



# BULLETIN

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## RABBI'S MESSAGE



Rabbi David Wilfond

### Soon the Shofar Will Sound

Soon the shofar will sound, summoning us to return to our roots, rebuild our bonds, and renew our commitments.

On Rosh Hashanah, we read the story of Ishmael—cast into the wilderness, crying beneath a bush, while his mother Hagar weeps from a distance. And then, the Torah tells us: “And God heard the voice of the boy...” (Genesis 21:17). Not the voice of the mother. Not even her prayer. The Torah says God heard the voice of the boy—a fragile voice, a frightened cry, a broken sound.

This is the voice the shofar awakens in us. According to Pirkei D’Rabbi Eliezer, the shofar is meant to recall not only the ram at the Akedah (the binding of Isaac), but also the tears of Hagar, the sobbing of Ishmael and the cries of children throughout history—cries whose pain still reaches heaven. This is the voice the shofar awakens in us. According to Pirkei D’Rabbi Eliezer, the shofar is meant to recall not only the ram at the Akedah (the binding of Isaac), but also the tears of Hagar, the sobbing of Ishmael and the cries of children throughout history—cries whose pain still reaches heaven. Each blast of the shofar echoes Ishmael’s cry. It is a sound of sorrow, but also of being heard. A cry from brokenness, met with *rachmanes* (divine compassion). Just as God heard Ishmael *ba’asher hu sham*—“as he was, right there”—so too does the shofar remind us that we are heard as we are: raw, imperfect, and broken... yet beloved.

This Rosh Hashanah, we don’t need to be whole to be holy. We return through our brokenness. We rebuild from our honest tears. We renew not by pretending, but by crying out—and allowing God, and one another, to truly hear us. Soon the shofar will sound, and when it does, may we listen not only to its voice, but also to the Ishmael within us all.

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

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We had a unique opportunity to learn from Uri Feinberg on September 4. Uri is one of the most gifted, articulate Jewish Israeli educators I have ever encountered. A former Israeli paratrooper, he brings a rare blend of insight lived experience and passion to his teaching.

He holds a master's degree from Hebrew University and has spent his life bridging American and Israeli Jewish life. He grew up in the U.S. until age 10, when his family made *aliyah*. His father served for decades as the Dean of the Rabbinical School at Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem, deeply influencing Uri's educational path. Uri also served as Director of Education at Temple Israel in Boston during the 1990s and continues to inspire audiences worldwide through his many educational YouTube videos about Israel.

We are thrilled that Uri is serving as our congregation's Tour Guide for our upcoming Israel trip, April 11–18, 2026. We all have questions about Israel—its challenges, complexities and its promise. Come learn with Uri, and consider joining me, Uri and your Temple community this coming April as we travel together to experience the beauty, the hope and the reality of Israel firsthand.

Shanah Tovah. May it be a sweet, meaningful and better New Year for us all.  
Rabbi David, Deborah, Isaac, Elli, and Rafi Wilfond

## PHOTOS FROM CAMP EISNER





## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Nick Hirth

I write this article after attending the Temple Emanuel Summer Outing—a fabulous event that left me feeling excited and optimistic about the year ahead. It was heartwarming to see so many people come out, not only to support the Temple but also to reconnect and socialize with friends. I hope you all had as much fun as I did. Watching everyone together reminded me how fortunate we are to have such a vibrant and supportive community. It truly is the foundation of Temple Emanuel and something we should all cherish.

This summer, the Temple staff and leadership have been hard at work preparing for the upcoming year. We're proud to continue offering spiritually meaningful High Holy Day programming. In addition to our traditional Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services, I encourage you to join us for the Rosh Hashanah potluck, the Tashlich service and our community break-fast. This year, cemetery services will be held at both the Temple Emanuel of Andover Cemetery and the Temple Emanu-El Cemetery in Haverhill. These events offer opportunities for deep reflection and connection—to both the holidays and our loved ones.

We're also thrilled to welcome many new members from the Haverhill community. It's inspiring to see so many families choosing to join Temple Emanuel—a true testament to the strong, inclusive community we've built together. We're planning a special event this fall to celebrate the joining of our communities, so stay tuned for more details.

