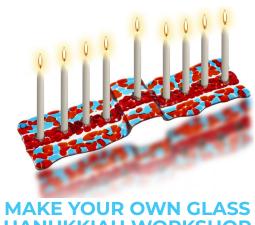


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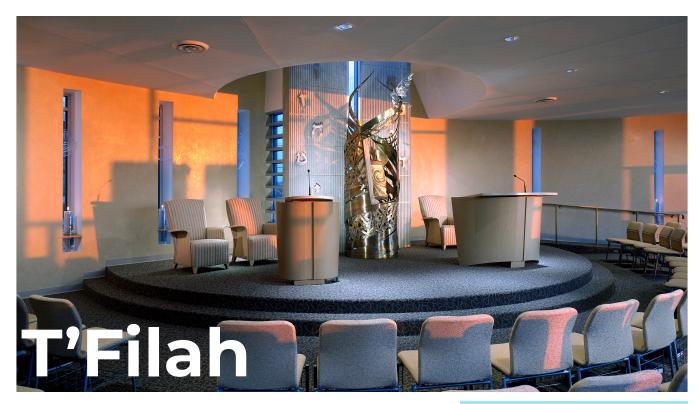
# HANUKKIAH WORKSHOP

### Sunday, December 11, 2022 from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm at the Pittsburgh Glass Center

Make your own glass Hanukkiah in time for Hanukkah! Participants 5 years and older are welcome to join us.

The workshop description reads, "In this fun holiday event, transform sheet glass into a luminous and decorative hanukkiah. In this introductory experience, you'll combine colored glass granules (frit) and thin glass strands(stringers) to create a unique and festive hanukkiah of your own design. Once you design it, we'll fire it in the kiln, so that all pieces become one."

Cost to participate is \$45 per person. RSVP and workshop fee will be due two weeks prior to the event on November 27th. Cash or checks can be dropped off to the office.



## **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 <u>Temple's website</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, or <u>Youtube</u>. An electronic copy of Mishkan T'filah, the congregation's prayer book, can be accessed <u>here</u>. Immediately following the service, enjoy a nosh at the oneg and schmooze with fellow congregants.

Please Note: On Friday, November 18 we will join together **at Beth El** at 7PM for our Shabbat service with special musical guest Sue Horowitz.

### 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 <u>here</u> to join virtually on Zoom.

# Friday, November 11 7:00PM

Jacob "Spike" Kraus" returns to Temple to lead our service!

### Friday, November 18 7:00PM at Beth El

(no service at Temple)

We join together with our Beth El friends and musical guest Sue Horowitz. Oneg following the service. Click <u>here</u> to join on Zoom.

# Friday, December 2 7:00PM

National touring Jewish musician Alan Goodis joins us as our musician-in-residence.

### B'nai Mitzvah Services 10:30AM

Saturday, October 29
Makis Sobel Drum

Saturday, November 12 Nate Del

Saturday, December 17
Anna McFerron



## A MESSAGE FROM RABBI AARON MEYER

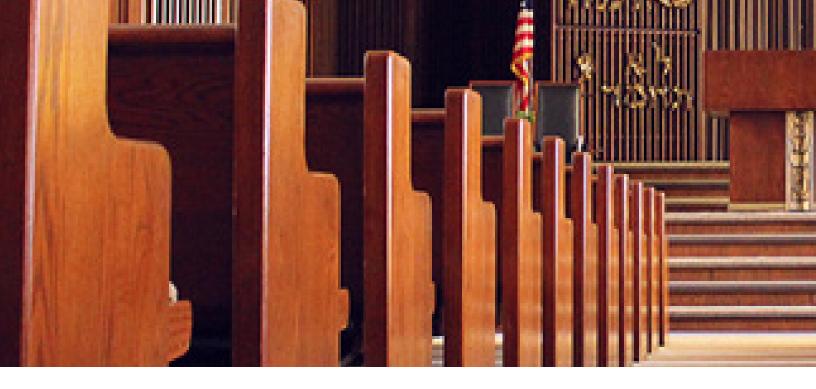
In our Torah text, Jacob dreams of a ladder stretching between heaven and earth with angels going up and down upon it (Genesis 28:12). It is beautiful imagery — angels going up to heaven first and coming down second tells us something about the proximity of God's messengers — but the sages of Jewish tradition take it one step further. Jacob ben Asher taught the numerical equivalence (gematria) of "ladder (sulam)" and "voice (kol)" indicates that the prayers of the righteous formed the ladder upon which angels ascended, and a story of the Ba'al Shem Tov relates that his prayers formed the ladder that allowed him to ascend. Kalonymus Kalman Shapira went one step further still, teaching that a wordless melody, a *niggun*, forms the rungs of the ladder that all can use to climb to the heavens.

