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From Rabbi Don Rossoff

Chanukah and Christmas?

Friday, November 30

Pre-Neg—5:45 pm

Shabbat Worship Service—6:30 pm

Saturday, December 1

Torah Study—9:00 am

Vayeshev, Genesis 37:1-40:23

Shabbat Morning Service—10:30 am

Daniel Adin Khani, Bar Mitzvah

Sunday, December 2

Morning Minyan—9:30 am

Erev Chanukah – First Candle

December 7

Chanukah Happening—6:00 pm

December 8

Torah Study—9:00 am

Miketz, Genesis 41:1-44:17

Torah Reading & Shabbat Service—
10:15 am

Sunday, December 9

Morning Minyan—9:30 am

December 14

Shabbat Worship Service—7:30 pm

December 15

Torah Study—9:00 am

Vayigash, Genesis 44:18-47:27

Torah Reading & Shabbat Service—
10:15 am

Sunday, December 16

Morning Minyan—9:30 am

December 21

Pre-Neg—5:45 pm

Shabbat Worship Service—6:30 pm

December 22

Torah Study—9:00 am

Vayechi, Genesis 47:28-50:26

Torah Reading & Shabbat Service—
10:15 am

Sunday, December 23

Morning Minyan—9:30 am

December 28

Pre-Neg—5:45 pm

Shabbat Worship Service—6:30 pm

December 29

Torah Study—9:00 am

Shemot, Exodus 1:1-6:1

Torah Reading & Shabbat Service—
10:15 am

Sunday, December 30

Morning Minyan—9:30 am

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is on page 2.

A few years ago, when Chanukah and Thanksgiving overlapped, American Jews celebrated what many called “Thanksgivukah.” This year, Chanukah falls in the middle between Thanksgiving and Christmas, so Chanukah simply gets to be Chanukah. But when Chanukah and Christmas overlap, do we call it Christmakah? Chanumas? I think not.

A common perception is that Chanukah is the Jewish Christmas. If you look hard enough in the stores, you can probably find a rack with Chanukah decorations and cards in the holiday aisle. Chanukah songs are de rigueur at school Christmas/Holiday/Winter concerts, even when it may have been weeks since the last candle on the menorah has sputtered out.

Clearly, Chanukah is not the Jewish Christmas. Having said that, I appreciate Chanukah’s proximity to this beautiful and Christianly meaningful Christian High Holy Day. It is a good time to have what Chanukah bestows, which is a perspective on how to live as Jews in a non-Jewish culture along with the Maccabean resolve to do so. You see, what we call the Holiday of Freedom is really about the freedom to be who and what we are, and not to be who and what we are not. This, even as we are immersed in a dominant non-Jewish culture which is beautiful, inviting, and which presents itself as normative.

Here’s the essential Chanukah story: After Alexander the Great conquered the lands around the Mediterranean and beyond, Greek culture, known as Hellenism, spread far beyond the borders of Greece. Greek culture emphasized beauty, rationality (of a

sorts), the life of the intellect (for some), and the perfection of the physical body. Hellenism also planted the seeds of what we know as democracy. In the second century Before the Common Era, Hellenistic culture attracted many newly urbanized citizens of the vassal state of Judea. These Jews were attracted away from the heritage of their ancestors and drawn into the life of the Greek gymnasia. There, they pursued the beauty of the body and the expansion of the mind. For many, Jewish observance – prayer, kashrut, Shabbat – fell to the wayside. They were part of a larger, more universal and “modern” culture, and that was fine with them.

It was not so fine, however, for rural Jews like Mattathias and his family. Followers of “that ol’ time religion,” they saw their tradition being trampled and subsumed by Hellenism. They could not abide by the fact that Jews, especially upper-class Jews, had no problem with polytheism being introduced into the Holy Temple of the one true God. While Hellenism celebrated the holiness of beauty, Judaism celebrated the beauty of holiness. The Maccabean war which this cultural conflict sparked was multifaceted and fought on many fronts. Suffice to say, in many ways, Judah Maccabee was battling assimilated Jews as much as he was fighting the Syrian/Greek armies. He and his people understood how inviting Greek culture was and how assimilating into it would mean the end of the Jewish People and the Jewish understanding of Deity.

While the Maccabees were ultimately victorious (that’s complicated, too), it
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*Babysitting available at all
Friday evening Shabbat Services*

January 4

Pre-Neg—5:45 pm

Shabbat Worship Service—6:30 pm

January 5

Torah Study—9:00 am

Vaera, Exodus 6:2-9:35

Torah Reading & Shabbat Service—
10:15 am**Sunday, January 6**

Morning Minyan—9:30 am

January 11

Shabbat Worship Service—7:30 pm

January 12

Torah Study—9:00 am

Bo, Exodus 10:1-13:16

Shabbat Morning Service—10:30 am

Elizabeth Hepps, Bat Mitzvah

Sunday, January 13

Morning Minyan—9:30 am

January 18

Pre-Neg—5:45 pm

Shabbat Worship Service—6:30 pm

January 19

Torah Study—9:00 am

Beshalach, Exodus 13:7-17:16

Torah Reading & Shabbat Service—
10:15 am**Sunday, January 20**

Morning Minyan—9:30 am

January 25

Shabbat Worship Service—7:30 pm

January 26

Torah Study—9:00 am

Yitro, Exodus 18:1-20:23

Torah Reading & Shabbat Service—
10:15 am**Sunday, January 27**

Morning Minyan—9:30 am

(Cont'd. from Front Cover)
From Rabbi Don Rossoff

Chanukah and Christmas?

did not mean that they and those who came after them rejected Hellenism whole hog (sorry). Resisting “assimilation,” they opted for “acculturation.” Assimilation happens when a minority culture loses the boundaries which keep it distinct from the majority culture. Acculturation is when a minority maintains its cultural distinctiveness while incorporating aspects of the majority culture which further its own aims. So while not losing their cultural and religious distinctiveness, our ancestors took various aspects of Greek culture and made them Jewish. The form of the Greek symposium which included philosophical discourse over an extended meal was overlaid with Jewish content and gave us the Pesach Seder. The Rabbinic process of uncovering God’s laws through discussion, debate, and ultimately voting, had its roots in Greek democracy. Even the word *synagogue* is Greek, meaning a place where people learn together.

