting in place as many improvements as possible in my time here. I also look forward to meeting and getting to know as many of you as possible!

## 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**

No morning preschool, Full Steam Ahead will begin at noon, and religious school will be 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](http://www.templemanuel.net), for cancellations**





## DONOR SPOTLIGHT: ALEX AND LINSEY GOLDMAN

*Being in  
partnership  
with our  
temple*

“Andover is where we live, but the temple community is where we really feel we belong. We would not have settled here if not for the temple, and we have been members for almost 17 years! Our kids grew up at the temple, attending preschool and religious school, and becoming b’nai mitzvah and confirmation students. We have made “forever” friends through the temple, and have seen each other through simchas and also times of mourning. The temple clergy, staff, and community have been a source of strength for us when we needed it. The temple continues to play a critical role in our lives as congregants and volunteers (and for Linsey, it is also a place of employment in the preschool and religious school).

We joined the Benefactors Society for many reasons. Mainly, we want to help ensure that everyone who wants to affiliate with the temple is able to do so and we want the temple to continue to offer a robust lineup of programming. We have a unique understanding of temple finances through our current involvement on the finance committee and the development committee, so we understand that annual dues don’t fully cover the temple’s annual operating expenses. Additional giving is necessary to sustain and enrich our offerings. We see a lot of good organizations that need our donations, but this is a very meaningful and personal way to direct some giving.

Giving to Temple Emanuel is more than a financial transaction; it represents a deep and meaningful opportunity for engagement. Supporting the temple provides much-needed resources – but also helps to build a stronger connection with the temple and fosters a sense of partnership and commitment, encouraging donors to stay informed and involved. This is especially important as we need the commitment and engagement of our entire community to help launch us into the next phase of our existence.”

## I GET BY WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS



**Cantor Rachel**

You may know by now that I am a huge Beatles fan with a particular affinity for Paul McCartney. I often put a soundtrack of Beatles songs to my life and will randomly sing Beatles lyrics (or occasionally other artist's lyrics) when the mood strikes, or someone says something resembling lyrics to a song. So, these last few months, my number one hit soundtrack lyric would be "I get by with a little help from

my friends."

It is no surprise that the fall and early winter has been a challenging time on many fronts for us all. There has been no greater time, that I can remember, to turn to friends for support and encouragement for many reasons. This is exactly the reason why a community and being part of a congregation is more important than ever before. Without community, it is easy to feel isolated, alone and burdened with whatever it is that causes you stress or pain.

I was recently at a spirituality conference where the faculty introduced a song that was thematic to the practice we are studying and a Jewish mantra for the retreat. The soundtrack for the week included these words:

"I'm not alone, I'm not alone, I'm not alone, I'm not alone"  
(2x)

I forgot for a minute, who I belong to.

The mother earth, the wind and rain

The beauty and the pain.

I'm not alone; for me the world was created.

I'm not alone, to dust I will return."

The overarching theme in this theme song is that we always have God's presence with us, even if, and when, we feel alone. We can always tap into God's spiritual energy and presence in nature and in our world. It is always present for us. But I also truly believe that God brings people, both individually and collectively, into our lives intentionally. You know that saying "you are a gift from God?" Well, there are those people who are a gift to us. It's up to us how we cultivate and care for those relationships, but there are those who are gifts to us and who we are truly grateful to God for.

Which brings me back to getting by with a little help from my friends. In this life, I've been very grateful for the friendships and relationships that I've cultivated on this journey of mine. I've been especially thankful for those who have seen me through and stepped up to help these last few months especially. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank my interim clergy partner Rabbi Jessica Spitalnic Mates, who I share a best friend with and who, by the grace of God, was available and eager to be our interim Rabbi through the end of June. I am also so grateful to my former Executive Director, Abby

Mayou, who has graciously agreed to come out of retirement to help guide us for a short time until we secure a new director. As I said, it is good to have friends!

I am also incredibly thankful to our Temple Emanuel family, both our incredible and hardworking staff and our tireless, committed lay leaders, who have been offering support and help as we navigated our somewhat rocky waters together. We can look to a bright future now, with a wonderful spiritual partner in Rabbi David Wilfond to come and meaningful, joyful events to celebrate. I am grateful for my family and my longtime friends who, like you, are my chosen family. Lastly, I am grateful for that little ditty, sung by Ringo Starr, so many years ago. It is still true to this day.