It sounds a bit hyperbolic, but whose experience of prayer has not been lifted by the beautiful music of Jewish tradition? From Psalms recited in the ancient Temple to the melodies *m'Sinai* ubiquitous in the Jewish world to exciting new compositions in our day, music has been and remains the centerpiece of meaningful worship experiences. With gratitude for the tremendous generosity of Betty Friedman Diskin, z"l, whose appreciation of the arts and support of Temple Emanuel led her to create an endowment for musical programming, we are beginning again the process of hiring a Musical Director or Cantor for the 2022-2023 year.

Temple members Peter Alt, Marcy Bernson, Sarah Giliberto, Howie and Kathy Ginsburg, Chris and Iris Harlan, Sally Lebowitz, Shawn Levine, Michelle Markowitz, Eric Udren, and Kate Warren join staff members Leslie Hoffman and Kate Louik on the Musical Search Advisory Task Force. Together they have explored the needs of our community, the ways music and the right person can enrich all aspects of Temple, and the best practices for hiring a new Jewish professional to join our team. Beginning in late October and culminating (we hope!) In late January, Temple will begin to receive resumes and invite for in-person interviews some amazing people for this position. We will share more information about the process and its milestones as they become available.

I am excited for this process to begin anew and am hopeful we will find the right person for Temple...and I also want to offer a few words of caution based on the experience of our last search. As we have seen, there are many more congregations searching for the right Jewish musical professional than there are perfect matches to fill these positions. We also know how subjective "good" can be when it comes to music and want everyone to understand that singing at Shabbat services and on the High Holy Days encompasses roughly 1/50th of the ways the right person will enhance our experiences at Temple. Welcoming the right clergy partner is a difficult task but a tremendous opportunity, and we hope this second year of our search will yield better results.

In the meantime, I trust you will agree with me that welcoming Student Cantor Sierra Fox for her second year at Temple is a blessing beyond measure. We are also grateful to Rebecca Closson, Jim Burns, Rabbi Emily Meyer, Mel Vatz, and the many others who will enrich our services and communal experiences in the year ahead. The gifts of their time and talent, their music, places rungs on that ladder stretching toward heaven and allows us to ascend when we gather with them in prayer.



## Michelle Markowitz' Rosh Hashanah 2022 (5783) Speech

My family was always late for High Holy Days services. Having grown up at Temple Emanuel, I've been coming to the High Holy Days here for quite a few years. In those days, my family would find parking somewhere near where Kelso meets Bower Hill Road, walk down the block, into the Bower Hill entrance, and be immediately escorted into the ... kitchen. Yes, the kitchen. You see, at that time, when Temple hosted two services for many of the High Holy Days, the Sanctuary AND the Social Hall were so full, that latecomers, such as my family, so as not to disrupt services, entered through the kitchen doors directly into the Social Hall finding a cold, metal folding chair to sit on.

It is obvious that times have changed. We are in a fortunate time where technology has made it possible for those unable to attend High Holy Days services in person to join this community in the virtual space. And I must digress for a moment and share my joy and excitement that many of us are able to be here in person for the first time in 3 years. However, even without the availability of the virtual space, two services and chairs as far back as the stage haven't been a necessity for a number of years. While this is far from the only change at Temple, it is an easy shift to quantify and see and an obvious catalyst for the Board's decision to embark on and invest in a major strategic investigation.

