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T'FILA תפילה

Babysitting

Available during Friday Shabbat Services

December 1

Pre-Oneg - 5:45

First Friday Shabbat—6:30 pm

Global Teen Shabbat

December 2

Torah Study—9:00 am

Vayishlach, Genesis 32:4-36:43

Shabbat Morning Service—10:30 am

Sunday, December 3

Morning Minyan—9:30 am

December 8

Shabbat Worship Service—7:30 pm

December 9

Torah Study—9:00 am

Vayeshev, Genesis 37:1-40:23

Shabbat Morning Service—10:30 am

Sunday, December 10

Morning Minyan—9:30 am

Tuesday, December 12

Erev Chanukah - First Candle

December 15

4th Chanukah Candle

Chanukah Family Dinner—5:30 pm

Shabbat Worship Service—6:30 pm

December 16

Torah Study—9:00 am

Miketz, Genesis 41:1-44:17

Shabbat Morning Service—10:30 am

Sunday, December 17

Morning Minyan—9:30 am

December 22

Shabbat Worship Service—6:30 pm

December 23

Torah Study—9:00 am

Vayigash, Genesis 44:18-47:27

Shabbat Morning Service—10:30 am

Sunday, December 24

Morning Minyan—9:30 am

December 29

Pre-Oneg—5:45

Shabbat Worship Service—6:30 pm

December 30

Torah Study—9:00 am

Vayechi, Genesis 47:28-50:26

Shabbat Morning Service—10:30 am

Sunday, December 31

Morning Minyan—9:30 am

From Rabbi Mark Joel Mahler

With this last month of 2017, 2018 and my retirement draw closer. So for this month of December, I offer my gratitude, and yours, to...

Acronyms to Acknowledge and Appreciate

Acronyms. IMHO: Gotta' love 'em. JICYMI: Gotta' hate 'em.

If you know an acronym, you value its ability to communicate something quickly and clearly. If you don't know an acronym, you're confused and frustrated. Especially in the be-Twittered world of social media, where Tweets are limited to a meager 280 characters, acronyms abound ... and confound. So, JICYMI, "Just In Case You Missed It," IMHO means "In My Humble Opinion."

In our particular case, there are certain acronyms that every Temple Emanuel member should know and appreciate. All of them derive from the monumental works of Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise, the founding father of American Reform Judaism.

Wise was twenty-nine years old when he immigrated to the United States from his native Moravia in 1846 to become rabbi of Beth El Congregation in Albany, New York. Beth El was the first synagogue in the U.S. to have mixed pews, men and women seated together in religious services. Under the influence of Rabbi Abraham Geiger, Reform Judaism's founder who had introduced mixed pews in Germany, along with professional choirs, organ accompaniment and Confirmation, Wise was the perfect rabbi to lead such innovations here in the U.S.

Wise abruptly left Beth El in 1850 following a fist fight he had with the president of the congregation as the High Holy Day services were about to begin. Yes, you read that correctly. The summer before the Holy Days, in a theological debate with Rabbi Morris Rafall, Wise had denied Judaism's traditional belief in the resurrection of the dead, a belief cherished by many Jews including Beth El's president. Their dispute led to fisticuffs. The police came. Wise departed for Plum Street Synagogue in Cincinnati. There Wise's renown, influence and innovations grew.

In 1873, Wise founded the umbrella organization for all Reform congregations under the name of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. At the time, "Hebrew" was the preferred term rather than "Judaism," "Jew," and "Jewish." In 2003, the Union updated its name to the Union for Reform Judaism. Sometimes, the old "of" slips off the tongue in place of the new "for." Thus please note that Temple Emanuel is a member of the Union for Reform Judaism. And while I correct common mistakes, we are "Reform" Judaism, not "Reformed" Judaism. "Reformed" would imply that our work is done; "Reform" implies that our mission is on-going, dynamic and creative. So too, we should always remember that our mission is defined by "Judaism," the mission dating back to the first Jews, Abraham and Sarah. So take your pick: the acronym "URJ" and the name "Union" are interchangeable. The fact remains that we - you, I and Temple Emanuel - would not be here if not for the organization that unites all Reform congregations.

In 1875, Wise founded Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati for the training and ordination of Reform rabbis in America. Wise's first attempt, Zion College, had opened and quickly closed in 1855. Twenty years later, HUC succeeded where Zion College had failed. In 1950, HUC merged with the Jewish Institute of Religion in New York, founded in 1922 by Rabbi Stephen Wise. This Wise was no relation to Isaac Mayer Wise, but he was equal in renown in the twentieth century to Isaac Mayer Wise was in the nineteenth century. The merged institutions then rendered

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WE ARE COLLECTING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS FOR SHIM IN DEC. & JAN.

T'FILA תפילה**Babysitting**

Available during Friday Shabbat Services

January 5

Pre-Oneg—**5:45 pm**

First Friday Shabbat—**6:30 pm**

Confirmation Consecration

January 6

Torah Study—**9:00 am**

Shemot, Exodus 1:1-6:1

Shabbat Morning Service—**10:30 am**

Phillip Markovitz, Bar Mitzvah

Sunday, January 7

Morning Minyan—**9:30 am**

January 12

Young Family

Shabbat Experience—**5:45 pm**

Shabbat worship Service—**7:30 pm**

Special Thank You Service—People for whom Rabbi Mahler officiated at their loved ones' funeral

January 13

Torah Study—**9:00 am**

Vaera, Exodus 6:2-9:35

Shabbat Morning Service—**10:30 am**

Young Family Havdalah—**5:00 pm**

Sunday, January 14

Morning Minyan—**9:30 am**

January 19

Pre-Oneg—**5:45 pm**

Shabbat Worship Service—**6:30 pm**

January 20

Torah Study—**9:00 am**

Bo, Exodus 10:1-13:16

Shabbat Morning Service—**10:30 am**

Doran Adam Steinfeld, Bar Mitzvah

Sunday, January 21

Morning Minyan—**9:30 am**

January 26

Shabbat Worship Service—**7:30 pm**

January 27

Torah Study—**9:00 am**

Beshalach, Exodus 13:7-17:16

Shabbat Morning Service—**10:30 am**

Sunday, January 28

Morning Minyan—**9:30 am**

Wednesday, January 31

Tu B'Shevat

New Year for Trees

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Rabbi Mark Joel Mahler

Acronyms to Acknowledge and Appreciate

the acronym, HUC-JIR, which now includes campuses in Los Angeles and Jerusalem. Today in the wake of the Holocaust, HUC-JIR is the world's oldest rabbinical seminary. Without HUC-JIR, Rabbi Locketz and I, our predecessors Rabbis Frankel, Silver, Sajowitz, Holin, Seicol and Metzinger, all of you and Temple Emanuel altogether would not be here.

