



# BULLETIN

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## RABBI'S MESSAGE



Rabbi David Wilfond

Have you ever wondered what is the question rabbis are most frequently asked? In my experience, the most asked question is, "What should we name the baby?" Many families know the exact name they want in English but ask for help with finding the right Hebrew or Jewish name.

Names are very important in Judaism. In the Bible, it says, "A good name is more important than riches." (Proverbs 22.1) Jewish names have meanings. For example, Isaac means laughter in Hebrew. A name can be a prayer: May this child be filled with laughter and be an Isaac. A name can represent a partnership between God and the child. For example, the name Eliora means God's light. It reflects how God's light can enter the world through human beings. A name can give a sense of mission. Raphael means God heals. This might give a person named Raphael the mission to bring healing into the world.

A very common Ashkenazi minhag, a custom of Jews from Europe, is to keep alive the memory of a deceased family member by passing the name to the next generation. Among Sephardic Jews, it is considered a great honor to have a child or grandchild named after you while you are still alive.

Not every Jewish person has a Jewish name. There are a million possible reasons why someone might never have received a Jewish name. There is a custom in many synagogues that if a person never received a Jewish name and would like one, a ceremony is held on the week of *Parashat Shemot* (the Torah portion of names) and a Jewish name is given. *Shemot* means names. It begins the Book of Exodus with a list of 70 names of Jacob's family who went to live in Egypt during a time of famine in the Land of Israel.

This year, the Torah portion of Names falls on Friday, January 17. If you or your child never received a Jewish name, I invite you to the Temple on January 17 for a brief naming ceremony that will occur within our Shabbat service and receive a Jewish Name certificate.

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Please contact me at the Temple if you want to participate or if you need help in selecting a name.

In *Pirkei Avot*, also known as the Wisdom of the Sages, it is written: "There are three crowns – the crown of Torah, the crown of priesthood, and the crown of royalty, but the crown of a good name surpasses them all." This means people may be revered and honored for many reasons. Being respected for a good name is Judaism's highest honor. I hope you will attend our community's Jewish naming ceremony and celebration on January 17.

My wife Deborah and our children, Isaac, Eliora and Rafi, join me in wishing you a 2025 full of health and happiness.

With Blessings,  
Rabbi David Wilfond

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Ellen Zold-Goldman & Alan Goldman**

**Martha Kaufman**

**Alexander & Hannah Keller**

**Gaynor & Robert Kohn**

**Marcy McWilliams**

**Francine Miles**

**Michele & Peter Scavongelli**

**Risa & Jonathan Selig**

**Lois R. Solomon**

**Jonathan & Paola White**

**Gail Wolfe**



## 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.



# SAVE THE DATE

## APRIL 4 - 6

### INSTALLATION OF RABBI DAVID WILFOND

As Temple Emanuel formally welcomes our spiritual leader, Rabbi David Wilfond, we will celebrate an exciting chapter in the history of our synagogue with a full, festive, and meaningful installation weekend.

#### **Friday evening, April 4**

Festive congregational Shabbat dinner, Shabbat service and installation ceremony with special guests, and celebratory Oneg

#### **Saturday morning, April 5**

Shabbat teaching session led by Rabbi Wilfond, followed by a bagel breakfast

#### **Saturday evening, April 5**

Congregational Havdalah service with special musical guests, followed by a Klezmer concert, dance party, and dessert buffet



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dana Katz

It's not often that we light Hanukkah candles and make New Year's resolutions at the same time. Bringing together these two special traditions offers a unique opportunity to celebrate the miracles of the past while also looking forward to the future with optimism and purpose. As a Temple, we are bringing light into the world around us in a number of important ways.

As I shared in a recent email, we are working with Temple Emanu-El of Haverhill to welcome their congregants into our community, since their doors will be closing in June due to financial challenges. Temple Emanu-El of Haverhill's leadership sought out our congregation because of our strength, vitality and shared values. Bringing together our congregations in a thoughtful way will strengthen the Jewish presence in the Merrimack Valley as our two separate flames unite as a single brighter one. I am grateful to past presidents Michael Gerstein and Dave Trachtenberg for leading this process and look forward to keeping you updated.