As we integrate into a single congregation, we know how important it is that everyone feels at home. To that end, our staff and House Committee have been thoughtfully incorporating several cherished Jewish artifacts from Haverhill into our building. During your next visit, look for the two kosher Torah scrolls, the menorahs now placed on the bimah and the Yahrzeit boards we've installed. These are beautiful additions. As we continue unpacking, you can expect to see more meaningful pieces from the Haverhill community.

Fall in New England is one of my favorite times of year. It brings new beginnings, beautiful foliage and refreshing weather. I look forward to seeing our building come alive with energy and connection, as we embark on another exciting year together.

Warmly,  
Nick Hirth  
President

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Michelle Gamliel

September is a time for new beginnings, a new chapter at Temple Emanuel, the start of the school year and, of course, the start of a new Jewish year. It also happens to be my favorite season of all—fall. The leaves begin to turn, there's that unmistakable crispness in the air, and everything feels full of possibility.

This summer, we were busy at Temple. We welcomed Temple Emanu-El of Haverhill into our community and made some exciting improvements to our building, including a brand-new kitchen in the school wing. We're ready to welcome everyone back.

We've also been hard at work preparing for the 2025 High Holy Day season, and we're excited to share what's ahead. From Selichot on September 13 to Simchat Torah on October 17, we've planned a meaningful, engaging and joyful lineup of events for our community.

Whether you're returning or joining us for the first time, we invite you to be part of this special season at Temple Emanuel.

L'Shanah Tovah!  
Michelle Gamliel

## CANTOR'S MESSAGE



Cantor Rachel Reef-Simpson

In front of our beautiful Temple Emanuel building, we have some apple trees. Some would label them as “crab” apple trees, but I don’t like labels and “crab” can sometimes have a negative connotation. The other morning, I was walking into the building and noticed the sizable apples on the trees. My first thought was “This is the first sign of Rosh Hashanah in nature, right here at our front door.” Of course, we’ve been busy with preparations for the High Holy Days in the office all summer, but the apples on the trees were God’s and nature’s first sign to me that the New Year is approaching.

I also noticed while walking past that there were a few apples on the ground, and some of them were eaten, at least partially. Interestingly enough, I saw this as a sign too. I took a moment to look at the tree, look at the half-eaten apples on the path into the Temple and reflect on the year. Friends, I’m not going to sugar coat it...or the apples. Our world has been in a challenging place this past year, wherever you look. My goal is not to editorialize about politics or natural disasters, or war, or famine, or social justice issues. These issues

are front and center everywhere we look. For the moment, I want to look at symbolism and signs we get from God and nature, and how we can interpret them.

When I saw the half-eaten apples on my path, my mind immediately went to two idioms. The first one was “Is the glass half empty or half full? Is the apple half eaten or half whole. Sounds silly, right? But, I thought, the apple is a symbol of our Jewish New Year, and here is an apple. Is it half gone or half whole? It’s all in how you look at it, isn’t it? It’s a matter of perspective. My mind also jumped to the idiom of “making lemonade out of lemons.” Here’s a half-eaten apple. Do we throw the other half out? Should it be left for another animal to eat? What can be done with a half-eaten apple? What can be made or done with half-eaten fruit? Why is this apple in my path for me to trip over?

I actually think that half-eaten, or half-whole, apple was put in my path for me to take pause. To look at that tree and find the beauty in it. To find the symbolism as we approach the New Year. To think about the importance of perspective. To think about how we can take the half-eaten apples in our lives and in the world, and maybe not make them whole again, but look at them differently and do something, take action using a different outlook, a renewed outlook. Don’t be afraid to look around you for the signs that tell you, yes the world may be like a half-eaten apple, but it’s also half whole. We all have the ability to do something in our lives and in our world to make a half whole again in a new way in a new year.

Shanah Tovah!  
Cantor Rachel

## DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION’S MESSAGE



Betsy Kachel

Summer is one of my favorite times of the year for many reasons. The warmer weather, relaxed pace, and quality family time are always welcome. The summer months are also a time in which I find myself reflecting on the past ten months and looking ahead to the fall-always with eager anticipation and excitement. Spending time each summer at URJ Eisner Camp allows me to speak with clergy and educators from across the country regarding best practices. I always find these conversations to be interesting, engaging, and most of all inspiring. Each August, I leave the Berkshires eager to share what I have learned with my staff-keeping us connected to the reform movement through interactive worship, music, and of course education.