In 1885, Wise created the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the CCAR. Wise intended to unite all American rabbis under this organization. However he himself dashed this vision in 1883 when he invited all American rabbis to convene in Cincinnati, with festivities opening with the forever thereafter famous/infamous "Trefa Banquet." Many of the invitees observed the traditional dietary laws of Kashrut. Seeing the menu laden with Trefe, they stormed out. Within a year, some of the protesters founded the Jewish Theological Seminary, JTS, in New York, soon the fountainhead of Conservative Judaism. We might wonder where American Judaism - and American Jews - might be today if Wise's menu had been a little more thoughtful and "inclusive," today's prized catchword for Reform Judaism.

Now mix together these acronyms - URJ, HUC-JIR and CCAR and you have the formula for Temple Emanuel's future. Over the years, Temple members have invested literally in that future with a portion of Temple dues, upwards of \$60,000 and more annually going to the URJ. In turn, the URJ helps to underwrite the education of Reform rabbis at HUC-JIR. CCAR members pay annual dues to support the CCAR. One of many benefits of the CCAR is the Placement office that coordinates communications between congregations searching for a new rabbi - in Temple's case, interim this coming year and then "settled" (i.e. permanent) senior rabbi the following year - and rabbis seeking to serve a new congregation. This symbiosis of URJ, HUC-JIR and CCAR ensures Temple's future. All thanks go ultimately to wise Rabbis Wise and Wise.

But more benefits remain, along with more acronyms to acknowledge and appreciate....

From a narrow perspective, the Religious Action Center functions as the URJ's lobby in Washington. More broadly, the RAC has played a central role in shaping American history by Jewish values. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 were drafted at the RAC's office on DC's Dupont Circle. Today the RAC stands at the forefront of advocacy for immigration rights, living wage and minimum wage, reproductive rights, environmental concerns, combatting hunger and poverty, and much more. In recent years, Rabbi Locketz has taken some of our teenagers to the RAC for L'Takein, hands-on education in Tikkun Olam social action.

The National Federation of Temple Youth, NFTY, creates and sustains the URJ's many youth programs, including a superb national network of Reform summer camps, youth groups, teen Israel trips and educational experiences.

The Association of Reform Zionists of America, ARZA, serves multiple functions for the URJ's international arm, the World Union for Progressive Judaism, WUPJ: advocating for Reform Judaism in Israel, supporting Reform congregations in Israel and worldwide, and coordinating Reform missions to Israel.

For decades and generations, Reform Judaism Magazine was the conduit of information about all of the Reform Movement's various branches and activities, as well as acronyms. The magazine circulation was 300,000 homes monthly; every member of a Reform synagogue automatically was a subscriber. But in 2014, Reform Judaism Magazine ceased publication. In light of its demise, today, I encourage every Temple member to keep abreast of these various Reform organizations via the internet; e.g. urj.org, reformjudaism.org, rac.org. These organizations are a source of pride, information, inspiration and motivation for all of us. Especially in the years of transition ahead for Temple Emanuel, these Reform organizations are all the more vital to our congregation.

From Rabbi Jessica Locketz, Educator

Re-Introducing... The Beit HaMidrash

Eleven years ago, our Adult Education Committee became the Beit HaMidrash Team. Eleven years is a long time; many of us no longer remember why the committee was renamed and how its new name was chosen. So.....to refresh our memory, here is the story.

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According to our tradition, before we study, we recite the following blessing:

Baruch ata Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha'olam asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu la'asok b'divrei Torah. "Praised are You, Adonai, Our God, Ruler of the Universe, who has made us holy with commandments and commanded us to engage in the study of Torah."

The words of this blessing encourage us to be active participants in our own striving for knowledge. We say the words "*La'asok b'divrei Torah...*" and we understand them to mean that God has commanded us to "engage in the study of Torah;" to be actively involved in our own learning. In other words we are to embrace our studies, engage in discussion and wrestle with what we learn. Furthermore, we are to be actively involved in a community of learners – so that together we can make each encounter with Judaism a worthwhile one.

Our tradition teaches that Jews came together to learn as a community in a part of the synagogue known as the *Beit HaMidrash*. Literally translated as 'the house of study,' it was the room in which group learning occurred. One who entered it could expect to find all sorts of opportunities – to listen, to learn, to argue, to discuss, to experience, to grow... in essence it became a place that was comfortable and familiar; a home of sorts where all learners were welcome – regardless of background or previous knowledge. The *Beit HaMidrash* then was an important gathering place within the community for all those who wanted to learn more about their Judaism.

With this in mind, the Adult Education program here at Temple has been renamed to reflect this traditional learning model. The learning opportunities are endless – all designed to help our Temple Family to learn and to grow together.

La'asok b'divrei Torah... We recite these words whenever we come together to study – to learn from and with each other. How appropriate then, that we join in these ancient words of blessing as we look forward to the many exciting opportunities that await us within our new *Beit HaMidrash*. As we join together to share the joy of learning, may we not only grow closer to our tradition, but to each other as well.

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The Beit HaMidrash team is planning to meet on **Wednesday, January 3rd at 7 pm**. Please join us as we explore the many adult learning opportunities that await us.

If you would like to be part of the Beit HaMidrash Team, please be in touch with either Chairperson Mitch Bober at Mitchellbober@gmail.com or Rabbi Jessica Locketz at jlocketz@templemanuelpgh.org.

Join us for our monthly First Friday Services...

Friday, December 1st

5:45 pm—Pre-Oneg

6:30 pm—Global Teen Shabbat

Join us for this special teen-led service sponsored by BBYO and NFTY. You won't want to miss this unique service, including new tunes, thoughtful discussion and youthful Ruach (spirit). All are welcome to enjoy the pre-oneg at 5:45 PM before the service.

As the daylight hours get shorter, help us to bring light into our sacred prayer space.

Friday, January 5th

5:45 pm—Pre-Oneg

**6:30 pm—Shabbat Service &
Confirmation Consecration**

Start the New Year off right... with songs and prayers to welcome in 2018.

These services include blessings for December & January birthdays.

Questions? Contact Rabbi Locketz at jlocketz@templemanuelpgh.org

Let There Be (LED) Light!

Sunday, December 3rd

12:00 pm after Torah Center

Join your child to make light up Chanukah cards for a festive holiday celebration.

Recommended ages: 5+

RSVP to torahcenter@templemanuelpgh.org

Class size is limited

Fee: \$5/person/\$20 family max which includes a pizza lunch.

President's Message

From David Weisberg



As we round out 2017, I've been able to reflect on what a year it's been. Overall it's been very positive and I am excited as we make our way into 2018. Temple Emanuel is strong and we are continuing to find ways for us to build on our past, savor the present and plan for our future.

Let's think about where we were one year ago. We had just repaved the parking lot and made roof repairs from our Capital Campaign. We confirmed with Mt. Lebanon Cemetery about expanding the Temple Emanuel section. We had just emerged from a national election where we elected a new President and Rabbi Mahler had just announced that he was planning on retiring on June 30, 2018. So where are we now? And what does it mean for Temple Emanuel?

