

A Guide to **Temple Emanuel** Kensington, Maryland



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Dear Friends,

I'm delighted to share with you this Program Guide which features much of the exciting programs and services we will be offering in 5784! Temple Emanuel has long prided itself on being a warm, inclusive, and innovative community which has thrived for over 70 years thanks to its incredibly dedicated lay leaders and staff. As you peruse these pages, I hope you find opportunities that nourish, nurture, inspire, and challenge you. Some highlights include several new(ish) worship experiences including Simchat Shabbat geared for families and Shalom Shabbat, a great lay and clergy led service experience which is focused on learning and healing. We also have many special Friday night Shabbatot scheduled like Global Mitzvah Shabbat, a Pride Shabbat. Our families and youth are restarting trips and retreats, including one you won't want to miss at Great Wolf Lodge. Programs for our youngest members include monthly Tot Shabbats and a brand new Nitzanim class from our ECC. And in the realm of Adult Education, Torah Study and the Rabbi's class are ongoing along with many special speaker engagements, brunches, panels, and more. I recommend getting things in your personal calendars now so you don't miss out!

You will also notice that we have programs during the week, on the weekend, in the mornings, afternoons, and evenings. I know not everything works for everyone schedule wise, but we are attempting to cast a wide net and meet as many of you where you are in your lives. I hope you'll find the time to come to the Temple as frequently as possible!

Finally, although this Program Guide is comprehensive, it is not complete. If you have ideas for a program or event you'd like to see happen, please contact me or a member of the Senior Staff. We'd love to partner with you. Stay tuned and pay attention to our emails, social media, and Kol Kore (newsletter) to find out what other opportunities are in store.

I wish you and your loved ones a shana tova u'metuka, a sweet and healthy year with ample opportunity to grow and learn, to build community, to come together and enjoy this place where I hope you will feel at home.

L'shalom,
Rabbi Adam Rosenwasser



Temple Emanuel **Mission Statement**

- We believe in maintaining a caring, inclusive community based on Jewish values and principles, encouraging Tikkun Olam (repairing the world).
- We believe in promoting Jewish learning as a lifelong process for ourselves, our families, and our children.
- We believe in strengthening our Jewish faith, commitment, and observance.
- We believe in fostering the love of Judaism and the preservation of Judaism and the Jewish people.
- As a Reform Jewish Congregation, affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism, we believe in adherence to the concepts of God, Torah, and Israel.

Temple Emanuel Policy on **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

Temple Emanuel is committed to a diverse, equitable, and inclusive environment where all congregants, staff, board of trustees members, committees, volunteers, and guests feel welcome, accepted, respected, and valued, and to a nondiscriminatory approach that provides equal opportunity for employment and participation in all of its activities.

Temple Emanuel embraces, encourages, and is committed to advancing its community's diversity in age, race, ethnicity, family or marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, language, national origin, physical and cognitive ability, mental health status, political affiliation, religion, socio-economic status, veteran status, and other characteristics. Temple Emanuel values diversity, equity, and inclusion, and is actively committed to taking steps that will advance those principles in every aspect of our congregation.

Temple Emanuel's diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives are applicable, but not limited, to all of our practices and policies on membership, religious practices and rituals, employment, education, and other Temple operations.

All members and staff of the Temple Emanuel Community have a responsibility to treat others with dignity and respect at all times, and their conduct must be equitable and inclusive with regard to all activities.

Temple Emanuel is committed to modeling diversity, equity, and inclusion for the entire reform Jewish community and maintaining fair and equal treatment for all.



History

Temple Emanuel is the oldest Reform Congregation in Montgomery County. It was formally organized with 28 member families in August 1952, and affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (now Union for Reform Judaism) in March 1953.

Temple Emanuel engaged Rabbi Leon Adler as its first full-time rabbi in July 1953, and he continued to serve the congregation until his death 35 years later. In 1988, Temple Emanuel installed its second spiritual leader, Rabbi Warren Stone, who stayed with us until his retirement in 2020. Rabbi Adam Rosenwasser joined Temple Emanuel as Senior Rabbi on July 1, 2020, bringing with him a passion for creating meaningful Jewish experiences for people of all ages and backgrounds.

In 1958, after a successful capital campaign, the first stage of our present building was completed on our five acre site, just south of the Kensington town line. With expansions and renovations in 1974, 2002, 2008, and again during the summer of 2011, we completed the building you see today. Our goals were to meet the needs of our congregation for spiritually inspiring worship space, for lifelong learning, and for building a welcoming and caring community. We also incorporated our concerns for the environment in our plans and construction. One of our innovations is a solar powered Ner Tamid (eternal light). Our Sanctuary has won national recognition, with its large windows opening onto natural surroundings and the embodiment of its theme, the ancient image of the Tree of Life, the metaphor for Torah. The Temple has been recognized as a green Temple and it has been given the Green Menorah Award.

In worship, we use the Reform prayer book Mishkan T'filah, which gives new spiritual content to our services. We hold a variety of Shabbat services, and every Saturday morning, there is Torah study.

The Temple offers opportunities to share both joys and sorrows. We celebrate together baby namings, consecrations, B'nei Mitzvah, confirmations, weddings, and other life affirming events. We also join in consoling one another in times of illness and mourning.

Our building is a beehive of activity. On Sundays, children pre-k through 7th Grade study in our Religious School, and adult congregants attend courses led by the Rabbi, Cantor, Director of Congregational Learning, and outside scholars. On Tuesdays, following Hebrew School, our Upper School includes dinner followed by programming led by our clergy and senior staff. Adult learners also come together for enrichment with programs offered on a varied schedule—weekdays, evenings, and weekends. The Early Childhood Center extends learning opportunities to the youngest members of our community in it's year-round, full-day program inspired by the Reggio Emilia approach to early childhood education.

The congregation is in many respects a partnership between its members and its professional staff. Neither could function without the other. Volunteers serve on Temple committees dealing with a range of Temple activities: philanthropy, building and grounds, communications, the Religious School, the Early Childhood Center, buildings and grounds, religious practices, adult education, social action, and others, as well as Women of Reform Judaism and the Temple Brotherhood. Our youth have their own groups—KESTY, KESTYj., KESTY345, and KESTY Katan.

Whatever talents or interests you bring with you, there is a place for you in the Temple family.



Clergy & Staff

PROFESSIONAL STAFF



Rabbi Adam Rosenwasser joined Temple Emanuel as Senior Rabbi on July 1st, 2020. Prior to this appointment, he served Congregation Beth Am in Los Altos Hills, CA and Temple Sinai in Washington, DC as associate rabbi. Rabbi Adam was ordained from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York in 2009.

Rabbi Adam hails from Ann Arbor, Michigan and received his Bachelor's Degree in History from the University of Michigan. Go Blue! Rabbi Adam is passionate about creating meaningful Jewish experiences for people of all ages and backgrounds. He is especially interested in building relationships with the people he serves. Rabbi Adam also enjoys teaching torah using a wide array of texts, making worship engaging and fulfilling, advocating for a just and peaceful Israel, facilitating mussar (Jewish ethics) classes, and working for justice locally and globally. Rabbi Adam's other interests include musical theater, cooking and baking, swimming, reading, and raising his three children, Eliza, Simon, and Stella, with his husband, Shalom and his dog, Annie.



Cantor Lindsay Kanter was ordained by the Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religion, Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music in May 2017. Hailing from Chicago, Lindsay earned a Bachelor's of Music degree in Vocal

Performance from Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music, alongside a Minor in Business. She then pursued a Masters Degree in Vocal Pedagogy from Northeastern Illinois University, and received a Masters of Sacred Music from HUC-JIR. Lindsay served as the Cantorial Intern at Central Synagogue in New York and at Temple Israel Reform Congregation of Staten Island, NY, and was a Cantorial Soloist at Congregation Solel in Highland Park, IL. She also served as Chaplain Intern, providing pastoral care at Mount Sinai-Roosevelt Hospital in New York. Lindsay is an avid composer, winning the Kol Emet commission prize from Beth Emet the Free Synagogue in Evanston, IL in 2017. Her husband, David, is the Head of Science Solutions at ExploreLearning, developing online solutions to improve student learning in math and science. Lindsay and David are proud parents of Zoheret (7), and Myer (4).



Rabbi Emeritus Warren Stone

Rabbi Warren Stone served as rabbi of Temple Emanuel from 1988-2020. He received his BA in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies from Brandeis University and Rabbinic Ordination and an honorary

Doctorate of Divinity from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. He has a D. Min. in Religion and Psychotherapy from Andover Newton Theological School and training from the Jung Institute in Zurich. Rabbi Stone is known nationally for his leadership on Religion and the Environment. He has led delegations on environmental issues to the Congress and White House and has served on many boards, including the Global Advisory Committee for Earthday, the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life, the Washington Board of Rabbis, where he served as past President and ARZA/ World Union. He served as Vice President of the Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington, a member of the board of the United Nations Association and on the Board of the New Orchestra of Washington. In March of 2015 Rabbi Stone was chosen by the United Nations Climate Change Secretariat to serve as Faith and Climate International leader for their new UN Climate Neutral Now initiative.

Rabbi Stone is married to Elaine Stone. They live in Bethesda, Maryland and have three children – Nomi, Lia and Zach.



Dianne Neiman, Executive Director

Originally from Boston, Dianne just completed her 11th year at Temple Emanuel! Dianne moved to Maryland from Minneapolis, MN, and she brings to Temple Emanuel an extensive

background in all major aspects of synagogue and community management, ranging from executive leadership, to serving as president of her sisterhood, to so much more. She has also been a practicing lawyer, specializing in end-of-life issues and working with vulnerable adults. Dianne has her certification in non-profit management. Dianne served on the Board of the National Association of Temple Administration and many committees within that organization. Her commitment to the Reform Jewish community is underscored not just by her personal journey, but also by the journey of her two sons and their families.

