



# KOL KORE

The Newsletter of Temple Emanuel Kensington, Maryland

## *Special Shabbat and Holiday Services:*

Teacher Appreciation Congregational Dinner & Shabbat Service: Friday 5/3

Yom Ha'Shoah Service with Kol Zimrah Choir & Guest Speaker Jeffrey Katz:  
Sunday 5/5

High School Graduation Shabbat: Friday 5/10

Yom Ha'Atzmaut Shabbat with Kol Ruach Jr Choir: Friday 5/17

Religious School Art Shabbat: Friday 5/31

Erev Shavuot & Confirmation: Tuesday 6/11

Pride Shabbat with Guest Speaker Delegate Anne Kaiser: Friday 6/14

## *Community Festival Services:*

Passover at Temple Sinai:  
Tuesday 4/23 at 10:00am

Passover/Yizkor at Temple Emanuel:  
Monday 4/29 at 10:00am

Shavuot/Yizkor:  
Wednesday 6/12 at 10:00am

# from the Rabbi

I love spring cleaning. The warming temperatures naturally compel me to spend more time outdoors with my family. After even a mild winter, I feel relief and gratitude at the increasing daylight and the beauty of the world in bloom. Preparing for Pesach also gives me the opportunity to not only clean out my shelves, fridge, and freezer, but to try and refresh my body, mind, and soul.

This has been a difficult year. I continue to struggle with grief and anger resulting from the terrible attacks of October 7th and the ensuing war. I hope that retelling the story of our ancient liberation from Egyptian slavery can inspire us to work for freedom and justice both in Israel/Gaza and in our own country. The liturgy, rituals, and special foods of Passover are there to remind us that this sacred work is multifaceted and ongoing.

There has been much at Temple Emanuel which has sustained me over the past few months and much more to come as we head towards the quiet of summer. For the past 2 years, I have had the honor of facilitating a class on mussar, Jewish ethics and values. Focusing on some of my growing edges, including patience and humility, has reminded me that personal growth is difficult but also meaningful and important. It's been a real blessing to teach the class, and I look forward to continued learning.

Speaking of continued learning, I hope to begin a new Adult B'nei Mitzvah cohort this fall. Whether or not you celebrated Bar or Bat Mitzvah as a 13 year old, you are welcome to join. The Adult B'nei Mitzvah course is a two year commitment where we will take a deep dive into Jewish history, liturgy, lifecycle, philosophy, and theology. Learning Hebrew will be a component of the course, and it will culminate with a group Adult B'nei Mitzvah service in the Spring of 2026. If you are interested in enrolling in the class or would like to learn more, please get in touch and be on the lookout for an informational session this Fall.

I also hope you'll consider coming to Shavuot, our festival of learning, as we celebrate the Confirmation of five of our incredible teen leaders on Tuesday evening, June 11th. The service is a wonderful opportunity to be inspired and challenged by the next generation. On Shavuot morning, we will celebrate with a community festival service sponsored by Temple Emanuel, Temple Sinai, and Temple Shalom.

There are so many wonderful programs and services happening over the course of the next several months and I look forward to spending time with you and your loved ones at Temple Emanuel.

This year in Jerusalem.

*L'shalom, Adam*



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## COFFEE WITH THE CLERGY

9:00am on the first Friday of each month—April 4, May 3, June 7 at 9:00am

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 Cantor

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I am so excited for all the amazing events on the horizon, especially Passover. Pesach was always one of my favorite childhood holidays, and it's been wonderful to carry on the tradition of the giant family seder as an adult. David and I always host the first night seder, squeezing way too many people into our dining room for songs, stories, and of course, food! Last year, I made a massive pot of Matzah ball soup with 63 matzah balls! We will see how many I make this year.



As part of our Temple Emanuel Passover festivities, the WRJ is hosting their annual Women's Seder on April 7. Rabbi Adam and I will be hosting clergy and congregants from Temple Sinai and Temple Shalom on April 29, for the 7th day of Passover morning services. I hope to see you at these events, as we join together in song and celebration.

I'm also partnering with several Temple Emanuel committees to present some special musical events. On April 13, the WRJ is welcoming the amazing Glenn Pearson, our accompanist extraordinaire, for an evening of showtunes! Whether you're a soprano, tenor, or just love to hum along, there's a part for everyone in this musical extravaganza!

Then, the following afternoon on April 14, the Global Mitzvah Team will welcome Shir Madness, the award-winning A Capella choir from Charles E Smith Jewish Day School. This Family friendly concert will feature a well rounded program of music, including contemporary pop/ rock, musical theater, and Hebrew. These events are not to be missed!

For adult education, I'm thrilled to present a new class, entitled Shalom In The Home: An Introduction to Shabbat Rituals. This special 3 week workshop will take place on Sundays April 7, 14, and 21 from 9:30 - 10:15 AM, followed by a breakfast nosh. Whether you are a practiced observer of Shabbat rituals or new to the experience, we will learn together to understand traditional Shabbat practices and create our own unique traditions. Please RSVP below.

