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The Newsletter of Temple Emanuel Kensington, Maryland



TEMPLE EMANUEL CIVIL RIGHTS TRIP, SPRING 2023, AT THE EDMUND PETTUS BRIDGE

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SUMMER

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information about
High Holy Days
5784!

from the Rabbi

RABBI'S REMARKS:

Temple Emanuel quiets down over the summer. During the year, our building is filled with countless programs, services, and meetings. We gather, we pray, we learn, we do justice, we enjoy building our amazing community. This summer, after a very full and bustling year, the pause feels appropriate and soothing. I hope you too have found time to slow down, to rest, to vacation, to enjoy the outdoors, to take a break from your routines.

Even as the Temple quiets down over the summer, there is still a lot happening. Later in July, the senior staff and some of our lay leaders will embark on a three-day retreat to discuss and strategize how we can continue to move our mission forward throughout the rest of the year and beyond. The staff is busily preparing for the fall season and for the impending High Holy Days. A group of folks in the community is starting to pack their bags to join me on our tour to Israel in August. We continue to celebrate Shabbat with our engaging Friday evening services and our Saturday morning Torah study sessions. And our ECC students enjoy spending their days in our wonderful program, spending lots more time outdoors, splashing in the sprinklers and playing on our beautiful backyard playscape.

I also know that you are busily planning for the year to come; getting the kids ready to go back to school, looking at your professional growth and development, figuring out the next chapter. I have a request for you. If you have friends, neighbors, family members who are searching for a spiritual home, see if Temple Emanuel might be the right place for them. The summer is a great time to visit, to meet with me and other senior staff members, to see if this community might fit their needs. Bring them to a Friday night service, encourage them to walk around the building and the grounds. Introduce them to our wonderful members. We are always looking to grow and welcome people into our dynamic, warm, and welcoming congregation.

In just a few months, we'll gather to celebrate the beginning of the New Year. I hope you're as excited as I am about the possibilities and exciting opportunities in the year to come. We'll be offering a full slate of programs and services between Elul and Simchat Torah which are certain to connect to people in meaningful ways. As always, I welcome your ideas, your support, your involvement, and your participation. Let's work together to make sure that 5784 will be a great year at Temple Emanuel.

L'shalom, Rabbi Adam Rosenwasser



Israel Engagement

The Temple Emanuel Israel Engagement Committee endeavors to keep our congregation informed about what is happening in Israel, and to provide programming during the year that engages the congregation with Israeli culture, religious activities, and an opportunity to ask questions about what is happening in Israel. As there are many changes occurring in Israel recently that concern members, we would like to provide a link to an ARZA web site that might provide answers to some of your questions:

**www.arza.org and click
on background information**

We hope that congregants find this web site helpful, and we look forward to providing you with some great Israel themed programs in the coming year.

Allan Mufson, Chair, Israel Engagement

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BACKGROUND AND HELPFUL INFORMATION IN UNDERSTANDING THE CURRENT ISSUES IN ISRAEL

Background Memo on the Impact of Proposed Policies called for by Israel's New Government

What's at Stake:

The enactment of many of the policies called for by members of the coalition, most particularly Justice Minister Yariv Levin and Knesset Constitution, Law and Justice Committee chair Simcha Rothman – endorsed by PM Netanyahu – would constitute, or likely result in, an abandonment of the fundamental freedoms enshrined in Israel's Declaration of Independence and in its Basic Laws.

It would reject a key, fundamental character of all democracies – a commitment to protect core rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international covenants to which Israel is a signatory – as rights that must be free of majoritarian rule.

Specifically, under the proposed legislation:

- It will be nearly impossible for Israel's Supreme Court to strike down legislation and the Knesset could override such decisions;
- The judiciary will become significantly less independent and judicial selections highly politicized;
- Government and ministerial decisions will be immune from judicial review;
- The government will no longer be bound by the Attorney General's legal opinions and will be able to act in violation of the law.

from the Cantor

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I hope that everyone is enjoying their summer, finding some time to relax and regroup, and savoring some fun in the sun. Maybe your children are away at camps, making for a quieter, relaxing time around the house. Perhaps you are taking a vacation: My family is going to spend a few days with some friends at Myrtle Beach, where we will enjoy some well deserved "R & R".



Summer is the time when I regroup. With a bit more flexibility in my schedule, I am able to re-energize and refuel, taking the time to be thoughtful in visualizing the upcoming year. I set my sights on the High Holy Days. With the arrival of *Elul* in mid-August, Jews throughout the world will spend a month reflecting, preparing to atone, forgive, and spiritually reset for the upcoming year.