We also will become part of a bigger Jewish flame as we join the Combined Jewish Philanthropies on January 1. With the recent closure of the Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation, we are starting a partnership with the CJP that will lead to new collaborative programming, the ability to broaden our Jewish engagement across Eastern Massachusetts and access to wider resources. We are grateful to the MVJF for their 36 years of devoted work and want to recognize our congregants who served with dedication and commitment on the final MVJF Board of Directors, Herb and Ann Kazer and John Shuman. Now we look forward to joining the CJP's large regional collective to continue strengthening our community. As the CJP says, "One seed can create a plant. Together, we can grow a garden."

As we continue to grow, ensuring the safety of all who use Temple Emanuel is the utmost priority. You may have noticed some changes inside and outside our Temple building recently. I am pleased to share that we are wrapping up phase one of our security grant, making \$150,000 in investments in the security of our Temple. Thanks to our House Committee, Safety and Security Committee, and staff for seeing through this important work.

In the spirit of both Hanukkah and the new year, I encourage each of us to think about the light we can bring to our Temple community. We all contribute to the strength and vibrancy of this congregation as together we enjoy a safe space filled with warmth, support, spiritual growth and learning. May this Hanukkah bring joy and peace to your homes, and may 2025 be filled with endless opportunities to brighten our world.



# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Michelle Gamliel

As we begin 2025, it's a perfect moment to reflect on the past year's experiences and events and look ahead with excitement for our upcoming milestones and programs. Looking back on 2024, I am grateful for the incredible strength and unity our Temple family displayed. Whether through our meaningful worship services, educational programs or acts of social justice, it has been inspiring to witness our congregation come together as a community to support one another. Every congregant plays an essential role in making our Temple a place where everyone feels valued, heard, enriched, and uplifted. We have created a community that thrives on kindness, inclusion, and spiritual growth.

I want to highlight our work together to give back to the community. Our Sukkot food drive, our Share the Light drive, and the many other social action initiatives and volunteer opportunities allow us to make a meaningful impact on the lives of those in need. This is the true spirit of *tikkun olam* — repairing the world through our actions. I encourage all the members of our community to engage in these efforts as we begin 2025. Every small act of kindness, whether donating time or resources or simply offering support to a neighbor, strengthens the fabric of our Temple and community.

As we enter this new year, I am excited that our Temple continues to offer programs that enrich our lives and community. From our thriving religious school programming and all of our social action events to our worship services and adult education programming, there is something for everyone at every stage of life in our Temple community. We always seek ways to help you grow spiritually, deepen your connections, and find new opportunities to engage in the Jewish community.

The Temple staff and volunteers are already working hard to put together our community Purim celebration, headlined by the infamous Purim shpiel. Our Passover seder in April will be another chance for our community to come together to celebrate and share in the joy of the season. Keep an eye on the calendar for more information about these and other exciting programs. I encourage you to get involved.

Finally, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to all who volunteer, contribute, and support our Temple in so many ways. Your involvement is what makes this community thrive. If you haven't yet found a way to get involved, please reach out to our Temple office at 978-470-1356 to learn more. There are many opportunities to participate, and every contribution is valued.

I wish everyone a healthy, peaceful, and fulfilling 2025. May this year bring growth, joy, and meaningful connections to all.

## BREAD & ROSES

Bread & Roses is continuing its mission as both a soup kitchen and a food pantry, and Temple Emanuel continues its support of Bread & Roses.

If you are interested in volunteering with the Temple Emanuel team serving a monthly hot meal to the food insecure at Bread & Roses, please contact Scott Mallory at [rscottmallory@gmail.com](mailto:rscottmallory@gmail.com) or Les Satlow at [lsatlow@gmail.com](mailto:lsatlow@gmail.com).

The food preparation of the monthly hot meal, consisting of macaroni & cheese and cookies, is going well. To volunteer with this Temple Emanuel team, please contact Judy Matulsky at [judymatulsky@gmail.com](mailto:judymatulsky@gmail.com).

Scott Mallory and Les Satlow, Bread & Roses co-chairs

## MAZEL TOV

For almost 20 years, Lois Rubin taught in our Religious School and prepared *b'nai mitzvah* students for their special days. On Saturday morning, November 9, Lois herself was called to the Torah as an adult *bat mitzvah*. Surrounded by her family, Temple family and friends, Lois led the morning service and chanted her Torah portion, *Lech Lecha*. Among those called to the Torah were Ethan and Rachel Rosenbaum, Lois's children and Temple Emanuel Religious School graduates. The Temple presentation was given by Addison Goldberg, Lois's student, *madricha* and friend. Lois would like to thank Cantor Rachel Reef-Simpson for her support and encouragement.





