

Reform Jewish rocker to play at Temple Emanuel next month

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ANDOVER — One of Reform Judaism's "most sought-after performers" will be coming to Temple Emanuel for a weekend in May. Dan Nichols will serve as an artist in residence from Friday, May 17 until Sunday, May 19.

"We are thrilled to be hosting Dan Nichols, a product of the Union for Reform Judaism and the Jewish camping movement, for a wonderful weekend in May," said Marcy Shack, Temple Emanuel board member. "We look forward to bringing Temple Emanuel members and the greater community together to listen and sing along with the beloved, dynamic Dan, our wonderful clergy and Temple leaders for an unforgettable Havdalah and concert."

The weekend will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Friday with "Shabbat Unplugged," described as "an upbeat, music-filled service for all ages." Then, at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nichols will lead a Shabbat study session for Temple Emanuel members only.

Later that day, at 7 p.m., Nichols will perform an all-ages concert followed by a dessert reception. Tickets are \$18 for nonmembers over 18 and free for nonmembers 18 and younger.

At 9 a.m. on Sunday, a religious school sing-along will be held for members only.

For more information on the weekend visit: <u>templeemanuel.net/dan-nichols-artist-in-residence-weekend/</u>

Nichols is a classically trained singer and received his Bachelor of Music degree in vocal performance at the University of North Carolina.

In 1995 he formed the Jewish rock band Eighteen and has been touring North America for the last 22 years. He and the band have released 13 albums.

He often serves as artist-in-residence and teacher for congregations and camp communities. Nichols has also performed in Israel at the Masada fortress and in the studio for the XM Radio presentation of Radio Hanukkah.

Tickets for the concert on Saturday are available at: <u>templeemanuel.net/dannichols</u>. Temple Emanuel is a more than one hundred-year-old reform congregation located at 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover.