

SUMMER 2023



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SAVE THE DATE

Labor  
PICNIC  
Day

**Temple's Annual Labor Day Picnic**  
**Monday, September 4 at 4:00 PM**

*Save the date for our annual end  
of summer get-together!*



# 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 . You can also continue to connect with us via [Temple's website](#), [Facebook](#), or [Youtube](#). Immediately following the service, enjoy a nosh at the oneg and schmooze with fellow congregants.

### Shabbat Mornings

8:30AM Our Shabbat morning videos will be released on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#). One will include the traditional first Aliyah from our Sefer Torah in Hebrew and translation, and the second a brief exposition of how the themes and lessons of the *parashat* (portion) relate to our modern lives.

### 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.

**July 7**

**Demystifying the Service – Reform Values (7PM)**

**July 21**

**Demystifying the Service – Music (7PM)**

**July 26**

**Erev Tisha B'Av service at Beth El (8PM)**

**August 11**

**Shabbat in the Park (6PM)**

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**Bar Mitzvah Service  
10:30AM**

**Saturday, August 19  
Liam Rowe**





## A MESSAGE FROM RABBI AARON MEYER

An endearing moment during most every B'nei Mitzvah is watching each young person try to chant the word “naked” with a straight face in front of their peers. While some succeed, most can’t help but crack a smile in a way that helps alleviate some of the pressure they are feeling at the start of the service. Why the editors of our Mishkan T’filah prayer book opted not to go with a more euphamistic translation of the Hebrew is beyond me, but I quietly thank them every time.

Indeed, this section of the service is all about gratitude. Blessed are You, God, for the many miracles of everyday life: for opening our eyes, for strengthening our steps, for making us free, for making us Jews, and for...yes... clothing the naked. We essentially begin our prayer service by saying “Thank You” not once or twice but fourteen times in quick succession, a staccato repetition of gratitude that not only praises God but instills in us an attitude of gratitude.

These prayers were originally not part of the synagogue liturgy but said by the Jewish community upon waking each morning (and indeed a close reading of the prayers suggest that they are tied to the actions of arising each new day). Imagine saying “Thank You” 14 times before checking Facebook, Instagram, or Snapchat; before checking your work email or doing Wordle; before reading the news or refreshing your calendar or allowing other outside inputs to change the course of your day. Saying “Thank You” starts the day on the right foot and helps us remember to use these words with greater frequency throughout our day. It may not seem like much but saying “Thank You” can be transformative for us and for the world.

Gratitude, from the research of psychologist Robert A. Emmons and numerous additional studies featured recently in the New York Times article “Gratitude Really is Good for You. Here’s What the Science Shows” by Christina Caorn, improves not only our psychological well-being but our physical health as well. Expressing gratitude improves our emotional closeness with others, lessens the frequency of depressive feelings, and even helps us sleep better. And we don’t even have to overdo it to see these benefits. “The benefits of gratitude activities truly unfold through long-term habits,” writes Joel Wong, a professor at Indiana University. Just \*once\* a day is enough as long as you do it \*every\* day.

It’s wisdom that could easily have been written by the early sages of Jewish tradition, and in different words it actually is in Babylonian Talmud Berakhot 60b. Saying “Thank You” to God not only starts our day with an attitude of gratitude, making us more likely to express gratitude to and for others as well, but redounds with benefit with the one saying the blessing.

Consider giving it a go! You might start by using the traditional words of prayer, or even just saying “Thank you God for...” Just once a day. Every day. And if it brings a smile to your face to include the word “naked” as it does for Temple’s aspiring teenagers, go for it.

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## Comments from Executive Director | **Leslie Hoffman**

(2023 Annual Meeting delivered on June 4, 2023)

Thinking about what to say this morning, I looked back at the last few years of trying to plan, pivoting when plans had to change, to be honest panicking a bit at uncertainty, adapting to hybrid life, and slowly returning to “quote” normal as we’ve emerged from the pandemic. Through it all, the one constant has been our amazing staff team who care so deeply about making Temple the best it can be for you, our members, and I want to take just a few minutes to thank them personally today.

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 and has been doing so here at Temple for 20 years. Lori, please come up and accept this certificate of appreciation for your years of service and all that you continue to do for Temple.

Whether working remotely or in the office, our controller **Paula Spock** is responsive to our members, conscientious and organized. She maintains our HR records along with our ShulCloud financial and membership database. She does a great job working alongside our Bookminders accountant to ensure that our finances are in order as evidenced by our annual Financial Review performed by our outside accounting firm, Goff Backa Alfera and Associates. Thank you, Paula, for all that YOU do.

Our maintenance team of **Steve Harms and Chuck Tranter** continue to keep the building running smoothly in conjunction with our facilities management partners from City Wide Facility Solutions. Thank you both for your continued dedication to Temple.