Since we are coming to the end of the year, the Capital Campaign is also drawing to a close. Thank you to those of you who have already contributed. We have greater than \$750,000 in pledges to date, which has provided for a variety of capital improvement items including improving the sanctuary sound system, paying off the mortgage, strengthening the Sajowitz Endowment Fund and enhancing of the Temple website. Any contribution that you can make is greatly appreciated; please do so before December 31, 2017.

As we connect with the past and plan for the future, as a Temple community we realize the sacred importance of our cemetery. As we know, establishing a cemetery is one of the first priorities for a new Jewish community. I am pleased to say that we have moved ahead with the cemetery expansion in Mt. Lebanon Cemetery, with Phase 2, which is adjacent to the existing Phase 1. This came as a result of a lot of hard work upfront by TERMS along with planning, negotiating and strategizing through our Board and with the persistence of our Executive Director Leslie Hoffman. Please contact Leslie if you are interested in acquiring new burial spaces.

With Rabbi Mahler's retirement approximately six months away, we are continuing to take the opportunity to thank him at a number of events. I would encourage everyone to attend one of Rabbi Mahler's thank-you Shabbats where he is honoring various constituencies (October was for those who have studied with him, November was for those who came a Bar or Bat Mitzvah with him). In addition, please mark your calendar for:

- Saturday night March 24, 2018 for a free-concert with two-time Grammy winner Guitarist Laurence Juber.
- Thursday evening May 10, 2018 for the Sajowitz Endowment Fund and South Hills Jewish Pittsburgh's
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presentation of an evening with Rabbi Joseph Telushkin.

- Sunday evening June 3, 2018 for Rabbi Mahler's Retirement Gala Celebration.

As this is being written in mid-November, the Interim Rabbi Search Committee is in the midst of interviewing candidates with the expectation that the final one or two will be brought to Temple Emanuel in the December/January time frame as the Search Committee makes a recommendation to the Board. The congregation will vote to approve the Interim Rabbi at a Special Congregational Meeting in the January/February/March timeframe.

Finally I am very excited to be participating in the Union of Reform Judaism Biennial to be held in Boston in early December 2017. I along with Rabbi Locketz, Leslie Hoffman, Michelle Markowitz, Beth Schwartz and Rebecca Schwartz will be attending. The Biennial provides various tracks including Audacious Hospitality, Strengthening Congregations, Tikkun Olam, Transforming Texts and Youth Engagement. I expect that we all will come back energized and focused as we share what we learned at Biennial back to Temple Emanuel. Thank you all and Happy New Year!

Special Shabbat Service

Friday, January 12, 2018

Shabbat Worship Service – 7:30 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 loved one's funeral.

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

CEMETERY PLOTS

NEW TEMPLE SECTION

Temple Emanuel has entered into an agreement with the Mt. Lebanon Cemetery to acquire additional burial spaces for our members. There are a limited number available and they are located adjacent to the existing Temple Emanuel section of the cemetery. These burial spaces are available at a reduced price (\$3200 per space versus \$4420 per space). If you are interested, please contact Leslie Hoffman, 412.279.7600 or lhoffman@templemanuelpgh.org.



CHANUKAH SERVICE FOR THE HOME

BEFORE KINDLING THE LIGHTS:

The lights of CHANUKAH are a symbol of our joy in time of darkness. Our ancestors had the courage to struggle for freedom, freedom to worship in their own way. Theirs was a victory of the weak over the strong, the few over the many, and the righteous over the arrogant. It was a victory for all ages and all people.

Blessed is the match consumed in kindling flame.
Blessed is the flame that burns in the heart's secret places.
Blessed is the heart with strength to stop its beating for honor's sake.

Blessed is the match consumed in kindling flame.

—Hannah Senesh

Within living memory, our people were plunged into deepest darkness. But we endured! The light of faith still burns brightly, and once again we see kindled the flame of freedom. Our people, Israel, have survived all who sought to destroy us. Now, through love and self-sacrifice, we labor to renew our life.

Let the lights we kindle shine forth for the world. May they illuminate our lives even as they fill us with gratitude that our faith has been saved from extinction time and again.

The Candles are placed in the Menorah (Chanukiah) from right to left, and kindled from left to right.

(On Shabbat, light the Chanukiah before kindling the Shabbat candles.)

ברוך אתה יי, אלקינו מלך העולם,
אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו
להדליק נר של חנוכה.

Baruch Ata Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav, v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Cha-nu-ka.

Blessed are You, O Eternal our God, Ruler of the Universe, who has made us holy with mitzvot and commanded us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

ברוך אתה יי, אלקינו מלך העולם,

שעשה נסים לאבותינו בימים ההם בזמן הזה.
Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hei-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, she-a-sa ni-sim la-a-vo-tei-nu ba-ya-mim-ha-hem ba-ze-man ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, O Eternal our God, Ruler of the Universe, who performed wonders for our ancestors in days of old, at this season.

First night only:

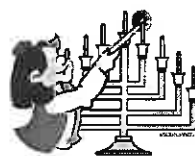
ברוך אתה יי, אלקינו מלך העולם,
שהחיינו, וקיימנו, והגיימנו לזמן הזה

Baruch Ata Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam, sheh-heh-cheh-ya-nu, v'ki-y'manu, v'higi-anu la-z'man ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, O Eternal our God, Ruler of the Universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season of Chanukah.

Temple Families & Friends—Join us for...

Temple Emanuel's Chanukah Party & Shabbat Service



Friday, December 15

5:30 p.m. Dinner

Latke Dinner with Lighting of 4th Chanukah Candle

(If you can, bring your Chanukiah with you.)

6:30 p.m.

Shabbat Worship Service

Don't miss celebrating Chanukah with your Temple family.

The cost for this latke dinner will be \$5 per person.

There will be a family maximum rate of \$20 (immediate family only).

We need your **RSVP by December 11th**. To RSVP you can call Temple office, 412.279.7600, or go to our web site at [www.templeemanueipgh.org/event/chanukah 2017/](http://www.templeemanueipgh.org/event/chanukah%202017/).

South Hills Community Chanukah Celebration

Open to the entire community free of charge. Bring your friends and family to celebrate the holiday!

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

JCC-South Hills - 345 Kane Blvd

Free Dinner	Mitzvah Project	Balloon Making
Obstacle Course in the gym		Face Painting

Questions or to RSVP @ www.southhillsjewishpittsburgh.org



South Hills Jewish Teen Chanukah Party

Saturday, December 16

7:00-10:00 p.m.

in Upper St. Clair (private home)

- Food, Fun, Games, Prizes!
- FREE & Open to all South Hills Jewish Teens in Grades 8-12
- For more information: southhillsjewishpittsburgh.org

From Social Action Team

FAMILY PROMISE



Since 2015 Temple Emanuel's Social Action Team, under the leadership of Peggy Kindler and Marty Altschul, has joined with Bower Hill Community Church (BHCC) and Family Promise of Southwestern Pennsylvania. With their base headquartered in Crafton, Family Promise connects children and families

experiencing homelessness with a network of local congregations and dedicated staff. The major goal is to provide the families with shelter, meals, hospitality, and support until they return to independent lives in their own homes, often found by Family Promise.

