



# KOL KORE

The Newsletter of Temple Emanuel Kensington, Maryland



**Dianne, we miss you so much. We love you. We hope you are at peace.  
Thank you for your service, your devotion, your unwavering commitment  
to our congregation and to the Jewish people.**



# from the Rabbi



I am devoting my column to our beloved executive director and my friend, Dianne Neiman. We first crossed paths when I was still working at Temple Sinai and found myself at Emanuel for one of our joint festival services. I could not find the right prayer books for the service, and Dianne, with her characteristic energy and only slight eye-roll, guided me to the right cart. I got to know her better during the interview process and was glad to learn this is somebody who I could trust, who would be a great partner, who was fun and irreverent and shared my dry and sometimes dark sense of humor. One of the first things she shared with me was that she felt like it was her job to make me look good. This worked out well for me, not always so well for her.



Dianne had a reputation around here for being a little gruff, for sometimes saying no just a little too quickly, for a low tolerance of *nourishkeit* (nonsense). But she always did her job well, and professionally, and with a deep sense of love and concern for this community. She worked long hours and was always available when I needed something. It was a



real blessing to get to know her in a deeper, more spiritual way when she became one of my Adult B'nei Mitzvah students. I could tell how much this meant to her; studying diligently with her classmates, learning Hebrew, and beaming from the bimah when she read from the Torah in the presence of this community and her incredible family who journeyed here from different corners of the country to support their beloved mom, grandma, sister, and aunt. She ran the practical aspects of her own Bat Mitzvah as this was her job, but she also was able to make it so meaningful for herself, for me, and for her amazing classmates. Even though I was recovering from COVID and not feeling so well on that February morning, I knew what a huge moment this was in Dianne's life.

Outside of work, we shared some wonderful moments together; lunch dates, a trip to the Kennedy Center to see the musical *Nine*, and last fall a trip to Baltimore to enjoy a Stevie Wonder concert together. Even though she wasn't feeling so well, she insisted on staying until the end of the night and sang along to pretty much every song. It was such a happy evening.

The last several months without her have been incredibly difficult on me, the rest of the staff, and the entire community. She really has been the glue that has held this place together. She got us through many crises including and not limited to challenges in the ECC, COVID, and 10/7. She formed incredible bonds with many in our congregation, including children and teens that would hang out with her in her office. My daughter Eliza loved to steal her name tag, her slinky, and the other goodies she kept on her desk.

Dianne, we miss you so much. We love you. We hope you are at peace. Thank you for your service, your devotion, your unwavering commitment to our congregation and to the Jewish people.

Rabbi Adam Rosenwasser

# from the Cantor



Chevre:

This is a very challenging Kol Kore article to write, as it will be my final one here at Temple Emanuel. It is hard to put into words the depth of gratitude and appreciation I feel as I prepare to take my leave from this incredible community. **The past eight years have been a journey filled with music, learning, laughter, and deep connection, and I am profoundly grateful for the relationships we have built and the memories we have created together.**



As your cantor, I have had the immense privilege of helping to shape the spiritual and musical life of this congregation. Leading our Kol Zimrah choir, Kol Ruach Jr. Choir, and Mizmor L'Shabbat Band has been a source of great joy and inspiration. Teaching Sunday school music, working with the ECC, and guiding our B'nei Mitzvah students through their journeys of Jewish learning have been deeply rewarding. I have been honored to officiate at weddings, baby namings, funerals, and shivas—standing beside you during some of life's most profound and sacred moments. These experiences have left an indelible mark on my heart.

Beyond the walls of our sanctuary, it has been a joy to represent Temple Emanuel in the wider community. I will always cherish the memories of singing the national anthem every year at the Kensington 4th of July Bike Parade, leading joyous singing for the annual Menorah Lighting Celebration at the Kensington Town Hall, and sharing music at Bowie Baysox and Bethesda Big Train baseball games. Kensington has become a part of me, and I will always hold these experiences close.

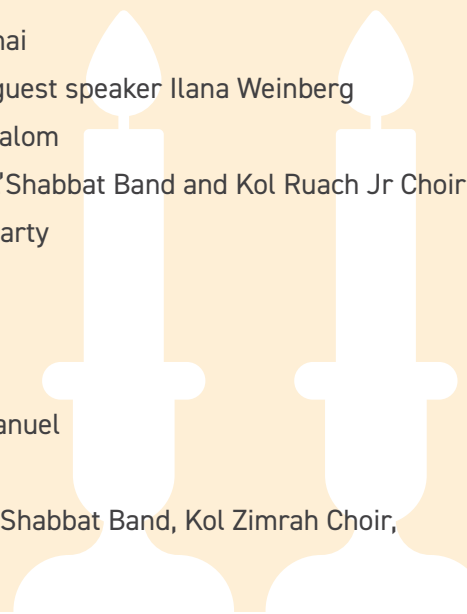
While transitions can be bittersweet, I leave with a heart full of gratitude and a soul enriched by the time we have shared. I invite you all to join me for my farewell Shabbat service on June 13, where we will celebrate together with the voices of Kol Zimrah, Kol Ruach, and our Mizmor L'Shabbat band. I hope this evening will be a fitting tribute to the music, joy, and connection that have defined our time together.