## COMMUNITY PURIM CELEBRATION

**Friday, March 22, 6:30 pm  
and Sunday, March 24, 9:00 am**



## ESTHER'S STORY (TAYLOR'S VERSION)

Don your favorite costume to celebrate the Feast of Lots. See our Purim spiel – Esther's Story: Taylor's Version: A Taylor Swift Spiel – and hear the whole megillah.

Sunday's performance will be followed by a carnival. Tickets are free for members and \$18 per family for prospective members or visting families.

Adults can visit our Purim Mimosa Bar. Youth will enjoy entertainment, games, prizes and much more.

## DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION UPDATE

A few weeks ago, I was fortunate enough to attend the annual ARJE/ECE-RJ Yom Chadash Gathering. This annual conference brings together Jewish professionals who are educational leaders. This year, the theme of the conference was B'tzelem Elohim-Reimagining Belonging in our Jewish Spaces: Exploring Racial Justice & Intersectionalities. The location of Memphis, TN provided the opportunity to learn about the history and current struggles which added context to the work we collectively wish to accomplish in our field. The presentation and learning sessions were informative, eye opening, impactful and inspiring. The real gift was sharing conversations with other participants. The opportunity to learn about best practices (and desired areas of growth) in synagogues and temple schools around the country and the world from almost 300 colleagues was incredible. I was particularly moved when learning about the educators in Israel who have created Pop-Up preschools in resort areas to support the countries youngest learners during the tumultuous and overwhelming time of war. I was not surprised to learn that teachers, without hesitation, volunteered to take on leadership roles to ensure children who had been displaced from their homes and families, had a safe classroom space in which to learn, grow and live life as every child deserves to do. I am so grateful that I had the opportunity to attend the Yom Chadash conference. I brought home a deeper appreciation for our educators, staff and lay leaders as well as gratitude for our strong Temple Emanuel community.



**Betsy Kachel**

## YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Youth Engagement appreciates our Temple Emanuel families and those we have seen at our events so far this year. It is our hope to grow and foster more connections within our community, and we look forward to seeing old and new faces in the near future.

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. Tickets can be bought and waivers can be completed on-site or in advance online. RSVPs are requested but not required. We welcome everyone!

Youth Engagement is beyond thrilled, after almost a decade, to bring back the 6th-8th grade Shul-In during April school vacation. The 6th-8th graders at two other temples also will be invited to attend. Drop off your middle schoolers for an overnight at the Temple at 7 pm Saturday, April 13. The night will begin with a small Havdalah service led by musical talent. The rest of the time will be filled with movies, snacks, games and maybe a couple of hours of sleep. Pick-up will be mid-morning Sunday, April 14.

Mark April 28 on your calendar for an afternoon at Kimball Farms. More details will be available as we get closer, but plan for fun-filled mini golf, bumper boats, bumper cars, a petting zoo and so much more! Of course, there will be time for ice cream, too!

Heather Roberts  
Youth Engagement coordinator

**YOUTH ENGAGEMENT 2024**

# Upcoming MONTHLY EVENTS

*Information, dates and events subject to change*

- 3/3 LAUNCH**  
BOUNCE AROUND, PLAY DODGEBALL, HAVE FUN!  
\*WAIVER REQUIRED\*  
AGES 8+ | RSVP
- 3/24 PURIM**  
JOINING US FOR THE ANNUAL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CELEBRATION  
FAMILIES | SHOW UP!
- 4/13 6-8TH SHUL-IN**  
ENJOY A MOVIE NIGHT, HAVDALAH, AND SLEEPING OVER AT THE TEMPLE!  
6-8TH GRADE | RSVP
- 4/28 KIMBALL FARMS**  
MINIGOLF, ARCADE GAMES, ICE CREAM, AND MORE!  
FAMILIES | RSVP
- 5/5 WALK FOR HUNGER**  
PARTICIPATE ON TEMPLE EMANUEL'S TEAM, ORGANIZED BY THE 9TH GRADE STUDENTS AS A SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT. THE WALK IS 3 MILES AROUND THE BOSTON COMMON. IT WILL BE FIRST COME FIRST SERVE ON A TEMPLE ORGANIZED BUS. THERE WILL BE A MEETING POINT AT THE START.
- 5/19 FIELD DAY**  
ENJOY OUR 2ND ANNUAL OUTDOOR PARTY!  
FAMILIES | SHOW UP!

