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TEMPLE'S GOT TALENT

SATURDAY, APRIL 18 | 6:30 PM

TAPAS DINNER BUFFET • ADULT BEVERAGES • ICE CREAM BAR
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- General Admission - \$54
- Temple Fan Club - \$118 (includes \$64 donation)

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- Showstopper - \$1,200 - Title sponsorship, includes 4 tickets
- Headliner - \$500 - Name and logo on all event materials, includes 2 tickets
- Hospitality Sponsor - Wide range of price points to underwrite parts of the meal; includes recognition in all event materials.
- Standing Ovation Sponsor - \$500 - Underwrites the piano accompanist; includes recognition in all event materials.

TALENT SHOW INFORMATION:

- CONGREGANT TALENT REGISTRATION BY APRIL 1, 2026
- MUST PURCHASE TICKET TO REGISTER AS A PERFORMER
- TALENT SHOW POINT OF CONTACT: MONTEMALLIN@GMAIL.COM

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Saturday
April 18
6:30pm

Still time to register for tickets, talent, and sponsorships.
Can't attend? You can still participate with a donation or through the auction. Keep your eyes peeled for the launch of the online auction site in early April!



RSVP:
temd.shulcloud.com/talent

from the Rabbi



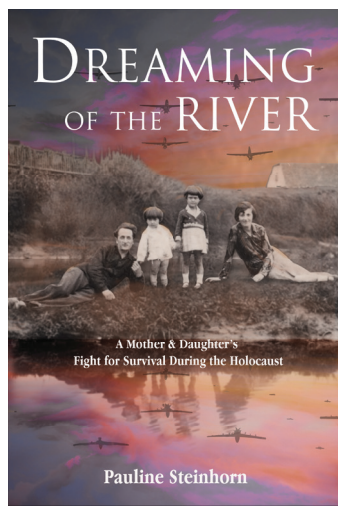
We are between our two holidays of redemption, Purim and Passover. Although Passover is the “greater” holiday of the two thanks to the story in the heart of the Torah, the length, the sederim, and all the dietary laws, theologically speaking this year I feel more connected with Purim. For Passover, the glory of redemption is given to God. In fact, in a traditional Haggadah, Moses’ name does not appear a single time. The opposite is true for Purim. In Megillat Esther, the name of God does not explicitly appear. Our heroes are Mordechai and Esther, and for us modern feminists and lovers of equality, Vashti too takes heroic action. Likewise, the deliverance from Egyptian bondage is precipitated on God’s wreaking of the ten plagues upon Egyptian society. Our defeat of Haman and his allies happens because Esther “comes out” as a Jew to King Achashverosh and forces his hand.

Our country, and Jews around the world, find ourselves in a frighteningly similar perilous time. Our government is being led by people who generally hold strikingly different views of how our country is supposed to be, and the worldwide rise in antisemitism over the last two and a half years has left many of us feeling vulnerable, anxious, and frightened. While faith is certainly important, I don’t see divine intervention saving us. We need to be like Esther, putting ourselves out there, standing up for our beliefs and our values, resisting the tyrants of our own time. As we move into spring and summer, towards Shavuot, our festival of revelation, I pray each of us can summon the courage of our ancient role models. I look to this community for strength and sustenance, and I hope we can continue to be proud of what we have accomplished so far as we go forth ready and encouraged to meet the challenges of our own times.

Rabbi Adam Rosenwasser



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Book Talk with Rabbi Adam and Pauline Steinhorn

**SUNDAY MAY 3
9:30AM IN THE LIBRARY**

Drawn from an unpublished memoir and long-buried journals, *Dreaming of the River* tells the inspiring true story of a mother secretly saving lives with smuggled medicine in a slave labor camp—knowing she’ll face the firing squad if she’s caught—and her 13-year-old daughter, in another camp, whose survival depends on whether her mother can reach her in time.

Special Shabbatot

Leadership Development Class—Friday April 10, 7:30pm
Will be invited to the bimah for a blessing

KESTY led—Friday April 24, 7:30pm

Shalom Shabbat—Saturday April 25, 10:00am
The service will include a Torah reading, quiet meditations, and contemplative music. It will last about an hour and will be followed by a kiddush lunch and book club discussion of “Like Dreamers” by Yossi Klein HaLevi.