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for welcoming me into this sacred community, for trusting me with your stories and your songs, and for allowing me to be a part of your lives. Temple Emanuel will always hold a special place in my heart, and I look forward to seeing how this wonderful congregation continues to grow and flourish in the years to come.

With love and appreciation,  
Cantor Lindsay Kanter

## Special Shabbatot and Holidays

Sunday April 13 10:00am	Passover Festival Service at Temple Sinai
Wednesday April 23 6:30pm	Yom HaShoah + Kol Zimrah Choir with guest speaker Ilana Weinberg
Saturday April 19 10:00am	Passover Festival Service at Temple Shalom
Friday May 2 6:30pm	Yom HaAtzmaut Shabbat with Mizmor L'Shabbat Band and Kol Ruach Jr Choir
Saturday May 3 10:00am	Snir's Bar Mitzvah Farewell Service + Party
Friday May 9 7:30pm	HS Graduation Shabbat
Friday May 16 6:30pm	Teacher Appreciation Shabbat
Sunday June 1 8:00pm	Confirmation / Shavuot Service
Monday June 2 10:00am	Shavuot Festival Service at Temple Emanuel
Friday June 6 6:30pm	Pride Shabbat
Friday June 13 6:30pm	Cantor Lindsay Farewell with Mizmor L'Shabbat Band, Kol Zimrah Choir, Kol Ruach Junior Choir



# from the President



## A Critical Moment: Why Your Vote in the World Zionist Congress Election Matters

As your temple president, I want to share something urgent with our community. From March 10 to May 4, we have a rare opportunity to directly influence Israel's future through the World Zionist Congress (WZC) election. This isn't just another election – it's our chance to ensure our Reform values are represented in what's often called the "Parliament of the Jewish People."



The stakes couldn't be higher. Recent events, particularly since October 7, have shown us that when democracy is threatened in Israel, the entire country becomes more vulnerable. What happens in Israel affects all Jews worldwide, as we've seen with rising antisemitism here in America. We simply cannot afford to sit this one out.

The WZC controls the allocation of approximately \$1 billion in funding over five years. These aren't just symbolic votes – they translate into real support for Reform communities across Israel, including funding for Reform rabbis and synagogues. When we vote Reform, we're voting for concrete action supporting democracy, pluralism, and equality.

Our Reform slate stands for clear principles: a strong, secure, and democratic Israel as envisioned in its Declaration of Independence; religious equality where all Jewish traditions are respected; and an end to the ultra-Orthodox monopoly on religious authority. We advocate for full equality under the law for all Israelis, including minorities, women, and LGBTQ+ people. We support both Israel's right to defend itself against terror and the vision of a secure Israel alongside a peaceful Palestinian state.

The opposition in this election – ultra-Orthodox religious fundamentalists – have a dramatically different vision. They're working to roll back gains in LGBTQ+ rights and gender equity, strip Reform communities of funding and infrastructure, and block progress toward peace. They want to write the next chapter of Jewish history – and write us out of it.

The WZC was established before Israel's founding because our ancestors understood that Israel needed to be a project of the entire Jewish people to succeed. Today, that principle remains as vital as ever. Through this election, we can advocate for policies that respect Reform conversions, support humanitarian causes, and work toward a just and lasting peace.

Voting is simple: any Jew 18 or older who didn't vote in the last Israeli election is eligible. Our temple will be organizing several initiatives to help our community participate, including information sessions and registration assistance.

We stand at a critical juncture in Jewish history. Our voices and activism as Reform Jews in North America have never been more crucial. This is our chance to support an Israel that reflects our values of democracy, pluralism, and equality.

Please watch for announcements about our Temple's WZC election initiatives. If you have questions or want to get involved in our outreach efforts, don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Let's stand together for our Reform values and help shape the future of Israel.

Warm regards,  
Andrew Stavisky



## Empty Nesters: The Wonder Years Chavurah

Calling all empty nesters (parents of current college students, recent college grads, or soon-to-be college students)! Join us for monthly gatherings, local adventures, and opportunities to connect with others at this unique stage of life. If you have questions or suggestions, please email Lucia Saperstein at [lmsaperstein@gmail.com](mailto:lmsaperstein@gmail.com).

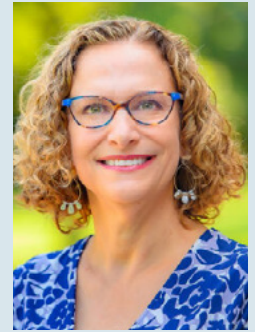


**FRIDAY APRIL 25TH: 5:30PM**  
Happy Hour at Knowles Station followed  
by Shabbat Service at Temple Emanuel at 7:30pm  
*RSVP by 4/18/25*

**SATURDAY, MAY 10TH: 1:00PM**  
Hike and lunch (location TBD) *RSVP by 5/2/25*

**FRIDAY, JUNE 20TH: 6:30PM**  
Shabbat Service and Dinner/Drinks at  
Baby Cat Brewery in Kensington *RSVP by 6/13/25*

# from the Director of Congregational Learning



## TEMPLE EMANUEL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

At Temple Emanuel, tefilla (prayer) is at the heart of our religious school experience. Each Sunday morning, our students and their families gather for a meaningful and engaging worship experience designed to build kehilla (community), teach the prayers (limmud = learning), and share ruach (spirit) in our worship.