As a clergy person, It is hard to achieve my spiritual reset during my busiest working season. Leading our community through the majesty and solemnity of the holidays is both thrilling and meaningful, yet it doesn't allow me to completely absorb and experience the spiritual fulfillment of the High Holy Days. This experience can lead me to begin the Jewish New Year feeling depleted, rather than replenished. Therefore, I tend to treat the month of July as my own personal *Elul*, a time when I can reset, reflect, rest, and prepare for the upcoming year.

And what a year it will be! Rabbi Adam and I look forward to welcoming our community back to Temple Emanuel, where we will celebrate the High Holy Days together in a variety of services. From the solemnity of *Selichot* and *Yom Kippur*, to the joyous celebration of *Rosh Hashana*, there is something for everyone at Temple Emanuel.

There are some exciting changes that are coming to our High Holy Day experience. We are delighted to return to Kensington Cabin Park for our new Katan Family Services, designed for families with children aged 2nd grade and younger. This festive, musical service will feature our Kol Ruach Junior choir, followed by a fun, holiday craft. We are also transforming our Alternative service into the KESTY led Family Service, for families with children in 3rd - 6th grades. This new service will feature contemporary folk musical selections led by our KESTY teens, and a family friendly prayerbook. For our main services in the Sanctuary, we will be joined by our Kol Zimrah choir throughout the High Holy Days, and are excited to welcome our Kol Ruach choir to the bimah to sing during our celebratory, energetic Neilah service. We are very excited about these innovations, and look forward to sharing these newly designed services with you all.

There are several new programs that were introduced last year that we are excited to continue. Our Saturday morning *Simchat Shabbat* is a joyous, participatory service, featuring our Kol Ruach Jr. Choir and followed by a luncheon. We are very excited to continue this new program this fall, and encourage family attendance.

This fall, *Kol Ruach Jr.* Choir will continue to meet on Sunday mornings before religious school from 8:30-9 AM. To kick off the school year, I'm excited to host a "Back to School" party for returning and potential Jr. Choir members on the afternoon of **Saturday, August 26**. Save the date, and be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks.

Enjoy your summer, and I look forward to seeing you all back at Temple Emanuel for an incredible High Holy Day season.

L'shalom, Cantor Lindsay Kanter

from the Early Childhood Center

"Chazak, chazak, v'nitchazek"

This phrase, which is customarily chanted following the completion of a book of the Torah, can be translated into English to mean, 'be strong, be strong, and we will strengthen one another.' This theme of strength, particularly the strength we derive from our community, was the focus of our intentional research this school year in the Early Childhood Center. Through the lens of strength, our children explored beautiful concepts such as care, kindness, friendship, and empathy. It is particularly meaningful to reflect upon the value and strength of our community and its members as we conclude TEECC's 15th school year and our first post-pandemic year of normal programming operations.

This year, classrooms of children were able to play and work on research projects together, parents returned to the classroom for birthday celebrations, and we gathered each Friday as a community for Ta'am Shel Shabbat. Like a sigh of relief, this simple act of being able to share space once again has reinvigorated us and allowed us to refocus our energies on thriving (instead of just surviving).

Our upcoming 2023-2024 School Year brings with it a renewed sense of our obligation to provide the highest quality learning experiences for our youngest community members. In the coming year we will be publishing a new mission statement for our program and envisioning strategies for its ongoing growth and development. We are recommitting ourselves to meeting our reputation of high-quality professional development and pedagogy and look forward to working closely with our new Pedagogical Consultant and Mentor, Sandy Lanes. Additionally, we are hard at work on finding new ways to integrate our ECC children and young families into the greater Temple Emanuel community including planning family-friendly community events, services, and programs.

No matter what, we know that our greatest strength as a community will always be one another and we look forward to sharing the journey ahead with all of you!

L'Shalom,

Dana Robinson, *Director of Early Childhood*



2023-2024

**Temple Emanuel
Early Childhood Center**



Limited spots remain in our 3- and 4-year old cohorts

Enroll Now!

For more information, or to schedule a tour, please contact
Dana Robinson at dana@templeemanuelmd.org or 301-942-2000.

Youth Engagement

Shalom everyone! The last couple of months were really eventful! I feel like the luckiest person in the world to be able to work with our community and, of course, our incredible teens! We got to host a NFTY x KESTY event, to run the last youth events of the year (including a special bonfire!) celebrate Israel at 75th together, and elect a new KESTY Board!

I'm glad to announce our new KESTY Board for 2023-2024:

Adam Dincin, President

Campbell Weiss, Communications Vice President

Anna Bryan-Taff, Programming Vice President

Gus Bookbinder, Religious & Cultural Vice President

Jonah Lerner, Social Action Vice President

Nathan Genzer, Membership Vice President

I can't wait to work with this amazing group of enthusiastic and passionate teens on our KESTY programming and youth group next year!