Clergy & Staff



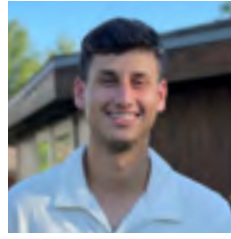
Laura Naide, Director of Congregational Learning, joined Temple Emanuel as the Director of Congregational Education in July 2022. Laura's educational philosophy focuses on developing Jewish identity through values,

community, and learning. She is committed to creating an inclusive learning community that provides multiple avenues to experience the richness of Jewish life. Previously, Laura worked at Congregation Etz Hayim in Arlington, Virginia, and Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, Virginia. She has a Master of Arts in Religious Education from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, a JD from Georgetown University Law School, and a B.A. in Applied Psychology from CSULB. Laura also holds the professional certifications of RJE (Reform Jewish Educator) and CJE (Conservative Jewish Educator). She is an active member of the Association of Reform Jewish Educators (ARJE). Prior to becoming a full-time Jewish educator, Laura worked as an attorney for the federal government and consulted with nonprofit organizations. She loves listening to podcasts and audiobooks, traveling to new places, concerts, and yoga. Laura and her husband Eric are the proud parents of Madeline and Sophia.



Dana Robinson, Director of Early Childhood, has proudly been a part of the Temple Emanuel community since 2013. Originally from South Florida, she spent her formative Jewish years at Temple Solel in Hollywood, FL. Dana holds a

Master's in Innovative Early Childhood Education from the University of Colorado, Denver. Inspired by the Reggio Emilia Approach to Education, she is a passionate advocate for the voices, competencies, and rights of young children in our communities. Outside of Temple Emanuel, Dana is an avid musical theatre fan and actively volunteers and performs with several community theatres in the DMV area.



Snir Holtzman, Director of Youth Engagement, is a Shaliach (Israeli emissary) who comes to us with a wealth of experience working with young people. He served as a youth group counselor in Holon outside of Tel Aviv, as a

supervisor and drill sergeant in the IDF, and most recently as a counselor for North American High School Students studying at the Alexander Muss High School in Israel. Previously Snir worked with teens attending the URJ Olin Sang Ruby Union Institute Camp in Oconomowoc, WI.

ADMINISTRATION



Joel Foster, Building Manager

Joel is a plumber and hvac technician with 45 years of experience in the DC metropolitan area. Joel grew up in the Kensington area and has also been a close friend of the Temple Emanuel community for

years. He enjoys DIY projects on his spare time, he also spends time as a volunteer basketball coach for Montgomery County rec and plays tennis on the weekends. When he isn't at Temple Emanuel, he loves spending time with his wife and two daughters.



Jennifer Gauthier, Pedagogista,

joined the faculty of Temple Emanuel Early Childhood Center in 2011. Bringing her experience of over 20 years of early childhood education into our 2, 3, and 4 year old classrooms, Jennifer

transitioned to the role of Pedagogista in 2019.

Jennifer is a member of the DC Reggio Emilia Alliance and the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington's Pedagogista Community of Practice, which are guided by the values and practices of the Reggio Emilia approach to early childhood education. She has attended a study tour in Reggio Emilia, Italy as well as several conferences focused on the Reggio Approach. Jennifer received her Bachelor of Science in marine biology with a minor in Psychology from Roger Williams University in Bristol RI. She lives in Takoma Park with her husband Jason and son Jack (a graduate of our ECC). Together they are often found exploring hiking trails or playing card games at a local brewery. On her own Jennifer enjoys knitting, making beaded jewelry and reading.

Clergy & Staff



Nina Pennoyer, B'nei Mitzvah Coordinator and Office Assistant, is originally from Connecticut. She moved to DC to pursue a B.S. in Public Health and studies in Exercise Science at George Washington University. In her free time ,

Nina loves exploring the DMV area and spending time with friends. Nina hopes to acquaint herself with the community as she works for Temple Emanuel as B'nei Mitzvah Coordinator and Office Assistant.



RoxAnne Seth-Malone, Religious School Administrator is a seasoned professional bringing with her close to 30 years working in higher education at a local university. The native Washingtonian worked as an administrative

associate in the information technology department and during the last ten years of her time there she was a functional project manager helping her department design and create office space as well as manage the logistics for the office staff moves. RoxAnne loves reading, listening to podcasts and planning travel adventures with her family.



Jamie Tippit, Bookkeeper, comes to us from South Texas by way of San Diego, Japan and Pensacola, Florida. That's right, Go Navy! She has a bachelor's in English and an MBA from Texas A&M University. Her background is in public

accounting and auditing. When she's not at the Temple she's chasing her 3 young kids around Kensington, shuffling them to and fro. Jamie enjoys fixing up her home in Parkwood and volunteering for her children's many organizations. She is thrilled to be a part of the Temple Emanuel community.



Miriam Zarin, Communications Manager, is a Washington, D.C. native and thrilled to be back in the area. Miriam spent over a decade at the Strathmore Hall Arts Foundation in North Bethesda before holding various marketing, operations,

and development positions at several non-profits in higher education and the Jewish community. Miriam enjoys reading, scrapbooking, and genealogy. She and her husband Jason live in Kensington with their young sons Sam and Matthew, who have both attended the Temple Emanuel ECC.

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Membership

Why Temple Emanuel?

We are a medium size congregation of approximately 500 families, which is large enough to offer a wide variety of activities and programs, yet small enough to facilitate meeting other members, make lasting friendships, and feel a sense of belonging when you walk through our doors. We have numerous committees and interest groups, adult and junior choirs, Brotherhood, Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ), senior focus activities, active youth groups, as well as many ways to volunteer, socialize, and be engaged in Temple life.

As a member of Temple Emanuel, you will be part of a supportive family of friends and a vibrant Jewish community!

Please see additional FAQs for prospective members on our website here:



If you are seeking a congregation that is warm, caring and proudly inclusive, one that will enrich your spiritual life through prayer and study, volunteering, or getting involved with social action, you have come to the right place. If you are interested in learning more about membership, please complete this brief form and we will be in touch.



Worship at Temple Emanuel

Shabbat Worship

We strive to create meaningful worship for all our members and guests, whether you are coming to celebrate blessings in your life or looking for comfort and compassion from our caring and warm community. We offer a variety of Shabbat and Holiday services throughout the year as well as Holiday programming.

FRIDAY EVENINGS

Our very talented and active Adult Choir, Kol Zimrah, our Junior Choir, Kol Ruach, and our home-grown band of Temple members, Mizmor L'Shabbat Band, enhance many services throughout the year.

On the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Friday of each month October-May our service begins at **6:30pm**.

We invite you to join us at 6:00pm for a wine and cheese prozidor (yummy treats) followed by a joyous Shabbat service at 6:30pm.

On the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month October-May our service begins at **7:30pm**.

These services are followed by an oneg reception.

Summer services are generally at 6:30pm, updates will be on the website and in weekly emails.

Tot Shabbat: Monthly on Friday evenings at 5:30pm

Families with young children are welcome to join Rabbi Adam and Cantor Lindsay for a thirty-minute service. Tot Shabbat is designed for children under age 6; siblings welcome. We will play instruments and learn songs and stories.

Tentative 2023-2024 Schedule - updates will be on the website and in weekly emails.

October 27	Jan 26	April 26
November 17	Feb 23	May 24
Dec 22	March 22	

Please also note our family friendly High Holy Days specific programming on pages 11-12.



SATURDAY MORNINGS

Torah Study

Join us for study and discussion of the weekly parashah every Saturday at 9:00am. Learners of all levels are welcome.

1st, 3rd, 5th Saturdays of each month are usually held only via Zoom

2nd Saturday of each month is usually hybrid, join in person or online, followed by Simchat Shabbat Service

4th Saturday of each month is usually held in person only, followed by Shalom Shabbat Service

Updates will be on the website and in weekly emails.

Shabbat Morning Service with B'nei Mitzvah

10:00am, 1st, 3rd, and 5th Saturday September - May

Join us as we pray and honor the newest leaders of our Temple Emanuel community. Students chant from the Torah and Haftarah, lead portions of the service, and deliver a thought provoking D'var Torah (sermon). There are opportunities for members of families from diverse backgrounds to participate, as well as a great deal of active participation from the community.

Worship at Temple Emanuel

Simchat Shabbat Service

10:00am, 2nd Saturday of each month September - May

Join Rabbi Adam, Cantor Lindsay, and the Kol Ruach Junior Choir for a joyful and fun service appropriate for all ages. There will be lots of singing, a creative Torah reading, and a story. Religious School students will help lead sections of liturgy, and each service concludes with a festive kiddush lunch.

Tentative 2023-2024 Schedule

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October 14	Kindergarten & Consecration
November 11	Grade 7
December 9	Grade 2
January 20	Grade 3
February 10	Grade 4
March 9	Grade 5
April 13	Grade 6
May 11	Grade 1

Shalom Shabbat Service

10:00am, 4th Saturday of each month September - May

Our clergy and laypersons lead a service geared for learners and seekers. A "learners' minyan", with interesting explanations of the liturgy and structure of the service, healing services, and focus on themes related to Shabbat. The service includes a Torah reading and will be followed by a kiddush lunch.

MUSIC

Kol Zimrah Adult Choir

Our talented volunteer adult choir shares their love of music at various worship services and concerts throughout the year. From Jewish classics to contemporary tunes, the Kol Zimrah choir adds beauty and soul to worship, enhancing services with warmth and expression. Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings during the school year. For more information, please contact Cantor Lindsay, lkanter@templeemanuelmd.org.

Kol Ruach Junior Choir

Our youth choirs adds so much ruach (spirit) to many services, concerts, and special events throughout the school year. They meet on Sunday mornings at 8:30am before Religious School. Students learn fun songs, spend time with their friends, and connect musically to Judaism. For more information, please contact Cantor Lindsay, lkanter@templeemanuelmd.org.

Mizmor L'Shabbat Band

Our ensemble of musicians, including electric bass, piano, banjo, guitar, and percussion, adds spirit and soul to many services and events throughout the year. For more information, please contact Cantor Lindsay, lkanter@templeemanuelmd.org.