We have been working hard getting the preschool ready for the school year! We had our annual Popsicle Party-Teacher Meet-N-Greet, and had a fantastic first day of religious school!

I look forward to another wonderful school year!  
Betsy Kachel



# TEMPLE EMANUEL'S CANTOR COFFEE HOUSE



*Funding for the Cantor's Coffee House is generously provided by the Mascott Family Memorial Fund*

Join Cantor Rachel as she welcomes Jacob's Ladder, an internationally touring band pushing the boundaries of contemporary Jewish music and traditional American Roots music through Jewish communal singing and prayer. Their music is deeply rooted in traditional bluegrass path, yet taps into multiple different genres, including rock, gospel, and klezmer.

## SATURDAY

NOVEMBER

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## 7:00 pm

Free for members and guests  
Registration is required  
RSVP to the Temple website



Listen to Jacob's Ladder  
on all streaming platforms  
and at [jacobsladdermusic.com](http://jacobsladdermusic.com)

# NEWS FROM SISTERHOOD

Welcome Back!

I hope you had a relaxing and refreshing summer. I'm Holli Roberts, your new Sisterhood president, and I'm honored to serve this engaged, dynamic Temple Emanuel community.

My family has called Temple Emanuel home for nearly 25 years. When my husband, Neal, and I moved from North Reading to Andover, we were looking for diversity and a strong Jewish community. What we found was so much more. It's a place not just for worship, but also for friendship, connection and purpose. Our children, Casey, AJ and Heather, grew up in the religious school and remained active in Temple life well into adulthood.

As a long-time Sisterhood member, I'm excited to lead this amazing group of empowered, dedicated women. We've been busy this summer. A quick look at what we've accomplished together:

- Welcomed new members into our warm, engaging Temple family
- Collected feedback from current and former Sisterhood members to help guide our future direction
- Helped plan, staff and run the Summer Outing for a hugely fun and successful event
- Hosted a Kitchen Cleanup, Polish & Pizza Party, where new and familiar faces shared laughs, polished and left the kitchen sparkling
- Held our annual planning meeting, setting the stage for another incredible year

Mark Your Calendar. We hope you will join us for our many upcoming events, including Sisterhood Sips in the Sukkah on Tuesday, October 7, 7 pm, and the Welcome Back Sisterhood Membership Dinner on Sunday, October 26, 6 pm.

We will again be sending High Holiday and Passover college care gift packages to help our college students stay connected. It's free for Sisterhood members; non-members can participate with a \$54 donation.

The Hermie's Judaica Gift Shop will be open Sunday, September 7 & 14 (9:30-11 am) for your High Holy Day and Judaica needs.

Through connection, community and shared purpose, we strengthen our Temple and each other. If you're not yet a member, we warmly invite you to join us for the exciting year ahead!

With gratitude and excitement,  
Holli Roberts



## MEET YOUR SISTERHOOD EXECUTIVE BOARD

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## DONOR SPOTLIGHT:

### ELLIOT AND BARBARA HACKER

*Temple Emanuel is more than just a synagogue to us. It is, in many ways, our extended family.*

More than fifty years ago, when we settled in Andover, joining Temple Emanuel felt like a natural extension of our values and traditions. Elliot grew up in nearby Lawrence, where his family had been active members of the temple since the 1950s. As we built our own family, Temple Emanuel became a central part of our lives.

Our daughter, Lauren, was named at the temple. She attended both the preschool and religious school, became a bat mitzvah, and was later confirmed. Over the years, our involvement deepened. Barbara taught and co-directed the preschool for 28 years, served as co-chair of the Religious School Committee, and continues to serve on the Social Responsibility Committee. Elliot brought his investment and fundraising experience from Phillips Academy to Temple Emanuel, where he has served in several financial leadership roles on the Board of Governors.

We chose to join the Benefactors Society because we want to ensure the continued vitality and growth of this warm and welcoming community. Membership dues alone cannot sustain the robust programming, educational opportunities for all ages, and inclusive spirit that define our temple.

In memory of Elliot's parents, we established the Hacker Family Fund, which has grown over the years with contributions from friends and family. It was only natural to direct these funds to support lifelong learning, something we both value deeply.

