



BULLETIN

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RABBI'S MESSAGE



Rabbi David Wilfond

Between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

With deep sadness I share the news of my mother's passing during the Ten Days of Awe — the sacred days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, when our tradition teaches that every soul stands in judgment before God.

This year, just as we were concluding our congregation's annual cemetery service, the cell phone in my pocket began to buzz. It was my brother calling to tell me that our mother had just died. I stood among the gravestones with the words of *El Malei Rachamim* still hanging in the air. Moments later, I needed to drive to the Haverhill Cemetery to lead the next of our annual memorial services. It was not easy to stand before others so soon after hearing such news. A few days later, I led our Yom Kippur services and Yizkor, carrying tremendous personal sadness even as I sought to bring comfort to others.

Our sages teach that on Rosh Hashanah our fates are written and on Yom Kippur they are sealed. The Midrash adds that one who dies during the days in between is given a *siman yafeh* — a good sign — for their soul. To die during this sacred time is seen as a sign of spiritual closeness to God.

Our Jewish mourning traditions provide a spiritual structure for grieving. Before burial comes *aninut*, the stunned stillness that accompanies fresh loss. With burial, *shiva* begins — seven days of remembering, comforting and community embrace. Then *shloshim*, 30 days of gradual return to daily life. Jewish mourning does not rush mourning; it gives it dignity and form.

In Hebrew, the word for a coffin is *Aron*, the same word used for the *Aron HaKodesh*, the Holy Ark that holds the Torah scrolls. The sages saw meaning in this. Just as the *Aron HaKodesh* carries sacred words written on parchment, the *Aron* (burial coffin), holds a person who carries sacred words written on their skin. Each one of us is a living scroll, and written upon our bodies is the Torah of our lives. This is called *Torat Chayim*, the Torah of Life. When we accompany someone to burial, we are in truth escorting an ark that carries a sacred scroll, our beloved.

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My mother's life was filled with Torah — not only the kind written on parchment, but the Torah of kindness, song, and teaching. For decades, she served as a Hebrew school principal and cantor, shaping generations of Jewish children and inspiring countless families. She profoundly influenced my own path toward the rabbinate. Had she been born in another era — not amid the Great Depression and World War II — I have no doubt she would have become a rabbi herself. She grew up in an era when women were not permitted to become rabbis. Her passion as a woman in Jewish leadership was far ahead of her time.

My family and I have been deeply moved by the love and support that you, our congregation, have shown throughout shiva. Your calls, visits, and prayers have been a great source of comfort and strength. May the memory of my mother, Carolyn Wilfond (*Chaya Brana Bat Dov Ber haLevy v'Shira*) be for a blessing, and may all who mourn be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.



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, for cancellations



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Nick Hirth

I don't know about you, but fall is my favorite time of year. The air turns crisp, the trees burst with color, and my memories fill with family, friends, and cherished traditions. It's during this season that my family used to host large dinners for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur—often with people we hadn't seen since Passover. It never mattered how much time had passed; they were my family and my community.

Temple Emanuel has wrapped up another meaningful year of High Holy Days. Although the people and traditions have evolved since my childhood, that same sense of community and connection remains strong. This year's programming provided a wonderful, spiritually uplifting experience. It was heartening to see the sanctuary and social hall so full, and to be surrounded by both familiar and new faces.

From Tashlich at Pomp's Pond to the Rosh Hashanah community potluck and the break-fast celebration, there were so many opportunities to come together. We danced with our Torahs at Simchat Torah, and I hope you had a chance to spend some time in the Sukkah— before it collapsed in the storm! I especially enjoyed smelling the etrog and shaking the lulav.

None of this would have been possible without the efforts of our clergy, staff, and volunteers. I would like to thank Rabbi Wilfond, Cantor Rachel, and Rabbinic Student Leah Trachtenberg for inspiring us through prayer. Recognition is also due to our Torah readers, ushers, honorees, and the Security Committee. Thank you to Julie Bernstein, Renee Metsch and Dana Katz for organizing the break-fast, and Sue Brenner for leading the youth programming. A special thank-you goes to our staff and custodians, who worked tirelessly to prepare and coordinate the many details that make the holidays so special.

Looking ahead, there is so much happening at Temple Emanuel. Be sure to go to our website and e-News for more ways to connect with your community. Although the leaves may be falling, know your family and community have a place here—no matter how long it's been.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Michelle Gamliel

We've just wrapped up a beautiful and meaningful High Holy Day season—and now, with the crisp air and falling leaves, it's officially fall!