For our PreK-5th graders, Family Minyan is a weekly highlight. Together, we pray an abbreviated morning service, deepening our connection to Jewish tradition and each other. Rabbi Adam brings the weekly Torah portion to life, sharing insights that spark curiosity and discussion. Our Inclusion Coordinator, Kim Hughes, leads a movement break to help us wake up our bodies and pray with our hearts. Often it is tied into the season, such as doing a “tree pose” to celebrate Tu B’Shevat (Birthday of the Trees). Adding to the joy of our worship, our youth choir, Kol Ruach, led by Cantor Lindsay, lifts our spirits through song and prayer.

As our students progress in their Jewish learning, they participate in our Limmud (learning) Minyan for 6th and 7th graders, led by Cantor Lindsay. This service is designed to deepen understanding of Shabbat prayers, an essential part of their preparation for becoming B’nai Mitzvah. In Limmud Minyan, students practice reciting prayers, explore their meanings, and learn the structure of the service. They also engage in discussions about how these prayers have evolved over time and how they continue to shape our worship today.

Each month during the school year, we also gather for Simchat Shabbat, our grade-level Shabbat services. Students participate by leading prayers and sharing what they have learned in Religious School. Although one or two grades are featured each month, all families (and those who are young at heart) are welcome to attend. Following each service, we enjoy a bagel brunch, providing a wonderful opportunity to meet, connect, and shmooze.

Through Family Minyan, Limmud Minyan, and Simchat Shabbat, our goal is to create an environment where prayer is not only learned but experienced as a source of connection, learning, and spiritual growth. We invite all families to join us in these meaningful moments of prayer and song as we strengthen our community together.

On a personal note, I want to take a moment on behalf of the Religious School to honor the memory of our Temple Emanuel’s Executive Director, Dianne Neiman. Dianne was a staunch supporter of our Religious School and built close relationships with many of our families and students. She worked tirelessly to ensure that we had the resources we needed to educate our children. May her memory be a blessing to us and her legacy endure through our programs.

## ADULT EDUCATION

Our ongoing programs include Rabbi Adam’s Mussar (Jewish values) classes and weekly Torah study. In addition, Brotherhood, WRJ, and committees regularly offer learning opportunities such as brunches and retreats.

If you are interested in helping to plan Adult Education offerings, please contact me at [lnaide@templemanuelmd.org](mailto:lnaide@templemanuelmd.org).

## INCLUSION

At Temple Emanuel, we are fostering a culture of learning inclusion, acceptance, and kindness within our community.

**Inclusion is a Jewish value. An inclusive learning environment benefits everyone!** Contact Kim Hughes, Director of Learning Inclusion, if you have any questions or ideas. [inclusion@templemanuelmd.org](mailto:inclusion@templemanuelmd.org)

Mark your calendar and dust off your Jeopardy skills....It’s Temple Emanuel’s



**Saturday, April 5th 8pm-10pm**

Please join our community for a fun-filled, drink-filled, fact-filled evening of trivia and friends.

Beer, wine, & snacks will be provided.

\$36 per couple/\$18 per person

This event is open to all members of our Temple Emanuel community

**RSVP**





# from the Shaliach/Director of Youth Engagement



Shalom Everyone!

Spring is here! After we powered through a pretty epic Purim, we're getting closer and closer to the biggest event of the year, which is of course... **My Bar Mitzvah!** If you don't

have it on your calendar yet, plan to join me on **5/3 at 10am**, when I'll re-do my Bar Mitzvah with the Temple Emanuel community!

In preparation for my Bar Mitzvah, I am studying with the incredible Dina Korman, our Temple B'nai Mitzvah Tutor (it's funny that I need a Hebrew tutor, right?...). Dina is teaching me about trope and helping me perfect the different prayers.

As I was focusing on the prayers, some things jumped out at me. I'd like to pay attention to a specific word in the V'ahavta prayer

**V'shinantem l'vanecha v'dibarta bam...**

In most *siddurim* (prayer books), שְׁנַנְתֶּם is translated simply as "You shall teach," and that portion of the verse as "You shall teach it to your children and speak to them of it..."

Other siddurim translate *shinantem* as "impress," as in "You shall impress this upon your children." But, the true meaning of *shinantem* is something deeper and more specific. Let's look at the *shoresh* (root):

שְׁנַנְתֶּם

*Shinen* is an ancient Hebrew word that means both "to repeat until it's learned" and "to polish until it shines." You might also notice that, within the word *shinen*, there is another more common word, *shen* - Hebrew for "tooth." It's no coincidence. Talmudic rabbis believed that learning happens when, and only when, a concept is continually "polished" until it's as shiny and pointed as a tooth. Hebrew recognizes that education is not about epiphanies. Instead, education is ultimately about repetition. Modeling our traditions, over and

over, is the best – and perhaps only – way to pass them on.

I chose to re-do my Bar-Mitzvah, as my ultimate learning experience here at Temple Emanuel. I have rediscovered my Jewish-self. I feel like this is what the Shlichut program is all about! Learning about Israel, polishing that craft of asking questions, researching, striving to know more, through me, through education, programs, events, and so much more. These are not yet words of goodbye, but the arrival of the Israeli Yoms, as well as my Bar Mitzvah, reminds me of our Temple's unwavering commitment to Israel – to care, to make it better, to support the Holy Land.

