

#### תפילה T'FILA

Babysitting

Available during Friday Shabbat Services

#### November 3

Pre-Oneg-5:45 pm
First Friday Shabbat-6:30 pm
Family Shabbat Worship Service
4th Grade Siddur Passing

#### November 4

Torah Study—**9:00 am** *Vayera,* Genesis 18:1-22:24
Shabbat Morning Service—**10:30 am**Myer David Markowitz, Bar Mitzvah

Sunday, November 5 Morning Minyan—9:30 am

#### November 10

Koi Emanuel Worship Service—7:30 pm November 11

Torah Study-9:00 am

Chayei Sarah, Genesis 23:1-25:18 Shabbat Morning Service—**10:30 am** 

Sunday, November 12 Morning Minyan—9:30 am

#### South Hills Torah Weekend

November 17 at Temple Emanuel Pre-Oneg-5:45 pm

Shabbat Service-6:30 pm

**Guest: Bill Strickland** 

November 18

Morning Service at Beth El-9:15 am

Toledot, Genesis 25:19 28:9

Guest: David Fabilli

Kiddush luncheon

Evening at JCC-South Hills-7:00 pm

Dessert Reception & Havdalah Guest: Ken Karsh & Friends

Sunday, November 19

Morning Minyan—9:30 am Tuesday, November 21—7:30 pm

Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
Hosted by Temple Emanuel

November 24

Pre-Oneg**-5:45 pm** 

Shabbat Worship Service 6:30 pm

Special Thanks to B'nei Mitzvahs

November 25

Torah Study-9:00 am

Vayetze, Genesis 28:10-32:3

Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 am

Sunday, November 26

Morning Minyan—9:30 am

# Bulletin

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From Rabbi Mark Joel Mahler

With the High Holy Days and Sukkot now behind us, the first rays of my retirement draw closer to the horizon. Between now and then, there are many special people I want to remember and thank. This month of November, I want you too to remember...

#### Louise "Sissie" Sperling

I began my article in last month's Temple Bulletin by asking you to pause for a moment on Temple's central stairway and peruse the portrait of Rabbi Bill Sajowitz. I then concluded the article by noting that Bill's last word before he died was "Sissie."

Once again, this month a picture speaks a thousand words. And one dying last word speaks a thousand words and more.

I invite you to come to my study to see the photograph of Sissie Sperling. Bright eyes, sweet smile, porcelain skin, tilted head exuding charm, engagement and intelligence, Sissie's lovely face in her mid-fifties exhibited all the qualities she surely had as a child when she and she and her brother Leon were known across southwest Pennsylvania as the models in the newspaper ads for Kaufmann's Department Store children's clothing. Sissie had been named "Louise" by her parents Margaret and Reuben Abram, but older brother Leon named her "Sissie." It stuck for the rest of her life.

Both the portrait of Rabbi Sajowitz in the stairwell and the photograph of Sissie in my study were taken by Sissie's husband Alan. In addition to being a professional photographer, Alan was also a lawyer and a renaissance man altogether. Sissie and Alan first met as teenagers performing in the Alderdice High School band, Sissie on violin and Alan on trombone. Even at this tender age, the emotional harmony between them crescendoed, and so it continued for their lifetimes. Sissie graduated from high school at sixteen, then received her Bachelors degree from the University of Pittsburgh at nineteen. Sissie was

nineteen when she and Alan married. In the 1950s and 60s, Sissie was the quintessential stay-at-home American mom, welcoming her children Margie and Richard home every day after school with a plate of fresh baked cookies at the front door. With the 1970s and her children grown, Sissie entered professional life.

Sissie served as Temple
Administrator from October, 1975 until
her death in October, 1994. That role is
now called "Executive Director," but the
professional organization for Reform
Judaism continues as the National
Association of Temple Administrators.
Sissie was an active member of NATA,
serving on their board and coordinating
a NATA national certification workshop
here in Pittsburgh. Here at Temple,
Sissie was a unique combination of
service with a smile, an iron fist, an allseeing eye, and a delightful sense of
humor.

As you entered the Temple, Sissie would greet you with her sweet smile, her head slightly tilted so that she could focus all of her attention on you. She would call you "dear," then she would kiss you on one cheek, as she reached up with her hand and caressed your other cheek. Thus she welcomed you into Temple, her home. And such was Sissie's warm and gracious way that she made you feel, naturally and without a moment's pause, that this Temple, of course, is your home.

Sissie also had her eye on every activity at Temple, her hand on managing every event and her finger on the pulse of the congregation. She had a fearless sense of right and wrong. For example, the one time that Temple was

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(Cont'd. from front page) Rabbi Mark Joel Mahler

#### Louise "Sissie" Sperling

defaced during my time here (yes, the one and only time, thank God!) was when a poster was glued onto Temple's front portico (without Temple's permission, no less) advertising Rabbi Meir Kahane speaking engagement here in Pittsburgh at a Jewish Defense League event. When our maintenance staff tried to remove the poster, the glue made it impossible. Sissie called the J.D.L., threatened them with legal proceedings, and made them clean and restore the portico to its original pristine condition.

In synagogue life, it's axiomatic that someone is always unhappy with something. In response to this thankless reality, Sissie quipped that when she writes her autobiography/expose on synagogue life, she would title it "It's Too Hot in Here, It's Too Cold in Here!" That Bill Sajowitz uttered her name with his final breath is proof that she was his strong right arm in the sometimes thankless task of serving the congregation. When he retired in 1985, Sissie then filled the same vital role for me, especially because I served as Temple's only rabbi after Bill retired, then until Sissie's death in October, 1994. If I may say, Sissie didn't merely work well for and with both of us rabbis; Sissie loved us. And we loved Sissie.

Alan Sperling was only sixty when he died of cancer in 1988. Sissie was just shy of sixty-five when she was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in 1994. In the months thereafter, I proposed to our lay leaders and Board of Trustees that Sissie deserves the honor of having a Temple endowment fund created in her name to subvent the operating expenses of the congregation and relieve the otherwise constant burden placed upon members of the congregation through dues. Sissie was grateful for this gesture of appreciation. In the decades since, the Sperling Endowment Fund has served this good purpose. In difficult financial times, such as those that followed the Great Recession of 2008, the Sperling Endowment Fund has been a financial life preserver. Today, the Sperling Endowment Fund thankfully stands at about \$300,000.

Yom Kippur, 1994/5755, Sissie asked if she might say a few words to the congregation during the afternoon service. She began with the title of her autobiography/synagogue expose titled, "It's Too Hot in Here, It's Too Cold in Here!" All of us laughed. She summoned enough strength to speak for only a few minutes, but she exhibited every wonderful trait of wit, charm, intelligence, character, strength and beauty. When she sat down, all of us cried. A few minutes later, as I concluded my annual High Holy Day litany of thank yous to all the participants in our services (which I omitted this year, for reasons to be explained), I invited Sissie to stand with me before the congregation where I bestowed upon her the blessing of our people and especially, our grateful congregation. Thirteen days later, Sissie died.

Sissie was a blessing. And her memory will always be a blessing to this congregation.

From Rabbi Mark Joel Mahler "Thank You Shabbat One" October 13, 2017/24 Tishrei, 5778

# Tribute to My Students/Teachers, Teachers/Students Over the Years

Have you ever met a Nobel Prize winner? I had the privilege to meet Elie Wiesel in 1991. I was part of a small group of people invited by the Jewish Federation to meet with Wiesel before he spoke at Duquesne University's commencement ceremony. You might expect a meeting with a Nobel Prize laureate to be memorable. It was, and much more.

The setting was intimate. Our group numbered perhaps ten people. We met in a small conference room at the University. Enhancing the intimacy, Wiesel was so soft spoken. Rather than straining to hear Weisel, the softness of his voice pulled all of us closer to him. We hung on every word.

