

# KOL KORE

The Newsletter of Temple Emanuel Kensington, Maryland



## PURIM *celebrations*



### **FAMILY CARNIVAL**—Sunday March 1, 9-11:30am

Temple Emanuel will once again transform for our annual Purim Carnival. We'll begin the morning together with our family-friendly shpiel, and afterward the celebration will continue with games, treats, and activities throughout the building. While the theme is still to come, we promise a morning full of fun, color, and community.

Hamentaschen and other goodies will be served. Please bring a box of pasta which can serve as a grogger and a donation to Manna Food Center. Purchase carnival tickets in advance! \$18/person, max \$40/family (Tickets not required for the shpiel)

### **ADULT SHPIEL WITH MIZMOR L'SHABBAT BAND**—

Monday March 2, 7pm  
Join us for an adult evening of parody and megillah reading. Our musical shpiel that will certainly entertain, surprise, and shock! Strictly 21 and up, so get a babysitter and enjoy an amazing night out! No RSVP required.

# from the Rabbi

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As I write this column, Israel and Gaza are committed to upholding the ceasefire even though Hamas is in violation of it by not returning the bodies of the 3 remaining hostages. We pray that the fighting will not resume and that Israelis and Palestinians alike will find a way forward after the horrors of the past 2+ years.

I believe one way we can contribute to a better future for all those in the region is by continuing to lean in and to educate ourselves about the complexities and nuances of the conflict. One way to do this is by opening ourselves up to different perspectives.



This year, we have tried to do that by starting our Israelis and Palestinians book club. So far, we have read and discussed three books- The Gates of Gaza, A Trumpet in the Wadi, and most recently A Day in the Life of Abed Salama. Each book has presented unique and challenging viewpoints on Israel/Palestine. I personally found A Day in the Life of Abed Salama to be an incredibly complicated and upsetting read. It follows the true story of a bus crash in the West Bank about a dozen years ago that led to the deaths of several Palestinian children and their teachers. Israel took much too long to respond to the accident and the complex labyrinth and bureaucracy of walls and bypass roads and assumptions and hate did not help. But there were small glimpses of hope throughout the book too; a refusal to seek revenge, limited Israeli-Palestinian cooperation, many voices raising up the accident and working towards fixing the roads and the laws and the systems.

Often, the Israeli/Palestinian conflict feels like it will never end. And I do not know what the best solution is. But I do know that if we disengage or throw up our hands, we aren't doing anybody any favors.

As Jews, we have a responsibility both towards the more than 50% of Jews who live in Israel and towards their neighbors. We need to do our best to support peacebuilding efforts that the future might be brighter both there and here.

If you have other ideas about how we can learn more about the conflict or want to get involved or just want to chat with me about it, please reach out! I look forward to engaging more with you in the months and years to come.

Rabbi Adam Rosenwasser

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## HIGH HOLY DAYS RECAP

The High Holy Day observances at Temple Emanuel were musically rich, spiritually uplifting, and full of community and connection. Our young families celebrated with services in the park, with our newest shofar blowers as a particular highlight. Our KESTY teens designed and delivered services on both holidays, and hundreds of congregant families observed in the sanctuary, with active participation by the choir, committee members, the Board of Trustees, and other honorees. Yom Kippur's beautiful Neilah service, final shofar blow, and community break-the-fast were the perfect conclusion to the Days of Awe.



# from the Cantor

## Jewish Spiritual Direction: Discover the Surprising and Divine moments in your everyday life

A Teaching from Reb Nachman of Breslov:

*“Even during a concealment within a concealment, Hashem, blessed be God, is certainly there. Also behind all the difficult things that come before you, I stand.”*



Do you move through each day as a rote routine? Are there times when you feel distant from your life, and you cannot understand why? Jewish Spiritual Direction can help you notice and appreciate moments of holiness, to maintain an awareness of the interconnectedness of all things and to explore ways to be open to God, and/or that which is greater in your everyday life as well as in your elevated moments- both joyful and in sorrow.

As a Jewish Spiritual Director, I sit with a directee as a vessel to something greater than ourselves. The goal is not to fix problems or solve life's existential questions. Rather, it is to cultivate an experiential faith; faith in something we cannot see- that is hidden but always present, as Rav Nachman describes in the above teaching.

Sometimes our time together is mostly silent, and sometimes it is filled with questions, reflection, and sacred listening. My part as a sacred vessel is to elevate and reflect back your thoughts and words into a discernment of how the divine is showing up in your life, where you might be missing those sacred moments, and to develop an awareness of something greater that is always present in your work life, home life, various communities.