Worship at Temple Emanuel

Holidays

ELUL

We begin the year with **Elul Reflections** shared via email; uplifting music, words, and an opportunity to study, reflect, and rejoice with the community.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

SELICHOT SERVICE:

Saturday September 9, 7pm
Havdalah, Film & Selichot Service with Kol Zimrah choir

Film "How Do You Measure A Year" and discussion

COMMUNITY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday September 10, 10am and 2pm at Garden of Remembrance



ROSH HASHANAH:

Friday September 15,
6:30pm
Erev Rosh Hashanah
evening service, oneg
following
Tickets required

Saturday September 16:

8:45-9:30am Katan Family Service
(designed for families with children aged 2nd Grade and younger) with Cantor Lindsay, Rabbi Adam, Morah Laura, and Snir Holtzman and featuring Kol Ruach Junior choir, at Kensington Cabin Park .
Service followed by a fun holiday craft, bring chairs or blankets. *RSVP requested*

10:00am Main Service In the Sanctuary, joined by our Kol Zimrah choir, *Tickets required*



1pm KESTY Family Service

(designed for families with children in 3rd-6th grades) at Kensington Cabin Park featuring contemporary folk musical selections led by our KESTY teens and a family friendly prayerbook. These services will emphasize music and creativity and will provide and age-appropriate worship experience for elementary-age students and are open to all congregants looking for creative worship opportunities.

~2:15pm Tashlich Service

Nearby at the creek immediately following KESTY Family Service at Kensington Cabin Park

SHABBAT TESHUVAH:

September 22, 6:30pm

Friday night service with WRJ,
in HaMakom

Saturday September 23 (all in-person only)

9:00am, Torah Study

10:00am, Shalom Shabbat, a service geared for learners and seekers, followed by lunch

YOM KIPPUR:

Sunday September 24, 6:30pm

Kol Nidre service, with Kol Zimrah and Cello,
Tickets required

Worship at Temple Emanuel

Monday September 25:

Donation Drives for Manna Food Center and I Support the Girls

Once again we will have a truck onsite from Manna on Yom Kippur morning from 10am-1pm, with volunteers available to help unload your car. Let's beat last year's total of 3246 pounds, which was the highest among local congregations for YK drives! We will also have a car onsite to collect items for I Support the Girls, a locally-founded non-profit which provides (new or gently used) bras and (individually sealed) menstrual hygiene products to local organizations supporting victims of domestic violence and those experiencing homelessness. Learn more at www.mannafood.org and www.isupportthegirls.org.

8:45-9:30am Katan Family Service

(designed for families with children aged 2nd grade and younger) with Cantor Lindsay, Rabbi Adam, Morah Laura and Snir Holtzman and featuring Kol Ruach Junior choir, at Kensington Cabin Park. Followed by a holiday craft. *RSVP requested*

10:00am Main Service

In the Sanctuary, *Tickets required*

1pm KESTY Family Service

(designed for families with children in 3rd-6th grades) at Kensington Cabin Park, featuring contemporary folk musical selections led by our KESTY teens and a family friendly prayerbook. These services will emphasize music and creativity and will provide an age-appropriate worship experience for elementary-age students and are open to all congregants looking for creative worship opportunities.

RSVP requested

1pm Discussion in HaMakom with Bruce Katz

2:30 pm Healing Service

3:30pm Afternoon Service

5:00pm Yizkor Service

~5:45pm, Neilah Service

With Kol Zimrah and Kol Ruach Junior Choirs, followed by Havdalah. All ages welcome - bring your shofar!

~6:30pm Break-the-Fast

Sukkot

Erev Sukkot

Friday, September 29

Shabbat dinner for new members - 5:30pm

Sukkot Under the Stars - 6:30

With Kol Ruach Junior Choir, followed by an oneg. This family-friendly service celebrates Sukkot in the sight of the stars in Gan Emanuel. We shake the lulav, smell the etrog, and experience what it is to dwell in God's beautiful creation.

Community Festival Service

Saturday September 30, 10am-11:30am

We join with Temple Shalom and Temple Sinai to celebrate Sukkot at Temple Shalom.

Open House at Rabbi Adam's

Saturday September 30, 3pm

RSVP required

Worship at Temple Emanuel

Simchat Torah

Simchat Torah Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday October 6, 6:30pm

Come sing, dance, and celebrate with the Torah and the Mizmor L'Shabbat Band.

Simchat Torah Community Service

Saturday October 7, 10:00am

We join with Temple Shalom and Temple Sinai to observe Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah. The service will include Yizkor and will be held at Temple Sinai.

More Holiday Celebrations

Interfaith Thanksgiving Event with Kol Zimrah

Tuesday November 21, 7:30pm

Adult Purim Shpiel with Mizmor L'Shabbat Band

An adult evening of parody and megillah reading

Saturday March 23, 7-9pm

Purim Family Carnival

Our youth group, KESTY organizes the carnival

Sunday March 17, 9-11:30am

Passover Community Service, 1st day

with Temple Shalom and Temple Sinai, at Temple Sinai

Tuesday April 23, 10:00am

Passover Community Service, 7th day, with Yizkor

with Temple Shalom and Temple Sinai, at Temple Emanuel

Monday April 29, 10:00am

Yom HaShoah with Kol Zimrah and 7th grade

Sunday May 5, 6:30pm

Erev Shavuot & Confirmation

Tuesday June 11, 7:30pm

Shavuot Community Service with Yizkor

with Temple Shalom and Temple Sinai, location TBD

Wednesday June 12, 10:00am

Special Shabbat Celebrations

Welcome Back BBQ Followed by Board Installation

Friday September 1, 5:30/6:30pm

Shabbat with Guest Speaker Madison DeMarco

Friday, October 20, 6:30pm

Shabbat with Kol Zimrah

Friday October 27, 7:30pm

Shabbat with Mizmor L'Shabbat Band

Friday November 3, 6:30pm

Shabbat with Guest Speaker Lilly Maier and a Blessing for Veterans

Friday November 10, 7:30pm

Global Mitzvah Shabbat

Friday November 17, 6:30pm

Shabbat Commemorating World AIDS Day with Dr. Lynne Mofenson and Mizmor L'Shabbat Band

Friday December 1, 6:30pm

Shabbat Hanukkah Service with Kol Zimrah

Friday December 8, 6:30pm

Worship at Temple Emanuel

Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Shabbat Service with Mizmor L'Shabbat Band and Guest Speaker

Rev. Dr. Heber Brown, III

Friday January 12, 7:30pm

Every year, Temple Emanuel honors Dr. Martin Luther King's legacy at the Friday evening Shabbat Service just prior to the national celebration of his birthday. This year our guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. Heber Brown, III. In 2015, Rev. Brown founded the Black Church Food Security Network, which advances food security and food sovereignty by co-creating Black food ecosystems anchored by Black congregations in partnership with Black farmers and others. For nearly fourteen years, he served as pastor of Pleasant Hope Baptist Church in Baltimore, Maryland. Many Temple Emanuel congregants heard Rev. Brown speak at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, on our Civil Rights Trip in April 2023. His message was inspiring and empowering and we are honored that he will participate in our Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Shabbat Service.



Shabbat Shira

Friday January 26, 7:30pm

JDAIM Shabbat

Friday February 2, 6:30pm

KESTY Shabbat

Friday February 23, 7:30pm

Brotherhood Shabbat

Friday March 1, 6:30 pm

Shabbat with Kol Zimrah

Friday, April 12, 7:30pm

Shabbat with Mizmor L'Shabbat Band

Friday April 26, 7:30pm

Teacher Appreciation Shabbat

Friday May 3, 6:30pm

We honor our amazing Early Childhood and Religious School teachers

Yom Ha'Atzmaut Shabbat

Friday May 17, 6:30pm

Shabbat Celebrating Graduating Seniors

Friday May 31, 7:30pm

Pride Shabbat with Mizmor L'Shabbat Band

Friday June 7, 6:30pm

Live Streaming

Friday evening services,
Torah Study, B'nei Mitzvah
Saturday services, and
holiday services are
usually available online for
those unable to attend in
person



See details at <https://www.templeemanuelmd.org/worship/live-streaming/>



Worship at Temple Emanuel

Lifecycle Events

We are here for you for every moment; from birth to death and everything in between. Our staff and clergy are ready to work with you on making your milestones meaningful. For information about all lifecycle events, please contact the Temple office at 301-942-2000 or office@templeemanuelmd.org

Baby Naming

Babies can be named and blessed during Shabbat services.

Marriage/Wedding Blessings

Our facilities are also available for rental for your ceremony or reception; please contact the Temple Office. An Aufruf (traditional blessing of the couple on the Shabbat preceding the wedding) can be scheduled the week before the wedding service.

Illness/Healing

Rabbi Adam and Cantor Lindsay want to call or, if possible, visit members who are ill or hospitalized. Please help them by notifying the Temple Office of illnesses and hospitalizations or to add someone's name to our healing list.

Bereavement & Funerals

If there is a death in the family, please contact the Temple Office immediately. We will assist you in the many questions you may have and coordinate a service if needed. The Temple can organize a meal of comfort following the funeral and evening minyans for shiva through its lay leadership and bereavement committees.



Yahrzeit

The Temple office will send reminders about upcoming Yahrzeit dates to remember your loved ones at Shabbat services

Conversion

Our clergy are delighted to work with you each step of your conversion journey. The first step is setting up a meeting with Rabbi Adam or Cantor Lindsay. Each journey is different, but they usually consist of regular meetings with our clergy, taking an Introduction to Judaism Course, becoming involved in some form with Temple Emanuel, and experiencing Shabbat, holidays, and lifecycle events over the course of a year. When you and the clergy feel you are ready, they will guide you through the rituals of conversion; the Beit Din (a panel of 3 knowledgeable Jews who will discuss the conversion with you), mikvah (the ritual immersion), and a welcoming ceremony.