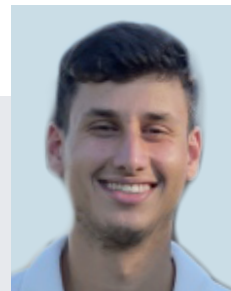
As we look forward to welcoming the new year after the summer - we have so much planned:

We will kick off the year of youth programming with our KESTY-led Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur Services, and also with our Annual Kickoff Bonfire in September and October, so stay tuned for that!

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 and appreciation to this amazing community, Thank you - from the bottom of my heart. **תודה רבה!**

L'Shalom,

Snir



from the Religious School

It is still hard for me to believe that an entire Religious School year has passed since I joined Temple Emanuel as your Director of Congregational Learning. It has been a transformative year as I learned our congregation's traditions and became part of our educational team of clergy, staff, teachers, and congregants. I feel very at home at Temple Emanuel and am grateful for your friendship and support.

One of the factors that led me to a career in Jewish education is my passion for life-long learning. I am fortunate to have a day job that allows me to indulge this interest. I seek information through many sources, including books, podcasts, films, newspapers (yes, I am that old-fashioned), online resources, classes, and good conversations with interesting people.

Because of my interests, I feel a real kinship with Rabbi Hillel, who said, "do not say 'When I am free, I will study,' for perhaps you will not become free." – Pirkei Avot 2:6. This saying reminds me to look for and prioritize opportunities to learn. This does not mean that you'll find me constantly with my nose in a book! Rather, I look for learning opportunities both formal and informal in my day-to-day life.

Temple Emanuel offers learning opportunities for members of all ages. Most congregants associate me with the Religious School, and it is a joy for me to provide our youth with learning in a Jewish environment. Our Religious School is creative and dynamic. On any given Sunday, you will see our Kindergarten class making creation cookies, our 5th Grade students learning about the Jewish diaspora, and our 6th Grade class traveling to Philadelphia to visit the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History. In our Hebrew classes, our students are dancing to Mi Chamocha videos, making alef bet letters out of clay and creating Hebrew vocabulary dictionaries, or "milanim."

For the 2023-2024 school year, we will enhance our program in multiple ways. We are returning to our pre-COVID schedule of 9:00–11:30 AM, which provides more time for engagement, electives, and recess. We are adding a once-a-month PreK class for our youngest learners. January will see an "intersession" of electives for all ages, such as Israeli dance, Jewish cooking, Israeli literature, crocheting, yoga, and karate! All grades will participate in field trips, including a Noah's Ark trip to the National Zoo and a Civil Rights Trip to the South for Grades 8-12. All these enhancements create opportunities for our students to learn, build community, and develop their Jewish identities.

I also plan our Adult Education offerings in partnership with the clergy and many wonderful lay leaders. This fall, Rabbi Adam will continue teaching his Musar class in which participants study Jewish middot ("soul traits") and how to incorporate them in our lives. We will offer a series of classes about the Jewish connection to some of our favorite drinks such as coffee, wine, and whiskey. Our shaliach, Snir Holtzman, is planning classes about Israeli films and literature, with the theme of "Love, Family, and Everything In-Between." And I've been working with congregants to present on topics of special interest to them and to bring in outside speakers to engage us on a variety of subjects. I welcome your input!

I hope that you will join me in looking for learning opportunities to broaden our minds, build our community, and expand our horizons. If we can include some humor, so much the better! Wishing you a wonderful summer with plenty of time to curl up with a good book. [NOTE: Feel free to contact me for podcast recommendations.]

Laura Naide, Director of Congregational Learning



High Holy Day Programming for Families with Young Children

Families with children up to Second Grade are invited to High Holy Day services just for you! There will be craft activities after each service.

On Saturday, September 16 from 8:45 AM - 9:30 AM, join Rabbi Adam, Cantor Lindsay, Morah Laura, and Snir Holtzman at Kensington Cabin Park for a Katan Family Service. After the service, we will have fun with a magic apple craft. Each family will take home a sweet treat to enjoy.

On Monday September 25 from 8:45 AM - 9:30 AM, join Rabbi Adam, Cantor Lindsay, Morah Laura, and Snir at Kensington Cabin Park for a Katan Family Service. After the service, we will learn about sea creatures. Each family will take home an ocean craft.

High Holy Day Programming for Families with Elementary-Age Children (Grades 3-6)

At 1 PM on Rosh Hashanah (September 16) and Yom Kippur (September 25), families with elementary-age children are invited to join us for our KESTY led Family Service (formerly known as the "Alternative Service"). These services will emphasize music and creativity. They will provide an age-appropriate worship experience for elementary-age students and are open to all congregants looking for creative worship opportunities.