Contact Me!  
Heather Roberts  
Youth Engagement Coordinator  
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## SERVICE AND PROGRAM SCHEDULE: MARCH

### **Friday, March 1**

**9:30 am** Bagels, Babies and Beyond  
**6:30 pm** Sisterhood Shabbat Evening Service  
with Soul Sisters and Guest Speaker Karen Goldberg

### **Saturday, March 2**

**9:00 am** Shabbat Morning Service

### **Sunday, March 3**

**9:00 am** Religious School  
**9:30 am** Sisterhood Brunch  
**12:00 pm** Youth Event at Launch Trampoline Park  
**5:00 pm** Larry Hodes Movie & Deli: *Hand in Hand*

### **Wednesday, March 6**

**4:00 pm** Religious School

### **Thursday, March 7**

**10:30 am** Taste of Torah  
**1:00 pm** Mah Jongg  
**7:00 pm** Introduction to Kabbalah and Jewish Mysticism  
with visiting scholar Rabbi Neal Gold

### **Friday, March 8**

**9:30 am** Bagels, Babies and Beyond  
**5:30 pm** Tot Shabbat with with clergy and PJ Library  
**6:30 pm** Shabbat Evening Service

### **Saturday, March 9**

**9:00 am** Shabbat Morning Service

### **Sunday, March 10**

**9:00 am** Religious School  
**10:00 am** Self-Defense Workshop Series

### **Monday, March 11**

**4:30 pm** Cook for Bread & Roses

### **Wednesday, March 13**

**3:00 pm** Serve at Bread & Roses  
**4:00 pm** Religious School  
**7:30 pm** Temple Book Group: *Joshua: A Brooklyn Tale*  
**7:30 pm** Self-Defense Workshop Series

### **Thursday, March 14**

**10:30 am** Taste of Torah  
**1:00 pm** Mah Jongg  
**7:00 pm** Introduction to Kabbalah and Jewish Mysticism  
with visiting scholar Rabbi Neal Gold

### **Friday, March 15**

**9:30 am** Bagels, Babies and Beyond  
**6:30 pm** Shabbat Evening Service featuring Grade 4  
**7:30 pm** Congregational Shabbat Dinner

### **Saturday, March 16**

**9:00 am** Shabbat Morning Service

### **Sunday, March 17**

**9:00 am** Religious School  
**10:00 am** Self- Defense Workshop Series  
**5:00 pm** Film Screening of Shared Legacies:  
The African American – Jewish Civil Rights Alliance

### **Tuesday, March 19**

**6:00 pm** Joint Event with Rabbi Mates, Social  
Responsibility and Sisterhood Purim Panel: Charcuterie  
& Schmooze

### **Wednesday, March 20**

**4:00 pm** Religious School  
**7:30 pm** Board of Governors Meeting  
**7:30 pm** Self-Defense Workshop Series

### **Thursday, March 21**

**10:30 am** Taste of Torah  
**1:00 pm** Mah Jongg  
**7:00 pm** Brotherhood Night Out  
**7:00 pm** Introduction to Kabbalah and Jewish Mysticism  
with visiting scholar Rabbi Neal Gold

### **Friday, March 22**

**6:30 pm** Shabbat Evening Service: Purim Spiel

### **Saturday, March 23**

**9:00 am** Shabbat Morning Torah Study

### **Sunday, March 24**

**9:00 am** Community Purim Celebration & Purim Spiel

### **Wednesday, March 27**

**4:00 pm** Religious School

### **Thursday, March 28**

**10:30 am** Taste of Torah  
**1:00 pm** Mah Jongg  
**7:00 pm** Introduction to Kabbalah and Jewish Mysticism  
with visiting scholar Rabbi Neal Gold

