



KOL KORE

The Newsletter of Temple Emanuel Kensington, Maryland

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An Evening Honoring our **TEMPLE EMANUEL CANTORS** Friday March 21

Dinner and service honoring the five cantors
who served Temple Emanuel for the past seven decades

from the Rabbi



I write this column as the days grow shorter and darker and the seasons change from Autumn to Winter. For many of us, the results of the election and what it may portend for our families, our community, and our country fill us with a similar sense of darkness. So it is precisely for that reason that we need to reach out to one another so that we can bring more light into the world. The mission of the Jewish people has always been to be *L'or goyim*, a light unto the nations. So I pray that in the months and years ahead, Temple Emanuel can live up to our mission and serve that purpose. There is so much happening here in the next several months. I invite you to peruse the pages of this Kol Kore to discover how you can find meaning in our services and programming. Just a few highlights - On MLK weekend, we will welcome James Stowe, the Director of the Montgomery County Human Rights Commission to be our guest speaker at the Friday evening service. Jim will share his incredible experience working with the county and beyond to better serve the needs of our diverse community throughout his career. We will welcome special guests during February, Jewish Disability Awareness Acceptance and Inclusion Month (JDAIM) to share in our ongoing work of making our synagogue a better and more inclusive space and to challenge us to do better. And, of course, March brings in the merriment of Purim where we will celebrate with our Adults Only shpiel and with our teen-led Purim Carnival. As always, our services are there for you to reflect, pray, celebrate, and hold one another as we brace for the challenging days ahead. Our music and liturgy were created during troubling times for our people, and I believe there is much meaning and wisdom that they can impart to us today. For over 70 years, Temple Emanuel has served as a beacon for the Montgomery County Jewish community and beyond. We will continue to do so. There is a midrash about Adam that I feel is so appropriate for these times. As he experienced his first winter, he noticed that the days grew shorter and shorter and he became fearful. He thought darkness would completely surround him and was fearful that the world was ending. But then the solstice came, and the days began to lengthen and Adam realized that was the way of the world. We are already past the winter solstice, the days will get lighter again, and God willing, one day hopefully sooner than later, our country and our world will as well.



Rabbi Adam Rosenwasser



Temple Emanuel's Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Shabbat. Friday January 17 6:30pm FEATURING THE MIZMOR L'SHABBAT BAND

Every January, we celebrate the life and work of Dr. King and focus on how we can advance toward his vision of a Beloved Community. While Dr. King preached that the "arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice," he also reminded us that "no social advance rolls in on the wheels of inevitability; it comes through the tireless efforts and persistent work of dedicated individuals, who are willing to be co-workers with God."

Remembering this wisdom of Dr. King, our 2025 guest speaker will be **James L. Stowe**, Director of the Montgomery County Government's Office of Human Rights.

The Office of Human Rights provides leadership to the people of Montgomery County and works toward eliminating racism/discrimination; identifying and resolving community tensions; and educating the citizens about cultural diversity.

Under Director Stowe's leadership, the Office of Human Rights has developed vital program initiatives including renewed emphasis on fair housing, new initiatives to combat the incident of hate violence and an increased effort in outreach activities with the Montgomery County Human Rights Commission to convene public forums on Racial Profiling, the Criminal Justice System and The Digital Divide; and an increase in programming for youth. Most recently, his leadership of the County's Anti-Hate Task Force has helped our community deal with the challenges of antisemitism and anti-Muslim bias.

from the Cantor

Chevre:

I hope you had a meaningful Chanukah, filled with light, hope, and joy. As we move into the New Year, I am filled with excitement for the coming spring season. With the darkest day of the year, December 22nd, behind us, each day brings more light and warmth. The spring is also home to many special events at Temple Emanuel that I am excited to share with you.

Our Annual Women's Retreat, taking place January 10-12 in Dewey Beach, is a wonderful opportunity to relax, learn, and connect with other women from our community. I am honored to help lead services and rituals during this weekend getaway, which will focus on the theme "The Artistry of Jewish Women," highlighting the contributions of Jewish women to the arts throughout history. I look forward to spending this time together and hope to see many of you there.



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beautiful music, and connection.

I will also be attending the first of four retreats as part of the Clergy Leadership Program with the Institute of Jewish Spirituality. My role as a Jewish spiritual leader is both demanding and deeply fulfilling, and this program is designed to help me recharge, grow, and renew my energy to continue my sacred work. The first retreat will be held from January 26-30 in Brandeis, CA, and will feature a combination of prayer, meditation, text study, group discussions, chanting, and embodied practices. I am confident that this experience will leave me feeling refreshed, engaged, and focused as I return to Temple Emanuel to serve these final, bittersweet months.