2023-2024 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION MATERIALS ONLINE

Please watch your email for information about Religious School registration!

The Registration form is a fillable PDF form. Please fill out one form per child. Once completed, please return the form(s) along with a current jpeg image of your child(ren) to schooladmin@templemanuelmd.org.

from the President

It's hard to believe I've been President of Temple Emanuel for almost a year now. People told me it would go quickly, and it has. I still have a lot to do, but fortunately I also still have time to make more progress.

Speaking of progress, I'm excited to report that we have new co-chairs for our Membership committee, which had been dormant since the pandemic. Camellia Jacobs and Steve Weiss, both experienced lay leaders who have already made substantial contributions to our community, have agreed to serve in this role. Together with Miriam Zarin, our new communications specialist, they will be working on a full range of efforts to engage and retain current members, and to appeal to prospective members as well. I am thrilled that Camellia and Steve will be leading these efforts, and I have asked the chairs of other committees to work with them in developing events and programs that will help us to better serve our members.

Our efforts to connect with new members, and to engage our current members, have been greatly aided by improvements we have made to our website in the past few years. If you haven't visited the website recently, check it out. For prospective members, there's a big button ("JOIN") that goes right to an online form for indicating interest. And anyone can sign up for our weekly emails (at the bottom of the home page, "SIGN UP NOW"), even if they're not quite ready to join. I think for most people, the first step in learning about an organization is often visiting the website, and I know that making our website clearer and more appealing has had an impact. But old fashioned word of mouth is good too. I hope all of you have time this summer to relax and enjoy the pleasures of the season. And maybe tell a few friends about Temple Emanuel.

Thanks, Martha



Getting the word out about Temple Emanuel is something all of us can do, whether it's at the neighborhood pool this summer, or schmoozing with other parents at back to school night.

KULANU COMMITTEE

The Kulanu Committee (<http://www.templeemanuelmd.org/kulanu-committee-at-temple-emanuel/>) was formed in 2002 to advocate for the inclusion of LGBTQ+ Jews, same sex couples, and families with same sex parents. Over time, the mission expanded to encompass the full range of diversity in our Temple community. As part of our mission, we have been participating with the Temple's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee.

On June 9, the Temple's annual Pride Shabbat's featured speaker was Reverend Joey Heath-Mason, Associate Pastor of our neighbor, St. Paul's Methodist Church. Rabbi Adam and Pastor Joey conduct interfaith programs together in Kensington, enriching the lives of so many in our communities.

On June 25, the Temple had a table at the Pride in the Plaza event in downtown Silver Spring. Several Temple members helped with the table, providing support to the wider LGBTQ+ community, and raising our profile as a welcoming, inclusive Jewish community.



Kulanu events throughout the years

from the Brotherhood

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The Brotherhood is excited about the upcoming summer season of activities and special events! Coming off a very busy Spring where we had great monthly meetings, bartending at the great Adult Purim Shpiel in March, our brunch with a speaker from B'nai B'rith International in April, our annual Brotherhood meeting and catered dinner in May, as well as our signature annual Poker Night/Game night! We also lent a hand with the 70th Anniversary celebration and again held our annual Father's Day out at the Bowie Baysox game, in June. Of course, we continued to provide ushers for all of Temple Emanuel's shabbat services, both in person and via zoom. I can't thank all the Brothers who have contributed their time, and hearts, to help the Brotherhood stay strong, vibrant, and providing great service and support to many aspects of the Temple Emanuel community.

Things do slow down a bit over the summer months, but we do have a number of important and fun events on the horizon. On July 7th, we will be holding our summertime Brotherhood Shabbat service. These services are always meaningful, and it is so much fun to get together with friends during this special service. The service is of course open to all, and I hope we get a great turnout! Our monthly board meetings are always social and fun, but we also focus on serious topics such as antisemitism, and other topics of import to our board members. These meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month, at 7:30 and we invite everyone to attend (includes adult beverages, snacks, sodas, etc.)!

We are looking to set up a number of outings and get-togethers over the summer, potentially including a trip to the Lone Oak Brewery, a movie night, and more. Our annual TE grounds clean up will be scheduled for late August, so please get your gardening tools ready to lend a hand. It is always great to spruce up the property before the High Holy Days. We also look forward to our Fall dinner, usually in early September. If you are interested in any of these activities, please reach out and let me know!

Finally, I want to mention the great services that our committees will continue to provide over the summer. The Sunshine Committee does such great work all the time, sending cards and get well wishes to congregants, friends, and families, as well as delivering meals! Thank you! We are also so proud of our Youth Activities Committee and all that they continue to do for the TE community! We have so many opportunities for TE members to join us to help keep the Brotherhood strong and growing. Please come join us at one of our many events or services – it will be great to meet you!