Jewish Spiritual Direction is a fantastic model of self-care. It is not therapy or pastoral care. Rather, it is a sacred space to sit together once a month to witness the everyday and broader miracles of life. It is time to restore your soul so that you can re-enter your daily world refreshed and supported by your concept of that which is greater than ourselves. If you are interested in exploring this transformative practice, please email me at [ladesnik@templeemanuelmd.org](mailto:ladesnik@templeemanuelmd.org) I can't wait to accompany you on your incredible journey into yourself and into the world around you.

Cantor Lauren Adesnik

### CANTOR'S CLASS—Thursdays

at 12pm in HaMakom (In person only)

Study the “three M’s.” Mindful Awareness, Meditation, and Music. We will learn 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. Everyone is invited to bring a writing instrument and their favorite paper or journal.

This course will run as a stand-alone class on the following dates: 1/8, 1/22, 2/5, 2/19, 3/5, 3/19, 4/9, 4/23, 5/7, 5/21, 6/4, 6/18. No RSVP required.

### CULTURAL ARTS SERIES

Do you love theater? We do as well! Join Rabbi Adam and Cantor Lauren for four shows during the course of the year. Participants purchase the tickets to the shows they want to attend themselves, and then fill out this form so we know to expect you (and you will be contacted closer to the date with meet-up details). Join us at noon on the Tuesday following the show for a feedback session where we will process and discuss the show together. The two shows remaining in the series are:

Stereophonic @ National Theater

Sunday 2/15 at 7:30pm

Feedback session: Tuesday 2/17

Save the date for Suffs @ National Theater Sunday 6/21

at 7:30pm; Feedback session: Tuesday 6/23

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# from the President

## Closing the Gap—Together

At Yom Kippur, I spoke about Temple Emanuel's financial picture and our shared responsibility to sustain this sacred community. I want to offer a brief update—and a heartfelt thank you.

As I shared then, our budget for this fiscal year (FY26) includes a projected deficit of about \$128,000, or roughly three percent of our overall operations. That gap is the result of a few familiar challenges: modest declines in membership, religious school, and ECC enrollment, and expenses that continue to rise faster than pledges. Like all households, we're feeling the impact of inflation on staffing, utilities, insurance, maintenance, and security.



And yet, what stands out most is not the deficit—it's the response. Since Yom Kippur, our community has contributed more than \$48,000 toward Temple priorities, including about \$20,000 directly to the operating budget. Others have joined or increased their gifts to the Chai Collective, supported the Endowment, donated to the HOPE Fund and to other Temple initiatives. That generosity has been both humbling and energizing. It reminds me that when our community understands the need, it steps up—every time.

Still, this is just the beginning. Our "Close the Gap" plan includes spending reductions that preserve program quality, renewed outreach to new and returning members, expanded facility rentals, and targeted fundraising—including a Temple-wide fundraising event planned for April 2026. We're also strengthening our long-term financial base through the endowment and planned-giving.

Temple Emanuel has faced financial challenges before, and each time, we've emerged stronger—because we face them together. Thank you for your trust, your generosity, and your belief in what this congregation means to all of us.

With gratitude,

Andrew Stavisky  
Temple President

## TEMPLE EMANUEL GLOBAL MITZVAH PROJECT SOCKHOP 2.0 Concert FUNdraiser

Featuring The Rock-A-Sonics

Co-sponsored by WRJ and Brotherhood

Saturday February 7, 7-9:30

Light snacks, desserts, and both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included

Proceeds support the ongoing program of micro-grants by the Global Mitzvah Project to fight poverty and injustice around the world!

Tickets: 1/\$25 Family/\$40

Various sponsorship levels available if received before February 1st.

RSVP

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## SAVE THE DATE FOR TEMPLE'S GOT TALENT— Saturday April 18

Calling all talented congregants! Sign-ups coming soon for a temple-wide talent show and fundraising event, with proceeds going to help Close the Gap between our operating budget and projected deficit. Keep your eyes peeled for more details as we get closer to the date.

## ISRAELIS AND PALESTINIANS— A SHABBAT BOOK CLUB—Saturdays 11:30-1pm

As the conflict in Israel and Palestine rages on, we feel the need to lean in, to keep educating ourselves and to read books which challenge, inspire, and motivate us to help create a better future for those in the region and for ourselves.

Please come prepared to discuss the following books, directly following the Shabbat Service and bagel kiddush:

- 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

# from the Director of Congregational Learning

At Temple Emanuel, we know that learning doesn't only happen in our classrooms. It happens in many places and at many times—especially when we step outside and experience the world together. One way that we embrace this opportunity is through our 4th and 6th Grade nature retreats. Research tells us that learning in nature is both powerful and lasting. When students and families join together in a natural setting, surrounded by beauty and free from daily distractions, their sense of connection deepens and their understanding grows in meaningful ways.