Did you know that over 40% of the homeless population is made up of families, and 1 of 4 homeless persons is a child? If we step up to volunteer, we are helping to prevent child and parent homelessness in Pittsburgh!

The Family Promise program accepts:

Two-Parent Families

(Most programs accept mothers and children, but fathers have to find somewhere else to go.)

Single Fathers with Children

(There are virtually no programs where a father and his children can stay.)

Parents with Teenagers

(Many programs will not accept boys over 12 or older teenage girls.)

Grandparents Caring for Their Minor Grandchildren

Single Mothers and Their Children

Once every three months we do the following:

- Temple members transport (in the Family Promise van) guests from Crafton to BHCC and return them back the next morning. We **pick up at 5:00 PM** and return guests **at 6:00 AM** the next day.
- Temple families plan and prepare dinner (5:30-7:00 PM) and eat with the guest families who stay overnight at Bower Hill Community Church. Bunny Schorr is Temple Emanuel's cook coordinator for Family Promise; she is a dietician who is happy to answer any meal planning questions.
- Temple families plan and direct an evening activity **from 7:00-9:00 PM**. This can be a craft, bingo, outdoor activity depending upon the weather, or just sitting and talking with the families.
- Temple members stay overnight sleeping at the church. Someone needs to be on site as some parents work and need to be let into the church after hours. We also need to be available in the event that a guest has a problem.

Do you believe in Tikkun Olam 'repairing the world'? We can affirm our Jewish and humanitarian values in small yet important ways, right here in Mt. Lebanon! It's so easy to say 'yes'! The guest families (often with preschool and grade school age kids), need your yes! I can!, just one **Tuesday evening at a time— Temple's next time to host is **Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2017!****

It's easy if we all pitch in (single households, families, retired couples, young and not so young) choose once a year, or every quarter! **If you've hosted a family gathering, it's a breeze (no squabbles) to cook-greet these polite guest families!** If you think that this might appeal to you, please contact Temple volunteer Sandy Golomb at sandy3dognight@aol.com or 412-429-1956. Or here is a link if you would rather contribute directly to Family Promise.

<http://www.familypromiseswpa.org/Donations—Fundraising.html>

IT'S THE CHANUKAH MITZVAH MALL!

The meaningful one-stop answer to all your Chanukah shopping needs...

...and not just for Torah Center students!

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With gifts that can change the world rather than gifts that have to be exchanged!

- Make a Donation in someone's Honor – Choose From Different Organizations
- A Beautiful Chanukah Gift Card Accompanies Each Donation
- A Donation to Each Organization Fulfills a Unique Mitzvah

"Shopping" Hours:
Sunday, December 3rd
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Suggested Donation Is \$3 Each



**Community
Mitzvah Day 2017
December 24 and 25th**
Sign up at
www.jfedvolunteer.org

**It's not too early to reserve your tickets for
An Evening with
Rabbi Joseph Telushkin
Thursday, May 10, 2018
Upper St. Clair HS Auditorium**

Brought to you by
The Sajowitz Endowment Fund of Temple
Emanuel and South Hills Jewish Pittsburgh



Joseph Telushkin, hailed by *Jewish Week* as "America's rabbi," is a renaissance figure, whose reputation extends well beyond the Jewish community. His novel, *An Eye for an Eye*, became the basis for four episodes of *The Practice*. The

renowned historian Paul Johnson labeled Telushkin's *A Code of Jewish Ethics* – winner of the 2007 National Jewish Book Award as the Book of the Year – as "the most comprehensive introduction to Jewish ethics to appear for many years."

A penetrating speaker with the timing of a standup comic, his talks challenge even as they entertain. One thing is certain: you will walk out of Telushkin's speech different than when you walked in.

Meet & Greet with Reserved Seating
\$36 (only ~~400~~ 62 seats available)

General Admission - \$5 (~~700~~ 632 seats available)
Tickets available now at:
www.templeemanuelpgh.org/event/Telushkin/

We're already thinking about



The Purimshpiel rehearsals will begin in January. Hope you will be participating as an actor or just coming to enjoy the Purimshpiel. Watch your email for more details!

**Join us for a Free Concert with
Two-Time Grammy winner
Guitarist Laurence Juber
Saturday Night Mar. 24**



Lead Guitarist for Paul McCartney's Wings, Fingerstyle Guitarist of the Year, Studio musician on award-winning records, movies, TV shows & video games. *And he's Jewish, too!*

Sponsored by the Diskin Music Fund which presents innovative and special music and music education programs through religious school and Temple events, as well as events open to the community.



**Plan to Join Us!
Sunday Evening, June 3, 2018**

We will all 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.

Winter Challenge!!!

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



Knitting & Crocheting Circle of Friends

Meeting Sunday, December 10th
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.

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.

The South Hills Jewish-Christian Dialogue

will meet the 3rd Thursday of each month.

Upcoming meetings are

December 21, 2017 &

January 18, 2018

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.

Ready for pick up:

The 2017-2018

ENJOY COUPON BOOKS

Still Available at \$30 each

START USING THEM IMMEDIATELY.

Call Ruby to reserve your book(s) @ 412.276.0105
or stop in the Temple office to pick one up.

Young Family Shabbat Experience

Friday, January 12, 2018

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 January 10th

to Temple's office, 412.279.7600, or online at
www.templeemanuelph.org/event/yfs-jan12/

(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.

Movies and Munchies

1:00 PM—January 22

Temple Community Room

Orchestra of Exiles

2012, 1 hour 25 minutes

During the darkest days of a Europe being torn apart by anti-Semitism and Nazi aggression, Polish violinist Bronislaw Huberman's extraordinary efforts saved hundreds of Jewish families from the approaching holocaust. Witnessing Hitler's agenda was a call to action that Huberman could not ignore. Huberman's personal transformation and subsequent heroic struggle to get Jewish musicians out of Europe founded an orchestra that became the Israeli Philharmonic.

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

FREE - Open to the Community

We will celebrate

Tu B'Shevat

Wednesday, January 31st
5:30 p.m.
With a Tu B'Shevat Seder

To continue the theme of Tu B'Shevat, please
bring canned fruit products for the Food Bank.

TEMPLE FAMILY Menschenings

MAZAL TOV מזל טוב

Marriages:

➤ **Amanda Demczuk & Aaron Pollon** married on October 29th. Aaron is the son of **Dorothy & Neal Pollon**, brother of **Joshua, Benjamin & Jill Pollon**.