## DONOR SPOTLIGHT: ROB AND VANESSA WEISMAN

*When we see young families at services, we smile as we recall our own experiences in this congregation and reflect on the future joys that await them.*

I (Rob) grew up at Temple Emanuel and some of my earliest memories are playing with the tassels of my father's tallis as Rabbi Roth led services. Rabbi Roth officiated my bar mitzvah and I was in Rabbi Goldstein's second confirmation class. Fast forward over 10 years, after Vanessa and I met in New York City, we had the honor of Rabbi Goldstein officiating our wedding in Manhattan. In a wonderful coincidence, Rabbi Goldstein happened to be in NYC during the weekend of Lucas' bris, and he helped officiate along with the mohel he recommended!

Soon after Lucas was born, we moved back to Andover and our decision to join Temple Emanuel was inevitable. Vanessa joined the Sisterhood, became involved in the Social Action Committee and built strong friendships along the way.

After becoming part of the congregation, we had two more children, Samantha and Annabelle, and Rabbi Goldstein presided over their naming ceremonies. All our children attended the temple's preschool, became b'nai mitzvah in our synagogue and our two youngest are enrolled in the religious school's confirmation programming.

In short, Temple Emanuel has been a part of my life since I can remember and – as adult members – the clergy, educators and congregation have supported our family for over 20 years. Our temple was also an important part of my father's life as he grew up orthodox, attended the shul in Lawrence, and joined Temple Emanuel when he and my mother moved to Andover in the '70s. Attending services in this synagogue, whether on Friday nights or the High Holidays, was an essential part of his life and his identity. Temple Emanuel always provided him with a place where he found meaning, comfort and connection.

As I reflect on our experience with Temple Emanuel, both Vanessa and I share that sentiment. The temple has been a consistent source of support for our family in times of joy and sadness. With that in mind, we chose to support the Benefactors program as an opportunity to honor our family's long-standing connection to Temple Emanuel. We also recognize that the temple supports all members, regardless of means, and knowing that our financial contribution helps others experience temple membership is especially important to us.

When we see families with young children at services, we smile as we recall our own experiences in this congregation and reflect on the future joys those families will experience here as well as the support they will receive from their Temple community. Being members of the Benefactors Society is our way to contribute financially to help Temple Emanuel thrive and be strong for *all* families – now and in the future.

# CANTOR'S MESSAGE



Cantor Rachel Reef-Simpson

## Right Time - Right Cookie.

Have you ever had an experience when you've been in the right place at the right time? Or perhaps, someone you didn't know ended up being your angel here on this earth at just the right moment. Recently, I had a day when God put me in just that place at that time. When I'm home in Maine, I try to go to the beach once a week. At this time of year, it may be just to sit for a moment and stare at the ocean and breathe. But often in these winter months, I'm not such a shtarker (bigshot), as my Grammie used to say. The wind off the water can make it brutally cold. So sometimes I just grab a sandwich and sit in my car in the parking lot of Ogunquit Beach, Perkins Cove or Long Sands Beach.

On this particular Monday, I was a little lazy and picked up a sandwich and drink at the market in downtown Ogunquit. As I was waiting in line to check out, sort of like the candy shelves at the grocery store check out, I may have gotten tempted by a very large s'mores cookie the size of my head. Honestly, who needs a cookie that big? But, wondering what a s'mores cookie tasted like, I purchased it. I had every intention of sitting on the beach that day. However, I quickly realized it was far too windy and, though I had a sweatshirt, I neglected to bring a coat, so I stayed in my car for my solo picnic.

Not 10 minutes later, I heard what sounded like high-pitched screaming on the other side of the lot. Not someone shouting for help, but actual screaming and crying from a child. A large camper van two spots over was blocking my view, so I couldn't see anyone coming up from the beach. Initially, I was a bit annoyed that I came for 10 minutes of peace, and it was being disturbed. When it didn't stop after a few minutes, I got concerned. And then I saw them. This young woman was walking to her car parked beside me, struggling to carry an adorable, and flailing, three year old boy, who was soaking wet, very pink and screaming his guts out.