In November 2025, we held our 6th Grade Retreat at the Lathrop Smith Nature Center in Montgomery County. Over a beautiful fall weekend, 6th graders and their parents came together to connect, celebrate, and learn. Highlights included an outdoor Havdalah service led by Matt Clash-Drexler, creating Braille Hanukkah cards for the JBI Library as a hands-on mitzvah project, and crafting mini Torah scrolls with each student's Torah portion written inside. Families enjoyed a bonfire and s'mores, followed by an epic B'nei Mitzvah party with games, dancing, and a showing of the Adam Sandler classic movie: You're So Not Invited to My Bat Mitzvah!



Sunday morning began with a creative minyan, where participants could choose between yoga, a nature walk, or a text study, followed by a fused glass art workshop to create personalized yads (Torah pointers). The retreat concluded with a Goosechase scavenger hunt and a heartfelt closing circle, where students and parents reflected on how much they valued this time to bond, learn, and celebrate together.

Our 6th Grade Retreat is just one of several off-site learning experiences that bring our curriculum to life. This spring, our 4th Grade will enjoy a retreat of their own, our confirmation students will travel to Washington, D.C. to participate in the Reform Movement's L'Taken seminar on political advocacy, our 5th Grade will visit Philadelphia and the Weitzmann Museum of American Jewish History, and our 6th Grade will hit the road for a trip to New York City. Younger grades will also participate in field trips throughout the year that combine Jewish learning with adventure, discovery, and joy.

At Temple Emanuel, we are proud to create these moments of connection—where our students, families, and educators live our values of Kehilla, Limmud, Ruach, and Hachala beyond the classroom walls.

Laura Naide



## CALLING ALL KITCHEN MAVENS!

We are welcoming congregants to sign up for Friday afternoon shifts to help put together the prozdor or oneg offerings. If you like to bake, please also consider signing up to contribute a home-baked item - as long as it is nut-free!! Please sign up using the google form via the QR code here or link disseminated in The Grapevine, or reach out to Alissa Miller at [amiller@templeemanuelmd.com](mailto:amiller@templeemanuelmd.com).

## 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](mailto:lmsaperstein@gmail.com)

**RSVP [temd.shulcloud.com/form/empty-nesters-winter-events-2026](https://temd.shulcloud.com/form/empty-nesters-winter-events-2026)**



### Shabbat and Dessert—

January 23, 7:30pm

Join us for the Brotherhood Shabbat Service followed by sweet treats and conversation at Dok Thai Restaurant. RSVP by 1/16/26.

### Sunday Brunch—

February 22, 10am-Noon

Rise and shine for a delicious potluck brunch at the Oshinsky home. RSVP by 2/13/26.

# from the Shaliach

## Finding Home Away from Home:

I arrived in the U.S. on September 29, just before Yom Kippur. My first official experience at Temple Emanuel was attending Yom Kippur services. Before services, Dina kindly hosted me for dinner, which made me feel immediately cared for and welcomed, especially as I was a bit nervous about spending the holiday away from home. In Israel, you can feel Yom Kippur everywhere: the quiet streets, the stillness in the air, and the sense that the entire country is sharing the same sacred pause. Here it felt different, but the moment I walked into Temple, surrounded by prayer, song, and warmth, I felt that same deep connection and the sense of community that makes the High Holidays so special.



Since that day, Temple Emanuel has truly begun to feel like home. I have enjoyed meeting families, joining in holiday celebrations, and spending time with our teens and youth. One of the unexpected joys of being here has been experiencing fall in all its beautiful colors. You simply do not see that in Israel, and every walk outside feels like a small miracle of color and change.

Working with our KESTY teen board has also been one of the highlights; they are an incredible group - passionate, creative, and full of energy. Together we are planning programs that give teens a safe and joyful space to be themselves, build friendships, and celebrate Jewish life in authentic and meaningful ways.

Looking ahead, I am excited to bring Israel even closer to our Temple community through music, food, stories, and real conversations about life there today. I want to thank you all for the warmth, hospitality, and genuine kindness you have shown me since my arrival. This has made my transition so meaningful, and I am truly grateful to be part of this amazing congregation.

B'Shalom,  
Tal, Director of Youth Engagement and Shaliach

## MLK SHABBAT—Friday January 16, 6:30pm

Temple Emanuel has hosted Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Shabbats since 1987.

Our 2026 guest speaker is Joshua Maxey (he/him), Executive Director of Bet Mishpachah, DC'S LGBTQ+ synagogue. Josh has a passion for Tikkun Olam and working to create spaces of belonging within the Jewish community. Josh is also a member of Washington Hebrew Congregation where he serves on the SEA Change Racial Equity Committee, board of directors and organizer of the Jews of affinity space. Josh is also a member of the Board Community Leadership Council for the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington; Franciscan Mission Service; the Forward Association; and the Edlavitch DC Jewish Community Center.