OUR CONDOLENCES ON THE FOLLOWING BEREAVEMENTS: הי זכרם ברוך

➤ **Joseph J. Inserra**, father of John Inserra (Diane), grandmother of Jacob & Jonah Inserra (September 18)

➤ **Joseph Weiss**, uncle of David Abrams (Penny) and great-uncle of Mindy Dorish (Darryl) (October 20)

➤ **Marilyn Goldstein**, mother of Rita Zolot (Stuart), grandmother of Suzanna & David Zolot (November 2)

➤ **Beatrice Rosenblum**, mother of Arlene Roos (November 12)

➤ **Israel Rudoy**, Temple member and past President of Temple, husband of Judith Rudoy, father of Bruce Rudoy (Holly), Paul Rudoy (Deborah) and Jodi Roberts, grandfather of Madelyn, Zachary, Beth & Matthew Rudoy and Drew (Hristina) & Max Roberts (November 14)



SNOW CLOSING

In the event of inclement weather, we will announce our Torah Center's closing on KDKA Channel 2, WTAE Channel 4 and WPXI Channel 11. You can check the information at www.KDKA.com, www.WPXI.com, or www.WTAE.com. Torah Center will also send an e-blast to those families enrolled. There will be no Adult Education classes when Torah Center is cancelled.

B'NEI MITZVAH

Phillip Markovitz

On Friday, January 5, the Shabbat candles will be kindled by Meridith Markovitz. The pulpit flowers will be provided by Meridith and Eric Markovitz who will share with Temple Emanuel in hosting the Oneg Shabbat in honor of their son, Phillip, becoming a Bar Mitzvah. On Saturday, January 6, please join with the Markovitz family as they host the Kiddush following Shabbat morning services.

Phillip's mitzvah project is baking homemade dog treats and selling them via a Go Fund Me Page as well as door-to-door to raise money for **Rural Dog Rescue**. Rural Dog Rescue rescues dogs from Washington D.C., Maryland, North and South Carolina and Virginia.

Doran Adam Steinfeld

On Friday, January 19, the Shabbat candles will be kindled by Lisa Steinfeld. The pulpit flowers will be provided by Lisa and Aaron Steinfeld who will share with Temple Emanuel in hosting the Oneg Shabbat in honor of their son, Doran, becoming a Bar Mitzvah. On Saturday, January 20, please join with the Steinfeld family as they host the Kiddush following Shabbat morning services.

Doran's mitzvah project is a fundraiser in support of **The Trevor Project** (give.thetrevorproject.org/dasproject) This is the only national organization providing suicide prevention services to LGBTQ youth in crisis.

TODAH RABAH:

Office Volunteers:

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

TEMPLE'S JUDAICA



Stop in the gift shop to find what you need for Chanukah (candles, wrapping paper & paper products, menorahs, plates, etc.).

1st Candle for Chanukah is Tuesday, December 12th.

Everything is now 20% off (Michael Aram is 25% off) Through Dec. 31st 2017

There are other unique gift items throughout the year for: B'nei Mitzvot, Confirmation, Art Work, Engagements, Weddings, Birthdays, Simchas, Hostess Gifts, Holiday Accessories, Books & Cards.

FREE CUSTOM GIFT WRAP

HOURS DURING TORAH CENTER:

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

OR ANYTIME BY APPOINTMENT

April Zaslaw—412.279.3750
Rita Zolot—412.279.1020

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 December and January Anniversaries.

DECEMBER:

Morton & Evelyn Aronson
Steven & Lori Blattner
Arnold & Miriam Breslow
Tim & Ellen Drook
Howard Louik & Betty Jo Hirschfield Louik
Brian & Serena King
Steve & Alicia Maglin
Brian & Jennifer Reverri
Ken & Lauren Rice
Robert & Carol Spolter

JANUARY:

Artie & Lori Baran
Randy Frankel & Terri Greenberg
Aaron & Shiela Margolis

Events for December 2017 Kislev – Tevet 5778

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	
				Pre-Oneg - 5:45 pm First Friday Shabbat Service & Shabbat Morning Service Global Teen Shabbat 6:30 pm 10:30 am	Torah Study - 9:00 am Torah Study - 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 am	
				7	8	9
				PJ Library & Temple Storytime at Mt. Lebanon Library 4:00 pm Shabbat Worship Service 7:30 pm	Torah Study - 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 am	
				14	15	16
				Chanukah TERMS Meeting - 10:00 am Chanukah Family Dinner 5:30 pm Shabbat Worship Service 6:30 pm	Chanukah Chanukah S.H. Teen Chanukah Party 7:00 pm	
				21	22	23
				Office Closed at Noon Shabbat Worship Service 6:30 pm	Office Closed at Noon Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 am	
				28	29	30
				No ECDC Office Closed at Noon - Pre-Oneg - 5:45 pm Shabbat Worship Service 6:30 pm	No ECDC Office Closed at Noon - Pre-Oneg - 5:45 pm Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 am	
				4	5	6
				Torah Center Classes 4:30 pm South Hills Melton - 7:00 pm	Torah Center Classes 4:30 pm South Hills Melton - 7:00 pm	
				11	12	13
				Chanukah Social Action Family Promise Erev Chanukah 1st Candle	Chanukah Torah Center Classes - 4:30 pm South Hills Melton - 7:00 pm Board Meeting- 7:00 pm	
				18	19	20
				Chanukah S. H. Community Chanukah Celebration at JCC 5:30 pm	Chanukah No Torah Center SEF Meeting - 7:00 pm	
				25	26	27
				No ECDC - Winter Break Office Closed Community Mitzvah Day	No ECDC No Torah Center	
				31-	1	2
				No Torah Center Minyan - 9:30 am	No ECDC Office Closed	
				3	4	
				Minyan - 9:30 am	Office Closed	

Events for January 2018 Tevet - Shevat 5778

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 No Torah Center Minyan - 9:30 am	1 No ECDC Office Closed	2	3 Beit HaMidrash (Adult Ed) Meeting - 7:00 pm	4	5 Pre-Oneg - 5:45 pm First Friday Shabbat Worship Service & Confirmation Consecration - 6:30 pm	6 Torah Study - 9:00 am B'nal Mitzvah Club - 9:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Bar Mitzvah of Phillip Markovitz 10:30 am
7 Minyan - 9:30 am Torah Center & Pre-K Classes & 1st Grade Parent Connection Intro - 9:30 am Mahj at Temple - 10:00 am	8 J-Line - 6:30 pm	9	10 Torah Center Classes 4:30 pm Board Meeting - 7:00 pm	11	12 No ECDC - Conferences Young Family Shabbat Experience - 5:45 pm Special Thank You Shabbat Worship Service 7:30 pm	13 Torah Study - 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 am
14 No TC - MLK Day Minyan - 9:30 am	15 No ECDC J-Line at Beth El - 6:30 pm	16 No ECDC	17 Torah Center Classes 4:30 pm South Hills Melton - 7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting 7:00 pm	18	19 TERMS Meeting - 10:00 am Pre-Oneg - 5:45 pm Shabbat Worship Service 6:30 pm	20 Torah Study - 9:00 am B'nal Mitzvah Club - 9:15 am Shabbat Morning Service & Bar Mitzvah of Doran Adam Steinfeld - 10:30 am
21 Minyan - 9:30 am Torah Center & Pre K Classes 9:30 am Bereavement Group - 10:00 am	22 Lunch Downtown with Rabbi Mahler - 12:00 pm Movies and Munchies - 1:00 pm J-Line - 6:30 pm	23	24 Torah Center Classes 4:30 pm South Hills Melton - 7:00 pm	25	26 J-Line L'Taken trip to DC Shabbat Worship Service 7:30 pm	27 J-Line L'Taken trip to DC Torah Study - 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 am
28 J-Line L'Taken trip to DC Minyan - 9:30 am Torah Center Classes - 9:30 am PJ Library & Temple Storytime at Mt. Lebanon Library - 2:00 pm	29 J-Line - 6:30 pm	30	31 Tu B'Shevat Torah Center & Tu B'Shevat Seder - 4:30 pm South Hills Melton - 7:00 pm	1	2 Pre-Oneg - 5:45 pm First Friday Shabbat Worship Service - 6:30 pm	3 Torah Study - 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 am