Graduation Shabbat—Friday May 8, 7:30pm
Celebrate our high school grads as they share reflections on their Jewish journeys and receive a blessing



Pride Shabbat—Friday, June 5 6:30pm
*Outdoor, Picnic-Style Shabbat
with our Mizmor L'Shabbat Band*



Our speaker will be Hila, Community Shlichah at the Jewish Federal of Greater Washington, speaking on Pride in Israel.

Born and raised in Jerusalem, Hila grew up in the Israeli Scouts, later leading her troop and discovering

a passion for informal education and community-building. She studied community social work and earned a master's degree in leadership and social entrepreneurship, going on to lead projects that strengthened civic engagement and local communities in Israel's periphery.

Together with her wife, Chen Sara, who is also a Shlichah, Hila managed The Jewish Agency's TEN volunteer center in Cambodia, mentoring young Jews from around the world in service and tikkun olam. She has also been actively involved in advancing LGBTQ+ rights in Be'er Sheva, helping expand visibility and foster dialogue.

We will also be doing a “**camp send-off**” to all of the children headed to Jewish sleepaway camp this summer. They will receive a blessing and special gift from the Rabbi.

More on past Kulanu/Pride services at Temple Emanuel: www.templeemanuelmd.org/kulanu-committee-at-temple-emanuel/

As in past years, the Temple will also honor Pride month by having a table at Montgomery County's **Pride in the Plaza event** on Veterans Plaza in downtown Silver Spring on **Sunday June 28th**. Those interested in helping with the table should contact Kulanu Committee Co-Chairs Bobbi and David Fishback at fishbackds@gmail.com.

Gan Kehillah Shabbat—Saturdays, 9:00 am; April 18, May 16, June 6 in the library

A new opportunity for families with young children to gather in Shabbat community. Families are invited to come each Saturday to play on the playscape throughout the year.

Tot Shabbat—Fridays, 5:30pm; April 10, May 8
Families with young children are welcome to join Rabbi Adam Rosenwasser and Cantor Lauren Adesnik for a thirty-minute service. Designed for children under age 6; siblings welcome. We will play instruments and learn songs and stories.

Simchat Shabbat—Saturdays, 10:00am; April 11, May 9
Join Rabbi Adam Rosenwasser, Cantor Lauren Adesnik, and the Kol Ruach Junior Choir for a joyful and fun service appropriate for all ages. There will be lots of singing, a creative Torah reading, and a story. Religious School students help lead sections of the liturgy, and everyone gathers afterwards for a festive kiddush lunch. All are welcome, this service is specifically designed for students in grades Pre-K through 7th.

Holidays

Passover Festival Services
Thursday April 2, 10:00am @ Temple Sinai
Wednesday April 8 10:00am @ Temple Shalom



Yom HaShoah—Monday April 13, 7:30pm
Guest Speaker TE Member Joyce Falk. Growing up in Brooklyn during the 1950's, Joyce had several childhood experiences that made her interested in Holocaust history. That interest continued throughout her adulthood, and she began volunteering at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in 2014. She is honored to share all of her experiences with the congregation.

Yom HaAtzmaut—We are celebrating on Erev Shabbat, Friday April 17, 6:30pm
With our Mizmor L'Shabbat Band. Our shaliach Tal will speak during the service and afterwards enjoy an Israeli food and wine tasting. RSVP information to come.

Confirmation/Erev Shavuot—Thursday May 21, 7:30
Service followed by a festive oneeg

Shavuot—Festival Service, Friday May 22, 10:00am @ TE

from the President

What Blooms When We Show Up

There's a moment every spring that I find myself waiting for – when the trees in the neighborhood that looked completely bare just days before suddenly have the faintest green haze around them. It's subtle, easy to miss. But once you see it, you realize something has been happening underground all along, quietly and persistently, just waiting for the right conditions to emerge.



I think about that image a lot when I think about what makes a congregation come alive.

Community doesn't renew itself passively. It needs warmth and conditions, but more than anything, it needs people showing up. Not perfectly, not with grand gestures, but consistently and willingly. That's the part that's easy to underestimate. We can be members on paper and still feel like strangers. The difference between the two is almost always presence.

This spring, I'm especially aware of that truth because of the exciting event we have coming up on April 18th: Temple's Got Talent.