In terms of scale, in 2009, Temple Emanuel had 582 Membership Units – as of today, that number is 451 – a 23% decrease. Despite this decrease, between dues and contributions, generous legacy bequests from Norman Ettenson and Betty Diskin, of blessed memory, as well as one-time grants and PPP loans, in combination with difficult cost-cutting and cost reallocation measures, Temple Emanuel is currently maintaining a stable financial position. The ability to maintain that position into the future is a real and looming question for us, and one the Board is inspired to face head on, now, in a proactive manner, before we reach the type of crisis many other Reform congregations across the country are facing.

The time is ripe to learn how we may need to transform Temple Emanuel – and perhaps even serve as a model for others. Over the course of the next month, Temple's chosen partner for this endeavor, Outside Angle, will be sharing outcomes and options with the staff, Board, and eventually all of you, all of us. It is truly an amazing opportunity to be able to think through options for both short and long-term change and ensure that Temple remains solvent, relevant, and vibrant. I am excited for us to explore these pathways together, which may include new financial and membership models. Through this work, I hope we can ensure that Temple Emanuel will continue to serve its mission of Living, Learning, and Leading Judaism.

While the importance of the Board's emphasis on strategic planning cannot be overstated, we have not taken our



eye off the ball for those of us here, in the present. I hope you have seen the posters as you entered the building, or picked up a brochure outside, or even read last week's email to explore Temple Emanuel's new Congregational Code of Conduct. Last fall, the Board created a Task Force, led by Rob Edelson and me, and including congregants Erin Barr, Aviva Diamond, Erica Goodman, Ilene Iskoe, Alicia Kozel, Bryan Rosenberger, and Holly Rudoy, along with Executive Director Leslie Hoffman and Rabbi Aaron Meyer, to write down and make explicit the ways we should treat others and expect to be treated at Temple. I want to emphasize that this effort was not undertaken in response to any event that occurred at Temple, but rather is a proactive effort in keeping with best practices suggested by the Union for Reform Judaism's commitment "to ensuring that our environments are safe, equitable, and inclusive for all."

Our Code of Conduct sets forth four pillars to guide us: we are all created in the image of God; we are all responsible for one other; we are thoughtful with our words and actions; and we are a sacred community. We believe that Temple Emanuel can only fulfill its mission of Living Judaism "when we treat all members of our community with respect, compassion, kindness, and dignity."

As the first Reform congregation in the Pittsburgh area to undertake this work, Temple Emanuel is fulfilling its mission of Leading Judaism by sharing the work with other Reform congregations affiliated with the URJ.

Temple Emanuel has much to look forward to as we enter 5783, and I cannot end this speech without expressing my deepest gratitude to everyone who has made these meaningful High Holy Days experiences a possibility. I would love to thank each person who contributed in any way, and intend to do that privately, but at this time, I want to draw your attention to two individuals you know well. First, to Rabbi Aaron Meyer – thank you for leading by example, and for challenging each of us at Temple Emanuel to be the best version of ourselves and to live according to our highest values. Second, to the less visible but no less important Executive Director Leslie Hoffman – literally none of this would happen if you didn't do what you do and do it so well. Temple Emanuel is beyond fortunate to have you both leading this team. Thank you.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, as well as my own family, Pace, Myer, and Hannah, I want to wish all of you a happy and healthy 5783. I look forward to continuing our work together to ensure that Temple Emanuel Lives, Learns and Leads Judaism today, tomorrow, and well into the future.

L'Shana Tova!



# **ECDC Update**

### Fall is for Welcoming: Building Community and Living Our Jewish Values

Fall at ECDC is a time for welcoming–welcoming new children and families to our classrooms, welcoming new educators to our team, and welcoming the holidays of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah. It is an exciting and busy time to be an early childhood educator!

One of the many things I'm proud of about our program at Temple Emanuel ECDC is how our practice of Jewish values supports the children's learning and development of empathy, compassion, and positive self-identities. At this time of year, we focus on the value of *Hachnasat Orchim* (literally, "welcoming guests"). How can we welcome new friends to join in our play? How can we make new families feel welcome and included in the daily life of the classroom? How can we ensure that our spaces meet the needs of a diverse group of children and adults?