From Iris Harlan, ECDC Director

Trip to Reggio Emilia, Italy
(October 19-29, 2017)

Exploring the Reggio Emilia Approach Through a Jewish Perspective

When Julie Silverman and I embarked in October for an early childhood seminar in Reggio Emilia, Italy, our bags were packed, not only with layers of clothing for various weather conditions, but with a list of questions from our ECDC teachers. Today I'd like to respond to those questions. First I'd like to offer gratitude for the generous support of the Dr. Solomon and Sarah Goldberg Memorial Endowment Fund of the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh. What a gift it was for our Pittsburgh educators to receive support to visit Reggio Emilia, perhaps the only city in the world that specializes in the field of Early Childhood Education. Though it would take special research to study the history of Reggio, it was obvious that over the decades their educators, citizens and civic leaders have made countless thoughtful choices that have supported the growth of extraordinary schools. As students of Reggio, we experienced the *intentionality* that was apparent in every aspect of our visit. As educators in Jewish schools, we were reminded of the meaning of *kavanah* – the Jewish concept of focus and concentration in words and action – in this case on behalf of the welfare of children.

There are 23 infant-toddler centers and 21 preschools under the umbrella of the municipality of Reggio Emilia. Most of the schools have three classrooms with 26 children per classroom. Each classroom has two teachers with a possible third teacher if there is a child with special needs, which Reggio educators refer to as special rights. Each school also had a fully staffed kitchen which serves the nutritional needs of the school, including hot lunches and an amazing array of food choices for visitors and events. It is always startling for Americans to see how children set the tables in the dining room with real porcelain plates and glasses.

Reggio schools are made beautiful by an array of natural materials, interesting use of spaces, irregular classroom layouts and exceptional art work. The classrooms are arranged with a wide range of materials, including duplos, wooden train tracks, cars, plastic animals of all sizes, and lots of loose materials – small and large. Materials are pre-arranged on much of the surfaces. In the center of one table, for example, was a collection of pomegranates, grapes, leaves and oranges. Baby food jars of paint with corresponding colors and sheets of paper were set along the perimeter of the table. All of the materials, especially the art materials, were of high quality. Surfaces in the classroom are of multiple heights. Outdoor areas were large and grassy with few pieces of equipment, possibly

one slide. The outdoor areas had lots of large loose materials, including logs and rocks.

While visiting one preschool starting at 9:00 am, children were in small and fluid groups. They were drawing, building, engaging in imaginative play with plastic figures and natural materials, and playing outside. The multi-shaped building was designed as a school and each classroom has direct access to the outdoors. Children may go in and out independently. One teacher explained that they can allow the children to be independent because they know them so well based on staying with the same group over the years. For me, one highlight was watching a group of three at an easel. Two girls were drawing at each side while a third child, a boy, sat on a chair and posed for his portrait. One of the girls traced the boy's face with her finger to get a feel of the shape, while the boy was smiling beatifically, obviously enjoying the contact and attention. It was a joy to watch the drawings emerge on the paper and the delighted expressions of the children as they compared results.

Learning to think critically is central at Reggio schools. Experience with even the youngest children has taught the educators that children have questions about the world and can learn to view things from multiple viewpoints. *Investigations* are the vehicles for such learning. The learning is not linear and does not consist of a fixed sequence of steps. Words and phrases used by the Reggio educators to conjure the learning process were: *spiraling; ping ponging back and forth; multidimensional; involving multiple viewpoints and using at least two materials or mediums to represent the learning.*

I am struck with how far we have come at Temple Emanuel ECDC in our own *investigation* of the Reggio approach. We are fully engaged in dialogue, in seeking and listening to multiple points of view. This is the path of intentionality – of *kavanah* – of focusing thought conscientiously on what is best for our children. I am so very grateful to participate in this investigation with our school community.

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.

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

I recently read an article about the job of being a librarian; how most people don't realize all that is involved other than ordering and shelving books. The librarian becomes involved in people's lives, sees the children who come in to the library grow up, and offers support and information to the community. I love the opportunity to help congregants integrate into the Temple. And on that note...

Have you visited the Pollon Family Library at our Temple lately? You should come even if you don't want to check out a book. Our Library is such a welcoming place. Many friendships have been made here. You will feel more at home at Temple if you meet people and become involved by relaxing, chatting and networking in the Library on a Sunday morning during Torah Center, or on a Wednesday afternoon.

The children have been visiting the Library fairly regularly this fall. Our ECDC classes have had *Sammy Spider* storytimes for the holidays. Our Torah Center pre-school class comes on Sunday morning when they are in session. Kindergarten came with the fifth grade class, who paired up with a buddy and read a variety of stories. First, second and third grade classes have also come for a visit on Sunday morning.

Movie and Munchies had a terrific turnout for the movie *Above and Beyond*. It was enjoyed and highly recommended by all who viewed it. Our January 22nd movie is **Orchestra of Exiles**. It is about the founding of the orchestra that became the Israeli Philharmonic. There is even a children's book published this year to complement the movie called **A Concert in the Sand** by *Tami Shem-Tov and Rachella Sandbank*, illustrated by *Avi Ofer*. Both offer enjoyable ways to learn little known facts about Jewish history.

A new book for preschoolers: **The Tushy Book** by *Fran Manushkin*, illustrated by *Tracy Dockray*, donated by Melinda Freed. It is very cute and has lovely art work.

Words that Hurt Words that Heal: How to Choose Words Wisely and Well by *Rabbi Joseph Telushkin* is one of the books that you might want to look at before Rabbi Telushkin visits on May 10th.

As always, I remind you to devote one night of Chanukah to giving books as gifts. Enjoy the holiday.

Men of Temple Emanuel's Breakfast & Brews Program

MOTE's next breakfast will be at
Trolley Barn Eatery

Castle Shannon

3360 Library Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15234

Tentatively Sunday, December 10th

Watch your e-mails for more information.

We hope to see you for an enjoyable breakfast to connect with other men of Temple Emanuel. Please RSVP to MOTE@templeemanuelpg.org by December 5th so that we can reserve the spaces needed.

Stay tuned for more exciting installments of Breakfast and Brews as well as upcoming service opportunities! If you have a suggested location for an upcoming event (either breakfast or brews), let us know.

Lunch Downtown with Rabbi Mahler Continuing at Noon on Monday January 22, 2018



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.