In a sense, our ancestors were able to look at the dominant culture in which they lived, say that it was beautiful but it was not theirs, take the best it had to offer, and use it to enrich and further Jewish life. This was true in the time of the Maccabees and has been true ever since.

Which brings us back to Christmas. The spirit of the Maccabees lives on when we can listen to, perhaps even sing, the beautiful Christmas songs, delight in the pretty Christmas displays, join Christian family and friends as they celebrate their holiday (just as we invite them to our Seders), greet everyone, as Shamai taught, with a cheerful countenance (Pirkay Avot, 1:15), and still know that we are “in it” but not “of it.”

And if you miss having something green in your house to decorate, try building a sukkah. Want to instill in your children the spirit of holiday sharing? Set aside at least one night of Chanukah for giving rather than getting. Longing to feel and spread “Peace on Earth and Good Will to People” and feel that you are living in proto-messianic time? Simply check out Shabbat. And how blessed we are that Shabbat comes, not once a year, but once a week!

*Ashreinu, ma tov chelkeinu, u'ma naim goraleinu, u'ma yafa y'rushateinu!
How happy are we, how good our portion, how pleasant our lot,
how beautiful our heritage!*

Warm wishes from our home to yours for a blessed holiday and Happy (secular) New Year!

Downtown Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Don Rossoff

Bring your own lunch and
enjoy an hour of lively
conversation on current
events.

Monday, December 10, 2018, Noon

Host: David Weisberg

Location: BNY Mellon, BNY Mellon Center,
500 Grant Street Lobby Branch 15219

RSVP To: David Weisberg, 412-952-9769

Dpweisberg@gmail.com

Monday, January 14, 2019 Noon

Hosts: David Cohen & Michael Bleier

Locaton: Reed Smith, 225 Fifth Ave., Suite 1200 15222

RSVP To: SKaiser@reedsmith.com (suzy)

Questions: Contact Linda in Temple's office, 412.279.7600 or
lfrankel@templemanuelphg.org

From Jessica Locketz, Rabbi and Director of Education

Solidarity Shabbat

The following are the words I shared when we came together for Solidarity Shabbat on the First Friday of November. It truly was a special Shabbat – coming together as a community to embrace each other with support and comfort as we reeled from the events of the week prior. As I reflect on that evening, I know that was the place I needed to be: surrounded by friends and neighbors, Jews and non-Jews alike. May our combined light continue to guide us on our path back to wholeness and peace.

If this is your first time at a synagogue or even your first time here at Temple Emanuel, you may not know that the light hanging above the ark where the Torah scrolls are kept has been called a *ner tamid*, an everlasting light. It is a part of the architecture and religious symbolism of every Jewish sanctuary. Sometimes it is an electric light, other times it may be a flame fueled by oil. Often it is artfully crafted out of precious metal or glass. Regardless of its design, there is one thing that every *ner tamid* has in common. It is a light to be kept going at all times. It is never to be allowed to go out.

Some commentators see the *ner tamid* of our tradition not as an actual light, but as a powerful symbol representing the Jewish people. Just as the *ner tamid* burns eternally, so too the Jewish people will survive, enduring forever, despite their persecutors. Like the flame that is kindled and rekindled, the light of Judaism burns steadily.

Still, others believe that the *ner tamid* is not just a symbol of the Jewish people, but also a reminder of God's presence in our midst. Writes Rabbi Chaim Stern, "Light is a metaphor for the Divine, for understanding, for 'enlightenment....'" The brightness reminds us that we are responsible for bringing God's light into the world, that we are as the prophet Isaiah said, to be "a light to all the nations." This is a universal message; each of us, Jewish or not, are responsible for bringing light into the world. Each of us is to be a "light to the nations," by offering the best of ourselves to those we love, to the members of our community and to the world around us.

It is always our task to bring light to where there is darkness. But our work has never seemed as pressing as it has during this past week. Our grief consumes us. Many of us struggle to see the light ahead. And let's be truthful: the grey Pittsburgh sky doesn't do much to lift our spirits. And yet – we know that by adding our light to the world, by being a "light to the nations," healing will begin. I don't know yet what that looks like – healing and wholeness feels far away – but I know this: when we share our light with each other, together we shine brighter. Together we can light a room or a sanctuary or even as in the story with which we began* - a great hall. Together we are a *ner tamid*, an eternal light, a light that will not go out. And that comforts me, and hopefully you too, knowing that all of us are in this together. It is not just the Jewish community that is grieving; all of Pittsburgh, and all of the world weeps for what has been lost. As a community, we will find our way

together, we will dispel the darkness and make sure that goodness and love and light endure. As a community, we shine so brightly. And the light coming forth from us is beautiful to behold.

**In short, it is the story of a King who tasked his three children with filling a great room with materials of their choosing. The one who completed the task to his liking would become the heir to the crown. It was the third child who won his favor, by lighting a candle in the dark hall thus filling the entire room with light.*

Let There Be (LED) Light! Sunday, December 2nd 12:00 pm after Torah Center

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

Recommended ages: 5+

RSVP to torahcenter@templeemanuelpgh.org

Class size is limited

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

Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level 2

Taught by Melinda Freed

Wednesdays: January 9, 16, 23 & 30
and February 6 & 13

7:00 – 8:30 PM

- 90 minute lessons
- Perfect for beginners and intermediates
- Participants must be able to recognize all of the Hebrew letters to enroll.
- \$36 per student

RSVP to lblattner@templeemanuelpgh.org

Classes offered in partnership with NJOP
Read Hebrew America/Canada Initiative

President's Message

From David Weisberg



Safety, security, community, caring - these are the four words that best summarize for me this past month at Temple Emanuel.

I am writing this in mid-November, less than three weeks since eleven of our fellow Jews were slaughtered on Shabbat at the Tree of Life synagogue in our hometown on October 27, 2018. I have had a hard time talking about this incident without tearing up and feeling pain in my heart. This tragedy has struck many of us on a personal level but also the Jewish community across the region, country and world.