At the end of May, I am looking forward to traveling to Texas for Hava Nashira, the Jewish Songleader Conference held at URJ Greene Family Camp. Presented by Sing Unto God, with our beloved Cantor Rosalie Will at the helm, Hava Nashira focuses on deepening songleading and worship leading skills by looking closely at the intersection of worship and communal singing. The conference is always held at a summer camp site, giving participants the space and the setting to recharge, connect with nature, and dream big. I can't wait to connect with colleagues, learn new skills and repertoire, and spend a few days out in the open air.

Wishing everyone a lovely spring!

*L'shalom*, Cantor Lindsay Kanter



## Shalom in the Home

### An Introduction to Shabbat Rituals with Cantor Lindsay

April 7, 14, & 21—9:30-10:15 Followed by Nosh

Learn traditional Shabbat practices and create your own Shabbat traditions with Cantor Lindsay. Come for the knowledge, stay for the nosh!

RSVP here: <https://temd.shulcloud.com/form/ShalomintheHome>



# from the Early Childhood Center

## The Role of an Educator

As I sat down to write this, I began to think of all the roles our educators undertake on a daily basis; researcher, creator, collaborator, partner, documenter, and provoker began my list. I then took a dive to discover what I was missing. I found this quote that more eloquently states the idea I am trying to portray, “[W]e need a teacher who is sometimes the director, sometimes the set designer, sometimes the curtain and the backdrop, and sometimes the prompter. A teacher is both sweet and stern, who is the electrician, who dispenses the paints, and who is even the audience – the audience who watches, sometimes claps, sometimes remains silent, full of emotion, who sometimes judges without skepticism, and at other times applauds with enthusiasm” (Loris Malaguzzi, 2006). As the founder of the Reggio Emilia Approach in Italy following World War 2, Loris Malaguzzi understood the multifaceted role of the educator.

The role of educators is a balancing act. They are balancing the needs of each of the 10-15 children in their class, with the needs of each of the families of these children, the needs of their co-workers, the administration, and their own personal needs.



They are meeting each of these 10-15 children at their specific developmental level –scaffolding learning to guide the children through their cognitive dilemmas. They meet children with compassion, understanding, and challenge. They understand there is more at stake than just passing down knowledge. Our educators are helping to mold our future. They are inspiring children to problem solve, believe in their own capabilities, and build understanding about the world around them. They are instilling powerful values about being human.

All this, while providing care, meeting the basic needs each child has to be seen and loved. Our educators provide this for children; creating environments that are safe and engaging. They are cleaning scraped knees, changing diapers, and giving hugs when children are sad. They are preparing snacks and cleaning classrooms. They are communicating with families- supporting different parenting styles and strategies, different cultural beliefs and philosophies.

As you are reading this I am sure you are thinking, wow that sounds difficult – why do educators choose this role? I know for me; it is because **I am passionate about early childhood education and the change it can bring for our future.** In moments when a child makes connections and builds knowledge about the world – they feel powerful. In moments, when a child is seeking to be seen and I can support them and help them believe in their value – feel powerful. In those moments, when I can laugh with a group of children and find joy in an everyday moment – the future feels powerful. It is in these powerful moments that I know I can make a difference in the world and our future.

Jennifer Gauthier, *Pedagogista*

## Art in HaMakom—June Siyum Exhibit

Temple Emanuel ECC invites you to celebrate our Pre-K classes with us. Throughout the month of June an exhibit created by the Pre-K children will be on display highlighting their experience at Temple Emanuel ECC. Reflecting on their time spent here, each child creates a visual representation sharing What makes Temple Emanuel Early Childhood Center special. We hope you will see the joy, love, and learning reflected throughout the exhibit.

**We are always seeking referrals to artists interested in displaying their work.** To refer an artist, please reach out to the office to be connected with Lori Gordon .

# from the President



By now I hope you all have seen the letter from Rabbi Adam and me, introducing a monthly giving circle we are calling the Chai Collective.

Some of you are probably wondering what this is, and why we've started it. Put simply, the Chai Collective is a group of members who have committed to making a monthly donation (for as little as \$18 per month) to sustain our community over the long term. I hope all of you will join.

This is our first initiative in recent years aimed at cultivating a culture of everyday philanthropic donations to Temple Emanuel. We all know what an amazing culture of voluntarism and lay leadership our community has demonstrated throughout our history. Your time and your talents have been integral to the work of the Temple, and the energy and effort that our members bring to what we do here is one of our defining characteristics.

Now we want to build an equally strong foundation of philanthropic giving. It may come as a surprise to you, but the dues our members pay only cover about 60% of our annual budget. Another 20% or so comes from the Early Childhood Center's operating surplus. The rest comes from sources like religious school fees, activities fees, and building rentals. While we have been remarkably stable financially over the years, disruptions during the pandemic highlighted how vulnerable we can be to changing conditions. So, for example, when the ECC isn't operating at full capacity – either because of something dramatic like a global pandemic, or something under the radar like a persistent shortage of qualified early childhood educators in the labor market –we might find ourselves operating with a budget deficit.