Youth Engagement: **Early Childhood Center**

Since 2008, Temple Emanuel Early Childhood Center has been an integral part of the Temple Emanuel community; a community that honors intellectual and spiritual growth, holds a deep appreciation for the natural environment, is committed to social action, and respects and celebrates the diversity of our membership. Over the last 15 years, these rich Jewish values have continued to guide and influence the culture and daily life of our TEECC program. Our learning practices and pedagogy are inspired by the Reggio Emilia Approach to Early Childhood Education. We view children as competent and capable citizens of our community, full of rights instead of needs. Our educators view themselves as partners and collaborators in the learning process rather than purveyors of knowledge. We encourage young children to take risks, ask questions, hypothesize, and think critically about the world around them.

At TEECC, we uphold the value of community and connection, learning to recognize ourselves within the other. By cultivating strong, meaningful relationships amongst children, families, and educators, we foster an environment where children feel safe, valued, and supported. Our goal each day is to help children realize the many capacities they possess and discover a love of learning through curiosity, exploration, and inquiry.

We invite you to see our community in action. For more information or to schedule a tour of our program, contact Dana Robinson, Director of Early Childhood, at dana@templeemanuelmd.org

NEW FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR!

Nitzanim (For Caregivers and Children Birth through 23 months)

First and Third Fridays of the Month, 9:30-11:30 am

Cost: \$60 per session

Session 1
(October -
December)



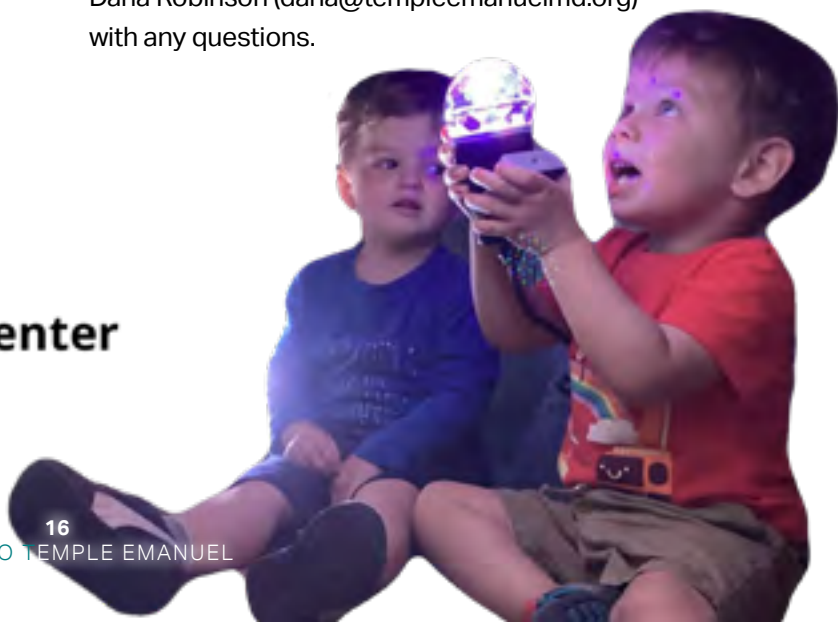
Session 2
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March)




Session 3
(April - June)



Experience a taste of Temple Emanuel Early Childhood Center designed for our youngest community members! We invite families with young children (birth through 23 months) to join us for a morning of exploration and community. Following our community wide celebrations, we will complete our Ta'am Shel Shabbat (Taste of Shabbat) with a sharing of challah and juice. Children will then have the opportunity to research and create theories as they engage with materials in a classroom environment. Our Nitzanim class will offer families an opportunity to build community and introduce children to new ways of exploring and gaining an understanding of the world around them. Space is limited. Please contact Dana Robinson (dana@templeemanuelmd.org) with any questions.





Youth Engagement

Religious School

Temple Emanuel's Religious School is based on the guiding values of Limmud (learning), Kehilla (community) and Ruach (spirit). Our Religious School staff, clergy, and lay leaders work together to build a school experience that supports the development of our students' Jewish identities. Families are encouraged to participate in school activities and engage in lifelong learning through school activities, family programs, and Adult Education offerings.

PRE-K THROUGH SEVENTH GRADE

Students in Kindergarten through 2nd Grade meet on Sunday mornings from 9:00 - 11:30 AM. Students in 3rd through 7th Grades meet on Sunday mornings and add an additional weekly Hebrew class. Hebrew can be scheduled on Sunday from 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM, Tuesday from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM or Tuesday online between 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM.

Each Sunday session starts with a Family Minyan at 9 AM in the sanctuary. Our clergy leads the congregation (students, family members, and staff) in a short worship service with music, learning, and plenty of ruach. Often students help lead prayers. Sunday minyan is a joyous way to build community and for students to become familiar with the prayer service.

**** New for 2023-2024** - a once-monthly PreK class for our youngest learners. The class meets 9:00 - 11:30 AM and students will participate in age-appropriate learning as they become familiar with our congregation and Religious School activities.

FAMILY EDUCATION

Each class from Kindergarten through 7th Grade has at least one Family Education program during the Religious School year. These programs bring students and families together to learn the how-tos of Jewish observance and explore how Judaism addresses family life issues. Starting in 5th Grade, these programs focus on the B'nai Mitzvah experience to help families explore the significance of this important lifecycle event.

UPPER SCHOOL (8TH & 9TH GRADES)

Our 8th and 9th Grade students meet on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM. The evening begins with dinner and social time. Class starts at 6 PM. Our 8th Graders study Modern Israel with our shaliach (Israeli emissary), Snir Holtzman. Snir provides the students with different perspectives on Israel through history, film, literature, and poetry. The 8th Graders cap off their year with a trip to the JXJ Jewish Film Festival. Our 9th Graders study comparative religion and will travel to local houses of faith including churches and mosques. One Tuesday a month, students stay after class for a KESTY hangout.

Youth Engagement

Religious School

CONFIRMATION AND SENIOR SEMINAR

We encourage students to continue their religious studies through Confirmation (10th Grade) and Senior Seminar (11th & 12th Grades). Confirmation students investigate questions of their Jewish identity and attend the URJ Religious Action Center's L'Taken Social Justice Seminar. At the end of the year, students create a special Confirmation service that reflects their personal growth and sense of community. Senior Seminar participants engage in discussions with the rabbi on topics of their choice. They are also eligible to attend L'Taken if they did not previously participate.

RETREATS AND TRIPS

These offsite experiences help families and students form lasting relationships and incredible memories. Our students travel far (New York, Philadelphia) and near (DC museums) to expand on their classroom learning. For example, our 3rd Graders will build on their understanding of Jewish rituals with a trip to the new Capital Jewish Museum in Washington, DC. Our 5th Graders will enhance their understanding of the Jewish diaspora with a trip to the Weitzman Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia. And - new this spring - families are invited to a Shabbat retreat at an indoor water park!



INCLUSION

Inclusion is a core value for our Religious School. Each student is a valued member of our community and all staff members are trained on inclusive learning techniques. Our Learning Specialist/Inclusion Coordinator provides support in the classroom on Sunday mornings and meets individually with families and teachers to address challenges and concerns. Parents are invited to participate in our Learning Inclusion Support Group which meets regularly throughout the school year. A quiet space as well as sensory tools and sensory-movement breaks are provided for all students during class and congregational celebrations throughout the year.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education provides support to the Director of Congregational Learning and Religious School staff and families in support of their shared goal of excellent Jewish education. The BOE hosts meet-and-greet events and social activities, solicits feedback on school programming, and arranges for staff appreciation events and gifts. New members are always welcome!

Chair: Kathy Blake

Vice Chair: Dara Demner

Members: Byron Bereano, Michael Freedman, Jan Genzer, Karen Mann, Julie Ross, Josh Shiffrin, Stacey Singer, Steve Weiss, Stefanie Weldon, Lisa White



Youth Engagement

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

Sunday Religious School: 9:00 —11:30am

Sunday Hebrew Session: 11:45am —1:15pm

Tuesday Hebrew In-Person: 6:00—7:30pm

Tuesday Hebrew Online: 6:00-7:30pm

Tuesday Upper School : 5:30—7:30pm

Detailed Religious School Calendar can be found on our website:



NEW MEZUZOT FOR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL/ECC CLASSROOMS

The Religious School and ECC are grateful to WRJ for providing new mezuzot for our downstairs classrooms. We also extend our thanks to Rabbi Adam Rosenwasser for purchasing our mezuzah scrolls. The custom of placing mezuzot on our doorposts fulfills the biblical commandment: "You shall write them upon the doorposts of your house and upon your gates." (Deuteronomy 6:9).



Youth Engagement

Youth Programs

Temple Emanuel offers informal experiential programs for youth of all ages. Our ECC, Tot Shabbat, and new Nitzanim program are designed for our youngest children, and then starting in kindergarten, our youth programs build to KESTY (Kensington Emanuel Synagogue Temple Youth) for our teens. Programs are planned/supervised by our Director of Youth Engagement (DYE) in partnership with our Director of Congregational Learning (DCL) and Clergy.

Snir Holtzman serves as our Director of Youth Engagement and Israeli Shaliach (emissary). Snir has significant experience working with youth, serving as a Drill Sergeant in the IDF, working in Alexander Muss High School in Israel, and in multiple roles at URJ OSRUI (Jewish summer camp in Wisconsin).

For up-to-date youth programming information, visit Temple Emanuel's website (Youth Programs) and follow us on instagram (@kestymd and @templeemanuelmd) and Facebook and reach out to Snir at youth@templeemanuelmd.org.



EVENTS BEYOND OUR YOUTH GROUPS

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Our Board of Education and ECC/ Religious School Social Committees sponsor several events especially geared toward Religious School and ECC Families, but all Temple members are welcome!

Monthly Coffee Walks

First Sunday of each month, October - May

An opportunity for parents to socialize, walk, and possibly grab a beverage while their kids are in religious school. No need to register in advance, simply meet in the lobby at 9:30 am following the family minyan.

Apple Picking at Butler's Orchard

Saturday September 9, 2:00pm, \$ 18/family

All families welcome! (Not a drop-off event) Pre-registration required.

We'll have a reserved picnic space and a private trolley to pick fruit. Enjoy giant slides, wooden playground, pedal tractors, and visiting the barnyard buddies.