More intimate still was the conversational tone of our meeting. Wiesel didn't lecture. He had no formal topic to present. Rather, we discussed timely events, the recent war in the Middle East - Desert Storm - and the prospects for peace between Israel and the Palestinians. Wiesel asked us if we had questions. I was quick to respond.

Wiesel had won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986, but he equally could have been awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature. In his career as an author, Wiesel wrote fifty-seven books. So my question addressed his life's work as an author. "What is your muse," I asked. "Where do you find your inspiration when you write." Wiesel responded, "My muse is Torah. I find inspiration in Talmud Torah, the study Torah." Of course, I wanted to leap across the table and hug him, but better judgment restrained me. Wiesel then elaborated.

For many years, he met regularly with his rabbi in New York City to study Talmud. Starting in 1976, Wiesel held the position of Andrew Mellon Professor of the Humanities at Boston University, teaching in both the Religion and Philosophy Departments. Thus he would often commute weekly from Boston to New York for the sake of Talmud Torah. Wiesel then told how he once scheduled a flight to Israel from New York, so that he would have another opportunity to meet with his rabbi to study Talmud before departing for the airport. When the time came for Wiesel to end their study session and call a taxi, the rabbi asked him to stay and study just a little longer. And so they spent fifteen more minutes studying. Again Wiesel said he needed (Cont'd. on Page 3)

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"Thank You Shabbat One"
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to leave for the airport, but the rabbi insisted that they study some more. Ten minutes later, Wiesel said he must leave or he'll miss his flight, but the rabbi again insisted that they study just five minutes more. Five minutes later, Wiesel put on his coat to leave, but the rabbi pleaded for just a little more study. Finally, after just a little bit more study, Wiesel bid his rabbi farewell and left for the airport. He barely made his flight. When he arrived in Israel hours later, he learned that his rabbi had died.

Such is the place that Talmud Torah, the learning of Torah and the teaching of Torah, held in Wiesel's life, a prominence underscored by the passion for Talmud Torah of his rabbi and teacher.

So too in mine. But there is another essential part.
As the time now quickens to my retirement next
summer, people have peppered me with questions about what I
plan to do, how I feel about retiring and what challenges may lie
ahead in this major milestone and transition. Let me share with
you what I appreciate will be far and away my most significant
challenge.

A little anecdote will illustrate. A few nights ago, I picked up a new book to read, "Sapiens, A Brief History of Humankind," by Yuval Noah Harari. On Yom Kippur, I spoke about Harari's most recent book, "Homo Deus, A Brief History of the Future." I found "Homo Deus" so powerful and provocative that I was eager to read the prequel. So a few nights ago, I sat down and opened "Sapiens" with a yellow highlighter in hand, as I have done with the literally hundreds of books I've read over the many decades that I have been a rabbi, in addition to the many journals, periodicals and magazines. The technique is simple: I highlight to learn in order to teach. When a book is especially informative, I highlight my yellow highlights with an orange highlighter, and with exceptional books such as "Homo Deus," I then highlight my orange highlights with a blue highlighter. But it all begins with a yellow highlighter. When opened "Sapiens" the other night, I looked at the vellow highlighter in my hand, and I then put it down.

My point is that Torah has been my muse, but so too have you. Over the years, most of what I've read or heard and learned, I've filtered through a thought process of "Can I teach this at Temple? Will you find it interesting? Will Torah then come alive in you?"

For me, Torah has been a microscope to see the aspects of existence that the naked eye cannot see. Torah has been the telescope to view the big picture parts of existence that

fill us with awe. Torah has been the pillow that teaches how to soften life's blows. Torah has been the backbone that steels us with strength and courage, and the heart that feels compassion and love. And when I say "Torah" I mean it in the particular sense of the Five Books of Moses, in the traditional sense of the vast library of Jewish sacred literature, as well as in the generic sense of the intellectual landscape that all these writings still can

nurture in the *Yiddish kop* and *neshama*, the Jewish head and soul. For example, when I read today's news, I automatically see Torah in the Iran Nuclear Deal, the plight of Puerto Rico after Irma and then Maria, the suffering in the ashes of the California fires, or I see the lack of Torah in all of the above, or in the sad saga of Harvey Weinstein. In turn, my mind automatically asks, how can I teach this or that to you. If I were to quantify it over the many years of my rabbinate, I'd speculate that well-more than half of my thoughts have been, "Can I take this thought and teach it to you."

So whether we have studied together in any of the programs I listed in my e-mail invitation to the congregation this week - a list which I simply gathered from memory rather than combing through all my file cabinets filled with folders of the many programs that I led, or participated in, or created over the years - or whether you just happen to be here tonight because Noah Stein is our bar mitzvah boy this Shabbat, you have been my muse.

Thus, the obvious.... Come next July 1 and retirement, I must say "Shalom" to my muse. Anyone with a modicum of self-awareness must recognize this as a challenge. But this evening, so perfectly timed as Shabbat *B'reshit* that begins the annual reading cycle of Torah, and until next June 30, I wish only to express my gratitude to you, my wonderful muse and inspiration. Truly if any muse and inspiration can be God-given, it is Torah and it is you. ...Not only my God-given muse and inspiration, but also my teachers for the countless times when, in a classroom, at a meeting, on the Bima or simply in conversation, when you became the teacher and I became the student, and you taught me so much. From the bottom of my heart to the top of my head, to my soul that is my personal piece of heaven and eternity, I thank you.

#### Special Shabbat Service Friday, November 24, 2017 Pre-Oneg – 5:45 pm Shabbat Worship Service – 6:30 pm

Rabbi Mahler invites you to join him on this special Shabbat when he thanks you and we share memories of when he officiated at your bar or bat mitzvah service, or your child's or children's, or your grandchild's or grandchildren's.

Please share with your friends and family; former members are most-welcome to join us for this special Shabbat.

From Rabbi Jessica Locketz, Educator

#### Don't Forget to Be Thankful

There is a pre-school song (that I love!) by musician Doug Cotler called *Thank You, God.* When I sing it, I ask the kids to list things for which they can say thank you to God. As expected, they come up with a variety of answers – everything from parents, friends and pets to toys, water, trees, and houses. After acknowledging that God has given us all of these gifts and that we are grateful to have these things, we sing the chorus of the song - *Baruch ata Adonai, Thank you God.* 

I enjoy singing this song with our youngest members because it reminds the kids (and us!) to be thankful for all that God has given us and to take the time, to *make* the time to thank God and those we love as well.

Being thankful...believe it or not, takes practice. It is not our first instinct to incorporate thankfulness into our everyday lives. Many of us do not automatically thank those who make a difference in our lives. Why not? There are a multitude of reasons: we haven't found the time... we feel awkward... we meant to do it... we forgot... With the American holiday of Thanksgiving right around the corner, now is as good time as any to practice being thankful.

So...this year when we gather with family and friends around the Thanksgiving table, let us really consider how much we have to be thankful for – and take the time to say thank you; not only to God for the many blessings we have received, but also to our loved ones for being a part of our lives.

So how do we be thankful?

Of course we can just say it! But if you are looking for a more elaborate ritual, the following reading and blessings are a suggestion for doing just that:

I. (Read Before the meal begins)
Tov l'hodot lAdonai
It is good to give thanks.
To lift our eyes upward
To hillsides still draped
In deep browns
And maroons of late autumn,
A rich, fleeting beauty
Before winter's snows.

Tov I'hodot

It is good to give thanks.

To inhale the crisp air laced with woodsmoke and peat, To feel welcome warmth as we venture inside, To sniff the aromas of savory gravies,

Of nutmeg and cinnamon, berries and wine.