In the upcoming weeks and months we will celebrate Israel in many ways - through special programs, like our Yom Ha'Atzmaut Shabbat featuring a special Israeli dinner and a special speaker from the Israeli Embassy (May 2nd), a special Israel Day in our Religious School, a unique art installation in collaboration with our Religious School students (that will stay at Temple Emanuel forever as a reminder of its first Shaliach!), and so much more. Make sure to stay up to date and learn about these incredible events as more information is released!

The end of the year also means more KESTY events and most importantly - KESTY Elections! Full info can be found in our emails (look out for the last Teen Email of the year!), website and KESTY's Instagram page (@kestymd)

As I'm writing these lines, I'm still praying with all my heart to the return of our brothers and sisters still in captivity. I hold onto hope, knowing that each prayer and thought, every slide on social media we share or gatherings we attend, every yellow ribbon, brings us closer to their freedom.

I can't write this without taking a moment to honor the memory of our beloved Executive Director, Dianne. She wasn't just a leader in our community - she was a mentor, a friend, and a source of unwavering support. I feel so lucky to have known and loved her, and I will carry her kindness and wisdom with me always.

With love and hope,  
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## From Our Seniors

**MADISON DEMARCO:** Temple Emanuel holds a very special place in my heart. I had the opportunity to start 16 years ago at preschool. From there on, I was taught many problem solving skills and compassion for others. Shortly after I began to go in for Sunday School every Sunday which gave me many unforgettable memories. My favorite part was studying for my Bat Mitzvah. I was endlessly supported by the teachers and everyone else who worked there. Most of my friends had left the synagogue after their Bar/Bat Mitzvah but I decided to stay. I later became a Madrichol which gave me the opportunity to assistant teach kids on Sundays which is very enjoyable. I am lucky to be a part of such a special community that has helped me grow in many ways.

**ANNA BRYAN TAFF:** I have loved growing up at Temple Emanuel. From coming here as a kindergartener to being the kindergarten's madrichol, the temple has always been there for me. It is a space that has allowed me to grow both in my Judaism and as a person. After rejoining the temple in seventh grade for my bat mitzvah, I never imagined how involved I would become. Now the space is like a second home to me, one that I will dearly miss next year. The people I've met, the friends I've made have, and the children I've taught have changed me in an infinite number of positive ways. And I know that wherever I go in life, this place will always be one I consider home.

# from the Early Childhood Center



Temple Emanuel's Early Childhood Center (TEECC) is now enrolling for the 2025–2026 school year!

Inspired by the preschools of Reggio Emilia, Italy, and rooted in our Reform Jewish values, TEECC offers a constructivist, play-based curriculum that encourages children to explore, create, and develop meaningful understandings of the world around them.

At TEECC, we believe that strong relationships within our community—between children, parents, and educators—provide the foundation for joyful, engaged learning. Our inclusive and welcoming environment nurtures curiosity and creativity while supporting social-emotional growth. Through all-season outdoor play, hands-on discovery, and values-based Jewish learning, we help children build confidence, independence, and a lifelong love of learning.

With flexible enrollment options including full-day, part-day, and summer programs, TEECC is a wonderful option for families seeking a warm, nurturing, and enriching early childhood experience. We encourage you to share our program with friends, family, and anyone looking for an exceptional early learning community. To learn more or schedule a tour, contact Dana Robinson at [dana@templeemanuelmd.org](mailto:dana@templeemanuelmd.org)

2025-2026 Application, Tuition and Fee Schedule, and more information can be found on our website <https://www.templeemanuelmd.org/early-childhood-center/>



## TEMPLE EMANUEL SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Are you someone who loves to bring people together?  
Do you have creative ideas for fun events and activities?

**WE WANT YOU TO BE A PART OF OUR TEMPLE EMANUEL SOCIAL COMMITTEE!**

As a member, you'll have the chance to:

**Plan exciting events that  
bring the community  
closer together**

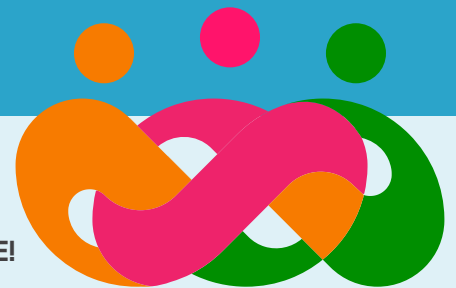
**Work with a group of  
enthusiastic and  
like-minded individuals**

**Share your ideas  
and make them  
come to life!**

Are you looking for a fun way to get involved with a low time commitment? Then the Temple Emanuel Social Committee is the place for you!

The Temple Emanuel Social Committee is a committee of the TE Board of Education. All Temple members are welcome to join us.

**Interested? email us at [kehilla@templeemanuelmd.org](mailto:kehilla@templeemanuelmd.org)**



# Women of Reform Judaism

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

Any person identifying as female, and 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. Please contact Judi Sprei, our Vice President for membership: judisprei@gmail.com

## AS WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE SPRING, WE WANT TO HIGHLIGHT SOME PAST ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCE UPCOMING EVENTS.