Yes, it's a fundraiser. And yes, it's part of our "Close the Gap" effort to address our budget deficit, something I've been transparent about since Yom Kippur. But honestly, the financial goal is almost secondary to what I'm hoping the evening actually is. I want it to be the kind of night where you see your neighbor do something you never expected, you laugh, and cheer, and feel just a little more connected to the person sitting next to you than you did when you walked in.

That's what Temple Emanuel is, at its best. Not a building, not a budget, not a membership list, but a community of people who know each other, and who choose to keep showing up for one another. The programming, the High Holy Days services, the life cycle events, the committee meetings, all of it is just the structure. The meaning comes from us.

Our tradition understands this well. Passover, which is just around the corner, moves us from narrowness to openness, from Mitzrayim to possibility, not all at once, but one intentional day at a time.

That's what I'm asking of all of us this season. Not a dramatic reinvention. Just showing up. Come to Temple's Got Talent on April 18th, to a Friday night service, to a conversation with someone you don't yet know well enough.

The green is already there, just beneath the surface. Let's tend this garden together.

Andrew Stavisky
Temple President

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

from the Director of Congregational Learning

By the time you read this, we will be in the last few months of the Religious School year. In Spring, the energy shifts, the weather improves, and we start to see the full arc of growth in our students – all rooted in our four core values: *Kehilla* (community), *Limmud* (learning), *Ruach* (spirit), and *Hachala* (inclusion).

In April, our Fourth Grade Retreat gives students the gift of time together – real, unstructured, relationship-building time that strengthens *Kehilla* in ways a classroom simply can't. Shared meals, outdoor adventures, late-night conversations (within reason!) – this is where community becomes real. Our Seventh Grade Field Trip to the American Visionary Art Museum is a different kind of learning experience. It invites students to see the world through new lenses and learn about the Holocaust through a fabric art exhibit. This trip is a powerful extension of *Limmud* beyond our synagogue walls.

On April 13, we will observe Yom HaShoah, with our Seventh Graders helping to lead the service. There is something profoundly meaningful about students stepping into remembrance – carrying memory forward as the next generation. Later in the month, we will mark Yom HaZikaron and Yom HaAtzmaut with Tal Oren, our Shaliach and Director of Youth Engagement. These moments hold both solemnity and celebration – *Ruach* in its fullest expression.

On April 19, our Teen Takeover returns! Our teens will step into the role of teachers, leading lessons and activities for younger students. It is joyful, chaotic, inspiring – and a beautiful example of *Limmud* and *Hachala* in action.

We'll close the year on May 17 with our Maccabiah Games, full of spirit and teamwork, and celebrate Confirmation on May 21, as our 9th & 10th graders affirm their commitment to Jewish life.

Spring is also a busy time for our youth group KESTY (Kensington Emanuel Synagogue Temple Youth). Our PreK-7th Graders will enjoy their final Youth KESTY event of the year, continuing to build friendships and Jewish pride outside the classroom. Our 8th-12th Graders, fresh off a fabulous Purim carnival, will finish the year with KESTY board elections, empowering teens to step into leadership roles for next year. And Tal will start planning next year's programming.

Wishing you a wonderful Spring!

Laura Naide

Director of Congregational Learning

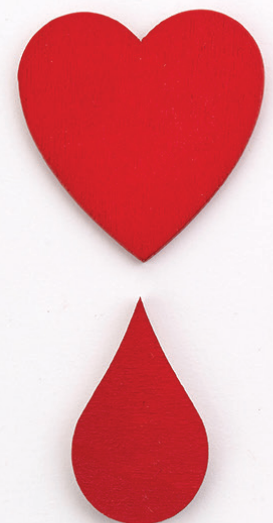


Blood Drive in honor of Dianne Neiman Thursday, April 30 from 1:00 - 5:00pm

TE and KESTY member Gabby Ross has organized a Community Blood Drive to be held at Temple Emanuel. Please consider donating blood and helping save lives while supporting and strengthening our community.