Thank you again to all of our hard-working and dedicated Brotherhood members who unselfishly give their time to help us provide such important services across the TE community. And, support each other during times of great hardship and need – we are always there for each other. I am kvelling and looking forward to the next few months! I hope everyone enjoys their summer (including September in summer now) and feel free to reach out to me with any thoughts or questions!

Alan Tabachnick, *Brotherhood President*

Attend Services from Anywhere Via Zoom and Facebook

Not able to attend a service in person this summer while traveling, delayed at work, or just need to watch from the comfort of your home? No problem. Friday Shabbat services are available each week online with Zoom and Facebook, accessible with your smart phone or computer. The links are provided in the Temple Emanuel Stay Connected email, Rabbi Adam's Thursday email with Shabbat information, as well as the Temple Emanuel website.



If you are not already familiar with our updated Temple Emanuel website, visit at www.templeemanuelmd.org and look for the Live Streaming button in the top bar of the webpage. When you click Live Streaming, you will see the Shabbat services listed with the time and links to Zoom and Facebook. The Zoom link will take you to the service online with no login required, where you will be let in just prior to the start of the service. If you have a Facebook account, the Facebook link will take you to directly to the service on Facebook once the recording begins.

Whether in person or online, we wish you joy and peace this summer.

L'Shalom, the Tech Committee

Women of Reform Judaism

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We are having a very successful year so far and were thrilled to have our first retreat since the pandemic. Please join us for one or all of our many activities that are planned for the rest of the year.

ACTIVITIES

Temple Emanuel's Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ)/Sisterhood welcomes you to our activities this year. Membership in WRJ is a great way to get to know women of different ages and backgrounds through our annual retreat, weekly drop-in Mahjong games, brunches, discussion groups, and other programs.

Any person identifying as female who is committed to the goals and objectives of Temple Emanuel WRJ, its Congregation, and the Jewish community is eligible for membership. Summer is a great time to start this year's membership whether joining WRJ for the first time or rejoining WRJ if you're currently not a member. Please contact Judi Sprei, our Vice President for membership: judisprei@gmail.com

As we look forward to the upcoming year, we want to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers (bagel table, retreat, brunches, special events, seder, service and dinner) who helped us this past year. And we want to express a special Toda Raba to Joyce Falk and Janet Turim who have served as WRJ's co-presidents the last two years and did a terrific job keeping us active throughout the pandemic.

Read on and learn about some of what WRJ has in store for the coming year (dates will be announced once confirmed). Want more information or have questions? Contact us at: wrj@templemanuelmd.org Also, join us on our Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TEWRJ/> and request the administrator add you to the group.

Monday night Mahjong is BACK at the Temple beginning June 5th from 6:30-8:30pm. Open to all WRJ members and other Temple members who are not members of WRJ can come twice to give it a try. Contact our Vice President for Programming Michele Parsonnet at mparsonnet@gmail.com for more information.

The **Bagel Table** returned this past year and will continue. We are always looking for volunteers to staff it. We encourage you to try it – even once, so that you can see the fun in interacting with our Temple youth and get to know other volunteers – or just stop by for breakfast – even if you don't have children in the Religious School.

Fall Membership Dinner – free for all WRJ members will take place on a Sunday evening in October

Sunday brunch with a terrific speaker will occur on a Sunday morning in November

After a hiatus due to COVID, the **Women's Retreat** came back this past year and is already scheduled for January 19-21 in Dewey Beach, DE. This outing is always a highlight of our year, so mark your calendars now and be on the lookout for information in the fall.

WRJ holds its **Monthly WRJ meetings** on the third Wednesday evening of every month beginning at 7pm. Beginning in October we will hold our meetings in person every other month and on the alternative month, the meeting will be held via Zoom.

Linda Wolpert and Lisa Reff
Co-Presidents WRJ



MEAL OF COMFORT COMMITTEE

"Serving on the Meal of Comfort Committee (formerly the Bereavement Committee) has been one of the most meaningful and appreciated mitzvot that I have performed as a Temple member."

The **Meal of Comfort Committee** is looking for volunteers to continue the Temple tradition of providing meals to bereaved families returning from the cemetery.

There are several ways to help, each requiring only an infrequent, small commitment of time. But in order to provide this service to families, we need a large number of volunteers so that, on short notice, we can be certain to have sufficient volunteers available. If you would be interested joining with others in performing this mitzvah and/or would like more information, please contact Bobbi Fishback at fishbackbl@gmail.com.

