

FROM THE SHALIACH TO YOU



Shalom Everyone! Summertime Rejuvenating

Summertime is such an amazing time of the year - it's a time to rejuvenate, to relax, to travel, to experience - there's really nothing you can't do! Growing up in Israel, summer symbolized endless opportunities. I remember, as a student, waking up every morning of summer break curious to know how the day would unfold. You could go to the beach in Bat-Yam, to the market in Tel-Aviv, hike in the beautiful nature of the holy land - every day felt like a surprise.

As I grew older, summer started to feel like a task, in a way. Get a summer job, make sure you get enough shifts, work overtime ... that's not what summer is all about! I lost balance and I learned from that experience.

Summer is a time of exploring and of self-care. It's a time to reflect and arrive at the finish line better than ever. I learned to combine work and fun and strike a balance. You can finish your "tasks" (sometimes even planning for a fun trip is work), and then go have fun. I learned not to overwork myself. Those things sound so basic, but they are so important. Even in the army, when you are working 24/7 in the heat of the desert, you must find that balance - because if you don't, you're done.

Why am I telling you all of this? Because I want you to do that too! Find your balance, enjoy your summer, create memories, have fun! Sometimes we get caught up in our job or work and forget to appreciate everything around us. Have you ever gone on a trip and the only thing in your head was logistics or making it on time to your next destination? Avoid that! Enjoy the now! It takes practice, but it's so worth it.

As we close the year here at Temple Emanuel, I'm taking a (short) break too. This is the last Newsletter before Rosh HaShana and I'll miss writing it very much. When we meet again, I'll tell you everything about my vacations and visit to Israel! I can't wait to bring back memories from my Israel home to my new home here.

With love,
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Israeli Movie Recommendation

Cupcakes

(Bananot) - בננות

The Eurovision craze is not over yet! Noa Kirel (Israel's representative for the 2023 Eurovision) took 3rd place, and we're not done talking about the song competition just yet. In 2013, 7 years before Will Ferrell's "Eurovision Song Contest: The Story of Fire Saga" parody movie, "Cupcakes" was released in theaters in Israel, celebrating Israel's favorite European craze. With a star studded cast and a catchy and fun soundtrack, this movie was a huge hit in Israel and is the perfect summer treat!



The movie is set in Tel Aviv, where six friends who are appalled by the Israeli entry in the UniverSong (see the connection to Eurovision there?) competition record their own song on a mobile phone, then are shocked to learn their recording is selected as Israel's entry for next year's competition. The group includes middle-aged baker Anat, gay school teacher Ofer who likes to entertain his kindergarten class by performing musical numbers in drag, shy blogger Keren, lesbian singer/songwriter Efrat, former beauty pageant winner turned lawyer Yael, and repressed Dana. This combination delivers a sugar-coated treat - exactly what you need from a summer blockbuster! *This movie is available to watch free on Tubi. Click the poster to watch.

★ 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).

Israel News

Pride 2023 Celebrations in Israel!

Every June, the streets of Israel get a colorful facelift. It's the season when Israelis celebrate Pride! The Annual Israeli Pride Parade takes place in Tel-Aviv. This year over 100,000 people took a part in this amazing event demonstrating their solidarity and support for the LGBTQA+ community. Earlier in the month, the Jerusalem Pride and Tolerance March, took place and a wave of supporters joined this amazing cause and celebrated pride in the Capital of Israel.



People Marching in the Annual Pride Parade in Tel-Aviv

This year's parade in Tel-Aviv marked the 25th year of pride celebrations in the city and drew a lot of crowds and attention. The two-day celebration featured a star-studded team of artists that joined the traditional festival supporting the cause and effort. Big names like Netta (who won the 2018 Eurovision), Ivri Lider (a gay artist who revolutionized LGBTQA+ artists in Israel and wrote the soundtrack for the movie 'Yossi and Jagger'), Nunu, and so much more.

It's important to point out that the celebrations of pride don't stop here - Israel celebrates pride all month long (and actually all year long...) with special shows, concerts, parties and so much more held all over the country - giving people the opportunity to be themselves and celebrate with pride!



