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Fall 2025

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The Newsletter of Temple Emanuel Kensington, Maryland



Friday November 7th
Members of the Nefesh
Mountain Band join us for
our Erev Shabbat Service

Meet
Tal!



from the Rabbi



It's the most wonderful time of the year! We are smack dab in the middle of our High Holy Day Season, and first and foremost, I wish you and your loved ones a shana tova- a good and sweet year of health, growth, laughter, and love. The High Holy Days mark the time in our lives to pause and assess what is going well and what needs improvement. I am thrilled to share that at Temple Emanuel, things are going very, very well. This summer, we welcomed two incredible new senior staff members to our team, Cantor Lauren Adesnik and Alissa Miller, our new Executive Director. If you haven't gotten a chance to meet them yet, make that a priority! Both are wise, kind, passionate, and bring years of Jewish leadership and synagogue experience to Temple Emanuel. I have been so impressed with what they have already accomplished, and along with Laura Naide, Dana Robinson, and Tal, our new shaliach, we have a terrific Senior Staff team in place. I'm also so grateful to work in an environment where the rest of our amazing staff and our lay-leaders partner together to create a caring, dynamic, and supportive community, offer incredibly rich and meaningful programming and worship opportunities, and do our part to make change in our community, our country, and our world. As the New Year begins, I am excited to see what it will bring.



But we know that this continues to be a challenging time for our community and for the Jewish people. Although I hope and pray things will get better for our many members and loved ones who both work for the federal government and those connected in many different ways to the government, the road ahead continues to look bumpy. Please know our team is here to support you however we can; we are honored to launch the Help Our Public Employees initiative (Flax/Adler HOPE Fund) which will provide small grants to folks fired or RIF'd, and our members continue to meet regularly in person, virtually, and in Signal chat groups to share ideas, resources, and experience. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact me and I'll be glad to connect you to the people running these groups and events.

October also marks the 2nd anniversary of the terrible events of 10/7. We continue to pray that the hostages come home immediately- the living to be reunited with their loved ones and the dead for proper burial. Nearly two years later we continue to pray for peace, for the terrible war to end, for Hamas and their evil allies to be resoundingly defeated, for a better and much less extreme Israeli government, and for freedom, security, and tranquility for both peoples who share this small and beautiful piece of land. I look forward to traveling to Israel soon after Simchat Torah to participate in Connections- a conference commemorating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the World Union for Progressive Judaism and learning, praying, and networking with liberal and progressive Jews from across the globe. It will be my third trip to Israel post 10/7 and I look forward to bringing back what I will experience with all of you.

5786 is just beginning, and I can't wait to experience another wonderful year at Temple Emanuel with all of you. Thank you for allowing me to continue to serve you, the Jewish people, and those who journey with us!

Rabbi Adam Rosenwasser

Join Rabbi Adam Rosenwasser 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: www.templeemanueld.org/community/travel



from the Cantor

Walking through the Darkness, we are never Alone

Cantors as Pastoral Care Givers

By Cantor Lauren Adesnik



שִׁיר לַמַּעֲלוֹת אֲשֶׁא עֵינַי אֶל־הַהָרִים מֵאֵין יְבֹא עֲזָרִי:

A song for ascents.

I turn my eyes to the mountains;

from where will my help come? Psalm 121:1

עֲזָרִי מֵעַם יְהוָה עֲשֵׂה שָׁמַיִם וָאָרֶץ:

My help comes from Adonai, [Helper greater than myself]

maker of heaven and earth. Psalm 121:2

We have all been in this moment. An event, usually devastating, but perhaps something joyful as well, arises and in an instant we feel untethered, shaken, like our normal has disappeared. Our normal HAS in fact disappeared, and we are left, often alone with our confused thoughts and emotions, to regain and rebuild a new normal. Many attempt this feat on their own. It is quite an impossible task, and should not be attempted in solitude, but rather in companionship. As Esa Einai, Psalm 121 states, in our moment of shock or trauma, we look upwards- we are falling. Where is our help? It is from our Creator. It is from that which is greater than ourselves. It is from God.

How do we access this kind of Jewish spiritual grounding we are desperately in need of? The first step is recognizing we are in a free fall, and this may take some time to notice on our own. Thankfully our village of family and friends, and yes, our synagogue family and clergy are here to gently guide you into awareness.

