

SUMMER 2022



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SAVE THE DATE!

Labor
PICNIC
Day

Monday, September 5th at Temple - 4PM-6PM

We're excited to welcome everyone back to Temple for this always popular event. Come and reconnect with old friends and meet new friends too! Lots of great food (we provide the burgers, hot dogs and desserts – you bring the sides and salads (parve – no meat or dairy please). Fun activities for the kids, including GAGA! Please RSVP to the [office](mailto:office@templeemmanuel.org) (412.279.7600).



T'Filah

WORSHIP & TORAH STUDY SCHEDULE

Friday Afternoon Torah Study at 1:00pm

Temple's Shabbat morning Torah Study frequently focuses on a single idea or verse, leaving much on the cutting room floor for further exploration. Curious what else the sages of our tradition were thinking? Join Rabbi Meyer on Zoom by clicking [here](#) for a 45 minute sneak peek!

Shabbat Evening Services – Fridays at 7:00pm

Join us for our Shabbat evening services in the Beit HaT'filah (masks are optional). You can also continue to connect with us via [Temple's website](#), [Facebook](#), or [Youtube](#). An electronic copy of Mishkan T'filah, the congregation's prayer book, can be accessed [here](#). Immediately following the service, enjoy a nosh at the oneg and schmooze with fellow congregants!

Shabbat Morning Torah Study – Saturdays at 9:00am

Join Rabbi Meyer in person at Temple or on [Zoom](#) to discuss the weekly parashat.

Havdalah – Saturdays at 8:00pm

Join us virtually on Temple's [Facebook page](#).

Lay-Led Morning Minyan – Sundays at 9:30am

In person in the Beit HaT'filah or click [here](#) to join virtually on Zoom.

B'nai Mitzvah Services – Shabbat Mornings at 10:30am

Saturday, August 13 – Aaron Levinthal

Sunday, August 28 – Benjamin Watterson

Please check your weekly emails for the most current information.

Torah Center Registration

It's time to register your
children for Torah Center!

Click [here](#) for all the details
for our pre-K (age 4) – 7th
grade program.

Click [here](#) for details on
our Sunday afternoon HS
program for 8th-12th grade.

Questions?
Contact [Steph McFerron](#).

And watch your email for
upcoming “end-of-summer”
activities!



A MESSAGE FROM RABBI AARON MEYER

(Shared at Annual Meeting on June 6, 2022)

The Manny Award recognizes beloved congregants who have made an indelible impact on Temple Emanuel of South Hills. Through their volunteer service, through their lifelong dedication, and sometimes through their financial generosity, members of Temple have the power to forever shape this community for the better. How we wish Temple's Manny Award winner for 2022, Betty Diskin, could be with us to accept this recognition. Though Betty passed away at the end of 2020, we are just beginning to understand the tremendous gift she has left the Temple community.

The first time I had the opportunity to visit Betty at Concordia, she was keen to play Jewish geography to see whom I might have known growing up close to her childhood haunts. Though the circles in which we ran were at least several generations apart, that I played baseball in Titusville — likely that I had heard of Titusville — was enough to spark a warm conversation about her life and her hopes for Temple. Betty knew tremendous love in her life: love of her husband Arthur, sons Bill and Bob, and of music among other pursuits. She also knew tremendous loss, saying goodbye to Arthur, Bill and Bob all significantly before their time. Her love of music, arts, and culture continued after their losses, and members of this community know better than I how her appreciation for music and her love of Temple harmonized. Temple became the hosting venue for tremendous musical experiences that Betty's love and generosity enabled, bringing a sense of beauty and community to Temple Emanuel.

Upon her death in 2020, Betty left a significant sum of money to Temple as a legacy gift providing the gift of music in perpetuity by endowing a cantor or musical director position. It's hard to overstate the impact of her blessing to Temple. I know, you know, we know how impactful music is — in the education of children, in a worship service, during lifecycle events and holiday celebrations, and so much more — and Betty's legacy changes the future of Temple Emanuel. With love and respect, I am honored to announce Betty Friedman Diskin as the recipient of Temple's 2022 Manny award.

