



# KOL KORE

The Newsletter of Temple Emanuel Kensington, Maryland



## Artist in Residence Weekend with **Composer Dave Schlossberg** February 2-4

Events include:

Dinner  
and Meet &  
Greet with  
Dave

Service  
featuring Kol  
Zimrah and a  
World Premiere  
Composition

Mocktail  
Hour and  
Presentation of  
Facing the  
Music

Registration details inside!

## PURIM FAMILY CARNIVAL: OUTER SPACE

SUNDAY MARCH 17, 9-11:30AM

All are welcome for a wonderful morning of Purim revelry including a costume parade, a Megillah reading and shpiel, and the famous KESTY led carnival.

Hamentaschen and other goodies will be served.



Please bring a box of pasta which can serve as a grogger and a donation to Manna.

Save by purchasing tickets in advance!  
(Tickets are not required for the shpiel!)

\$18/child, \$36/max per family in advance; \$20/child,  
\$40/max per family at the door

## ADULT PURIM SHPIEL WITH MIZMOR L'SHABBAT BAND

SATURDAY MARCH 23, 7-9PM

Join us for an adult evening of parody and megillah reading. Our Temple staff will be putting on a musical shpiel that will certainly entertain, surprise, and shock! Join us for a raucous evening. Strictly 21 and up, so get a babysitter and enjoy an amazing night out!



# from the Rabbi



Dear friends,

I recently returned from Israel where I joined forty other rabbis and educators from across North America on a solidarity mission sponsored by the Shalom Hartman Institute. My four days on the ground were incredibly meaningful. I heard unfiltered and tragic accounts of the atrocities of the October 7th massacre, met with families of hostages, visited Israeli soldiers who were wounded in Gaza, and helped do some very much needed volunteer work.



One of the most powerful conversations I had was with a group of eighth grade girls from Kibbutz Sa'ad. This modern Orthodox kibbutz, situated near the Gaza border, was attacked by approximately thirty terrorists after they went on their brutal rampage of neighboring Kfar Aza. Fortunately, the residents of Sa'ad had some warning of what was happening and managed to fight back against the terrorists who were unable to breach the Kibbutz's defenses. Sa'ad's population has been relocated to a hotel near the Dead Sea, and I visited their makeshift school in the Masada Visitor's Center, a place known for its decent cafeteria, souvenirs including lots of Dead Sea skincare products, and as the entrance and exit to the cable car which makes the trip up and down the historic desert mountain. The girls shared with me how much they wanted to go back to the kibbutz but how afraid they were; one girl named Shira shared that when they return home (and nobody knows when that will be), she wants to sleep inside the safe room with her siblings in case the terrorists return.

Another conversation I had was with Oren and Esther, whose thirty-four year old child Yagev was kidnapped along with his wife Rimon from their home on Kibbutz Nirim. We learned that Yagev is a music lover, an excellent cook, and that he works with Rimon to take care of animals who have been abandoned. We met his parents in Hostage Square outside the Tel Aviv Museum of Art, and they were having a relatively good day because the day before Rimon had been released, but they were anxious and eager for their son to return home.

These are only two of the many conversations I had with Israelis from around the country. They are just beginning to understand the horrors of 10/7 and the lasting ramifications, which are going to be painful and difficult. But being in Israel helped me understand too, that we have a responsibility as part of the Jewish people, to support Israel, to help them rebuild, to listen to their stories and share them with the world. In the months and years to come, it is critical that our community continue to find ways to engage with Israel, to pray for healing and peace, to let Israel know that she is not alone. I look forward to partnering and engaging with you in this sacred work.

*L'shalom, Adam*



# from the Cantor

Chevre-

I hope that you all had a wonderful holiday season, filled with family, friends, and peace. I enjoyed participating in so many Hanukkah festivities. From leading the Menorah Lighting and Sing Along at the Kensington Town Hall, to singing Hanukkah songs with the Adult and Jr. Choirs in the glow of countless menorahs at Shabbat Services, it truly was a joyous time. I hope these events brought some extra light and joy into these darkened days.

I also had the pleasure of attending the Hadar Rising Song Intensive, a 4-day event led by Rabbi Deborah Sacks Mintz, Joey Weisenberg, and a team of stellar faculty and musicians in New York City. Together, we studied both traditional and new melodies, reached new heights in song and spirituality, and studied the complex intersection between individual and communal voices. It was a packed 4 days, but it was incredible to immerse myself so fully into this transcendent musical experience. The event culminated in a moving, lively concert by Joey Weisenberg & the Hadar Ensemble at B'nai Jeshurun on the Upper West Side. I learned so much at this event, and I look forward to sharing some new melodies with you!

On the horizon, we have some incredible events coming up the first weekend in February. As part of JDAIM, Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance, and Inclusion Month, I am honored and thrilled to welcome my friend and colleague, Dave Schlossberg, to Temple Emanuel for a series of events. Dave is an incredible composer, pianist, and survivor of a terrible drunk driving accident that left him with a spinal cord injury. We are honored that he will share his musical gifts, as well as his story of courage and perseverance, through a series of events.

On Friday, February 2, Dave will be featured in a special Shabbat Evening Service, where he will share original compositions, including the world premiere of "Higid L'Cha Adam", a commissioned choral piece written for Temple Emanuel, and performed by our Kol Zimrah Choir. On Saturday, February 3, Dave will present an inspiring and provocative presentation about his personal journey through Spinal Cord Injury, which doubles as a cautionary tale against drunk driving. This memorable evening will also feature a special mocktail hour for donors, Havdalah led by our 2023 Adult B'not Mitzvah class, and will be followed by a festive dessert reception. On Sunday, February 4, Dave will present an inspirational, family friendly program during religious school for all religious school students and their families.

I look forward to seeing you at these incredible upcoming events!

L'Shalom,  
Cantor Lindsay Kanter



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## COFFEE WITH THE CLERGY

9:00am on the first Friday of each month - Jan 5, Feb 2, March 1

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.





# from the President

In my last Kol Kore message, I talked about bringing some of the pleasure and looseness of summer forward with us into the fall, even when the crush of obligations that pile up after Labor Day feels overwhelming.

Now, in the days before Thanksgiving, and more than a month into the war between Israel and Hamas, I'm going to propose another potentially difficult exercise. Can we hold apparently contradictory thoughts in our minds simultaneously?