**WRJ Retreat** - At our annual retreat in Dewey Beach approximately 40 members learned about Jewish artists and enjoyed each other's company. We studied 3 Jewish women artists, created our own art, watched "Woman In Gold," and had a fabulous time being together. We are already looking forward to next year!

**Brunch with the Word Mavens** - WRJ hosted a very lively and entertaining brunch on Feb. 9. Joyce Eisenberg and Ellen Scolnic entertained us with stories and explanations about all kinds of Jewish, Yiddish, and Hebrew words and sayings. Lots of laughs and fun had by all! While we had MANY members of WRJ in attendance, there were other Temple members there as well. Thanks to everyone who supported the Word Mavens!

**Sock Hop Concert Fundraiser** - WRJ was very happy to partner with the Global Mitzvah Committee and Brotherhood to bring the "Rock-A-Sonics" to Temple Emanuel. We danced, we ate, we drank and it was a wonderful night of being together. Who knew we had so many amazing dancers? Thanks so much to those that came out on Feb. 22. We helped raise a lot of money for such a great cause!

On March 23rd WRJ held its 33rd **Women's Seder** using Temple Emanuel's Women's Haggadah and engaged in a lively service including singing and dancing. Thanks to everyone who contributed delicious dishes. Special thanks to Cantor Lindsay for all the years that she has helped us lead the Women's Seder! We truly appreciate your contributions! You will be missed.

We co-hosted another **Israeli Movie Night** with Brotherhood on March 29 with "Mossad."

Other activities to look forward to include **Karaoke Night** on April 26th. Look for more details in upcoming Temple and WRJ communications!

## AND CONTINUING OR COMING UP:

**Sunday afternoon Mahjong.** We have switched our Mahjong day to Sunday afternoons. 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. Bring your Maj card and Maj set. Watch the Grapevine for dates.



**Bagel Table** returns with coffee, muffins, bagels and the fixings. We are always looking for volunteers to staff it. We encourage you to try it - even once, so that you can see the fun in interacting with our Temple youth and get to know other volunteers - or just stop by for breakfast - even if you don't have children in the Religious School. Sign up to volunteer.

[www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4DA9AE28A1F94-50762220-bagel](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4DA9AE28A1F94-50762220-bagel)

**Creative Crafts**, first and third Wednesday of the month - Join others to do your favorite craft at 2pm in the Adult Ed room - men are welcome. Please contact Esther Starobin at [erstarobin@gmail.com](mailto:erstarobin@gmail.com) so she can contact you about cancellations and updates.

**Women's Readers' Salon.** Join us 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!

WRJ holds its **Monthly WRJ meetings** on the third Wednesday evening of every month beginning at 7pm on Zoom. Join us and learn more about what WRJ is doing. If you need the link, please email [wrj@templeemanuelmd.org](mailto:wrj@templeemanuelmd.org) and we will send it to you!

Lisa Reff and Jennifer Mann Fields  
Co-Presidents WRJ







# GLOBAL MITZVAH STUDENT CAR WASH SUNDAY APRIL 27

Each year, Temple Emanuel students lend a hand to help make the world a better place. For a few hours on Sunday morning (during religious school hours), 6th- 7th grade students clean cars to help fund a worthy project to support vulnerable international communities.

This year's Student Service Learning experience will include three in-class lessons about the work of Global Mitzvah and community projects to be considered for car wash fundraising.



Students will vote to select one of the three following projects for 2025:

**Hato Rincon Educational Resources Center, Panama** (with Engineers Without Borders) – to purchase computers and accessories for the indigenous Ngabe-Bugle community to document their language and culture, and access necessary health care information.

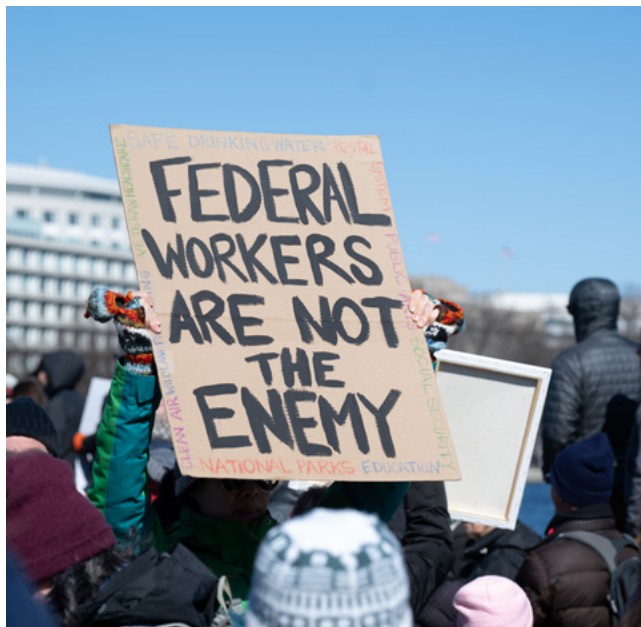
**Fula Women's Association of North America (FUWANA)** – to provide book packs/school materials to approximately 100 underprivileged school age girls in rural areas of member countries (e.g., Guinea, Mauritania, Senegal). Costs of supplies often exceed family resources and become barriers to educational opportunity, particularly for females.