No matter your age, considering how to make the people in your life feel welcome and cared for is joyful work. Bring a welcome basket to a new neighbor or reach out to a new friend at school for a playdate. Invite a friend to join you for one of the many wonderful events coming up at Temple. It will make the people in your life feel special and enrich our *kehillah*, our community.



A two-year-old blows a shofar, four-year-olds stamp with apples for Rosh Hashanah, and Atelierista Michelle Dreyfuss visits students in their classroom sukkah.

# **KIDdish Club!**

## Fridays, November 4th and December 9th - 5PM

KIDdish Club is off to a great start! We are excited to welcome you again to Temple Emanuel for a kid-friendly dinner (think pasta, vegetarian nuggets, veggies & fruit...light fare!); craft projects and play time; and a fast-paced musical introduction to Shabbat. Don't worry if you can't make it right at 5:00pm — you can drop in anytime!

While this program is designed with those ages 0-6 in mind, older siblings, parents and even grandparents are welcome. Rebecca Closson, Kate Louik, Sarah Mangan, and all of your friends at Temple are excited to welcome you! While we intend this to be a program your family can drop into when your busy schedules permit, we appreciate your RSVP so we know how much food to make and supplies to prepare. Let <a href="Sarah Mangan">Sarah Mangan</a> know if you can join us!

## TEMPLE FAMILY MENSCHENINGS

### SHALOM!

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

- · Jessica & Samuel Livingston & their daughter Ruby
- Eleazer Gorenstein & Jennifer Richnafsky & their son Caleb
- · Melanie Fruman & her daughter Eden
- · Jamie & Peter Halesey & their children Nora & Peter
- · Sarah Bass
- · Silvana Kelly
- Eva & Daniel Gelman & their children Talia, Maya & Zachary
- Jessica & Joshua Silbermann & their children Ethan & Micah
- · Susan & Steven Silbermann
- · Jesse Lyman & Jason Barash & their daughter Jordana
- · Shayna & Szilard Bodi & their daughter Nina
- Tracey & David Palmieri
- · Kate & Joel Rosenthal

### We mourn the loss of:

- Mary Kay Golomb (June 20)
- · Naomi Sogoloff (July 12)
- Evelyn Hausman Morris, aunt of Shelley (Michael) Mayhak & Steve (Robin) Hausman (August 8)
- · Allen Cobbett, husband of Rita Cobbett (August 14)
- Mary Lou Katz, mother of Michael (Lisa) Katz (August 20)
- Charles Wittlin, brother of Elaine (Alan) London (September 13)
- · Paula Brant, wife of Gary Brant (September 16)
- Lillian Markowitz, grandmother of Pace (Michelle) Markowitz & great-grandmother of Myer & Hannah (September 19)
- · Sandra Levin (October 18)

## **MAZEL TOV**

- Our members Jessica & Samuel Livingston on their marriage (August 20). Samuel is the grandson of Marcia & Gerald Rubenstein and nephew of Larry & Lynn Lebowitz.
- Anna Silberman on her marriage to John Guehl (September 11).
- Our members Julianna Hawke & Nicholas Kizina on their marriage (October 2).

## **B'NEI MITZVAH**

- Makis Sobel-Drum, son of Ari Sobel & Christina Drum, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, October 29.
- Nate Del, son of Steve & Jamie Del, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, November 12.
- Anna McFerron, daughter of Ken & Steph McFerron, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, December 17.

### Yasher Koach to...

- Louis Klein on his new position as Commander of The American Legion Post #290 in Scott Township.
- Billy Goodman on receiving the JCC Pittsburgh Rogal-Ruslander Leadership Award.
- Kenny McFerron, son of Ken & Steph McFerron, who has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. For his project, Kenny built a new fenced-in play area on Temple's property for ECDC.

### Todah Rabah "Thank You" to...

- Ron Richards for preparing wall space in the Sanctuary to accommodate additional Yahrzeit plaques.
- Jeff Fitting for his ongoing assistance with Temple's website.
- Jan & Jerry Cooper for providing the beautiful mums that decorated our entrances for the High Holy Days.
- Everyone who participated in our August blood drive.
   Vitalant collected 18 blood products that will help critically ill newborn babies, patients being treated for cancer, those suffering traumatic injuries and many, many others.
- Nate Eisinger, Howie Ginsburg and Vienna Eisinger for building our sukkah.
- Our TERMS volunteers & Melinda Freed for helping with our Labor Day picnic. Special thanks also to Jeff Weiner and Harvey Rubin for their grilling expertise!
- Emily Meyer for designing & building our new mural in the lower lobby and everyone who participated in the tile-painting activity at the Labor Day picnic.