Can we affirm Israel's right to exist and defend itself while also affirming the right of the Palestinian people to safety, security, and self-determination? Can we support the people of Israel even if we deplore the current government? Can we oppose war and the loss of civilian lives while also acknowledging that war is sometimes the least worst option — and also acknowledge that there is an obligation on the part of civilized nations to wage war in a way that minimizes harm to civilians, even when our opponents would not do the same? Can we see how others — in the world, our country, our communities, our families — might weigh these competing ideas differently than we do?

Like many of you, I am struggling with the tangle of competing values in my own head. And yet, at this time of Thanksgiving, I remain grateful that I have the privilege, as a Reform Jew (and as an American, living in safety) to wrestle with these questions with the support of my community. Now more than ever, fellowship with other Jews is vital. We may not agree on everything, but we can agree that Temple Emanuel is a place where we can come to pray, to listen, to heal, and to express ourselves as Jews in this complex and challenging moment. I invite all of you to engage in Temple life in whatever way is meaningful to you in coping with this ongoing conflict.

There is room for all of us.

Martha



## GIVING OPPORTUNITIES: ENDOWMENT

***"We believe that contributing to the Rabbinic Endowment is our small way of ensuring that our warm and embracing community will continue to be there for future generations to come." —Jana and Jeremy Sharp, Temple Emanuel Members***

The Rabbinic Endowment helps to underwrite Rabbi Adam's salary, thereby freeing up funds that enable Temple Emanuel to continue to profoundly impact the richness of our lives, our families, and future generations. For example, this past year's contributions enabled our religious school to hire an Inclusion Specialist to help accommodate students with different needs and enable all to succeed, regardless of learning style.

With your new, renewed or expanded support, we look forward to growing the Endowment's contribution to Temple Emanuel's future. It is a tribute to our congregation that hundreds of our families are chai, double chai, or triple chai members. Our long-standing congregants have contributed so much to the welcoming and nurturing "community" that is Temple Emanuel. Your presence and participation in so many Temple events, projects, celebrations, and services enrich us all. Thank you for continuing your bond with Temple Emanuel.

The future strength of our congregation is directly related to your continued engagement and support. We invite you to look beyond your pledge support toward the annual Temple Emanuel budget, and dream of the future of the community that has had such an impact on (y)our lives and (y)our families.

Thank you in advance as you continue to honor your Jewish legacies, and your continuing relationship to Temple Emanuel, with your ongoing support, legacy gifts, and bequests. It is your foresight and aspirations for the future of the congregation you love that propel the Endowment forward. Together, we honor and strengthen the legacy that was left to us - which we will pass to future generations, L'dor v'dor.

- Bill Epstein, *President, Warren G. Stone Rabbinic Endowment*

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](mailto:dianne@templeemanuelmd.org).

# from the Director of Congregational Learning

By the time you read this issue of Kol Kore, we will be nearly halfway through the Religious School year. Starting in September with the High Holy Days, we have spent many months exploring our core values of Limmud (learning), Kehilla (community), and Ruach (spirit). But what does this look like? Or, to paraphrase a Jewish question, "what makes this year different from all other years?"

For starters, our school is growing. We have 221 students enrolled in 2023-2024, compared with 193 students last year. This growth is largely due to our new PreK class and a much larger Kindergarten population. Much of our growth comes from word of mouth. The news is spreading that we provide inclusive, creative, supportive, and community-minded school and youth programming.

We started a new elective - Teva (nature) - on Sunday mornings for Grades K-7. Led by Malka Ostchega, a high school science teacher, students explore our beautiful Gan Emanuel and learn about Judaism through science-based activities. Recently, students learned Jewish values and traditions about trees and studied leaves to identify local trees. Research shows that outdoor education and play support emotional, behavioral, and intellectual development.

We brought back overnight trips for the first time since the pandemic. In October, Fourth Grade families spent the night at the Smith Nature Center in Montgomery County where they crafted Havdalah sets, roasted marshmallows at a bonfire, and played with goats. In February, 6th Grade families will travel to New York to learn about immigration at Ellis Island and the Tenement Museum and enjoy the local cuisine (think bagels and pizza). We're happy to bring back these important (and fun) experiences.



## ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

We're two classes into our year-long exploration of Jews and beverages and it's not too late to join the fun. Jews have traditionally celebrated joyous occasions with beverages and not all of them are made by Manischewitz.

On October 3, 2023, fifteen congregants learned to make "etrog-cello," a spin on the classic citrus drink limoncello. We also tasted several Israeli beverages including Tubi 60 (an herb-based drink), Lemon Arak, and Myrtle Gin. On November 18, 2023, the WRJ co-sponsored an Israeli wine tasting with local expert Steve Kerbel. We tasted 3 white and 3 red varieties and took a virtual trip around the wineries of Israel. We also had delicious appetizers and desserts to complement the wines.

This Spring, we will host another wine tasting led by TE congregants Joshua and Kat Samuels. The Samuels research viniculture, the cultivation of grapes for winemaking. Viniculture is at the forefront in witnessing the impacts of climate change because wine grapes are especially vulnerable to climate fluctuations. Many European winemakers are doing research in Israel to learn how to adapt grape varieties to increasing temperatures.

We have many more learning opportunities, including Rabbi Adam's Mussar class on Thursdays and other lunch and learn class opportunities. Snir Holtzman will conclude his series of classes on "Love, Family, and Everything In-Between," on January 7 with a discussion of the novel "The Book of Intimate Grammar," by David Grossman. And join us on February 8 and 22 to learn about the History of the Reform Jewish Movement in France with Rabbi Robert Levy. In addition to his expertise on this topic, Rabbi Levy was Rabbi Adam's childhood rabbi and we are happy to welcome him to Temple Emanuel.

L'Shalom,

Laura Naide, *Director of Congregational Learning*

# from the Shaliach and Director of Youth Engagement



Shalom everyone!

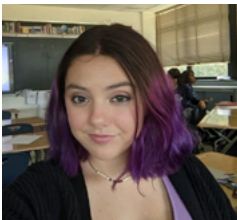
Over the past few months, the State of Israel and Jewish people have faced tragedy and loss. On Shabbat morning, October 7th, thousands of Hamas terrorists invaded Israel from Gaza, slaughtering over 1500 people, injuring over 3000, kidnapping over 240 innocent civilians (including children, babies, elderly people, and Holocaust survivors) and declared war against the State of Israel.

