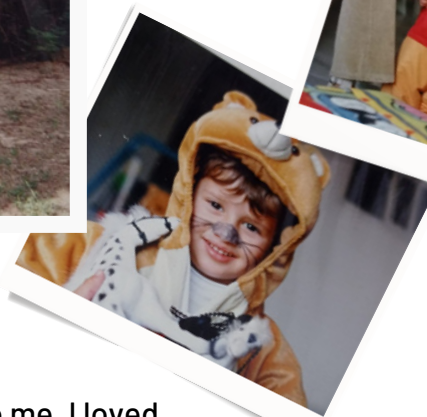


FROM THE SHALIACH TO YOU



Ahalan Everyone!

The Biggest Party in The Country

Purim is coming... Growing up, Purim was such a big deal to me. I loved the anticipation and preparation for the holiday. I would set my costume on the chair next to my bed the night before, wake up super early in the morning and get so anxious to see my friends at the school Purim party. In all honesty, I think my mom was way more excited than I was... In Israel, we have another way to commemorate the Mishloach Manot tradition. Besides making donations to the less fortunate, we would trade baskets of candies and toys in class! (This is why Purim is secret Santa season in Israel). My mom would go all out on our gift baskets, buying tons of candy and getting the most fancy baskets to package everything in. She would sit by the kitchen table, tying ribbons and arranging candy almost all night, for me and my brothers to wake up to those incredible edible arrangements (that we never got to keep...) that we would dream about at night. I grew up in Holon, a city right outside of Tel-Aviv. Holon is known to be the City of the Children, offering a variety of activities and attractions for kids and the whole family. One of the biggest events in Holon during the year is the traditional Purim Parade - the Adloyada (עדלאידע) - for comparison, it's the Israeli Macy's Thanksgiving Parade. After school we used to go together, climbing on my parents' shoulders, looking at the parade over the costumed people's heads. Every year we went to the parade with family and friends. It was a great excuse to be happy with people you love. This year, I'm excited to bring this Israeli Adloyada air into our Temple, and I'm very excited to celebrate my favourite holiday with all of you.

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With love,
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Israeli Movie Recommendation - Oscars Edition!

Footnote

(He'Arat Shulayim) - הערת שוליים

It's been a long time since an Israeli film was nominated for an Oscar. The film "Footnote", released in 2011, was the last Israeli movie to be nominated in the Best International Feature Film Category (was called Best Foreign Language Film up until 2019), and it got nominated for a good reason. This delightful film, written and directed by the award-winning craftsman Yossef Cedar, tells the story of a father and son, their troubled relationship and the academic world in Israel.



Eliezer Shkolnik (Shlomo Bar Aba) is a philologist who researches the textual tradition of the Jerusalem Talmud. He and his son Uriel (Lior Ashkenazi) are both professors at the Talmudic Research department of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. One day, the stubborn, old-fashioned and to an extent unpleasant, Eliezer receives a phone call from the office of the Minister of Education, and is told that he has been elected this year's winner of the Israel Prize. The following day, Uriel, the charming, appreciated, scholar son, discovers that there was a terrible mistake - and he's actually the winner. The question rises - should Uriel tell his father or let him live his dream? The plot thickens with this burning question and all the emotions and family ties unfold in this spinning mess. You don't want to miss this Israeli entry to the Oscars! You can watch it on the free streaming service Tubi (click the poster!).

Special Recommendation for the 95th Oscars - The Fablemans

If you follow the news about the 95th Academy Awards you probably didn't miss this beautifully crafted gem. This film is a semi-autobiographical piece about the life of prodigy filmmaker Steven Spielberg. The movie revolves around Sam Fableman and his Jewish family, tradition and deals with topics like antisemitism, culture and family values. The movie provides a peek into Spielberg's early days getting into the world of filmmaking and growing up after WWII. The Fablemans got 7 Oscar noms, including Best Picture, Best Original Screenplay and Best Director. It stars Michelle Williams (Nominated for Best Actress), Paul Dao (also starred in The Batman), and newcomer Gabriel LaBelle. The movie is still in cinemas and also available for rent in different streaming services (Apple TV, Amazon Prime, YouTube Movies, etc).