HOST: Michael Bleier & David R. Cohen
LOCATION: Reed Smith, 225 Fifth Ave., Suite 1200
Pittsburgh 15222
RSVP: SKaiser@reedsmith.com (Suzy)

PJ Library & Temple Storytime

Join PJ Libray's Jen Cohen and Temple's librarian Paula Altschul for a fun-filled Chanukah themed story time and craft.

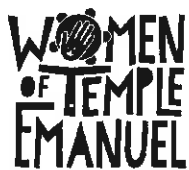
Thursday, December 7 — 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Mt. Lebanon Library

Everyone welcome

Contact Person: Jen Cohen

pjsouthhills@gmail.com



The Women of Temple Emanuel Upcoming Events

**Mahj at Temple Emanuel
December 3 and January 7
10 a.m. to Noon**

Bring your card and let us know ahead of time if you are new to mahj or would like to learn.

**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 mahj 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.

BOOK CLUB

Monday, December 11

Book Selection: **The Interestings**

by Meg Wolitzer

WTE will go over the same book at both sessions.

10:00 am—Temple's Community Room
and

7:00 pm—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

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS 2018-2019

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

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. For school year 2018-2019, Central Scholarship will use an online application process** available in late November at <http://www.centrialscholarship.org>.

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.

Richard A. Cohn & Charlotte Cohn Memorial Scholarship

Deadline to apply is April 3, 2018

**An application for this scholarship can be
obtained at the Temple office or via e-mail.**

This scholarship honors Richard A. & Charlotte Cohn who touched the lives of many young people from all walks of life. The annual grant will be presented to one or more students whose accomplishments and character merit this award.

Scholarships shall be awarded at the Annual Meeting of Temple Emanuel of the South Hills, which will be held in June. The source of funds for the scholarships shall be the income derived from the Scholarship Fund. The scholarships will be given to one or more members of the Temple who are graduating high school seniors, and will be enrolled in a junior college, college or university the coming fall.

The criteria used to evaluate applicants for the scholarship shall include:

- Official academic record
- Extracurricular activities
- Confirmed
- Service to Temple and/or community
- Two essays **MUST BE TYPED**
- Two recommendations from a teacher and/or employer



HONORING THEIR MEMORY

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

December 1/2 Rose M. Lightman, Harry Marcus, Phyllis Stein, James Altman, Sarah Beckman, Sanford Cooperman, Morris Graff, Donald Landay, Esther Bella Maizlech, Rebecca Revsin, Herbert S. Wolf, Sidney Brown, Sarah Furst, Jean Landman, Isaac Rappaport, Harry E. Sable, Daniel Schmerling, Shirl Wagman, Clyde Kirklin, Alice Barasch, Violette Gross, Margaret Reisman, Rhoda Ringelheim, Isadore Rotman, Sigrid Schwarzwaelder, Elliot Smolen, Helen Zosky, Joan Adell, Bertha Fox, Zelda Judd, Solomon C. Weinstein, Alvin Friedman, George Kaplan, Dorothy Latterman, Louis Levine, Nettie Protas, Mervin Daniels, Margaret Fischer, Esther Grafman, Abraham Neaman

December 8/9 Herman Cohen, Philip Diskin, Lawrence I. London, Charles J. McLaughlin, Rabbi William Sajowitz, Rae Beidof Selkovits, Jack Levin, Anne Seltzer Louick, Richard Mandel, Jacqueline Miller, Robin Braver, Leonard Jubelirer, Belle Perlut, Sarina Pilossoph, Bernard Rodney, Iris Safferstein, Maurice Fishman, Sara Rebecca Malloy, Jessie Rogalsky, Ruth Eisenberg Rubenstein, Ellis Tumpson, Alan Winkelstein, Herman Dickson, Lawrence Hoffman, Samuel Rafael, Alex Rosenthal, Estelle Schechter, Zelda Shlit, Jerry Silverman, Beatrice Miller, Theresa Morgan, Raymond Berkowitz, Lena Eisenberg, Jacob Feldman, David Frank, Edith Lacey, Sarah A. Rosenberg

December 15/16 Erwin H. Brand, Esther Geller, Jeanette Mayberry, Harry Zakowitz, Lillian Ruth Zangwill, Bertha Lebau, Herman Moltz, Louis Cantor, Ben Chizeck, Mary Lou Delancy, Joseph Goldhamer, George Goorin, Margaret Kidder, Trudy Savransky, Elsie Schneyer, Jeannette Beckerman, Minnie Gibbons, Esther Greenstein, Arthur Simon, Pearl Alt, Philip Feldman, Alice Kronick Barasch, Bernice Pattak, Morris Zeichner, Gertrude Gordon, Emerick Gross, Melva R. Hirschfield, Fred Morgan, Lena Moss, Jerome Myers, David Ira Trosky, Stephen Wolkoff, Dorothy Berliiss, Harold Fellman, Minnie Fine, Minnie Glazier, Eva Isenberg, Alvin Lichtenstul

December 22/23 Rose Auerhann, John C. Daugherty, Daniel Rubin, Florence Brachfeld, Sylvia Cramer, Norman Gordon, Barbara S. Pace, Samuel Seidenfeld, Nathan Cohen, Leon Katzman, Albert Phillips, Sidney Wolkoff, Blanche Aronson, Yetta Caplan, Guitla Gorecki, Betty Levin, Edward M. Resnick, Marshall Spokane, Ann Whiser, Abraham Berlin, Meyer B. Gefsky, Sarah Hurwitz, Jacob Lerner, Robert Trachtenberg, Sadie Baskin, Nan Curson, June Getty, Ida Goodman, Gladys Hershenson, Philip Pink, Beatrice E. Routman, Alfred Schneider, Betty Friedman, Max Mahler, Jacob R. Soltz, Robert Edward Tucker

December 29/30 Paul Mazerov, Benjamin N. Pookman, Minnie Simons, Ivan Weiskopf, Ruth Zisman, Abe Edelman, Dorothy Faxstein, Mac Ferguson, Thelma Kleban, Mollie Goldberg, Etta Kaplan, Louis Rosen, Samuel Roth, Rabbi Richard J. Sobel, Lillian Hartmann Braunstein, Aaron Canter, Gerald S. Kimball, Maxine Soffer, Lawrence Tachna, Mathew

Teplitz, Selim Terzi, Sara Unatin, Harry Grob, Lillian Podolsky, Fred Grob, Ernest Hommel, Ruth Miller, David J. Rudick, Pauline Russman

January 5/6 Ethel Hillman Driben, Charles Friedman, Jack L. Lieff, Ruth Oswald, Ida S. Tobias, Stanley Weiner, Wudi Dreifuss, Timothy Muehl, Lena Werman Weinstein, Minnie Benovitz, Julia Bobes, Annie Genstein, Leon Genstein, Lee F. Joseph, Ida Lenkowitz, Milton Parker, Leon Simon, Sheldon A. Cohen, Juilian Feldman, Phyllis Feldman, Clara Gerber, Abe Goldstein, Ida Hertz, Bertha Peterman, Rose Sadkin, Celia Soodik, Henry B. Bernson, Milton Field, Harry I. Levine, Morris Wolf, Cathy Adell-Hertzberg, Therese D. Koval, Harry Lebovitz, Sara Midler,