More details for **Hiking and Hops October 14, Trivia Night January 27, and Purim Cook-off March 9** coming soon.

Youth Engagement

Family Retreat at Great Wolf Lodge

A-wooo! Spend a Shabbat weekend with your Temple Emanuel community from March 1-2, 2024 at the Great Wolf Lodge in Perryville, Maryland. Enjoy challah and waterslides, candles and cupcakes, wave pools and pizza! This event is open to all congregants, ages babies to bobbies. You will enjoy two days at the waterpark (early release from Montgomery County Public School on March 1!), two meals, and Shabbat services and activities with your Temple Emanuel community.

The cost is \$600 for four people sharing a room, which includes your room + taxes, water park passes, Shabbat dinner on Friday, and Saturday breakfast. We will join for Kabbalat Shabbat services on Friday night and a Shabbat activity on Saturday morning. Plus, add to your Shabbat joy at the bar with Rabbi Adam on Friday night. You can add children to your room (up to six people total) for a small additional fee. Your RSVP and payment is due no later than December 15, 2023. Watch for more information!

Our teens staff to support the Global Mitzvah Project Car Wash fundraiser, Sunday May 5, 8:30-11:30am We celebrate Jewish learning over the summer - see camp details on page 25 and join us for Camp Weekend, January 20-21 to learn more about local and national programs.

We welcome children and families at all worship services and have several Shabbat and Holiday programs designed especially for them.

- Join us for Monthly Friday night Tot Shabbat and Saturday Simchat Shabbat Services, and consider participating in the Kol Ruach Junior choir.
- We offer several Family and Children's Services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur
- Sukkot features Erev Sukkot Under the Stars
- Our KESTY teens host a Purim Carnival for the younger children
- We honor our Religious School and ECC teachers with a dinner and special Shabbat May 3
- We celebrate our graduating seniors every year at a special Shabbat on May 31.

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Youth Engagement

Youth Groups

While each youth group has their own age-appropriate programs, for ease of family scheduling, KESTY J, KESTY 345, & KESTY Katan often meet during the same day/time slots.

KESTY members pay an annual registration fee of \$36; KESTY J, KESTY 345, & KESTY Katan members pay an annual registration fee of \$18.

EVENTS FOR KESTY J (6TH/7TH GRADE), KESTY 345 (3RD-5TH GRADE) & KESTY KATAN (K-2ND GRADE)

Opening of the Year Celebration

November 12, 11:30am-1pm

Hanukkah Celebration

December 17, 11:30am-1pm

Tu B'Shvat Celebration

January 28, 11:30am-1pm

End of the Year Celebration

April 7, 11:30am-1pm

EVENTS FOR KESTY (8TH-12TH GRADE)

For the latest KESTY news, make sure to follow us on instagram @kestymd

KESTY led Rosh Hashanah Service

September 16, 1pm

KESTY led Yom Kippur Service

September 25, 1pm

Kick-off Bonfire

October 3 7:30-9:00pm

NFTY-wide event - The Collab (open to 9th-12th graders)

Friday, November 10 – Monday, November 13

The Collab where NFTY teens from across North America come in an unforgettable 4-day camp weekend. Temple Emanuel can sponsor airfare (up

to \$400 per person)! URJ OSRUI in Wisconsin is the setting for this weekend away where life changing memories will be made. Snir worked at this camp and is happy to answer any questions!

Link with more info AND Registration:

https://nfty.org/collab-2023/?utm_medium=email&utm_content=2023_6_1

Lounge Night

November 14, 7:30-9:00pm

Lounge Night

December 5, 7:30-9:00pm

Hanukkah Lock-In

December 9/10, 8:00pm-8:00am

Lounge Night

January 9, 7:30-9:00pm

Lounge Night

February 6, 7:30-9:00pm

KESTY led Shabbat

Friday February 23, 7:30pm

Purim Prep Lounge Night

March 5, 7:30-9:00pm

Purim Lock-In and Carnival

March 16/17, 8pm-11am

Lounge Night

April 2, 7:30-9:00pm

Lounge Night

April 30, 7:30-9:00pm

Elections for 2024-2025

May 11, 1pm-3pm

KESTY 70th Birthday Celebration

Date TBD

Youth Engagement

Youth Groups

KESTY



KESTY is Temple Emanuel's Youth Group for 8th–12th graders. Run by a Teen Board under the supervision of our DYE, KESTY teens participate in a variety of events and activities throughout the year, building relationships and exploring their Jewish identity. A staple of the program is our monthly KESTY Lounge Night which takes place on Tuesdays after Upper School. KESTY also offers programs such as overnight lock-ins, movie and game nights, trivia, cooking, arts & crafts, social justice activities, and so much more! There's something for everyone at KESTY! Our calendar can be found on Temple Emanuel's website (Youth Programs) and on Instagram (@kestymd).

KESTY is a member of NFTY (The Reform Jewish Youth Movement formerly known as the North American Federation for Temple Youth), and a part of the Mid-Atlantic Region (MAR). NFTY-MAR offers Shabbatons, seminars, lock-ins and so much more to deepen the youth group experience. Scholarships are available for first-time attendees of regional events.

This year, we are excited to celebrate KESTY's 70th birthday with a special event for ALL ages!

KESTY 2023-2024 Board:

Adam Dincin, President

Anna Bryan-Taff, Programming Vice President

Jonah Lerner, Social Action Vice President

Gus Bookbinder, Religious & Cultural Vice President

Campbell Weiss, Communications Vice President

Nathan Genzer, Membership Vice President

For more information, enrollment and questions about our KESTY programming please feel free to reach out to our Director of Youth Engagement and Shaliach Snir Holtzman at youth@templemanuelmd.org



KESTYJ serves as an introduction to KESTY for our 6th and 7th graders, incorporating Jewish values into fun programming. Our programs also incorporate self-discovery and meaningful questions that adolescents ask. We offer KESTYJ programs approximately 4 times a year right after Religious School on Sundays. These programs help our preteens to deepen their connection to Temple, Youth Group and their Religious School friends. Our DYE plans KESTYJ events.



Youth Engagement



KESTY 345 is Temple Emanuel's Youth Group for 3rd-5th grade students. KESTY 345 shows our kids that living Jewishly can be active and doesn't always mean sitting in class! We offer a variety of activities focused on the communal aspect of Judaism, to increase kids' connection to the Temple community and Jewish values. We offer KESTY 345 programs approximately 4 times a year right after Religious School on Sundays. These programs help our elementary-age kids deepen their connection to Temple, Youth Group and their Religious School friends. Allison Greenblat is our KESTY 345 Coordinator.



KESTY Katan (little in Hebrew!) is Temple Emanuel's Youth Group for our youngest students. KESTY Katan's goal is to engage students and parents in grades K-2 to foster friendships, reinforce Jewish identity and build strong grade-level cohorts. These connections, fostered and nourished from a young age, are fundamental to creating strong Jewish identities and are key for powerful friendships. We offer KESTY Katan programs approximately 4 times a year right after Religious School on Sundays. Marissa Sobel is our KESTY Katan Coordinator.

Camp

Temple Emanuel understands the importance of Jewish summer camp in shaping and supporting Jewish identities, connecting kids to Judaism, and creating friendships for life. We encourage kids and teens to attend Jewish day and overnight camps and can provide information about the many area programs. We can also connect you with other Temple Emanuel camp families.

Jewish summer camp can be a significant financial investment. Your family may be eligible for a need-blind grant of up to \$1000 for your child's first summer at camp from the One Happy Camper Fund! You may also be eligible for an additional \$1000 from the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington.

Temple Emanuel is committed to engaging our youth throughout the entire year as a foundation for lifelong engagement in Reform Judaism. In this vein, we are pleased to offer a \$500 scholarship to any of our members looking to attend a URJ (Reform) summer camp for the first time – \$250 from the Temple and \$250 from the Brotherhood. If you have

questions or want to apply for a scholarship, please email Executive Director Dianne Neiman.

Camp Weekend is January 20 and 21.

For more information about camps and summer opportunities, visit the Temple Emanuel website (Youth Programs) or contact our educational team - Laura Naide, DCL and Snir Holtzman, DYE.



Adult Engagement and Events

Ongoing Programs

INTRODUCTION TO MUSSAR WITH RABBI ADAM ROSENWASSER

Every other Thursday 12-1pm, beginning in October Mussar is the study of middot, character traits. The practice of mussar dates back over a thousand years, and folks still find great meaning in studying it and using it in their daily lives. We will work our way through Alan Morinis' "Everyday Holiness," reading and discussing a different chapter each class. You are encouraged to attend as many sessions as you can as they will build on each other. Please acquire the book "Everyday Holiness" by Alan Morinis. Although you are strongly encouraged to attend in person, the class will also be available on zoom.

COFFEE WITH THE CLERGY

1st Friday of every month September-December from 9:00-9:30am

Join Rabbi Adam and Cantor Lindsay for coffee and an opportunity to chat and shmooze. Stay for Ta'am Shel Shabbat with the Early Childhood Center immediately following!

INTERFAITH HOPPY HOUR

Sunday October 8, 4:00pm

Saturday November 11, 4:00pm

Will continue monthly, future dates to be confirmed

Join Rabbi Adam Rosenwasser and Reverend Joey Heath-Mason, Associate Pastor at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, at BabyCat Brewery. We will discuss what our respective traditions teach us about our sacred texts, focusing on different topical issues each month.

CREATIVE CRAFTS AND CONVERSATION - A KNITTING/NEEDLE CRAFTS CIRCLE WITH WRJ

Every other Wednesday 2pm-4pm



MAH JONGG
Every Monday
at 6:30pm

Join Temple Emanuel WRJ members for a pick-up game of Maj. The level of play is intermediate to advanced. Please complete this form to be added to the weekly email.

ROSH HODESH MEETINGS

Sunday evenings monthly, exact dates TBD

Service, learning and discussion for women held off-site by WRJ

FALL PLAY READINGS

September 28

November 9

October 12 and 26

December 7 and 21

All sessions will begin at 1:30pm and take place via Zoom. The fee is \$35/person.