Whether wearing her Torah Center teacher badge or her Temple caterer nametag, **Melinda Freed** always brings her all to everything that she does for Temple. It has been so wonderful to come together for noshes, meals and simchas more regularly this year – thank you to Melinda and to **Shawn & Molly Levine** for making each one special. And thank you all for working on our new catering model to be rolled out this coming fall as well.

**Ellen Drook** continues to wear many hats at Temple – ECDC teacher, ECDC Assistant Director and part-time communications, website & bulletin board queen! Ellen fulfills these roles with a smile, is beloved by her students and is an invaluable part of our staff. Thank you, Ellen, for sharing your many talents with Temple and for being such a joy to work with every day.

Temple is so fortunate to have **Kate Louik** both as our ECDC Director and as a visionary leader for young family programming and membership engagement. On any given day, you might find Kate juggling classroom coverage issues, state licensing requirements, parent concerns, little ones with separation anxiety, bees’ nests on the playground, bloody noses... well, you get the picture. She truly does it all, and all while ensuring that the needs of all of our children and ALL of her staff are met. Thank you, Kate, for being an amazing leader and co-worker. And I’d be remiss if I didn’t also thank your amazing staff of educators who fill our classrooms with smiles and bring the love of learning to our youngest children.

In her 2<sup>nd</sup> year as Torah Center Director, **Steph McFerron** again 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. Under her leadership with Rabbi Meyer and our Hebrew teachers, she migrated our Hebrew program to a self-paced learning lab for 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade. She also oversees our teen madrichim program which engaged 24 teens this year. Thank you, Steph, for all that you do, including organizing Temple’s 1<sup>st</sup> Kids of Steel Program and 2nd 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.

I want to take a moment to extend my personal thank you and good wishes to **Sierra Fox**. It has been such a joy to get to know you and watch you blossom as our student cantor these past two years. The joy through music that you bring has truly transformed our worship experience at Temple and I am so excited for you and your next position at Park Avenue Synagogue. Your future is truly bright, I am so proud of you and can’t wait to say “I knew her when” as you embark on an amazing career ahead. And of course, we can’t wait to welcome **Cantor Kalix Jacobson** to join our team in just a few weeks.

Last year I mentioned the job posting for our then newly created position of Programming and Volunteer Coordinator for Temple. How lucky are we to have hired the amazing **Sarah Mangan**, who joined our team in August. Sarah is a big reason as to why I had to make the font smaller on our Year-In-Review handout this year – she hit the ground running planning programs, making community connections and finding social action opportunities relevant to congregants of all ages. Sarah, you are a joy to work with and we are excited to not only have you on our staff team but also to welcome Josh and your always adorable boys Dylan and Caleb to Temple.

While we might joke that the key responsibility in all of our job descriptions is “other duties as assigned” it truly speaks to the willingness of every member of this team to step in and step up to support each other, take on new challenges and do the best for Temple every day. Of course, there’s no one who models that attitude better than **Rabbi Meyer** – you truly are the guidepost for this team and Temple and we are all better for having the opportunity to work alongside you.

I’ll end with the same words as last year: *Chazak, Chazak, V’nitchazek* – From Strength to Strength May We Be Strengthened. While the coming year will certainly bring change, I have 100% confidence that with the strength of this amazing team, Temple will continue to thrive and forge new pathways for Living, Learning and Leading Judaism.





**We had a great turnout for our Annual Meeting on June 4th!**



**...And at our Memorial Day Bagel Brunch!**



**Many thanks to our TERMS volunteers who coordinated our Memorial Day Bagel Brunch.**



**Smiles all around as we raised \$1500 at Temple's 5K Run/Walk for SHIM!**



**Yasher Koach to our Kids of Steel runners coached by Steph McFerron!**



**Kudos to our volunteers who helped sort over 700 plants into orders for our spring plant sale!**





## **A Message from Michelle Markowitz, Temple President**

*(Adapted from President's Speech at 2023 Annual Meeting delivered on June 4, 2023)*

We are coming up on the end of the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Friends, it's been a good one in so many ways. As Leslie Hoffman shared with you, Temple is blessed to have inspired leadership from each member of our Staff team, and I hope you enjoyed the many social action, worship, educational and social programs that Temple provided this year. We are grateful for all our staff has done and worked tirelessly to do over the past year.