## BROTHERHOOD POKER NIGHT—Saturday March 21, 5:30-10pm

Come and join the Brotherhood for a night of fun!

A light buffet of deli trays with sides, desserts, sodas, and beer/wine will start at 5:30, with the poker tournament starting at 6:15. Tickets, at the door, will be \$15 for food and drink, with \$25.00 to buy into the tournament.

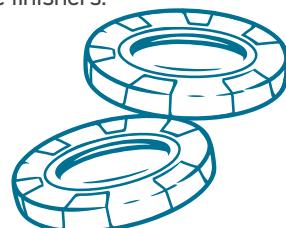


This is a no rebuy or add-in tournament, but if luck isn't your friend, there will be Mah Jong and other games, as well as March Madness on the projector. If luck IS your friend, you'll be playing for gift cards for the top three finishers!

This evening is open to the community—bring spouses, friends, and neighbors!—but please note this event is for those 21 and older.

RSVP appreciated — watch your emails for details.

Payment will be collected at the door.



# from the Early Childhood Center

**"Walk the land. Come to know one small patch of earth intimately. Stand on that ground until it becomes dear to you and then open your arms to the whole wide world."**—Ann Pelo, *The Goodness of Rain*

Each year, Temple Emanuel Early Childhood Center selects an intention to guide our thinking and curriculum. This shared value invites questioning, exploration, and deep reflection.

This year's intention began to emerge as winter turned to spring. Our gardens awakened, and children's explorations in the outdoor spaces revealed moments of curiosity, courage, and joy. We saw children building relationships, taking risks, and engaging in introspection. We saw our values: the image of the child, the role of the educator, the environment, and materials woven together. Moments of Kavod, Shomrei Adamah, and Tikkun Olam reflected the best of our community in action.

As we documented these experiences, a larger idea began to take shape. A passage from *Dialogues with Places* resonated deeply: "Every place has a soul, an identity, and seeking to discover it and relate to it means learning to recognize your own soul as well." This led us to wonder: *What relationships and dialogues do children form with new and unexpected places? How does this connect to our outdoor spaces and our collective research?*

From this wondering, intention emerged: A Sense of Place: Beyond Our Walls

As the year began, the children became explorers, wandering through forests, splashing in creeks, and uncovering the hidden corners of Kensington. Each exploration brought new questions, discoveries, and theories.

Researching an intention is an ongoing process. Classes return to their places again and again observing, building, and reflecting; to uncover a deeper connection or idea that grounds their learning. Each group's Sense of Place may center on the life within a space, the stories it holds, the relationships it fosters, or the courage it inspires.

We don't yet know where this journey will lead, but, as always, the journey itself is the most meaningful part.

Jennifer Gauthier,  
TECC Pedagogista



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## PURIM PAJAMA HAVDALLAH—Saturday February 21, 6:30pm

Put on your favorite costume or pajamas and join the Temple Emanuel clergy and education staff for a Saturday evening Havdallah and pre-Purim celebration.

More details coming soon!



All are welcome to this free event (most appropriate for families with children ages 18 months to 8 years old). Pajama Havdallah is a family event. Children must be accompanied by and under the supervision of a guardian at all times.

Free, RSVP required  
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# MEMBER UPDATES

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Cassandra Gruber  
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Hank & Stacy Scott  
Justin Shubow & Idris Leppla  
Donald Siegel

## CONDOLENCES

Jonathan Harris on the death of his stepmother in Law, Peggy Deutsch  
Wendy and Bryan Eder on the death of Wendy's mother, Anita Weiss  
Marsha Goldfarb on the death of her husband, Robert Goldfarb  
Mollie and Jeffrey Katz on the death of Mollie's father, James Fromstein  
Jon and Michele Parsonnet on the death of Jon's mother, Joan Parsonnet  
Briana Pobiner and Peter Nassar on the death of Briana's mother, Linda Pobiner  
Rabbi Emeritus Warren Stone on the death of his brother-in-law Martin Rutishauser, husband of Rabbi Stone's sister, Cantor Meredith Stone

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Mrs. Gloria Sherman

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Ellen Gerecht & Joe Rosenberg *in honor of Dina Korman's birthday*

Janet Rosenbaum

# From the Heart of Emanuel

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

### STAYING ACTIVE FOR 58 YEARS

To find institutional memory at Temple Emanuel, meet Sue Rudo, a member for 58 years. At age 87, the Silver Spring resident has a knack for bringing people together as volunteers and friends. Sue and her late husband, Morty, joined TE as a young married couple. "I was active from the very beginning," starting as financial secretary for TE's sisterhood in 1967. Over time, the temple community became a second family. "I have always found the temple warm and friendly," says Sue. "When you know people, you are part of the community."