Ordinary philanthropy from members like you is what will make the difference for Temple Emanuel in continuing to provide the programming and services we all enjoy, and in weathering periodic downturns. We have all benefited from belonging to this community. Now, your community needs you. Please consider becoming a member of the Chai Collective, and see how much more you can derive from supporting the Temple you love.

Martha Hirschfield



## CHAI COLLECTIVE

Temple Emanuel has been here for all of us, and now we need your support to sustain it. We are excited to launch a new sustainability effort called the Chai Collective, a monthly giving circle that welcomes members from throughout the Temple Emanuel community who make an automatic monthly gift. Those automatic gifts will be in multiples of \$18, to support the life, the Chai, of Temple Emanuel. These funds will support Temple Emanuel's general operating fund, which pays for everything from our joyful Shabbat and holiday programming, to our Inclusion Coordinator, our Israel Shaliach and Director of Youth Engagement, and to other daily essentials like routine building maintenance and sheet music for the choir.

The Chai Collective celebrates the life of Temple Emanuel, the joy and creativity, the diversity of people and perspectives, and our deep desire to keep moving forward through our programming, our services, and our community.

Please consider joining the Collective, and make 2024 the year that you commit to the Life of Temple Emanuel. Go here <https://temd.shulcloud.com/form/TempleEmanuelChaiCollective> to sign up, reach out to Dianne Neiman, [dianne@templeemanuelmd.org](mailto:dianne@templeemanuelmd.org).



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# from the Director of Congregational Learning



As you read this issue of Kol Kore, we are all busy preparing for the upcoming holiday of Pesach (aka Passover). Pesach is a holiday of both memory and renewal. It is also a holiday with an official role for children - i.e., asking the Four Questions. This tradition neatly encapsulates the Jewish approach to learning, which is asking questions and seeking understanding.

If you visit one of our Religious School classes, you will hear students asking lots of questions about Jewish rituals and traditions. For example, "why is the havdalah candle braided?" and "why aren't there any vowels in the Torah?" These questions are evidence that students are curious about their environment.

Asking questions is not simply a means to gather information. By asking questions, students identify their own knowledge gaps and think critically about what they are learning, assess information, think creatively, and work constructively with others. And, through asking questions together, students gain new insight into their own thinking and learn to value the inquiry process. See *The Importance of Curiosity and Questions in 21st-Century Learning* (Opinion) at [www.edweek.org/teaching-learning/opinion-the-importance-of-curiosity-and-questions-in-21st-century-learning/2017/05](http://www.edweek.org/teaching-learning/opinion-the-importance-of-curiosity-and-questions-in-21st-century-learning/2017/05)



Questions also form the basis for an active learning experience. A quiet classroom is not always a good thing! A noisy classroom may indicate that students are engaging with the content, making connections with classmates, and expressing their opinions. The key to good teaching is to channel the noise and energy in a constructive way. This is not always an easy task.

I am grateful to our teaching staff for supporting our student learning and welcoming student questions. Unlike the four questions in the seder, our teachers might answer hundreds of questions in just one morning! Through their work, our teachers help each student build a knowledge base and strengthen their Jewish identity. Yasher Koach to them!



## ADULT LEARNING

This Spring, we have several Adult Learning opportunities for our congregants. Rabbi Adam will continue to teach his twice-monthly class on Mussar. Now that the class has read Alan Moranis' classic Mussar text *Everyday Holiness*, the class will explore the weekly Torah portions from *The Mussar Torah Commentary*. All are welcome to join this class which is held every other Thursday from 12 noon - 1:00pm.

Watch your email for our weekly Grapevine which will list more opportunities to learn and engage at Temple Emanuel.

We hope to see you at upcoming special services including Teacher Appreciation, Religious School Art Shabbat, High School Graduation Shabbat, and Confirmation and Board of Education Social Events including Social at BabyCat on May 2nd and Trivia Night on June 1st.

# from the Shaliach and Director of Youth Engagement



Shalom everyone!

We are getting closer to the 76th Anniversary of the State of Israel, Yom Ha'Atzmaut. We are also really close to Yom Ha'Zikaron and Yom Ha'Shoah.

This year, those days will look different, as we remember all the loss and pain that Israel went through. It has been almost six months since the events of October 7th, since our whole lives have been changed.

Unfortunately since that horrible day, we saw a terrifying spike in hate, in antisemitic incidents, that we witnessed first hand, and it seems like darkness surrounds us. Throughout history, Jews have faced persecution, expulsion, and blind hate, yet they have persisted, adapting to new circumstances while preserving their identity and heritage. To all of this darkness we approach with a big light and say - עם ישראל חי. This concept of "Am Yisrael Chai" – the Jewish people live, is a declaration of faith, resilience, and hope in the face of evil. It embodies the belief that despite the evils we endured throughout history, the Jewish people will endure and thrive.

This year we will also celebrate the 'Yoms' together in a variety of ways (hint: a giant map of Israel, an exciting flowers project and a special look into the journey of Israel in the Olympic Games), we will celebrate KESTY's 70th Birthday, we will see our Madrichol and Apprentices taking over our School, we will see the first big NFTY-MAR D.C. event since the pandemic, and so much more! Please check out the calendar or reach out to me for more information!