And still, where do we go when we need this kind of help? Certainly, we might see a therapist (hopefully so!). Yet, when we are reaching for something greater, it is pastoral care and counseling that becomes a rich, deep, meaningful journey of healing, and of rebuilding. This is where your clergy come in. Yes, clergy, as in rabbi AND cantor. Many folks may not know that there are lots of cantors deeply invested in pastoral care as one of the cornerstones of their cantorate. I am one of those cantors, and I am deeply invested in you.

In lighter terms "yes, cantors ALSO do pastoral care!"

In moments that shake you to your core, I am here for you as a companion, a guide, and a vessel. I am here to hear you, and as a vessel I am here to help you connect to processing, rebuilding, and repair through a Jewish lens. This is a sacred and holy task I take most seriously. Whether sitting together in moments of grieving, in moments of transition, in moments that seemed ordinary but somehow beyond our control became dis-ordered, I hope that you'll reach for the phone and find me.

No, I do not compare myself to the help that is Divine, that comes down from the heavens as our Creator; and at the same time, when we sit together in these moments of pastoral guidance, often times God becomes a part of the discourse and settles in the middle of the relationship we are building. As you continue on your journey, there are many forms the Great Creator may take as your companion, whether you notice it or not. The opening to this path begins with pastoral presence and guidance.

We do not know each other well yet, and so it is easy to reach for the familiar, rather than the unfamiliar or unknown. This too, is so normal for us. We are human, fallible, and we do not like to move into unknown territory. When we take that step into that dark unknown, we can discover light, and beauty and sacred relationships that evolve out of the darkest of moments. Psalm 23, one of the most famous of all one hundred and fifty psalms describes the deep bonds that form out of the depths of blackness we move in.

גַּם כִּי־אֵלֶךְ בְּגִיא צִלְמוֹת לֹא־אֵירָא רֹעַ כִּי־אַתָּה עִמָּדִי שִׁבְטְךָ וּמִשְׁעַנְתְּךָ
הִמָּה יִנְחָמֵנִי:

Though I walk through a valley of deepest darkness,^b

I fear no harm, for You [Divine One, Companion] are with me;

Your rod and Your staff—they comfort me.....Psalm 23:4

Please know you are never alone. Rabbi Adam and I are here to be with you in the range of your life experiences, high and low. I am so grateful to have found such a supportive rabbinic partner to allow me to share in the holy work of pastoral care.

Rabbi Harold Kushner offers this interpretation of Psalm 23. "In this brief psalm we receive "an entire theology, more practical than we can find in many books. [The psalmist] teaches us to look at the world and see it as God would have us see it. Most of all, if we feel alone and adrift in a friendless world, it offers us the priceless reassurance that "Thou art with me."

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Thank you for the sacred privilege you have bestowed upon me, as your interim cantor. I pray and hope that we might create sacred bonds not only through shared prayer and music, but through pastoral presence and care. I pray that these bonds will grow to become less interim, and more permanent, creating deep and lasting relationships over many years to come.

To schedule with me please visit calendly.com/cantorladesnik_templemanuelmd I'd love to get to know you better.

Cantor's Class

Running all year long, every other Thursday at 12pm, in HaMakom beginning in October. We will study what Cantor Adesnik calls the "three M's:" Mindful Awareness, Meditation, and Music; learning how to embrace the impermanence of everyday life, and about what it means to "wake up" to the beauty of an imperfect and fallible humanity and world. Each session is stand alone, so please come as often as your schedule allows! In person only, no rsvp required.

10/23

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12/18

from the President

As we transition from summer into the crisp days of early fall, I find myself filled with a profound sense of optimism about our Temple Emanuel community. This past year has been one of significant transition—we said goodbye to our beloved Dianne and welcomed our new Executive Director, Alissa Miller, and we've been blessed with the energy and talent of our interim cantor, Lauren Adesnik. Through these changes, what has emerged most clearly is the resilience and warmth of our Temple Emanuel family.



The High Holy Days are upon us, giving us a wonderful opportunity to build momentum through our rich fall programming. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur call us to personal reflection and renewal, but this sacred work happens within the embrace of our community. When we gather to hear the shofar's call or share in the solemnity of Kol Nidre, we're reminded that our individual journeys toward teshuvah are strengthened by the bonds we share.

This fall has already brought us two extraordinary Friday night services. Our Labor Day service welcomed union leaders Doreen Greenwald, President of NTEU, and David Stein, President of MCEA, who shared powerful insights about the dignity of work. At our Board Installation service, we were privileged to host Ahmed Fouad Alkhatib, who leads Realign For Palestine through the Atlantic Council. Ahmed's story—growing up in Gaza City, immigrating to the United States, and founding an organization committed to a two-nation solution through nonviolence and radical pragmatism—offered our community a unique perspective on one of the most complex issues of our time. The thoughtful Q&A dinner that followed, moderated by Rabbi Rosenwasser, created exactly the kind of open dialogue our mission calls us to foster.