GLOBAL MITZVAH DONATIONS IN 2022-2023

Now in its 17th year, the Global Mitzvah Project continues to provide tangible help to poor and disadvantaged communities and families around the world. Funds raised during 2022-23 supported the following international projects: (1) Installation of a safe, ground water solar pump and taps for Namufulo Primary School in Sinozongwe village **Zambia** (with Tevel B'Tzedek, \$2,000); (2) Test drilling and installation of clean water wells to complete the COVID-interrupted routing of pipelines to Shiringamazu Village, **Peru** (with Engineers Without Borders-DC, \$2,000); (3) Furnishing locally made classroom furniture for preschool/K classrooms in two remote highland schools (Bintho and Gros Moulin), **Haiti** (with Summits Education, \$2,625); (4) Training 40 vendors to use safe food practices at the main central market in Bernin Kebbi, **Nigeria** (with local Alliance for the Promotion of Food Safety, and Eat Safe Project/ Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition, \$2,200).



DO YOU HAVE IDEAS FOR OUR NEXT GLOBAL MITZVAH PROJECT

All congregants (adults and students) are invited to propose new projects. Please contact co-chairs Stan Fagen (stanfagen@gmail.com) or Caroline Smith DeWaal (dewaalcaroline@gmail.com) to discuss your idea.

DAY OF ACTION ON CAPITOL HILL

TEMPLE MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN THE RELIGIOUS ACTION CENTER OF REFORM JUDAISM

Temple Emanuel has a long history of involvement with the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC), notably the work of our own Judge David Davidson (z"l), who was a long-time member of the RAC's Commission on Social Action (CSA), serving as its Chair in 1997-2001. Rabbi Emeritus Warren Stone and past Temple Board Presidents Al Tanenbaum and Ian DeWaal have also been on the CSA; Temple member David Fishback has served since 2020. The RAC and the CSA develop positions for the URJ on important national and international issues from a Reform Jewish perspective. They also provide the infrastructure for the recent "postcarding," encouraging people to vote in key elections.

Last May, the CSA met in person for the first time since Covid began. Many of the members gathered on the evening of May 9 at the RAC headquarters on Massachusetts Avenue for a reception hosted by Union for Reform Judaism President Rabbi Rick Jacobs and RAC Executive Director Rabbi Jonah Pesner. The RAC building is historic, for it was at its conference room table that the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 were drafted by the leadership of the Civil Rights Movement. (Rabbi Pesner noted during the reception that Rev. William Barber of the new Poor People's Campaign recently observed to him this landmark legislation was actually written in Montgomery, Birmingham, and Selma, Alabama – but was "transcribed" at our conference room table.)

The next day, the whole CSA met, hearing a report from Rabbi Jacobs on the situation in Israel, and discussing a wide range of current projects, including those focused on repairing the damage caused in our country by the legacy of slavery and racism, White Christian Nationalism and Antisemitism, Indigenous Peoples' Rights, and the challenges of Climate Change. Then the CSA joined with hundreds of other Reform Jewish activists to hear from people on the front lines seeking to protect and expand voting rights.

On May 11, the full group met on Capitol Hill for a Day of Action on Climate Change. Before beginning lobbying, the group was addressed by Senator Raphael Warnock (GA) and Congressmembers Pramila Jayapal (WA), Ro Khanna (CA), Dan Goldman (NY), and Greg Landsman (OH)). Ian DeWaal helped lead the delegations who spoke with the offices of Congressman Jamie Raskin and Senator Chris Van Hollen. David Fishback also spoke at the meeting with Congressman Raskin's representative.

From time to time in the upcoming year, we will continue to post messages and alerts from the URJ/RAC on issues of vital importance. For more information about the RAC's activities, please contact David at fishbackds@gmail.com.

Summer 2023 B'NAI MITZVAH

The community is invited to celebrate with our newest teachers of Torah!

NOAH LEVIN is a rising 9th grader at St. Andrew's Episcopal School. He enjoys playing baseball and golf. He loves to travel and is always up for an adventure.

OLIVIA LEVIN is a rising 7th grader at St. Andrew's Episcopal School. She loves to dance. When not dancing, she is on the phone with her friends or playing with her dog. Both Noah and Olivia love the beach.

They are passionate about the environment. While at the beach they spend time picking up trash. They plan to recruit friends and family to join them in their efforts to clean up local beaches and parks in their area. They are looking forward to celebrating their B'nai Mitzvah with their family and friends.

Saturday, September 2, 10:00am



MADISON LEVI is a rising 8th grader at Silver Creek Middle School where she is an honor roll student. Madison is in the school band where she is in her 4th year playing clarinet. Madison chose for her mitzvah project to share her music by performing for assisted living communities around the area. Madison loves to compete and brings her passion to soccer teams, basketball teams, swimming and diving. She can't wait to celebrate her mitzvah with friends and family.