Praying for better days,

La'Shalom,  
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An Out of this World Purim Carnival



## Adam Dincin and Campbell Weiss

As we journey through life, certain places become woven into the very fabric of our being, shaping our identities and experiences in profound ways. Temple Emanuel holds a special significance for us—a place where we not only learned about our faith but forged lasting bonds and cherished memories.

From our earliest days, the temple served as more than just a place of worship. It is a second home—a vibrant community where we celebrate holidays, mark life's milestones, and come together in times of joy and sorrow. Whether it was the lively buzz of family gatherings during Shabbat dinners or the solemn reverence of High Holy Day services, every moment spent within the temple walls holds a special place in our hearts.

At temple, we found guidance and support as we navigated the challenges of growing up. From Sunday school classes to KESTY programs, we were surrounded by an environment that fostered learning, growth, and spiritual exploration. However, more importantly, the temple has been a place of connection—a place where friendships flourished, and bonds were forged that will last a lifetime. As we reflect on our journey growing up here at Temple Emanuel, we are grateful for the countless blessings it has given us. Temple has allowed us to ask questions that may not have an answer, while also being a constant in our often hectic lives.

As we move on to college and then the rest of our lives, we will carry Temple Emanuel with us, drawing from its wisdom and teachings to guide our way. The many bonds of friendship and community formed at Temple Emanuel will continue to lead and uplift us in the years to come.

Campbell Weiss (Class of 2024 - Albert Einstein HS)  
Adam Dincin (Class of 2024 - Walter Johnson HS)

# from the Brotherhood



Hopefully by April, when this latest issue of the Kol Kore comes out, the weather will have turned to warm and sunny, with spring flowers blooming, and a new baseball season underway. Over the past few months, the Brotherhood hosted several events, our annual raffle with a guest speaker from Moment Magazine, our Brotherhood Shabbat service, and our highlighted event, our annual Poker/Game night! All of these were very well attended, and we all had a great time. Of course, I want to remind everyone that all our events are open to all members of the TE community, and we really look forward to seeing new faces!

This coming spring, we will be featuring another great brunch on April 7th, a visit to a local brewery, our annual Brotherhood Board dinner and meeting in May, and our annual Father's Day event at the Bowie Baysox in June. The Brotherhood led Kulanu antisemitism/anti-hate program, working with the ADL, is planning two upcoming events this spring. The first will be in April and will be internal to our TE family, and the second will likely be in June, and will be an event with TE and other organizations in the community. Both events are being developed using great materials and insight provided by the ADL's Kulanu program, along with thoughtful input from the Rabbi, Cantor, TE leadership, and staff. Additional information will be shared soon. If you have questions about this important program, please let me know.

I am continually impressed by the dedication of our members, helping at every event, lending hands when needed, and providing support across the TE community. Our very active Sunshine Committee writes cards to those in need of support, and delivers meals for folks as they face personal and family challenges. Please let us know if you know of someone who could use some help and we will be sure to be there!

We also provide online Zoom ushers and in-person ushering for all TE's Shabbat services, helping to ensure that everyone has a wonderful experience while at TE. Any member of TE can volunteer their time to usher, so if you are interested, please let me know! We also continue to support programming for our children here at TE, providing support for our Shaliach's efforts, as well as offering camper grants! For those families whose children will be attending a Jewish camp in the summer of 2024, please reach out to Neil Blickman to apply for one of those grants. We are happy to support these activities.

The Brotherhood is really looking forward to an exciting spring and hopes you will join us during many of our upcoming events and activities. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month, at 7:30, so please drop by for one of our meetings – we provide food, drink, and friendship! Thanks again to all our members who are so committed and are such great friends. Please reach out to me anytime with any questions, programming ideas, or to learn more about the Brotherhood!

All the best,  
Alan Tabachnick, *Brotherhood President*



## GLOBAL MITZVAH HIGHLIGHTS

### ANNUAL EVENTS

**Sunday, April 14 Fundraising Concert,**  
1:30-3 pm -- featuring Shir Madness, the award-winning Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School a cappella choir. See more on page 10.

**Sunday, May 5 Student Car Wash,** 8:30-11:30 am – to benefit Israel-Arab Peace projects. Please bring old towels to the collection box in front of the library. They will be washed and donated to an animal shelter.

**GMP has made successful Israel-Arab Peace Projects a priority for 2024-2025,**

**and is currently studying the merits of supporting the following possibilities:**

**Hand in Hand** - Israel's only network of integrated and bilingual Jewish-Arab schools, was launched in 1997. It has created an inclusive and equal shared culture in each of its 7 pre-K to 12th grade schools, enrolling more than 2,000 students.

**EcoPeace Middle East** – Founded in 1994, EcoPeace strives to build cooperation among Jordanian, Palestinian, and Israeli environmentalists to overcome adverse effects of climate change and water scarcity, while demonstrating that collaboration rather than conflict can work.