We're also deepening our engagement with Israel/Palestine issues through our monthly book club, which launches with "The Gates of Gaza," and our ongoing speaker series. These programs create space for nuanced, respectful dialogue while honoring diverse viewpoints within our community. Our commitment to community care extends beyond the sanctuary walls. Through our newly established Flax/Adler HOPE Fund, we're providing \$1,000 grants to Temple members who have lost their jobs due to federal government or federal government-adjacent cuts. This represents our values in action—supporting our neighbors during uncertain times.

Looking ahead to the High Holy Days, I encourage each of you to find new ways to connect with our Temple family. Whether it's joining our book club, participating in a social action project, or simply reaching out to a fellow member, every connection enriches our community.

As we prepare to welcome 5786, I'm filled with gratitude for the resilience, wisdom, and caring that define Temple Emanuel. May this be a year of continued growth and meaningful engagement.

Shana Tova U'metukah—wishing you all a good and sweet new year.

Andrew Stavisky
Temple President

DO YOU LOVE THEATER? Our region has some wonderful regional production companies that put on excellent plays and musicals, many with Jewish themes.

Join Rabbi Adam Rosenwasser, Cantor Lauren Adesnik, their spouses, and fellow congregants at the performance. You purchase tickets to the show yourself and RSVP that you intend to join the group. Then, the Tuesday after the show, join our clergy at noon at Temple Emanuel for a lunch and learn (bring your own lunch) where we will process and discuss the show together.

RSVP: temd.shulcloud.com/form/Cultural-Art-Series

Mother Play @ Studio Theater

Sunday, 11/16 7pm

Feedback session: Tuesday 11/18

Fiddler on the Roof @ Signature Theater

Saturday, 12/13 8pm

Feedback session: Tuesday 12/16

Meet our new Director of Youth Engagement

We are excited that Tal joined our Temple Emanuel family this September as our new Shaliach and Director of Youth Engagement!

Tal is serving as the advisor to our KESTY youth groups, oversees our madrichol (teen assistant) program, and teaches in our Religious School. As a member of our Senior Staff, he is also helping us create dynamic and meaningful programming centered on Israel, his experiences growing up Israeli, and his personal interests. There will be plenty of opportunities to meet Tal throughout the fall — and we can't wait for you to get to know him.

Tal brings a remarkable background to this role: from volunteering with Holocaust survivors and serving in the IDF, to working as a veterinary assistant. This past summer was his fifth summer at URJ Crane Lake Camp in Massachusetts, where he gained deep experience working with American Reform Jewish youth. Tal is eager to bring his creativity, warmth, and leadership to our community.



As we welcome Tal, we are still looking for community members to help him settle into life in the DMV. Whether it's helping set up his apartment, navigating logistical tasks, or inviting him to a Shabbat dinner or holiday celebration, your support will make a big difference. If you'd like to lend a hand, please sign up at tinyurl.com/shaliachtal or contact Lisa White, Kehilla Coordinator at kehilla@templeemanuelmd.org.

We're grateful to all who made this transition possible — especially the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and the Jewish Agency for Israel for their continued partnership in bringing the *shlichut* program to life.

Board of Education Social Committee Events:

A brewery event for families is planned in November, stay tuned for details!

Coffee Walks during TE Religious School: • October 5

• November 2

• December 7

Empty Nesters Events

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.



RSVP temd.shulcloud.com/form/empty-nesters-fall-events-2025.html

Happy Hour at Dish and Dram Friday, October 24th, 5:30pm followed by 7:30pm Erev Shabbat Service at TE
RSVP by 10/17/25

Jewish Adventures in Baltimore Sunday, November 16th, 10am

Join us at the Jewish Museum of Maryland where we will start with a private tour of the historic synagogues and their current Modernisms exhibit. After lunch from Attman's Delicatessen, we will have time for exploring the rest of the museum on our own. RSVP by 11/7/25

Holiday Volunteering at A Wider Circle Saturday December 13th (Time TBD)

Every December, A Wider Circle opens its Winter Wonderland Shop, where parents can select gifts for their children. We will be helping to staff the shop and wrap up gifts as they are selected. Please join us as we help to make the holidays a bit brighter for local families in need. RSVP by 12/5/25

Women of Reform Judaism

Temple Emanuel's Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ)/Sisterhood welcomes you to our activities this year. Membership in WRJ is a great way to get to know women of different ages and backgrounds through our annual retreat, monthly drop-in MahJong games, Membership dinners, Women's Seder, 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 if you're currently not a member. Please contact Lucia Saperstein, our Vice President for membership: lmsapertstein@gmail.com

READ ON AND LEARN ABOUT SOME OF WHAT WRJ HAS IN STORE FOR THE COMING YEAR.