On February 1, I will be joining cantors from several local congregations—Temple Shalom, Washington Hebrew Congregation, Temple Sinai, and Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Falls Church, VA, to celebrate 50 years of women in the cantorate. We will be joined by Cantor Barbara Ostfeld, the first ordained female Cantor in Jewish history, as we honor this historic milestone with song. This is a truly special occasion, and I hope you can join us in celebration at Temple Rodef Shalom.

March brings several more exciting events at Temple Emanuel. On Sunday, March 9, we will host our Purim Carnival in the morning, followed by a Youth Choir Concert featuring Elana Arian in the afternoon at Congregation Rodef Shalom in Falls Church. Elana has composed many beloved melodies we sing regularly at Temple Emanuel, including *Hinei Mah Tov*, *Ahavat Olam*, *Mi Chamocho*, *Hashkiveinu*, and *L'cha Dodi*. This concert, featuring our Kol Ruach Jr. Choir, promises to be a joyous experience. On March 13, we'll have a fun and raucous time at our Adult Purim Shpiel, followed by a special Shabbat Service celebrating Temple Emanuel's musical legacy on March 21. The evening will feature the unveiling of a new permanent exhibit, including video clips, recordings, photos, and interviews highlighting our proud cantorial history. We'll conclude the month with a March 30 Choir Concert, where our Kol Zimrah choir will be joined by choirs and cantors from Temple Sinai and Temple Rodef Shalom in Falls Church.

This promises to be a spring full of meaningful moments, beautiful music, and connection. I hope to see you at many of these exciting events and look forward to sharing this beautiful season with you all.

L'Shalom,

Cantor Lindsay Kanter

from the President



As winter sets in, Temple Emanuel remains vibrant with activity and meaningful milestones.

Our Executive Director, Dianne Neiman, continues to demonstrate incredible resilience. Her prognosis is hopeful, but the coming months, as she undergoes treatment in Boston, will require flexibility and collaboration from our leadership, staff, and congregation. Dianne is working remotely and remains accessible via email or Calendly for scheduled appointments. We deeply appreciate your support as we navigate this transitional period and remain committed to ensuring the Temple operates seamlessly.



Recently, we held our first annual Chai Collective Appreciation Dinner, featuring scholar-in-residence Uri Feinberg. This event represents a significant step in fostering a culture of philanthropy to sustain our Temple's future. Over 50 families have already joined the Chai Collective, contributing monthly gifts starting at just \$18 (and increasing in multiples of 18). If you've already joined, thank you! If not, we warmly encourage you to consider this meaningful way to support our congregation. For more information, please reach out to Martha Hirschfield at marthatemd@gmail.com.

We're also making significant progress on our Sanctuary Refresh Project. We are reviewing proposals from architects and contractors to modernize the sanctuary with key improvements, including replacing pews with flexible, movable chairs and enhancing the acoustics. Additionally, we are advancing a landscaping project to revitalize the area outside the sanctuary, incorporating native plants and shrubs to create a welcoming entrance. We look forward to sharing updates as these plans take shape.

Finally, the Cantor Search Committee is moving forward diligently. After conducting a congregational survey and hosting listening sessions with various Temple groups, Jana Sharp presented key findings to the congregation in mid-December. The committee is now interviewing candidates and aims to narrow the search in the coming months. We will continue to keep you informed as this important process unfolds.

Thank you for your engagement and dedication as we move our Temple community forward. If you have any thoughts or ideas, please feel free to reach out to me.

Warm regards,
Andrew Stavisky

Empty Nesters: The Wonder Years Chavurah

Calling all current or soon-to-be empty nesters! Join us for monthly gatherings, local adventures, and opportunities to connect with others at this stage of life. If you have questions or suggestions, please email Lucia Saperstein at lsaperstein@gmail.com



JANUARY 26TH, 12:30PM
Private tour of the Jewish Comics
Experience exhibit at
the Capital Jewish Museum.

\$15 per person.

RSVP by 12/26/24

FEBRUARY 7TH, 6:30PM
Shabbat Service at
Temple Emanuel
followed by a group dinner at
Pacci's Trattoria in Silver Spring.

RSVP by 1/31/25

MARCH 8TH, 6PM
Havdalah and Firepit Gathering
at a members' home.

RSVP by 3/28/25

from the Director of Congregational Learning



TEMPLE EMANUEL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Spring is always an exciting and busy time at Temple Emanuel's Religious School! While we've settled into the rhythm of the school year, we continue to enhance our core learning with engaging enrichment opportunities. This spring, we've planned some incredible experiences to inspire and deepen our students' connection to Jewish history, culture, and values.

One of the most exciting new resources in the DC Metro area is the Lillian & Albert Small Capital Jewish Museum. This museum explores the Jewish experience in our region and inspires visitors to connect, reflect, and act. Last fall, our 2nd and 3rd Graders participated in The Many Sides of Me workshop, where they explored their roles in the Jewish community and completed a fun scavenger hunt called What is Jewish Washington? This March, our 6th Graders will return to the museum for the What Makes History? workshop, which ties into their core curriculum unit on Jewish immigration to the United States.