Tov l'hodot
It is good to give thanks.
To be seated at tables with friends
And with family,
To join hands and embrace,
To share smiles and stories,
To count all our blessings,
To recall cherished loved ones
Who no longer sit here,

Tov l'hodot

Grateful for memories,

And the gift of their lives.

It is good to give thanks.
For the land that we live in,
With its promise of freedom
And justice for all.
For the visions we share
And the strength that You give us
To work as Your partners
To fix what is broken,
To bring healing and hope
To those in despair.

Tov l'hodot

It is good to give thanks.
For this joyous gathering,
For coming together
To praise the Creator,
Extending our hands
And raising our voices
In chorus as one.\*

II. Ask each person sitting at the table to share the things for which s/he is thankful. List them – and note which things you have in common with your loved ones!

III. Join in the words of Motsi (the blessing over bread) together:

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu, me-lech ha-o-lam, ha-motsi le-chem min ha-a-rets.

Blessed are You, O God, Ruler of the universe, who causes bread to come forth from the earth.

IV. Hugs and kisses all around...not required but certainly appreciated gestures!

This Thanksgiving, we truly have much to be thankful for...Baruch ata Adonai, Thank you God.

\*By Rabbi Debra Cantor, shared by the Rabbinical Assembly:

https://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/sites/default/files/assets/public/jewish-law/holidays/tgiving/tov-l-hodot-ladonai.pdf.

#### President's Message

From David Weisberg

The following is my speech that I gave on Yom Kippur this year:

Three words - Past, Present and Future. All three encapsulate where we are today. We are indeed

at an inflection point for our congregation.

Many of you know that my sister Lauri passed away at the end of June this year after losing her courageous battle with cancer. I have been thinking a lot about her in recent months but especially now at this High Holidays. Her passing reinforced so many things in my life including my beautiful wife Rikki and our kids Marti and Ozzy, my family including my parents who are here today as well as the love and support from so many here in our congregation. I thank you and appreciate all you have done in supporting my family and me during this difficult time.

As I think about my family, I am appreciative that we too at Temple Emanuel are a family. We honor the Past, relish the Present and plan for the Future. Change can be difficult for any family but as we all know, it is part of life. Rabbi Mahler announced his retirement over nine months ago. It was a specific moment in time, a change. That change marks the beginning of a transition for Temple Emanuel.

#### Our Past

We mark the Past. We are honoring Temple Emanuel and our history this upcoming year. We are celebrating the wonderful 38 years of service that Rabbi Mahler has provided us. Our congregation is 66 years old. Rabbi Mahler has led us through greater than half of those years. We have opportunities to toast Rabbi Mahler during this upcoming year with amplified events including Torah Weekend, a Sajowitz Scholar event with best-selling author Rabbi Telushkin and finally with a gala dinner on Sunday, June 3, 2018, where our congregation, the South Hills and the Greater Jewish Community will be invited to celebrate Rabbi Mahler.

#### **Our Present**

Let us savor our Present. We honor and love Rabbi Mahler for all the years of service and guidance he has given to us. Rabbi Mahler has been a great help with our Capital Campaign. Through the years, he has been one of our biggest fundraisers. This Capital Campaign, which was initiated more than four years ago, has raised more than \$700,000 in pledges. Thank you to those who already participated. A special thank-you goes to Past President Dan Rothschild for chairing the campaign these past few years.

Overall the Capital Campaign has helped Temple meet a number of its improvement needs. Some of the items that were funded include the beautiful replacement of the concrete steps and sidewalk for our Bower Hill entrance, roof repair and replacement, plasterwork and painting of our stairwell and WRJ room, patchwork of the asphalt driveway, installing a new sound system for this sanctuary, a new sewage pump, paying

off the mortgage and updating our Temple website. Other items still to be funded include replacement of the boiler, which will run north of \$160,000 as well as the continued bolstering of the Sajowitz Endowment Fund which provides funding for educational and religious programming for Temple Emanuel.

Please note - the Capital Campaign is coming to a close at the end of 2017. Any additional or new pledges are targeted to be made before the end of the calendar year 2017. If you haven't done so already, please consider making your contribution to help ensure Temple's future.

Also in <u>Our Present</u>, our Interim Rabbi Search Committee, chaired by Michelle Markowitz, is underway with a great cross-section of twenty Tempie members who volunteered to be part of it. Many of you have asked me why we are pursuing an Interim Rabbi once Rabbi Mahler retires. The Board approved this strategy earlier this year for the following reasons:

- It is a best practice across the Reform movement once a long-tenured Rabbi departs to bring in an Interim Rabbi for one-year. This Rabbi will be trained in helping congregations through transitions. He or she will not be applying for the Settled Rabbi position.
- It allows us to focus on the next era for our congregation.
   The Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) states that a synagogue's work with a trained Interim Rabbi allows time for thoughtful, intentional work, strengthening congregations for a healthy search process.
- An Interim Rabbi allows for the next Rabbi to have greater success. If an Interim Rabbi isn't engaged following the departure of a long-tenured Rabbi, then the next Rabbi often struggles.
- Finally, by bringing in an Interim Rabbi, it will offer us the strongest candidate pool as we initiate our search for the next Senior Rabbi.

This past week, the Interim Rabbi application was submitted to the CCAR with candidates expected to apply in the next month. The Interim Search Committee will whittle down the candidate pool over these coming months and then make a recommendation to the Board. A Special meeting of the Congregation will be called for all of us to vote on and approve our Interim Rabbi candidate. Please stay tuned because we will be targeting the meeting for the January/February 2018 timeframe.

#### **Our Future**

When my eight-year old daughter and six-year old son listened to my speech and heard that I was going to talk about the Future, they wanted me to talk about flying cars. That would be cool but I am going to focus on Temple's Future. We will have uncertainty. Change.

You all are aware that this High Holidays will be our last with Rabbi Mahler leading us. At this point next year, he will be our Rabbi Emeritus when we have an Interim Rabbi leading our services and then the year following we will have a new Senior Rabbi. Three Rabbis in three years. We will be undergoing substantial transition.

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#### From David Weisberg

I'm a little bit humbled by sharing this with you but these shifts may have been embodied, believe it or not, in a dream I just had in August. I shared the dream with Rabbi Mahler in early September and that's when he told me a theme of his sermons this year was going to be dreams. After some introspection, I decided that I would share my dream with you. Full disclosure, I typically don't remember my dreams and only in the rarest of circumstances will I recall a Jewish theme that runs through my dreams. So here's the setting.

In my dream, I was at Temple with a large crowd of people around me. It felt like I was in the Social Hall but the room was narrower and darker, almost like I was in a basement. The Torah scrolls were unrolled and spread out on the tables. The room was full. People were shoulder to shoulder around the Torah scrolls. There was a lot of talking with a constant hum of conversations. Then there was commotion coming from outside of the immediate room, which created a slight panic with the crowd. Then I woke up. At that time, I was a little emotional and frankly shaken.

So what does it mean? Should I be concerned? Maybe it was the hot sauce on my tacos I had for dinner that evening. But seriously, a soothsayer may tell me that I could attribute this dream to the uncertainty created through this Rabbinic transition. Yes it's a little scary but I am comforted by the fact that we will have several opportunities to honor our Past and thank Rabbi Mahler. We can also appreciate where we are today in the Present with all of the good things happening in our congregation. And it excites me to think about next steps for our Future.

The good news is that your Board of Trustees is prepared. We have been taking measured steps through this transition as we prepare for Rabbi Mahler's retirement and welcome the Interim Rabbi, and then the Settled Rabbi. Rabbi David Wolfman, who we have engaged, plus the Union of Reform Judaism and the Central Conference of American Rabbis, have been great resources.