### **TORAH CENTER UPDATE**

Torah center is off to a fantastic start! It is an exciting time of year to welcome back our students, families, teachers, and madrichim. Sunday mornings kicked off mid-September and our students were immediately immersed into High Holy Days exploration through classroom lessons, art, music, and library. The weather cooperated for class visits to the sukkah and we celebrated Simchat Torah with music, dancing with the Torah and, of course, sweet treats courtesy of the Eileen Wolf Memorial Fund!

Our Hebrew curriculum has an updated appearance this year! Children in grades kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> are experiencing an introduction to the aleph bet through songs, games, and more! Older students are in our upstairs classrooms nicknamed "the lab". Our Hebrew learning lab focuses on Hebrew reading, grammar, vocabulary, and prayer. Students follow a self-paced program as they move throughout the lab working towards tangible goals individually or in small groups - both facilitated by our amazing team of Hebrew teachers and madrichim.

The faculty, madrichim, and I can't wait to engage with all of our students and families and are excited to see what this new year will bring!

- Steph McFerron, Torah Center Director





# **Fall Programming at Temple Emanuel**

We are excited to welcome you back to Temple Emanuel this fall with our lineup of programming and volunteering opportunities alongside our regularly scheduled services, KIDdish Club for our youngest members, and our ECDC and Torah Center programs. We hope that there is something that appeals to you in our lineup and that you are excited to be more involved!

To be the most up to date on everything happening at Temple Emanuel, check out our calendar and subscribe to have the dates added to your calendar automatically!

Before you check out our fall offerings, please take a moment to take our Involvement and Kulanu Groups Survey. The only required response on the survey is your email and name so we know how to reach out to you. As you make your way through the questions, please only check the options that appeal to you. At the bottom of the survey, you will see our Kulanu Group offerings. Check only the groups you are interested in participating in.

Take the Involvement and Kulanu Groups Survey Here!

# WOMEN+ OF TEMPLE EMANUEL BOOK CLUB

# Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the Community Room

WTE+ Book Club is back! We will start with *Israel: A Simple Guide* to the Most Misunderstood Country on Earth by Noa Tishby, linked here.

Bring yourself and your book. Because the book is about Israel, we will have Israeli snack foods and desserts. If you'd like to bring an Israeli snack or dessert, please feel free and let <u>Sarah</u> know.

# VolunTOTs and VolunTYKEs Thanksgiving Dinner Box Assembly Event

# Saturday, November 19, 2022 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Social Hall

VolunTOTs is a volunteer organization for children 3-6 and their families, providing age-appropriate opportunities for giving back to the community and tikkun olam. VolunTYKEs, which is part of the same organization, provides the same types of opportunities, but for children 7-12.

On Saturday, November 19th, Temple Emanuel is teaming up with this organization and both of its branches--VolunTOTs and VolunTYKEs--to offer an opportunity to provide Thanksgiving Day meals for families in the Pittsburgh region facing food insecurity.

Parents and children will meet in the Social Hall at 10:00am to learn about tikkun olam and about the impact of their service. After that, we will sort donations. We will then work to assemble the food donations into boxes that will provide families in need with the essentials for a Thanksgiving Day meal.

From 11:00 am to 12:00 pm, our VolunTYKEs (children ages 6+), will work to assemble the food donations into boxes that will provide families in need with the essentials for a Thanksgiving Day meal.

Sign-up through the VolunTOTs website by November 11th to join us!

This event is powered by community donations, so any contributions to our food donations are greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off in the ECDC Foyer between November 6th and November 14th.

We will include the following boxed and canned food items in our boxes: Mashed Potatoes, Mac N' Cheese, Cranberry Sauce, Green Beans, Stuffing Mix, Broth, Breadcrumbs, Dessert Mix, Pie Crust, Pumpkin, Cream Soup, Shelf-Stable Milk and Crispy Fried Onions.