In February, our 6th Grade families will travel to New York City for an unforgettable learning experience focused on Jewish immigration and life in the late 19th- and early 20th centuries. The trip includes visits to the historic Eldridge Street Synagogue, Ellis Island, and the Tenement Museum, as well as a Shabbat dinner and services at the Stephen S. Wise Free Synagogue. Students and parents will have the option to attend a Broadway show to cap off the weekend!

March is filled with even more opportunities to learn and grow. Our Confirmation students will participate in the Religious Action Center's L'Taken Social Justice Seminar from February 28 to March 3. At this transformative event, our teens will explore social justice issues and have the chance to advocate for change with lawmakers on Capitol Hill. Later in the month, our 5th Graders will head to Philadelphia to visit the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History. This interactive trip will bring the Jewish American experience to life in new and meaningful ways.

In April, our high school students will join teens from Temple Shalom and Temple Isaiah for a Civil Rights tour through the American South, led by Etgar 36. During this powerful journey, students will visit landmarks like the Rosa Parks Museum, the Memorial for Peace and Justice, the Edmund Pettus Bridge, and the Martin Luther King Jr. Center. They'll also attend a Sunday service at the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church. This trip is a unique opportunity to explore the intersection of Jewish values and the ongoing struggle for civil rights.

Each of these programs offers a chance to expand our students' understanding of Jewish history and their role in our community today. These experiences not only deepen classroom learning but also build *kehilla* (community) and create lasting connections. Living in a region so rich with resources and history is truly a blessing, and we're thrilled to share these opportunities with our students and families!

ADULT EDUCATION

This Winter we will offer classes to engage our adult learners on a variety of topics. Our ongoing programs include Rabbi Adam's Mussar (Jewish values) classes and weekly Torah study. In addition, Brotherhood, WRJ, and several of our temple committees regularly offer learning opportunities such as brunches and retreats.

If you are a theater aficionado, consider joining Rabbi Adam and Shalom Rosenberg for the second half of their theater series. Our region has some wonderful regional production companies that put on excellent plays and musicals, many with Jewish themes. Each play is followed by a Lunch & Learn session the next week. For more information, contact the office at office@templemanuelmd.org.

The Bedwetter, Arena Stage, Sunday, March 9 @ 7:30 PM
Lunch and Learn, Tuesday, March 11 @ 12-1 PM

Falsettos, Keegan Theater, Sunday, May 11 @ 3 PM
Lunch and Learn, Tuesday, May 13 @ 12-1 PM

If you are interested in helping to plan Adult Education offerings, please contact me at lnaide@templemanuelmd.org.

INCLUSION

At Temple Emanuel, we are fostering a culture of learning inclusion, acceptance, and kindness within our community. In our third year, we have made notable progress while aiming to enhance support further. Key initiatives include:

- Assisting teachers and Madrichol and partnering with parents to support students facing learning challenges
- Establishing an inclusion section of the library focusing on neurodiversity
- Providing a Shalom Space during High Holy Days and Sunday School
- Incorporating movement breaks during Sunday Tefillah and at the sixth-grade retreat.
- Hosting Learning Inclusion Parent Discussion Groups (Upcoming meetings: 2/9/25; 4/27/25)

Inclusion is a Jewish value. An inclusive learning environment benefits everyone!

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

from the Shaliach/Director of Youth Engagement



Shalom Everyone!

We have so much planned and in store for you, and I'm truly grateful to be able to share all of these amazing opportunities with you. This wouldn't be possible without our

communication systems - our Teen Emails, my Newsletter, Kol Kore and so much more.

The Hebrew word for "communication" is **tikshoret**. To understand the hidden nuance of this or any other Hebrew word, we look first at the shresh (root), in this case the three-letter word **keshet**. which means "connection."



Hebrew knows that communication is more than the transfer of words from mouth to ear; it's about **connection**. I'm really excited about bringing people together at our events, and I'm looking forward to building more conversations and connections with all of you.

The next couple of months are pretty packed! After a successful bonfire and a trip to the Kennedy Center to watch & Juliet, KESTY is back from break with a fun, brain-teasing Mystery Night, and a special, craft-infused DIY-Slime Night!

All teens are invited to join us on 1/7 and 2/11 at 7:30PM for these KESTY events - a good time guaranteed! Our KESTY teens are also putting together an Erev Shabbat Service on 1/31, please plan to attend to this family-friendly service and support our incredible teens.