Join us on October 3rd for a **WRJ Shabbat Service**. Just after the High Holidays, WRJ members will be leading the Weekly Shabbat Service. Come and celebrate Shabbat with us!

Sunday Morning Monthly Mahjong. We have switched our Mahjong time to Sunday mornings at the Temple. Don't know how to play Mahjong? Come learn! 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. Keep an eye on the Grapevine for dates.

The **Bagel Table** is being "reincarnated" and will now be part of the newly created "WRJ Bagel Cafe." Come join us in the library for bagels, coffee, and companionship. 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 HERE TO HELP US STAFF 2025-2026 BAGEL TABLE! www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4DA9AE28A1F94-57942214-bagel#/

Creative Crafts, second and fourth Wednesdays of the month - Join others to do your favorite craft at 2pm in the Adult Ed room - men are welcome. Please contact Sandi Marsden at smar1020@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!

Havdallah and a performance of "Too Fat for China" on December 6th in coordination with the Director Congregational Learning. See a preview. www.youtube.com/watch?v=E0g1-tuoMks&t=1s

Rosh Chodesh, Periodically throughout the year, on a Sunday morning members engage in a brief service and a discussion about a specific topic.

Women's Retreat, January 9-11. Join us in Kent Narrows, MD, for a weekend of learning, singing, bonding, and connecting with other TE women. This outing is always a highlight of our year, so mark your calendars now and be on the lookout for information in the fall. New "Retreaters" will be given \$50 off of the cost of the retreat.

WRJ holds its **Monthly WRJ meetings** on the third Wednesday evening of every month beginning at 7pm. Join us and learn more about what WRJ is doing.

Lisa Reff and Jennifer Mann Fields
Co-Presidents WRJ

HAVDALLAH AND PERFORMANCE BY PHOEBE POTTS

TOO FAT FOR CHINA follows Phoebe Potts, comic storyteller and professional Jew, as she tries, fails and eventually succeeds to adopt a baby. After a US adoption goes horribly wrong, Potts finds herself surprised, disgusted and ultimately resigned to the role she plays as a middle class white lady in the business of adopting babies in the US and internationally. Potts' tragicomic journey is about looking for more love, more life and more family and will do anything to get it, including having her morals and values fold in on themselves.

Saturday December 6, 6:00pm, Desserts and Drinks, \$25/person
co-sponsored by WRJ

Phoebe will also join us Friday December 5th at the Erev Shabbat Service.

RSVP temd.shulcloud.com/form/PhoebePottsDec6



MEMBER UPDATES

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Jose Alfaro & Jessica Rosenberg
Ethan Alpern & Meredith Sheren
Janice Blum
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Andrew Cohen & Raechel Banks
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Rabbi Seth and Marsha Bernstein and Jana Sharp on the death of their son and brother, Michael Bernstein
Abbey Borkin on the death of her father, Harvey Borkin

Family of Dorothy Goodman
Rosalind Greenberg on the death of her husband Nathaniel Greenberg
Nate Herman on the death of his sister, Carolyn Herman
Adam Landsman on the death of his father, Steven Landsman
Phil Magenheimer on the death of his sister, Donna Magenheimer
Lori Russell on the death of her son, Jonathan Russell
Allan Shemer on the death of his brother, Sheldon Shemer
Rabbi Emeritus Warren Stone on the death of his sister, Teva Benshlomo
Linda Wolpert on the death of her mother, Carolyn Goldman

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Thank you!



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highlights personal stories from those who have been moved by their experiences at TE and have generously supported the Temple, helping sustain it and ensure it will be here for all of us for years to come.