As we still focus on <u>Our Future</u>, it is important for us to remember Rabbi Mahler, honor him and to leave of piece of him with our congregation and for us to give a piece of our congregation to him.

To this end, our Board has made a great step in establishing the Rabbi Mark Joel Mahler Rabbinic Chair which will honor Rabbi Mahler after thirty-eight years of dedicated service to Temple Emanuel. Its purpose is to secure the financial stability of our congregation by funding the Senior Rabbi position in perpetuity. Whatever challenges the future holds, the Rabbi Mark Joel Mahler Rabbinic Chair Fund will ensure that our Senior Rabbi at Temple Emanuel will always be a point of strength for our congregation. While dues, tuition and other fundraising will continue to be significant, we can be assured that our Rabbi will always be funded and able to lead Temple Emanuel for generations to come.

A significant contributor to this Fund on an annual, ongoing and perpetual basis will be from extraordinary benefactor Norman Ettenson. Other contributions in honor of Rabbi Mahler can be directed to this Fund and will ensure his legacy and contribution to our synagogue for years and years to come. Thank you Rabbi Mahler.

Let's keep thinking about <u>Our Future</u>. After Rabbi Mahler retires, next summer starting in July 2018, our congregation will be undertaking a visioning process. With the assistance of our new Interim Rabbi, Temple Emanuel will be digesting, reviewing and imagining not only who we are (our Past and Present) but also who we want to become (our Future). We will be building upon our great foundation and then launch into the next era. We will be asking for broad participation from all of you across a broad cross-section of demographics. We also will be engaging those who are unaffiliated, previously affiliated, as well as gaining input from our key partners across the South Hills.

In addition, next summer we will be forming a Transition team to assist and welcome our Interim Rabbi in comfortably connecting to Temple families, the South Hills and ultimately to Pittsburgh.

A new Settled Rabbi Search Committee will be formed in Summer 2018. It will be a similar timeframe as the Interim Rabbi including having the next Settled Rabbi selected by January/February 2019 for a July 1, 2019 start date. So it sounds like a lot, but I am only One. As I said at last year's High Holidays, you too are One. One makes connections with another. One can link to another. One and One does indeed make two but One plus One is far greater. It connects. It empowers. It compounds. It multiplies. It helps create dreams. Remember, it all starts with One.

We all are in a great spot for each of the three phases of our inflection point, Past, Present and Future. I look forward to our sharing as a community as we all move through it together. Thank you. Shana Tova.

#### Transition Update

The selection process for our Interim Rabbi is progressing very well. As of October 18, we have received applications from seven qualified candidates. These candidates have all served and are currently serving as Interim Rabbis in Reform congregations around the country. The committee held a meeting on Tuesday, October 17, and agreed to conduct first-round phone/Skype interviews of all of these candidates. Those interviews will be scheduled throughout November, and it is our intention to narrow the candidates in order to select one or two to come to Pittsburgh in December or January.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact committee chair, Michelle Markowitz, at 412-512-3513 or <a href="mrm0530@gmail.com">mrm0530@gmail.com</a>. You can also reach the whole committee at

interimrabbisearch@templeemanuelpgh.org.

#### Join us for the next

#### First Friday Shabbat Service

With visual Tefillah, soulful singing and meaningful prayers...it's a total worship experience!

Friday, November 3rd
Pre-Oneg – 5:45 pm
First Friday Shabbat Service - 6:30 pm

This service will include the 4th Grade "Siddur Passing".

Don't miss seeing the love and creativity that went into these gifts from the heart!

Questions? Contact Rabbi Locketz at <a href="mailto:ilocketz@templeemanuelpgh.org">ilocketz@templeemanuelpgh.org</a>

# Thinking about taking a family trip to Israel?

Join Rabbi Locketz
Sunday, November 12th at 11 am
for coffee and conversation
to learn more about the Temple family trip
during Winter Break 2018

Please RSVP to Rabbi Locketz at jlocketz@templeemanuelpgh.org to let her know if you are interested!

Save the date Temple Emanuel Hosts

Global Youth (BBYO)
Shabbat



Friday, December 1, 2017

## PJ Library and Temple Emanuel present, **Give Back South Hills**

A mitzvah program for children in grades 2nd - 5th

Join Rabbi Locketz and PJ Library Ambassador Jen Cohen in discovering different ways to give back to the South Hills community.

Our first meeting of the school year will be **Sunday**, **November 12<sup>th</sup>**, **12-2 pm at Temple Emanuel**. Join us for pizza, a brief mitzvah project and a brainstorming activity to help us determine future mitzvah activities.

For more information or to RSVP please contact Jen Cohen at <u>pjsouthhills@gmail.com</u> or Rabbi Locketz at <u>jlocketz@templeemanuelpgh.org</u>

## COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS 2018-2019

Financial aid for 2018-2019 is available from the Central Scholarship and Loan Referral Service (CSLRS) of the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh.

Scholarships are distributed on the basis of demonstrated financial need. Other factors such as academic achievement, personal characteristics, and individual circumstances may also be considered. The applicant must be Jewish, reside in Allegheny, Westmoreland, Beaver, Butler or Washington County for at least two years, and need financial assistance to attend an accredited institution of higher education as either an undergraduate or graduate student. For school year 2018-2019, Central Scholarship will use an online application process available in late November at <a href="http://www.centralscholarship.org">http://www.centralscholarship.org</a>.

For more information call JF&CS at 412.422.5627 or write to: Central Scholarship & Loan Referral Service, 5743 Bartlett Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15217.

First-time applicants must be interviewed. All applications should be submitted as early as possible to ensure processing.

The deadline for 2018-2019 applications is February 12, 2018.

# Young Family Shabbat Experience Friday, November 10th



The evening begins at
5:45 with Dinner
\$15 per family
Following dinner is a brief,
family-friendly service.
(Geared for children from toddler through 3rd grade)

RSVP for dinner by November 5th to Temple's office, 412.279.7600, or online at http://www.templeemanuelpgh.org/event/yfs11-10/ (no walk-ins accepted for dinner)

If paying by check, make it payable to Temple Emanuel, 1250 Bower Hill Rd. Pittsburgh PA 15243 or pay on-line.

# TORAH STUDY Saturdays 9:00 – 10:30 am



Our Shabbat morning Torah Study focuses on the weekly Torah portion. The session is built on the reading and translation of various

passages from the Torah portion, traditional commentary and group discussion. No background in Hebrew or the Bible is necessary, only an interest in exploring the text.



Join Together For
Our 51st Year
of our
Annual SOUTH HILLS INTERFAITH
THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Tuesday, November 21, 2017 7:30 PM

Hosted this year by

Temple Emanuel of South Hills

Temple Emanuel members are invited to show your support by attending this beautiful service and are encouraged to join with congregants from Bower Hill Community Church,
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Our Lady of Grace and Greater Hope Restoration Ministry.

This is always a heartwarming service as we all join together.

# The Larry Miller Memorial Caring Community

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If you are in need of help, or you would like to donate your time, please contact Sara Frey at <a href="mailto:slfrey@comcast.net">slfrey@comcast.net</a>.

# Temple Emanuel, Beth El Congregation and the JCC-South Hills present

#### SOUTH HILLS TORAH WEEKEND NOVEMBER 17-18

#### HARMONY OF SPIRIT, HARMONY OF SOUND

Friday, November 17
Speaker: Bill Strickland
Temple Emanuel
1250 Bower Hill Road 15243
5:45 - Pre Oneg
6:30 — Kol Emanuel Service

Bill Strickland, founder of the Manchester Bidwell Group, Manchester Craftsmen Guild and Akko Center for Arts and Technology in Akko, Israel, a coastal town with a large population of Jews and Palestinians. World-renown humanitarian, Mr. Strickland brought his vision and Pittsburgh-based educational model, which largely targets disadvantaged youth and adults in transition to Akko.