Temple Emanuel is more than just a synagogue to us. It is a place where we've built lasting friendships across generations, where we attend services regularly, and where we feel an enduring sense of connection. It is, in many ways, our extended family. We hope our story encourages others to engage more deeply, through time, through giving, and through presence, in shaping the future of this vibrant community.

## NEWS FROM BROTHERHOOD

Hello, Temple Emanuel. My name is Fredric Levine, and I am honored to serve as the current president of the Brotherhood. I have been privileged to be part of this community for over 12 years, having served continuously on the Executive Board in various capacities, including treasurer and, most recently, membership chair for the past two years. During this time, I have valued the opportunity to cultivate meaningful relationships and contribute to the strength and outreach of our Brotherhood within the wider community. I remain committed to upholding the traditions established by previous presidents and board members, whose leadership has shaped the Brotherhood into what it is today. At the same time, I am dedicated to fostering an inclusive environment that reflects the shared values and vibrant energy of our group. I warmly invite all Temple members who are interested in our programming to participate, connect and enjoy the fellowship of our diverse and welcoming membership.

I look forward to seeing many of you at upcoming events throughout the year, including our Brotherhood Breakfast Series, Annual Schmooze in November, Comedy Night in the spring, "A Night @ the Rink" in February, and culminating with a community gathering to view the Tall Ships as they enter Boston Harbor in July 2026. Together, we will continue to build and celebrate this dynamic community. Thank you in advance for your support. All Brotherhood members are encouraged to attend our monthly board meetings to learn more about our organization. Please refer to the Temple website, bulletins and emails for detailed information regarding future events.

Our first event of the year took place Sunday, September 14 with our annual brotherhood tailgate in the Temple Emanuel parking lot. Members brought food to share before joining us inside to support the Patriots as they faced off against the Miami Dolphins. It was a great event to kick off the year.

Additionally, the Brotherhood is responsible each year for setting up the Sukkah. We welcome as many hands as possible for this important task on Sunday, September 28 at 11 am on the Temple patio to assist with the setup.

If you have questions about the Brotherhood, please reach out via email: [Teandoverbrotherhood@gmail.com](mailto:Teandoverbrotherhood@gmail.com).

Let us make this a memorable year,  
Fredric Levine  
Brotherhood President



A promotional graphic for the Brotherhood of Temple Emanuel Andover. It features a blue background with a grid pattern. At the top left is the Brotherhood logo, which includes a stylized flame and the text "BROTHERHOOD TEMPLE EMANUEL ANDOVER". To the right of the logo is a large yellow quotation mark. Below the logo is a yellow box with the word "Join" in black. To the right of the "Join" box is a photograph of four men standing together. Below the photograph is a white box with the word "Brotherhood" in black. To the left of the photograph is a list of activities: "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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## BREAD & ROSES

The Temple's Bread & Roses Monday evening cooking crew is in need of a new coordinator as Judy Matulsky is stepping down from the position. Thank you, Judy, for your years of leadership and for making a meaningful difference in our community. Training will be provided. The cooking crew works the Monday evening preceding the second Tuesday of the month for 2-3 hours in the temple kitchen for the seven months beginning in October and ending with April.

The Temple's Bread & Roses committee is still looking for a volunteer for the recently opened executive chef position. Responsibilities include coordinating the food preparations team and activities for two to three hours for the once-a-month Monday evening food preparation of macaroni & cheese and cookies to be served to Bread & Roses clients. This mitzvah takes place monthly, from October through April.

If you are interested in helping the team in that role, please call or email:  
Les Satlow (617-816-4098; [lsatlow@gmail.com](mailto:lsatlow@gmail.com))  
and/or Scott Mallory (978-987-1970; [rscottmallory@gmail.com](mailto:rscottmallory@gmail.com))





# LEAVE YOUR LEGACY. LIGHT OUR WAY.



The Eternal Light Society, Temple Emanuel's new legacy giving program, is a meaningful opportunity to invest in the future of our community.

The eternal light—*ner tamid*—is a timeless symbol of continuity, divine presence and enduring faith. It shines in our synagogue as a reminder of spiritual guidance and our shared responsibility to sustain Jewish life. Inspired by its meaning, the Eternal Light Society honors those who include Temple Emanuel in their estate plans, extending the promise of our mission and ensuring the vitality of our communal Jewish home for years to come.