**Roots** – A grassroots organization run by local Palestinians and Israelis seeking to create a culture of nonviolence, understanding and transformation in key areas of the West Bank. Roots activities have included partnership lectures, women's groups, summer camps for children ages 5-12, high school youth group meetings, and interreligious exchanges with adults and religious leaders.

*Congregants are encouraged to bring other promising peacebuilding projects to our attention.*

Stan Fagen, *Co-Chair* (stanfagen@gmail.com)



# 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 Mahjong 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. Upcoming initiatives include:

- Collecting food and money to assemble a 2 week food pantry through KindWorks, a nonprofit in Bethesda, for a newly arrived refugee family being settled into an apartment locally.
- Under the guidance of Esther Starobin and Lisa Shames, hosting post card writing parties to Get out the Vote for upcoming primaries. All can join.

## OTHER UPCOMING ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

**Women's Seder** - Join us on April 7th. Featuring the return of the (updated) original 1993 Temple Emanuel Women's Seder Haggadah, Joyous Jewish Women's Music, Marvelous Food and possibly Miracles!



**Singing Show Tunes with Glenn** on Saturday evening, April 13th, 7-10pm. Join us for a fun-filled evening with laughter, camaraderie, dessert, and of course, sensational show tunes!



**Monthly Monday night Mahjong at the Temple on April 15 and May 13** 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. Fill out the form here to be put on the email list and to receive more information.

**Our first Sunday morning Mahjong was so successful, we're doing it again.** Open to everyone. WRJ is hosting Mahjong Sunday, April 28th from 9:30am to 11:30am.

Drop the kids off at Religious School, grab a bagel from the bagel table and join in the fun. All levels of play are welcome. Tables will be available for beginner, intermediate and expert players. 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. Look for registration information and a registration link in the Grapevine.

WRJ's biggest fundraiser, the Sunday morning **Bagel Table**, has been up and running for three months now and is very much appreciated by offering coffee, muffins, bagels and the fixings. We are always looking for volunteers to staff it. We encourage you to try- even once, to see the fun in interacting with our Temple youth

and get to know other volunteers - or just stop by for breakfast - even if you don't have children in the Religious School.

**Creative Crafts**, first and third Wednesday of the month - Join others to do your favorite craft at 1pm in Adult Ed room - men are welcome. Please contact Esther Starobin at erstarobin@gmail.com so she can contact you about cancellations and updates.



**CONTINUING!!** Join WRJ in its monthly **KindSoup making**, in conjunction with Kind Works. Join us via Zoom here:

We will join together again on April 28 and June 9 to make soup. Get all of the information you need, including the grocery list and dropoff locations, on Kinds Works' [www.dokindworks.org](http://www.dokindworks.org)

**Rosh Chodesh.** Join us for our last Rosh Chodesh of this year on April 14. Rosh Chodesh, or the new moon, 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.

**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! Mark your calendars for May 19.

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

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



April 13, 2024

## Showtunes Sing Along with our resident pianist Glenn Pearson!

Get ready to immerse yourself in the magic of Broadway at our upcoming Showtunes Sing Along event! Whether you're a seasoned theater buff or just love belting out your favorite tunes, this is an event you won't want to miss.

Join us for an evening filled with laughter, camaraderie, dessert, and of course, sensational show tunes! Our event will feature Glenn at the piano leading the singing of beloved songs from the most iconic Broadway musicals, including classics like "Chorus Line," "Les Misérables," "Fiddler" and many more.

Attendees will have the opportunity to sing along to their favorite numbers led by our own Glenn Pearson. Glenn is providing musical theater sing-a-long books for all to use. Whether you're a soprano, tenor, or just love to hum along, there's a part for everyone in our musical extravaganza!

So grab your friends, family, and fellow theater enthusiasts, and join us for an unforgettable evening of song and spectacle. Whether you're a die-hard fan of musical theater or simply looking for a fun night out, our Showtunes Sing Along event promises to be an experience you'll cherish for years to come.



**EVENT DETAILS:**

- Date: Saturday, April 13
- Time: 7-10pm
- \$25 per person
- RSVP by April 8th

[temd.shulcloud.com/form/WRJSingAlong](https://temd.shulcloud.com/form/WRJSingAlong)



## Annual Global Mitzvah Concert

### An A Capella Benefit Concert for Temple Emanuel's Global Mitzvah Project

Sunday, April 14—1:30-3:00pm (including reception)

featuring Shir Madness, the award-winning Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School a cappella choir who has performed at the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage

Proceeds support the Global Mitzvah Project mission to help overcome poverty in international communities



Individual Tickets \$15

Students Free

Sponsors \$50

Benefactors \$100

Buy tickets: <https://temd.shulcloud.com/form/ShirMadnessConcert>

# Spring 2024 B'NAI MITZVAH



**RHYS LEVITT** is a seventh grade student at Silver Creek Middle School. Rhys plays trumpet in the school concert band and jazz band. He is also an all-county oboist. Rhys volunteers weekly with the local elementary school's chess club and produces his middle school's morning news program. Rhys loves all things technology, culinary and aviation, as well as playing with his dog, Cosmo. For his mitzvah project, Rhys is launching an online auction to raise money for local organization Feed the Fridge to help combat food insecurity. Rhys looks forward to being called to the Torah for his B'nai Mitzvah with his twin brother, Archer, and celebrating with friends and family.