Temple's Annual Meeting and the presentation of this award also seems an ideal time to give you a brief update on how Betty's generous legacy is being realized. As you know, we entered a search for a cantor to join the Temple community late last Autumn. Though unsuccessful in the first year of our search, we are optimistic that this year's search will be more fruitful. With a bigger class of graduating cantors and with a different feeling in the air from our societal response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are excited to begin that process again this fall. That said, we won't be waiting until a new hire to make the best music we can at Temple Emanuel. I hope you join me in excitement to welcome Student Cantor Sierra Fox back for a second year at Temple. Sierra is studying in Israel right now and will be back as the summer ends, joining us for the High Holy Days and two weekends a month throughout the year. I'm also excited to welcome musician Jacob Krause to join us for multiple musician-in-residence weekends throughout the year. Jacob, Spike, is a wonderful guitarist and a charismatic service leader we are fortunate to have in this interim year. Rebecca Closson, Rabbi Emily Meyer and others will also join us in the musical leadership of Shabbat services and lifecycle events throughout the year.

Thank you, Betty, for giving us these many opportunities and blessings.



President Michelle Markowitz' Message

(Shared at Annual Meeting on June 6, 2022)

So, two more years as President. I get a variety of reactions to this, and what I will share is this - I am excited for what's to come and honored to be able to continue serving the Temple community in this way. Before we get to what's to come, I want to share a bit about what's been.

As is clear from what you heard from Leslie, Temple has had a very successful year. Our staff continues to amaze us day after day with their hard work ensuring that Temple fulfills its mission and vision of Living, Learning, and Leading Judaism. Because the Staff does what it does so well, the Board is able to focus on that which a Board should be focusing on - fiscal responsibility, ensuring that Temple is living its values today, and that it is well-positioned to do so into the future.

Temple's financial position is strong at this moment. As we've talked about before, how synagogues raise revenue is shifting - decreasing numbers of individuals choosing to affiliate in our traditional membership structure correlates to fewer dollars from dues being collected each year.

But the news is not all bad - our fundraising campaigns and contributions by both members and nonmembers have increased. Based upon this information, the Board has made the decision that for the third year in a row, our dues commitment will remain at pre-pandemic levels. In other words, the Board has elected not to increase dues.

There is one area where the Board is asking for additional contributions - and that is to our security fund. As we are able to join together in person once again, we have an increased need for the use of security guards and are asking for a \$100 per membership unit or family contribution towards this unfortunate, but necessary expense.

We continue to utilize our Endowments in a responsible way and look forward to your generosity once again in supporting our Giving Tuesday Campaign this fall. With all of this in mind, as we shared with you at our Open Budget Meeting on April 19th, Temple has once again passed a balanced budget for the 2022/23 fiscal year.

Having a balanced budget and a healthy financial picture is important, and necessary, but it's not why we do what we do. To fulfill our mission, and live, learn, and lead Judaism, we also want to make sure Temple Emanuel itself personifies our highest values.

Recognizing it is important to formalize where our values and actions meet, Temple Emanuel is on its way to implementing a Congregational Code of Ethics. Last fall, the Board approved creation of the Congregational Code of Ethics Task Force comprised of Rabbi Aaron Meyer, Executive Director Leslie Hoffman, along with congregants Erin Barr, Aviva Diamond, Alicia Kozel, Ilene Iskoe, Bryan Rosenberger, Erica Goodman, Holly Rudoy, and Rob Edelson. Throughout this year, this Task Force, along with the human resources Committee, has been hard at work to formalize a Code of Conduct, which makes formerly unspoken expectations around conduct explicit priorities for our community. We recognize the value of being thoughtful and respectful with our words and actions and that each individual who engages with Temple Emanuel can expect to be treated in a respectful manner. Be on the lookout for much more information about Temple's Code of Conduct around the High Holy Days.

These values are important for our present, and it is also our responsibility to ensure that Temple Emanuel lives these values into the future.