Saturday, September 9, 10:00am

Connect with us Online

Did you know Temple Emanuel has a group just for members on **Facebook** as well as our public page? Follow for event updates and photos!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/33502840417>

<https://www.facebook.com/TempleEmanuelMD>

We have an **Instagram** account! Watch for our stories most Fridays and live mini recaps of Temple events

<https://www.instagram.com/templeemanuelmd/>

Watch From Home: While we hope you can join in person, many events are available via Live Stream. Please see details under "Live Streaming" on our website at templeemanuelmd.org and watch for links in each week's emails.

Is TE in your Inbox? All members should receive two weekly Temple Emanuel emails - a listing of upcoming events every Monday and Rabbi Adam's details on the upcoming Shabbat every Thursday. If you do not, click the "Sign up Now" button at the bottom of our homepage at templeemanuelmd.org. We want to make sure all members are staying informed of everything going on. (ECC and Religious School families receive additional weekly communications regarding those programs.)



COMMUNITY SOCIAL ACTION COUNCIL (CSAC) TIME FOR REFLECTION AND RENEWAL

The past year has been one of re-emerging and reflection for the Community Social Action Council (CSAC) as Covid challenges continued to recede. We continued past programs such as the Community Vegetable Garden (donating produce to Shepherd's Table), actively promoting and participating in the Reform Judaism Religious Action Center "Every Person, Every Vote" campaign to increase voter participation (along with WRJ) and helping to plan the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. annual Shabbat service. We also continued to share timely information with the congregation regarding important social justice and action legislation in the Maryland State Assembly, and continued to shepherd the Temple Emanuel monthly tzedakah organization program.

However, we continue our struggle to engage new generations of younger congregants to join our efforts or to identify new leadership to take the reins of CSAC with new ideas and skills - even while Temple Emanuel continues its commitment to longstanding traditions as a Caring Community, committed to meet the challenges of Tikkun Olam, social justice and social action within our congregation and without.

These traditions reach back to the time of our Temple's founding. Formerly known as the Social Issues Committee, the Community Social Action Council was established a decade ago, as a clearing house for new ideas and programs - for example on issues of racial justice, immigration, LGBTQ+ inclusion, food insecurity, anti-gun violence, women's reproductive freedom, cancer care & research - while continuing our annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Commemorative Shabbat. Our successful work with the Shakiri family, refugees from Afghanistan, was initiated through CSAC. In recent years, we sponsored seminars on implicit bias, immigration, and issues surrounding the "Critical Race Theory" controversies - and we created and continue to cultivate the Temple's Community Garden and donate fresh produce to the Shepherd's Table homeless center in Silver Spring.

While, happily, a number of other Temple Committees are involved in Social Justice activities - for example, the Global Mitzvah Fund, Women of Reform Judaism, the Brotherhood, and the Israel Engagement Committee - CSAC has served as an incubator for fresh ideas Temple members have for additional projects and programming. ***We look forward to continuing our collaborative work with these other groups and congregants.***

Our future is tied to the development of a new generation of CSAC leadership and membership, and to develop ways to strengthen and expand our efforts. We hope to "re-envision" our social justice efforts and to engage newer generations of Temple members both in these efforts and leadership of them. To that end, we look forward to convening a Social Justice Town Hall in the Fall to put these issues before the congregation and gather your thoughts and guidance. For more information, please contact Ian DeWaal at dewaalian@prodigy.net.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 9am – Torah Study
2	3 6:30pm - Mah Jongg	4 BUILDING CLOSED	5 2pm - Creative Crafts & Conversation 7:30pm - Brotherhood Meeting	6 7pm - Executive Committee	7 9:30am - Ta'am Shel Shabbat 6:30pm - Shabbat Service	8 9am – Torah Study
9	10 6:30pm - Mah Jongg 7pm - CSAC Meeting	11 7pm - Building & Grounds Committee	12	13 6pm - ECC Family Picnic	14 9:30am - Ta'am Shel Shabbat 6:30pm - Shabbat Service	15 9am – Torah Study
16	17 6:30pm - Mah Jongg	18	19 2pm – Creative Crafts & Conversation	20 7pm - Board of Trustees	21 9:30am – Ta'am Shel Shabbat 5:30pm – Tot Shabbat 6:30pm – Shabbat Service	22 9am – Torah Study
23	24 6:30pm - Mah Jongg	25	26	27 Tisha B'Av	28 9:30am – Ta'am Shel Shabbat 6:30pm - Shabbat Service	29 9am – Torah Study
30	31 6:30pm - Mah Jongg					