This fall's plays will be: BELL, BOOK AND CANDLE - John van Druten; KIMBERLY AKIMBO -David Lindsay-Abaire; LAST SUMMER AT BLUEFISH COVE - Jane Chambers; DENIAL - Peter Sagal; THE MEMBER OF THE WEDDING - Carson McCullers; and THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE - William Saroyan. Led by esteemed director, actor, educator, and Temple member Laurie Freed, we spend an engaging two hours learning about, discussing and reading selected scenes. Scene reading is encouraged but not required. Ms. Freed was most recently the co-founder and Artistic Director of Peace Mountain Theatre Company. She is a Washington, D.C. and Los Angeles award winning theatre actress and director. With Master Degrees in Theatre and Drama Therapy, Laurie has over 30 years experience as a theatrical performer, director, college professor and therapist.

Adult Engagement and Events

BEVERAGE TASTINGS

Get ready to raise your glass! Jews have traditionally celebrated joyous occasions with beverages and not all of them are made by Manischewitz. Join us to learn about the Jewish connection to four different drinks.

CELEBRATE SUKKOT BY MAKING YOUR OWN ETROGCELLO

Tuesday, October 3, 7:30-9:00pm

A spin on the Italian classic drink limoncello. Taught by Abraham Belilty, an Israeli shaliach with his own fascinating story, you will go home with a jar of citrusy goodness! Etrogcello is an alcoholic beverage, so this class is for ages 21+. There will be a nonalcoholic beverage option. Cost is \$25 which includes all materials.

THE JEWS OF MOROCCO

Thursday, November 9, 12:00 - 1:00pm

Rabbi Mark Levine will share how Jews have been an integral part of Moroccan culture for 2,000 years, contributing to the economic wellbeing, artistic landscape, and literary heritage of the country. This brief introduction will tell their story with the help of folklore and fables.

ISRAELI WINE TASTING WITH STEVE KERBEL

Saturday, November 18, 7-8:30pm

Enjoy a relaxing and informative evening tasting Israeli wines and learn about the history and development of Israel's ancient wine history and modern wine culture success. Israel has over 300 wineries – your host has visited more than 130 of them! Cost is \$25 which includes 6 tastings and snacks. Ages 21+. There will be a nonalcoholic alternative beverage option. *Presented in partnership with WRJ.*

HISTORY OF THE REFORM JEWISH MOVEMENT IN FRANCE

Thursdays, February 8 and February 22, 12:00-1:00pm Robert D. Levy, Rabbi Emeritus will speak on the History of the Reform Jewish Movement in France. Rabbi Levy served as rabbi of Temple Beth Emeth from April 1, 1984, to July 31, 2016. He now lives close to family in Washington, DC. In his retirement he served as the rabbi of Congregation Shir Hadash of Florence, Italy for six years. Rabbi Levy presently serves as a staff rabbi for MachaNetzer, a liberal Jewish summer camp in France, where he also manages the cycling program. Additionally, he teaches in the liberal rabbinic seminary of Paris. He also is the assistant treasurer of the Rabbis and Cantors Retirement Plan and organized the retired reform rabbis of the DC area into a conversation and mutual support group. "

COFFEE/TEA TASTING BRUNCH

Sunday March 10, 9:30-11:30am

"Talk amongst yourselves" while we taste coffees and teas. Presented in partnership with WRJ.

Watch for details for one more opportunity to sip and learn - **a Scotch/Whiskey Tasting**. Warm yourself with spirits while you learn the Jewish history behind American whiskey. Cost is \$25 which includes tastings and snacks. Ages 21+.

LOVE, FAMILY, AND EVERYTHING IN-BETWEEN

Our shaliach, Snir Holtzman, is planning classes about Israeli films and literature. All will be held from 12:00-1:00pm.

October 12

December 7

October 26

January 4

Adult Engagement and Events

WRJ READERS SALON

Sundays at 4pm, held off-site – Oct 29, Mar 24, May 19

Like a mini book club but with only 20 minutes of reading! Discuss thought-provoking news articles followed by potluck dinner.

Many of our committees and affiliates offer additional regular events, and welcome new members to visit their meetings and consider becoming active in their initiatives. Please see details on page 31.

Ongoing Social Action Projects

WRJ leads continuing support of Stepping Stones Shelter, Kindworks, and I Support the Girls with Back to School and High Holy Days collection drives. The entire Temple community brings donations for Manna Food Center on Yom Kippur, and all year.

CSAC and GMP organize many ongoing projects including growing food for Shepherd's Table, providing sandwiches to Martha's Table, supported by the Religious School. Several initiatives are highlighted for March Mitzvah Madness each year.

Israel Engagement

Temple Emanuel is continuously expanding its Israel Engagement efforts. As a vibrant and thriving Reform Jewish community, we value the opportunity to learn about Israel and engage in Israel advocacy. We don't shy away from difficult conversations and we take advantage of organizations such as ARZA (Association of Reform Zionists of America) to have our voices heard with respect to Israel's priorities and values. We also celebrate Israel, learning about its fascinating past and history, incredible food and art, and diverse cultures.

In 2023, Temple Emanuel became the only Reform congregation in North America to have a full-time shaliach (Israeli emissary) on staff. Snir Holtzman joined our Temple under the auspices of the *Shlichut* Program, in collaboration with the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and The Jewish Agency for Israel. The Shlichut Program connects Israelis with

local communities and provides an opportunity for community members to deepen their relationship to Israel. Snir serves as our Director of Youth Engagement and provides rich Israeli content to the entire congregation through learning opportunities, celebratory events, and genuine conversations.

Throughout the year, Temple Emanuel plans events to encourage conversations about Israel and create a better understanding of its story, complexity and diversity. The Israel Engagement Committee is a key player in Temple Emanuel's engagement efforts. This year, we have so much to offer! This Fall we will have a special Adult Education class revolving around Israeli Art and Literature titled "Love, Family and Everything In-Between" led by our shaliach, Snir. We will host a brunch on Sunday January 7, and of course, we will celebrate Israel's 76th Birthday later this year, with so much more to come, so stay tuned!

Adult Engagement and Events

Trips

INTERFAITH TRIP TO ISRAEL

Wednesday February 12-Friday February 21, 2025

Join Rabbi Adam and Rev Joey Heath-Mason as Temple Emanuel and St Paul's United Methodist Church of Kensington travel together on an interfaith journey to Israel. We'll be visiting Jewish and Christian Holy Sites and building bridges between

our communities. Adults only. Contact Rabbi Adam for more information

Save the Date: Informational Meeting on Sunday, December 3, Zoom only:

https://www.j2adventures.com/join/temple-emanuel-kensington-md_interfaith_feb-2025-v3/

Highlights of 2023-2024 Adult Engagement Events

Some events require pre-registration and/or payment, make sure to watch your inbox for updates in weekly emails as well as at www.templeemanuelmd.org, Facebook and Instagram, and the quarterly Kol Kore.

There are also many opportunities to come together as a community for our Shabbat and Holiday services and celebrations. See page 9-15.

GLOBAL MITZVAH / BROTHERHOOD MENTORSHIP BRUNCH

Sunday October 8, 9:30am-11:30am

Please join us at to honor the students and mentors completing this year's program. TESMP has demonstrated the value of having motivated secondary school students learn from outstanding community professionals in social justice organizations. Students will share their Mentorship Experience [Lianna Meklir, 11th gr., Richard Montgomery HS; Anna Bryan-Taff, 10th gr., Springbrook HS; Jesse Levine, 9th gr., B-CC HS; Vera Samuels, 8th gr., Eastern Middle], followed by mentors {David Greeley, CEO, American International Health Alliance; Susan Minushkin, Sr. Program Director, Panagora Group; Caroline Smith DeWaal, Deputy Director of Eat Safe, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition; Liz Tully, Assoc. Director, Climate Adaptation Fund, Wildlife Conservation Society}. In addition, Neil

Blickman, Brotherhood Chair of Youth Activities, Laura Naide, TE Director of Congregational Learning, and Stan Fagen, TESMP Chair, will offer remarks. Cost: \$10/person, RSVP deadline October 4. *Sponsored by TE Brotherhood, Global Mitzvah Project, WRJ and Director of Congregational Learning*

WRJ MEMBERSHIP DINNER

Sunday October 8, 5pm-8pm

Limited to current WRJ members

PANEL DISCUSSION: THE SACRED EARTH, JEWISH PERSPECTIVES ON OUR PLANET.

Wednesday October 11, 7:30-9:00pm

The Sacred Earth, Jewish Perspectives on our Planet, recently published by CCAR Press, is a contemporary Jewish response to the looming threat of climate change, the widespread desire for experiential spirituality rooted in nature, and the continually changing relationship between humanity, nature, technology, and the Divine. Contributing authors who will attend the discussion include Rabbi Warren Stone, Temple Emanuel Rabbi Emeritus, congregant De Herman, Rabbis Nina Cardin and Avram Reisner, and activist Mirele Goldsmith (Jews for Clean Energy). *This discussion is co-sponsored by the Haberman Institute for Jewish Studies. Books will be available to purchase.*

Adult Engagement and Events

BROTHERHOOD HAPPY HOUR

Thursday October 12, 5:30-7:30pm

WRJ GET OUT THE VOTE! POSTCARD WRITING

Sunday, October 15, 9:15am - 11:15am

Tuesday, October 17, 10:30am - 12:30pm

WRJ TRIP TO CAPITAL JEWISH MUSEUM

Sunday October 22, times TBD

JEWISH BOOK MONTH FEATURING TEMPLE EMANUEL AUTHORS

November 12, 12pm-3pm

URJ 150TH CELEBRATION, WASHINGTON DC

December 15-17

<https://www.urj150.org/>

ISRAEL ENGAGEMENT BRUNCH

Sunday January 7, 9:30-11:30am

WRJ RETREAT

Friday January 19- Sunday January 21

Women's Retreat in Dewey Beach

BROTHERHOOD EVENT

Wednesday January 31, 7-8:30pm

ISRAEL ENGAGEMENT BRUNCH

March 3, 9:30-11am

KOLOT HALEV CHOIR FESTIVAL

Sunday March 10, 1-5pm

WOMEN'S SEDER

Sunday April 7, 5-8pm

WRJ SHOW TUNES WITH GLENN PEARSON

Saturday April 13, 7:00pm

GLOBAL MITZVAH CONCERT

Sunday April 21, 4-5:30pm

BROTHERHOOD ANNUAL MEETING & DINNER

Wednesday May 1, 6:30pm

GLOBAL MITZVAH CAR WASH

Sunday May 5, 8:30-11:30am

WRJ GOES TO THE OPERA

Saturday May 11

Madame Butterfly at a local movie theater, times TBD

ANNUAL MEETING FOLLOWED BY PICNIC

Sunday May 19, 9am/11:30am



ARTIST IN RESIDENCE WEEKEND WITH COMPOSER DAVE SCHLOSSBERG

February 2-4

Saturday February 3, Concert at 6pm

Events will include a 6:30pm Shabbat Services Friday evening with Kol Zimrah Choir, Saturday evening reception and performance of Facing the Music: How I Regained My Faith after a Life-Changing Injury, and a Religious School Family Assembly on Sunday. *Sponsored by the Music Committee.*

Committees, Groups, and Affiliates at Temple Emanuel

Interested in volunteering or have questions? Contact Executive Director, Dianne Neiman, at 301-942-2000, or dianne@templeemanueldm.org.