I've said it before and I will say it again – Israel has every right to defend itself, especially in the face of this threat. Rest assured – we will win this war. We just finished celebrating Hanukkah, and it's a good opportunity to remind ourselves that just like in the ancient story, a little light can overcome a whole lot of darkness. It's time to love, time to give back, time to remember that we are one people, one nation, time to always know that Am Yisrael Chai. We're not going anywhere; in fact, we don't have any other place to go.

In the Tanach, the word אהבה which means love appears 40 times, and the root א.ה.ב appears 208 times. Hatred, שנאה, appears only 17 times. This is how we're different from our enemies. Our love is stronger than any hate. Stay strong, my friends, my brothers and sisters, we got this, we always do, we still have hope.

On a happier note - we have a lot of exciting programs and events coming up, and the main one is, of course, Purim! Everyone's favorite holiday! I hope that you started searching for a costume, because our one-of-a-kind Purim Carnival is back! The annual KESTY Purim Lock-In will take place on March 16th, where our KESTY teens will work hard to give the Temple a total makeover before the Carnival starts on March 17th! Mark your calendars and see you there!

See you all soon!  
Snir



## Anna Bryan Taff (KESTY's Programming VP):

About a week ago I went to the NFTY collab. NFTY stands for the North American Federation of Temple Youth, a national organization dedicated to creating a space for Reform Jewish teens. I started going to NFTY in 9th grade and it has become very important to me. While I love Temple Emanuel, NFTY has allowed me to connect to Jewish teens across the states that are all dedicated to expanding their relationship with Judaism. At this event, NFTY teens from almost every state and some from Canada, gathered in Wisconsin for a two-day retreat. Over the weekend, I participated in multiple social action programs about leadership, climate justice, and team working. I also got to celebrate Shabbat, go to services, meet new friends from across the country, explore my individualism and Judaism, and even go to a silent disco. Overall, being able to spend the weekend with all these amazing people was a very impactful experience that I would recommend to any Jewish teen no matter how connected they feel to their religion. NFTY has a place for everyone.

NFTY has 2 upcoming events for our teens: the Winter Kallah (January 12-15), and Spring Kallah (April 5-7) that will take place in the DMV area (and mainly in our area!) for the first time in 6 years!





# from the Brotherhood

The Brotherhood is looking forward to the upcoming winter season of activities and special events and hope you will join us! We had a very busy Fall where we had our annual cookout (Corned Beef King!), hosted fun and interesting brunches, provided ushers for all our Shabbat services including the High Holy Days, took care of our TE grounds, constructed TE's Sukkah for Sukkot, and hosted a fun game for the kids at the annual TEECC Fall Family Festival. We have such a great cohort of dedicated brothers who are always willing to help out where there is a need within the TE community, and I am proud to be a part of the team.

I want to focus on a few key areas that the Brotherhood is involved with, including leading Kulanu: Synagogues in Action Against Antisemitism program with the ADL, on behalf of TE. Kulanu is the Anti-Defamation League's self-directed national synagogue engagement program that empowers us to fight against antisemitism and hate in our own community. There are about 250 congregations participating in this nationwide in the second year of the program (our first!). The Brotherhood has formed a work-group with members of WRJ, to work in partnership with the ADL on how to have critical conversations about antisemitism and other forms of bigotry and cultivate the tools to fight them. We will be sharing additional information about this important program and our efforts in the coming weeks.

In addition to Kulanu, the Brotherhood is proud to continue to support our students here at TE, including our participation in TE's Global Mitzvah Student Mentoring program. This involves opportunities for high school students (and 8th graders) to work with an experienced leader from highly regarded organizations with a clear social justice goal. This great program has been ongoing for the past 4 years and the mentored students have really enjoyed it and benefitted. As have the mentors! Mentorships are available, as are mentoring opportunities, so please reach out to us for more information!

Please come join us at any of our monthly meetings where we plan for future events and activities and enjoy hanging out with and supporting great friends. I am truly honored to be a part of such a caring and active community!

Hoping for more peaceful days to come for all.

Alan Tabachnick, *Brotherhood President*

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

### Brotherhood Meetings

January 3, February 7,  
March 6 (all at 7:30)

### January 31, 2024

Election Year Politics with  
Dan Freedman (Moment  
Magazine Senior Editor),  
and BH Annual Raffle  
Drawing (7pm)

### March 2 at 7:00

Poker/Game Night

### April 14 at 9:30

Brunch (speaker to  
be determined)

## BOARD OF EDUCATION EVENTS:

**Trivia Night**, Saturday January 27, 8:00pm  
\$36 per couple/\$18 per person (includes beer, wine, snacks)



Mark your calendar and dust off your Jeopardy skills - It's Temple Emanuel's Trivia Night! Join our parent community for a fun-filled, drink-filled, fact-filled evening of trivia and friends!

**Hamantaschen Bakeoff**, Saturday, March 9, 2:00pm, No rsvp required

We're having a Hamantaschen party and everyone is invited! Bring your best cookies to compete for prizes (like most creative, prettiest, and tastiest). Make and bake cookies with traditional fillings. Remember, the synagogue is a nut-free facility! Come ready to eat, share, laugh, and enjoy the sweetest part of Purim.

*Hosted by the Board of Education and Religious School Social Committee*

# from the Women of Reform Judaism

Temple Emanuel's Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ)/Sisterhood welcomes you to our activities this year. Membership in WRJ lets you meet women of different ages and backgrounds through our annual retreat, monthly drop-in Mah Jongg games, brunches, discussion groups, semi-monthly crafting circle, 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. Now 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

WRJ participates in philanthropy within Temple Emanuel and towards our outside community through a variety of activities in which we engage and with monetary donations.

**Monthly Monday night Mah Jongg** at the Temple on Jan. 8, Feb. 12, and Mar. 18 from 6:30-8:30pm. Open to all WRJ and Brotherhood members. Other Temple members who are not members of WRJ or Brotherhood can come twice to give it a try.

**NEW!! Learn to play Mah Jongg**—Open to everyone. WRJ is hosting Mah Jongg Sunday, February 11 from 9:30am to 11:30am.

Drop the kids off at Religious school and join in the fun. All levels of play are welcome. Do you want to learn to play Maj? Michele Heffner, WRJ's resident expert, is offering an introductory lesson. Michele is a Maj teacher at the JCC and taught many of us in our Monday night group.