I'm thrilled to share that more than 750 people joined us in person and many more participated online for High Holy Day services this year. It was a truly special time filled with spiritual connection, thoughtful conversations, and a strong sense of community. Whether it was your first time at Temple Emanuel or you've been part of our community since religious school, it was wonderful to see you in the building. Your presence helped make the holidays even more memorable.

A heartfelt thank you to our incredible staff and dedicated volunteers, who worked tirelessly to make everything run so smoothly. Your time, energy, and care did not go unnoticed—we are deeply grateful.

As we look ahead to November and December, we're excited for a full calendar of events for all ages and interests! From Babies, Bagels, and Beyond, to Taste of Torah, our adult Exploring Judaism class, Tot Shabbats, and much more, there's something for everyone.

Mark your calendars for two upcoming events:

- New Member Shabbat Evening Service on Friday, November 14
- Candlelight Shabbat Dinner on Friday, December 19

We can't wait to welcome you through our doors for these special events and gatherings.

See you at Temple Emanuel!

CANTOR'S MESSAGE



Cantor Rachel Reef-Simpson

A Jewish Mother's Guilt

It is the week of Sukkot when we read from the book of Ecclesiastes the well-known verses:

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
A time to be born, and a time to die; A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
A time to mourn, and a time to dance....A time to seek, and a time to lose."

We just concluded Yom Kippur, where my most profound moment of *nachas* came during the Yizkor service, when I sang "Hallelujah" by Leonard Cohen, while my eldest son Alex Simpson played the lyre, the ancient musical instrument of King David that is mentioned in the lyrics. Singing and playing that piece together brought me to that profoundly spiritual moment that cantors, but most importantly mothers, hope for and dream of. I hope you joined me in feeling God's presence in the sanctuary at that moment. It was a spiritual high!

And yet, days later, in this same season, on October 7th, I posted a picture on Facebook of the Bibas children in their Batman costumes juxtaposed with a picture of my sons Alex and Ian dressed as Batman and Robin and wrote these words: "I got to see my Batman and Robin grow up. TWO YEARS TOO MANY! On this horrific anniversary, and in what is supposed to be this season of joy, I pray, no I plead, that the sons of other Jewish parents are returned to their families and that together we find a path to an everlasting peace so that all parents can hug and kiss and dress their children up as Batman."

Then days later, still during Sukkot in our season of joy, on the eve of Simchat Torah, I sat on my couch until 2:20 am, literally holding my breath while losing the ability to keep my eyes open, desperately watching for the first of our Israeli sons to be released after two years held hostage by Hamas. I'll admit, I got as far as seeing the first Red Cross truck leaving Gaza with the young men inside before I couldn't stay awake any longer. It probably would have been better had I gone to bed early and woken up early, but the Jewish mama bear in me just couldn't go to sleep until I saw something.

That morning, it was a time to dance and a time to celebrate, as we watched 20 men returned to their country, their families, their wives, their moms. I was elated. Again, a moment of profound joy, of relief. I heard the wailing of parents and connected to moments when I've experienced similar sorrow mixed with joy, though I cannot imagine the magnitude of both of these emotions for these parents. I sat and cried and smiled and cheered.

But these moments were fleeting, as I began to focus on the grief of the parents whose sons were not returned to them on October 13th. Did they know they were not going to see their sons, their husbands, their fathers again or did the return of the living hostages confirm the worst fears of the parents whose sons did not return? Had they prepared to grieve while others rejoice? Rachel Goldberg-Polin, mother of slain hostage Hersh Goldberg-Polin, eloquently expressed, "We are all elated and relieved for the families... It is what everyone has worked and prayed for these 736 torturous and inexplicable days. And at the exact time, we embrace with tenderness the families of children and loved ones who we pray will come back to be buried. How do we hold these paradoxical and yet appropriate sensations at the same time? Please, dear God, let us do it with delicate tenderness and holiness toward each other."

And so I sit, a Jewish mother, struggling with guilt that I am both happy and sad, relieved for some families and grieving along with others. Happy that I got to dress my kids up like Batman and Robin while other families, on both sides of this tragedy, will not experience this joy...and won't experience a profound moment in a Temple sanctuary with their Batman, now grown up. Accept the moments of guilt, but, most importantly, embrace the seasons of joy.