To schedule your appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS and use sponsor code TEKMD or scan the QR code. Gabby also needs a few volunteers to help with the drive, sign up here: www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949A9AE2BA5FDC52-61880298-volunteer#/



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Temple Emanuel continues our long partnership with SOME (So Others Might Eat) by making Shepherds Pies. Collection dates are April 13th - 23rd, M-F. SOME asks that we follow their exact recipe in 13x9 pans. FREE pans are in the TE office with the recipe; it is also online here: www.templemanuelmd.org/some/

Bring your pre-cooked Shepherds Pie, bagged and ready for the freezer. Nancy Hull will drive it to SOME. Please email Nancy Hull if you are interested in cooking for this program. Nehull823@gmail.com | (301) 633-6924

DEATH CAFE

Sunday April 12, 1:30pm

In these uncertain and often troubling times, there are only several certainties that we can all be sure of – that our lives are finite, that we will age and that we will all face death. And so, following the guidelines of the “social franchise,” Death Café, Temple Emanuel will offer a respectful, confidential and accessible space to talk about death and dying.

Death Café is a group-directed discussion of death with no agenda, objectives or themes. It is a discussion group rather than a grief support or counseling session.

Rabbi Adam and Sue Berman will facilitate this conversation. Our objective, borrowed from the deathcafe.com website, is “to increase awareness of death with a view to helping people make the most of their (finite) lives.”

At a Death Café, people, often strangers, gather to eat cake, drink tea and discuss death. While this will not be an information session about death or funeral practices, Rabbi Adam will begin with a very brief mention of Jewish funeral practices. From there we hope that a conversation will arise that will take the group on an agenda-free discussion where everyone who wants to will get a chance to speak.

While it's not a requirement, it might be helpful to watch the PBS documentary Being Mortal before meeting: www.pbs.org/video/frontline-being-mortal/?source=googlehome&action=play

RSVP by April 8 temd.shulcloud.com/form/death-cafe-5



Student-Led Car Wash—Sunday, May 3, 8:30-11:30 am

6th and 7th grade Temple Emanuel Religious School students, with their *madrachim*, teachers, and several Global Mitzvah Project members, will participate in the annual car wash to help a disadvantaged international community. Students will vote to select a project from several presented in class by their peers.



GMP Sock Hop A Rousing Success

Over 100 enthusiastic, energized folks enjoyed the festive mood, colorful decorations, tasty refreshments, and lively beat of the Rock-A Sonics at Temple Emanuel's Social Hall on Saturday night, February 7. The GMP greatly appreciates the generous sponsorship of WRJ and Brotherhood, and the outstanding planning by Ian Smith DeWaal and members of the cooperative committee. Annual concert proceeds raised this year exceeded our record for 2025 and provide funding for two to three new *tikkun olam* projects.

Thank you to Briana Pobiner and Alissa Miller for taking photos!



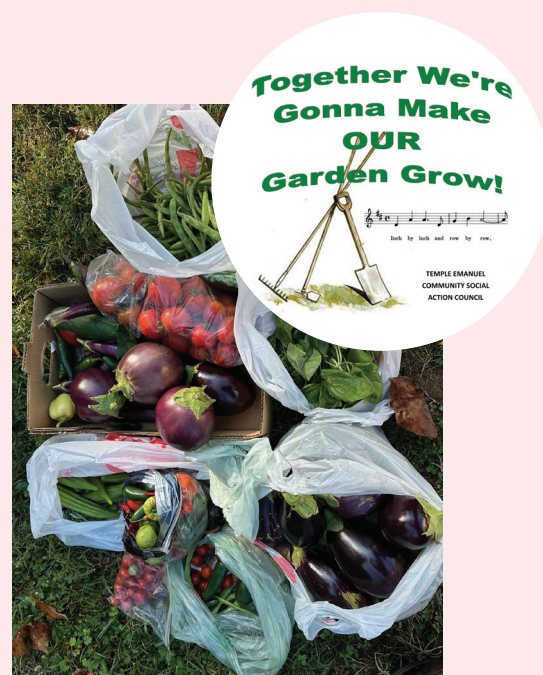
Project Update: Progress in Zambia's First Self-Help Website

GMP has received good news from Sibusiso Malunga, Director of The Lotus Identity Project. Two significant steps have been taken towards developing a self-help website to improve mental health services, with a particular focus on LGBTQ+ women and marginalized minorities. (1) a **technical expert** is now creating a closed platform, accessible only to those who join, allowing for safe and supportive conversation among community members. (2) **content development** is advancing as a result of insights from staff and activists at a retreat planning session, and reflections from community activities to ensure that content is both informative and grounded in the realities of people we work with.