The Temple Emanuel of 2022 might be hardly recognizable to your 2019 selves. In fact, the world as a whole in 2022 may not be recognizable to your 2019 selves. The time feels right to take a step back and take stock of where we've been, where we are, and where we are going.

We recognize that Covid-19 certainly accelerated the pace and shifted the trajectory of change. It opened new pathways of engagement and challenged us to think expansively about how Judaism, how Temple Emanuel, might be incorporated into our everyday lives.

However, Covid-19 is hardly the only reason it's time for us to take stock. Demographic changes in the South Hills Jewish population, along with shifts away from traditional synagogue affiliation, were already happening. The synagogue that served so many so well for the last 60 years is serving fewer and fewer member families each and every year. In the Fall of 2020, I reported to you that Temple Emanuel had 480 membership units - today, despite gaining 25 new families, that number is 454. And those numbers are significantly lower than the 600



membership units that some of you might remember from the early-2000s.

What hasn't changed is the fundamental idea upon which Temple Emanuel was founded - it was, still is, and should always be the centerpiece of Reform Judaism in this community. The challenge for us, for every generation who has accepted the responsibility for leadership, is to ensure that Temple Emanuel remains relevant and meaningful in its time.

We must consider how we can optimize the experiences for those of us already engaged. We must create a space to engage those who have not yet chosen engagement. But how do we go about doing this?

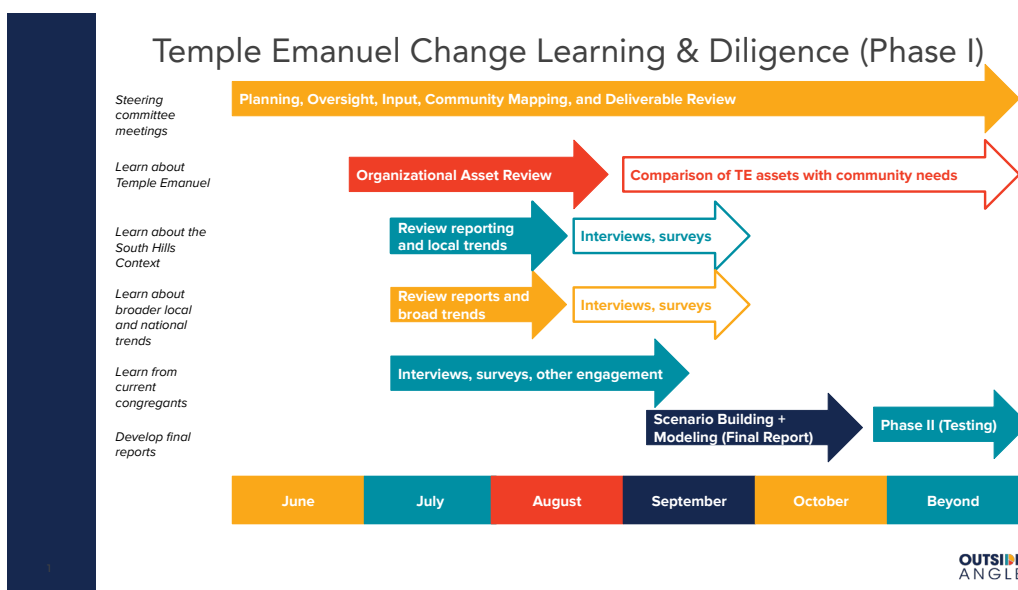
That was the question the Board has been exploring this year. We recognized that we had to do something but struggled to identify what that something might be. Ultimately, we recognized that one of the reasons we struggled was because we were individuals for whom Temple Emanuel was working well. After all, one does not become a Board member because he or she is NOT engaged at Temple. In addition, it did not appear to us, nor did we know about, other organizations within the Reform Jewish world that had the answers we were seeking. Thus, we turned outward and recognized a partner was necessary.

Enter Outside Angle, a firm co-owned by congregant Sarah Kozel. You may recognize Sarah's name as being one of the recipients of the Young Leadership Award last year for her volunteer contributions to the By Laws Task Force and now the Governance Committee. What you may not know is that professionally, Sarah is an organizational psychologist, whose company works with social-impact organizations to engage in and manage change. As our partner, Outside Angle will take a systematic approach to assessing Temple's internal capacity and how that relates in the context of the world around us.