Man Marching in Tel-Aviv with a shirt that says "Proud Dad" / "אבא גאה"



Israeli LGBTQ+ Youth Group "IGY" March at the Jerusalem Parade

What's Going on?

KESTY's 2023-2024 New Board!

In the past month we closed a great year of KESTY. We managed to revive our youth programming after the pandemic and all of this wouldn't be possible without our great exiting Board! We also had elections and we have a new 2023/24 KESTY Board:

- Adam Dincin, President
- Anna Bryan-Taff, Programming Vice President
- Campbell Weiss, Communications Vice President
- Gus Bookbinder, Religious & Cultural Vice President
- Jonah Lerner, Social Action Vice President
- Nathan Genzer, Membership Vice President

They are going to do a great job next year, so stay tuned for that! It's also a great opportunity to say thanks to Naomi Calhoun, Norah Mannle and Eve Sharp, for the great job they did on the KESTY Board this year!



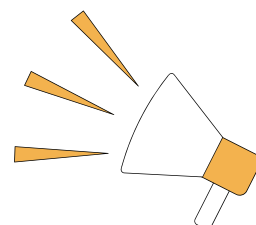
Last Day of Religious School Celebrations

At the end of May, we said goodbye to our Religious School year while enjoying Maccabiah games and our annual picnic! We played games and had good time with friends, and can't wait to see everyone next year!

We said a big thank you to all of our incredible teachers and Madrichol and apprentices for a great job this year. We also said goodbye to Kathy Magenheim, our amazing School Administrator, who is retiring after 13 years at Temple Emanuel, we will miss you Kathy!

On The Horizon

Next year is going to be a big one! During the summer, me and the rest of the Temple Emanuel Staff will work hard on building up interesting and unique programs for our community and youth. Among other things, I am planning classes about Israeli films and literature, with the theme of "Love, Family, and Everything In-Between," so stay tuned! Of course, during the High Holidays, our KESTY teens will lead family-friendly services. Check out Kol Kore and Stay Connected for times and dates. In the meantime, I can share that we are amidst the hiring process for Madrichol and Apprentices for our Religious School staff, so if you or someone you know are interested, please reach out to me.





More On The Horizon - Come to OSRUI for a special NFTY Weekend!

I am so excited to share the news that registration for The Collab is now open! At The Collab, NFTY teens from across North America have the opportunity to come together and connect with one another. Registration is open for this unforgettable 4-day weekend from November 10th-13th, 2023. 9th-12th graders are invited to sign up and tell a friend! Temple Emanuel is really excited about sending our teens to this event and will sponsor airfare (up to \$400)!

URJ Camp OSRUI in Wisconsin is the home for this weekend away where life-changing memories will be made. I spent two summers working at this amazing camp and it's such an incredible place to spend time, explore, and enjoy everything it has to offer. I'm really excited for this weekend and spending some time at OSRUI with our amazing teens. Feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

CLICK THE PICTURE FOR MORE INFO AND REGISTRATION



Time for Food! Summer Dessert – Israeli Icebox Cake Recipe!

If you ask me - this is the taste of Israeli summer. You can go to the market and get a cold freshly-squeezed pomegranate juice (and you should do that), or stop at the local ice-cream store (preferably "Golda") and get a scoop or two, but this cake is unbeatable. This is the taste of home in the summer. I remember begging my grandmother to make this for me every weekend, walking down the street to the supermarket with her and getting the ingredients to make this incredibly easy recipe. We call it also a biscuit cake, because it's made from layers of delicious pudding and Israeli biscuits. I really recommend going the extra mile and going to your nearby Israeli/Kosher-Mart to get the Israeli brand products because it does, in fact, make a difference (and tastes like you're on the shore in Tel-Aviv...).

This recipe will definitely take your summer game a few levels up, Bon Appetit!