We're also starting to gear up for KESTY's biggest event of the year—The Purim Carnival! It'll take place on 3/9, and we can't put it together without teens. All teens are invited to our Purim-Prep Competition Lounge Night (prize TBD) on 2/25 at 7:30pm AND to our Purim Lock-In on 3/8! Join us to give our Temple a makeover while having fun with your friends! Remember that we talked about communications and connection? Full info can be found in our emails and KESTY's Instagram page (@kestymd)!

We don't stop there—there are plenty of Israel Engagement opportunities coming up! Save the date for an Israeli Movie Night with the Brotherhood on 2/1 and an Israel Engagement Brunch on 3/16! More info can be found in Grapevine and our emails!

Last thing—after 13 years I've decided to re-do my Bar-Mitzvah and I'm so excited to have it with all of you at Temple Emanuel! Please put May 3rd on your calendar and plan to attend and celebrate with me!

As I'm writing these lines, I'm still praying with all my heart to the return of our 101 brothers and sisters from captivity, and the end of the war.

With love and hope,
Snir

Hamantashen Party

Sunday March 2 at 3:00pm

Calling all bakers! We're having a Hamantaschen party and everyone is invited. If you'd like to enter the cookie contest, bring at least 2 dozen already-baked hamantashen to win prizes such as prettiest, tastiest, etc. Non-bakers also welcome—just come ready to taste lots of cookies! There will also be dough and traditional fillings ready for make-and-bake cookies at the party. Remember, the synagogue is a nut-free facility!



Trivia Night

Save the Date - Saturday April 5

Hosted by the Board of Education & Religious School Social Committee

from the Early Childhood Center



FAQS: THE FOUNDATIONS OF TEMPLE EMANUEL EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Temple Emanuel Early Childhood Center (TEECC) is a Constructivist-based education program, inspired by the schools of Reggio Emilia, Italy and our Reform Jewish context. We seek to foster a spirit of *kehilla* (community) where children, families, and educators feel a strong sense of partnership and belonging. By building strong relationships within our community we believe children are given the support they need to explore, create, and research theories about the world around them; to learn and develop in joyful and meaningful ways.

WHAT IS CONSTRUCTIVISM?

Constructivism is an educational philosophy that argues that learners do not passively acquire knowledge through direct instruction. Instead, they gain understanding through experiences and social interaction, integrating new information with their existing knowledge.

WHAT IS THE REGGIO EMILIA APPROACH?

The Reggio Emilia Approach is an educational philosophy developed after World War II by pedagogist, Loris Malaguzzi, along with families and educators in the municipality of Reggio Emilia, Italy. Based in constructivist theory, the Reggio Emilia approach values the image of a competent and capable child, with rights, instead of needs, who learns through the use of a variety of materials and grows in a relationship-driven context.

HOW IS JUDAISM WOVEN INTO THE CURRICULUM AT TEECC?

In addition to examining the stories, rituals, and customs of the Jewish holidays, at TEECC we strive to find daily connection to five Jewish tenets, all rooted in our ongoing quest to strengthen *kehilla* (community) and our understanding of the other:

- *Kavod* (Respect & Honor)
- *Tikkun Olam* (Repairing the World)
- *Tzedakah* (Justice & Social Action)
- *Hachnasat Orchim* (Welcoming Guests)
- *Shomrei Adamah* (Caretakers of the Earth)

Learn more about our program: <https://www.templemanuelmd.org/early-childhood-center/>

Priority enrollment for current TEECC families and Temple Emanuel members begins in January. We value the time we get to spend with prospective families one-on-one. We invite you to visit and see us in action. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, please contact Dana Robinson, Director, Early Childhood, at dana@templemanuelmd.org or call (301) 942-2000.

PAJAMA HAVDALAH: A COZY FAMILY TRADITION—Saturday March 1 at 6:30 PM

Wear your coziest pajamas and join us as we mark the conclusion of Shabbat with Cantor Lindsay and the rest of our community of young families! We will gather to light the traditional braided candle, sip grape juice, and share in song together. More information TBA.

Pajama Havdalah is a chance to build family bonds, pass down meaningful customs, and meet other young families. This event is most appropriate for families with children ages 0-8, but everyone is welcome. No Cost; open to TE members & non-members

RSVP required by Wednesday, February 26:
<https://temd.shulcloud.com/form/pajama-havdalah.html>



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, weekly drop-in MahJong games, brunches, discussion groups, and other programs.

Any person identifying as female, and who is committed to the goals and objectives of Temple Emanuel WRJ, its Congregation, and the Jewish community is eligible for membership. Now is a great time to start this year's membership - whether joining WRJ for the first time or rejoining WRJ if you're currently not a member. Please contact Judi Sprei, our Vice President for membership: judisprei@gmail.com

AS WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE WINTER MONTHS, WE WANT TO HIGHLIGHT A COUPLE OF ACTIVITIES FROM THE FALL AND ANNOUNCE UPCOMING EVENTS.