CSAC Community Garden

Let Us Turn Your Thumbs Green! A new growing season is just around the corner and the Community Social Action Council (CSAC) Community Vegetable garden could use your help! No matter your experience level, your participation in our "growing cycle" will help provide fresh vegetables all summer and fall to Shepherd's Table, which serves individuals from all walks of life experiencing food insecurity and homelessness. Shepherd's Table offers a range of programs designed to meet immediate needs and provide ongoing social support. (Learn more: shepherdstable.org/). Last year we delivered nearly 500 lbs of vegetables to Shepherd's Table! Learn more about the garden here: www.templeemanuelmd.org/csac-vegetable-garden/

Our crew meets on Sundays from 9 to 11am to make our garden grow. Training and good times are provided without charge! For more information or to volunteer, please contact co-coordinators Ian DeWaal, (301) 801 6637 (cell) or Matt Koch, (301) 318 4163 (cell).



MEMBER UPDATES

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Thank you!

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.

HELPING FAMILIES, FINDING COMMUNITY - Written by Carolyn Levine

Since joining Temple Emanuel in 2015, Paul and Maggie Bolstad have found—and built—community, inspired by tikkun olam to help families from as near as the Early Childhood Center (ECC) and as far as Afghanistan.

“Community can be where you find it,” says Paul. “There are tons of opportunities to be involved at Temple Emanuel.”

Paul and Maggie have supported the ECC, where daughter Tallulah, now age 12, attended. But Maggie's involvement at TE leaped when she became co-leader of a project to sponsor a family of Afghan refugees as they settled in the D.C. area. Along with Susan Finkelppearl and Sue Okun, she helped organize a dedicated team of volunteers to welcome the Shakari family from the moment they arrived at Dulles airport in December 2017.

Over the two years of the temple's formal assistance, the family went from surviving to thriving. Maggie and the co-leaders oversaw everything, including English tutoring, legal assistance, arranging for medical care, and providing the family with their first car. Today the family of eight lives in a home they bought in northern Virginia, Maggie reports.

“That project opened us up to so many parts of the temple community,” Maggie says. “We showed up for services and knew so many more people. We had an experience we shared.”

Maggie has since turned her attention to the TE Board of Education social committee, for which she helps arrange events for families in the ECC and Religious School. Apple picking, family happy hours, and monthly walks have been some of the highlights.

Paul's involvement at TE began with the ECC. “I served on an interview committee for hiring a new ECC director in 2018,” explains Paul, who teaches middle school in Montgomery County Public Schools. That experience led to serving on the then-new ECC Board and, later, the TE Brotherhood. He's currently the Brotherhood president.

Paul says, “I spent a couple of years mostly listening, and finally I decided it was time to start raising my hand to volunteer for some things. That's made all the difference!”

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

How you can Give from the Heart today— temd.shulcloud.com/payment.php



Endowment

As you consider 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. For information on a multi-year pledge or a legacy gift, please contact Temple Emanuel's Executive Director, Alissa Miller.

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.

Planning with a Purpose

Naming Temple Emanuel in your estate plans is a powerful way to affirm your Jewish values and ensure they live on for generations. It is an enduring act of l'dor v'dor - supporting a vibrant Jewish community long after your lifetime. Please reach out to Alissa Miller to report estate plans that already have the Temple named as a beneficiary, or to learn more about this opportunity, and join the L'Dor V'Dor Society at Temple Emanuel.

Please reach out to Alissa Miller at amiller@templeemanuelmd.org for any of these opportunities.