Adult Education - Plan educational opportunities for adults.

Board of Education - Works closely with the Director of Congregational Learning in the management and supervision of the Religious School and Adult Education (*Participation by invitation only*).

Board of Education Social Committee - The Board of Education social committee aims to foster opportunities for fun, community, and friendships among religious school families. We have many exciting events in the works for the 2023-2024 school year including Apple Picking at Butler's Orchard in September, Hiking and Hops in October, Trivia Night in January, and a Purim Cook-off in March. More details and sign ups for these activities are coming soon. While these events are geared toward Religious School and ECC families, all temple members are welcome to attend!

Starting on Sunday October 1st, the social committee will be hosting monthly coffee walks on the first Sunday of each month. These walks will provide parents with an opportunity to socialize, walk, and possibly grab a beverage while their kids are in religious school. No need to register in advance, simply meet in the lobby at 9:30 am following the family minyon. Do you have a great idea for an event? Want to get to know more religious school families? We would love for you to join our committee! Please reach out to Dianne to be put in touch.

Brotherhood - The Temple Emanuel Brotherhood is an essential part of making the Temple Emanuel community so special. We support the TE community in any number of diverse and meaningful ways. The Brotherhood supports youth activities,

sponsors brunches and social events for Temple and community members, and reaches out to Temple members recovering from illness or grieving a loss. We are an active community, working with all aspects of the Temple family to strengthen bonds and build synergies. And perhaps most importantly, the Brotherhood comprises an exemplary group of individuals who provide a support network for each other and have a lot of fun!

Brotherhood membership is open (and free for the first year!) to all adult male-identified members of Temple Emanuel as well as all fathers of our Early Childhood Center, and we encourage your participation! Brotherhood Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month. The meetings are relaxed and enjoyable and we provide snacks and beverages. All are invited and welcome to attend! We have also scheduled some of our monthly meetings at nearby pubs and breweries (what a fun way to spend an evening with friends!) Want to learn more? Please reach out to Dianne to be put in touch.

Brotherhood Youth Activities: We love to support the Temple's youth in their spiritual journeys. We promote participation in, and provide grants for, Jewish education or cultural experiences such as camp programs, religious school trips, and other opportunities. We make sure that all of our B'nei Mitzvah and Confirmants are awarded meaningful gifts that help make this day even more special, and we work closely with our religious school and KESTY to support their programs. Some Brotherhood members even teach classes throughout the school year. And we coordinate a highly successful high school mentorship program that gives our youth the opportunity to learn from, and interact with, members of the congregation and representatives of outstanding non-profit organizations on a one-on-one basis.

Brotherhood Annual Dinners: Along with our monthly board meetings, the Brotherhood hosts a catered annual dinner for members where we review the past year's accomplishments, set our goals for the future, and install our new Board. These dinners are open to all Temple men and friends. Spouses are very much welcome. There is no cost to Brotherhood members in good standing! It's a great opportunity to enjoy a meal, schmooze with old and new friends, and we even get some business done! The Brotherhood is always looking for opportunities to have meals together, just to socialize and strengthen our mutual bonds. This includes an annual winter trip to a local restaurant, as well as our annual barbecue in September. If nothing else, come and join us for great food!

Brotherhood Supporting Our Temple: The Brotherhood organizes ushers for Friday night and High Holy Day services. Ushering is a great way to meet members of the community on Shabbat and festivals, and to increase your feeling of connection with Temple Emanuel. Twice a year, the Brotherhood conducts a Friday night Service. These are special, spiritually uplifting events with great music – they are meaningful, and fun too. All BH members are encouraged to participate in the Service; it is a wonderful, communal event. The Brotherhood undertakes an annual clean-up of the grounds every August before religious school convenes, and our Sunshine Committee sends cards and prepares meals when you (or a family member or close friend) are in the hospital, home recuperating, getting married, having a baby, or if there is a death in the family.

Brotherhood Social Activities: There sometimes seems to be no end to the great social activities that the Brotherhood sponsors. We hold Temple-Wide brunches a few Sunday mornings a year that always feature a great speaker - and great food in addition! We hold an annual, highly anticipated Poker tourney that has become a signature event of our group. Once a year, generally on Father's Day, the Brotherhood organizes a trip to see the Bowie Baysox - just a short ride down the road, and always a great time! Bring the family, bask in the sun, enjoy the game, and you just might catch a souvenir foul ball! A great family event, not to be missed!



The Brotherhood is always expanding its activities. We sponsor a series of Community Spotlights, which give TE members the chance to talk about something special, and meaningful, to them. We periodically hold Movie Nights, as well as sponsor community-wide events that feature great speakers and music. Simply put, the Brotherhood is a family of great and caring men who work hard for the Temple, but also know how to have fun!

Building and Grounds - Evaluates and makes recommendations on building and grounds requirements.

Community Social Action Council - Promotes and helps organize activities locally that allow opportunities to perform mitzvot; supports related activities throughout the congregation; strengthens the ability of all Temple volunteers to make a difference in our community. The CSAC leads our congregation to engage in social action and social justice, in Montgomery County, statewide and nationally. Whether advocating for a woman's right to choose, racial justice, criminal justice reform, raising the MD minimum wage, participating in get-out-the vote campaigns targeting low-propensity voters, or creating a community vegetable garden to support the Shepherd's Table homeless center in Silver Spring, the CSAC is the social justice face of Temple Emanuel. We leverage our impact by working with other Temple groups such as the Brotherhood, the WRJ, and the Global Mitzvah team, and with community organizations, for example, Jews United for Justice ("JUFJ") (www.jufj.org/), Marylanders to Prevent Gun Violence (<https://mdpgv.org>), or the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (www.rac.org). We also bring other individual mitzvah opportunities to the attention of congregants.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee - The Committee's mission is to carry out the ideals stated in the Temple's DEI Statement by developing a DEI Program that creates cultural competency and advocates for diversity, equity and inclusion for the Community; by creating an environment that reflects the community we serve; and by fostering an environment in which all members, staff, students, and visitors feel included, respected, valued, and safe.

Early Childhood Center Board (*Participation by invitation only*).

Finance - Develops the annual budget and provides financial recommendations to the Board. (*Participation by invitation only*).

Global Mitzvah Project (GMP) - Supports international charitable projects, working to address poverty, health, and educational needs around the world. GMP plans and conducts fund-raising and global advocacy activities to inspire active involvement of Temple Emanuel youth and adults in tikkun olam. In partnership with reputable international organizations, the GMP has helped poor communities in Guatemala, El Salvador, Haiti, India, Cambodia, Kenya, Tanzania, Vietnam, Uganda, Rwanda, Burkina Faso, Zambia, Malawi, Peru, Israel, Nigeria and Ukraine. Now in its 17th year, the GMP has provided funds for 40 projects in 201 countries, exceeding \$71,000 in donations, while demonstrating a strong commitment to social justice.

With the generous support of the congregation and friends, the GMP has been able to raise an average of \$4,000 - \$4,500 each year, through its annual concert, student-run car wash, dinners, and donations. To maximize impact of donations the GMP has been careful to select projects which promote sustainable self-help outcomes. Progress reports from partner charities indicate that funds have been used well and almost all projects have been successfully completed to this point. GMP has completed two milestone products: (1) booklet featuring 10 of the GMT's successful projects; (2) team video describing the work of the GMP.

To review significant project activities and accomplishments visit Volunteer Opportunities in the Temple Emanuel website.

Kiva.org is a site for disadvantaged people all over the world seeking small loans to start their own businesses. Join the Global Mitzvah Project Lending Team by making a donation for as little as \$25, and help a borrower of your choice to improve the life

and well being of their family. To date, the GMP Team has made 158 loans to small groups of women in Asia, Africa, Middle East, Central and South America.

Temple Emanuel families are invited to offer ideas for new projects, join the Global Mitzvah Team, and attend our meetings.

Human Resources - Working in partnership with the Temple professionals, this committee is responsible for developing, defining and articulating the synagogue's policies regarding its employees. (*Participation by invitation only*).

Israel Engagement - Raises the visibility of Israel within the congregation; leads educational programs; advocates on behalf of Reform principles in Israel; supports travel to Israel.

KESTY - Temple Emanuel Youth Groups; affiliated with NFTY.

- KESTY Katan - Temple Emanuel Youth Group for children grades K-2
- KESTY345 - Temple Emanuel Youth Group for children grades 4-5
- KESTY J - Temple Emanuel Youth Group for children grades 6-7
- KESTY - Temple Emanuel Youth Group for grades 8-12



Kulanu - Supports and celebrates the rich diversity of our Temple community with programs to foster a welcoming and inclusive environment with respect to sexual orientation, gender identity, interracial and interfaith families, and those with disabilities. Watch for the Temple's annual Pride Shabbat Service in June and other Pride activities.