Sue was the catalyst for TE's still-ongoing involvement in the Provide-a-Meal program for So Others Might Eat (SOME), a D.C.-based organization that provides housing, food, and other services to vulnerable people in the city. Sue recruited dozens of temple members to cook meals every month for SOME, on whose board she sat and whose former director Father John Adams was a frequent guest at her Passover Seders. This activity expanded to cooking turkeys for and serving meals at SOME on Christmas Day, with Morty running the kitchen and Sue the dining room, for 24 years.

Sue also chaired the havurah committee, helping members find and get to know each other in small groups, worked on the WRJ's publication of a cookbook in honor of TE's 50th anniversary, and coordinated the art displays in HaMakom. Creating relationships through havurim and other activities contributes to membership retention, she believes.

Sue urges TE members to follow her example. "It's important to put yourself forward, to get involved, and to connect with the temple community," she says. Sue continues to volunteer as needed. After all, "there's always something to do"—and a community to do it with.

If you would like to share your own "Heart of Emanuel" story or would like to nominate another congregant, please reach out to Martha Hirschfield at [marthatemd@gmail.com](mailto:marthatemd@gmail.com)

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### Endowment

As you plan philanthropic activities, please consider a tax deductible gift to The Rabbinic Endowment. Established over a decade ago to ensure ongoing financial resources, this professionally managed endowment helps to underwrite a portion of the Rabbi's annual salary, thereby freeing up funding for Temple programming to build community, support education and care for members. L'dor v'dor. Multi-year pledges, legacy gifts, and other planned giving options are highly encouraged.

### 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](https://temd.shulcloud.com/form/TempleEmanuelChaiCollective) or contact Martha Hirschfield at [marthatemd@gmail.com](mailto: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 - even a few hundred dollars can make a difference! Payments can be automated and spread out throughout the year to make them manageable.

Please reach out to Alissa Miller at [amiller@templeemanuelmd.org](mailto:amiller@templeemanuelmd.org) for any of these opportunities.

# January 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>BIBLES &amp; BREWS—5pm @ Knowles Station</b> Join Rabbi Adam Rosenwasser and Reverend Joey Heath-Mason, Associate Pastor at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Sunday January 11   Sunday February 22   Saturday March 14		1 Winter Break – Building/TEECC Closed New Year's Day	2 Winter Break – Building/TEECC Closed 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Service	3 Winter Break – Building Closed 9am Torah Study
4 Winter Break – Building Closed	5	6 5:30pm Confirmation 7pm B&G Meeting (Virtual) 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	7 7pm Brotherhood Board Meeting	8 12pm Cantor's Class	9 WRJ Women's Retreat 5:30pm Tot Shabbat 7:30pm Erev Shabbat Service	10 WRJ Women's Retreat 9am Torah Study 10am Simchat Shabbat
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18 9am WRJ Mah Jong Tournament	19 TEECC / Building Closed	20 5:30pm Confirmation 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	21 7pm WRJ Meeting (Virtual)	22 12pm Cantor's Class 7pm Comparative Religion Class	23 L'Taken (Confirmation Class) 7:30pm Erev Shabbat Service – Brotherhood 8:45pm Empty Nesters Shabbat and Dessert	24 L'Taken (Confirmation Class) 9am Torah Study 10am Shalom Shabbat 11:30am Book Club Discussion
25 L'Taken (Confirmation Class) 8:30am Kol Ruach 9am Religious School 10:15am Adult Learning Class 12:15pm Teen Training	26 L'Taken (Confirmation Class)	27 5:30pm Confirmation 5:30pm Upper School 7:30pm KESTY Lounge Night 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	28 2pm Crafts & Conversation	29	30 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Service – Shabbat Shira with Kol Zimrah	31 9am Torah Study 10am Shabbat Service and B'nei Mitzvah of Ethan Eifler and Zachary Mulla