BREAD & ROSES

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Our 2025 Hybrid Yom Kippur Food Drive raised \$3,300 to support the incredible work of Bread & Roses to provide nutritious meals to our food-insecure neighbors. Your donations of non-perishable pantry items will brighten the lives of many Bread & Roses visitors by helping stock their empty shelves.



For decades, Temple members have shopped, cooked, and served monthly meals, run spontaneous “critical needs drives,” served holiday meals, and run our annual Yom Kippur Food Drive - all through your generosity.

Temple Emanuel has proudly supported the 40 plus year mission of Bread & Roses: *to provide critical life, health, and safety supports with dignity and respect, without cost, question, or wait, to whoever requests them with the belief that food, warm clothing, and the means to care for oneself is the least that we can provide for our neighbors.*

Based upon recent statistics, Bread & Roses needs your unwavering support as its impact has grown by 1,000% this year, including 81,818 pounds of community meals served, 657,085 pounds of food distributed to partner organizations, 2 million pounds of rescued food, 1,634,853 pantry meals, and 826,070 pounds of emergency pantry orders. 10,000 pounds (10%) of the 90,000 pounds of food donated annually comes from food drives at temples, churches, and schools.

Thank you for your unwavering support!

To learn how you can contribute to Bread & Roses throughout the year, contact www.breadandroseskitchen.org.



DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION'S MESSAGE



Betsy Kachel

A Joyful Start to Fall in Our Temple Schools

As the leaves turn and the crisp New England air settles in, our Temple schools are buzzing with energy, learning, and celebration. We've welcomed the new school year with open arms — honoring the High Holy Days and embracing the beauty of the fall season together. Our Religious School is off to an exciting start. Looking ahead, we're thrilled to host a Camp Fair on November 9, a youth engagement activity (details coming soon!), and a fun cupcake decorating event for 3rd–5th graders on November 23. There's something for everyone, and we can't wait to share these moments with our students and families.

In the Preschool, we're gearing up for Parent-Teacher Conferences on November 4. We're especially excited to host our first ever Book Fair which is a wonderful opportunity for families to explore the joy of reading together. Looking toward December, we'll welcome winter with open hearts and celebrate the season of light and love. Please join us for our

Chanukah celebration on Sunday, December 14 at 9:00 am—a morning filled with warmth, community, and holiday spirit. As always, we invite you to visit our schools, see our incredible educators in action, and experience the joy of hands-on, meaningful learning happening every day.



DONOR SPOTLIGHT:

BARBARA AND ERIC HOLSTEIN

The temple has been a place we have called home for 35 years and we are so grateful.

In 1990 we moved to Andover and started a new chapter in our lives. Eric had just finished his residency and was joining Sam Gerber, a fellow congregant, in an orthopaedic surgery practice. Our son, David, was almost five and our daughter, Carly, was one-and-a-half. Our first concern was finding a preschool. The Gerbers recommended the temple's preschool; thus began our life at Temple Emanuel.

During our first year in town, with David enrolled in the preschool and Carly in Toddler Time, we became members of the temple. Soon we joined the temple's "couples' club." It was here at Temple Emanuel where we were welcomed with open arms, made new friends and found our home.

The temple quickly became part of our everyday life. I (Barbara) began an active role in Sisterhood, children's programming, the religious school PTO, holiday events, and eventually took on leadership positions, serving as Sisterhood president and Youth Commission chair. Additionally, I often volunteered in the office, which evolved into a full-time job as Rabbi Goldstein's assistant for over 20 years! On a few occasions I served as interim executive director (even coming out of retirement to do so). I remain involved in congregational life and serve on the Board of Governors, participate on the Development and Membership Committees, am a regular at Sisterhood programs, prepare meals for Bread & Roses and more.

Eric coordinated the High Holy Day ushers for many years. He still enjoys ushering, greeting friends, long-time members and new temple families. He also whips up macaroni and cheese for Bread & Roses every month in the temple kitchen.

Our children continued their involvement through preschool, religious school, youth group and confirmation. Even though their lives have taken them out of state and we have moved to New Hampshire, we continue to enjoy the temple's many offerings.

We grew up in Jewish homes, celebrated major holidays and attended High Holy Day services with our families. Our Jewish identities revolved around traditions rather than the synagogue. We never imagined being so ingrained in temple life. Doing so has made our lives richer. In fact, most of our friends today are those we met in our first years at Temple.

We have been part of the Benefactors Society for many years as we are aware the temple needs additional support beyond dues to ensure we have ample, annual operating funds necessary to remain vibrant, fiscally healthy and serve all of our congregants, regardless of means.

As we have made transitions in our life, the temple has also experienced transitions, but it continues to be a place we have called home for 35 years and we are so grateful. We are delighted to see our congregation growing and our temple filled with people of all ages. It is heartwarming to think that Temple Emanuel will become their home as well, and we hope others will help us continue to strengthen this warm, welcoming Jewish community.

B'NAI MITZVAH



Sarah Hirth

September 6, 2025

Sarah is a 7th grade student at North Andover Middle School. She loves animals, playing soccer and spending time with her friends both at NAMS and temple. For her bat mitzvah project she collected used towels that were donated to the local MSPCA. These towels are used to provide warmth and comfort to the animals there.



Esther Messinger

October 25, 2025

For her Bat Mitzvah project, Esther is raising funds to help protect marine animals through the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW). She is handcrafting and selling whimsical animal keychains to support IFAW's Cape Cod marine rescue work.



Nina Pasternak

October 25, 2025

For Nina's Bat Mitzvah project, she is raising funds to support the International Institute of New England (IINE), which helps refugees and immigrants start new lives by providing housing, job training, education, and other essential support. She hopes to help families beginning their new lives in New England with household items, clothing, groceries, and gift cards—small things that can make a big difference.

This project is especially meaningful to her because it connects to her Torah portion, which tells the story of the Tower of Babel. Just as people were scattered across the world, she wants to help bring people together with care and support, showing how kindness and connection can make a new home feel like a community.



Eliora Wilfond

November 8, 2025

Eliora Wilfond was born in Jerusalem and grew up in Israel and lived for four years in New York before coming to Andover. She plays the trombone and loves to dance ballet. She has a great sense of humor which she uses to keep her brothers in-line. Camp Eisner is an important part of her life. She treasures her friends and her three cats. Her favorite tv show is Grey's Anatomy.



Tyler Gunzburger

November 15, 2025

Tyler has a huge heart and enjoys spending time with his family. He loves being with his friends, playing lacrosse, and ski racing in the winter. He enjoys music and is becoming quite the foodie! Tyler plans to volunteer with Mount Washington Valley Adaptive Sports this winter.



Miles Solomon

November 22, 2025

Miles is a 7th grader at MSMS in Burlington. He enjoys playing soccer, tennis, trumpet, baritone and piano in his recreational time. For his mitzvah project, he is arranging piano performances at local nursing and retirement homes to share his love of music with others in our community.



Rohan Phillips

December 6, 2025

Rohan lives in Andover, and is an 8th grader at World Academy in Nashua, NH. You can find him lost in a book; helping his family; showing up for his little brother; learning new recipes; enjoying cultures; and delighting in all things Jewish. Rohan is a Lappin Foundation Teen Advisory Board Member, and recently completed the Lappin Foundation's TeensLead certificate program. Rohan enjoys learning. He is a Peer Math Tutor, Student Ambassador, Math Team Member, and Science Team Member. For five years and counting, Rohan has grown at the Greater Lawrence Community Boating Program. He is a Counselor in Training during summers, and was promoted to advanced level in sailing. Rohan is a passionate Greater Lawrence Rowing competition team member, and rows year round. Rohan is also an enthusiastic Scout, ready for his next adventure. Rohan has a big heart, likes to talk, and thrives on making connections. Rohan's Bar Mitzvah Project benefits Greater Lawrence Community Boating Program and Greater Lawrence Rowing, for which he requests donations and fund contributions.



Rafael Bloomingdale

December 13, 2025

Rafael is the son of Helena and Kara Bloomingdale. He has a 9 year-old brother, Isaiah. Rafi enjoys spending time with his dog and 3 cats. He also enjoys listening to audio books and playing video games. Rafi has been in many musicals and has been participating in musicals at the Acting Out Theater in Lawrence, MA for several years. For his Bar Mitzvah project, Rafi plans to write letters of encouragement to children battling serious illnesses.

NEWS FROM SISTERHOOD

It's been a wonderfully active and inspiring season for our Sisterhood! We've been connecting, planning, and finding meaningful ways to bring our community together. From college outreach to celebrations and acts of kindness, every effort reminds us how special our Temple family truly is.

Our gatherings, such as the Kitchen Cleanup & Pizza Parties, Kibbitz & Coffee, Sips & Snacks, and Meditation & Sankalpa in the Sukkah, have sparked laughter, reflection, friendship, and fabulous conversation and sharing. The Sukkah event, co-hosted with Social Action, brought 29 participants from across the community under a moonlit sky for a beautiful evening of meditation and giving, with generous produce donations to Lazarus House. Heartfelt thanks to Amy Sebell for her partnership.

The College Youth High Holiday Package Program once again shared sweetness across the miles, sending 26 students notes and treats from Rabbi Wilfond and Sisterhood to remind them that they're always part of our Temple family.

Our Annual Welcome Dinner was filled with warmth, good food, and new friendships as we celebrated 15 new Sisterhood members, bringing our total to 112. Our cherished Share the Light holiday gift program is once again brightening the season for children and families across the Merrimack Valley.

We were proud to sponsor the 4th grade Religious School visit to the Maayim Hayyim mikveh, a meaningful and



memorable tradition. Hermie's Judaica Shop is open most Sundays during Religious School, and the famed Chanukah Pop-Up Shop in the lobby returns December 7. We are delighted to partner with the Brotherhood and Religious School for the annual Community Chanukah Party on December 14, a joyful celebration for all ages.

Based on your feedback, we're refreshing Friday night onegs with more dessert variety, occasional pre-service and potluck gatherings, and new allergen labeling. Stay tuned for sign-up details.

Our Mah Jongg program continues to thrive with weekly games and learn-to-play sessions, building community one tile at a time. Thanks to Karen Shapiro for her leadership.

Through every gathering and good deed, we strengthen the fabric of our Temple community. Thank you for sharing your time, heart, and spirit. Together we make our Sisterhood a true source of connection and joy.

Holli Roberts, Sisterhood President

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

An Evening of Meditation & Introspection in Sukkah - a Great Success

Led by Deb Rockwell of Andover Home Yoga, Sisterhood members and guests from local churches started the New Year by reflecting on their own personal spiritual journeys, as well as their connections to the general community. Attendees focused on the yogic practice of sankalpa, a heartfelt intention rooted in ancient Vedic tradition whose guiding principle is aligning with one's deepest truth and purpose. Attendees were invited to reflect inwardly, shape their own sankalpa, and integrate it into their meditation practice.

In the spirit of Sukkot, attendees generously contributed fresh fruits and vegetables to Lazarus House Ministries in Lawrence. Lazarus House provides comprehensive services including clothing, food and advocacy. Since October 2020, its renovated Family Shelter has housed up to 25 people in five private family suites. To learn how you can contribute to its programs, contact www.lazarushouse.org.

Holli Roberts, Sisterhood Chair & Amy Sebell, Social Action Chair





SISTERHOOD OF TEMPLE EMANUEL HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE

WE ARE PARTNERING ONCE AGAIN WITH LOCAL AGENCIES IN THE MERRIMACK VALLEY TO HELP PROVIDE HOLIDAY GIFTS AND CHEER TO 75 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN NEED.

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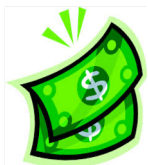
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TRACEY BERMAN**

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NEWS FROM BROTHERHOOD

Building Community Through Connection, Service & Fun

As we move into the final months of the year, we are proud to reflect on the incredible energy and engagement of our Brotherhood. To date, over 50 members of Temple have signed up, and we are truly humbled by your choice to join this amazing group. Membership can still be completed through the Temple website or at any of our upcoming events. We kicked off the year with a lively tailgate in the Temple parking lot, featuring three grills and delicious food shared among members and guests. The afternoon continued indoors with a thrilling football game, when the Patriots edged out the Dolphins in a nail-biter finish. Most attendees were pleased with the outcome of the game.

More than 20 congregants, including members of the confirmation class, came together to build two sukkahs on Temple grounds. These structures became central to celebrations throughout the week and were used by the Religious School and various Temple groups. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make it happen. This was a community service event filled with blood, sweat and lots of ladders. No tears.

We extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who took time out of their Holy Holy Days to assist with ushering during our services. Your support was deeply appreciated by the Brotherhood, the clergy, and the Temple office staff. With more than 750 people filling our sanctuary and parking lot, your efforts helped ensure a smooth and orderly flow throughout the space. Thank you again for your invaluable assistance.

The Brotherhood hosted a brisk but relaxed evening under the stars, watching the Bruins game on a projector inside the sukkah while enjoying pizza and sipping on libations. It was a perfect blend of sports, snacks, and community spirit. Thank you to all who joined us!

We kicked off another year of our breakfast series with Sean Stellato, agent to Tommy DeVito of the Patriots and dozens of other professional athletes. Sean captivated us with stories from his life and fascinating insights into the behind-the-scenes world of the NFL, all while we noshed on bagels, lox, whitefish salad, and all the fixings. The event concluded with book signings before Sean raced down to Foxboro for the game. We hope you will join us for our next breakfast on March 15.

We're excited to be continuing our Brotherhood Nights Out, which will be held on January 15, March 26, and May 21, 2026. Our annual comedy night will be held at Temple Emanuel on April 11. We're also looking forward to going to a hockey game at Bentley University and the Tall Ships Outing in Boston. More information is coming on both of those events.

Fredric Levine, Brotherhood President



A blue graphic with a grid pattern. In the top left is the Brotherhood Temple Emanuel Andover logo. Below it is a large orange 'Join' button. To the right is a photo of four men standing together. Below the photo is a white box with the word 'Brotherhood' in bold. To the left of 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 left is an email address: 'Brotherhood@templemanuel.net'. At the bottom right is a QR code and the text 'SCAN > For more information'.

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A light blue graphic with a large black megaphone icon. To the right of the megaphone is the text 'SAVE THE DATE' in large, bold, black letters. Below this is the text 'BROTHERHOOD NIGHT OUT' in blue. At the bottom are the dates 'January 15', 'March 26', and 'May 21' in bold black text.

SAVE THE DATE

BROTHERHOOD NIGHT OUT

January 15
March 26
May 21

PATHWAYS TO GIVING

Making a gift to Temple Emanuel is a time-honored, meaningful way to celebrate life cycle milestones, remember loved ones, leave a lasting legacy, demonstrate your commitment to our sacred work and express appreciation for the role Temple has played in your life. Every gift strengthens our vibrant community, our faith and one another, and sustains the programs, services and values we cherish. However you choose to give, there are many ways to make an impact and ensure we are thriving today and for generations to come.

Become a Benefactor

Benefactors contribute at a level above annual membership dues, and provide our main source of operating support beyond dues and tuition. Benefactors' gifts deliver a direct and immediate impact on nearly every aspect of temple life – making membership accessible to all, supporting innovative and meaningful programming, and enabling us to meet the moment.

Dedicate a High Holy Day Bookplate

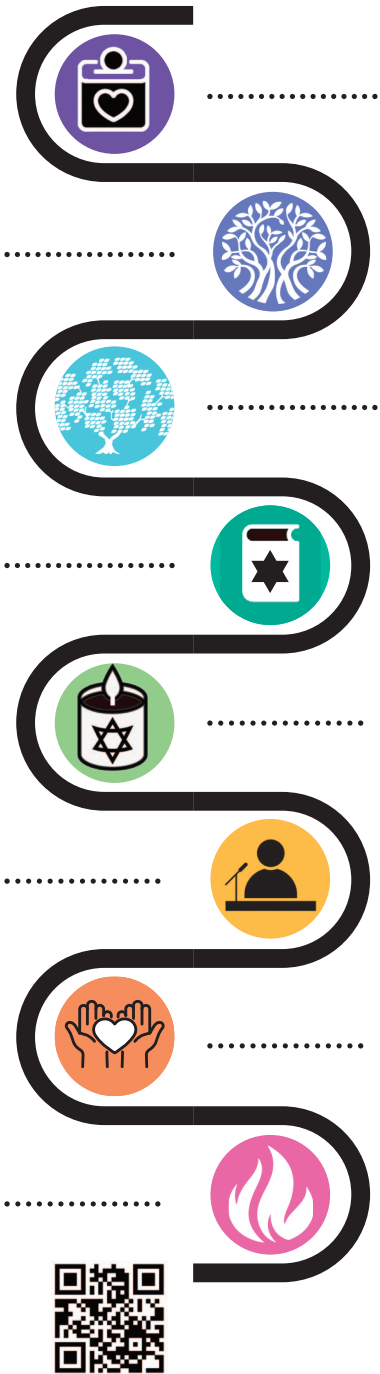
Your donation includes a set of two specially designed bookplates customized with your dedication – one each for the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur prayer books.

Sponsor a Program or Event

Special events, such as speakers, classes, concerts and programs, provide opportunities to share your good name, signal your commitment to Jewish values and show you care about enriching our community.

Leave a Legacy Gift

Giving through your estate plan allows you to demonstrate the values you hold dear and the role Temple Emanuel has played in your life. Your future gift will help strengthen and preserve our synagogue, and cultivate lasting connections to Jewish life for next generations. Planned gift donors will be welcomed to our Eternal Light Society.



Make a Tribute Gift

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Establish a Special Use Fund

Special use, goal-directed funds provide a vehicle for our members and their loved ones to further the vision of the donor – and that of the congregation. Requiring a minimum gift, these funds are managed separately from the temple's operating budget to be used for their stated purpose.

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SERVICE AND PROGRAM SCHEDULE: NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 1

9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service

7:00 pm Cantor's Coffee House with Jacob's Ladder

Sunday, November 2

9:30 am Adult Education Series: Exploring Judaism

11:00 am Adult Education: Liberty and Slavery

Monday, November 3

6:45 pm Monday Night Mah Jongg

7:00 pm Me'ah Adult Education Program

Tuesday, November 4

7:30 pm Book Group Meeting

Thursday, November 6

9:30 am Middle East Discussion Group

10:30 am Taste of Torah

1:00 pm Mah Jongg

Friday, November 7

9:30 am Babies, Bagels and Beyond

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services with the Fringes

Saturday, November 8

9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service

10:30 am Bat Mitzvah of Eliora Wilfond

Sunday, November 9

9:00 am Tot Traditions

9:30 am Camp Fair

9:30 am Planning for Your Future: An Estate Planning Conversation

11:15 am Teen Group with Rabbinic Intern Jaz Twersky

1:30 pm Larry Hodes Movie and Luncheon

7:00 pm Youth to Israel (Y2I) Informational Meeting with Lappin Foundation

Monday, November 10

6:45 pm Monday Night Mah Jongg

7:00 pm Me'ah Adult Education Program

Tuesday, November 11

Temple Office Closed in Observance of Veterans Day

Wednesday, November 12

7:30 pm Brotherhood Board Meeting

Thursday, November 13

9:30 am Middle East Discussion Group

10:30 am Taste of Torah

1:00 pm Mah Jongg

Friday, November 14

9:30 am Babies, Bagels and Beyond

5:00 pm Tot Shabbat

6:30 pm New Member Shabbat Evening Service with Speaker, Yoav Peck

Saturday, November 15

9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service

10:30 am Bar Mitzvah of Tyler Gunzburger

Sunday, November 16

9:30 am Adult Education Series: Exploring Judaism

9:30 am Learn to play Mah Jongg

11:00 am Adult Education: Liberty and Slavery

Monday, November 17

6:45 pm Monday Night Mah Jongg

7:00 pm Me'ah Adult Education Program

Wednesday, November 19

7:30 pm Board of Governor's Meeting

Thursday, November 20

9:30 am Middle East Discussion Group

10:30 am Taste of Torah

1:00 pm Mah Jongg

7:00 pm Brotherhood Night Out

Friday, November 21

9:30 am Babies, Bagels and Beyond

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service with Aliyah Band

Saturday, November 22

9:00 am Shabbat Morning Torah Study

10:30 am Bar Mitzvah of Miles Solomon

Sunday, November 23

9:30 am Adult Education Series: Exploring Judaism

11:00 am Adult Education: Liberty and Slavery

11:15 am Grades 3-5 Cupcake Decorating

Monday, November 24

6:45 pm Monday Night Mah Jongg

7:00 pm Me'ah Adult Education Program

Thursday, November 27

Temple Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, November 28

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, November 29

9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service (Zoom Only)

SERVICE AND PROGRAM SCHEDULE: DECEMBER

Monday, December 1

6:45 pm Monday Night Mah Jongg

7:00 pm Me'ah Adult Education Program

Thursday, December 4

9:30 am Middle East Discussion Group

10:30 am Taste of Torah

1:00 pm Mah Jongg

Friday, December 5

9:30 am Babies, Bagels and Beyond

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service with Auf Ruf of
Jess Dunn and Alex Kutchin

Saturday, December 6

9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service

5:30 pm Bar Mitzvah of Rohan Phillips

Sunday, December 7

9:30 am Adult Education Series: Exploring Judaism

9:30 am Hermie's Gift Shop Pop-Up for Chanukah

Monday, December 8

5:00 pm Cook for Bread & Roses

6:45 pm Monday Night Mah Jongg

7:00 pm Me'ah Adult Education Program

Tuesday, December 9

3:00 pm Serve at Bread & Roses

Wednesday, December 10

7:30 pm Information Session for 2026 Trip to Israel
with Rabbi Wilfond & Deborah Wilfond