The flood of support across all faiths has been incredible. In light of this incident, I am so proud and appreciative of how the greater Pittsburgh community has voiced their intolerance for hate. They have wrapped their arms around the Jewish community, giving us a warm hug with love and caring. We at Temple Emanuel have had a great outpouring from neighborhood churches, elected officials, dignitaries and our great Mt Lebanon Police Department.

I have to recognize Chief Aaron Lauth, Deputy Chief Jason Haberman as well as their fellow Mt Lebanon police officers who provided Temple Emanuel help during this time. They have always stepped up for us, but especially now, they have been great partners and I thank them.

Temple Emanuel as well as other Pittsburgh synagogues, Jewish organizations and agencies have received tremendous backing from the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh. Brad Orsini, Director of Jewish Community Security for the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, has lead the efforts in keeping Temple Emanuel and others apprised of developments. He along with the Mt Lebanon Police assisted Temple Emanuel in the past for security measures that we undertook. With this most recent event, Temple Emanuel has taken additional steps including having all doors being locked seven days a week with building access now on Shabbat exclusively through the locked rear ECDC entrance. Additional security actions are being undertaken with further arrangements being considered along with the associated costs. Temple Emanuel will be scheduling a meeting for congregants in order to learn steps that we as a congregation can take. Stay tuned as details are still in the works.

Finally, I would like to extend a big thank you to Leslie Hoffman during this trying time. She has taken on a large burden and has delivered. In addition, Rabbi Locketz was superb representing Temple Emanuel, including leading the beautiful Solidarity Shabbat, bringing in assistance for Torah Center families and South Hills teenagers, plus representing Temple Emanuel during the Interfaith Service at Soldiers & Sailors. With Rabbi Don being out of town and unavailable at a conference the immediate week after the tragedy, Rabbi

Locketz has been a shining star for us during this time of need. I also want to thank Iris Harlan who has worked with Leslie and Rabbi Locketz to reassure the ECDC parents during this difficult time.

So now we continue under the "new normal." I have told many of you that the most important thing is for people to feel safe and secure walking into our building. That is absolutely the priority. I have realized that I might have misspoken - the most important is the love and caring for each other both inside and outside the Temple Emanuel community who have truly poured their support and love out to us. Thank you. I am grateful. May this New Year bring peace and prosperity to all.

Congregational Security Meeting Coming Up Date & Time TBA

In light of recent events, we are working to schedule a meeting to discuss security issues facing Temple Emanuel and our community. Brad Orsini, Director of Jewish Community Security for the Jewish Federation of Pittsburgh, and representatives from the Mt. Lebanon Police Department will participate, share their insights and answer questions. Watch your e-mails for date and time.

Bagel Bites & Brunch Sunday, December 16 10:30 AM

We are excited to welcome Phil Terman to Temple Emanuel for our Bagel Bites & Brunch on Sunday, December 16. Mr. Terman is a Jewish poet and professor at Clarion University. His latest poetry collection is "Our Portion: New and Selected Poems." His works, including two of his popular collections, "The Torah Garden" and "Rabbis of the Air," are filled with deep Jewish themes. Most recently, his work "Leaves from Aleppo" was produced onstage at the City of Asylum on the North Shore.

Free & open to the public. Please **RSVP** to templemanuel@templemanuelgh.org

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The Larry & Brenda Miller Memorial Caring Community

Chanukah Happening & Pot Luck Dinner at Temple



December 7, 2018

6:00 pm – Song-filled Shabbat & Chanukah Celebration

7:00 pm – Festive Pot Luck Dinner*

Please join us during the Festival of Lights for an evening of song, celebration and good food. Bring your menorah and candles from home and light it together with your Temple family.

You provide the food and Temple will supply the latkes, sufganiot (jelly doughnuts) and drinks.

*If your last name begins with A-L, please bring a dairy (no meat) side or appetizer. If your last name starts with M-Z, please bring a dairy (no meat) main dish. Please label food ingredients to help those with allergies.

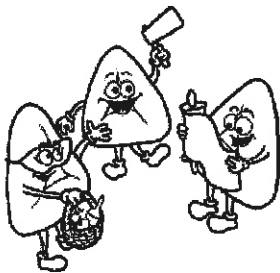
All are welcome – bring your family and friends.

RSVP by Monday, December 3

www.templeemanuelphg.org/event/chanukah18 or 412.279.7600.

We're already thinking about

PURIM



This year our Purimshpiel will be presented during Torah Center on Sunday morning, March 17. Purimshpiel rehearsals will begin the end of January or beginning of February. We hope you will be

participating as an actor or just coming to enjoy the Purimshpiel. Watch your email for more details!

South Hills Community Chanukah Celebration

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



Saturday, December 8, 2018

5:45 pm to 9:00 pm

JCC-South Hills - 345 Kane Blvd

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| Menorah Lighting | Gaga Pit | Karaoke & DJ |
| Pasta bar, salad, latkes & donuts | | Balloon Artist |
| Swimming with special "Dive-In- Movie | | Obstacle Course |
| Dreidel Tournament and | | |

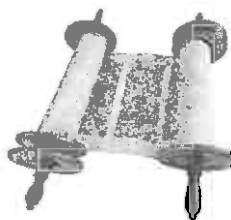
PJ Library "Quiet Corner" featuring sensory activities, Chanukah crafts, & story time

Questions or to RSVP @ www.southhillsjewishpittsburgh.org

TORAH STUDY

Saturdays in the WRJ Room

9:00 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.

Our Shabbat morning service will be held in the WRJ Room immediately following Torah Study from 10:15 to 11:00 am. All are welcome!



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. There 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, וקימנו, והגיענו לזמן הזה.

Baruch Ata Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam, sheh-heh-chen-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.

Keep the Eternal Light Burning

This Chanukah, please consider what the Talmud tells us: "I did not find the world desolate when I entered, and as my fathers planted before I was born, so do I plant for those who will come after me..."