We'd love to highlight the good you're doing in our Temple Emanuel community and beyond. Contact <u>Sarah Mangan</u> with any pictures and information about what's going on!

# TEMPLE EMANUEL BOOK BURIAL

### Sunday, October 23, 2022 at 2:00 pm at the Mt. Lebanon Cemetery

Sacred texts — those containing God's name — are treated with the utmost care and reverence in Jewish tradition. When it's time to retire a prayer book, tanakh, or other sacred work, the most respectful way of saying goodbye is to bury these texts as we would a loved one. Burial is also the appropriate way to part with ritual items such as tallitot, tefillin that cannot be repaired, the scrolls from a mezuzah, and more: anything containing God's name.

For years, Temple has been collecting such texts in boxes and storage in the tradition of a *genizah*. With sufficient quantity to make respectful use of a gravesite at Mt. Lebanon Cemetery, we invite you to join us on Sunday, October 23rd at 2:00pm to take part in this ritual. We will offer prayers and readings together to mark this occasion and invite you to bring the limited quantities of sacred texts or ritual items you might wish to part with. You can also bring a small box to Temple at your convenience before October 23rd anytime the office is open. Not sure if something should be buried? Rabbi Meyer is happy to consult: <u>ameyer@</u> templeemnauelpgh.org or 412-279-7600.

## Interested in learning more about TERMS – Temple Emanuel Retirees in Mitzvah Service?

TERMS meets the 3rd Friday of the month at 10AM at Temple. Come and meet the group on November 18th or December 16th.

### **Grief & Loss Group**

Temple's Grief & Loss Group will meet on Sundays, November 13 and December 11 at 10AM at Temple. You can also join the group virtually using this Zoom link. Questions? Contact Ellen Ulmer.

## Year-Round SHIM Food Drive

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our High Holy Days food drive for SHIM!

Food insecurity is a year-round issue for many in 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.

# Temple Emanuel Hanukkah Dinner

Friday, December 23, 2022 before evening Shabbat Service.

More details to follow!



## **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:

## November 15th and December 20th

Please contact Susan Hommel if you can help.

Many thanks to our July, August and September contributors and drivers!

Meg & Keith Abrams, Amy Bahm, Shelley & Bob Cohn, Brian Cuban & David Terkel, Laura Davidson, Diane Eger, Laryn & Moses Finder, Wanda Goodman, Eleazer Gorenstein, Iris Harlan, Nancy Jennings, Sally Lebowitz, Ilene & Ed Leefer, Avi Levin, Elaine & Alan London, Irene Luchinsky & Alan Beitman, Judy Nesvisky, Ruth Novice, Judy & Allan Press, Linda & Paul Richardson, Britt Roteman, Annie Schneider, Alan & Bunny Schorr, Silbermann Family, Lex Smith, Jack Soodik, Anne Watzman, Marti & Ozzy Weisberg, and Rachel Zoffer.

Special thanks to Ben Watterson (500 sandwiches) and Anna McFerron (baked goods) who selected Team Sandwich for their mitzvah projects!

# WTE+ HOSTS: SOCIAL ACTION EVENT: PROVIDE A MEAL FOR THE WOMEN'S SHELTER

Monday, November 14, 2022 from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm at the Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh

The Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh provides women and their children a safe place to go as an emergency shelter from domestic abuse. More than that, they provide support groups, legal advocacy, and programming for the adults and children in their care. We have the opportunity to support this mission by providing dinner for the families in their care.

Their dinner service begins at 4:30 pm, so we need to arrive on site with our ingredients to start preparing dinner at 3:30 pm. We will then serve the residents, and depending on the weather, we may have an opportunity to sit and eat with them. If the weather is nice and we can eat outside, we can eat with the residents and their families to share the meal. If we are eating inside, due to Covid restrictions, we won't be able to eat with them.

We will plan the menu for the meal, but the shelter suggests that whatever we plan, there are customizable options to account for different allergies, food restrictions, and preferences. For example, a taco bar with a couple of different filling options and various toppings.