**Sakale Health Center Medical Equipment, Uganda** (with Innovation: Africa) – located in a remote district of the Karamoja region, Sakale Health Center will receive solar energy panels from I:A enabling 24 hour quality care, with a remaining need for priority medical equipment (blood pressure machine, delivery bed, medical trolleys, patient monitors).

## ONLY \$10, TO BENEFIT THE GLOBAL MITZVAH PROJECT !!

### DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR OUR NEXT PROJECT

Please contact Caroline Smith De Waal [dewaalcaroline@gmail.com](mailto:dewaalcaroline@gmail.com) or Stan Fagen [stanfagen@gmail.com](mailto:stanfagen@gmail.com)

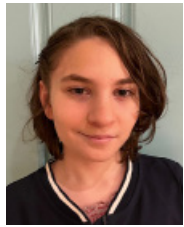


## SUPPORTING OUR FEDERAL WORKERS

If you are a federal employee or contractor and looking to connect with other federal workers at TE, please reach out to the office (301.942.2000 / [office@templemanuelmd.org](mailto:office@templemanuelmd.org)) to be connected with Temple Emanuel member Daniel Solomon.

We hope to continue to gather those impacted both over Zoom and in-person.

# Spring 2025 B'NEI MITZVAH

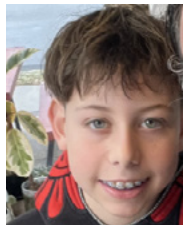


**SHEA BARAGO** is a seventh grader at Hoover Middle School. Shea enjoys creating comics and online art and is making an online animated web series with friends. Her mitzvah project involves writing letters of hope and support to members of the transgender community through Point of Pride. Shea's brother Sam and bearded dragon Milkshake approve.



**LEAH BITTERMAN** is a 7th grader at Earle B. Wood Middle School where she is stage manager for this year's performance of Shrek. Leah enjoys spending time outside running around in the woods, especially in our local parks. For her mitzvah project, she chose to clean up parks in the Rock Creek watershed. She is also collecting data on how many bottles she finds during the clean-ups to help the Rock Creek

Conservancy advocate for a bottle bill in Maryland. In her free time, Leah also enjoys rock climbing. She is looking forward to celebrating her Bat Mitzvah with her friends and family.



**SAM SILVERBOOK** is a rising 8th grader at Wood Middle School in Rockville. Sam's passion lies in his competitive spirit while playing basketball for Olney Elite and swimming and diving for Manor Woods Swim Club. He is a fierce and loyal friend with a generous heart. Sam chose to do his bar mitzvah project in support of a close family friend, raising money for Camp Kesem, an organization that

supports children through and beyond their parent's cancer with free camp and community. Sam can't wait to celebrate his mitzvah with family and friends.



**EMILY GARRELICK** is an awesome 7th grader who attends North Bethesda Middle School. Emily loves her family, friends but her heart is with soccer. Em has been playing since kindergarten and can't get enough of it. When not playing soccer Emily can be found running around in the rain, swimming for Cedarbrook swim club, playing basketball or at the mall. Emily's Mitzvah project is collecting athletic equipment for Leveling the Playing Field so that all

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**MAYA ZAPLER** is a 7th grader at Sligo Middle School in Silver Spring. She is an honor roll student who especially enjoys history and science. In her spare time, Maya loves hanging out with her many friends and making them laugh. She is an avid ice skater, and last year entered a competition with other girls at her skill level. For her mitzvah project, Maya (with her mom) is doing a bake sale to raise

money for Support the Girls, an organization that distributes bras and menstrual products to homeless women. Maya has been studying hard for her bat mitzvah and can't wait to celebrate with her friends and family.



**ELIANA MENDELSON** is a 7th grader at Rosa Parks Middle School where she plays flute in the school band. She has a love for creating art so to exhibit this in her mitzvah project she has decided to donate art kits to the Make an Artist Foundation. Eliana enjoys to dance and draw in her free time. She is looking forward to celebrating her bat mitzvah with her

family and friends!

## An Opportunity To Exhibit Your Art

We are always looking for artists to exhibit their work in the HaMakom.

The HaMakom gallery is a space for Temple Emanuel members, their family members, and any local artists to display their art or craft for the Temple community to view. We want a minimum of 10 items and they need to be ready to hang on hooks. Also, if you like you can sell your art and host a reception. For more information, please contact the main office to be connected with Lori Gordon.



# MEMBER UPDATES

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Rhoda Schulzinger & Rochelle Granat  
David Warshaw & Suzanne Dean

## CONDOLENCES

Linda Astor on the death of her mother, Pearl Gossack  
Amy Kines on the death of her uncle, Jerold Goldberg  
The family of Temple Emanuel member and Executive Director Dianne Neiman  
Gloria Sherman on the death of her husband, Richard Sherman  
Jacqueline Solomon on the death of her mother, Bernice Slater  
The family of Temple Emanuel member Ruth Tockman