**ARCHER LEVITT** is a 7th grade student at Silver Creek Middle School. He is a member of the school's concert band and jazz band, where he plays alto saxophone. Archer is in his sixth year studying guitar and enjoys playing drums, as well. An avid gamer, Archer loves to play video games with his friends. When he's not reading a book or anchoring his school's morning news show, Archer enjoys playing with his dog, Cosmo. For his mitzvah project, Archer is spearheading a campaign to collect funds to purchase board games for children undergoing medical treatment at Children's National Medical Center. He's looking forward to being called to the Torah for his B'nai Mitzvah with his twin brother, Rhys, and celebrating with friends and family.



**DOMINIC TAMPIO** is a seventh grader at Silver Creek Middle School where he's on the honor roll. He plays on the offensive line on his football team and is a serious Ravens fan. He also plays trombone in his school's band and jazz band. He loves dogs, in particular his 1 year old pug Zoe. For his mitzvah project, Dom is combining many of his passions by organizing a raffle to benefit a foundation run by Ravens lineman Ronnie Stanley that works to pair rescue dogs with loving families. He wants to thank Rabbi Adam, Cantor Lindsay and Dina Korman for their help getting him prepared for his bar mitzvah.



**LEV WILKENFELD** is a seventh-grader at Silver Creek Middle School, where he is an honor roll student. He enjoys cooking and listening to music. For his mitzvah project, Lev is using his cooking skills to feed the homeless in collaboration with a local nonprofit, Everyone Home DC. When Lev grows up, he wants to be a Hollywood writer. Lev cannot wait for his bar mitzvah!



**JONAH KELLER** is a 7th grader at Bullis Middle School and has grown up at Temple Emanuel, attending the Early Childhood Center from age 2-5. Jonah runs cross country and plays baseball for Bullis, and also enjoys playing basketball and baseball on teams with his Kensington buddies. Jonah is a talented drummer. He not only is a member of the Bullis concert, jazz and rock bands, but also performs regularly with his Bach2Rock bandmates, Caution Wet Floor. For his mitzvah project, Jonah chose to participate in the Thoughtful Treasures program to support NIH's Children's Inn. He created activity books, and provided art supplies for residents of the Inn who are currently undergoing treatment. Jonah can't wait to celebrate his mitzvah with friends and family.



**CLAIRE WEGAN** is a rising 7th grader at North Bethesda Middle School, where she is an honor roll student. Claire is an equestrian and rides horses as many times a week as she can. She chose to work with the meal donation program at the Montgomery County Homeless Shelter for her mitzvah project. Claire loves to cook and eat and wanted to help local homeless people have a chance to eat good meals.



**JACOB MANN** is a 7th grader at Tilden Middle School where he is an honor roll student. Jacob is frequently playing a competitive sport, sharing good trivia questions and enjoying time with his friends and family. Jacob chose to participate in the Friendship Circle for his mitzvah project which creates friendship opportunities for individuals with special needs through inclusion activities. Jacob loves to go to Camp Airy every summer and he can't wait to celebrate his mitzvah with friends and family.



**DYLAN SINGER** is in the 7th grade at Milton Gottesman Jewish Day School where he competes on the cross country team and in the Math Olympiad. He also plays center on his Tri City Eagles hockey team. For his mitzvah project Dylan chose to share his love of cooking (and eating) by creating a cookbook. He gathered treasured recipes from friends and family, compiled them into a cookbook, and is now selling the book to raise money for Kibbutz Nir Oz, one of the kibbutzim brutally attacked on Oct. 7th. Dylan chose this kibbutz because one of his favorite teachers at Milton grew up there. Dylan is excited to read from the Torah and can't wait to celebrate after with friends, family and his two cats.

# MEMBER UPDATES

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Lindsey Weinstock & Kristen Pearlstein  
Hilary & Jason Bertow  
Tami Mark & Theodore Goldstock  
Matthew Oldham  
Jonathan Abel-Millman & Rebecca Millman  
Nancy Harris & Jaime Espiritu  
Chelsea Cohen & Joshua Noren  
Andrea Yudell

## CONDOLENCES

Frances Spiegel (Ema Perez) on the passing of her father, John Spiegel  
David Wilson (Carol Blasberg) on the passing of his father, Richard Wilson  
Jason Befus (Betsy Feigin Befus) on the passing of his mother, Colleen Ann Befus  
Jessica (Andrew) Hughes on the passing of her mother, Sally Kranz  
Kenny Karbeling on the passing of his mother-in-law Madeline Lichtcsien  
Christina (Adam) Bobrow on the passing of her father, G. Ernest (Terry) Lynch III  
Lisa (Mark) Rother on the passing of her sister, Martie Mollenhauer

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## Work Continues on New Torah Covers

The Temple's work with fiber artist, Karen Fricke, to create new Torah covers (mantles) is moving forward. We began this work by discussing with the artist, clergy, Religious Practices Committee, and other congregants, what symbolism we would want to incorporate into our new torah mantles. As described in the previous issue of Kol Kore, we selected the olive branch to represent nature, continuity, seasons (of nature and of life), peace, and hope for the future.