Mr. Strickland is an advocate for bringing people from different communities together under the umbrella of respect and dignity, and he feels that his educational model can be a benefit specifically in Israel and specifically in Akko,"

Saturday, November 18
Speaker: David Fabilli
Beth El Congregation
1900 Cochran Road 15220
9:15 am — Service
Kiddush luncheon following

Mr. Fabilli is known to Pittsburgh radio listners as David Jaye. He will speak about history of Jazz and Jews in Pittsburgh. He is a professor of broadcasting, and has been on Point Park's Journalism and Communications faculty since the 1980s. He has also been a familiar voice on Pittsburgh radio since the 1970s, having worked on a number of area radio stations, including WDUQ, WJJJ, 3WS, WJAS, WYJZ, WDSY and WWCS.

During the past 10 years, Fabilli has produced a dozen "Best of" albums, including two 3-disc sets by legendary saxophonist David 'Fathead' Newman and also by organist Charles Earland.



Saturday evening at JCC
345 Kane Blvd. 15243
Evening of Jazz with
Ken Karsh and Friends.
7:00 pm — Dessert Reception
& Havdalah

Ken Karsh began playing guitar at the age of 9 and has been deeply involved in music and music education ever since. He attended Berklee College of Music and received his B.Mus. and M.Mus. in Performance at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA.

Over the past several years, Ken has performed live and on recordings with nationally and locally known musicians. One of Ken's proudest moments is his participation as guitarist for the soundtrack for the documentary film In My Hands.

Ken has performed with such distinguished groups as the Wheeling Symphony Orchestra, the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, and the Pittsburgh Opera Orchestra (performing on Mandolin).

#### Todah Rabah!

#### We couldn't do it without you!

Many Temple Emanuel Congregants came together this new year, 5778 to make the High Holy Days observance, led by Rabbi Mark Mahler and Rabbi Jessica Locketz, a beautiful and inspirational experience. We acknowledge their mitzvah and extend our sincere and heartfelt appreciation.

- First, to our congregation, who filled our Temple with prayer, song, and community.
- Aron Zelkowitz for his outstanding Kol Nidre solo.
- Harvey Rubin and Ron Schneider for the stirring sounds they produced on the Shofar at our services.
- Dr. Charles Cohen and Jim Burns for their Inspirational music.
- To the following volunteers making Rosh HaShana and Yom Kippur High Holy Days more special for our preschool through 6th grade children: Bryan Bahm, Jacob Bernstein, Michelle Dreyfuss, Lisa Dvorin, Ian Dvorin, Zoe Dvorin, Kathy Ginsburg, Ike Goldman, Maggie Goldman, Cami Herman, Lydia Herman, Emily Linder, Kate Louik, Deb Madaras, Maria Margolis, Stephanie McFerron, Naomi Pittle, Harrison Pittle, Barb Plutko, Kelly Rosenberg, Anna Schwartz, Rebecca Schwartz, Shayna Silverman, Mindy Spitzer, Samara Steinfeld, Suzi Wall, Zach Wik and Eliana Zahalsky.
- Steve Zoffer and Sam Dvorin for providing music and Anna Schwartz for blowing the Shofar.
- Torah lay readers: Melinda Freed, Ben Handen, Robin Hausman, Jacob Naveh and Milt Wolf.
- Haftorah lay readers:, Betty Jo Hirschfield Louik, Lynn Richards, Joan Rothaus, Dan Rothschild and Mel Vatz.
- Candlelighters: Iris Harlan and Alice Mahler.
- Greeters and Bima Sitters:
   Keith Abrams, Artie Baran, Marci Barnes, Mitchell Bober,
   Adam Brufsky, Mary Cothran, Nate Eisinger, Sara Frey,
   Lee Golomb, Jason Green, Max Louik, Michelle
   Markowitz, Ron Richards, Dave Rullo, Jo Schuman, Beth
   Schwartz, Lisa Steinfeld, Renee Tatro, Barb Udren, Jeff
   Weiner, David Weisberg, Jeff Young.
- Aliyah Participants: Marty Altschul, Paula Altschul, Diane Dreifuss, Michelle Dreyfuss, Ellen Drook, Lisa Dvorin, Melinda Freed, Kathy Ginsburg, Rob Goodman, Pauli Green, Chris Harlan, Arnie Klein, Bob Konig, Roger Liss, Rena Schake, Larry Schwartz, Matt Schwartz, Naomi Sogoloff, Mindy Spitzer, Stephanie Spolter.
- Participants in Yom Kippur afternoon service: Marci Barnes, Mary Cothran, Jason Green, Regina Jones, Max Louik, Michelle Markowitz, Daniel Rothschild, David Rullo, Beth Schwartz, Renee Tatro, David Weisberg and Jeff Young.
- Jamie and Steve Del for carrying the Holocaust Torah.
- Our efficient and gracious ushering staff under the new leadership of Ron Richards previously held by Milt Wolf: Peter Alt, Marty Altschul, Paula Altschul, Carl Bahm, Jeff Bernson, Steve Blattner, Michael Bleier, Gary Brant, Mary Cothran, Lee Feldman, Moses Finder, Peter Freed, Roz Goorin, Ben Handen, Arnie Klein, Bob Konig, Robin

- Minutello, Ron Richards, Paul Richardson, Harvey Rubin, Leonard Sogoloff, Jeff Weiner, Barbara Wolf and Milt Wolf.
- Beth Schwartz and the Worship Team for working on all areas of worship assignments.
- The Social Action Team chaired by Marty Altschul for arranging our food drive and the congregants for returning full bags of food for SHIM (South Hills Interfaith Movement).
- Jeff Weiner for providing the greens and gourds for the Sukkah.
- Volunteers for their creativity and hard work in building and decorating the Sanctuary and outside Sukkahs
- The entire Temple staff for ensuring that our High Holy Days observance went smoothly.



The South Hills Jewish-Christian Dialogue will meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month Next meeting is

November 16, 2017
Fellowship Hall at
Westminster Presbyterian Church
2040 Washington Road, 15241
12:00 TO 1:15 p.m.

All welcome-No charge

The Christian-Jewish Dialogue meets monthly to learn about each other's faiths and scriptures, highlighting the distinctiveness of the Jewish and Christian traditions and confronting misunderstandings that have historically evolved in our two communities.

Park in the north lot and enter from the driveway at the rear of the building.

#### A Message From Ruth Sajowitz

Dear Temple Emanuel Family,

I want to send my thanks to you for your warm New Year Greetings and heartfelt messages that I received this year and send you good wishes for the new year.

With fond memories, Ruth Sajowitz

# Information from the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh:

#### Free Money

For semester, summer, and gap-year programs to Israel for teens and college students.

#### Available Now!

All Greater Pittsburgh teens, with at least one Jewish parent, going on an eligible program (minimum 3 weeks with educational supervision) are eligible to receive a **non-need-based scholarship of \$1,750** from the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh. Additional need-based funding is also available.

# Scholarship Funds Available On A First-Come, First-Served Basis

If you have a **Passport to Israel account**, with at least 4 years of participation, you can **receive up to \$800** in matching funds from the Jewish Community Foundation to help defray the cost of an eligible Israel program. If your children are in first through ninth grade, you can still enroll them in the Passport to Israel program.

# Federation Representatives Are Available To Visit:

- your Israel teen travel open houses
- youth group meetings
- meetings with parents

Let us show you how the Federation can help defray the cost of an Israel experience. To schedule your presentation now, contact Debbie Swartz at the Jewish Federation at 412.992.5208 or <a href="mailto:dswartz@jfedpgh.org">dswartz@jfedpgh.org</a>.