Over the next several months, Outside Angle, along with a Steering Committee comprised of some of Temple's staff - including Rabbi Aaron Meyer, Executive Director Leslie Hoffman, and ECDC Director Kate Louik, as well as Board members Rob Edelson, Kathy Ginsburg, Sarah Levinthal, and Tony Pardo, will undertake a learning process. That process will include not just those of you, those of us, who already call Temple Emanuel home, but those who no longer, never have, or don't yet feel the same way. We want to understand the demographic shifts within our community and the Jewish community at large. We want to find out what's working, and what's not working, at other similarly situated organizations. And we want to synthesize all of this information, all of this data, in a systematic and thoughtful way to create viable options for Temple Emanuel to move forward.

As you can see from the picture and timeline presented, the next few months are going to be quite busy. It is our goal to create viable options and pathways for Temple Emanuel. And we want to communicate all of that to you. You can expect regular communication throughout this process and a final report with options being considered to be presented formally after the High Holy Days. While this report is by no means the end of this change work, it is an important milestone in determining where we go from here.

I could not be more enthusiastic for this journey.





Temple Emanuel of South Hills Year-in-Review 2021-2022 (Pandemic Year 2!)

Membership & Support

- ◆ 18 new families joined Temple, including 21 kids
- ◆ Current membership - 454 families
- ◆ \$625,232 dues collected - 97% of budgeted amount (as of 6/2/22)
- ◆ Our Giving Tuesday campaign exceeded our expectations, raising over \$70,000!

Education & Adult Learning

- ◆ Torah Center resumed in-person classes with 100 students in pre-k through 7th grade (71 families).
- ◆ Our revamped HS program met on Sundays with 30 teens participating and 6 becoming confirmed.
- ◆ 7th & 8th grade students and parents visited the Holocaust Museum in DC (1st time since 2019).
- ◆ We celebrated 19 B'nei Mitzvahs and have 14 planned for next year!
- ◆ ECDC navigated the pandemic with 110 children attending in-person classes all year and is nearly fully enrolled for next year!
- ◆ 14 adult members became B'nei Mitzvah after a year-long study program with Rabbi Meyer.
- ◆ Rabbi Meyer's weekly Friday & Saturday Torah Study continued with a robust following of participants.
- ◆ 32 Temple members are traveling to Israel with Rabbi Meyer and the Jewish Federation of Pittsburgh.

Facilities & Security

- ◆ We installed window shades in the Beit HaT'filah.
- ◆ We continue to upgrade security throughout the building.
- ◆ We offered ALICE training to the congregation.
- ◆ We added streaming technology for the Sanctuary.

Music Supported by the Diskin Music Fund

- ◆ Temple's first student cantor, Sierra Fox, enhanced our services & Torah Center classes. And she's coming back to join us again in the Fall!
- ◆ We welcomed musical guests including Cantor Rosalie Will, Elana Jagoda & Saul Kaye, and Ellie Flier.

Social Action & Social Justice

- ◆ 73 families participated in Team Sandwich, providing over 6,000 sandwiches (and pizza) to our food insecure neighbors.
- ◆ Our 1st SHIM 5K raised over \$1700, adding to the hundreds of pounds of donated goods and vegetables from our garden that we collect for SHIM.
- ◆ Our members donated vitally needed blood during our Blood Drive.
- ◆ We hosted Josh Fleitman from CeaseFire PA for an informative discussion on gun violence.
- ◆ Our Torah Center students and Caring Community members designed and delivered Shalach Manot packages to our most senior members.

Holiday & Program Highlights

- ◆ 130 people attended our 2nd Night Community Seder.
- ◆ We hosted a new member Chanukah event and lit up Bower Hill Road with our Chanukah Light Up Parade.
- ◆ Over 130 people enjoyed the Memorial Day Bagel Brunch planned by TERMS.
- ◆ MOTE (Men of Temple Emanuel) purchased and set up a new Sukkah in the courtyard. Next year (post-pandemic) we'll all gather together in it!
- ◆ 8 members shared their talents and interests through our newly created Explorations Program.