January 12/13 Frieda Freeman, Ben Sadkin, Annetta Stein, Steve Broz, Israel Chetlin, Fern Taksa Eger, Philip Feldman, Kenneth H. Peresman, Pearl Zolot, Anne Schiff Cooper, Max Kaufman, Harriet (Cookie) Levine, Abraham Lichter, Isabella Margolis, Henry Myers, Morris Naft, Alma Roos, Betty Mahler Zimmerman, Heinz Altschul, Nicholas Israel, Marilyn M. Kramer, Linda Heights Samowich, Harold Soltman, Rose Tabor, Lee Trachtenberg, Darlene Beck, Stanley Moravitz, Larry Barnett, Irene Kishter, Carrie Koplo, Sorrell R. Naft, Ethel Shapiro Ryave, Henrietta Topolsky, Bernard Berman, Pauline DiFerdinando, Sara Garfinkel, Emily Livingston Palley, Bella Perel, Gilbert L. Roteman, Leonard A. Shulman

January 19/20 Hyman Cohen, Meyer Feinberg, Shirley Fleishman, Beverly German, Sidney Hoffman, Michael Vestovich, Arlene Wiener, Edward Baker, Norma Gordin, Francisco Lopez, Joseph Paul Richest, Edward Schwartz, Rose Cohen, Grace Matthews Duke, Eva Rose Kent, Benjamin J. Morton, Sara Teplitz, Morris Topolsky, James D. Wald, Shirley Wiener, Harry Zimmerman, Max M. Jacobson, Leon Wald, Rose Breslow, Ruth Ershler, Mark Luchinsky, Eugene Russell, Abe Rauch, Herman G. Smith, Morris Chotiner, Leah Kraft, Al A. Minutello, Alfred Robinson, Samuel Barad, Joseph B. Bernstein, Jane B. Silver

January 26/27 Kaye Adams, Annie W. Cooper, Esther C. Dreeben, Zolita Zober Friedman, Nat Greenberg, Victoria Henderson, Stanley David Kamins, Leon Platner, John Pogorelec, Rosalind Dym Teplitz, Marie Vestovich, Frances Zvirman, William Berger, Victor Fox, David G. Freedman, Gerda Ruth Herzlinger, Augusta Lowenstein, Martin Oppenheim, Chuck Rosen, Yetta Zoffer, Isador Fischel Frank, Leon Stein, Samuel Taffin, John Gazzo, Israel Katz, Lily Wagner Lenchner, Rebecca LevKoy, Michael Lief, Daniel Schwartzman, Murray Sogoloff, Harry Stolzer, Helen Cassler, Ruth Drazen, Elizabeth Guber, Margaret (Peggy) Jaffe-Neer, Barry Zeichner, Rachel Bregman, Louis Freed, Zelma Kates, Frances Lief, Ruth G. London, William Miller, Jack Taylor, Irving Caplan, Leonard Cohn, Jane Colavincenzo, Kate Gewirz, Bernard H. Klein, Lester Mandel, Gertrude Miller, Harold Pomerantz, Harold Portnoy, Sarah Reznicoff, Alan Rubenstein, Abraham Scheiner, Joseph Shorr

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To fund & bring to completion the renovation & expansion project.

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Enhances Temple Emanuel's Cemetery beyond perpetual care.

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For classroom refurbishment

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Provides an annual college freshman grant to a deserving student(s) who are a Temple member & whose accomplishments & character merit this award.

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Supports the planting & upkeep of the garden behind Temple.

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Presents innovative and special music and music education programs through religious school and Temple events, as well as events open to the community.

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Speedy recovery for Jo Schuman
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Bryan Glasspool

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Jeanne Glasspool, beloved wife
Jeanne Glasspool, beloved mother
Alice Kelly

IN HONOR

Timothy Glasspool

#9 MURRAY GOLD LIBRARY FUND

Purchases books, supplies and equipment for the Library. To purchase a book, the minimum donation is \$36.

#17 HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL GARDEN

Supports the planting & upkeep of the garden in the courtyard area remembering the six million Jews lost during World War II and those who survived.

#26 JACOB'S LADDER FUND

Provides programming, including open forums for our community, concerning youth issues.

#28 MARTHA KLEIN LOTTMAN FAMILY FUND

Provides matching monies for Jewish Early Childhood Education Initiative & related projects.

#22 MARK LEVIN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Provides scholarships to students for Torah Center on the basis of demonstrated financial need.

DONOR

Sandra Levin

IN MEMORY

Father, Myer Gewirz

#5 RABBI LOCKETZ'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

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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Jerry Pearl
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IN HONOR

In appreciation
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#4 RABBI MAHLER'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

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

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Naming their daughter, Ruby, at Temple
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Their grandson, Noah, becoming a Bar Mitzvah
Rabbi Mahler officiating at her brother's unveiling
in appreciation
Amanda & Aaron's marriage

#3 RABBI MARK JOEL MAHLER RABBINIC CHAIR

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

DONOR

Irene Luchinsky

IN HONOR

Grandson, Myer, becoming a Bar Mitzvah

#10 LARRY MILLER MEMORIAL CARING COMMUNITY

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

DONOR

Bill Berkowitz

IN HONOR

In appreciation of the Larry Miller Caring Community

#15 PRAYERBOOK FUND

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

#11 REBECCA REVSIN MEMORIAL FUND

Supports Temple's Torah Center through the purchase of special materials & equipment.

#1 RABBI WILLIAM SAJOWITZ ENDOWMENT FUND

Support, enhances & ensures special programs for our youth & the entire congregation.

#16 NAN SIMON ECDC FUND

Provides ECDC staff training and technology in the classroom

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#2 LOUISE "SISSIE" SPERLING ENDOWMENT FUND

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Marriage of Abby & Jon Weinberg, children of Shelley & Bob Cohn

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#12 EILEEN WOLF MEMORIAL FUND

Provides special treats for Torah Center students at holidays

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**#18 YAHRZEIT REMEMBRANCE
FUND**

Purchases new items & restores & refurbishes our sanctuary and social hall. Also for ongoing operational expenses.

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YAHRZEIT PLAQUES

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27 ZOLOT ISRAEL

ADULT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Provides a yearly scholarship to help offset the cost of a Temple sponsored trip or Reform Movement Mission to Israel for one adult member of Temple who requires financial assistance.

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**Bereavement
Support Group**

**Meetings are on Sunday,
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January 21st
@ 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.

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.

**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.

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The Yahrzeit Plaques are displayed throughout the year in the Sanctuary. During the Shabbat that the Yahrzeit is observed, the plaque is moved under the eternal light.

The contribution to memorialize your loved one with a Yahrzeit Plaque is \$360. Please attach your check to the form below if you would like to order a plaque.

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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, 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.