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# April 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> 10am Aging Havurah Online Hebrew, In-person Hebrew, Upper School Dinner and Class, Confirmation 7:30pm Kol Zimrah Rehearsal 7:30pm KESTY Lounge Night	<b>2</b> 2pm Creative Crafts & Conversation 7pm TE ECC Parents Learning Night	<b>3</b> 12pm Rabbi Adam's Class 1:30pm Play Reading	<b>4</b> 6:30 Kabbalat Shabbat	<b>5</b> 9am Torah Study 10am Shabbat Service and B'nei Mitzvah of Samuel Silverbook and Maya Zapler 8pm Trivia Night
<b>6</b> 8:30am Bagel Table 8:30am Kol Ruach 9am Religious / Hebrew School (with lunch bunch) 9:30am Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class 12pm MahJong 3pm Morocco Trip Informational Meeting (Online)	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Online Hebrew, In-person Hebrew, Upper School Dinner and Class, Confirmation 7:30pm Kol Zimrah Rehearsal	<b>9</b> 7pm Postcard Writing	<b>10</b> 12pm Rabbi Adam's Class	<b>11</b> 7:30pm Shabbat Services	<b>12</b> Building Closed
<b>13</b> Building Closed 10am Passover Festival Service at Temple Sinai	<b>14</b> TE ECC and Building Closed	<b>15</b> TE ECC and Building Closed: Passover Break	<b>16</b> TE ECC and Building Closed: Passover Break	<b>17</b> TE ECC and Building Closed: Passover Break	<b>18</b> TE ECC and Building Closed: Passover Break 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Service (may be Zoom only)	<b>19</b> Building Closed 9am Torah Study 10am Passover Festival Service at Temple Shalom
<b>20</b> Building Closed 4pm WRJ Reader's Salon	<b>21</b> TE ECC and Building Closed: Passover Break	<b>22</b> Online Hebrew, In-person Hebrew, Upper School Dinner and Class, Confirmation 7:30pm Kol Zimrah Rehearsal	<b>23</b> 6:30pm Yom HaShoah with Kol Zimrah Choir	<b>24</b> 12pm Rabbi Adam's Class 1:30pm Play Reading 7pm Board of Trustees	<b>25</b> 5:30pm Tot Shabbat 7:30pm Shabbat Service	<b>26</b> 9am Torah Study 6pm WRJ Karaoke Night
<b>27</b> GMP Car Wash 8:30am Bagel Table 8:30am Kol Ruach 9am Religious / Hebrew School (with lunch bunch) 9:30am Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class 9:30 Inclusion Discussion Group 11:30am KESTY Katan, 345, Jr Events 5pm Bibles and Brews Event offsite	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Online Hebrew, In-person Hebrew, Upper School Dinner and Class, Confirmation 7:30pm Kol Zimrah Rehearsal	<b>30</b> TE ECC Photo Day			

# May 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b> TE ECC Photo Day	<b>2</b> 6:30pm Yom Ha-atzmaut Kabbalat Shabbat	<b>3</b> 9am Torah Study 10am Shabbat Service and Snir Holtzman Bar Mitzvah / Farewell
<b>4</b> Sandwich Collection 8:30am Bagel Table 8:30am Kol Ruach 9am Religious / Hebrew School (with lunch bunch) 9:30am Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class 11:30am Teen Training 12pm MahJong	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10am Aging Havurah Online Hebrew, In-person Hebrew, Upper School Dinner and Class, Confirmation 7:30pm KESTY Lounge Night 7:30pm Kol Zimrah Rehearsal	<b>7</b> 2pm Creative Crafts & Conversation	<b>8</b> 12pm Rabbi Adam's Class 1:30pm Play Reading	<b>9</b> 5:30pm Tot Shabbat 7:30pm Erev Shabbat Service - HS Graduation Celebration	<b>10</b> 9am Torah Study 10am Simchat Shabbat
<b>11</b> 8:30am Bagel Table 8:30am Kol Ruach 9am Religious / Hebrew School (with lunch bunch) 9:30am Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 12pm Lunch Bunch Cultural Arts Online Hebrew, In-person Hebrew, Upper School Dinner and Class, Confirmation 7:30pm Kol Zimrah Rehearsal	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Service - Teacher Appreciation	<b>17</b> 9am Torah Study 10am Shabbat Service and B'nei Mitzvah of Leah Bitterman and Eliana Mendelson
<b>18</b> 8:30am Bagel Table 9am Religious School - Maccabi Games 11:30am Congregational Picnic	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7:30pm Kol Zimrah Rehearsal	<b>21</b> 2pm Creative Crafts & Conversation	<b>22</b> 12pm Rabbi Adam's Class 1:30pm Play Reading	<b>23</b> 7:30pm Shabbat Services	<b>24</b> 9am Torah Study
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Building and TE ECC Closed	<b>27</b> 7:30pm Kol Zimrah Rehearsal	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat	<b>31</b> 9am Torah Study

*You're Invited to...* **SNIR'S**

## Bar Mitzvah

Saturday, May 3rd, 10AM




Come celebrate with me!