# February 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 8:30am Kol Ruach 9am Religious School 9:30am BOE Coffee Walk 9:30am Adult BM Class 10am WRJ Mah Jong 12pm WRJ Rosh Chodesh (offsite) 12:15pm Upper School 12:15pm KESTY Katan, 345, J Events 7pm KESTY Board Meeting (Online)	<b>2</b> Tu B'Shevat	<b>3</b> 5:30pm Confirmation 7pm B&G Meeting (Virtual) 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Kol Zimrah)	<b>4</b> 7pm Brotherhood Board Meeting	<b>5</b> 12pm Cantor's Class 7pm Executive Committee	<b>6</b> 6:30pm KESTY Led Erev Shabbat Service	<b>7</b> 9am Torah Study 10am Shabbat Service and B'nei Mitzvah of Eleanor & Rafael Feldman 7pm Global Mitzvah Project Sock Hop 2.0
<b>8</b> 8:30am Kol Ruach 9am TERS Kindergarten Family Day 9am Religious School 9:30am Adult BM Class 12:15pm Teen Training 12:30pm Global Mitzvah Meeting 4pm WRJ Reader's Salon	<b>9</b> 7pm CSAC Meeting	<b>10</b> 5:30pm Confirmation 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>11</b> 2pm Crafts & Conversation 5:30pm Mentorship Information Session (Zoom) 7pm Membership Committee (Virtual)	<b>12</b> 7pm Mentorship Information Session (Zoom)	<b>13</b> 5:30pm Tot Shabbat 7:30pm Erev Shabbat Service - Repro Shabbat	<b>14</b> 9am Torah Study 10am Shabbat Service and B'nei Mitzvah of Mia and Noah Seidler
<b>15</b> 7:30pm Stereophonic @ National Theater	<b>16</b> TEECC / Building Closed	<b>17</b> 12pm Cultural Art Series Feedback Session 5:30pm Confirmation 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>18</b> 7pm WRJ Meeting (Virtual)	<b>19</b> 12pm Cantor's Class 7pm Board of Trustees	<b>20</b> 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Service with Kol Zimrah	<b>21</b> 9am Torah Study 10am Shabbat Service and B'nei Mitzvah of Sophie Brykman & Charlie Winnick 6:30pm TE Pajama Havdallah
<b>22</b> All Day: BOE Hamentashen Bake 8:30am Kol Ruach 9am Religious School 9:30am Adult BM Class 10am Empty Nesters Sunday Brunch (Offsite) 10:15am Adult Learning Session 12:15pm Upper School 5pm Bible and Brews @ Knowles Station	<b>23</b> TEECC Parent/Teacher Conferences - No School for Children	<b>24</b> 5:30pm Confirmation 7:30pm KESTY Purim Prep Lounge Night 7:30pm Band Rehearsal	<b>25</b> 2pm Crafts & Conversation	<b>26</b> 7pm Comparative Religion Class	<b>27</b> 7:30pm Erev Shabbat Service with Band	<b>28</b> 9am Torah Study 10am Shalom Shabbat 11:30am Book Club Discussion 7pm KESTY Purim Lock-In



## REPRO SHABBAT

This annual Shabbat honors the Jewish value of reproductive freedom, taking place on Parshat Mishpatim. We will observe it on Friday February 13.

Learn more: [www.templemanuelmd.org/repro-shabbat/](http://www.templemanuelmd.org/repro-shabbat/)

# March 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 7pm KESTY Purim Carnival 8:30am Kol Ruach 9am Religious School Purim Carnival 12:30pm Global Mitzvah Meeting	<b>2</b> 7pm Purim Shpiel (Adult)	<b>3</b> Purim 9:30am TEECC Purim Celebration 5:30pm Confirmation 7pm B&G Meeting (Virtual) 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>4</b> 7pm Brotherhood Board Meeting	<b>5</b> 12pm Cantor's Class 7pm Executive Committee	<b>6</b> 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Service	<b>7</b> 9am Torah Study 10am Shabbat Service and Bar Mitzvah of Abraham Igersheim
<b>8</b> All Day: 5th Grade Philadelphia Trip 8:30am Kol Ruach 9am Religious School 9:30am BOE Coffee Walk 9:30am Adult BM Class 9:30am Israel Engagement Brunch 12pm WRJ Rosh Chodesh (Offsite) 7pm KESTY Board Meeting (Online)	<b>9</b> 7pm CSAC Meeting	<b>10</b> 5:30pm Confirmation 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Kol Zimrah)	<b>11</b> 12pm History of the Jews of Morocco 2pm Crafts & Conversation 7pm Membership Committee (Virtual)	<b>12</b> 1:30pm TERPS Play Reading	<b>13</b> 5:30pm Tot Shabbat 7:30pm Erev Shabbat Service	<b>14</b> 9am Torah Study 10am Simchat Shabbat – Grades 6 & 7 5pm Bibles and Brews @ Knowles Station
<b>15</b> All Day: 7th Grade Holocaust Panel 8:30am Kol Ruach 9am Matzo Factory for TERS Grades K-3 9am Religious School 5pm WRJ Women's Seder	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 5:30pm Confirmation 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Kol Zimrah)	<b>18</b> 12pm History of the Jews of Morocco 7pm WRJ Meeting (Virtual)	<b>19</b> 12pm Cantor's Class 7pm Board of Trustees	<b>20</b> 6th Grade NYC Trip TEECC Closed: Educator Professional Day 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Shabbat	<b>21</b> 6th Grade NYC Trip 9am Torah Study 10am Shabbat Service and B'nei Mitzvah of Leo Rosenzweig & Zoe Chanoff 6pm Brotherhood Poker Night
<b>22</b> 6th Grade NYC Trip 5th Grade B'nei Mitzvah Meeting 8:30am Kol Ruach 9am Religious School 9:15am Adult BM Class 10am WRJ Mah Jong 12:15pm Upper School 12:15pm Teen Training	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 5:30pm Confirmation 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm KESTY Lounge Night	<b>25</b> 12pm History of the Jews of Morocco 2pm Crafts & Conversation	<b>26</b> 1:30pm TERPS Play Reading 7pm Comparative Religion Class	<b>27</b> 7:30pm Erev Shabbat Service with Kol Zimrah	<b>28</b> 9am Torah Study 10am Shalom Shabbat 11:30am Book Club Discussion 1:30pm Comfort Cases Volunteer Event (WRJ)
<b>29</b> 4pm WRJ Reader's Salon (offsite)	<b>30</b> Spring Break – TEECC Closed	<b>31</b> Spring Break – TEECC Closed	<b>HISTORY OF THE JEWS OF MOROCCO</b> <b>Rabbi Mark Levine will teach a 3 course series on</b> <b>Wednesdays, March 11, 18, and 25 from 12-1 in person.</b> <b>While centered on the upcoming congregational trip,</b> <b>ALL are welcome to attend. No RSVP required.</b>			