MEMBER UPDATES

CONDOLENCES

Julie Bamdad on the passing of her father, Lewis (Jerry) Hulman
 James Fromstein & Mollie Katz on the passing of their wife and mother, Ruth Fromstein
 Cindy Gerecht & Ellen Gerecht on the passing of their husband and brother, Dan Gerecht
 Nate Herman on the passing of his mother, Janet Herman
 Laura Levin on the passing of her mother, Faye Josephson

Amy Lowenstein on the passing of her stepmother, Leah Lowenstein
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 Paula Schulman on the passing of her father, Lee Alan Schulman
 Stephen Solomon on the passing of his mother, Diane Solomon

August 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 7pm - ECC New Parent Orientation	2 2pm - Creative Crafts & Conversation 7:30pm - Brotherhood Meeting	3 7pm - Executive Committee	4 9:30am - Ta'am Shel Shabbat 6:30pm - Shabbat Service	5 9am - Torah Study
6	7 6:30pm - Mah Jongg	8 7pm - Building & Grounds Committee	9 Israel trip	10 Israel trip	11 Israel trip 9:30am - Ta'am Shel Shabbat 6:30pm - Shabbat Service	12 Israel trip 9am - Torah Study
13 Israel trip 7pm - KESTY Board	14 Israel trip 6:30pm - Mah Jongg 7pm - CSAC Meeting	15 Israel trip	16 Israel trip 2pm - Creative Crafts & Conversation	17 Israel trip 7pm - Board of Trustees	18 Israel trip ECC - Last Day for 12 month students 9:30am - Ta'am Shel Shabbat 5:30pm - Tot Shabbat 6:30pm - Shabbat Service	19 Israel trip 9am - Torah Study
20 Israel trip 10am - Religious School Staff Meeting	21 ECC In-service, no School 6:30pm - Mah Jongg	22 ECC In-Service No School	23 ECC In-service, no School	24 ECC In-service, no School	25 ECC In-service, no School 6:30pm - Shabbat Service	26 9am - Torah Study
27	28 ECC First Day of School 6:30pm - Mah Jongg	29	30	31		

Single Sages

It is almost two years since the beginning of the Single Sages. This group is based on friendship for those 60+.

Once a month meetings or gatherings bring the group together. Whether in person or Zoom – depending on the weather.

Warm weather gives the opportunity to meet in person. Also if there is a Temple function we aim to support it.

On holidays we do gather in order to be together.

Newcomers are always welcome. Each person who comes to the group has a unique quality to give.

Please contact Sue Rudo, suearudo@verizon.net, for more information

September 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 5:30pm - Shabbat Dinner 6:30pm - Shabbat Service & Board Installation	2 9am - Torah Study 10am - Shabbat Service and B'nai Mitzvah of Noah Levin & Olivia Levin
3	4 Labor Day – Building Closed	5	6 2pm - Creative Crafts & Conversation	7 7:00pm - Executive Committee	8 9:30am - Ta'am Shel Shabbat 6:30pm - Shabbat Service	9 9am - Torah Study 10am - Shabbat Service and Bat Mitzvah of Madison Levi 7pm - Selichot
10 9am - Religious School Back to School Event 7pm - KESTY Board	11 6:30pm - Mah Jongg 7pm - CSAC Meeting	12 4:30pm - Online Hebrew 5pm - Hebrew School 5:30pm - Upper School Dinner and Program 7pm - Building & Grounds Committee	13 6pm - ECC New Year Reception	14	15 9am - Ta'am Shel Shabbat Rosh Hashanna Service	16 Rosh Hashana
17 BUILDING CLOSED	18 6:30pm - Mah Jongg	19 4:30pm - Online Hebrew 5pm - Hebrew School 5:30pm - Upper School Dinner and Program	20 2pm - Creative Crafts & Conversation	21 7pm - Board of Trustees	22 9:30am - Ta'am Shel Shabbat 7:30pm - Shabbat Tshuvah	23 9am - Torah Study 10am - Shalom Shabbat
24 Kol Nidre	25 Yom Kippur	26	27	28	29 9:30am - Ta'am Shel Shabbat 6:30pm - Sukkot Under the Stars	30 10:00am - Sukkot Community Festival Service 3:00pm - Sukkot Open house at Rabbi Adam's

At this year's High Holy Day services there are many opportunities for us to pray together as a community and with our families. Services will be held on-site at Temple Emanuel and at nearby Kensington Cabin Park, many will also be available for Live Streaming for those unable to attend in person.

Look for registration information and details about Book of Remembrance submissions later this summer. Tickets will be available at additional cost for community members.



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**Friday,
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