# June 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 8pm Confirmation / Shavuot Service	<b>2</b> TE Office and TE ECC Closed 10am Shavuot Festival Service at Temple Emanuel	<b>3</b> 10am Aging Havurah	<b>4</b> 2pm Creative Crafts & Conversation	<b>5</b> 12pm Rabbi Adam's Class 1:30pm Play Reading	<b>6</b> 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Service - Pride Shabbat	<b>7</b> 9am Torah Study 10am Shabbat Service and Bat Mitzvah of Emily Garrellick
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 7pm CSAC Meeting	<b>10</b> 7:30pm Kol Zimrah Rehearsal	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> TE ECC Siyum	<b>13</b> 5:30pm Shabbat Dinner: Thanking Cantor Lindsay 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Service with Kol Zimrah Choir - Cantor Lindsay Farewell	<b>14</b> 9am Torah Study 10am Shabbat Service and Bar Mitzvah of Shea Barago
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 2pm Creative Crafts & Conversation	<b>19</b> Building and TE ECC Closed	<b>20</b> 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat	<b>21</b> 9am Torah Study
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 7pm Board of Trustees	<b>27</b> 6:30pm Shabbat Service	<b>28</b> 9am Torah Study
<b>29</b> Pride in the Plaza Festival offsite	<b>30</b>					

## Kulanu Committee

The Temple's Kulanu Committee was formed in 2002 to advocate for the inclusion of LGBTQ+ Jews and their families. As part of our mission, we have been participating with the Temple's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee. We also report to the Temple Community on the actions of the Union for Reform Judaism in its support for the LGBTQ+ community in these difficult times.

Learn more: Jewish Groups' Statement on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (Feb. 7, 2025): <https://urj.org/press-room/jewish-groups-statement-diversity-equity-inclusion>

Reform Jewish Leader Condemns Anti-Transgender Executive Orders (Jan. 31, 2025): <https://rac.org/press-room/reform-jewish-leader-condemns-anti-transgender-executive-orders>

Over 5,000 Jews and Allies Sign Letter Urging President-Elect Trump to Govern with Justice, Democracy, and Rule of Law (Dec. 11, 2024): <https://urj.org/press-room/over-5000-jews-and-allies-sign-letter-urging-president-elect-trump-govern-justice>

Since 2004, we have had an annual Kulanu Pride Shabbat Service. (More on our website at: <https://www.templeemanuelmd.org/kulanu-committee-at-temple-emanuel/>) Last year's Kulanu Pride Shabbat featured Maryland House of Delegates member Anne Kaiser, an important leader in securing the progress we have made in Maryland on LGBTQ+ rights, speaking on *Sixteen Years of Success on LGBTQ+ Rights in Annapolis -- What We Have Accomplished, and the Challenges Ahead*. We also had a table at the Pride in the Plaza festival in downtown Silver Spring.

**This year, our Kulanu Pride Shabbat Service will be held on Friday, June 6 at 6:30pm.** Guest Speaker will be announced via Grapevine and other Temple communications. The Temple is also planning, once again, to have a table at the June Pride in the Plaza event on Sunday June 29th. Those interested in helping with the table should contact Committee Co-Chair David Fishback at [fishbackds@gmail.com](mailto:fishbackds@gmail.com).



# **SOME** SHEPHERD'S PIE COLLECTION for **SOME**

Temple Emanuel has a long standing relationship with So Others Might Eat (SOME) in Washington, D.C. - we have prepared Christmas dinners for 50 years as well as other collections. The program was halted during COVID and we are excited to be restarting it this spring. Since 1970, SOME has been a care provider and a beacon of hope to residents in our nation's capital.

How it works:

- 1) Make one or more shepherd's pies. SOME asks that we follow the exact recipe listed below in 13x9 pans for consistency. FREE 13x9 aluminum pans can be picked up in the Temple office.
- 2) Bring your pre-cooked shepherd's pie to the Temple office:  
Collection dates and times: April 1-4 and 7-9 between 9:30-11:30am or 2:00-4:00pm  
Similar to those who donated turkeys and cookies in December, everything should arrive bagged and ready for the freezer.
- 3) Nancy Hull will drive it down to SOME in DC.  
Please reach out to the office to be part of this mitzvah by cooking shepherd's pie(s) this spring and be connected with Nancy. Your help is greatly needed and truly appreciated.

## SHEPHERD'S PIE RECIPE

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 lbs. ground beef (80/20)
- 2 10 oz bags frozen mixed vegetables (cooked)
- 2 Cups beef or brown gravy
- 4 Cups shredded cheddar cheese (divided)
- 4 Cups cooked box mashed potatoes flakes (about 10 serv)
- Salt/Pepper/ Butter

1. Preheat the oven to 375 and take out 13 x 9 aluminum (stuffing) pan.
2. In a large frying pan, cook the ground beef, drain, and add in brown gravy.
3. Add in cooked mixed vegetables to the beef mixture.
4. Make mashed potatoes according to recipe and season with salt/pepper.
5. Layer ground beef, then sprinkle 3C of the cheese, then top with seasoned mashed potatoes.  
Sprinkle remaining 1C cheese on top.
6. Pam spray one side of aluminum foil and wrap shepherd's pie and put on a baking sheet. Bake for 30 minutes until fully heated through. Let cool. Double wrap.
7. Label the Shepherd's Pie "SOME Shepherd's Pie, Temple Emanuel, Spring 2025"



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Join Rabbi Adam on a fabulous  
Jewish heritage tour of  
Morocco in April 2026.

More details about the trip including itinerary  
and pricing can be found on our website  
<https://www.templeemanuelmd.org/community/travel/>

There will be a virtual informational session with  
Rabbi Adam and a tour company representative on  
Sunday, April 6th at 3pm.

Registration is required in advance,  
link on the website and in Grapevine emails