Temple Emanuel is proud to participate in the Life and Legacy program created by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation for just this purpose— to establish a permanent source of security for the Jews of America. As part of the program, Temple will receive an unrestricted incentive grant of \$6,800 this year if we secure 18 signed Letters of Intent, commitments to leave a legacy gift to Temple, by February 28, 2019. More letters of Intent make us eligible for more grants. Thanks to the generosity of our members, we are already more than halfway there. **Will you help us reach our goal?**

While the Legacy commitment is made today, it is usually not funded from current assets but can be deferred to the future. The goal of this program is to endow Temple's future by having congregants make Legacy gifts to Temple in their wills, life insurance policies or retirement accounts. Members of all ages can participate in this program and Legacy gifts of any size are welcome.

Legacy gifts to Temple Emanuel become part of our permanent endowment fund. The principal of these gifts is invested and kept intact, providing an annual income stream. Only the interest earned is used on an annual basis to fund the future of Temple Emanuel.

A Legacy gift to Temple Emanuel keeps on giving from one generation to the next... It offers our future generations of Jews a place to spiritually and socially enrich their lives with "meaning and purpose, belonging and blessing...the richness of our tradition and the wisdom it offers." [Dr. Ron Wolfson, "Relational Judaism"]

If you'd like to know how **You** can create a future gift for Chanukahs to come, a lasting legacy to nurture and provide continuity of Jewish life in the South Hills of Pittsburgh, please contact Leslie Hoffman, Executive Director, at: lhoffman@templeemanuelpgh.org, 412.279.7600 or, any of our Legacy Team Members: Michael Bleier, Lynn Rubin, Matt Schwartz, Linda Scott and David Weisberg.

*If you have already included Temple in your legacy planning, please contact a Team member so that Temple can receive grant credit for your gift.

With Warm Wishes for a very Happy Chanukah,

From Leslie, Michael, Lynn, Matt, Linda and David

WHAT'S NEW AT MIRYAM'S PLACE

For several years now Temple members have been donating meals to Miryam's Place. In the past month some changes have occurred, so I would like to bring you up-to-date on these changes.

Miryam's Place now houses 23 women (instead of 35-40 as in the past). The women live there as a result of a history of homelessness. In many cases this comes from being in an abusive relationship, or in a surrounding of substance abuse, or mental illness. Miryam's supplies supportive housing and counseling services to the women to help them overcome these obstacles. The goal is for the women to eventually live safely and independently.

Temple members, families, individuals, children's classes, and social groups have for many years been supplying lunches or dinners for the ladies at Miryam's. These meals are very much appreciated.

At this point I am asking that you get in touch with me to arrange to have your family or social group schedule a meal donation for the ladies at Miryam's. Pre-arrangement is necessary so that we do not conflict with another organization making a meal donation for that same day. I will be glad to answer your questions and do anything possible to assist you in performing this wonderful Mitzvah. I can even make the delivery to Miryam's if that is necessary.

Please call me at **412-279-2771** or email me at rosece428@comcast.net.

Carol Rose

ACTS OF LOVING KINDNESS

We at Temple Emanuel are always doing *Acts of Loving Kindness* for others through our B'nei Mitzvah projects, Caring Community, Social Action Team, Mitzvah Mall, Knitting & Crocheting Circle, collections for SHIM, etc. But in the weeks following the tragedy at Tree of Life Synagogue there has been an outpouring of *Acts of Loving Kindness* shown to our Temple. We have received cards, postcards and notes expressing concern, offers from therapists to volunteer their time if we needed counseling, offers of therapy dogs and even cookies to sweeten our days. Our Solidarity Shabbat Service was attended by community members, elected officials, clergy and many others coming to pay their respects as we all came together as one.

For all this we say Todah Rabah. We are touched by the kindness shown to our community.

Black Friday, Cyber Monday, & #GIVINGTUESDAY™

Kick-off your Chanukah giving with a #GivingTuesday.

Our goal is to raise \$10,000 by December 9th, the last night of Chanukah. Help support Temple's programs and building.

Choose one or more from our Chanukah Wish List Includes:

- \$36 Cookies for a Friday night oneg
- \$50 Wine for a Friday night Pre-Neg
- \$75 On-site oxygen & AED monthly fee
- \$100 Salting our parking lot just one time
- \$125 Plowing our parking lot just one time
- \$150 Fire Safety training for our teachers
- \$250 One month Garbage/Recycling pick-up
- \$500 One month of phone and internet service
- \$750 Arts and crafts supplies for Torah Center
- \$1500 Washing all of the windows in the building
- \$2500 Electricity for one month
- \$\$\$\$ Whatever amount you'd like to give!

Go to www.templeemanuelpgh.org/event/GivingTuesday/ to make your 2018 year-end tax deductible donation! Or, return this form with your check to the Temple office. All Wish-List donors will be listed in the February Bulletin (just let us know if you don't want to be included);

Name: _____

Email: _____

Total Donation Amount: _____

Join our
**Torah Center Students for
 Tu B'Shevat Experiences**
Sunday, January 13 @ 10:45 am
Grades Pre-K thru 2
Wednesday, January 16 @ 5:30 pm
Grades 3 thru 5

All are welcome. **Please RSVP if you plan to attend to torahcenter@templeemanuelpgh.org or 412.279.7600.**

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



Knitting & Crocheting Circle of Friends

Meeting on
Sundays, Dec. 2 and
Jan. 13
10:00 AM – Noon

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

We have a Winter Challenge for you during December & January

Please consider knitting or crocheting "comfort shawls" that we will donate to the JCC or Jewish Federation. They in turn will distribute them .

Please drop off your completed item(s) in the community room at Temple. Thank you as always for your generosity, time and talent.

Questions? Contact Andrea Sobel at andreasobel36@hotmail.com.

From Meg Abrams, Social Action

With the chill in the air, I delivered to SHIM 24 scarves, 22 hats and 1 pair of mittens that Temple Emanuel's Knitting Circle members made and also the 51 coats from Temple's coat drive.

The SHIM volunteer who met me at the door is undergoing radiation and said that the donated hats at the cancer center at St. Clair hospital are appreciated and go quickly. It's nice to know that Knitting Circle's chemo caps are appreciated.