To select possible background fabrics for the mantles, Karen scoured the garment district in Manhattan (more on this in Karen's interview online). She sent us samples of possible silk fabrics of different colors and textures. We gathered in the sanctuary twice to look at each fabric in the ark in order to view the fabrics as they would appear in context. After careful consideration, we selected a pale blue/lavender fabric, perhaps best described as periwinkle. We chose this because it picks up the blue of the sky in the stained glass windows, and the colors of the interior of the ark. It represents the colors of sky and water.

We mailed the existing Torah mantles to Karen so she could measure each one accurately. (You may have noticed that for a week or two we used the white Torah mantles typically used on the High Holy Days – that's why.) For the next step, Karen will send us possible fabrics for the olives and leaves. We plan to use fabrics that are diverse in hues, textures, and designs to create visual interest and represent the value of diversity in our community. Once we make those selections, production will begin.

Read more including an interview with Karen Fricke at our website at:  
<https://www.templemanuelmd.org/2024-torah-covers>



# April 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> ECC Closed Spring Break	<b>2</b> 5pm Hebrew School Virtual 5:30pm Upper School/Hebrew School Dinner and Class 7:30pm KESTY Lounge Night 7:30pm Kol Zimrah Rehearsal	<b>3</b> 1pm Craft and Conversation 7:30pm Brotherhood Meeting	<b>4</b> 1:30pm Play Reading 7:30pm Executive Committee	<b>5</b> 9am Coffee with the Clergy 9:30am Nitzanim Class 9:30am Ta'am Shel Shabbat 6:30pm Shabbat Service with Kol Ruach NFTY Spring Kallah in DC (Host Families event)	<b>6</b> 9am Torah Study 10am Shabbat Service and B'nei Mitzvah of Claire Wegan and Dylan Singer
<b>7</b> 8:30am Bagel Table 9am Religious School/ Confirmation 9:30am Brotherhood Brunch 9:30 Shalom in the Home 11:30am Global Mitzvah Meeting 11:30am Youth Groups 5pm WRJ Women's Seder	<b>8</b> 7pm CSAC Meeting	<b>9</b> 5pm Hebrew School Virtual 5:30pm Upper School/Hebrew School Dinner and Class 7pm Building and Grounds Meeting 7:30pm Kol Zimrah Rehearsal	<b>10</b> 7pm Membership Committee	<b>11</b> 12pm Rabbi Adam's Class 7pm Board of Education	<b>12</b> 9:30am Ta'am Shel Shabbat 6:30pm Shabbat Service with Kol Zimrah	<b>13</b> 9am Torah Study 10am Simchat Shabbat Service with Grade 6 7pm WRJ presents Show Tunes with Glenn Pearson
<b>14</b> 8:30am Bagel Table 9am Religious School/ Confirmation/Hebrew School 9:30 Shalom in the Home 12:30pm Conversational Hebrew Class 1:30pm Global Mitzvah Concert with Shir Madness	<b>15</b> 6:30 pm Mah Jongg with WRJ	<b>16</b> 5pm Hebrew School Virtual 5:30pm Upper School/Hebrew School Dinner and Class 7pm Finance Committee 7:30pm Kol Zimrah Rehearsal	<b>17</b> 1pm Craft and Conversation 7pm WRJ Meeting	<b>18</b> 1:30pm Play Reading 7pm Board of Trustees	<b>19</b> 9:30am Ta'am Shel Shabbat 9:30am Nitzanim Class 6:30pm Shabbat Service	<b>20</b> 9am Torah Study 10am Shabbat Service and Bar Mitzvah of Jonah Keller
<b>21</b> 8:30am Bagel Table 9am Religious School/ Confirmation/Hebrew School 9:30 Shalom in the Home 12:30pm Conversational Hebrew Class	<b>22</b> Building closes at 1pm First Seder	<b>23</b> Building Closed Passover 10am Community Festival Passover Service at Temple Sinai	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 12pm Rabbi Adam's Class	<b>26</b> 9:30am Ta'am Shel Shabbat 5:30pm Tot Shabbat 7:30pm Shabbat Service	<b>27</b> 9am Torah Study 10am Shalom Shabbat Service
<b>28</b> (No Bagel Table) 8:30am Kol Ruach 9am Religious School/ Confirmation/Hebrew School 9:30 Shalom in the Home 9:30am Mah Jongg 5:30pm WRJ Soupmaking for Kindworks	<b>29</b> Building Closed Passover 10am Passover Community Service with Yizkor at Temple Emanuel	<b>30</b> 5pm Hebrew School Virtual 5:30pm Upper School/Hebrew School Dinner and Class 7pm KESTY Lounge Night 7:30pm Kol Zimrah Rehearsal				