At first, I tried to channel my husband Phil and thought "OK, not my business." I also tried not to judge but was thinking, "Oy...this kid must have fallen in the water while he was walking on the beach with his mom; he must be freezing. Maybe not the best choice for them to be out there." I couldn't help but look in their direction, as this woman attempted to grab a change of clothes and undress and redress this child while he continued to throw a fit, physically and emotionally.

Just then, I had what Oprah Winfrey calls an "aha moment." And, if you know me at all, you know Mama Bear can't keep to herself. Suddenly, I realized why I was compelled to buy that enormous cookie (other than it looked delicious, and I had no will power) I rolled down my window while the woman was changing her screaming child beside me and said, "I have this large cookie. See, it's still wrapped. Can I give him a piece of this cookie?" I then stepped out of the car.

The woman answered, "He's autistic and can't speak. I am his social worker. I take him out a few times a week to give his mom a break. He loves coming to the beach and playing in the puddles, but he hates leaving and pitches a fit." Then I unwrapped the cookie, bent down to the boy, still screaming in his car seat, and handed him a third of the cookie. I rubbed his little pink feet to warm them while he took his first bites through muffled cries, and he started to calm down. I talked to him a bit, asking him if it was a good cookie. I then stood up, broke off another third of the cookie and handed it to the woman, telling her, "I think you need a piece of this, too." She took the piece from me and said, "You're a godsend. You don't know how much this means. Thank you."

Always buy the cookie!

## COMMUNITY PURIM CELEBRATION

**Friday, March 14th at 6:30 pm  
and Sunday, March 16th at 9:00 am**

Come join our cast and crew this year for our fun, entertaining,  
and joy-filled Purim Shpiel!

Auditions for "A Very Frozen Purim" Shpiel:  
Sunday, January 26th 11:30 am - 1:30 pm  
(Back up date: Wednesday, January 29th at 6:15 pm)

For more information, contact Cantor Rachel at:  
rreefsimpson@templemanuel.net





# SHABBAT SHIRAH SERVICE - THE SABBATH OF SONG

Featuring Cantor Rachel and The Fringes

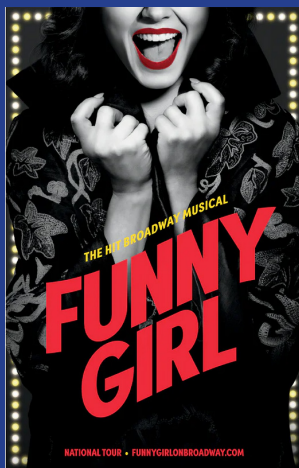
Friday, February 7th at 6:30 pm

Join us as we welcome back Cantor Rachel's professional band, The Fringes, to the bimah at Temple Emanuel for a special musical service filled with joyful, uplifting contemporary and classic Reform Jewish music!

## THE CANTOR'S CULTURAL SERIES PRESENTS: FUNNY GIRL

Saturday, February 8th at 2:00 pm

Citizen's Opera House, Boston



Featuring one of the most iconic scores of all time by Jule Styne and Bob Merrill, an updated book from Harvey Fierstein based on the original classic by Isobel Lennart, tap choreography by Ayodele Casel, choreography by Ellenore Scott, and direction from Michael Mayer, this love letter to the theatre has the whole shebang!

The sensational Broadway revival dazzles with celebrated classic songs, including "Don't Rain On My Parade," "I'm the Greatest Star," and "People." This bittersweet comedy is the story of the indomitable Fanny Brice, a girl from the Lower East Side who dreamed of a life on the stage. Everyone told her she'd never be a star, but then something funny happened- she became one of the most beloved performers in history, shining brighter than the brightest lights of Broadway.

Tickets are \$80 per person in the mezzanine and can be purchased on the Temple Emanuel website. Elevator access and carpooling can be arranged by contacting the Temple office.

## DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION'S MESSAGE



Betsy Kachel

It may be cold and snowy outside, but our school hallways are full of warmth, learning, and joy! In our preschool, we are busy meeting new families as they take tours and enroll for next fall. We also look forward to our annual Winter Warm-Up event on January 26 at 3 pm. We love gathering as a community each year for this interactive story time with a special snack and craft.

In our religious school, our sixth-grade students and their grown-ups will learn how to write a d'var Torah with Rabbi Wilfond on January 12. Our fifth graders will enjoy a special b'nai mitzvah experience on February 8. This annual program includes an interactive learning service as the students and their families begin to prepare for their special milestone. It includes a traditional kiddush luncheon and, most importantly, time for us to be together as a community. In February, we will also learn about and celebrate Tu'Bshvat in our classrooms together. We look forward to a wonderful winter together.