On Sunday, Dec. 9th from 11 am to noon, we will be making lunch for Miryam's Place in Temple's Social Hall. Social Action provides the sandwich supplies, and this year we'll make 60 sun butter and jelly sandwiches and cheese sandwiches (due to peanut allergies). The 5th graders provide sides and drinks. Social Action and 5th graders will also assemble 25-30 holiday gift sacks for the residents filled with small personal care items (combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lip balm, lotion, magic gloves, socks, etc.)

We're looking for several Social Action helpers for the lunch making as we partner with the 5th grade families. Donations of sun butter, squeeze jelly, sliced bread and cheese supplies, plus personal care items are welcome and can be dropped off in the Social Hall on or before Dec. 9th.

From the Social Action Food Bank Team

SHIM's Food Bank Needs Your Help

During the winter months of December and January we are collecting **breakfast foods (cereal, pancake mix, juices) & canned fruit** along with other non-perishable food items for SHIM's food bank. These are only suggestions. All non-perishable items are greatly appreciated.

Please bring your items to Temple Emanuel and place them in the marked container for SHIM. SHIM is very grateful to those at Temple Emanuel who are helping fill their pantry.

Cash, Checks or Automatic Debits—How will you Pay?



Fundraising dollars are a key component of Temple's operating budget. When you buy Giant Eagle gift cards through our office, Temple receives 5% of every dollar spent. Tell us the amount you'd like to buy each month (\$50 & \$100 cards are available) and how you'd like to pay. We accept cash and checks or can set you up for automatic debits (ACH). And, we'll even mail the cards to you. If a monthly plan isn't right for you, we of course encourage you to stop in the office any time and we'll be happy to help you.

Use the cards to pay for groceries, gas at GetGo, prescriptions and dry cleaning, and even beer at Market District! 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 the holidays and home-improvement projects just around the corner, it's the perfect time to stock up!

Please contact the office or Leslie Hoffman, Executive Director, for more information and to sign up for automatic debits and delivery. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS EASIEST OF FUNDRAISERS!

**TEMPLE FAMILY
MENSCHENINGS**

SHALOM

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

- **Abigail & Gregory Ward** and their children **Brayden and Ryleigh**
- **Gail Francolini & Jeff Warren** and their daughter **Kate**
- **Lols & Richard Stotter**
- **Christine & Alex Rosenblatt**
- **Jennifer & Gregory Anderson** and their children **Iris and Wyatt**

**OUR CONDOLENCES ON THE
FOLLOWING BEREAVEMENTS:**

יהי זכרם ברוך

- **Sadie M. Luchinsky**, mother-in-law of Irene Luchinsky and mother of the late Harold Luchinsky, grandmother of Michelle Markowitz (Pace) and great-grandmother of Myer & Hannah Markowitz (October 28).
- **Rosalind G. Kantrowitz**, sister-in-law of Susan & Kenneth Kantrowitz, aunt of Marci Barnes and great-aunt of Henry Barnes (October 31)
- **Marjory (Margie) Ellenbogen**, mother of Nancy Feldman (Mitchell), grandmother of Zachary (Natalie), Tyler & Lexi (November 7)

THANK YOU—TODAH RABAH:

Office Volunteers:

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

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

We will be having our **2nd Community Shabbat** with Beth El Congregation at Beth El on February 1st. Please plan on attending.

B'NEI MITZVAH



DANIEL ADIN KHANI

On Friday, November 30, the candle lighting and Kiddush will be led by Daniel and his family. The pulpit flowers will be provided by Pamela and David Khani who will share with Temple Emanuel in hosting the Pre-Oneg Shabbat in honor of their son becoming a Bar Mitzvah. On Saturday, December 1, please join with the Khani family as they host the Kiddush following Shabbat morning services.

Daniel's mitzvah project will be working on a project with the South West Meals on Wheels.

ELIZABETH HEPPTS

On Friday, January 11, the candle lighting and Kiddush will be led by Elizabeth and her family. The pulpit flowers will be provided by Terri and David Hepps who will share with Temple Emanuel in hosting the Oneg Shabbat in honor of their daughter becoming a Bat Mitzvah. On Saturday, January 12, please join with the Hepps family as they host the Kiddush following Shabbat morning services.

Elizabeth's mitzvah project is working with refugees at SHIM.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Best wishes to our Temple members who are celebrating their anniversaries in December and January.

December 2018

- Steven & Lori Blattner
- Arnold & Miriam Breslow
- Tim & Ellen Drook
- Stephen & Danielle Hagenstein
- Howard Louik & Betty Jo Hirschfield Louik
- Alexander & Oxaua Kostrikin
- Steve & Alicia Maglin
- Brian & Jennifer Reverri
- Ken & Lauren Rice
- Robert & Carol Spolter
- Thomas Watterson & Avital Levin

January 2019

- Artie & Lori Baran
- Randy Frankel & Terri Greenberg

TEMPLE'S JUDAICA



**1st night of Chanukah is
Sunday, December 2nd.**

Unique Gift Items for: B'nei Mitzvot, Confirmation, Engagements, Weddings, Birthdays, Simchas, Hostess Gifts, Holiday Accessories, Art Work, Books & Cards.

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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

Rita Zolot—412.279.1020

**The Gift Shop is now ordering
2019 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.
- You can also use online bill pay from your Bank to order.

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 25, 2019 (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, \$20 – set of 4.

EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					36 Pre-Neg - 5:45 pm Shabbat Worship Service 6:30 pm	1 Torah Study - 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service & Daniel Adin Khan's Bar Mitzvah - 10:30 am
2 1st Chanukah Candle Minyan - 9:30 am TC & Pre-K - 9:30 am Knitting & Crocheting Circle 10:00 am (off-site) Temple Band Rehearsal - 10:00 am Finance Team Mtg. - 10:00 am Chanukah Craft - Noon	3 Tots & Talk - 9:00 am	4 Beit HaMidrash/ Adult Ed Mtg. 7:00 pm	5 TC Classes - 4:30 pm	6 PJ Storytime at Mt. Lebanon Library - 4:00 pm	7 Chanukah Happening & Pot Luck Dinner - 6:00 pm	8 Torah Study - 9:00 am Torah Reading & Shabbat Service 10:15 am 7th Night of Chanukah Celebration at JCC-SH - 5:30 pm
9 Minyan - 9:30 am TC - 9:30 am	10 Downtown Lunch & Learn - 12:00 pm	11 Board Meeting 7:00 pm	12 Bulletin Deadline - 9:00 am TC Classes - 4:30 pm J-Line at Beth El - 6:15 pm	13	14 Shabbat Worship Service with Temple's Band 7:30 pm	15 Torah Study - 9:00 am Torah Reading & Shabbat Service 10:15 am
16 Minyan - 9:30 am TC & Pre-K - 9:30 am Bereavement Group - 9:30 am Bagel Bites-Sunday Brunch 10:30 am Confirmation Class - 12:15 pm Rosh Chodesh Experience-7:00 pm	17 Tots & Talk - 9:00 am	18 SEF Meeting 7:30 pm	19 TC Classes - 4:30 pm J-Line at Beth El - 6:15 pm	20	21 TERMS Meeting - 10:00 am Pre-Neg - 5:45 pm Shabbat Worship Service 6:30 pm	22 Torah Study - 9:00 am Torah Reading & Shabbat Service 10:15 am
23 No TC Minyan - 9:30 am	24 No ECDC Office Closes at Noon	25 No ECDC Office Closed	26 No ECDC No TC	27 No ECDC	28 No ECDC	29 Torah Study - 9:00 am Torah Reading & Shabbat Service - 10:15 am
30 No TC Minyan - 9:30 am	31 No ECDC Office Closes at Noon					

EVENTS FOR JANUARY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 No ECDC Office Closed	2 No TC	3	4 Pre-Neg - 5:45 pm Shabbat Worship Service 6:30 pm	5 Torah Study - 9:00 am Torah Reading & Shabbat Service - 10:15 am
6 Minyan - 9:30 am TC - 9:30 am Finance Team Mtg. - 10:00 am Rosh Chodesh Gathering - 7:00 pm	7 Tots & Talk - 9:00 am	8 Board Meeting 7:00 pm	9 Bulletin Deadline 9:00 am TC Classes - 4:30 pm J-Line at Beth El 6:15 pm Hebrew Crash Course 7:00 pm	10	11 No ECDC - Conference Day Shabbat Worship Service with Temple's Band 7:30 pm	12 Torah Study - 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service & Elizabeth Hepps' Bat Mitzvah - 10:30 am
13 TC Faculty Mtg - 8:00 am Minyan - 9:30 am TC & Pre-K - 9:30 am Knitting & Crocheting Circle 10:00 am (off-site) Tu B'Shevat Experience - 10:45 am	14 Downtown Lunch & Learn - 12:00 pm	15	16	17	18 TERMS Meeting - 10:00 am Pre-Neg - 5:45 pm Shabbat Worship Service 6:30 pm	19 Torah Study - 9:00 am Torah Reading & Shabbat Service - 10:15 am
20 No TC Minyan - 9:30 am	21 No ECDC Office Closed Martin Luther King Day	22	23 TC Classes - 4:30 pm J-Line at Beth El 6:15 pm	24	25 Shabbat Worship Service 7:30 pm	26 Torah Study - 9:00 am Torah Reading & Shabbat Service - 10:15 am
27 Minyan - 9:30 am TC & Pre-K - 9:30 am Bereavement Group - 10:00 am Confirmation Class - 12:15 pm	28 Movies & Munchies 1:00 pm	29	30 TC Classes - 4:30 pm J-Line at Beth El 6:15 pm Hebrew Crash Course 7:00 pm	31	February 1 South Hills Community Shabbat at Beth El - 6:30 pm	February 2 Torah Study - 9:00 am Torah Reading & Shabbat Service - 10:15 am

Movies and Munchies

Monday, January 28th



The Frisco Kid
1:00 PM

PG · 1979 · 1hr 59min · Western/Comedy

We will have more than a few laughs with Gene Wilder and Harrison Ford.

It's 1850 and newly-ordained Polish orthodox rabbi Avram Belinski sets out on horseback from Philadelphia to lead a synagogue in San Francisco. Knowing only that California's "somewhere near New York," Belinski encounters problems. Cowpoke bandit Tom Lillard hasn't seen a rabbi before but knows he's in trouble. Getting the rabbi to San Francisco has its comedic problems with the law, Indians and a bunch of ruthless killers.

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

FREE – 1:00 PM in the Community Room
M&Ms, popcorn and decaf coffee or tea will be provided!

From Paula Altschul, Librarian

Pollon Family Library News

LOVE
the **LIBRARY**

Librarian's Hours:

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

From the Association of Jewish Libraries list-serve blog comes the following:

"In response to the tragedy at the synagogue in Pittsburgh and to rising anti-Semitism in the United States, the Association of Jewish Libraries offers this series of book lists for young readers. Books read in youth impact future outlooks, and it is our hope that meeting Jews on the page will inspire friendship when readers meet Jews in real life."

"This is the first in a series of book lists intended to provide children and their families with a greater understanding of the Jewish religion and its people."

"This first list features stories of Jews and non-Jews standing up for each other, working out differences, and confronting prejudice." It is called the **LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR** series.

Our Pollon Family Library owns several of the books. They are **Emma's Poem: the Voice of the Statue of Liberty** by Linda Glaser, **Vive La Paris** by Esme Raji Codell and **The Hired Girl** by Laura Amy Schlitz.

Others listed are **The Golden Rule** by Ilene Cooper, **Hannah's Way** by Linda Glaser, **Never Say a Mean Word Again: A Tale from Medieval Spain** by Jacqueline Jules, **As Good As Anybody: Martin Luther King Jr. and Abraham Joshua Heschel's Amazing March Toward Freedom** by Richard Michelson, **The Whispering Town** by Jennifer Elvgren, **Refugee** by Alan Gratz, **The Inquisitor's Tale, Or, The Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog** by Adam Gidwitz, **Lauren Yanofsky Hates the Holocaust** by Leanne Lieberman, and **Tropical Secrets: Holocaust Refugees in Cuba** by Margarita Engle.

These books are intended for different age groups. I have brief descriptions of them in our Library, but you might want to look online for further information. Some are also available at the Public Library. If you haven't already purchased books for Chanukah, this list may help you to make a decision about what to buy.