Get out the Vote – Thanks to the organization of Esther Starobin and Lisa Shames, as a congregation, TE can claim credit for nearly 6,000 postcards to under-represented voters in AZ, FL, GA, and PA.

Yom Kippur Gift of Life Marrow Registry Drive. On Yom Kippur day, WRJ held a very successful Gift of Life Marrow Donor Recruitment Drive, registering and collecting swabs from 48 new potential donors.

WRJ had a lovely **Membership Dinner** with the theme of getting to know each other. A big Thank You to Judi Sprei for organizing.

WRJ, along with the Director of Congregational Learning and our Shaliach, co-hosted the showing of the **Israeli film “The Wedding Plan.”** It was a great success, with approximately 60 people attending. The new screen and projector purchased by the Brotherhood and WRJ worked great and are available for everyone in the Temple to use.

AND CONTINUING OR COMING UP:

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

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4DA9AE28A1F94-50762220-bagel>

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



KindSoups - join WRJ on Zoom one Sunday evening a month to make soup for your family and to donate to those who are food insecure. Keep an eye on the Grapevine for dates and links to soup recipes. For more information, go to: <https://dokindworks.org/get-involved/kindsoup/> Open to the entire congregation.

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.

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.

Other activities to look forward to are: **Brunch** with the Word Mavens on February 9th; the **Women's Seder** on March 23rd, and **Karaoke Night** on April 26th.

Lisa Reff and Jennifer Mann Fields
Co-Presidents WRJ



TEMPLE EMANUEL STUDENT MENTORSHIP PROGRAM: CALL FOR 2025 MENTORS

SEVERAL MENTORS ARE NEEDED FOR THE 5TH YEAR OF THE TESMP. The TESMP offers our secondary school students (8th-12th grade) an innovative student service learning program. **Founded by Brotherhood and Global Mitzvah,** TESMP provides real-life opportunities to learn from TE leaders in social justice settings. Students have a 11-12 week experience from **February to May**, under a mentor's supervision. They learn about the organization's mission and carry out an individualized project that furthers both an organizational and student goal.

Participating students gain valuable skills and experience for future career success, earn SSL credits (typically 20-30), and are awarded a signed Certificate of Completion plus a book on student advocacy. The mentorship is an important asset for a college application, as is a letter from their mentor.

Qualifications for mentors include the following:

- Experienced leaders in a social justice organization – see issues addressed in Religious Action Center link {<https://rac.org/advocacy-activism/advocacy-issues> } For example, prior mentorships have been with American International Health Alliance; World Food Program USA; Jews United For Justice; Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition; Jews For Abortion Access.
- Have a desire to foster teen education, social service, and engagement in tikkun olam
- Can spend at least an hour a week with their student (can be virtual)
- Agree to develop an Individualized Mentorship Plan with the student.

Please consider becoming a mentor this February, 2025. Previous mentors and students have valued their interaction and experience. If you are interested, would like more information or have additional questions, contact Stan Fagen, Co-Chair, Global Mitzvah Project [stanfagen@gmail.com]

2025 TEMPLE EMANUEL GLOBAL MITZVAH PROJECT ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CONCERT

Saturday February 22

co-sponsored by WRJ and the Brotherhood

Dust off your blue suede shoes and poodle skirts and SAVE THE DATE for an Incredible Night

The 2025 Temple Emanuel Global Mitzvah Project Annual FUNdraising Concert is going to be a SOCK-HOP with the renowned Rock-A-Sonics!

Stay tuned for future details. In the meantime, enjoy a preview of the rockabilly sounds of the Rock-A-Sonics: <https://m.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvHUYlf7sd2l5bGoJkmEin1w66s3a4i1F>

Proceeds will support the continuation of 18 years of international Global Mitzvah tikkun olam micro-development grants to sustainable projects!



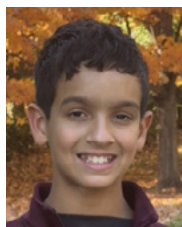
Winter 2025 B'NEI MITZVAH



KALI EWALT is a seventh grader at North Bethesda Middle School. She enjoys soccer, gymnastics, and biking around the neighborhood with friends. For her mitzvah project, Kali organized a blanket making event for Project Linus. Project Linus provides cozy homemade blankets to children facing challenging situations. Kali is excited to celebrate her Bat Mitzvah with friends and family in March!



EMMY STUTZ is a 7th grader at North Bethesda Middle School. Emmy is an avid soccer player and animal lover, and also enjoys playing basketball. She looks forward to spending her summers at Camp Young Judaea in New Hampshire. For her mitzvah project, Emmy is making bracelets with Star of David charms to sell to friends and family, with the proceeds going to a dog shelter in Israel. Emmy is looking forward to celebrating her bat mitzvah in February.