## PLEASE JOIN THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL'S COLLECTION OF ITEMS FOR "BLESSING BAGS" THROUGH JANUARY 14

How many times have you stopped at an intersection and seen people begging on the corner? When you do, it is heartbreaking. Our 8th and 9th graders are collecting items through January 14 to create blessing bags to distribute to Cor Unum, Bread & Roses and Boston Healthcare for The Homeless Program.

Items can be dropped off in temple lobby.

### Suggested items to donate (travel size items preferred):

\$5 Dunkin Donuts gift cards, band-aids, cough drops, toothpaste, deodorant, granola bars, snack crackers/cheese and cracker packs, beef jerky, peanuts, juice boxes, gum, mints, toilet paper, candy bars, hand/foot warmers, Neosporin, Chapstick, toothbrush, floss, cereal bars, socks, knit hats, raisins, applesauce cups, trail mix, hard candy, body wash, dried fruit and instant oatmeal.



# SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

## Friday, January 17, 6:30 pm - MLK Shabbat

We are honored to welcome the Rev. Lyndon A. Myers and Minister Michael Belcher, music director of the Andover Baptist Church, to join our Shabbat service in prayer and song on Friday, January 17 at 6:30 pm. Pastor Myers will discuss "The Divine Kingdom" (*Daniel 2:31-45*) and reflect on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life and work as the Chief Spokesperson for nonviolent activism in the civil rights movement, protesting racial discrimination.

## Monday, February 3, 5:30 pm - Seeking Justice for Wrongful Convictions

Join us for a stimulating program featuring Attorney Lisa M. Kavanaugh, director of the Innocence Program for the Private Counsel Division of the Massachusetts Committee for Public Counsel Services, on February 3 at 5:30 pm. Attorney Kavanaugh will describe her work as an innocence attorney, seeking justice for wrongfully convicted individuals in Massachusetts. She will be accompanied by one of her exonerated clients. Light refreshments will be served.

## Sunday, March 2, 3:00 pm - Panel on Reproductive Rights

The Social Responsibility Committee will present a panel discussion on reproductive rights, moderated by congregant Judy Eskin, on Sunday, March 2, at 3 pm. Panelists will include Carrie Baker, attorney and Smith College Professor of Gender and Women's Studies; Dr. Andrea Polonsky, Andover obstetrician/gynecologist and congregant; Jennifer McKenna, an expert on crisis pregnancy centers; and Abby Fisher, co-chair of the Massachusetts chapter of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. The panel will explore the legal, medical and social landscape for reproductive rights in the wake of the Supreme Court's Dobbs decision and will address opportunities for advocacy at the local and national level. Light refreshments will be served.

Please look for sign-up information in the weekly e-news and the Temple website.  
For more information, contact amysebell13@gmail.com.

Holli Roberts & Amy Sebell, Co- Chairs

# NEWS FROM BROTHERHOOD

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

We had an awesome turnout for our first breakfast of the year in November. Special thanks to Steve Cooper for helping to organize a panel including two other great local Boston political reporters, Sharman Sacchetti (WCVB News 5) and Jon Keller (WBZ-TV 4). Although Jon was only able to join us remotely, it was still an engaging discussion about election coverage and the impact social media has had on how we get our information and news. This wouldn't have been possible without Eric Schwartz and our breakfast group's hard work, along with a huge last minute effort from Jon Samel to set up Zoom in the social hall. Stay tuned for our next breakfast, scheduled for February.

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 Kachel and Judy Matulsky did a wonderful job getting everything organized. The latkes were awesome, as were all of the other snacks and activities. Many thanks to all of the people who came out to help in the kitchen, especially the efforts of Rob Dubman to help organize our group and Alyson D'Angelo for her hard work and support on behalf of the Sisterhood.

We held our first Brotherhood Night Out (BNO) of the Temple year at the Brothers Sports Grille & Bar in Tewksbury. Many of our brothers were able to join in a fun night, hanging out at a great new sports bar. Thanks to Larry Hurst for coordinating. Coming up in the next months will be more BNOs, including January at K1 Racing in Wilmington. Please check your email for details and come join us for fun.

Wishing everyone all the best, and as always, please feel free to contact me at TEAndoverBrotherhood@gmail.com.