BUILDING A VIRTUAL COMMUNITY—Written by Carolyn Hirschman

If you've ever attended a High Holy Day service, Shabbat service, or B'nei Mitzvah service online from Temple Emanuel, you can thank Rob Katz and the Technology Committee. Rob revived streaming from the sanctuary, widening attendance to people who cannot come to events in person. "We can have a community, even without being in the temple," notes Rob, a self-described techie who lives in North Bethesda. It all began during the pandemic. After attending online services at New York City's Central Synagogue, Rob wanted to bring that experience to Temple Emanuel, where he's been a member for 14 years, starting when his son Samuel, now 17, attended the Early Childhood Center. In fall 2020, Rob and other members figured out what equipment was needed and, at no cost to the temple, they prerecorded Rabbi Adam and Cantor Lindsay leading High Holy Day services in an empty sanctuary. "As a community, we could now experience services together virtually at our temple," Rob recalls. Later the team frequently live-streamed services from the Mark Mann Pavilion and the homes of Rabbi Adam, Cantor Lindsay, lay leaders, and B'nei Mitzvah families. "We could reach out to people who we couldn't reach before," says Rob, including those at home, traveling, or living out of town. Using permanent mounted cameras, soundboards, and phones for extra visual angles, the Tech Committee now streams Shabbat and holiday services, B'nei Mitzvah, and occasional funerals. "This has always been a dedicated team effort for the betterment of our Temple Community," Rob says. "It's satisfying and meaningful to continue this service today and into the future."



If you would like to share your own "Heart of Emanuel" story or would like to nominate another congregant, please reach out to Mollie Katz at financialsec@templeemanuelmd.org.

HOW YOU CAN GIVE FROM THE HEART TODAY—temd.shulcloud.com/payment.php

Flax / Adler HOPE Fund

This fund was established to provide cash grants to members who have lost their jobs due to federal government lay-offs. It is a way to directly support fellow congregants who are struggling because of the lay offs. To ensure this Fund continues in the future, please go to the Temple Emanuel website and select the "Donate" button, or mail in a check with a notation that it is intended for the "HOPE Fund."

Information about the confidential process will be forthcoming.

Chai Collective

The Chai Collective is a monthly giving circle of members who make automatic gifts in multiples of \$18 to support the life - the Chai - of Temple Emanuel. The funds support the general operating fund, which pays for ritual programming, our inclusion coordinator, projects by our Israeli shaliach, and much more. To join, go to temd.shulcloud.com/form/TempleEmanuelChaiCollective or contact Martha Hirschfield at marthatemd@gmail.com with any questions.

Sustaining Commitments


Supporting the Temple by meeting or exceeding the Sustaining Commitment level each year is one of the best ways you can safeguard our congregation's financial health.

While we are so pleased with the strong showing of some families who increased or exceeded the sustaining commitment level. We have more work to do in increasing pledges to meet our budgetary needs

Please contact Alissa Miller at amiller@templeemanuelmd.org to increase your pledge — even a few hundred dollars can make a difference! Payments can be automated and spread out throughout the year to make them manageable. Don't forget end-of-year contributions, which are tax deductible.

As you are thinking of your financial planning, please consider Planned Giving to Temple Emanuel, as well as contributions to the Warren G. Stone Rabbinic Endowment. For those who receive RMDs, consider the tremendous tax benefits of donating tax-deductible contributions in this way. Reach out to Alissa Miller at amiller@templeemanuelmd.org. Go to: www.templeemanuelmd.org/about/support-us/warren-g-stone-rabbinic-endowment-fund/