# May 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> 1pm Craft and Conversation 7pm Brotherhood Annual Meeting and Dinner	<b>2</b> 1:30pm Play Reading 7pm Executive Committee	<b>3</b> 9am Coffee with the Clergy 9:30am Ta'am Shel Shabbat 9:30am Nitzanim Class 5:30pm Shabbat Dinner 6:30pm Teacher Appreciation Shabbat Service	<b>4</b> 9am Torah Study 10am Shabbat Service and B'nei Mitzvah of Jacob Mann
<b>5</b> 8:30am Bagel Table 8:30am Global Mitzvah Car Wash 9am Religious School/Confirmation/Hebrew School 12:30pm Conversational Hebrew Class 6:30pm Yom Ha'Shoah Service with Kol Zimrah	<b>6</b> Yom Ha'Shoah	<b>7</b> 5pm Hebrew School Virtual 5:30pm Upper School/Hebrew School Dinner and Class	<b>8</b> 7pm Membership Committee	<b>9</b> 12pm Rabbi Adam's Class	<b>10</b> 9:30am Taam Shel Shabbat 7:30pm High School Graduation Shabbat Service	<b>11</b> 9am Torah Study 10am Simchat Shabbat with Grade 1 1pm KESTY Elections
<b>12</b> 8:30am Bagel Table 9am Religious School/Confirmation/Hebrew School 12:30pm Conversational Hebrew Class	<b>13</b> Yom Ha'Zikaron 6:30pm Mah Jongg with WRJ 7pm CSAC Meeting	<b>14</b> Yom Ha'Atzmaut 5pm Hebrew School Virtual 5:30pm Upper School/Hebrew School Dinner and Class 7pm Building and Grounds 7:30pm Kol Zimrah	<b>15</b> 1pm Creative Crafts and Conversation 6pm WRJ Dinner and Meeting	<b>16</b> 7pm Board of Trustees	<b>17</b> 9:30am Taam Shel Shabbat 9:30am Nitzanim class 6:30pm Yom Ha'Atzmaut Shabbat Service	<b>18</b> 9am Torah Study 10am Shabbat Service and B'nei Mitzvah of Rhys Levitt and Archer Levitt 11am KESTY Old and New Board
<b>19</b> 8:30am Bagel Table 9am Final Religious School / Maccabiah Games 9am Annual Meeting 11:30am Annual Picnic 4pm WRJ Readers Salon	<b>20</b> 7:30pm Board of Education	<b>21</b> 7:30pm Kol Zimrah	<b>22</b> 7pm ECC Parent Learning Night	<b>23</b> 12pm Rabbi's Class	<b>24</b> 9:30am Ta'am Shel Shabbat 5:30pm Tot Shabbat 7:30pm Shabbat Service	<b>25</b> 9am Torah Study 10am Shalom Shabbat Service
<b>26</b> Lag B'Omer	<b>27</b> Building Closed Memorial Day	<b>28</b> 7:30pm Kol Zimrah	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 12pm Rabbi's Class 1:30pm Play Reading	<b>31</b> 9:30am Ta'am Shel Shabbat 9:30am Nitzanim Class 6:30pm Religious School Art Shabbat	

# June 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> 9am Torah Study 10am Shabbat Service and B'nei Mitzvah of Dominic Tampio 7pm Board of Education Trivia Night
<b>2</b> 9:30am Confirmation 12:00pm Global Mitzvah offsite	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 1pm Craft and Conversation 7:30pm Brotherhood Monthly Meeting	<b>6</b> 12pm Rabbi Adam's Class 7pm Executive Committee	<b>7</b> 9am Coffee with the Clergy 9:30am Ta'am Shel Shabbat 6:30pm Pride Shabbat	<b>8</b> 9am Torah Study
<b>9</b> 9:30am Confirmation 5pm WRJ Soupmaking	<b>10</b> 7pm CSAC Meeting	<b>11</b> 6:30pm Erev Shauot Service and Confirmation with Kol Zimrah	<b>12</b> Building Closed Shavuot Shavuot Festival Service with Yizkor	<b>13</b> 1:30pm Play Reading	<b>14</b> 9:30am Ta'am Shel Shabbat 9:30am Nitzanim Class 6:30pm Shabbat Service	<b>15</b> 9am - Torah Study 10am Shabbat Service and Bar Mitzvah of Lev Wilkenfeld
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Building Closed Juneteenth	<b>20</b> 7pm Board of Trustees	<b>21</b> 9:30am - Ta'am Shel Shabbat 6:30pm - Shabbat Service	<b>22</b> 9am - Torah Study
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:15pm ECC Siyum Celebration	<b>28</b> 9:30am - Ta'am Shel Shabbat 6:30pm - Shabbat Service	<b>29</b> 9am - Torah Study
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**Sunday, May 19, 2024/1 Iyar 5784**

**9:15am Annual Meeting followed  
by Congregational Picnic**

At our Annual Meeting, we will celebrate our successes and our membership, share plans for next year, say Thank You to all of you whose volunteering this past year enabled us to achieve so much and, last but not least, conduct some business.

**Please join us, we value your participation!**

**Come for the Meeting ~ Stay for the Food**