Alex Pawlowski, Brotherhood President



The graphic features the Brotherhood Temple Emanuel Andover logo at the top left, which includes a stylized flame icon. To the right is a large white quotation mark. Below the logo is a yellow box with the word "Join" in black. In the center, a white box contains the word "Brotherhood" in a large, bold, black font. To the right of this text is a photograph of five men standing together in a hallway, wearing dark blue Brotherhood shirts. Below the photo is a list of benefits: "Build strong connections", "Make new friends", "Participate in exciting activities", "Hear dynamic speakers", "Build stronger communities", "Community based programs", and "Get involved!". At the bottom right, there is a "SCAN" button with a right-pointing arrow and a QR code. Below the QR code is the text "For more information". At the bottom left of the graphic is an email icon followed by the address "Brotherhood@templemanuel.net".



# NEWS FROM SISTERHOOD

As we step into 2025, the Sisterhood is excited to bring our community closer with engaging programs, meaningful connections and plenty of fun! Thank you to all who donated to Share the Light. Your generosity helped give many Merrimack Valley children a brighter holiday season. We could not have done it without the amazing volunteer efforts of Tracey Berman, Dana Katz and Beth Mittelman.

Now, get ready to mark your calendars for some fun! We are launching a new Mah Jongg class on Monday nights in January, in addition to our Thursday afternoon games. Discover the joy of this timeless game. Whether you're a beginner or looking to brush up your skills, look for sign-up details in e-News. If baking is more your style, indulge your sweet tooth and enjoy an evening of laughter, friendship and deliciousness in February. Be on the lookout for these events and more in the Temple e-News, on the Sisterhood Facebook page and the Sisterhood website.

Your Sisterhood is here to support and celebrate each other through every season. Let's make 2025 a year filled with warmth, laughter and shared traditions. We can't wait to see you at our upcoming events.

Alyson D'Angelo, Sisterhood President  
alysonzdangelo@gmail.com



JOIN SISTERHOOD TODAY

<https://templemanuel.net/community/sisterhood/>

OR SEND YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO SISTERHOOD TO  
THE SISTERHOOD OF TEMPLE EMANUEL  
7 HAGGETTS POND ROAD  
ANDOVER, MA 01810  
ATTN: MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

## SISTERHOOD BAKING NIGHT

→ Led by *Jodi Luber*

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11**      **TEMPLE EMANUEL KITCHEN**  
6 – 8 PM

**\$10** SISTERHOOD MEMBERS  
**\$15** NON MEMBERS



RSVP ON THE SISTERHOOD WEBSITE OR BY SCANNING THE QR CODE



### Monday Nights, 7:00 PM

# MAH JONGG

*Let's get together and play Mah Jongg!!!*

Come one! Come all!  
New and experienced players welcome.  
Cost: \$18 to register  
Come to as many sessions as works for you.

Winter 2025 - Select Mondays  
**JANUARY 6, 13, 27**  
**FEBRUARY 3, 10, 24**

RSVP on the Sisterhood website or by scanning the QR code



save the date

# Spring Soiree

May 4, 2025

# SERVICE AND PROGRAM SCHEDULE: JANUARY

## Thursday, January 2

**9:30 am** Middle East Discussion Group  
**10:30 am** Taste of Torah  
**1:00 pm** Mah Jongg

## Friday, January 3

**9:30 am** Babies, Bagels and Beyond  
**6:30 pm** Shabbat Evening Service

## Saturday, January 4

**9:00 am** Shabbat Morning Service

## Sunday, January 5

**9:00 am** Tot Traditions: Tzedakah-Themed Program  
**9:30 am** Adult Education: Exploring Judaism for Jews and Non-Jews Alike

## Monday, January 6

**7:00 pm** Monday Night Mah Jongg

## Thursday, January 9

**9:30 am** Middle East Discussion Group  
**10:30 am** Taste of Torah  
**1:00 pm** Mah Jongg

## Friday, January 10

**9:30 am** Babies, Bagels and Beyond  
**5:00 pm** Tot Shabbat with Clergy and PJ Library  
**6:30 pm** Shabbat Evening Service