October 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Kol Nidre—Building/ TEECC Closes at 1pm 7:30pm Kol Nidre	2 Yom Kippur 8:45am Family Service @ Kensington Cabin Park 10am Yom Kippur Service 1pm Yom Kippur Discussion 2:30pm KESTY Afternoon Service 4pm Yom Kippur Healing Service 5pm Yizkor 5:45pm Neilah 6:30pm Break the Fast	3 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Service	4 9am Torah Study
	5 8:30am Kol Ruach & WRJ Bagel Table 9am Religious School (PreK-7) 9am Sukkah Set-Up 9:30am BOE Coffee Walk 9:30am Adult BM Class 10am Mah Jong 12:15pm KESTY Katan, 345, J Events 7pm KESTY Board Meeting (Online)	6 Erev Sukkot 6pm Pizza in the Hut 6:30pm Sukkot Festival Service	7 Sukkot—Building/ TEECC Closed 10am Sukkot Festival Service @ TE	8 Sukkot 2pm Crafts & Conversation 6pm Brotherhood Kick-Off Dinner 7pm Membership Committee (Virtual)	9 Sukkot 6pm ECC Staff Meeting	10 Sukkot 6:30pm New Member Shabbat Dinner 7:30pm Erev Shabbat Service— Sukkot Under the Stars
11 Sukkot 9am Torah Study 10am Simchat Shabbat—PreK & K Consecration 3pm Sukkot Open House at Rabbi Adam's	12 Sukkot 8:30am Kol Ruach & WRJ Bagel Table 9am Religious School (K-7) 9:30am Adult BM Class 12:15pm Teen Training	13 Simchat Torah 6:30pm Simchat Torah Service	14 Building/TEECC Closed 10am Simchat Torah Festival Service @ Temple Sinai	15 7pm WRJ Meeting (Virtual)	16 7pm Board of Trustees	17 6:30pm Erev Shabbat—Purple Shabbat
18 9am Torah Study 10am Shabbat Service and Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Demner 5pm Bibles and Brews @ BabyCat	19	20	21 7:30pm Kol Zimrah Rehearsal	22 2pm Crafts & Conversation	23 12pm Cantor's Class	24 5:30pm Tot Shabbat 5:30pm Empty Nesters Happy Hour @ Dish and Dram 7:30pm Erev Shabbat Service
25 9am Torah Study 10am Shalom Shabbat 11:30am Book Club Discussion	26 8:30am Kol Ruach & WRJ Bagel Table 9am Religious School 3pm TEECC Fall Festival	27	28 5:30pm Confirmation 7:30pm KESTY Opening Bonfire 7:30pm Kol Zimrah Rehearsal	29	30	31 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Service

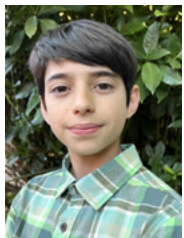
November 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
BIBLES & BREWS Saturday 10/18 5pm @ BabyCat Brewery Saturday 11/15 5pm @ BabyCat Brewery Sunday 12/14 5pm @ Knowles Station Join Rabbi Adam Rosenwasser and Reverend Joey Heath-Mason, Associate Pastor at St. Paul's United Methodist Church.						1 9am Torah Study 10am Shabbat Service and B'nei Mitzvah of Emily Kallens & Jonah Abrams
2 8:30am Kol Ruach & WRJ Bagel Table 9am Religious School (PreK-7) 9:30am BOE Coffee Walk 9:30am Adult BM Class 7pm KESTY Board Meeting (Online)	3	4 5:30pm Confirmation 7:30pm Kol Zimrah Rehearsal	5 7pm Brotherhood Board Meeting	6 12pm Cantor's Class 7pm Executive Committee	7 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Service—Nefesh Mountain	8 6th Grade Family Retreat (Day 1 of 2) 9am Torah Study 10am Simchat Shabbat—Grades 4 & 5—Camp Shabbat
9 All Day: 6th Grade Family Retreat (Day 2 of 2) 8:30am Kol Ruach & WRJ Bagel Table 9am Religious School (K-7) 9:30am Adult BM Class 10:15am Adult Learning Session	10 7pm CSAC Meeting	11 5:30pm Confirmation 6pm ECC Staff Meeting 7:30pm Kol Zimrah Rehearsal	12 2pm Crafts & Conversation 7pm Membership Committee (Virtual)	13	14 5:30pm Tot Shabbat 7:30pm Erev Shabbat Service with a blessing for veterans	15 9am Torah Study 10am Shabbat Service and B'nei Mitzvah of Ethan Blake & Vanessa Hyman 5pm Bibles and Brews @ BabyCat
16 8:30am Kol Ruach & WRJ Bagel Table 9am Religious School (K-7) 9:30am Adult BM Class 10am Empty Nesters Jewish Adventures in Baltimore 10am Mah Jong 12:15pm Teen Training 7pm Mother Play @ Studio Theatre	17	18 12pm Cultural Art Series Feedback Session 5:30pm Confirmation 7:30pm KESTY Lounge Night 7:30pm Kol Zimrah Rehearsal	19 7pm WRJ Meeting (Virtual)	20 12pm Cantor's Class 7pm Board of Trustees	21 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Service	22 5th Grade Family Retreat (Day 1 of 2) 9am Torah Study 10am Shalom Shabbat 11:30am Book Club Discussion
23 5th Grade Family Retreat (Day 2 of 2) 8:30am Kol Ruach & WRJ Bagel Table 9am Religious School (K-7) 9:30am Adult BM Class 7pm KESTY Board Meeting (Online)	24	25 5:30pm Confirmation 7:30pm Kol Zimrah Rehearsal	26 Building/TEECC Closed	27 Building/TEECC Closed	28 Building/TEECC Closed 7:30pm Erev Shabbat Service (Zoom)	29 9am Torah Study
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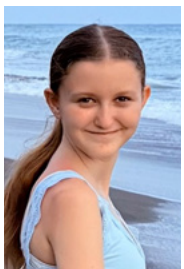
December 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 5:30pm Confirmation 7:30pm Kol Zimrah Rehearsal	3 7pm Brotherhood Annual Dinner	4 12pm Cantor's Class 7pm Executive Committee	5 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Service with Guest Speaker Phoebe Potts	6 9am Torah Study 10am Shabbat Service and Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Berman 6pm Havdallah with Phoebe Potts
7 8:30am Kol Ruach & WRJ Bagel Table 9am Religious School (K-7) 9:30am BOE Coffee Walk 9:30am Adult BM Class 10am Mah Jong	8 7pm CSAC Meeting	9 5:30pm Confirmation 7:30pm Kol Zimrah Rehearsal	10 2pm Crafts & Conversation 7pm Membership Committee (Virtual)	11	12 ECC Closed – Professional Development 6:30pm Global Mitzvah Shabbat Dinner 7:30pm Erev Shabbat Service	13 9am Torah Study 10am Shabbat Service and Bat Mitzvah of Zoe Lerner Empty Nesters Holiday Volunteering A Wider Circle 7pm KESTY Chanukah Lock In 8pm Fiddler on the Roof @ Signature Theater
14 Teen Training 8:30am Kol Ruach & WRJ Bagel Table 9am Religious School (K-7) 9:30am Adult BM Class 9:30am Israel Engagement Brunch 10am Mah Jong 5pm Bibles and Brews @ Knowles Station	15 Chanukah	16 Chanukah 12pm Cultural Arts Series Feedback Session 5:30pm Confirmation 7:30pm Kol Zimrah Rehearsal	17 Chanukah 7pm WRJ Meeting (Virtual)	18 Chanukah 12pm Cantor's Class 7pm Board of Trustees	19 Chanukah 9:30am Ta'am Shel Shabbat 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Chanukah with Menorah Lighting	20 Chanukah 9am Torah Study 10am Simchat Shabbat – 3rd Grade 6:30pm Pajama Havdallah
21 Chanukah 8:30am Kol Ruach & WRJ Bagel Table 9am Religious School (PreK-7) Chanukah Celebration 9:30am Adult BM Class	22 Chanukah	23 7:30pm Kol Zimrah Rehearsal	24 Building/TEECC Closed	25 Building/TEECC Closed	26 Building/TEECC Closed 7:30pm Erev Shabbat Service (Zoom)	27 9am Torah Study
28	29	30 Building/TEECC Closed	31 Building/TEECC Closed			