The Israel Scholarship Program is funded by the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh's Annual Campaign, with additional funding for need-based scholarships funded by The Stanley z"I and Flo Mae Moravitz Israel Scholarship Endowment Fund of The Jewish Community Foundation of the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh. The Passport to Israel Program is funded by the Sholom Comay Family Endowment Fund of the Jewish Community Foundation of the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh

#### Please Be In Touch With Us



We are eager to be in touch with all members of the Temple family whenever there are occasions of joy or sadness in your lives. Please call us as soon as possible, for yourself, a loved one, or



for another Temple member, especially when there is a death in the family. We very much want to be there with you at a time of grief, and celebrate with you in times of joy. In an emergency, always feel free to call us at home if the Temple office is closed.

Temple Emanuel is also here as a safe haven in times of crisis and confusion. We will always offer you a listening ear, a caring heart, confidentiality and guidance to the best of our abilities.

Rabbi Mahler and Rabbi Locketz

## ARE YOUR COOKING FOR THANKSGIVING?

If you will be grocery shopping at Giant Eagle, please participate by buying your Giant Eagle gift cards here at Temple. When you buy Giant Eagle gift cards through our office, Temple receives 5% of every dollar spent –It costs you nothing and it costs Temple nothing. That's right, nothing. You spend the full face value of the gift cards and get the added nachas of knowing that you've provided much needed support to Temple's fundraising efforts.

Other than groceries, also use the cards to pay for gas at GetGo, prescriptions and dry cleaning, and even beer at Market DistrictsI And, you can use them to buy hundreds of other gift cards too. Don't forget you will receive Fuel Perks when you use your cards. With birthdays, weddings and home-improvement projects, it's the perfect time to stock up!

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

From the Social Action Food Bank Team

#### Food For SHIM

We had a wonderful food collection over the holidays. SHIM would like to thank all our Temple congregants who contributed.

SHIM is still in need of non-perishable food items for their food bank. We are hoping to collect Thanksgiving items such as gravy, roll mixes, canned fruit and vegetables, canned sweet potatoes, canned green beans, cranberry sauce, brownie mix, stuffing, instant mashed potatoes and more.

# Menschenings

#### SHALOM

A warm welcome goes to new members of our Temple family:

 ➤ Karen & Timothy Brogdon and their sons Elijah and Isaac.
 ➤ Stacy Beck & Adam Kripke and their children, Brayden and Avery.

# OUR CONDOLENCES ON THE FOLLOWING BEREAVEMENTS: יוהי זכרם ברוך יוהי

>Beverly Harris, Temple member and wife of the late Murray Harris (September 22)

➤ Harvey Kallick, father of Scott
Kallick and grandfather of Ethan and
Elia Kallick (September 23)
➤ Mariene Mallinger, Temple
member (September 27)

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#### MAZAL TOV

#### Marriage:

➤ Marriage of Amanda Demczuk & Aaron Pollon on October 29. Aaron is the son of Dorothy and Neil Pollon.

#### Engaged:

>Jack Greenberg engaged to Kaylea Doran. Jack is the son of Chuck Greenberg and grandson of Barbara & David Greenberg.

➤ Elliot Kindler engaged to Sarah Interewicz. Elliot is the son of Debra & Alex Kindler.

>Kevin Kindler engaged to Jenna Petrosino. Kevin is the son of Debra & Alex Kindler.

#### Bar Mitzvah:

# >Andrew Marcus Greenberg became a Bar Mitzvah in New Jersey. Andrew is the grandson of Barbara & David Greenberg and

nephew of **Chuck Greenberg** an

#### Honors:

➤ Louis Kiein is now the Commander of The American Legion Post #290 in Scott Township.

#### **B'NEI MITZVAH**



#### Myer David Markowitz

On Friday, November 3, the Shabbat candles will be kindled by Michelle Markowitz. The pulpit flowers will be provided by Michelle and Pace Markowitz who will share with Temple Emanuel in hosting the Oneg Shabbat in honor of their son, Myer, becoming a Bar Mitzvah. On Saturday, November 4, please join with the Markowitz family as they host the Kiddush following Shabbat morning services.

Myer's mitzvah project is collecting food for SHIM refugee communities.

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#### HOURS DURING TORAH CENTER:

**Sundays -** 9:30 am to 12 noon **Wednesdays -** 4:30 to 6:30 pm

#### OR ANYTIME BY APPOINTMENT

April Zaslau—412.279.3750 Rita Zolot—412.279.1020 Temple Emanuel Gift Shop is now taking orders for

# 2018 National Mah Jongg League cards

- Cost per card is: \$8 (small) or \$9 (large)
- Make your check payable to Temple Emanuel (please note mahi card on memo line)
- Mail (or drop off) your check to: 1250 Bower Hill Rd., 15243.

#### For groups:

If ONE check, note name, address and size for each card so League can mail cards directly to each player.

#### Individual checks are fine.

- Deadline is January 26, 2018 (cards cannot be ordered without payment).
- Cards usually arrive on April 1st.

Questions? Call Rita at 412.279.1020 or SDZolot@aol.com

Also, Pushers are now available, clear, \$17 – set of 4.

#### THANK YOU—TODAH RABAH:

#### Office Volunteers:

Martha Berman, Lisa Katz, Flora
Calgaro, Peggy Gold, Nancy Berkowitz,
Ellie Bahm, Roberta Carr, Irene
Luchinsky, Allen Beitman, Nan Simon,
Stacy Tafeen, Penny Abrams, Roz &
Farrel Levine, Susan Hommel and
Susan Konig.

# Events for November 2017

Cheshvan/Kislev 5788

From Iris Harlan, ECDC Director



As the November 2017 Temple Emanuel Bulletin goes to print, I am packing for a trip to Reggio Emilia in Italy. I am traveling with a group of 63 Educators from Jewish early childhood

centers in Pittsburgh, DC, Chicago, Boston and Israel. The group includes one of our wonderful teachers, Julie Silverman, and two of our wonderful Pittsburgh JECEI Consultants, Judy Abrams and Barbara Moser.\* During the 10-day trip, we will have the opportunity to visit several of the schools in Reggio Emilia and will attend many seminars and discussion groups. It is my privilege and obligation to share this journey with the Temple community.

For those of you who have not heard of Reggio Emilia, I'd like to start with a bit of history. When the Fascists were defeated and World War II ended, a group of parents in Reggio Emilia, a region of northern Italy, built a school out of the rubble of the war. They wanted a better life for their children. Their efforts and dreams laid a unique foundation for a new approach to education. Rather than building a school based on a preconceived model, this school was built on a set of hopes and values. Over the next decades, over 20 early childhood centers were built in Reggio Emilia. The set of values was increasingly tested and articulated. Many thousands of Educators have visited Reggio Emilia over the past three decades. In more recent years the Reggio Emilia approach to early education has taken a stronghold in Jewish programs across the country. This helps to explain why I have the great fortune to participate in 2017 Reggio Seminar: Exploring the Reggio Emilia Approach through a Jewish Perspective.

The schools of Reggio Emilia do not follow a method or specific curriculum. Rather, the approach is built on a set of values centered on the belief that children, teachers and parents are competent and that each has a right to participate in a collaborative learning experience. Though vicariously, the Educators of Temple Emanuel are likewise participating in this journey. Here are some of their questions that we are "bringing" to Italy:

- How did Reggio Emilia evolve into a philosophical approach with a world-wide impact?
- What is the daily classroom schedule?
- How much time do the children spend indoors/outdoors?
- How do the children express themselves musically? With instruments? With singing?
- What toys or materials do they use in the classrooms?
- What are the playgrounds like?
- What types of documentation are used?
- Are parents actively present in the classroom?
- How do the parents make time for school participation?