Executive Director Leslie Hoffman's Comments

(Shared at Annual Meeting on June 6, 2022)

Well, here we are at the annual meeting for 2021-22, otherwise known as Pandemic Year 2. As you can see from the Year-In-Review recap, we've still been busy despite Covid, welcoming new members, offering programs, doing important work in the community and even growing the number of participants in our Life & Legacy Society. And it's so nice to now see so many of you here in the room after a 2-year hiatus of in-person gatherings and it's equally great to see so many of you on Zoom. It's hard to believe that just a few years ago we didn't have the ability to have you join us from your homes, right? And now, our concept of what's normal has shifted in ways we couldn't have imagined. Many thanks to our board of trustees who have provided guidance and support, and given us, as senior staff, the latitude to navigate those shifts and change the way we work at Temple. In many ways, change has become our new constant and I'd like to take just a few minutes to acknowledge our amazing staff for their flexibility and resiliency this past year.

For many, Lori Blattner is the first point of contact when reaching out to Temple. As our office administrator, she fields every type of question imaginable, and some that you can't even imagine, from members and non-members alike. She handles the influx of donations that we receive and almost single-handedly coordinates the Book of Remembrance and the High Holy Days Greeting fundraisers. She does all of this with grace and a smile, so please don't hesitate to thank her when you call or stop by the office, as I am doing right now. Thank you, Lori.

As our controller, Paula Spock continues to streamline our financial and database management processes, working alongside our Bookminders accountant to ensure that our finances are in order. And in order they are, as evidenced by our annual Financial Review performed by our outside accounting firm, Goff Backa Alfer and Associates. Whether working remotely or in the office, Paula is responsive to our members, conscientious and organized. Thank you, Paula, for all that YOU do and I might just take you up on your offer to help me get my files organized as well!

Our maintenance team of Steve Harms and Chuck Tranter have continued to keep the building running smoothly despite the many last-minute shifts from in-person to Zoom only to hybrid programming throughout the year. Thank you both for your continued dedication to Temple.

Whether wearing her Torah Center teacher badge or her Temple caterer nametag, Melinda Freed brings her all to everything that she does for Temple. No one was happier than Melinda when we were able to resume limited catering this past fall, as she loves to be a part of our families' simchas, making each one special even within the limits of COVID protocols. Melinda, thank you for all that you DO and all that you ARE for Temple.

Ellen Drook wears many hats at Temple – she's a 5-day ECDC teacher, ECDC Assistant Director and part-time communications support for me. Ellen fulfills these rolls with a smile, is beloved by her students and is an invaluable part of our staff, demonstrating flexibility and resiliency to the nth degree. No matter what I ask her to do, Ellen takes on tasks and brings her *McGiverish* problem solving skills to the table like no other. Thank you, Ellen, for sharing your many talents with Temple and for being such a joy to work with every day.

When I mention resiliency and flexibility, I'm only scratching the surface of the qualities that make Kate Louik such an amazing ECDC director and co-worker. Guiding ECDC through a full school year of in-person classes despite the ever-changing COVID landscape was no easy feat. On literally a daily basis, Kate was solving the puzzles of classroom coverage and covid quarantine schedules while ensuring that the needs of ALL of our children and ALL of her staff were met. Kate, thank you for being such a compassionate, committed and visionary leader of our early childhood program and Temple. And let me also thank your amazing staff of educators who fill our classrooms with smiles, even behind their masks, and bring the love of learning to our youngest children.

We were excited to welcome our Torah Center students back to in-person classes this past fall and Rabbi Meyer and I were equally thrilled to welcome long-time Torah Center teacher Steph McFerron to our senior staff team in her new roll as Torah Center Director. With her strong organizational skills and background in working with children of all ability levels, Steph guided Torah Center through a wonderful year, ensuring that our children, teachers and families all felt valued as they engaged in meeting our mission of Learning Judaism. Thank you, Steph, for all that you do, including organizing Temple's 1st 5K Run for SHIM, and thank you also to our amazing staff of Torah Center teachers who share their time and talents with our children to ensure the continuity of Jewish education for our community.