2025 B'NEI MITZVAH



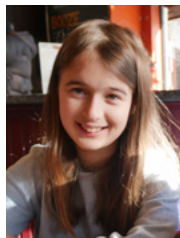
JONAH LEVY ABRAMS is a seventh grader at Earle B Wood Middle School in Rockville, where he is a straight-A student. He is an avid reader with a love of history - he'll tell you everything you need to know about the Punic Wars or Napoleon, and is also a writer, having self-published his own stories and comics. Jonah is also active in the performing arts, attending theater classes and participating in dance competitions along with his sister. He is fluent in Russian as well as English, is learning French in school, and has enjoyed learning to read Hebrew for his Bar Mitzvah.



EMILY KALLENS is a 7th grader at North Bethesda Middle School. Her favorite subject is history. Outside of school, she has been a competitive dancer for over four years focusing on lyrical, jazz and acro. Her dance team won a national championship this past summer. For her Mitzvah Project she is running a clothing and toy drive for the Wider Circle in Silver Spring, Maryland. She is excited to join her friends and family as she is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah.



ZOE LERNER is a seventh grader at North Bethesda Middle School. In her free time, she loves to play soccer, swim, and do craft projects. Her favorite subject is English and she wants to be an author when she grows up. Zoe also likes to travel and go on hikes. Her love of soccer led her to volunteer with Open Door Sports for her Mitzvah Project. She has been working as a peer buddy to help kids with special needs learn to play soccer and other sports. Zoe is looking forward to her Bat Mitzvah in December.



VANESSA HYMAN is a 7th grader at Eastern MS. In her free time, she enjoys reading, playing cello, and biking. For her Mitzvah Project, she crocheted scarves for veterans and people currently serving in the military.