April 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p style="text-align: center;">BIBLES & BREWS Join Rabbi Adam Rosenwasser and Reverend Joey Heath-Mason, Associate Pastor at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. All Saturdays at 5pm at BabyCat! April 18 May 16 June 13</p>			<p>1 Spring Break – TEECC Closed (Day 3/5) Passover – First Seder</p>	<p>2 Spring Break – TEECC Closed (Day 4/5) Passover – Building Closed 10am Passover Festival Service – Temple Sinai</p>	<p>3 Spring Break – TEECC Closed (Day 5/5) Passover 6:30pm Shabbat Service (Virtual)</p>	<p>4 Passover 9am Torah Study</p>
<p>5 Passover</p>	<p>6 Passover</p>	<p>7 Passover 7pm B&G Meeting (Virtual) 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Kol Zimrah)</p>	<p>8 Last Day of Passover – Building & TEECC Closed 10am Passover Festival Service – Temple Shalom 7pm Brotherhood Board Meeting 7pm Membership Committee (Virtual)</p>	<p>9 12pm Cantor's Class 1:30pm TERPS Play Reading 7pm Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>10 5:30pm Tot Shabbat 7:30pm Shabbat Service</p>	<p>11 4th Grade Retreat (Day 1/2) 9am Torah Study 10am Simchat Shabbat – All Grades</p>
<p>12 4th Grade Retreat (Day 2/2) 7th Grade Holocaust Panel 8:30am Kol Ruach 9am Religious School 9:30am BOE Coffee Walk 9:30am Adult BM Class 9:30am CSAC Brunch – "How to Spot Propaganda" 12:15pm KESTY Katan, 345, J Events 12:30pm Global Mitzvah Meeting 1:30pm Death Cafe 7pm KESTY Board Meeting (Online)</p>	<p>13 7:30pm Yom HaShoah Service</p>	<p>14 Yom HaShoah 5:30pm Confirmation</p>	<p>15 7pm WRJ Meeting (Virtual) 7pm Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>16 6pm Executive Committee 7pm Board of Trustees</p>	<p>17 6:30pm Shabbat Service – Yom HaAtzmaut with Band</p>	<p>18 9am Torah Study 10am Shabbat Service and Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Halpern 5pm Bible and Brews @ BabyCat 6:30pm Temple's Got Talent</p>
<p>19 Morocco Trip (Day 1/11) 8:30am Kol Ruach 9am Religious School Teen Takeover 9:30am Adult BM Class 12:15pm Upper School (8th & 9th Grade)</p>	<p>20 Morocco Trip (Day 2/11)</p>	<p>21 Morocco Trip (Day 3/11) Yom HaZikaron 5:30pm Confirmation 7:30pm KESTY Israel Lounge Night 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Kol Zimrah)</p>	<p>22 Morocco Trip (Day 4/11) Yom HaAtzmaut 2pm Crafts & Conversation</p>	<p>23 Morocco Trip (Day 5/11) 12pm Cantor's Class 7pm Comparative Religion Class</p>	<p>24 Morocco Trip (Day 6/11) 6:30pm KESTY Led Shabbat Service</p>	<p>25 Morocco Trip (Day 7/11) 9am Torah Study 10am Shalom Shabbat 11:30am Book Club Discussion 8pm BOE Trivia Night</p>
<p>26 Morocco Trip (Day 8/11) 8:30am Kol Ruach 9am Religious School (K-7) 10am Brotherhood Brunch 12:15pm Upper School (8th & 9th Grade)</p>	<p>27 Morocco Trip (Day 9/11)</p>	<p>28 Morocco Trip (Day 10/11) 5:30pm Confirmation 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Kol Zimrah)</p>	<p>29 Morocco Trip (Day 11/11) TEECC Picture Day (Day 1/2)</p>	<p>30 TEECC Picture Day (Day 2/2) 1:30pm TERPS Play Reading 7pm Band Rehearsal</p>		

May 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Annual Meeting — May 17, 2026 9:30am Mark your calendar and join us. Have your voice heard and vote on the budget, Board and hear about other important Temple updates!					1 6:30pm Shabbat Service	2 9am Torah Study 10am Shabbat Service and Bat Mitzvah of Alana Dubin
3 8:30am Kol Ruach 9am Religious School Global Mitzvah Car Wash 9:30am BOE Coffee Walk 9:30am Adult BM Class 9:30am Book Talk – Pauline Steinhorn 10am Mah Jong 12:15pm Upper School (8th & 9th Grade)	4	5 Lag B'Omer 5:30pm Confirmation 7pm B&G Meeting (Virtual) 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Kol Zimrah)	6	7 12pm Cantor's Class 1:30pm TERPS Play Reading 7pm Executive Committee 7:30pm Band Rehearsal	8 5:30pm Tot Shabbat 7:30pm Shabbat Service – High School Graduation (with Kol Zimrah and Band)	9 9am Torah Study 10am Simchat Shabbat – Grade 2 7pm KESTY Elections
10 8:30am Kol Ruach 9am Religious School 9:30am Adult BM Class 12:15pm Upper School (8th & 9th Grade)	11 7:00pm – CSAC Meeting	12 5:30pm Confirmation 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Kol Zimrah)	13 2pm Crafts & Conversation 6pm Brotherhood Annual Meeting 7pm Membership Committee (Virtual)	14	15 6:30pm Erev Shabbat	16 KESTY Old Board/ New Board Event 9am Torah Study 10am Shabbat Service and B'nei Mitzvah of Jo Zhurkin and Naomi Fishbein 5pm Bible and Brews @ BabyCat 7pm KESTY Board Meeting (Online)
17 8:30am Kol Ruach 9am Religious School 9:30am Annual Meeting 12pm Rosh Chodesh (Offsite) 12:30pm Global Mitzvah Meeting	18	19 5:30pm Confirmation Rehearsal 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Kol Zimrah)	20 7pm WRJ Meeting (Virtual)	21 12pm Cantor's Class 1:30pm TERPS Play Reading 7:30pm Confirmation / Erev Shavuot Service	22 Shavuot – TEECC & Office Closed 10am Shavuot Festival Service – Temple Emanuel 7:30pm Shabbat Service	23 9:00am – Torah Study
24	25 Memorial Day – Building & TEECC Closed	26 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Kol Zimrah)	27 2pm Crafts & Conversation	28	29 6:30pm Shabbat Service	30 9am Torah Study 10am Shabbat Service and B'not Mitzvah of Lily Calvarese and Lily Levine
31 9:30am Adult BM Rehearsal						

June 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 7pm B&G Meeting (Virtual) 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Kol Zimrah) 7:30pm Band Rehearsal	3 7pm Brotherhood Board Meeting	4 12pm Cantor's Class 7pm Executive Committee	5 6:30pm Shabbat Service – Pride (with Band) & Summer Camp Sendoff Blessing	6 9am Torah Study 10am Shabbat Service and B'nei Mitzvah of Maccabee Bookbinder and Tallulah Bolstad
7 9:30am Adult BM Dress Rehearsal 12:30pm Global Mitzvah Meeting (Offsite)	8 7pm CSAC Meeting	9 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Kol Zimrah)	10 2pm Crafts & Conversation 7pm Membership Committee (Virtual)	11 6pm TEECC Pre-K Siyum Celebration	12 6:30pm Shabbat Service with Kol Zimrah	13 9am Torah Study 10am Adult B'nei Mitzvah 5pm Bible and Brews @ BabyCat
14	15	16	17 6:30pm WRJ Meeting & Installation	18 7pm Board of Trustees	19 Juneteenth – Building & TEECC Closed 6:30pm Shabbat Service (Virtual)	20 9am Torah Study
21 7:30pm Suffis @ National Theater	22	23 12pm Cultural Art Series Feedback Session	24 2pm Crafts & Conversation	25	26 Last Day of 10 Month ECC Program 6:30pm Shabbat Service – Brotherhood	27 9am Torah Study
28	29 TEECC Summer Session Begins	30	<p>Cantor's Class—Thursdays at 12pm; April 9 & 23, May 7 & 21, June 4 & 18</p> <p>Study 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. Bring a writing instrument and favorite paper or journal.</p>			

CULTURAL ARTS SERIES

Do you love theater? We do as well! Join Rabbi Adam in attending. Participants purchase the tickets 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 LAST SHOW IS:
SUFFIS @ NATIONAL THEATER SUNDAY 6/21 AT 7:30PM
FEEDBACK SESSION: TUESDAY 6/23
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2026 B'NEI MITZVAH



TALLULAH BOLSTAD is in seventh grade at North Bethesda Middle School. When she's not snuggling with her pit bull, Pigeon, she spends her time as vice president of the NBMS Writers Club. She loves to create art and has dedicated her Bat Mitzvah project to CardzForKidz, a non-profit organization that provides birthday and holiday cards to hospitalized or

underprivileged children around the world. Tallulah is excited to celebrate her Bat Mitzvah day with friends and family!



MACKIE BOOKBINDER is a 7th grader in the Takoma Park Middle School math and science magnet program. He is in TPMS's after school rock band and is in his 4th year of playing guitar. He likes reading, listening to music, playing tennis, and spending time with friends and family. For his mitzvah project, Mackie will be collecting food and clothing for

unhoused people in the community.



