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UPCOMING EVENTS



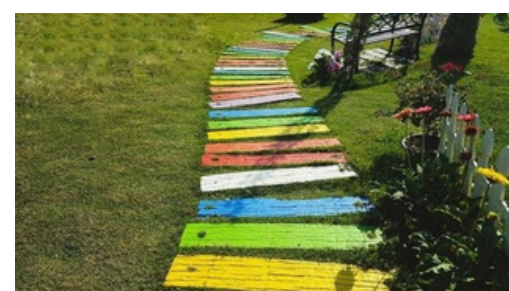
SHIM COMMUNITY GARDEN

Last week, I had the opportunity to listen in and run tech for Giving2Grow's Annual Membership meeting. Giving2Grow is a giving circle that provides grants to organizations addressing childhood hunger in Western Pennsylvania. In listening to the presentations of these grantee organizations, I realized that all of these organizations shared one key component: Community gardens.

Today--potentially even as you are reading this--we are sorting our plant sale orders and setting aside vegetables and herbs for the SHIM Community Garden on our property. This community garden offers bountiful benefits. Not only will we be able to support our South Hills neighbors at SHIM with fresh foods and herbs, but we will also be able to nourish ourselves through *Tikkun Olam*, community building, and increased knowledge of gardening.

Lex Smith is planning and overseeing the SHIM Community Garden and is excited to open it up to her ECDC students. To kick off our garden season, children and their families are invited to a day of planting, painting, and playing. We will plant new vegetables, herbs, and berries for our SHIM Community Garden; paint planks for a new and colorful footpath; and play on the playground on May 13th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm!

All ages are welcome. Snacks will be provided. Bring shovels and gloves if needed.



Children and their families are welcome to visit the garden throughout the summer and on the weekends to help with garden maintenance and are encouraged to set up that time with Lex.

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 justice 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.

MOTE Brews Night

Thursday, May 18, 2023, at 7:00 pm

Enjoy some locally brewed beer at East End Brewery Taproom in Mt. Lebanon. RSVP to Sarah Mangan.

SHIM 5K

Sunday, May 21, 2023, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at Jefferson Middle School

Join us for Temple's 2nd Annual Walk/Run to benefit SHIM on Sunday, May 21st at 10am at the Jefferson Middle School track. We welcome walkers and runners of all ages (Temple members & non-members) for this non-competitive event. Whether you walk a mile or run a 5K (3.1 miles), 100% of your registration fee goes toward supporting SHIM! Register here!

Temple Emanuel hosted Giving2Grow's Annual Membership meeting last week to hear grant proposals from organizations addressing childhood food insecurity in Western PA. [Click here to learn more!](#)

We are always collecting non-perishable food donations for SHIM in the boxes beside the stairwell.

SHIM is NOT accepting donations of clothing at this time.

Team Sandwich collects sandwiches every 3rd Tuesday of the month! Contact 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.