As Rabbi Meyer mentioned, Betty Diskin's legacy has allowed us to envision music at Temple in ways that were previously not possible. We welcomed Sierra Fox to Temple this year as our student cantor and she quickly became an integral part of our staff, sharing her beautiful voice from the pulpit and teaching prayer on Sundays in our Torah Center program. We are excited to welcome Sierra back this fall and are even more excited to resume our search for a full-time cantor to join us 1 year from now.

And speaking of adding to our staff, I hope that by now you've all seen our posting for the newly created position of Programming and Volunteer Coordinator for Temple. Retooling our staffing structure over the last 2 years allows us to reallocate personnel dollars to this exciting new role. We so appreciate all of you who share your time as volunteers, and all of you who participate in our programs and activities throughout the year. Temple simply would not be Temple without you and we thank you for your ongoing commitment and participation. But we also know that many of you want to do more or are looking for new ways to engage with Temple and we are excited to now focus resources here to take Temple to the next level, increasing opportunities for our members to engage more fully in Jewish life.

Chazak, Chazak, V'nitchazek – From Strength to Strength May We Be Strengthened. I'm excited for the year ahead as together we explore new possibilities and pathways for Living, Learning and Leading Judaism.



ECDC Update

A few spots remain in our Kindergarten Enrichment Program for 2022-2023!

ECDC's Kindergarten Enrichment program is a complement to local half-day kindergarten programs. Children benefit from child-centered, inquiry and project-based learning in a small group environment. Kindergarten skill building is embedded into classroom content with plenty of opportunities for self-guided exploration and play with peers.

For school year 2022-2023, session times will be 12:30-3:00pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Families may also choose to have their child come to ECDC for our lunch session, 11:30am-12:30pm. You can find registration information [here](#).

We are always happy to discuss our program! For more information or to schedule a visit, contact [Kate Louik](#).

At ECDC, we have five values that guide our work, and each of those values is on display during our Summer Sessions.

- The children showed *Kavod* (Respect) for nature and the environment by learning about the wonders of seeds, insects and other living things.
- We practiced *Tzedakah* (Sharing with others) by collaborating with friends in the classroom and on the playground.
- We were excited to have children return, and to welcome new friends to ECDC (*Hachnasat Orchim*).
- We built new classroom communities (*Kehillah*) full of learning, exploration, and inquiry.
- Most of all, together, we experienced the joy of learning (*Simchat Limud*).



TEMPLE FAMILY MENSCHENINGS

SHALOM!

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

- **Mary Kate Young**
- **Lisa & Michael Clarke and their sons Grant, Gavin, Jude, Sidney & Theodore**
- **Alexis Smith & Clemens Weygandt and their children Felix, Leonie & Linus**

Our condolences on the following bereavements:

- **Richard Kantrowitz**, brother of Kenneth Kantrowitz, uncle of Marci Barnes & great uncle of Henry Barnes, (April 1)
- **Agnes Rocher**, Temple member and mother of Veronica (Jon) Schmerling (April 11)
- **Jonathan Andrew Bahm**, son of Amy & David Bahm, brother of Bryan & Evan Bahm, grandson of Eleanor Bahm, nephew of Lynn & Carl Bahm and great nephew of Roz & Farrel Levine (April 19)
- **Elinor Young**, mother of Jeff (Laura) Young, grandmother of Addie & Evan Young (May 30)
- **Eileen Pechersky**, sister of Marcia (Robert) Freeman, aunt of Richard Freeman (May 31)
- **Eric Rascoe**, Temple member & husband of Ann Rascoe (June 13)

MAZEL TOV

Welcome New Babies:

Wayne Alan Pollon, born on May 20, 2022, is the grandson of Dorothy & Neal Pollon, son of Lauren & Joshua Pollon, big sister of Winifred and nephew of Amanda & Aaron Pollon, Benjamin Pollon, and Jill Pollon

