

# LIVING LEARNING LEADING JUDAISM

## NEWSLETTER

### Social Action Update

## AN EXCITING MAY AHEAD

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Guest Speaker: Jeff Weinberg, Author and Healthcare Advocate**

**Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 7:00 pm in the Community Room**

Jeff Weinberg, President of Caregiver Champion, will give a presentation discussing how to advocate for yourself within the healthcare system. The talk is based on his book, *The Emperor Needs New Clothes or Why The Caring Disappeared from Health Care*. RSVP to [Sarah](#) so we can save you a spot!

### Plant Order Pickup:

**Tuesday, May 9th**

Please RSVP to [Lori Blattner](#) if you are available to help.

### RAC-PA House Meeting

**Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 7:00 pm**

Temple member Ron Richards invites you to a meeting in Temple's Community Room to discuss possible social action campaigns with the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism's Pennsylvania affiliate. Pennsylvania is one of eight states with an affiliate of the Religious Action Center, building campaigns on social justice issues that matter to local synagogue communities, and you are invited to learn more about the work of RAC-PA and discuss the issues congregations may choose to engage this fall. Please RSVP to [Sarah Mangan](#) if you plan to attend.

### Plant. Paint. Play.

**Saturday, May 12, 2023, from 10:00 to Noon**

Families are invited to help plant new vegetables, herbs, and berries for our SHIM Community Garden; paint planks for a new and colorful footpath; and play on the playground. We are excited to engage in this work of Tikkun Olam with our youngest helpers! All ages are welcome. Snacks will be provided, but feel free to bring shovels and gloves if needed.

## MEET AND LEARN

Temple Emanuel is hosting two meetings this May to learn more about how you can engage in social justice work.

Tonight, we are hosting Giving2Grow (G2G) for their annual membership meeting. G2G is a giving circle that provides annual grants to organizations addressing childhood hunger in southwestern Pennsylvania.

Temple Emanuel will host G2G's annual membership meeting tonight at 7:00 PM. The nine 2023 grantees will provide short presentations of the projects G2G is helping to fund. If you are interested in joining this giving circle, or just hearing more, you are welcome to attend in person or via [Zoom](#).

Next week, on Thursday, May 11th, we are hosting a House Meeting with Temple member and Congregational Liaison Ron Richards in our community room. You are invited to learn more about the work of RAC-PA and discuss the issues congregations may choose to engage this fall.

## VISIT TO HARRISBURG

As you may have seen on Facebook, Rabbi Meyer went to Harrisburg last week to spend the day with PA-42 Representative Dan Miller, where he learned about PA House Bill 300.

Rabbi Meyer and nine other South Hills clergy cosigned a letter in support of PA House Bill 300, adding sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity or expression to the protected classes of race, color, creed, ancestry, age, and national origin in the 1955 Human Relations Act. Together they affirmed that all human beings are created in the Divine image and are equally deserving of protections under the law.

## FIND THE BEAUTY IN THE ORDINARY

We were so happy to join other local vendors and organizations at Mt. Lebanon's Earth Day celebration on Sunday. We created a beautiful community art piece with cut vegetables you can replant after use!

We are always collecting non-perishable food donations for SHIM in the boxes beside the stairwell. To donate digitally, go to [a.co/buXNoGg](https://a.co/buXNoGg) and donate snacks to SHIM's After School Program

**Team Sandwich** collects sandwiches every 3rd Tuesday of the month! Contact [shommel46@gmail.com](mailto:shommel46@gmail.com) to sign-up to bring sandwiches!

## MOST NEEDED ITEMS FOR FREESTORE 15106

- Canned Soup
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Chicken
- Saltine Crackers
- Ramen Noodles
- Fruit Cups
- Juice Boxes
- Laundry Pods
- Girls Underwear

Please bring donations to  
Temple Emanuel.