I am also adding the following book to the list that is relevant to the season. It is **The Trees of the Dancing Goats** by Patricia Polacco. In fact many of her books are appropriate for the topic of friendship and are also beautifully illustrated.

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Make checks payable to:

Men of Temple Emanuel (MOTE)

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

From Iris Harlan, ECDC Director



Sharing Notes of Gratitude From Our ECDC Thanksgiving Festival

A Note to Families from ECDC Teachers

Welcome to our special day of giving thanks! It is our pleasure to invite you to participate in our festivities this morning as we sing together in community, share our thoughtful preparations and artful displays, and feast in honor of the gifts we have been given. We are not just a school but a family. As we come together with an excitement for learning each day, we recognize that every member, small or mighty (and often both), is an important and valued contributor. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to inquire about the world around us and explore together because of families like you who care about education and show your support of our mission. Life can be full of anything you decide to put into it, and here at Temple Emanuel ECDC, we choose to fill it with joy. In our house we practice an attitude of gratitude! It is a privilege to share our joy with you today during this season of thanks.

A Personal Note of Gratitude from the ECDC Director

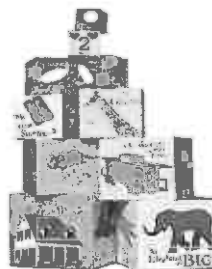
This note is for every one of you that makes up our strong and diverse community, but particularly for the families and teachers at ECDC who are not Jewish.

Three weeks have gone by since the October 27 atrocity at Tree of Life Synagogue. I thank you for your expressions of sorrow, for your hugs and tears. Each shared moment of grief brought healing and hope for a better future. For me, grief has subsided and gratitude has grown.

In an article that was published in the Washington Post, Rabbi Dan Schiff reviewed the history of violence rooted in antisemitism. He said that this time was different – **because of the love and support of our neighbors.** You made all of the difference. I will forever be grateful for your kindness.

On Rosh HaShana Rabbi Locketz gave a sermon about gratitude. She emphasized that gratitude is a choice that requires determination and cultivation. It is also an obligation. To celebrate Thanksgiving with you, I want to express my good fortune in spending my days with you – ECDC parents, children and teachers – and in working with you to build a better world.

First and Third Mondays/9:00 to 10:00 AM (No Tots and Talk on January 21st) At Temple Emanuel TOTS AND TALK



For children birth to 2 years old and their caregivers.

Join us for play, creativity, connection and the joy of learning.

Hosted by Temple Emanuel ECDC and facilitated by PJ Library Ambassador Kate Louik.

PJ Library Storytime and Craft Mt. Lebanon Library Thursday, December 6 @ 4:00 PM



Celebrate the Miracle of Lights with PJ Library South Hills Ambassador Kate Louik and Temple Emanuel Librarian Paula Altschul in this special Chanukah storytime and craft.

Also Friday, December 14th @ 4:00 PM JCC-South Hills Social Hall

Bring your grandparent or special friend and enjoy a Shabbat-themed craft, snack and a story, **Fun with Bubbe, Zayde & Me**, read by PJ Library author Judy Press.

Free and open to the community.
Questions? Contact Kate at pjsouthhills@gmail.com



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.

Richard A. Cohn & Charlotte Cohn Memorial Scholarship

Plan ahead and get your essays and materials ready now for application to Temple Emanuel's Richard A. & Charlotte Cohn Memorial Scholarship.

Deadline to apply is April 1, 2019
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.

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 whose accomplishments and character merit this award and who are graduating high school seniors who will be enrolled in a junior college, college or university the coming fall. Scholarship applications can be obtained in the Temple office.

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

The committee need not award a scholarship in any given year if in its sole discretion determines that no applicant is deserving of an award.

It's Simple To Purchase Yahrzeit Plaques

In keeping with Jewish tradition, we observe the anniversary of a loved one's death by saying Kaddish. A Yahrzeit Plaque is a permanent reminder of the place they held in our lives.

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.

For more information, contact Temple office, 412.279.7600.

CIRCLES OF GIVING

Circles of Giving are Temple Emanuel's way of meeting our financial challenges. By contributing over & above basic dues – as you are able – you ensure that Temple continues to serve as the center of your Jewish community. Thank you to all those who are our Circles of Giving participants. For more information, contact Leslie Hoffman, 412.279.7600.

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Dorothy & Neal Pollon

DONATIONS TO TEMPLE FUNDS

Pay tribute to someone special and provide much appreciated financial support for Temple by donating to a Temple Fund.
(Minimum donation of \$10 will be accepted for all funds unless otherwise indicated below.)

#21 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND

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

DONOR
Linda & Steve Grau

IN MEMORY
Tree of Life Synagogue victims

#23 CEMETERY BEAUTIFICATION FUND

Enhances Temple Emanuel's Cemetery beyond perpetual care.

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Joe Molde! & Alex Tauson
Georgia L. Kent
Rose Field

IN MEMORY
Evelyn Aronson
Hugo Hauser
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Mary Presser

#6 SHELLY COHEN CLASSROOM FUND

For classroom refurbishment

#7 RICHARD A. COHN & CHARLOTTE COHN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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

#20 THE PETER & CHARLOTTE COOPER FAMILY GARDEN

Supports the planting & upkeep of the garden in the courtyard.

#19 DISKIN MUSIC FUND

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

#14 GENERAL FUND

Supports the most basic and fundamental purposes of our synagogue.

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Temple Emanuel Board

IN MEMORY
Sadie M. Luchinsky
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Provides special equipment, repairs & maintenance of the indoor gym.

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Alice Kelly, beloved sister
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IN HONOR
Jack Greenberg's marriage
Birth of Barbara & David
Greenberg's great-Grandson
Bob Shure's special birthday
In appreciation of Temple Emanuel
Mr. & Mrs. Ivan Segal's granddaughter becoming a Bat Mitzvah

IN MEMORY
Jeanne Glasspool

#9 MURRAY GOLD LIBRARY FUND

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

DONOR
Marcie & Henry Barnes
DONOR
Roz & Farrel Levine

IN MEMORY
Frank Barnes
IN HONOR
Carol Bleier's speedy recovery

#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.