### **Friday, March 29**

**9:30 am** Bagels, Babies and Beyond  
**6:30 pm** Shabbat Evening Service with Rabbi Mates  
and Spike Kraus

### **Saturday, March 30**

**9:00 am** Shabbat Morning Service



## SERVICE AND PROGRAM SCHEDULE: APRIL

### **Wednesday, April 3**

**4:00 pm** Religious School

### **Thursday, April 4**

**10:30 am** Taste of Torah

**1:00 pm** Mah Jongg

**7:00 pm** Introduction to Kabbalah and Jewish Mysticism with visiting scholar Rabbi Neal Gold

### **Friday, April 5**

**9:30 am** Bagels, Babies and Beyond

**5:30 pm** Tot Shabbat with with clergy and PJ Library

**6:30 pm** Shabbat Evening Service

### **Saturday, April 6**

**9:00 am** Shabbat Morning Torah Study

**7:00 pm** "A Night of Food, Fun & Laughs" Comedy Night

### **Sunday, April 7**

**9:00 am** Religious School

### **Monday, April 8**

**4:30 pm** Cook for Bread & Roses

### **Tuesday, April 9**

**3:15 pm** Serve at Bread & Roses

### **Wednesday, April 10**

**4:00 pm** Religious School

**7:30 pm** Board of Governors Meeting

### **Thursday, April 11**

**10:30 am** Taste of Torah

**1:00 pm** Mah Jongg

**7:00 pm** Introduction to Kabbalah and Jewish Mysticism with visiting scholar Rabbi Neal Gold

### **Friday, April 12**

**9:30 am** Bagels, Babies and Beyond

**6:30 pm** Shabbat Evening Service with Soul Sisters

### **Saturday, April 13**

**9:00 am** Shabbat Morning Service - Zoom ONLY

### **Thursday, April 18**

**10:30 am** Taste of Torah

**1:00 pm** Mah Jongg

**7:00 pm** Introduction to Kabbalah and Jewish Mysticism with visiting scholar Rabbi Neal Gold

### **Saturday, April 20**

**9:00 am** Shabbat Morning Service

### **Tuesday, April 23**

**6:00 pm** Community Passover Seder

### **Wednesday, April 24**

**4:00 pm** Religious School

### **Thursday, April 25**

**10:30 am** Taste of Torah

**1:00 pm** Mah Jongg

### **Friday, April 26**

**9:30 am** Bagels, Babies and Beyond

**6:30 pm** Rockin' Shabbat with Musical Guests  
The Fringes

### **Saturday, April 27**

**9:00 am** Shabbat Morning Service

### **Sunday, April 28**

**9:00 am** Religious School

**9:00 am** Sensory Seder

**12:00 pm** Youth Event at Kimball Farms

**12:15 pm** Auschwitz Exhibit Visit

### **Monday, April 29**

**10:00 am** Yizkor Service

## FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

### **Bagels, Babies and Beyond - Fridays, 9:30 am**

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

Ages one month and up.

### **Tot Shabbats - Friday, March 8, 5:30 pm and Friday, April 5, 5:30 pm**

Join our clergy and PJ Library for these special services.

## ADULT EDUCATION

Visit the calendar at [www.templemanuel.net](http://www.templemanuel.net) for more information or to register for our programs.

### **Taste of Torah - Thursdays, 10:30 am**

Please join us for an interactive class studying our sacred text.

All are welcome and encouraged to participate, online or in person!

### **Book Group - Wednesday, March 13, 7:30 pm**

Join the temple Book Group to discuss *Joshua: A Brooklyn Tale* by Andrew Kane.

### **Introduction to Kabbalah and Jewish Mysticism - February 29, 7:00 pm** (in person or on Zoom)

### **March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18 - 7:00 pm** (On Zoom)

A wide ranging survey of Judaism's mystical ways hosted by Visiting Scholar Rabbi Neal Gold.

### **Auschwitz Exhibit Visit**

### **Sunday, April 28, 12:15 pm - 5:15 pm**

**Location:** Bus leaves Temple Emanuel parking lot at 12:15 pm

**Cost:** \$50 per person

(fee includes admission, round trip bus transportation to and from Temple Emanuel and special debrief)



Join us for this unique and special opportunity to visit the exhibit Auschwitz. Not Long Ago. Not Far Away. This exhibit at the Saunders Castle at Park Plaza brings together more than 700 original objects of great historic and human value from the German Nazi Auschwitz concentration and extermination camp. Most of these objects have never been shown to an audience in New England before, and this is the only time this exhibition will be on the East Coast during this tour.

Sponsored by Temple Emanuel's Adult Education Committee

SPACE IS LIMITED. THIS EVENT WILL SELL OUT.

\*This event is open to members of Temple Emanuel only.