## Saturday, January 11

**9:00 am** Shabbat Morning Service

## Sunday, January 12

**5:00 pm** Larry Hodes Movie and Deli Night

## Monday, January 13

**5:00 pm** Cooking for Bread & Roses  
**7:00 pm** Monday Night Mah Jongg

## Tuesday, January 14

**3:00 pm** Serving at Bread & Roses

## Thursday, January 16

**9:30 am** Middle East Discussion Group  
**10:30 am** Taste of Torah  
**1:00 pm** Mah Jongg

## Friday, January 17

**9:30 am** Babies, Bagels and Beyond  
**6:30 pm** Shabbat Evening Service: MLK Shabbat with Rev. Lyndon A. Myers and Minister Michael Belcher and Jewish Naming Ceremony

## Saturday, January 18

**9:00 am** Shabbat Morning Service (Zoom Only)

## Tuesday, January 21

**8:15 am** Red Cross Blood Drive

## Thursday, January 23

**9:30 am** Middle East Discussion Group  
**10:30 am** Taste of Torah  
**1:00 pm** Mah Jongg  
**6:30 pm** Brotherhood K1 Indoor Go Kart Racing

## Friday, January 24

**9:30 am** Babies, Bagels and Beyond  
**6:30 pm** Shabbat Evening Service

## Saturday, January 25

**9:00 am** Shabbat Morning Service

## Sunday, January 26

**9:00 am** Pulpit Exchange at South Church  
**3:00 pm** Preschool Winter Warm-Up Event

## Monday, January 27

**7:00 pm** Monday Night Mah Jongg

## Thursday, January 30

**9:30 am** Middle East Discussion Group  
**10:30 am** Taste of Torah  
**1:00 pm** Mah Jongg

## Friday, January 31

**9:30 am** Babies, Bagels and Beyond  
**6:30 pm** Shabbat Evening Service

Visit [www.templemanuel.net/#calendar](http://www.templemanuel.net/#calendar) for more information.

# SERVICE AND PROGRAM SCHEDULE: FEBRUARY

## **Saturday, February 1**

**9:00 am** Shabbat Morning Service

## **Sunday, February 2**

**9:30 am** Adult Education: Exploring Judaism for Jews and Non-Jews Alike

## **Monday, February 3**

**5:30 pm** Seeking Justice for Wrongful Convictions

**7:00 pm** Monday Night Mah Jongg

## **Tuesday, February 4**

**12:45 pm** Red Cross Blood Drive

## **Thursday, February 6**

**9:30 am** Middle East Discussion Group

**10:30 am** Taste of Torah

**1:00 pm** Mah Jongg

## **Friday, February 7**

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

**6:30 pm** Shabbat Shira Evening Service with special musical guest, the Fringes

## **Saturday, February 8**

**9:00 am** Shabbat Morning Service

**10:00 am** Kitah Hey (5th Grade) B'nai Mitzvah Experience

**2:00 pm** The Cantor's Cultural Series: Funny Girl

## **Sunday, February 9**

**9:30 am** Adult Education: Exploring Judaism for Jews and Non-Jews Alike

**5:00 pm** Larry Hodes Movie and Deli Night

## **Monday, February 10**

**5:00 pm** Cooking for Bread & Roses

**7:00 pm** Monday Night Mah Jongg

## **Tuesday, February 11**

**3:00 pm** Serving at Bread & Roses

**6:00 pm** Sisterhood Baking Night

## **Thursday, February 13**

**9:30 am** Middle East Discussion Group

**10:30 am** Taste of Torah

**1:00 pm** Mah Jongg

## **Friday, February 14**

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

**5:00 pm** Tot Shabbat with Clergy and PJ Library

**6:30 pm** Tu B'Shevat Shabbat Evening Service

## **Saturday, February 15**

**9:00 am** Shabbat Morning Service (Zoom Only)

## **Tuesday, February 18**

**2:00 pm** Red Cross Blood Drive

## **Thursday, February 20**

**9:30 am** Middle East Discussion Group

**10:30 am** Taste of Torah

**1:00 pm** Mah Jongg

## **Friday, February 21**

**6:30 pm** Shabbat Evening Service

## **Saturday, February 22**

**9:00 am** Shabbat Morning Service

## **Monday, February 24**

**7:00 pm** Monday Night Mah Jongg

## **Thursday, February 27**

**9:30 am** Middle East Discussion Group

**10:30 am** Taste of Torah

**1:00 pm** Mah Jongg

## **Friday, February 28**

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

**6:30 pm** Shabbat Evening Service with special guest, Rev. Dana Walsh, and music from the Aliyah Band and the Soul Sisters

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