Eli Samuel Bogdanski, born on June 7, 2022, is the grandson of Suzanne & Jeff Weiner, son of Chelsea & Matt Bogdanski and nephew of Zoey, Eden & Taylor Weiner

B'NEI MITZVAH

- **Marti Weisberg**, daughter of David Weisberg and Rikki Hommel, became a bat mitzvah in Jerusalem on Saturday, June 18. Marti is the sister of Ozzy and the granddaughter of Susan and Richard Hommel.
- **Aaron Levinthal**, son of Sarah and David Levinthal, will become a bar mitzvah on Saturday, August 13. Aaron is the brother of Michael and Zoe and grandson of Beth and Charles Levinthal.
- **Benjamin Watterson**, son of Avital Levin and Tom Watterson, will become a bar mitzvah on Sunday, August 28. Ben is the brother of Adeline and Clementine.

The Bahm family would like to thank the entire Temple Emanuel community for the tremendous outpouring of support we have received after the loss of our beloved Jonathan. Temple has and will always remain a vital part of our family's life. It was instrumental in raising Jonathan into the kind, loving and amazing young man he was. From his earliest days at Torah for Tots and Temple Preschool to working as a Madrich at Torah Center, he was surrounded with love and knew that he always had a home at Temple Emanuel. We know we cannot thank everyone individually but want to express our sincere gratitude for everything that has been and is being done to help us through this impossibly difficult time.



Thank You!

Thank you to our TERMS volunteers who coordinated our wonderful Memorial Day Bagel Brunch! After a 2-year pandemic hiatus, we had a great turnout, with nearly 150 members of all ages enjoying a beautiful morning of fun and great food.

High Holy Day Greetings

While summer has just begun, now is the time to submit your High Holy Days greeting! Click [here](#) to access the online order form or print this [form](#) and return it to the office with your payment by July 15th. Any questions? Contact the [office](#) (412.279.7600).

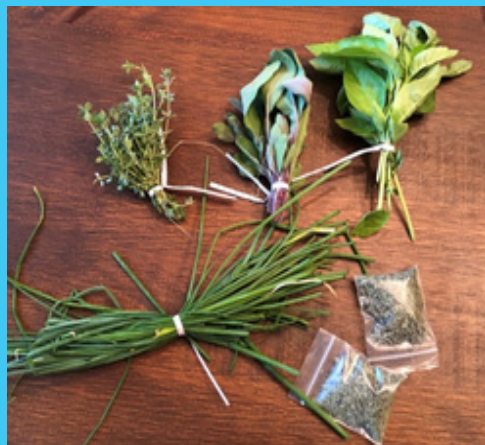
Year-Round SHIM Food Drive

Food insecurity is a year-round issue for many of our South Hills neighbors. Drop off your non-perishable donations for SHIM in the collection bin in the courtyard vestibule on weekdays between 9-2 or bring them with you when you come to Temple for services or other programs.

Grief & Loss Group

Temple's Grief & Loss Group will meet on Sundays, July 10 and August 7 at 10AM at Temple. You can also join the group virtually using this [Zoom](#) link. Questions? Contact [Ellen Ulmer](#).

SHIM Garden Update



The SHIM garden is fully planted and growing well, so I thought it was time to write an update. This year we were lucky enough to have most of the herbs planted last year overwinter and they are thriving. We have already delivered herbs twice while our vegetables are getting themselves established and into production. In the past, SHIM has had little success with herbs. I theorized that delivering a big bundle of herbs probably made it difficult to dispense them. So, last year I put small portions of each herb in plastic sandwich bags and labeled them. This made the herbs more accessible to the clients and they could take a little package to see what they can cook with them. It was a big success. This year we purchased 1000 twist ties (that sounds like a

lot, but we use a lot). Little bundles of herbs are twist tied to eliminate the disposable plastic baggies. Also, a small portion of the herbs are being set aside each week and dried and packaged. Fresh herbs are the best, but everybody needs dried herbs that are shelf stable. As we all know, herbs (fresh and dried) can be very expensive. The herbs we are growing are thyme, basil, oregano, chives, sage, and rosemary.