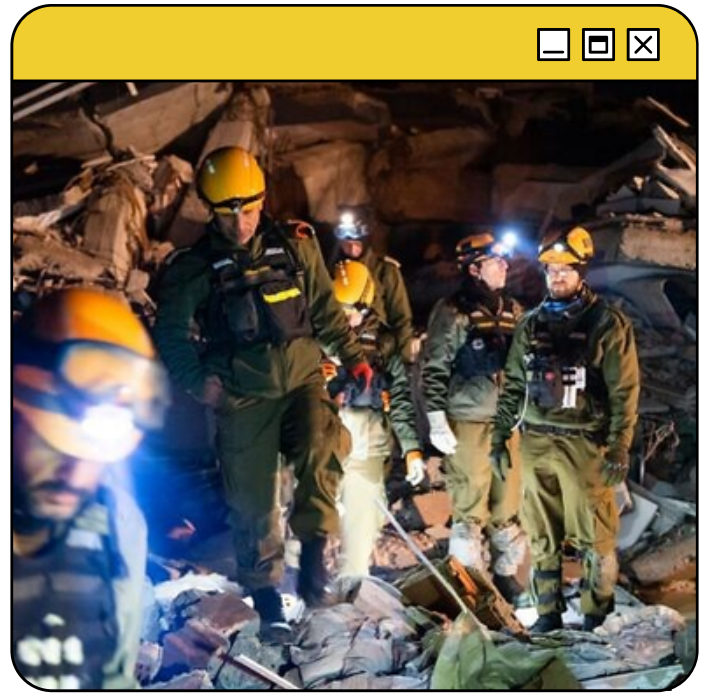
Make sure to watch the Oscars 3/12 to see if the movie won!

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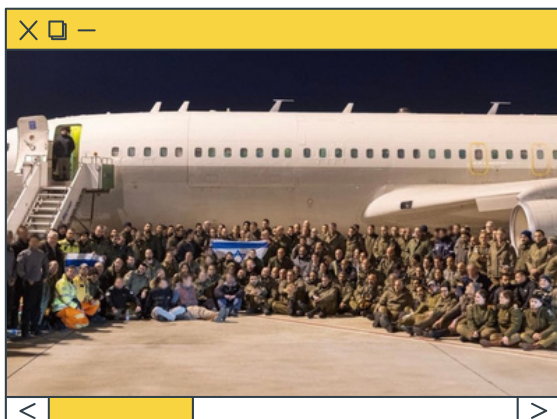
Humanitarian Aid from Israel to Turkey and Syria

A devastating series of earthquakes hit Turkey and Syria in the morning of February 6th, causing acute damage and destruction within a 200-mile radius and aftershocks felt as far as Israel. This earthquake, named the Kahramanmaras earthquake, had a magnitude of 7.8. Thousands have been confirmed killed and many more injured, with those numbers expected to increase in the coming weeks. Israel received the call to provide humanitarian assistance to the wounded and injured, and that's how **Operation "Olive Branches"** was created.

The name Olive Branches comes from the biblical story of Noah and the ark, as a symbol of peace, as a metaphor to the act of peace Israel is taking, providing help to both Turkey and Syria. Israel has never had diplomatic relations with Syria, which sits on its northern border. Israel considers Syria a hostile state, however, during the neighboring country's bloody civil war, the IDF carried out a massive humanitarian operation to aid Syrian civilians. After the earthquake, Israel got a request to provide assistance for Syria through Russia. The Syrians are currently denying they were the ones sending the request, and it's unclear whether they'll accept Israel's help. Israel plans to send tents, medication and blankets to Syria. In addition, a senior political official said that Israel would receive wounded Syrians for medical treatment if a request was made. A delegation led by the IDF Search and Rescue teams and volunteer crews, flew to Turkey, and started working and assessing the situation. Head of the IDF's Aid Delegation, Col. (Res.) Golan Vach, said: "The most significant earthquake that [we went to] was in Haiti. Since then, there have been no earthquakes of this magnitude... We will do our best to save lives and help the Turkish people". The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington has opened the [Earthquake Relief Fund](#) to support the victims of this tragic natural disaster by providing vital aid to those in need.



IDF search and rescue teams begin operating to find survivors after an earthquake in Turkey

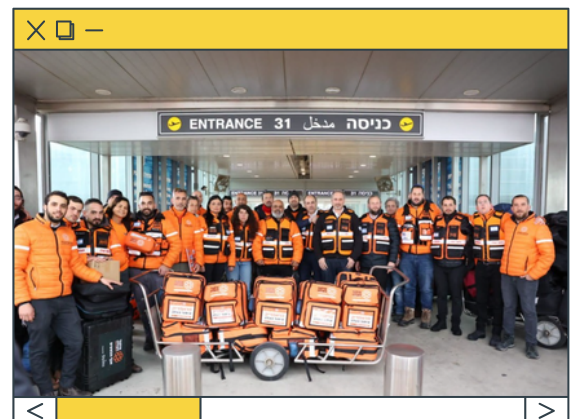


The IDF Search and Rescue delegation arriving in Turkey

Click to watch a video of



IDF soldiers saving lives in Turkey



Israel's emergency volunteer medical service, preparing to leave for Turkey

What's Going On?