The **Bagel Table** has been up and running for three months now and is very much appreciated; offering coffee, muffins, bagels and fixings. We are always looking for volunteers to staff it. See the fun in interacting with our Temple youth and get to know other volunteers – or just stop by for breakfast.



**Creative Crafts**, first and third Wednesday of the month - Join others to do your favorite craft at 2pm in Adult Ed room - everyone welcome. Please contact Esther Starobin at erstarobin@gmail.com so she can contact you about any updates.

**NEW!! Join WRJ in its monthly KindSoup** making via Zoom, in conjunction with Kind Works. We had our inaugural soup making on December 10th and will join together again on January 7, February 4, and March 10. Get all of the information you need at [www.dokindworks.org](http://www.dokindworks.org)

Pre-cut your vegetables as necessary and be prepared to make soup for yourself/family and those in our community who are food insecure.

**Rosh Chodesh**, or the new month, is an ancient Jewish women's holiday, a time for Jewish women to come together and celebrate. Our Temple Emanuel Rosh Chodesh meetings include brief opening and closing ceremonies along with spirited discussions of topics related to Judaism and women. Some topics we've discussed in the past include body image, fearlessness, ethical decision-making and Jewish superstitions. We have also had baby naming ceremonies and a swimming pool mikvah. Mark your calendars for Jan. 28 and Feb. 25 at 11:00am.

**Women's Readers' Salon.** Come for great company, a casual potluck meal, and interesting discussion about articles from current publications. It's like a book club but with only 20 minutes of reading! March 3 at 4:00pm.

**Women's Retreat**, January 19-21. WRJ looks forward to getting together on Maryland's Eastern shore. The theme is Jews and Judaism in American entertainment beyond Fiddler on the Roof.

**Coffee/Tea tasting**, on March 10th. Join us for a session co-sponsored with the Director of Congregational Learning.

WRJ holds its **Monthly WRJ meetings** on the third Wednesday evening of every month beginning at 7pm via Zoom.

More upcoming highlights: the **Women's Seder** on April 7th, and **Singing Show Tunes with Glenn** on Saturday evening, April 13th.

Linda Wolpert and Lisa Reff Co-Presidents WRJ [wrj@templemanuelmd.org](mailto:wrj@templemanuelmd.org)

- WRJ gives a big Thank You to Sandi Marsden for purchasing the items for a beautiful Thanksgiving basket for Stepping Stones shelter as well as obtaining a Christmas Wish List for gifts to be purchased and to all WRJ members who purchased the items.
- Thank YOU, our Temple Community, for filling a minivan with donations for I Support the Girls. We continue to collect bras and menstrual products outside the rest room on the main floor.
- Thanks to the organization of Esther Starobin and Lisa Shames, seventh graders and multiple adults wrote 380 postcards for Get out the Vote.
- WRJ donated money to Global Mitzvah committee to support its International Oneg Shabbat.
- WRJ is covering the cost of the visit to the Tenement Museum for the 6th grade trip.
- WRJ made monetary donations to Mazon's Israeli Food Crisis and Manna to combat food insecurity both locally and in Israel.
- WRJ has initiated monthly KindSoup making.



# from the Inclusion Coordinator

## WHAT IS THE TEMPLE EMANUEL "SHALOM SPACE"?

Inclusion is a Jewish value. We are taught to embrace and value each person's individuality. "For my house shall be a house of prayer for all people." (Isaiah 56:5)

Because everyone learns differently—adults and children alike, we provide a quiet space aka the "Shalom Space" to support everyone's participation and learning during synagogue events including Religious School and Hebrew School as well as special celebrations like Hanukkah and Purim. For some people, these activities can be overwhelming and they may need to take a "wiggly break" or a reprieve from the noise.

Sensory-movement breaks and quiet-time allow us to "push the reset button" so we are ready to engage and learn. The Shalom Space is quiet and has a variety of sensory-movement materials (fidgets, seat cushions, yoga mats, coloring activities, etc.) that can be used to bring calm and focus. During Religious School, the Shalom Space is located in the downstairs Teachers' Lounge. Students are invited to visit the space with a Madrichol. Items from the Shalom Space are also brought into the classroom if needed. The Youth Lounge or Library often serve as the Shalom Space site for special celebrations. Additionally, during services, there are baskets of books and sensory materials in the Sanctuary.

Other Inclusion Support: To support parents of neurodiverse children and their families, we hold discussion groups (upcoming meetings: Feb. 11 and April 14) to share experiences and support each other. Also, we continue to collaborate with parents and teachers to ensure learning needs are supported in the classroom and when we plan B'Mitzvahs. In February, Temple Emanuel will celebrate Jewish Disabilities Awareness, Acceptance, and Inclusion Month (JDAIM) during Shabbat, KESTY events, and Sunday School.

An inclusive learning environment benefits everyone! Contact: Kim Hughes, Inclusion Coordinator/Learning Specialist, [inclusion@templemanuelmd.org](mailto:inclusion@templemanuelmd.org)



## ISRAEL ENGAGEMENT BRUNCH: CAN WE SPEAK OF PEACE AFTER OCTOBER 7TH?

### SUNDAY JANUARY 7, 9:30AM

Dr. Ned Lazarus, speaker, followed by a Q&A moderated by Rabbi Adam. RSVP is requested with a suggested contribution of \$10/person. A light breakfast will be served.

The January 7 program will feature Dr. Ned Lazarus Associate Professor of International Affairs at the Elliott School of International Affairs of George Washington University. He is a Conflict Resolution scholar, practitioner and evaluator, and he has conducted evaluative studies of peacebuilding initiatives on behalf of USAID, USIP, the European Union and the US Department of State. Dr. Lazarus has taught Conflict Resolution at George Mason University, Georgetown University, American University, the University of Malta and the University of Massachusetts-Boston. He will be addressing current aspects of the Israeli Hamas conflict and other issues. He has recently published an article on the current conflict in The Atlantic magazine entitled. "I Don't See a Better Way Out". <https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2023/10/hamas-obstacle-peace-gaza-ground-offensive/675743/> (Access requires starting a free subscription trial or the article can be accessed via free access at the Montgomery County library web site.)



Save the Date for a second Israel Engagement Program on "The Current State of the State of Israel" at 9:30am on Sunday March 3 - more information to come!