Masks are required during our visit. Volunteers 16 years and older of any gender are welcome. This would be a great opportunity for a high school aged person to acquire some community service hours!

Please let <u>Sarah</u> know if you plan to join so we can meal plan. We need a minimum of 3 volunteers and a maximum of 8 for this opportunity.

Sarah's hope is that we will be able to provide more meals for these women throughout the year, and there are many other opportunities for volunteering at the shelter, including organizing supplies, cleaning, and planning parties for the residents and their children. Please let <u>Sarah</u> know if you are interested in future opportunities for helping these survivors of domestic abuse.

# TEMPLE EMANUEL BIRD PARK CLEAN-UP EVENT

# Sunday, October 30, 2022 at 1:30 pm in Bird Park

(Meet us at the Beadling Rd parking lot.)

The Environmental Sustainability Committee is excited to offer another family-friendly collaboration between Temple Emanuel and the Mt. Lebanon Nature Conservancy in an invasive plant species removal project in Bird Park.

The Mt. Lebanon Nature Conservancy has recently received a watershed protection grant from American Water and needs the help of the community more than ever to prepare the site for native plantings and structural work. You can read more about the grant at lebonature.org.

Families and friends of Temple Emanuel are welcome to join us in this important conservation project in our community! Afterwards, consider joining us for cider, donuts, and yard games on the field.

On a Shabbat morning.

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Anyone is welcome! Bring your water bottle, clippers, shovels, and gloves if you have them. Be sure to wear sturdy footwear and be prepared for some work off the trail.

# HILLSIDE CLEAN-UP WITH GAY FOR GOOD

# Saturday, November 5, 2022 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Volunteer organization Gay for Good will be coming to Temple Emanuel to help us clean up one of our property's hillsides where our fig trees grow. Our hope is that this hill can be home to a garden by next year, but first, we need to weed it and cover it for winter.

While Gay for Good will have many volunteers, we invite any Temple members to help who are passionate about environmental sustainability projects or would like to help provide *thank you* beverages or snacks to the volunteers to join. Please note that there is no expectation that you attend, as this will take place on a Shabbat morning.

If you are interested in learning more about Gay for Good or becoming involved in their organization, check out their website.

## **PLAY MAHJONG!**

### Sunday, November 6, 2022 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Temple Emanuel invites you to play Mahjong! No experience is necessary. Tables will be divided into Beginner, Refresher, and Mahjong Regular. Beginner and Refresher tables will be taught and led by experienced teachers, many of whom you will recognize as fellow Temple members. This event is perfect for all skill levels and open to all regardless of Temple membership!

Please note: All players must have their own official Mahjong card, which will be available for purchase at the event for \$10.

To RSVP, please fill out this form indicating your skill level and interest in purchasing a card.

At the end of the event, you will have the opportunity to express interest in continuing to learn to play and playing in groups, which we can help arrange!

## **TEMPLE EMANUEL ANNUAL GILKESON ROAD CLEAN-UP**

### Sunday, November 13, 2022 at 1:30 pm

The Environmental Sustainability committee will be cleaning up litter along Temple Emanuel's Adopt a Highway segment of Gilkeson Rd in Mt. Lebanon on November 13th. Penn Dot provides gloves, orange vests, and garbage bags. Please wear sturdy shoes.

Because Gilkeson Road is so busy, this clean-up is open to individuals 12 and over.

Where: Meet us at the loop for Iroqouis Park at the end of Iroqouis Drive.

To get to the loop for Iroqouis Park, turn down Sunnyhill Dr from Washington Rd by the Unitarian Universalist Church. From Sunnyhill Dr, you'll keep right onto Seminole Dr. Keep left onto Iroqouis Dr and continue until you see the loop. Parking is available there.

Who: Anyone over 12 is welcome!

# CIRCLES OF GIVING

Thank you to those members who participate in our Circles of Giving. By contributing over and above the basic dues, they help to ensure that temple continues to thrive as the center of our jewish community. If you are willing and able to participate, please contact Leslie Hoffman at (412) 279-7600.

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- 1. When was Temple Emanuel founded?
- 2. Which well-known synagogue architect designed the original building?
- 3. How much does Temple spend per year on electricity?

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