NAVEEN KIRSCHNER is a 7th grader at Silver Creek Middle School where he is an honor roll student. Naveen is active in the school's theater and chorus programs. Family and community are cornerstones for Naveen. Based on his love for music, Naveen is choosing to share that love by singing at assisted living communities in the area for his mitzvah project. Naveen loves to hang out with his family, especially his brother, Ravi. They like to play wiffle ball and soccer together, as well as to watch fun television programs with each other. Naveen also loves hanging out with his parents and grandparents, and enjoys taking family walks and going to live theater together.



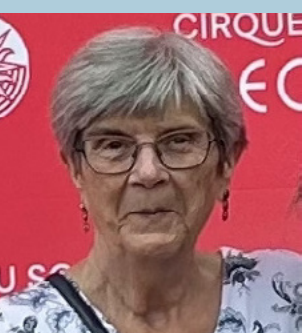
PENELOPE RIUS is delighted to be making her debut as a Jewish Woman this March. Currently, she attends Sligo Middle School, where she holds a GPA of 4.0. When not practicing her Torah portion, you can find Penelope ice skating, dancing, and performing in the school plays. She is also an avid animal lover, and has chosen to volunteer at the Humane Rescue Alliance for her Mitzvah Project. Penelope would like to thank her family, friends and especially Dina Korman, for their support this past year as she prepares for the big day.

Save the Date for Snir's (2nd) Bar Mitzvah and Farewell Party on Saturday May 3

We will celebrate our Shaliach Snir Holtzman as we prepare to bid him farewell.

Save the Date for Cantor Lindsay's Farewell Service on Friday June 13

We will celebrate and thank Cantor Lindsay Kanter as we bid her farewell



REPRO SHABBAT

Friday
February 21st
6:30pm

Every year on Shabbat Mishpatim, Temple Emanuel along with synagogues across the country observe Repro Shabbat as we demonstrate our commitment to reproductive justice and abortion access. This year, we will be welcoming Lesley Frost of the National Council of Jewish Women as our Guest Speaker. Lesley works for NCJW as an Action Team Leader for Maryland ensuring all citizens of our state are protected and have the freedom to make decisions about their own bodies.

INTERFAITH FAMILIES

The Membership Committee is inviting interfaith families new to the Temple Emanuel community to form an interfaith Chavurah for upcoming events.

Please reach out to Paul and Maggie Bolstad at brotherhoodt52@gmail.com to learn more

MEMBER UPDATES

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Joshua & Marina Abrams
 Karren Alenier
 Evan Alpert & Courtney Tisch
 Meredith & Joe Calvarese
 Avi & Shayna Coburn
 Brian & Ellen Cole
 Sophie Marney-Dejanikus
 Zachary & Jennifer Prager

Adam & Lucia Saperstein
 Rachel Savadow
 Joshua & Alison Schorr
 Rachel & Micah Siegel
 Julie Unger-Yuan & Morgan Yuan
 Claire & Zachary Worshtil
 Benzion & Pamela Zwebner

CONDOLENCES

Debra Berkowitz on the death of her mother, Rhea Weinbrom
 Ellen Cole on the death of her brother, Wayne Aronofsky
 Lauri Rodich on the death of her sister, Joan Kerlow
 Micah Siegel on the death of his mother Bette Siegel
 The family of Temple Emanuel member Bette Steckler

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THE RHYTHM WITHIN: AN INCLUSIVE SHABBAT SHIRA FOR JDAIM FEATURING JONAH BERGER FEBRUARY 7-9

We welcome Jonah Berger as our guest for the 16th Anniversary of Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance & Inclusion Month (JDAIM). JDAIM is a unified initiative to raise disability awareness and support efforts to foster inclusion in Jewish communities worldwide.

Jonah will be our guest speaker at the Friday evening Erev Shabbat Service and will participate in Simchat Shabbat Saturday morning. Sunday he will meet with our Temple Emanuel Religious School students and teachers.

Jonah Berger is the Director of The Rhythm Within. A percussionist and speaker, he works to inspire the world to understand that we all have special rhythms; ones we can learn from, teach others through, and use to chart our course. His message shares how we ALL have special needs, we ALL deal with unique challenges, and we ALL have the opportunity to face those challenges, learn lessons from facing them, and teach others what we learn. He holds degrees in Special Education and Speech & Theater Arts. He lives with his family in DeWitt, Michigan.