Meal of Comfort (formerly Bereavement) -

Prepares and serves a light dairy meal for 25 people to Temple families returning from the funeral of a loved one. In this way, we carries out the mission of our caring community by reaching out to fellow members at a time of loss. The Committee utilizes many volunteers for specific roles to maintain a state of readiness, and volunteer tasks involve only a few hours when called upon to serve.

Membership - Responsible for recruiting new members and working on membership engagement.

Music - Work with Cantor Lindsay to program concerts and support musical endeavors.

Nominating - Nominates officers and trustees for the Temple Board of Trustees (chaired by the most recent past president) (*Participation by invitation only*).

Religious Practices - Assists the clergy in matters pertaining to Religious Practices, including prayer books, High Holiday honors and special projects (*Participation by invitation only*).

Senior Focus - Coordinates Play Readings

Single Sages - Provides friendship for singles over 60. Members get together in person or on Zoom, in person often to meet for lunch. Zoom gatherings may have a speaker or just sharing what we individually are doing - catch-up time.

SOME (So Others Might Eat) - Temple Emanuel participates in the Provide-A-Meal program that feeds the homeless and poor people in the Greater Washington, DC area at Christmas.

Technology Committee - Ensures access by all to our services and programs through Zoom and Facebook, and provides technical advice and assistance with information technology (IT) related projects.

Torah Study - All are welcome to join our discussions of the weekly Torah portion on Saturday mornings.

Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) / Sisterhood

WRJ invites you to this year's activities. Get to know women of different ages and backgrounds through our annual retreat, weekly drop-in Mahjong games, brunches, discussion groups, and many other programs. The intergenerational aspect, combined with diverse backgrounds, is part of what makes belonging to WRJ at Temple Emanuel so special. For more information, contact wrj@templeemanuelmd.org or visit the WRJ page of the Temple's website.

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. If you would like more information about membership, please reach out to Dianne to be put in touch.

As a member of Temple Emanuel's WRJ, you automatically become a member of Women of Reform Judaism at the national and regional levels. 500 Sisterhoods throughout the United States, Canada, and 13 other countries support a wide range of social justice and women's issues. WRJ founded the North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY) and established the Jewish Braille Institute of America. We also support the World Union for Progressive Judaism, which helps establish congregations and provides rabbinic leadership in more than 40 countries. Our chapter supports the national YES Fund (Youth, Education, and Special Projects) to strengthen the Reform Movement. WRJ is a great way to meet other women with similar interests, have fun, and build lasting friendships.



As a member of WRJ you will receive regular emails providing information on upcoming events. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month. See details of WRJ's many sponsored

events in the Adult Engagement listing, pages 26.

Support Us

Temple Emanuel is a vital, vibrant congregation, bringing people together and doing our part to improve the world and the lives of those who make up our community.

Your dedication to Temple Emanuel is crucial to its mission, enriching Jewish education for children & adults, building a warm, welcoming community and inspiring Jewish ritual practices. Your generosity

enables our synagogue to ensure that programs and services are available for those congregants and community members who need it the most.

By making Temple Emanuel a philanthropic priority, you are enriching our synagogue, today and every day. Your donations enable Temple Emanuel to operate our synagogue, to strengthen Judaism, and to enrich life for our members and the community.

Planned Giving

Members like you who want to ensure that our exceptional community endures long into the future often formalize their commitment to making a future gift to Temple Emanuel through planned giving. They are connected with each other in a common cause: to ensure the long term vitality and stability of our congregation so that Temple Emanuel will be here to support our community and instill our values. Anyone who indicates a planned gift demonstrates to themselves and others that we too want to be there for the generations that follow us.

As you think about your financial plans for the future, please think about how Temple Emanuel has enriched your life. Perhaps ...

- Watching your children or grandchildren as our newest teachers of Torah
- Celebrating weekly Shabbat and holidays together
- Finding comfort with clergy and friends
- Supporting our wider community
- Travels with fellow congregants
- Deepening your own learning
- Advocating for equal rights

These meaningful experiences happen at Temple Emanuel. By remembering Temple Emanuel in your will or estate plan, we will continue. Planning a charitable gift is a wonderful way to express gratitude for Temple Emanuel and support its mission while achieving your own personal, financial, and altruistic goals. By planning ahead, you may be able to increase the impact of your gift to better serve future needs. This is a meaningful way to leave a permanent legacy connecting you and your family to Temple Emanuel.

Bequests may take many forms – a specific dollar amount, a portion of one's remaining assets after all obligations are met, specific assets, remaining retirement account assets, or benefits from an individual retirement account or life insurance policy.



Endowment

When you give to the Temple's Rabbinical Endowment Fund, it helps ensure the Temple has the support needed to continue to foster our thriving community, serving our core principles for generations to come:

SPIRITUALITY – TE needs to stay at the forefront of the Reform movement, inspiring our multi-generational congregants with engaging Shabbat and holiday experiences and services. This means we strive to offer dynamic and meaningful opportunities to connect with God and with one another while continuing to push and expand ritual, musical, and liturgical bounds.

LEARNING AND EDUCATION – In the spirit of inclusivity and belonging, we must broaden our educational mission to serve all types of learners. That means continuing to hire and develop excellent teachers to meet the diverse learning needs of all students and adult learners. We must offer dynamic learning opportunities to instill our children with a strong sense of Jewish values and identity, as well as our adults with ongoing and expanded educational programming.

TIKKUN OLAM "REPAIR THE WORLD" - Social justice should continue to guide our collective call to serve. Your help will allow us to make more change in the world, giving back to people in need and advocating for a more just society.

Creating social awareness and engagement of social issues coupled with Jewish values continues to allow Temple Emanuel to prepare and empower next generations to continue this important vision.

Your word is a lamp to my feet, a light for my path.
Your decrees are my eternal heritage; they are my heart's delight. Psalm 119

The future strength of our congregation is directly related to your continued engagement and support. We ask you to help ensure our Temple continues to thrive in a rapidly evolving world, ensuring all feel a sense of belonging and community, and dream of the future of the community that has had such an impact on (y)our lives and (y)our families.

HOW YOU CAN HELP TO ASSURE TEMPLE EMANUEL CONTINUES ITS MISSION

The answer is different for everyone, but there are many ways to contribute. No contribution is too small, and all contributions help to achieve our vision well into the future.

There are many ways to give:

- Gifts of Cash or Appreciated Assets
- Life Income Plans
- Charitable Gift Annuities Trusts
- Charitable Bequests
- Key Donor Life Insurance Program

Together, we can open our Temple Emanuel tent wider, to offer engaging programming to our children, teens, and adults, to inspire and connect with current and future members, to foster a vibrant, dynamic Temple in which we all feel welcome.

For more information or to make a gift, a multi-year pledge, or to discuss a legacy gift or bequest, please contact Dianne Neiman, Executive Director, at 301-942-2000 or dianne@templeemanuelmd.org.

Giving Opportunities

Bereavement Fund—Supports Temple's Meal of Comfort, served post-funeral

Byer Jewish Enrichment Fund—Supports Temple Jewish enrichment programs

Cantor's Music Fund—For music and music-related programs as designated by the Cantor

Early Childhood Center Fund—Supports additional needs of the Temple Emanuel Early Childhood Center

General Operating Fund—Supports ongoing Temple operations

Global Mitzvah Project—To support the international charitable projects of our Global Mitzvah Project

Henry Bluestone Cultural Arts Fund—Supports special Temple cultural programs

Irma Marks Youth Group Activity Fund—Supports Temple youth group programs

Jacob Bello Rabbinic Humanities Fund—To enhance the quality of speakers and diverse Judaic programs

Lenore Cohen Religious School Fund—Supports educational programming

Library Fund—For purchase of books and other library improvements

Marion Glass Capital Fund—Maintenance, repair and improvement of the Temple Emanuel building

Mark Mann Pavilion/Landscaping/ Playground Fund—Funds are used to enhance and maintain the Pavilion, Temple grounds and landscaping, and the playground

Michael Flax Mitzvah/Leon Adler Fund—To provide immediate help to any Temple member in need

Miriam's Cup—Supports special activities of the Temple's Rosh Hodesh group

Nanette Dembitz Berman Judaism & Social Issues Fund—Supports special social issues programming

Oneg Shabbat Sponsorships—Provides for the reception following Shabbat services

Paul Shnitzer Ethics Fund—Supports special Temple programs relating to Judaism and ethics

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund—For Temple and community programs and causes deemed deserving by the Rabbi

Sanctuary Enhancement Fund—Provides money for maintenance of and special items for the sanctuary

Sid Berger Israel Fund—Supports grants for youth travel to Israel

Torah Fund—For maintenance of Torahs

Warren G. Stone Rabbinic Endowment—Ensures our community will last for generations to come

Yahrzeit Remembrances—To commemorate loved ones on the anniversary of their passing

Zhava Friedman Torah Study Fund—Supports programs and projects of Temple's Torah Study Group

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9:00am - 5:00pm

Friday: 9:00am - 4:00pm

RELIGIOUS/HEBREW SCHOOL HOURS

Sunday: 9:00am – 11:30am

Tuesday (Virtual): 4:15pm – 6:00pm

Tuesday (in person) 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Sunday Hebrew: 11:50am – 1:15pm

Tuesday Upper School: 5:30pm – 7:30pm

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER HOURS

Monday through Friday: 8:00am– 6:00pm

STAY IN TOUCH!

Is TE in your Inbox?

We send two weekly emails - upcoming events and Shabbat details. Join our email list and choose the topics you are interested in. www.templeemanuelmd.org - click "Sign Up Now" at the bottom left



Follow our public page on **Facebook** for event updates and photos! www.facebook.com/TempleEmanuelMD



Did you know **Temple Emanuel** has a Facebook group just for members? www.facebook.com/groups/33502840417



Watch for our **Instagram stories** most Fridays and live mini recaps of Temple events. www.instagram.com/templeemanuelmd/





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