- How does project work get started and how is it sustained?
- How do the teachers ensure that children are ready for first grade?

I would like to acknowledge immense gratitude to The Dr. Solomon and Sarah Goldberg Memorial Endowment Fund of the Jewish Community Foundation of the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, for making possible participation in the 2017 Reggio Seminar: Exploring the Reggio Emilia Approach through a Jewish Perspective.

\*The Pittsburgh Jewish Early Childhood Education Initiative (JECEI) is a program supported by the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh. The Martha Klein Lottman Family Fund also supports the Pittsburgh JECEI program at Temple Emanuel.

# Just Mention Our #1250695 To The United Way

Temple Emanuel ECDC is a United Way Choice Contributor agency!

Please think of us when contributing to the United Way. The funds will help us to make scholarships available to families facing financial hardships as well as providing special programming for the children. We appreciate your donations and thank you in advance.

Our United Way Number is **1250695** and must be used when you make your contribution.

# Ready for pick up: The 2017-2018 ENJOY COUPON BOOKS \$30 each

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## WTE Calendar of Events in November

#### Ladies Night Out

Monday, November 6
Time: 7:00 pm
\$14 per person
That Pottery Place
South Park Shops

#### **Book Club**

Monday, November 13
Book Selection: **The Marriage of Opposites**by Alice Hoffman

We will go over the same book at both sessions. 10:00 am—TE Community Room

> and 7:00 pm Hosted by Beth Schwartz 1133 Sunrise Drive 15243 and

Monday, December 11
Book Selection: **The Interestings**by Meg Wolitzer
same times as November and location TBA

Please RSVP for all events and direct all questions to WomenOfTE@gmail.com

Check out our webpage @
http://www.templeemanuelpgh.org/community/wte/
Visit us on Facebook @ Women of Temple Emanuel

The J-Line and Torah Center space renovations are



nearly complete! Thank you to Levin Furniture for donating brand new furniture for the Youth Lounge. And, thanks to a grant

from the Steeltree Fund, we have new tables and chairs in the classrooms. Be sure to check out the remodeled lounge and upstairs classrooms the next time you visit Temple!



# Volunteer Center Mission to Israel South Hills Information Session Wednesday, November 8 5:45-6:45 p.m.



Learn about the Jewish Federation's Volunteer Center annual Mission to Israel—Wednesday, November 8, from 5:45 - 6:45 pm, at Temple Emanuel. The Volunteer Center will share information about Pittsburgh's Partnership 2Gether region of Karmiel/Misgav, along with what to expect from this special trip.

Join other members of the Pittsburgh Jewish community, April 22 – April 29, 2018, in northern Israel's magnificent Galilee region, where you will delight to Israel's natural beauty and forge meaningful new friendships. Your service and presence in this area is an invaluable boost to the morale of the Israeli people.

This annual trip consists of a week of volunteerism projects in the Karmiel/Misgav region with plenty of down-time to explore and experience all that the region has to offer.

Volunteers are only responsible for airfare to and from Israel, and any costs associated with Shabbat outside of Karmiel/Misgav. Attending the information meeting does not commit you to the trip.

Register: http://jfedvolunteer.org or call 412-992-5214



#### Leave Your Address With Us

If you are leaving Pittsburgh for the winter, please notify the Temple office with your alternate address, your e-mail address, and phone number.

From Paula Altschul, Librarian

#### **Pollon Family Library News**

#### Librarian's Hours:

9:00 to noon on Sundays 12:00 to 3:00 on Mondays 3:30 to 6:30 on Wednesdays

On Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> we had a member author book signing in the Polion Family Library of Temple. Bob Konig wrote the historical fiction, **Of Good and Evil: Prelude to the Holocaust**. He gave a very intimate presentation with discussion, questions, and finally signing and selling his books. Though we have books written by Temple members in the Library, we have never before hosted an official talk with book signing of a just published book. If you would like to check out his book, Bob donated a copy to the Library for your reading pleasure.

As you may have read and heard, Rabbi Joseph Telushkin will be coming to the South Hills on May 10, 2018. If you are not familiar with his many books, I will be highlighting one each month for the next few issues of our newsletter. Many people think that he has only written non-fiction, but the first book I am going to reference is a work of fiction, in fact a murder mystery, titled **An Eye for an Eye.** It was published in 1991 and we have a first edition for you to check out, as you will want to be familiar with his writing when he comes. He has been here before for a Sajowitz Endowment Fund weekend, but that was in 1990. A lot has happened since then!

Our movie for Monday, November 27th is **A Bottle in the Gaza Sea**. As you may guess by the title, there is a message in a bottle floated by an Israeli teenage girl. It is found by a Palestinian teenage boy. In French, Hebrew, and Arabic with subtitles, a movie that will touch your heart and mind!

## Lunch Downtown with Rabbi Mahler

If you work downtown, or can meet downtown at noon,

bring your lunch and join this discussion group with Rabbi Mark Mahler that focuses on Jewish current events and traditional Jewish text study.

#### Noon on Monday November 20<sup>th</sup>

HOST:

Michael Bleier & David R. Cohen

LOCATION:

Reed Smith 225 Fifth Ave. Suite 1200

Pittsburgh 15222

**RSVP:** 

SKaiser@reedsmith.com (Suzy)



# Movies and Munchies Line-up for 2017-2018\*

#### A Bottle in the Gaza Sea— November 27

2010, I hour 40 minutes

Israeli story of a message in a bottle floated by an Israeli girl, found by a Palestinian boy.

#### Orchestra of Exiles—January 22 2012, 1 hour 25 minutes

Founding of orchestra that became the Israeli Philharmonic.

## Remember — February 26 2015, 1 hour 34 minutes Rated R

Contemporary story of Zev's search for the Nazi guard who murdered his family 70 years ago.

#### Denial — March 26 2016, 1 hour 49 minutes, PG-13

Historian, Deborah Lipstadt, battles for the truth about the Holocaust with deniers.

## The Yankles—April 23 2009, PG-13, 1 hour 55 minutes

A washed up ex-baseball player helps an orthodox Yeshiva baseball team.

\*all movies subject to availability and may be substituted with an equally good movie

FREE - 1:00 PM In the Community Room

### Below is updated information for you to add to your

#### 2017/2018 DIRECTORY

If you have not received your new Directory, please stop in the office to pick one up.

#### Updated from 7/31/17 to 10/3/17

#### **NEW MEMBERS:**

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Come and Get

#### Please!

The new Temple Directory is in and was distributed at the Labor Day Picnic and to the Torah Center families. If you have not yet received your new Directory, please come to the Temple office to get one. The office hours are Mondays thru Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### Happy Anniversary

Wedding anniversaries are a time to celebrate the joys of today, the memories of yesterday and the hopes of tomorrow. Best wishes to our Temple members who are celebrating their anniversaries in **November**:

Steve & Jennifer Cohen Jeremiah & Debrah Demme Marc & Alyssa Foremsky David & Barbara Greenberg Philip & Debra Levy Roger & Janet Liss

Michael & Aimee Braun

Eric & Marsha Morgenstern
Jack & Janet Mostow
Dante Plutko & Barbara Beile-Plutko
Ron & Britt Roteman
Gerald & Marcia Rubenstein
Jeffrey & Kathryn Simons
Martin & Linda Sloan

Jesse & Julie Sweet Stuart & Rita Zolot

Leonard & Naomi Sogoloff

#### Fall Challenge!!!

Knit or crochet scarfs, hats, mittens or socks to donate to those in need.

Items will be accepted from October 1st through December 1st.



Knitting & Crocheting Circle of Friends

#### Meeting on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am – noon

Meeting outside of
Anthropologie at the Galleria.
All are welcome to participate
in this Circle of Friends.