Leadership Program on January 29th!

On January 29th we had our third session of leadership development for our Madrichol and Apprentices, discussing practical counseling skills and instructing techniques. I even shared some body language and psychological tricks to better convey a message that I learned in the army... We were also delighted to have our Inclusion Specialist Kim Hughes give us more tools and ideas to better implant inclusion techniques in class and Stan Fagen of the Global Mitzvah Project team explain about the Mentorship Program ([Apply here!](#)), a great way to give back to the community and gain some SSL hours! It was so fun and I can't believe that we're only 2 programs away from the finish line!

KESTY Katan (K-2) Tu BiShvat Event on Feb 4th!

This event was so fun! We got to taste some Tu BiShvat fruits, we did a tree scavenger hunt and got to write happy birthday cards to our lovely trees! So much fun! Can't wait seeing you all in the Passover event 3/26!

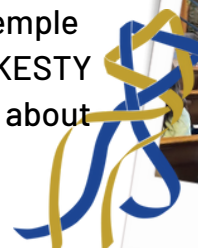
KESTY JDAIM Lounge Night on Feb 7th!

Our KESTY teens took initiative and came up with an amazing JDAIM Lounge Night! We learned some important phrases in ASL, made bullet journals, and made affirmation bracelets to remind us how great we are! It's so important to talk about those things and it feels so good to have KESTY as a place to converse and tackle those subjects! This was a great evening and we can't wait to see you on 2/24 for our KESTY led service!



JDAIM at Temple Emanuel

As part of Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion month here at Temple Emanuel, we offer a lot of activities! As I mentioned before, we had a KESTY JDAIM Lounge Night, Parent Support Group, we have speakers talking about Inclusion each Friday (including me!), and we had Nick May over, who presented his lecture "Being Heard" to our Religious School students!



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KESTY Erev Shabbat Service on Feb 24th

This is a tradition that we're so glad to bring back to our Temple - our teen led Erev Shabbat service! Join us on 2/24 at 7:30PM and welcome Shabbat with us! We'll also hear from Kim Hughes, our Inclusion specialist and Campbell Hughes Weiss, Madricha and KESTY board member about mental health! See you all there!

Purim-Prep KESTY Lounge Night on Feb 28th

Purim brings a lot of work with it - but it's all worth it in the end! We need teens willing to help us prepare for the Purim Carnival (before the lock in), we'll get you covered with some yummy snacks and treats! Hope to see you all there at 7:30PM!

Purim KESTY Lock-In on March 4th-5th

Join us in our Annual KESTY Purim Lock-In! A night filled with programming led by our amazing teens and some great company, we'll get our Temple ready for the Purim Carnival! It'll be a night to remember! Sign up [HERE](#)!

Temple Emanuel's Purim Carnival on March 5th

It's all been leading up to this... Our Purim Carnival! Join the circus with us in an amazing celebration with a costume parade, bouncy castles, fun games, great food and snacks, crazy photo booth (with souvenir photo-magnets!) and so much more! There will also be a Purim Shpiel based on Hamilton by the TE staff! We invite all of our Temple Emanuel families to celebrate with us! Tickets are \$18 per person/\$36 max per family (\$20/\$40 at the door), all revenues will fund our youth programming at Temple. Make sure to bring your pasta boxes for the Shpiel! The Carnival will run from 9AM-11:30AM. Costumes are encouraged! Pay at the door or Sign up and pay here: tinyurl.com/TEPurim2023

Adult Purim on March 6th

Save the date, hire a babysitter, put on your favorite costume and enjoy this wonderful (and funny!) evening with your community! We'll begin with an open bar at 7pm. At 7:30pm. our staff (including yours truly) will present the Hamilton Purim Shpiel, a rated-R musical retelling of the Book of Esther. See you there!

*This evening is strictly 21+



More On the Horizon

Madrichol and Apprentices Leadership Program March 12th

Our next step in our leadership program will take place 3/12! We'll continue our conversation about practical instructing skills and also will learn a lot about inclusion! This program brings the best out of our Madrichol and Apprentices staff so our students will have the best learning experience.