## SAVE THE DATE

### **Intergenerational Tour of Touro Synagogue**

### **Sunday, June 2**

Day trip to Newport with a special itinerary for all ages.

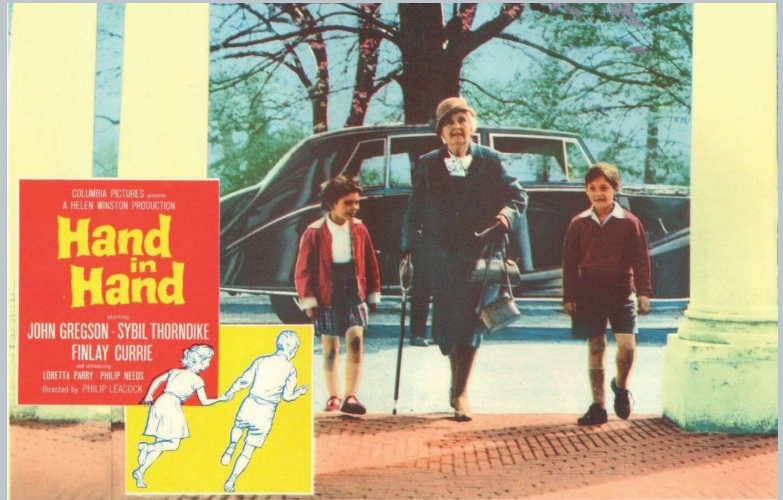
\$50 per person (18 and under – Free)

## LARRY HODES MOVIE & DELI: *HAND IN HAND*

**Sunday, March 3, 5:00 pm**

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

Please register at [www.templemanuel.net](http://www.templemanuel.net)



## SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Why is there 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.

### **Sunday, March 17, 5:00 pm - Shared Legacies**

Join us for a screening of "Shared Legacies" a powerful prescient documentary on the historical alliance between Jews and Black people.

Register for the movie and snacks at [www.templemanuel.net](http://www.templemanuel.net).



### **Tuesday, March 19, 6:00 pm - Charcuterie & Schmooze**

6:00 pm - Charcuterie & Schmooze followed by a panel discussion at 7:00 pm and dessert and coffee. At this time close to Purim, we will examine Women & Judaism & Vashti & Esther. With special guests, we will reflect on feminism and femininity in Queen Esther's world and ours. Moderated by Alyson D'Angelo and Amy Sebell, Rabbi Jessica Mates will share her I Have Your Back initiative, followed by Q&A. Sign up through the Temple website [www.templemanuel.net](http://www.templemanuel.net).

### **Sunday, May 5 - Boston Walk for Hunger**

Join us May 5 for the 3-mile walk around Boston Common to benefit Project Bread. Look for a sign-up sheet for the bus or support our walkers on the Temple website or the E-News. Your registration and a \$18 fee secures your place on the Temple bus and a snack. Congregants of all ages are welcome. This is being organized by the 9th grade Jewish Values in Action program.

### **Habitat for Humanity**

Interested in swinging a hammer, pushing a broom or installing sheetrock on a Sunday? Email [amy@amysebell.com](mailto:amy@amysebell.com). We're creating a list of volunteers. Date TBD, based on weather.

### **Second Nurture**

Last year, Temple Emanuel began hosting Second Nurture in our building monthly. Founded by Susan Silverman, sister of comedian Sarah Silverman, in 2017, Second Nurture supports foster families and provides opportunities for participants to meet around the country. After discussing fostering and adoption with hundreds of people in dozens of cities in the U.S. and Canada, Silverman realized that many more would foster and adopt successfully if they had direction, fellowship and support. If you are interested in helping 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 on the Temple website [www.templemanuel.net](http://www.templemanuel.net).

## SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY COMMITTEE WELCOMES DR. JAMES O'CONNELL

The Social Responsibility Committee was pleased to present an evening with Dr. James "Jim" O'Connell, founder and president of Boston Healthcare for the Homeless. The hybrid January 22 event drew more than one hundred attendees in person and eighty on Zoom.

Dr. O'Connell inspired the audience with stories from his many decades of full-time work providing medical care for homeless people in Boston. He shared his mission to engage in outreach by meeting people where they are, listening to them with respect, and treating them with dignity. He emphasized that it is possible to make real differences in the lives of vulnerable individuals by developing trust through regular, ongoing personal connections with a team of supportive caregivers who make it a priority to get to know those they serve personally. Dr. O'Connell also established the nation's first in-patient medical respite care site for homeless persons, which has grown from 25 beds in 1985 to 104 beds now. This innovative program serves those needing acute and sub-acute pre- and post-operative, palliative and end-of-life care.