Please place your completed item/s in a clear plastic Ziplock bag and drop off in the community room at Temple.

Thank you as always for your generosity, time and talent.

If you are a new member, please contact Andrea\* to confirm the date of this meeting. Not often, but sometimes, the date of the meeting has to be changed.

\*Questions? Contact Andrea Sobel at 412.276.1008.



Each fall, SHIM organizes a winter coat drive to collect warm outerwear for their families. Each member of the family is able to select a coat and accessories (like hats, gloves, scarves, snow pants, etc.).

The 2017 Drive Will Run through Mid-November. We welcome donations of new and gently-used coats and accessories. Please check to be sure that the coat zipper works and that the coat is in good condition, free of rips, stains, holes, etc. Donations can be dropped off at Temple in a box marked for SHIM Coat Drive in the lobby.

#### Bereavement Support Group

Meeting on Sunday, November 19 @ 10:00 a.m.

#### Led by Alice Mahler, LCSW and Julie Bowden, Ph.D.

Both Alice and Julie have extensive experience in grief counseling.

No need to preregister.

The Bereavement Group would like to welcome previous and newly bereaved adults to our monthly support group. This group meets once a month on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. French pastries and beverages help sweeten sometimes difficult times.

Everyone grieves differently and there is no right or wrong way to grieve. Support often can be very helpful knowing you are not alone. Meet others who have lost their parents, siblings, partners or children and find hope. All are welcome.

Questions? Contact Alice Mahler at 412.606.3288.

In addition, the past and current members of this group have organized monthly dinners for anyone who has lost a loved one. Please contact Rima Wolfe at 412.956.5738 for times and to make a reservation.

#### MIRYAM'S PLACE

Miryam's Place offers a safe sanctuary, nutritious meals and other services to homeless women and those at-risk of homelessness. Lunch and dinner are offered to approximately 45 women, seven days a week. For several years a number of Temple families or groups of members have been providing occasional meals to Miryam's. Our goal is to fulfill at least one meal a month that comes from a family or a group from Temple. You have the option of preparing the meal at your house or you may use the lovely kitchen at Miryam's. Meal service is cafeteria style; you and your family may wish to help serve also, but that is optional.

We are still looking for families or groups that can provide a meal in November. Please contact Carol Rose at <a href="mailto:rosece428@comcast.net">rosece428@comcast.net</a> or by phone at 412-279-2771. We can also talk about dates in 2018. Thanks.

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We have already received reservations! Tickets available now at: www.templeemanuelpgh.org/event/Telushkin/

#### Sunday Evening, June 3, 2018 Rabbi Mahler's Retirement Gala Celebration



Plan to join us as we come together to celebrate Rabbi Mahler's years of service and to thank him and Alice for their dedication to Temple and the Jewish community.

If you would like to help plan this wonderful event, please contact Susan Hommel at suesue46@hotmail.com.

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Assists the Rabbi in programs helpful to the pursuit of her work & in the enrichment of congregation & Jewish life, both programmatically & philanthropically.

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To secure the financial stability of our congregation by funding the Senior Rabbi position in perpetuity.

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Facilitates care to members of our congregation in times of crisis.

#### **#15 PRAYERBOOK FUND**

Purchases & maintains books for worship (Prayerbooks—\$36; Bibles—\$55).

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#### WALL OF REMEMBRANCE PLAQUES

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#### #12 EILEEN WOLF MEMORIAL FUND

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If you would like to order a plaque, contact the Temple Office at 412.279.7600 for more information.

#### HONORING THEIR MEMORY

Families of the Following Loved Ones Will Honor Their Memories and Mark the Occasion of Their Family

November 3/4 Max S. Barasch, Ada Blain, Alfred Brenner, Albert Davis, Harold Lesser, Ofra Mark, Benjamin Protas, Ernest B. Rosen, Jeanne Vona, Yetta Friedman Amper, Edith Baskin, Milton L. Goldstein, Enid Lesser, Freida Liss, Marvin Metosky, Gail Ryave, Frances Trachtenberg, Irving Wechsler, Thelma Cobbett, Hugo Hauser, William Learish, Julia Zubroff, Anna Diskin, Wilfred Erenrich, Lois Krash, Eva Rintzler, Robert Rosecrans, Samuel Rothaus, Samuel Rubenstein, Max Russman, Jeanne Glasspool, Rhea Kossoff, Rubin Levin, Ruth Miller, Pauline Ringelheim, Pauline Shiffman, Alice Sperling, Wilma Evans, Jeanette Feldman, Thelma Korenberg, Robert Pomerantz, Harry Seltzer, Samuel Lewis Silver, Morton Simons, David Spitzer, Rose Barash, Mary Blockstein, Violet Cepikoff, Myer Gewirz, Rose Miller Landsman, William (Knobby) McNabb, Sr., Lou Mitchell, Charles Presser, Lawrence I. Weiskopf

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November 24/25 Adolphe, Dora Rosen, Cheryl Turoff, Margaret Garfinkel Weiner, Harold Guggenheim, Bertha Peresman, Benjamin Pisetsky, Myron Bleiberg, Joseph Freeman, Abe Gural, Jacob Kaufman, Jeanne M. Marple, Louise Parker, Milton O. Peresman, Peter Rosen, Maurice Sajowitz, Jacqui Solodar, Elka Vaisman, Celia Isaacson, Leonard Judd, Richard Mottsman, John Bodnovich, David S. Cooper, Irving Gibbons, Rosella Levinson, Dorothy Wiener, Estelle Baskin, Esther Berkowitz, Norita Berman, Larry Levkoy, Rose Schwartz, Rudolph Schwartz, Mina Sperling, Joseph Josephson, Rhea Lehman, Jerome David Rosenblatt, Frank Simons, Marvin Abraham Tachna

#### **CEMETERY PLOTS**

Temple Emanuel has acquired additional burial spaces for our members in the Mt. Lebanon Cemetery. There are a limited number available and they are located adjacent to the existing Temple Emanuel section of the cemetery. If you are interested in purchasing a plot in the Temple Emanuel section of Mt. Lebanon Cemetery, please contact Leslie Hoffman at 412.279.7600 or Ihoffman@templeemanuelpgh.org

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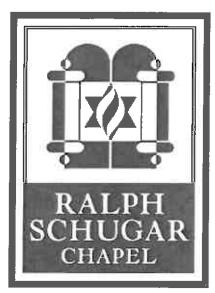


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# An Invitation from Rabbi Mahler

I invite you to join me on the special Shabbats listed below when I thank you and we share memories of when...\*

#### Friday, November 24 (6:30 PM) \*\*

... I officiated at your bar or bat mitzvah service, or your child's or children's, or your grandchild's or grandchildren's.

#### Friday, January 12 (7:30 PM)

... I officiated at your loved one's funeral.

#### Friday, March 9 (7:30 PM)

... I sponsored and guided your conversion to Judaism.

#### Friday, March 23 (7:30 PM)

... we worked together on or for Temple's auxiliaries and/or committees (any and every one).

#### Friday, April 13 (7:30 PM)

... I officiated at your wedding, or child's or children's, or your grandchild's or grandchildren's.

#### Friday, April 20 (6:30 PM)

... you were a president or officer and we once worked together on behalf of Temple.

#### Friday, May 11 (7:30 PM)

... you contributed in any way to Temple's vast music program; e.g. sang or played at services, participated in a Shabbat Band, performed at any Temple event, or served on the Diskin Music Fund.

#### Friday, May 25 (6:30 PM) \*\*

... you were Confirmed any time between 1981 and 2018, my tenure at Temple Emanuel.

For everyone else, indeed for everyone, I will thank you and we will share memories at Temple's Annual Meeting come next June.

\*Please share with your friends and family; former members are most-welcome to join us for these special Shabbats.

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