Thursday, December 11

9:30 am Middle East Discussion Group

10:30 am Taste of Torah

12:00 pm Shop at Royal Jewelers and SoleAmour to
Support Temple Emanuel

1:00 pm Mah Jongg

Friday, December 12

9:30 am Babies, Bagels and Beyond

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service with Soul Sisters and
Aliyah Band

Saturday, December 13

9:00 am Shabbat Torah Study

10:30 am Bar Mitzvah of Rafael Bloomingdale

6:30 pm Brotherhood Temple Schmooze Event

Sunday, December 14

9:00 am Chanukah Family Celebration

9:30 am Hermie's Gift Shop Pop-Up for Chanukah

9:30 am Adult Education: Exploring Judaism

11:00 am Teen Group with Rabbinic Intern Jaz Twersky

11:15 am Grades 6-8 Cupcake Decorating

Monday, December 15

6:45 pm Monday Night Mah Jongg

7:00 pm Me'ah Adult Education Program

Wednesday, December 17

7:30 pm Board of Governor's Meeting

Thursday, December 18

9:30 am Middle East Discussion Group

10:30 am Taste of Torah

1:00 pm Mah Jongg

Friday, December 19

9:30 am Babies, Bagels and Beyond

5:00 pm Tot Shabbat Chanukah

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service

7:30 pm Candlelit Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, December 20

9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service

Sunday, December 21

9:30 am Adult Education: Exploring Judaism

Monday, December 22

6:45 pm Monday Night Mah Jongg

7:00 pm Me'ah Adult Education Program

Thursday, December 25

Temple Office Closed

Friday, December 26

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, December 27

9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service (Zoom Only)

Dear Temple Emanuel Community,

The 2025 Temple Emanuel Summer Outing & Reception is in the books, and it was a tremendous success! We raised over \$34,000 to support the temple's operating budget with the support of our sponsors, silent auction donors, committee members, volunteers, and most of all, our entire temple community. More than 200 congregants, family and friends joined us on August 4 at the Indian Ridge Country Club to golf, play pickleball, tennis and mah jongg, hang at the pool, dine, socialize, take a chance on the 50/50 raffle and bid on auction items.

We appreciate the support of the Board of Governors, Rabbi Wilfond and Cantor Rachel Reef-Simpson, as well as our incomparable staff. Thank you, as well, for being part of this event, for bringing your friends and family members, and for generously participating in the auction. We look forward to being together again soon. Congratulations to the golf, pickleball and mah jongg winners!

Golf

Scramble:

- 1st Place: Dana Cohen, Jeremy Cohen, Rick Coan, Bruce Slovin
- 2nd Place: David Holzman, Howard Savitt, Jim Stoller, Barry Bloom
- 3rd Place: Jeremy Segal, Matt Killian, MJ Killian, Mikey Killian

Golf Contests:

- Women's Longest Drive: Marcy Shack
- Over 65 Longest Drive: Bruce Slovin
- Men's Longest Drive: Will Keller
- Women's Closest to the Pin: Marcy Shack
- Men's Closest to the Pin: Steve Mollov
- Straightest Drive: Sam Concemi
- Putting Contest: Steve Freitas



Pickleball

Advanced Bracket:

- Gold: Austin Kitoes
- Silver: Barry Davis
- Bronze: Lois Davis

Beginners Bracket:

- Gold: Heather Rosenfeld
- Silver: Karen Lazar
- Bronze: Kevin Andresen



Mah Jongg

- 1st Place: Michele Howard
- 2nd Place: Jennifer Lampron

Warmly,

The Summer Outing Committee:

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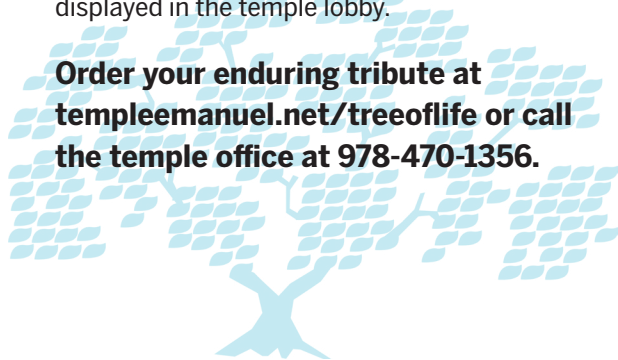
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