As you reflect on the values you hold dear, we invite you to consider leaving a legacy that reflects 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.

You can provide for Temple Emanuel's future by including a bequest provision in your will or living trust with simple, straightforward language, or by designating Temple Emanuel as a beneficiary in your retirement plan, insurance policy or donor-advised fund.

If you have already included Temple Emanuel in your estate plans, please let us know so we may welcome you as a founding member of the Eternal Light Society.

**To learn more about the Eternal Light Society and ways to leave your legacy at Temple Emanuel, please visit [templemanuel.net/eternallight](https://templemanuel.net/eternallight); contact our executive director, Michelle Gamliel, at 978-470-1356; or email [plannedgiving@templemanuel.net](mailto:plannedgiving@templemanuel.net).**

# SERVICE AND PROGRAM SCHEDULE: SEPTEMBER

## **Wednesday, September 3**

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

## **Thursday, September 4**

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

**10:30 am** Taste of Torah

**1:00 pm** Mah Jongg

## **Friday, September 5**

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

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

**6:30 pm** Welcome Back Shabbat Evening Service and Levine Baby Naming with Music from the Aliyah Band

## **Saturday, September 6**

**9:00 am** Shabbat Morning Service

**10:00 am** Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Hirth

## **Sunday, September 7**

**9:30 am** Hermes Gift Shop High Holiday Shopping Hours

## **Monday, September 8**

**6:45 pm** Monday Night Mah Jongg

## **Tuesday, September 9**

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

## **Thursday, September 11**

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

**10:30 am** Taste of Torah

**1:00 pm** Mah Jongg

## **Friday, September 12**

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

**6:30 pm** Shabbat Evening Service and Weisner Baby Naming

## **Saturday, September 13**

**9:00 am** Shabbat Morning Service

**5:30 pm** Selichot Dinner, Movie and Service

## **Sunday, September 14**

**9:30 am** Hermes Gift Shop High Holiday Shopping Hours

**9:30 am** Adult Education Series: Exploring Judaism

**12:00 pm** Brotherhood Tailgate at Temple

## **Monday, September 15**

**6:45 pm** Monday Night Mah Jongg

## **Tuesday, September 16**

**7:30 pm** Book Club Meeting

## **Thursday, September 18**

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

**10:30 am** Taste of Torah

**1:00 pm** Mah Jongg

## **Friday, September 19**

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

**6:30 pm** Shabbat Evening Service

## **Saturday, September 20**

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

## **Sunday, September 21**

**9:00 am** Tot Traditions

**9:30 am** Adult Education Series: Exploring Judaism

## **Monday, September 22**

**7:00 pm** Erev Rosh Hashana Service

## **Tuesday, September 23**

**10:00 am** Rosh Hashanah Services

**10:00 am** Rosh Hashanah Children's Programming

**12:30 pm** Rosh Hashanah Potluck

**2:00 pm** Family Service for Young Children

**3:30 pm** Tashlich at Pumps Pond

## **Wednesday, September 24**

**10:00 am** Rosh Hashanah Services

## **Thursday, September 25**

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

**10:30 am** Taste of Torah

**1:00 pm** Mah Jongg

## **Friday, September 26**

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

**6:30 pm** Shabbat Evening Service

## **Saturday, September 27**

**9:00 am** Shabbat Morning Service

## **Sunday, September 28**

**9:00 am** Community Sukkah Building Event with the Brotherhood

**9:30 am** Adult Education Series: Exploring Judaism

**1:00 pm** Cemetery Service in Lawrence

**3:00 pm** Cemetery Service in Haverhill

## **Monday, September 29**

**6:45 pm** Monday Night Mah Jongg

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



# SERVICE AND PROGRAM SCHEDULE: OCTOBER

## **Wednesday, October 1**

**7:00 pm** Yom Kippur Kol Nidre Service

## **Thursday, October 2**

**10:00 am** Yom Kippur Services

**10:00 am** Yom Kippur Children's Programming

**2:00 pm** Family Service

**3:30 pm** Healing Service

**4:30 pm** Mincha Service with Jonah Guest Speaker

**5:30 pm** Neilah Closing Service

**6:30 pm** Break Fast

## **Friday, October 3**

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

**6:30 pm** Shabbat Evening Service

## **Saturday, October 4**

**9:00 am** Shabbat Morning Service

## **Sunday, October 5**

**9:30 am** Adult Education Series: Exploring Judaism

## **Monday, October 6**

**6:45 pm** Monday Night Mah Jongg

## **Thursday, October 9**

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