Directions

Making the Custard:

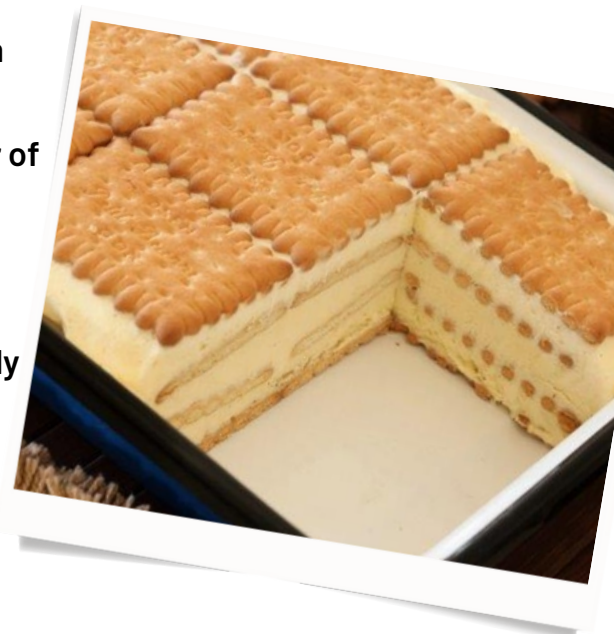
- in a bowl, mix the heavy cream, milk, sugar and pudding mix and whisk them until soft peaks form.
- To that mixture add the cream cheese and whisk again to achieve stiff peaks; the mixture should be able to hold its shape.
- In a pan, start lining biscuits dipped in milk/coffee. Top them with half the pudding mixture, and then alternate layers with biscuits and pudding mixture. You can assemble any number of layers you desire.
- Garnish with chocolate shavings/coffee/cocoa/chocolate ganache or anything you want!
- Cover up and put in the freezer for 4 hours at least, preferably overnight. Cut and enjoy! **בתיאבון**

If you make it, please send me a picture! Excited to share more recipes with you all next year!



Ingredients

- ¾ cup of milk
- 1 cup of heavy cream
- 1 pack of vanilla pudding mix (Preferably Osem brand)
- 5 tablespoons of sugar
- 8 oz of cream cheese (you can also use light cream cheese)
- 1 cup of milk or coffee (for dipping the biscuits)
- 2 packs of Osem Tea Biscuits
- Chocolate bar for decorating



A Big Thank You!

As we close my first year at Temple Emanuel, I was welcomed in the best way possible into the community, and it's important to me to express my gratitude. In my wildest dreams I never thought that I would be surrounded by so many incredible people that care about me, my success, and my well being, as well as amazing, supportive, and encouraging work supervisors and team. Getting to spend Friday nights with community families, being invited to special events, getting taken care of – those things I don't take for granted. Moving away across the globe wasn't an easy task, but being able to move to work in this community with amazing people really makes it a once-in-a-lifetime experience, one that I wouldn't trade for anything else. Thank you – from the bottom of my heart.

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See You Later & Keep In Touch!

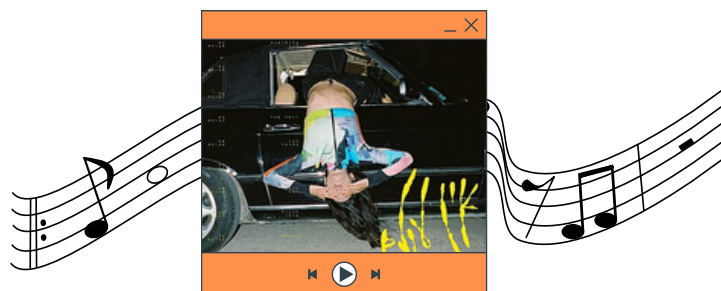
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That's it for this time!

Hope you enjoyed this issue!
 We will meet again after the summer!
 Take some time to rejuvenate and relax before the new year!

La'Shalom,
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Israeli Music Recommendation Jasmin Moallem - 'Ain Olam'



Moallem is one of the most refreshing voices and artists in Israel right now. She presents powerful lyrics with captivating melodies in ways that we haven't seen in Israeli music before. Over the past month, Moallem released her second album, 'Ain Olam' (No World), giving us another peek into her brain with amazing tunes and music, including collaborations with Israeli artists (some I featured here before!). Click the album to listen.