Dr. O'Connell's groundbreaking work inspired Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author Tracy Kidder to write the New York Times bestselling book *Rough Sleepers: Dr. Jim O'Connell's Mission to Bring Healing to Homeless People*. Published in 2023, the book draws on material gained from the five years the author spent following Dr. O'Connell and his team in their work providing care for Boston's homeless population. Thanks to the Andover Bookstore for making copies of *Rough Sleepers* and of Dr. O'Connell's own book, *Stories from the Streets*, available for purchase at the event.

In honor of the program, Temple Emanuel 7th and 8th graders made dozens of "Blessing Bags," filled with items, such as warm hats and socks, snacks, and toiletries donated by community members, for Dr. O'Connell to provide to the people he and his team serve.

## TEMPLE EMANUEL YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS

Limited funding is available for summer Jewish camping and youth leadership programs through several named funds

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Rabbi Mates: [rabbi@templemanuel.net](mailto:rabbi@templemanuel.net)  
and

Elissa Oppenheim: [eoppenheim@templemanuel.net](mailto:eoppenheim@templemanuel.net)

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## MEMBERSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT

The Membership and Engagement Committee is working on several initiatives to further enhance our strong, diverse and enduring temple membership community, including ensuring our newest members feel welcome and connected. How can you participate?

We are formalizing a mentoring program to help new members get more acclimated to Temple Emanuel and provide an ongoing source for direct support and social connection. By volunteering to mentor a new member, not only are you helping them integrate into the community, but also you benefit from meeting someone new.

Please reach out to Lauren Tammara at [laurentammara@hotmail.com](mailto:laurentammara@hotmail.com) to be paired with a new member, or if you are interested in getting involved in other related initiatives.

## DAN NICHOLS - ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

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### **Friday, May 17, 6:30 pm**

Services featuring Dan Nichols followed by a festive oneg

### **Saturday, May 18, 10:00 am**

Morning learning session with bagel brunch

### **Saturday, May 18, 7:00 pm**

Havdalah and Saturday night concert

### **Sunday, May 19, 9:00 am**

Religious school concert open to the entire congregation followed by Field Day



### **Looking for a way to recognize a mitzvah or offer well wishes?**

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# NEWS FROM BROTHERHOOD

Greetings from the Brotherhood as we move out of the heart of winter and into brighter days.

January and February were exciting times for the Brotherhood. Our second breakfast of the year was a great one, with guest speaker Dan Shaughnessy, long-time Boston sports columnist and Boston Globe associate editor. A special thanks to Steve Cooper, temple member and WHDH 7News reporter, for helping to organize and moderate this event.

The attendance was, with almost 150 people attending, including many from outside the Temple community. It was a huge effort to plan and execute, so many thanks to Eric Schwartz for organizing the food and Fred Levine for the setup. The entire Brotherhood board played a part in this event, and we hope the community enjoyed it.

We also had two more Brotherhood Night Out (BNO) events. The first in January was at the new Three Amigos restaurant in Tewksbury. Thanks to Rob Dubman for coordinating. The second was at Oak & Iron Brewing in Andover. Many of our brothers were able to join in for fun nights of hanging out and chatting. We welcome anyone to join the next events. Please check your calendars.

We are excited to continue our comedy night tradition. The Brotherhood will host "A Night of Food, Fun & Laughs" Comedy Night Saturday, April 6, at Temple Emanuel. Our host, Johnny Pizzi, knows how to make our community laugh, and we are excited to welcome him back with a group of excellent comedians. Please join us for dinner, drinks and a hilarious show.

We have organized a great day to go to a baseball game on Sunday, June 23. This will be a family fun event at the Fisher Cats in Manchester, NH. We have reserved the third base Party Deck, where we'll be able to enjoy lunch and the game. Stay tuned for more information, and check the Temple website to sign-up. Seats are limited!

Please feel free to reach out to me at [TEAndoverBrotherhood@gmail.com](mailto:TEAndoverBrotherhood@gmail.com).

Alex Pawlowski  
Brotherhood President

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