**10:30 am** Taste of Torah

**1:00 pm** Mah Jongg

## **Friday, October 10**

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

**5:00 pm** Sukkot Tot Shabbat

**6:30 pm** Shabbat Evening Sukkot Service with Soul Sisters and Oneg in the Sukkah

## **Saturday, October 11**

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

## **Tuesday, October 14**

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

## **Thursday, October 16**

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

**10:30 am** Taste of Torah

**11:30 am** Sukkot Yizkor Service

**1:00 pm** Mah Jongg

## **Friday, October 17**

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

**6:30 pm** Simchat Torah Shabbat Evening Service with Aliyah Band

## **Saturday, October 18**

**9:00 am** Shabbat Morning Service

## **Sunday, October 19**

**9:00 am** Winter Warm Up Clothing Drive

**9:00 am** Tot Traditions

**9:30 am** Learn to Play Mah Jongg

## **Monday, October 20**

**6:45 pm** Monday Night Mah Jongg

## **Tuesday, October 21**

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

## **Thursday, October 23**

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

**10:30 am** Taste of Torah

**1:00 pm** Mah Jongg

## **Friday, October 24**

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

**6:30 pm** Shabbat Evening Service with Gesher to Grade 2 Students

## **Saturday, October 25**

**9:00 am** Shabbat Morning Service

**10:00 am** Bat Mitzvah of Nina Pasternak

**5:30 pm** Bat Mitzvah of Esther Messinger

## **Sunday, October 26**

**9:30 am** Brotherhood Breakfast

**4:00 pm** Sisterhood Welcome Back Dinner

## **Monday, October 27**

**6:45 pm** Monday Night Mah Jongg

## **Thursday, October 30**

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

**10:30 am** Taste of Torah

**1:00 pm** Mah Jongg

## **Friday, October 31**

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

**6:30 pm** Shabbat Evening Service

# SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Andover's Fifth Annual Juneteenth Block Party style celebration on Central Temple Emanuel continues to be a vital force for justice and compassion in the Merrimack Valley, embodying the Jewish principle of *tikkun olam*—repairing the world. Our efforts span direct service, advocacy and education, with a strong emphasis on food security, clothing drives and education. Monthly meal preparation and delivery for Bread & Roses in Lawrence, warm clothing drives for Debbie's Treasure Chest, and partnerships with the Village Food Hub for the Community Fridge and Pantry are just a few examples of how the Temple's leadership mobilizes its members to meet urgent local needs.

In the spirit of the Anti-Defamation League's (ADL) commitment to civil rights and combating hate, Temple Emanuel continues to engage in civic advocacy and educational programming. Our participation in RAC-MA's "Every Voice, Every Vote" campaign promoted voter engagement and racial justice, while our speaker series events—such as those addressing wrongful convictions and reproductive rights—brought critical social issues to the forefront of community dialogue. These initiatives ensure that our Jewish values of equity and inclusion are translated into meaningful action. Andover's Juneteenth celebration this year was fantastic! Our interfaith collaboration with several local churches under the dynamic leadership of the Andover Baptist Church's Denise Wynn, helped organize a block party that honored the history and significance of Juneteenth. This collaboration underscores Temple Emanuel's commitment to fostering inclusivity and understanding.

With federal funding cuts—such as the USDA's cancellation of over \$200,000 in food deliveries to the Merrimack Valley Food Bank—threatening essential services, Temple Emanuel will continue to step in to help fill the gap. Your generosity during the High Holiday Food Drive, donations to the Bread & Roses Fund, volunteer mobilization, and strategic partnerships with nonprofits like Groundwork Lawrence and Habitat for Humanity help sustain programs that would otherwise falter. Thank you for your past efforts to provide immediate relief and also your commitment to strengthening the social fabric of the region, ensuring that vulnerable families continue to receive support even when government aid falls short.

We are excited welcome our new Haverhill members to Temple Emanuel Andover! Please follow the e-News for upcoming events throughout the year. To learn more about our committee, please contact the Temple office or Amy Sebell - amysebell13@gmail.com.

Shanah Tovah!  
Amy Sebell



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