DONOR
Kate Louik & the B'nei Mitzvah Club

IN HONOR
Lynn Rubin

#28 MARTHA KLEIN LOTTMAN FAMILY FUND

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

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Iris & Chris Harlan
DONOR
Lindsay & Michael Goldberg

IN MEMORY
Sadie Luchinsky
IN HONOR
Donation

#22 MARK LEVIN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

DONOR
Sandra Levin

IN MEMORY
Myer Gewirtz

#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.

DONOR
Marcie & Henry Barnes
Frani & Stu Williams

IN HONOR
Appreciation of Rabbi Jessica Locketz
Appreciation for her officiating at our daughter's wedding

#4 SENIOR RABBI'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.

DONOR
Marcie & Henry Barnes

IN HONOR
Appreciation of Rabbi Don Rossoff

#3 RABBI MARK JOEL MAHLER RABBINIC CHAIR

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

DONOR
Rikki Hommel & David Weisberg

IN MEMORY
Sadie Luchinsky

DONOR
Marcie & Henry Barnes

IN HONOR
Appreciation of Rabbi Mark Mahler

#10 LARRY & BRENDA MILLER MEMORIAL CARING COMMUNITY

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

DONOR
Laura & Jeff Young
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IN MEMORY
Frank Barnes
Frank Barnes
Israel Rudy, beloved husband
Rosalind G. Kantrowitz
Cecil & David Rosenthal
Those lost at Tree of Life
IN HONOR
Jimmy Glick's bravery

Gali & David Rosenblatt
Rache! Dubin
Marcie & Henry Barnes
DONOR
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#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.

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IN MEMORY
Sadie Luchinsky
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IN HONOR
Helen Surloff's 100th birthday
Helen Surloff's 100th birthday

Joyce & Howard Simons

#16 NAN SIMON ECDC FUND

Provides ECDC staff training and technology in the classroom

DONOR
Nanette & Jeff Simon
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IN MEMORY
Herman Simon
Sadie Luchinsky
Sadie Luchinsky

DONATIONS

**#2 LOUISE "SISSIE" SPERLING
ENDOWMENT FUND**

Enriches our operating budget & celebrates
your commitment to our future

WALL OF REMEMBRANCE PLAQUES

(Plaques are \$360, \$750, and \$1500)

A wonderful way for a group of friends or an
individual to recognize a special birthday,
anniversary or any other occasion.

#12 EILEEN WOLF MEMORIAL FUND

Provides special treats for
Torah Center students at holidays

DONOR

Barbara & Milt Wolf

IN MEMORY

Patricia Farkas
Shirley Farkas
Daniel Stein

#18 YAHRZEIT REMEMBRANCE FUND

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

DONOR

Sue & Ken Kantrowitz

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Bereavement Support Group**Meetings:**

Sunday, December 16 @ 9:30 am
Sunday, January 27 @ 10:00 am

**Led by Jamie Del, MS, NCC, LPC and
Naomi Pittle, LCSW**

The Bereavement Group welcomes previous and newly bereaved adults to our monthly support group. 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.

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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December 28/29 Minnie Benovitz, Betty Friedman, Robert Edward Tucker, Paul Mazerov, Benjamin N. Pookman, Minnie Simons, Ivan Weiskopf, Ruth Zisman, Abe Edelman, Dorothy Faxstein, Mac Ferguson, Clara Gerber, Abe Goldstein, Thelma Kleban, Bertha Peterman, Milton David Schwartz, Mollie Goldberg, Etta Kaplan, Louis Rosen, Samuel Roth, Rabbi Richard J. Sobel, Lillian Hartmann Braunstein, Maxine Soffer, Lawrence Tachna, Mathew Teplitz, Selim Terzi, Israel Chetlin

January 4/5 Anne Schiff Cooper, Ernest Hommel, Abraham Lichter, Ruth Miller, Betty Mahler Zimmerman, Heinz Altschul, Ethel Hillman Driben, Charles Friedman, Nicholas Israel, Jack L. Loeff, Ruth Oswald, Ida S. Tobias, Stanley Weiner, Wudi Dreifuss, Timothy Muehl, Lena Werman Weinstein, Julia Bobes, Annie Genstein, Leon Genstein, Lee F. Joseph, Ida Lenkowitz, Milton Parker, Leon Simon, Sheldon A. Cohen, Juilian Feldman, Phyllis Feldman,

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You and your family (kids too!) are cordially invited to a Super Bowl party hosted by Men of Temple Emanuel! What a great way to kick off the new year. We'll provide wings, chips and beverages (both adult and kid friendly) for you and your family. Please bring a vegetarian side dish or dessert (dessert may be dairy) to share as you connect with other Temple families. The party will begin at 5:30 pm on Sunday, February 3, at Temple Emanuel and go until all the food is gone. This was a great event last year and we are hoping for another wonderful time!

Please RSVP or send questions to Men of Temple Emanuel (MOTE@templeemanuelpgh.org) by January 31st so we know how many wings we need. Even if the Steelers might not be playing, we will still have a great time!



Sunday, December 16th

7:00 PM—9:00 PM

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Month of Tevet:

Rosh Chodesh Gathering, an inspiring get-together for Temple Emanuel women of all ages with a focus on using Jewish teachings and traditions to improve our lives. We will welcome the Jewish month of Tevet with blessings, readings, and a meaningful discussion. Stay tuned for details about the theme and activity for that night. **Also, mark your calendars for the next Rosh Chodesh gatherings: January 6 (Sh'vat), February 10 (Adar), March 10 (Adar II), and March 31 (Nisan).**

The Rosh Chodesh gatherings will be stand-alone events, so this is not a group that requires membership. Each gathering will have a positive and encouraging environment, and women of all ages and levels of Jewish knowledge and experience are welcome. It won't be the same without you, so please RSVP to templeemanuel@templeemanuelpgh.org or 412.279.7600. And if anyone is interested, there will be opportunities to host and/or plan future gatherings. If you have questions or ideas, please contact Lisa Dvorin at 412-780-8319 or lisadvorin@comcast.net.