In addition, we have planted lemongrass that we will harvest at the end of the growing season this year and I hope to overwinter for next year.

We of course have planted many vegetables. We are growing tomatoes, hot peppers, sweet peppers, and zucchini. This year we are also trying "bitter melon". For those of you who have never heard of it, that is not surprising! This is not something most people in the United States eat but it is very popular with some of the immigrant communities. A few years ago, I had the opportunity to try bitter melon because I met a gardener at the Boyce community garden who was growing it. Let me tell you, it is an acquired taste.

Last year 18,216 pounds of produce were distributed by SHIM. SHIM runs 3 food pantries in the South Hills and there are many small (like ours) and large community gardens which support this effort.

As always, stop by and check out our garden any time and if I happen to be working, I'll be happy to answer any questions. Happy Gardening!

Deb Madaras, Garden Coordinator

***If you would like to help Deb weed/water/harvest/plant, please contact the office and let us know!





Thank you to everyone who participated in our first 5K Run for SHIM on May 15th. Together, we raised over \$1700 and enjoyed a spectacular morning of fun and friendship. We're already looking forward to making next year's run even bigger and better.



TEAM SANDWICH NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Each month we partner with local social service organizations to provide at least 500 sandwiches for their clients.

Upcoming Dates:
July 19th and August 16th

Please contact
[Susan Hommel](#)
if you can help.



— GIVE — **BLOOD** & GIVE BACK

Temple Emanuel Blood Drive



This Give Blood & Give Back blood drive, hosted by **Temple Emanuel**, will benefit **South Hills Interfaith Movement (SHIM)**. For each blood donor who registers, a financial contribution will be made in their honor to South Hills Interfaith Movement (SHIM). Give Blood & Give Back is made possible with support from the Vitalant Foundation and select contributors, including the **Jefferson Regional Foundation**.

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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 21
9 A.M. TO 1 P.M.**

**SOCIAL HALL
1250 BOWER HILL ROAD
PITTSBURGH, PA 15243**

To schedule your lifesaving appointment, go to
<https://donateblood.centralbloodbank.org>:

- Choose "Donor Login" if you have donated with Vitalant or Central Blood Bank before
- If you have not donated with Vitalant or Central Blood Bank before, choose "New Donor"
- At the "Schedule your Appointment Today" screen, scroll down using the far right scroll bar and enter group code **G0020018** to schedule your donation
- If you cannot schedule online, please call 412.209.7000

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Donations to Temple Funds as of June 15, 2022

Brenda & Larry Miller Memorial Caring Community

Donor	In Honor
Tamra, Martin & Kite Richardson	Linda Richardson's special birthday

Donor	In Memory
Susan & Richard Hommel	Agnes Rocher
Fran & Ron Landay	Carol Spolter
Joyce & Steve Hoffman	Carol Spolter
The Dvorin Family	Carol Spolter
Susan & Richard Hommel	Elinor Young
Joyce & Steve Hoffman	Nessa Mines
Barbara Trachtenberg	Jonathan Bahm
Helene Friedland & Joe Zoffer	Jonathan Bahm
Judith Rudoy	Jonathan Bahm
Laura Goldstein Leedham	Jonathan Bahm
Susan & Richard Hommel	Jonathan Bahm

Cemetery Beautification Fund

Donor	In Memory
Janice Keilly	Arnold Keilly
Renee Lieberman	Bernhardt Lieberman
Howard, Scott, & Marc Myers	Bonnie Myers
Veronica & Jon Schmerling	Elizabeth Sarah Schmerling
Wendy R. Freed	Ethel Copeland Rotman
Linda & Mark Silverman	Fannie Kaplan Silverman
Sandy Golomb	Faye Rubenstein
Laurey Simkin-Silverman & Steve Silverman	Harry Auerbach
Jody Hoffman & Mitchell Taback	Jonathan Bahm
The Myers Family	Jonathan Bahm
Susan & Mark Eger	Leah Israel
Judith Rudoy	Linda Bushkoff
Marlene Naft	Marvin Weiss
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