— Allan Mufson, *Chair Israel Engagement Committee*

# from the Early Childhood Center

One of the unique things about Temple Emanuel Early Childhood Center is our curriculum. We follow a constructivist approach to education based on values inspired by the Reggio Emilia Approach and the Reform Congregation of Temple Emanuel. In a constructivist approach it is posed that learners construct knowledge based on experiences instead of passively taking in knowledge. This new knowledge is then incorporated into pre-existing knowledge. On a basic level, we believe children learn by exploring their world.

Based on this approach:

- We believe children are curious, competent, and capable of co-constructing knowledge.
- We believe learning occurs when children are active, experiential learners in a rich environment.
- We believe in moving at a pace that meets each individual where they are – giving space and time to ask questions and be surprised.
- Above all we believe each individual in our community should be treated with dignity and respect.
- Our goal when each child leaves our school is that they are confident and capable in who they are and that we have instilled a love of learning that allows them to continue to research the world around them.

Temple Emanuel is a progressive, Reform congregation. It has a strong emphasis on social justice. We gain inspiration through the values of:

- *Tikun Olam* - repairing the world
- *Hachnasat Orchim* - welcoming guests
- *Bal Tashchit* - Do not destroy needlessly
- *Tzedakah* - Justice/charity
- *K'vod* - Kindness and respect

We understand that these values are very big ideas that are often difficult for adults to make sense of. You may be wondering; how do we bring these big values and incorporate them for a child's understanding?

We invite you to come see our program in action, to schedule a tour, please contact Dana Robinson at [dana@templemanuelmd.org](mailto:dana@templemanuelmd.org) or 301-942-2000. Enrollment for the 2024-2025 School Year begins January 2024!

L' Shalom,  
Dana Robinson, *Director of Early Childhood*  
Jennifer Gauthier, *Pedagogista*  
Leslie Hurd, *Interim Atlierista*  
Deborah Fordyce-Bindah, *ECC Administrative Coordinator*

We begin with the children. The children are active participants in creating and determining the direction of the research in the classroom. The educators spend time observing and interpreting the children's play. Within this play, children are constructing knowledge based on questions and ideas that are important to them. The educators are looking within these questions and ideas and finding the deeper values to guide the children. They then design research that is age-appropriate, engaging and enriching.

I know this seems complicated, and at times it does feel that way, but in general it is a natural flow that encourages children to ask questions and seek new knowledge about ideas that they are genuinely interested in – growing a love of learning.



# NEW TORAH COVERS

**THE THREE TORAHS IN THE MAIN SANCTUARY'S ARK ARE GETTING NEW COVERS (MANTLES)!**

The design is based on the olive branch, representing peace and evergreen, flourishing even in poor, rocky soil. It heralds new life and hope, and symbolizes longevity and immortality. It is synonymous with the beauty and bounty of Israel, is one of the seven species mentioned in the Book of Deuteronomy, and is associated with blessings, fertility and health. It is also a symbol of continuity: "children are like olive shoots around your table." The design spans across all three Torahs. Each cover can stand on its own yet will form a complete design when together. The colors and shape of the leaves and flow of the branches mesh nicely with the inside and outside of the ark, as well as the stained glass windows.

We are working with the talented fiber artist Karen Fricke who designed and produced many of the wonderful quilts that adorn our Temple as well as the cover of the ark that's in HaMakom. Many of you know Karen, a former Temple member who now lives in NJ, Karen will use a variety of fabrics and techniques for the leaves so they have diversity of color and texture. Although we began the project and selected the olive branch idea before Oct 7, it seems especially appropriate now.

Similar to other religious objects, mantles - a decorative cloth cover that is placed over the top of a Torah Scroll to both protect and beautify the Torah - are decorated as a representation of the community's respect for the Torah. They are often made of velvet or silk and enhanced with embroidery and colored thread. The most common decorations on the front include: lions holding tablets with Hebrew letters or text relating to the Torah and sitting beneath a large crown. Other traditional decorations include Stars of David, Floral Patterns, and Pillars.

In the late 19th century, it was a common practice for Sephardic Jews in the Ottoman Empire to donate fabrics, such as clergy robes, wedding dresses, or bed coverings, to be reused as textiles within the synagogue. By donating such personal fabrics, donors ensured the preservation of their (or their loved ones) memory in the most sacred space of the synagogue, whether as a mantle cover or other item. As a removable object, many communities replace the Torah mantle used throughout the year with a white textile during the High Holy Days.

We look forward to sharing the design with the community as the project progresses and celebrating together when we unveil the new mantles. We are grateful to the Flax/Adler Fund and Elayne Flax and the entire Flax family for their support of this project. Elayne worked closely with our founding Rabbi, Rabbi Leon Adler, for many years and served as the Director of Education from the early 1970s until 1997.

*~ Jessica Bernstein and Diane Raynes-Miller, on behalf of the entire project team which also includes Sandi Marsden, Esther Starobin and Rabbi Adam.*



# SPECIAL SHABBAT CELEBRATIONS

## TEMPLE EMANUEL'S ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMEMORATIVE SHABBAT

**Friday January 12, 7:30pm**

Every year, we celebrate the life and work of Dr. King, and focus on how we can advance toward his vision of a Beloved Community. While Dr. King preached that the "arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice," he also reminded us that "no social advance rolls in on the wheels of inevitability; it comes through the tireless efforts and persistent work of dedicated individuals, who are willing to be co-workers with God."

*More details to follow via email on Grapevine, formerly Stay Connected. Please join us.*



## CAMP SHABBAT

**Saturday January 20, 10:00am**

Join us for Simchat Shabbat with Grade 3 - Camp Style! Wear your Camp T-shirt and join us for a service that will make you wish it was summer again! The service will be followed by a special lunch (S'mores!) and a Camp fair with camp representatives from the area! If you're debating about which camp to sign up for or wants to know more - this is exactly for you!

On Sunday, January 21st we'll have a special program for our Religious School students, led by the URJ specialty camps, 6 Points Sports Academy, 6 Points Creative Arts and 6 Points Sci-Tech with special stations for students to get to know the camps and a special presentation for parents, in order for them to get familiar with the variety of camps.

## JDAIM SHABBAT

**Friday February 2, 6:30pm**

JDAIM is being marked with our special Artist In Residence for the weekend, Dave Schlossberg.