January 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Building and TE ECC closed	2	3 9am Coffee with the Clergy 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Service	4 9am Torah Study
			5 8:30am Bagel Table 8:30am Kol Ruach 9am Religious / Hebrew School (with lunch bunch) 9am BOE Coffee Walk 11:30am Teen Training 5pm KindSoup	6	7 Online Hebrew, In-person Hebrew, Upper School Dinner and Class, Confirmation 7:30pm Kol Zimrah Rehearsal 7:30pm KESTY Lounge Night	8
12 8:30am Bagel Table 8:30am Kol Ruach 9am Religious School 11:30am KESTY Katan, 345, Jr Events	13	14 Online Hebrew, In-person Hebrew, Upper School Dinner and Class, Confirmation 7:30pm Kol Zimrah Rehearsal	15 2pm Creative Crafts & Conversation	16 12pm Rabbi Adam's Class 7pm Board of Trustees	17 6:30pm Annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Commemorative Shabbat Service with Mizmor L'Shabbat Band	18 9am Torah Study
19	20 Building and TE ECC Closed	21 Online Hebrew, In-person Hebrew, Upper School Dinner and Class, Confirmation 7:30pm Kol Zimrah Rehearsal	22	23	24 5:30pm Tot Shabbat 7:30pm Erev Shabbat Service with Kol Zimrah	25 9am Torah Study 10am Shalom Shabbat Service
26 8:30am Bagel Table 8:30am Kol Ruach 9am Religious / Hebrew School (with lunch bunch) 9:30am Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class 12:30pm Empty Nesters Event offsite	27	28 Online Hebrew, In-person Hebrew, Upper School Dinner and Class, Confirmation 7:30pm Kol Zimrah Rehearsal	29	30 12pm Rabbi Adam's Class	31 6:30pm KESTY Erev Shabbat Service	

February 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 9am Torah Study 10am Shabbat Service and Bat Mitzvah of Emmy Stutz Brotherhood Israeli Movie Night
						2 8:30am Bagel Table 8:30am Kol Ruach 9am Religious School 9:30am Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class 11:30am KESTY Katan, 345, Jr Events 5pm KindSoup
9 8:30am Bagel Table 8:30am Kol Ruach 9am Religious / Hebrew School (with lunch bunch) 9:30am Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class	10 7pm CSAC Meeting	11 Online Hebrew, In-person Hebrew, Upper School Dinner and Class, Confirmation 7:30pm Kol Zimrah Rehearsal	12	13 12pm Rabbi Adam's Class	14 5:30pm Tot Shabbat 7:30pm Erev Shabbat Service	15 9am - Torah Study
16 8:30am Bagel Table 9am Religious / Hebrew School (with lunch bunch)	17 Building and TE ECC Closed	18 Online Hebrew, In-person Hebrew, Upper School Dinner and Class, Confirmation 7:30pm Kol Zimrah Rehearsal	19 2pm Creative Crafts & Conversation 5:30pm Upper School Dinner & Program	20	21 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Service	22 9am Torah Study 10am Shalom Shabbat Service Global Mitzvah Program Concert
23 8:30am Bagel Table 8:30am Kol Ruach 9am Religious / Hebrew School (with lunch bunch) 9:30am Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class 12pm Mah Jongg	24 TE ECC Closed	25 Online Hebrew, In-person Hebrew, Upper School Dinner and Class, Confirmation 7:30pm Kol Zimrah Rehearsal	26	27 12pm Rabbi Adam's Class	28 7:30pm Erev Shabbat Service with Kol Zimrah	

March 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 9am Torah Study 10am Shabbat Service and Bar Mitzvah of Naveen Kirschner 6:30pm Pajama Havdalah
2 8:30am Bagel Table 8:30am Kol Ruach 9am Religious / Hebrew School (with lunch bunch) 9:30am Inclusion Discussion Group 12pm Mah Jongg 3pm BOE Hamentaschen Party KindSoup	3	4 Online Hebrew, In-person Hebrew, Upper School Dinner and Class, Confirmation 7:30pm Kol Zimrah Rehearsal	5 2pm Crafts & Conversation	6	7 9am Coffee with the Clergy 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Service	8 9am Torah Study 10am Simchat Shabbat Service with Kol Ruach 6pm Empty Nesters Havdalah Event
9 9am Purim Carnival 7:30pm The Bedwetter at Arena Stage	10	11 12pm Lunch & Learn Theater Debrief Online Hebrew, In-person Hebrew, Upper School Dinner and Class, Confirmation 7:30pm Kol Zimrah Rehearsal	12	13 12pm Rabbi Adam's Class 7pm Adult Purim Shpiel	14 5:30pm Tot Shabbat 7:30pm Erev Shabbat Service	15 9am - Torah Study 10am Shabbat Service and B'nei Mitzvah of Kalinda Ewalt and Penelope Rius
16 8:30am Bagel Table 8:30am Kol Ruach 9am Religious / Hebrew School (with lunch bunch) 9:30am Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class 11:45 Israel Engagement Brunch	17	18 Online Hebrew, In-person Hebrew, Upper School Dinner and Class, Confirmation 7:30pm Kol Zimrah Rehearsal	19 2pm Crafts & Conversation	20 7pm Board of Trustees	21 Shabbat Dinner 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Service, Honoring our Cantors	22 9am Torah Study 10am Shalom Shabbat Brotherhood Game Night
23 8:30am Bagel Table 8:30am Kol Ruach 9am Religious / Hebrew School (with lunch bunch) 9:30am Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class 11:30am Teen Training 5pm WRJ Women's Seder	24	25 Online Hebrew, In-person Hebrew, Upper School Dinner and Class, Confirmation 7:30pm Kol Zimrah Rehearsal	26	27 12pm Rabbi Adam's Class	28 7:30pm Erev Shabbat Service	29 9am - Torah Study
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Chai Collective