JCRC's Israel Engagement Fellowship starting March 22nd

Are you a future leader? Are you looking for a unique addition to your college application? I invite you to take a part in the JCRC's Israel Engagement Fellowship! Temple Emanuel is partnering with B'nei Israel Congregation to bring you this incredible 8-session seminar for 10th-12th graders that will provide you with tools to combat anti-semitism, give you another perspective on Israel and Jewish life and will get your Jewish circle bigger! The program ends with a beautiful ceremony at the Israeli Embassy in D.C. surrounded by the most important persona! It's a great way to make a change and be involved. Me and Uriel, the shlichah at B'nei Israel will lead the sessions. For more info reach out to me, [Apply here](#) and check the full schedule by clicking on the image!



Israel Programs

In case you missed it - you can still sign up for an amazing experience in Israel! Whether you are teens, young families or adults - there's a program for you! Gap years, semesters abroad, volunteer and internship options, trips and so much more! Also, in case you didn't know, [a grant for Maryland students](#) to enable high-schoolers to learn in Israel is available! Reach out to me or click the Israeli flag for more info!



What's Happening in Israel?



The calendar images are clickable and have more details! Also, for more information about those special days, please don't hesitate to reach out! (Contacts on the last page).

Dessert Time! Ma'amoul (Traditional Moroccan Cookies) Recipe

Behind the beautiful pattern (you can find the tools to make those patterns [here](#) or [here](#)) and the amazing taste, those traditional date filled cookies served after (almost) every meal with a hot cup of tea, are so versatile and you can totally make them your own! In the Purim spirit, you can make them into hamantaschen, change the filling, and mix it around! My grandmother would never admit it, but when she's feeling lazy, she just makes it into a "jelly roll" shape, and it's as delicious as the fancy pattern one... This recipe is a family favorite, especially by my dad, who loves munching on them with a cup of black coffee (rulebreaker!). It brings such good memories and I'm so glad to share it with you! בתיאבון

Ingredients

For the Dough:

- 4 cups of all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon of baking powder
- 2 tablespoons of granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon of vanilla sugar (OR 1 teaspoon each of granulated sugar and vanilla extract)
- 1 cup of water
- 1¼ sticks of butter

For the Traditional Date Filling:

- ½ lbs of date spread (OR dates that have been chopped in a food processor)
- ½ cup of crushed walnuts
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon of vanilla sugar (OR 1 teaspoon each of granulated sugar and vanilla extract)

For Presentation:

- ½ cup powdered sugar

Directions

Start with the Dough:

- In a stand mixer start mixing the butter and sugars.
- After a few moments of mixing, add dry ingredients and water.
- Mix until a soft, flexible dough is formed.
- Once there, put it to the side and start working on the filling.

Making the Filling:

- Mix all the filling ingredients until a homogeneous mixture is formed.
- Make small balls out of that mixture and line them on a baking sheet.

Assembling the Cookies:

- After the dough has rested, take ping-pong size balls and flatten them down, put a filling ball inside and close.
- They're delicious either way, to make the pattern using [this mold](#), put the cookie inside and press.
- To make the pinched look, pinch the cookies around [using this tool](#), and place on the baking sheet.
- Bake for 20-25 minutes in a 350°F preheated oven until golden brown.
- Let cool and serve with a dusting of powdered sugar!
- If you make it, send me a pic! בתיאבון



The Way to Israel 75th!



Israel is turning 75 and it's kind of a big deal! As we get closer to the big day (4/26, or 5 of Iyar, ה' באייר) I will share some fun facts, songs, videos and more about the beloved Jewish country! Soon I'll also share with you our celebration programming schedule - and let me tell you - it's going to be an event that you see only once in 75 years!

ISRAEL'S 75TH BIRTHDAY COUNTDOWN: 70 DAYS!

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PLACED IN THE WESTERN WALL EVERY YEAR



See You Later & Keep In Touch!

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contacts and then you'll see me on the app)

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That's it for this time!

Hope you liked this issue!

I want to wish everyone a happy Purim
and I'm looking forward to seeing
everyone here celebrating this fun
holiday with us!

La'Shalom,
Snir

Mishloach Manot to the Soldiers of the IDF

We are all familiar with the tradition of Mishloach Manot, but this year I want you to look at it from a different angle. Connections Israel was founded in 2001 to bring support to IDF soldiers and Israeli society. This organization does a lot of programs, but we'll focus on the Purim initiative, in which you can donate a Mishloach Manot for a lone soldier (a soldier with no family relations in Israel or at all) or an army unit. I encourage you to check [their website](#) and find out more about the program. This can really change this holiday for a lot of the soldiers.

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Temple Emanuel, Kensington
May 17

Speaker Session

Sunday, May 21
Time TBD

Participation is open to any 10th - 12th grader regardless of school/ synagogue or membership/affiliation.

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