## KESTY SHABBAT

**Friday February 23, 7:30pm**

Join us for a Shabbat Service planned, composed and run by our amazing KESTY teens!

## BROTHERHOOD SHABBAT

**Friday March 1, 6:30pm**

Members of our TE Brotherhood lead tonight's service

## TOT SHABBAT

**Monthly on Friday evenings at 5:30**

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.

**January 26**

**February 23**

**March 22**



# SPECIAL SHABBAT CELEBRATIONS ARTIST IN RESIDENCE WEEKEND

## COMPOSER DAVE SCHLOSSBERG FEBRUARY 2-4

Temple Emanuel is thrilled to welcome Dave Schlossberg as our Artist in Residence in February for JDAIM, Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance, and Inclusion Month. Dave is an award-winning pianist and composer, who will present a series of inspiring musical events. After a car accident left him paralyzed from the waist down in 2005, Dave had to face the future with determination and courage. Through music and storytelling, Dave will share his incredible, uplifting story of bravery and hope.



### FRIDAY FEBRUARY 2

**5:30pm Shabbat Dinner and Meet & Greet with Dave**

**6:30pm Service featuring Kol Zimrah and the world premiere of a new commissioned piece, followed by festive oneg**



### SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3

**6:00pm Mocktail Hour for Donors**

**7:00pm Havdallah and Presentation of Facing the Music, followed by dessert reception**

Dave will present Facing The Music, an inspiring and provocative lecture about a personal journey through Spinal Cord Injury, which doubles as a cautionary tale against drunk driving. Following the presentation will be an informal concert featuring original compositions, classic renditions of famous Jewish melodies, and audience participation.

### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4

**9:00am Family Minyan with Religious School Families 9:30am Religious School Family Assembly featuring Dave**

Refreshments for adults following the program, sponsored by the Board of Education





SAM BEAUDET is a 7th grade student at North Bethesda Middle School. Sam loves playing baseball. He is a pitcher on a regional travel baseball team which keeps him busy with frequent games, tournaments, and of course, practice, practice, practice. When he's not at school he usually busy biking or scooting around town with his friends. None of these fun and rewarding activities would be possible without a closet full of specialized equipment. It's not surprising that Sam chose for his mitzvah project to collect and donate gently used sports equipment to Leveling the Playing field, an organization that provides for kids who may not have the means to buy their own sports gear. Sam can't wait to celebrate his mitzvah with his family and friends.



VIVIENNE WEIL is a 7th grader at Wood Middle School in Rockville. Vivienne enjoys swimming and having fun. Part of the proceeds of her mitzvah project will go towards RRP, a vocal cord disease. Vivienne enjoys making people happy and is excited to celebrate her bat mitzvah with friends and family.



LILIANA CHANOFF is a 7th grader at Deal Middle School in Washington, DC. She is part of several clubs related to things she enjoys such as Scrabble and Art. Her passion for art projects ensures her bedroom is constantly being redecorated. She chose for her mitzvah project to volunteer and support the after-care program at a local elementary school - supporting younger students with their activities and keeping them on task. Liliana also loves the many dogs in our extended family including her 14 year old schnoodle, Bennie. She is looking forward to starting

her own YouTube channel when she turns 13, which also happens to be the day of her Bat Mitzvah!



RIVKA SNYDER is a 7th grader at Eastern Middle School where she is in the magnet humanities program. She enjoys playing the viola and the piano. Rivka also loves drawing and playing in dnd campaigns with her friends after school. She is very excited for her bat mitzvah in March.



DALIA (RAPHAELLE HATTY) PALETZ is a 7th grader at Eastern Middle School in the Humanities and Communication Magnet Program. Dalia has been taking singing lessons since 2020 and looks forward to participating in theater in the spring. For her mitzvah project, Dalia supported A Cat's Life Rescue by fostering kittens, creating an educational brochure, and co-hosting a cat arts-and-crafts fundraiser. Dalia loves the video game Omori, visual arts, and singing. She is excited to help

warm shelters in the winter.



ARI ROSENZWEIG is a seventh grader at Tilden Middle School. Ari plays baseball and tennis. Ari loves to travel, ride bikes, be outdoors, and hang out with his friends. Ari has been volunteering with A Wider Circle for his mitzvah project. Ari is excited to celebrate his Bar Mitzvah with his family and friends. He wants to thank Dina Korman, Cantor Lindsay, Rabbi Adam, and Sander Davidson for all their help with his preparation.



ZOE FRIEDMAN is a 7th grader at North Bethesda Middle School. When Zoe is not out on the field with her soccer team, she enjoys hanging out with her friends and playing with her dog. Her favorite season is summer, when she gets to spend time with her camp friends at sleep away camp. For her mitzvah project, Zoe is supporting Comfort Cases. She will be collecting donations and packing backpacks filled with comfort and personal care items for youth entering the foster care system. Zoe is

looking forward to celebrating her Bat Mitzvah with her family and friends.





## MEMBER UPDATES

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Anne Eisenhower Turnbull & David Turnbull  
Bethany & Christopher Mulla  
Sonya Weisburd & Jupiter Bagaipo

### CONDOLENCES

Clemence Chinyani on the passing of his father, Alfigio Chinyani  
David Greeley on the passing of his father, Charles Greeley  
Michele Heffner on the passing of her father, David Levy  
John Miller on the passing of his father, Seth Miller  
Jean Muskatel on the passing of her mother, Judith Kierstead  
Jacqueline Solomon on the passing of her brother-in-law, Keith Noesges

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## Single Sages

We are an active group of Singles 60 and over. We usually meet once a month on Zoom or in person.

On Sunday, December 17 we planned an afternoon at Olney Theatre to see Fiddler on the Roof.

For more information, please contact Sue Rudo, [suearudo@verizon.net](mailto:suearudo@verizon.net), 301-598-1153.