# 2026 B'NEI MITZVAH



ZOE CHANOFF is a seventh grader at Deal Middle School in Washington DC. She loves spending time with friends—whether organizing a neighborhood bake sale, hosting a sleepover, or heading to the mall together. Zoe is also an enthusiastic cook and baker, often experimenting in the kitchen to make treats for family and friends. Given this passion, for her Mitzvah Project Zoe is organizing a bake sale and donating the funds to an animal shelter. She is looking forward to her Bat Mitzvah in March.



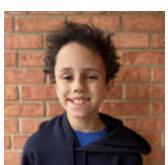
ALEX CLAY is a seventh grader at Silver Creek Middle School. If you don't know Alex, he is a really funny, smart, curious man-to-be. He has a wide-variety of interests ranging from sports to chess to books to ridiculous trivia that he picks up along the way. His sock game is unique to say the least. For his Mitzvah Project, he organized a lawn games tournament to raise money for Camp Airy's scholarship program.. He can't wait to be recognized as a man after his Bar Mitzvah, but will probably still forget to take out the trash.



ETHAN EIFLER is a 7th grader at Thomas W. Pyle Middle School. Ethan is passionate about sports, and plays baseball and flag football. For his Mitzvah Project, Ethan is collecting used sports equipment to donate to Leveling the Playing Field, whose mission is to equip underserved communities with gently used sports gear. When Ethan isn't playing sports, he is usually watching football with his dad, rock climbing, or playing video games. He is looking forward to celebrating his bar mitzvah with friends and family.



ELLA FELDMAN is a seventh grader at North Bethesda Middle School. In her free time she loves working on art projects, reading, speed skating, and learning about Greek mythology (especially in the Percy Jackson book series!) For her Mitzvah Project she is collecting books for the Montgomery County Friend of the Library system so more kids have the opportunity to read at their leisure. This summer will be her 4th year at URJ Eisner Camp.



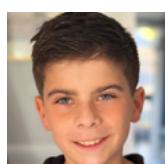
RAFI FELDMAN is a seventh grader at North Bethesda Middle School. He loves playing video games with his friends, ice skating, and anything fantasy related. He also loves attending URJ Eisner Camp in the summer. For his Mitzvah Project he will be donating personal care packages for families in need.



NEEL GOLDBERG is a 7th grader at North Bethesda Middle School. He enjoys watching and playing football, reading, building LEGO, and hanging out with friends. He also plays the trombone and is on a flag football team. For his Mitzvah Project, Neel stocked boxes with food for Tommy's Pantry to help people in need.



BRAM IGERSHEIM is a curious, creative innovator who loves technology. He spends hours designing and printing inventions on his 3D printer, turning ideas into reality. An enthusiastic Scout, he enjoys backpacking, camping, and building strong friendships. Each summer at Camp Seagull, Bram loves kayaking, sailing, and motorboating. He adores his dog Georgia, rescued by Lucky Dog Animal Rescue in 2011, and is honoring her through his Mitzvah Project by volunteering at their adoption events. Known for his quick wit and endless jokes, Bram keeps everyone laughing. He loves time with friends and family and is excited to celebrate becoming a Bar Mitzvah with them.



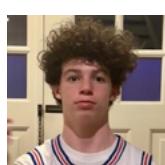
ZACHARY MULLA is a 7th grader at Tilden Middle School. Zach is active in Boy Scouts, where he just achieved his Second Class rank. He also likes playing soccer, Legos, and reading. For his Mitzvah Project, Zach is collecting children's books from his community to donate to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center so that kids getting medical care have books to read. Zach is excited to celebrate his Bar Mitzvah with his family and friends.