ZACHARY DEMNER is a seventh grader at Newport Mill Middle School. In his free time he enjoys watching funny movies and videos, playing pickleball and golf and Minecraft. Because of his love of animals, for his Mitzvah Project, Zach volunteered at Stargazing Farm, an animal sanctuary that cares for hurt and mistreated farm animals. He also is working to raise money for the farm by selling smoothies. He is excited to celebrate his Bar Mitzvah with his friends and family.



HANNAH BERMAN is a 7th grader at Eastern Middle School in the Humanities Magnet Program. She enjoys drawing, reading, and trying to keep her plants alive. For her Mitzvah Project, Hannah is collecting acorns that will be grown into oak trees and planted all over Maryland. Hannah is excited to celebrate her bat mitzvah with friends and family.



ETHAN BLAKE is a 7th grader at North Bethesda Middle School. He is entering his fourth year playing the trumpet in band and looks forward to another year in the North Bethesda Ski Club. Outside of school, he competes on a travel baseball team and also enjoys soccer. For his Mitzvah Project, Ethan volunteered as a peer buddy through Open Door Sports to help kids with special needs to be able to play soccer.

SHEPHERD'S PIE COLLECTION for SOME

Temple Emanuel has a long standing relationship with So Others Might Eat (SOME) in Washington DC. Since 1970, SOME has been a care provider and a beacon of hope to residents in our Nation's Capital.

HOW IT WORKS:

- 1) Members can make one or more Shepherd's Pies.** SOME asks that we follow their exact recipe in 13x9 pans for consistency. FREE 13x9 aluminum pans can be picked up in the TE office with copies of the recipe; it is also online here: www.templeemanuelmd.org/some/
- 2) Bring your pre-cooked Shepherd's Pie to the office:** Friday 10/10, Monday 10/13 or Wednesday 10/15, 10-3. As always, please bring everything bagged and ready for the freezer.
- 3) Nancy Hull will drive it down to SOME in DC**

Please email Nancy Hull if you are interested in cooking for this program. Nehull823@gmail.com. (301) 633-6924

Thank you

Your help with this mitzvah is greatly needed and truly appreciated!

KENSINGTON LABOR DAY PARADE

It was an absolutely gorgeous day for members and staff of Temple Emanuel to march in the annual Labor Day Parade. The town was filled with many thousands of people, lined along the parade streets, and the group of congregants who marched were pleased with the extremely warm and enthusiastic response from onlookers. TE volunteers handed out candy to children along the route, and were given program brochures at our booth set up during the festival. Keep your eyes peeled for next year's sign-up, as we hope to increase the number of marchers at next year's parade, as it was both enjoyable and so important to represent the temple at this community day. Children are especially encouraged to participate, as they can ride bikes or strollers, and older kids can hand out candy from the congregation along the parade route.



ART IN HAMAKOM: 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 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. For more information, please contact the main office to be connected with Lori Gordon.

Doni Zasloff and Eric Lindberg, creators of the Nefesh Mountain Band, will lead our Erev Shabbat Service Friday, Nov 7 at 6:30pm with Rabbi Adam and Cantor Lauren. Their unique and beautiful bluegrass and folk-style of Jewish music will enhance our worship.



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! Learn more on our website: www.templeemanuelmd.org/about/accessibility-and-inclusion/

Contact Kim Hughes, Director of Learning Inclusion, if you have any questions or ideas. inclusion@templeemanuelmd.org

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Many Voices. One Conversation

A Book Club about Israelis and Palestinians

We know there are many opinions within our community surrounding Israel. We hope that by reading and discussing books from a variety of perspectives that we will be able to strengthen and challenge our assumptions and broaden our knowledge base. While we strongly encourage you to read each book, you may also attend the book club on a "drop-in" basis.

The book club will meet on Saturday mornings following our Shalom Shabbat service from 11:30am-12:30pm. We invite you to join us for the morning which will begin with Torah Study from 9am-10am, our Shalom Shabbat Service 10am-11:15am, bagels at 11:15am, book discussion 11:30am-12:30pm.

In-person only - no virtual or streaming option.

9/27 *The Gates of Gaza* by Amir Tibon

10/25 *A Trumpet in the Wadi* by Sami Michael

11/22 *A day in the life of Abed Salama* by Nathan Thrall

1/24 *Songs for the Brokenhearted* by Ayelet Tsabari

2/28 *The hundred years war on Palestine* by Rashid Khalidi

3/28 *The War of Return* by Adi Schwartz and Einat Wilf

4/25 *Like Dreamers* by Yossi Klein Halevi