## KOLOT HALEV PRESENTS Fourth Maryland Choral Festival SUNDAY, MARCH 10 AT OHR KODESH, 5:00PM

Dedicated to Daniel Silver, Jon Angel & Heitzi Epstein, z"l

Kolot Halev - Voices of the Heart - DC's independent community choir focussed on Jewish choral music - invites the community at large to participate in a day of song. Musical selections by the celebrated British composer, Judith Silver, and others. **Temple Emanuel's Kol Zimrah choir will be participating and Cantor Lindsay will be a featured soloist and conductor.** The concert that afternoon is also open to the public. Registration required. More details coming soon at <https://kolothalev.org>

If you're interested in singing, please contact Cantor Lindsay at [lkanter@templeemanuelmd.org](mailto:lkanter@templeemanuelmd.org)

# January 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> Building Closed	<b>2</b> Building Closed	<b>3</b> 2:00pm – Creative Crafts & Conversation	<b>4</b> 12:00pm - Lunch and Learn with Snir 7:00pm - Executive Committee	<b>5</b> 9:00am – Coffee with Clergy 9:30am – Ta'am Shel Shabbat 9:30am – Nitzanim Class 6:30pm – Shabbat Service	<b>6</b> 9:00am – Torah Study
<b>7</b> 8:30am – Bagel Table 8:30am – Kol Ruach 9:00am – Religious/Hebrew School/Confirmation 9:30am – Israel Engagement Brunch 12:00pm – Global Mitzvah Meeting 5:00pm – Soupmaking for Kindworks with WRJ 7:00pm – KESTY Board Meeting	<b>8</b> 6:30pm – Mah Jongg with WRJ 7:00pm – CSAC Meeting	<b>9</b> 5:00pm – Hebrew School – Virtual 5:30pm – Upper School/Hebrew School Dinner and Class 7:00pm – Building and Grounds 7:30pm – KESTY Lounge Night 7:30pm – Kol Zimrah	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:30pm – Board of Education	<b>12</b> 9:30am – Ta'am Shel Shabbat 7:30pm – Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Shabbat Service	<b>13</b> 9:00am – Torah Study Building Closed
<b>14</b> Building Closed	<b>15</b> Building Closed	<b>16</b> 5:00pm – Hebrew School – Virtual 5:30pm – Upper School/Hebrew School Dinner and Class 7:00pm – Finance Committee 7:30pm – Kol Zimrah Rehearsal	<b>17</b> 2:00pm – Creative Crafts & Conversation	<b>18</b> 12:00pm – Rabbi Adam's Mussar Class 7:00pm – Board of Trustees	<b>19</b> WRJ Women's Retreat 9:30am – Ta'am Shel Shabbat 9:30am – Nitzanim Class 6:30pm – Shabbat Service	<b>20</b> WRJ Women's Retreat 9:00am – Torah Study 10:00am – Camp Shabbat, Simchat Shabbat with Grade 3
<b>21</b> WRJ Women's Retreat 8:30am – Bagel Table 9:00am – Religious/Hebrew School/Confirmation	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 5:00pm – Hebrew School – Virtual 5:30pm – Upper School/Hebrew School Dinner and Class 7:30pm – Kol Zimrah Rehearsal	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Tu B'Shevat	<b>26</b> 9:30am – Ta'am Shel Shabbat 5:30pm – Tot Shabbat 7:30pm – Shabbat Service	<b>27</b> 9:00am – Torah Study 10:00am – Shalom Shabbat 8:00pm – Board of Education Trivia Night
<b>28</b> 8:30am – Bagel Table 8:30am – Kol Ruach 9:00am – Religious/School/Confirmation 11:30am – KESTY Katan, 345, Junior Events	<b>29</b> 6:30pm – Mah Jongg	<b>30</b> 5:00pm – Hebrew School – Virtual 5:30pm – Upper School/Hebrew School Dinner and Class 7:30pm – Kol Zimrah Rehearsal	<b>31</b> 7:00pm – Brotherhood Event			

# February 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b> 12:00pm - Rabbi Adam's Mussar Class 7:00pm - Executive Committee 7:00pm - Mentorship Info Session	<b>2</b> 9:00am - Coffee with the Clergy 9:30am - Ta'am Shel Shabbat 9:30am - Nitzanim Class 5:30pm - Shabbat Dinner with Dave Schlossberg 6:30pm - Shabbat Service with Dave Schlossberg	<b>3</b> 9:00am - Torah Study 10:00am - Shabbat Service and B'nei Mitzvah of Zoe Friedman and Vivienne Weil 6:00pm - Dave Schlossberg Event
<b>4</b> 8:30am - Bagel Table 8:30am - Kol Ruach 9:00am - Religious/Hebrew School/Confirmation 9:30am Family Assembly with Dave Schlossberg 5:00pm - Soupmaking for Kindworks with WRJ	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 5:00pm - Hebrew School - Virtual 5:30pm - Upper School/Hebrew School Dinner and Class 7:30pm - KESTY Lounge Night	<b>7</b> 2:00pm - Creative Crafts and Conversation 5:00pm - Mentorship Info Session 7:00pm - ECC Parent Learning Night 7:30pm - Brotherhood Meeting	<b>8</b> 12:00pm - Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Levy	<b>9</b> 9:30am - Ta'am Shel Shabbat 7:30pm - Shabbat Service	<b>10</b> 9:00am - Torah Study 10:00am - Simchat Shabbat with Grade 4
<b>11</b> 8:30am - Bagel Table 8:30am - Kol Ruach 9:00am - Religious/Hebrew School/Confirmation 9:30am - Mah Jongg 12:00pm - Global Mitzvah Meeting 7:00pm - KESTY Board	<b>12</b> 6:30pm - Mah Jongg 7:00pm - CSAC	<b>13</b> 5:00pm - Hebrew School - Virtual 5:30pm - Upper School/Hebrew School Dinner and Class 7:00pm - Building and Grounds 7:30pm - Kol Zimrah Rehearsal	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 12:00pm - Rabbi Adam's Mussar Class 7:00pm - Board of Trustees	<b>16</b> 9:30am - Ta'am Shel Shabbat 9:30am - Nitzanim Class 6:30pm - Shabbat Service	<b>17</b> 9:00am - Torah Study 10:00am - Shabbat Service and Bat Mitzvah of Dalia Hatty Paletz Grade 6 to NY
<b>18</b> Building Closed Grade 6 to NY	<b>19</b> Building Closed	<b>20</b> ECC Closed, Family/Teacher Conferences 5:00pm - Hebrew School - Virtual 5:30pm - Upper School/Hebrew School Dinner and Class 7:00pm - Finance Committee 7:30pm - Kol Zimrah Rehearsal	<b>21</b> 2:00pm - Creative Crafts and Conversation 7:00pm - WRJ Meeting	<b>22</b> 12:00pm Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Levy	<b>23</b> 9:30am - Ta'am Shel Shabbat 5:30pm - Tot Shabbat 7:30pm - KESTY Shabbat Service	<b>24</b> 9:00am - Torah Study 10:00am - Shalom Shabbat
<b>25</b> 8:30am - Bagel Table 8:30am - Kol Ruach 9:00am - Religious/Hebrew School/Confirmation 9:30am - BOE Meet and Greet Grade 6 to Jewish Military History Museum	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 5:00pm - Hebrew School - Virtual 5:30pm - Upper School/Hebrew School Dinner and Class 7:30pm - Kol Zimrah Rehearsal	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 12:00 - Rabbi Adam's Mussar Class		