LEO ROSENZWEIG is a seventh grader at Tilden Middle School, and he loves soccer, football, and traveling. He enjoys spending his free time playing sports, being outside, and hanging out with friends. For his Mitzvah Project, he decided to team up with Leveling the Playing Field, who provide sports equipment to under-resourced communities. Leo is hosting an equipment drive and fundraiser for the organization.



MIA SEIDLER is a 7th grader at McLean School where she's active in leadership clubs and the performing arts. Mia also plays for her school's volleyball team and is a member of the cheer squad. Mia recently became a Red Cross-certified babysitter and can't wait to start her own business. For her Mitzvah Project, Mia has selected N Street Village, which supports women experiencing homelessness in Washington, D.C.



NOAH SEIDLER is in 7th grade at North Bethesda Middle School. He loves playing sports and games (both digital and physical). He brings an energetic enthusiasm to all sports, including soccer, flag football, basketball and swim – but his very favorite is rugby. Noah loves being on and around the Chesapeake Bay, which has inspired his Mitzvah Project supporting the Save the Bay Foundation.



CHARLIE WINNICK is 12 years old. He is in 7th grade at Silver Spring International Middle School. His hobbies are listening to Indie rock music, playing guitar, and drawing. Charlie's Mitzvah Project is raising funds for the Trevor Project, an organization dedicated to helping people in the LGBTQ+ community with suicide prevention and crisis intervention.

# 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 many 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. Please contact Lucia Saperstein, our Vice President for membership: [lmsapertstein@gmail.com](mailto:lmsapertstein@gmail.com)

In October, WRJ hosted a brunch and shared the movie "Ain't No Back to a Merry-Go-Round," a documentary detailing the segregation at Glen Echo Amusement Park and the ensuing protest in 1960 by Howard University students and Jewish locals. We all learned something new.



**Read on and learn about some of what WRJ has in store over the next few months. Specific dates and RSVP information will be included in WRJ communications and the Grapevine where appropriate.**

**Sunday Morning Monthly MahJong.** Don't know how to play Mahjong? Come learn! Open to all WRJ and Brotherhood members. Other Temple members can come twice to give it a try. Bring your Maj card and Maj set. Watch the Grapevine for dates.

The **Bagel Table** has been "reincarnated" and is now part of the newly created "WRJ Bagel Cafe." Come join us in the library for bagels, coffee, and companionship. Extra tables make it a great spot for official meetings or unofficial gatherings - just reserve the space with Alissa Miller. We are always looking for volunteers to staff it is a fun way to interact with our Temple youth or get to know other volunteers. Sign up here: <https://templeemanuelmd.us21.list-manage.com/track/click?u=bb0c65f20d0f6d67749f41cb9&id=da3d445e20&e=fbc49f10be>



**Creative Crafts**, second and fourth Wednesdays. 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](mailto: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 current articles. Like a book club, but only 20 minutes of reading!

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

We are really looking forward to our annual **Women's Retreat** in Kent Narrows, MD from January 9-11. Registration has closed, but think about joining us next year.

WRJ is hosting a **MahJong Tournament** on January 18th for all Temple members and those outside our community. If you are interested in participating in the tournament in either a competitive or non-competitive slot. There may still be slots, Register and pay: <https://templeemanuelmd.us21.list-manage.com/track/click?u=bb0c65f20d0f6d67749f41cb9&id=da3d445e20&e=fbc49f10be>

WRJ's annual **Women's Seder** will be held on March 15th. This will be our 34th Seder. Watch for sign up information.

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

Lisa Reff and Jennifer Mann Fields  
Co-Presidents WRJ

## 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/](http://www.templeemanuelmd.org/about/accessibility-and-inclusion/)

Contact Kim Hughes, Director of Learning Inclusion, if you have any questions or ideas. [inclusion@templeemanuelmd.org](mailto:inclusion@templeemanuelmd.org)

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# COMPARATIVE RELIGION CLASS

We are thrilled to offer this five-session series for anyone high-school aged and older, providing an in-depth exploration of the major beliefs and practices of the faith traditions that surround us, including Roman Catholicism, Protestantism, Islam and Buddhism.

Paul Berman, who has taught comparative religion to our eighth graders for over 30 years, will serve as leader. The class may include field trips to neighboring houses of worship, and a materials donation of \$36 per participant is requested.

The class will meet from 7:00 - 8:00 pm on Thursdays January 22, February 26, March 26, April 23, and May 28.

Registration required: <https://temd.shulcloud.com/form/ComparativeReligionClass>