NAOMI FISHBEIN As a 7th grader at Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School, Naomi Fishbein enjoys English and engineering classes. Naomi volunteers as a media center fellow, a student group that helps run the JDS library. On stage, she was Duke Orsino in her school production of Twelfth Night. In her 8th season singing with the Strathmore Youth Chorus,

she performed at Carnegie Hall in NYC with the Chamber Chorus, SYC's touring ensemble. Naomi looks forward to her 6th summer at Habonim Dror Camp Moshava, her favorite place on earth. Her mitzvah project was to clean up the camp sifriyah (library) and make books more accessible to kids over the summer.



DANIEL HALPERN is a seventh grader at Newport Mill School. He spends his free time riding his bike, swimming, playing Roblox and Minecraft with friends and playing golf with his Dad. Daniel loves animals, especially his family's rescue pit bull mix Kenzie. His love of animals is why he's collecting items for local animal shelters to make

sure rescue animals have all they need. He's looking forward to celebrating his Bar Mitzvah with friends and family from the local area and around the country.



LILY CALVARESE is a 7th grader at A. Mario Loiederman Middle School. She is an amazing violinist and participates in her school orchestra, as well as All-County and Southeast County orchestras. She is a member of NJHS and enjoys spending time with family and friends. Lily is passionate about dance, basketball, and reading. For her mitzvah project, she will be

collecting items for Stepping Stones Shelter, which supports women and families experiencing homelessness. She will also be distributing food for local families affected by ICE. She is looking forward to her Bat Mitzvah in May.



ALANA DUBIN is a 7th grader at Earle B. Wood Middle School where she is a member of the TV crew and participates in sewing club after school. She enjoys theater, both as a performer and audience member, and is an avid audiobook listener. For her mitzvah project, Alana is supporting Extra-Ordinary Birthdays in their mission to share personalized birthday

celebrations with children who are unhoused by assembling birthday party kits and decorating gift bags. Alana is looking forward to celebrating her bat mitzvah with family and friends.



LILY LEVINE is a 7th grader at A. Mario Loiederman Middle School. Lily is involved in the arts program with a concentration on the dance program. She also participates in dance outside of school including volunteering at the dance studio and local daycare to get SSL hours. She enjoys watching Stranger Things, 80's movies and listening to music. She enjoys

her summers at Camp Louise and her mitzvah project is collecting feminine products for the disadvantaged members of our community and the homeless.



JULIA/JO/JASPER ZHURKIN is a person of many names and even more ideas that she is very interested in sharing with you. Her achievements include a 900-day Duolingo streak, a 20-paragraph essay about Jimmy Neutron, and filling her Pinterest with Percy Jackson within 24 hours of having the app downloaded (Hermes Cabin). When not wishing that she

was at Camp Half-Blood or dissociating, Jo is thinking about how to help the people that she cares about, which has led her Mitzvah project to Grate Patrol and collecting supplies to hand out to those in need of a blessing from Hestia.



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: lsapertstein@gmail.com

In January, WRJ held its annual retreat in Kent Island, MD where approximately 50 women came together to discover and share stories of unusual places Jews have landed across the US. We also enjoyed discussing the influences they have had on our Jewish cuisine. As always, it was a wonderful weekend during which we relaxed, learned, and connected with old and new friends.



Also in January, WRJ hosted a MahJong Tournament with over 120 participants! This was so successful that WRJ is using profits from that to underwrite the cost of the food for the "Temple Emanuel's Got Talent" Fundraiser in April.

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. 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.

Join us in the **WRJ Bagel Cafe** in the library on Sunday mornings when Religious School is in session. Chat with old and new friends or attend a meeting in the Cafe.

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!

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

As we write this, we are really looking forward to our annual **Women's Seder** in March. If you weren't able to join us this year, consider coming next year.

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

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MUSSAR WITH ALAN MORINIS

Sunday April 19 9:30-11:30am

Alan Morinis, founder of the
Mussar Institute and author of
Everyday Holiness: The Jewish Spiritual
Path of Mussar which many of us
studied with Rabbi Adam,
will be our guest speaker.

Further details and RSVP information
coming soon!



BROTHERHOOD BRUNCH

Sunday April 26

Speaker and RSVP
information coming soon!