As a parent with two small children and a demanding work schedule, finding the time to contribute to the Temple and give back to our community can be challenging. Like many of you, I feel a deep sense of responsibility and a desire to support the place that nurtures our spiritual growth and fosters a sense of belonging. However, the reality of daily life often leaves me with limited time and energy to participate in all the ways I would like.

The Chai Collective has provided me with a meaningful solution to this dilemma. By making a consistent, monthly donation, I am able to fulfill my need to contribute and support our synagogue in a way that fits with my busy lifestyle. It is a commitment that allows me to give back even when my schedule doesn't permit me to be as physically present as I would like.

Knowing that my contributions are helping to sustain our temple, fund essential programs, and support those in need within our community brings me a great sense of fulfillment and connection.

Being part of the Chai Collective is more than just a financial commitment; it is a way to express my gratitude for all that our synagogue provides for my family and me. It is a way to ensure that our children's generation and those to come will continue to have a place where they can learn, grow, and thrive.

I encourage anyone who, like me, finds it challenging to balance the demands of life with the desire to give back, to consider joining the Chai Collective. Together, we can make a significant impact and ensure the continued strength and vitality of our beloved community.

Robert Voigtmann

AN EVENING HONORING OUR CANTORS

Friday March 21

5:30pm Dinner

6:30pm Service



We will host a special Shabbat service to honor the five cantors who served Temple Emanuel for the past seven decades. We are thrilled Cantor Lindsay Kanter, Rabbi Cantor Gershon Silins, and Cantor Rosalie Will will be in attendance that night as well as Rabbi Adam Rosenwasser and Rabbi Emeritus Warren Stone.

Over the past year Joyce Falk, Louise Harkavy, and Ellen Hoffman interviewed all the living cantors (and created a documentary video for Cantor Robofsky), assisted by David Wilson on our Tech Committee. They also interviewed Rabbi Emeritus Warren Stone, who worked with all of the cantors, and Rabbi Adam Rosenwasser. These interviews will be shared via a new webpage that will include highlights from their time at Temple Emanuel and musical recordings. A new permanent exhibition at Temple Emanuel will link to this digital tribute.

RSVP for Dinner

\$36/person. (RSVP required by Monday March 17)

Enjoy dining with our Cantors catered by local Kensington restaurant Talia's Cuzina.

<https://temd.shulcloud.com/form/ShabbatDinnerMarch21>

Support

We thank current and former members of our Kol Zimrah choir for their sponsorship of the evening's oneg

To contribute to the sponsorship:

<https://temd.shulcloud.com/form/CantorOnegSponsorship>

For those who wish to express their appreciation for this event and the Temple's music programs, contributions may be made to the Byer Jewish Enrichment Fund at Temple Emanuel.

<https://temd.shulcloud.com/form/HonoringCantorsDonation>

This fund was created as a bequest from the estate of Myrna Rosen Byer who was actively involved at Temple Emanuel from the 1990's until her untimely death in 2008. She loved participating in the Temple Choir and was involved in the Capital Campaign Building Project of 1998-1999, which saw the construction of HaMakom, the Administrative Offices, the Lobby with elevator, and the school areas. She served as President of the Congregation from 2002-2004. After her term as president, Myrna was on the Board of the URJ.

If you have any difficulties with online donations, please contact the Temple office. Please make out checks to Temple Emanuel and note "Donation to Byer Jewish Enrichment Fund" or "Donation to 3/21 Oneg Sponsorship" in the memo line.

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PURIM CELEBRATIONS

FAMILY CARNIVAL:

SUNDAY MARCH 9, 9-11:30am

All are welcome for a wonderful morning of Purim revelry including a costume parade, a Megillah reading and shpiel, and the famous KESTY led carnival. 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 tickets in advance!

(Tickets not required for the shpiel)

temd.shulcloud.com/form/purim-carnival-2025.html

ADULT SHPIEL WITH MIZMOR L'SHABBAT BAND

THURSDAY MARCH 13, 7:00pm

Join us for an adult evening of parody and megillah reading. Our musical shpiel that will certainly entertain, surprise, and shock! Join us for a raucous evening.

Strictly 21 and up, so get a babysitter and enjoy an amazing night out!