# March 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b> Family Retreat at Great Wolf Lodge 9:00am - Coffee with the Clergy 9:30am - Ta'am Shel Shabbat 9:30am - Nitzanim Class 6:30pm - Brotherhood Shabbat Service	<b>2</b> 9:00am - Torah Study 10:00am - Shabbat Service and Bar Mitzvah of Ari Rosenzweig 7:00pm Brotherhood Game Night
<b>3</b> 8:30am - Bagel Table 8:30am - Kol Ruach 9:00am - Religious/Hebrew School/Confirmation 9:30am - Board of Education Coffee Walk 9:30am - Israel Engagement Brunch 4:00pm - WRJ Readers Salon	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 5:00pm - Hebrew School - Virtual 5:30pm - Upper School/Hebrew School Dinner and Class 7:30pm - Kol Zimrah Rehearsal 7:30pm - KESTY Lounge Night	<b>6</b> 2:00pm - Creative Crafts & Conversation 6:30pm - Brotherhood Meeting	<b>7</b> 7:00pm - Executive Committee	<b>8</b> 9:30am - Ta'am Shel Shabbat 7:30pm - Shabbat Service	<b>9</b> 9:00am - Torah Study 10:00am - Simchat Shabbat with Grade 5 2:00pm - Board of Education Hamentaschen Bakeoff
<b>10</b> 8:30am - Bagel Table 8:30am - Kol Ruach 9:00am - Religious/Hebrew School/Confirmation 9:30am - Coffee and Tea Tasting Brunch 12:00pm - Global Mitzvah Project Meeting 5:00pm - Kolot HaLev Choir Festival 5:00pm - Soupmaking for KindWorks with WRJ 7:00pm - KESTY Board	<b>11</b> 7:00pm - CSAC Meeting	<b>12</b> 5:00pm - Hebrew School - Virtual 5:30pm - Upper School/Hebrew School Dinner and Class 7:00pm - Building & Grounds	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 12:00 - Rabbi Adam's Mussar Class	<b>15</b> 9:30am - Ta'am Shel Shabbat 9:30am - Nitzanim 6:30pm - Shabbat Service	<b>16</b> 9:00am - Torah Study 10:00am - Shabbat Service and Bat Mitzvah of Rivka Snyder KESTY Lock In
<b>17</b> 9:00am - Purim Carnival	<b>18</b> 6:30pm - Mah Jongg	<b>19</b> 5:00pm - Hebrew School - Virtual 5:30pm - Upper School/Hebrew School Dinner and Class 7:00pm - Finance Committee 7:30pm - Kol Zimrah Rehearsal	<b>20</b> 2:00pm - Creative Crafts & Conversation	<b>21</b> 7:00pm - Board of Trustees	<b>22</b> 9:30am - Ta'am Shel Shabbat 5:30pm - Tot Shabbat 7:30pm - Shabbat Service	<b>23</b> 9:00am - Torah Study 10:00am - Shalom Shabbat 7:00pm - Adult Purim Shpiel
<b>24</b> Spring Break Purim	<b>25</b> ECC Closed	<b>26</b> ECC Closed	<b>27</b> ECC Closed	<b>28</b> ECC Closed 12:00pm - Rabbi Adam's Mussar Class	<b>29</b> ECC Closed 6:30pm - Shabbat Service	<b>30</b> 9:00am - Torah Study 10:00am - Shabbat Service and B'nei Mitzvah of Liliana Chanoff and Jonah Brykman
<b>31</b> Spring Break						

# GLOBAL MITZVAH: SUCCESSFUL RESULTS REPORTED FROM 2023 PROJECT



## SUMMITS EDUCATION IN HAITI {DONATION OF \$2,625}

Summits Education administers a network of 40 rural primary schools, serving 10,000 students in the remote highland's of Haiti's rugged Central Plateau. Summits regards the physical structure of the classroom as having an important influence on student learning and engagement. In partnership with the GMP, Summits outfitted preschool and kindergarten classrooms with safe, sturdy, age-appropriate furniture to create a positive learning environment at two remote schools in Haiti's Central Plateau.

Local carpenters made 7 tables and 56 chairs in the summer and it was delivered at the start of school. One principal said:

"I can tell the students like their new furniture; they can learn together at their tables and it is easier for the teachers to teach their class. We send our deepest thanks to Temple Emanuel".



PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM BEFORE



AFTER NEW FURNITURE FROM GMP

## PROMOTION OF FOOD SAFETY IN BIRNIN KEBBI, NIGERIA {DONATION OF \$2,200}

Although street foods are a major source of food for Nigerian families they have been linked with food-borne diseases and food poisoning due to unsafe food handling. For example, displayed foods may not be protected from flies or the ground; produce, hands or utensils may not be washed with clean water; food may not be stored with proper refrigeration. With support from Global Mitzvah through the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), the Association for Promotion of Food Safety and Improved Nutrition (APFSAN) in Kebbi State, conducted a two-day workshop for 54 street food vendors (49 were female) to build awareness, knowledge and skills for food hygiene and safety practices.

Vendors representing a wide range of communities were very pleased with the workshop, particularly with training on safe handling, storage and preparation techniques. Based on evaluations and feedback, the training was well organized and achieved improved knowledge and understanding of food safety standards, including consequences of violations

Stan Fagen, Co-chair, Global Mitzvah Project



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## NITZANIM (For Caregivers and Children under 2)

Experience a taste of Temple Emanuel Early Childhood Center designed for our youngest community members!

Join us for a morning of exploration and community. Following our community Ta'am Shel Shabbat (Taste of Shabbat) and a sharing of challah and juice we will have the opportunity to engage with materials in a classroom environment.

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.

*Members and non-members welcome*

Session 2 (January - March) and Session 3 (April - June)  
now available for registration

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