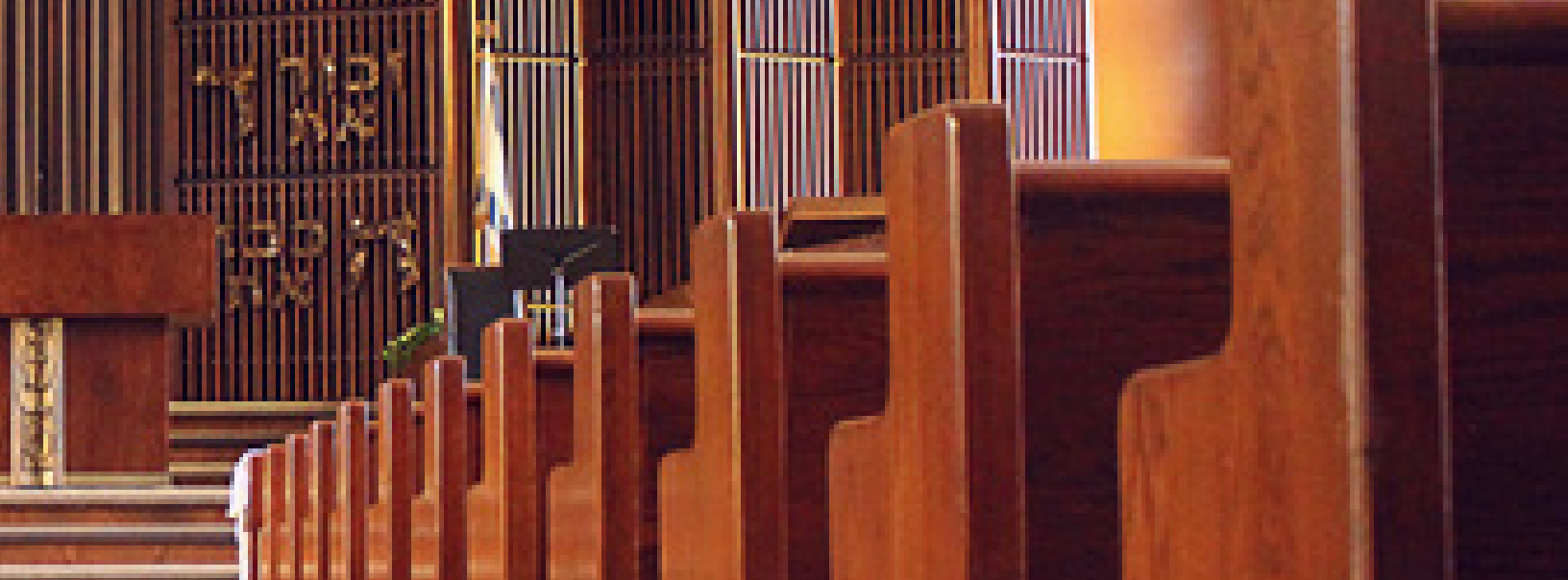
This incredible work isn't just reflected through feelings – it's actually reflected in our numbers as well. Despite the uncertain financial horizon and changing demographics in the Jewish community writ large, Temple exceeded its expectations in dues collection, revenues, fundraising, and membership this past year. In fact, we are closing out this year with a healthy net gain in new members – the first time in a long time since that has happened. When I spoke to you last year at this time, Temple's membership stood at 454 families. Today, that number stands at 461 families. The congregation you are a part of is a healthy, vibrant congregation that remains relevant and meaningful and fulfills its mission of Living, Learning, and Leading Judaism.

In addition to our amazing staff, we are fortunate to have so many volunteers and lay leaders making all of this possible. In a time when our time is pulled in so many different directions, Temple is grateful for any time anyone is willing to dedicate to this community. For those we recognized this morning – thank you. For those who have done and continue to do what they do year after year, thank you. And for those who are still looking for a place to volunteer, please feel free to talk to me, any Board member, or any staff member – you are always welcome.

One place you may want to consider dedicating your time is by serving on Temple's Board of Trustees. Your Board dedicates countless hours to ensuring that what you have been experiencing and what you will be experiencing remains. It is not necessarily an easy or even glamorous task; however, it is important, and Temple could not be Temple without its dedicated lay leadership.

I want to offer a special thank you to those whose time on the Board came to an end during this past year – Dave Hepps, Kim Walters, and Sara Wulff. I am grateful for the many ways you enriched our community with your choice to serve on the Board. In addition, the Board has been fortunate to welcome some new members – we welcomed Sandee Connors-Rowe, Jerry Cooper, Dana Kennedy, and Iris Harlan – thank you to each of you and I am excited for what we will be able to accomplish together.

So, what can you expect in the year to come? As you are aware, our beloved Executive Director is retiring – and with that comes change. With my deepest gratitude to Vice President and HR Chair Alicia Kozel for leading this effort, Temple is currently searching for a new Executive Director. After posting the position at the end of April, we had a number of applicants, conducted some screening



interviews, and look forward to welcoming two candidates to visit us in person this month. It is our goal that later this summer, we will be able to share with you the results of these efforts – so I appreciate your patience and stay tuned.

I hope you also participated in some of the work done by Outside Angle this past year. You may recall at last year's annual meeting, the Temple Board communicated its decision to engage Outside Angle, led by congregant Sarah Kozel, to engage in the first phase of a strategic change process.

Between June and September 2022, Outside Angle completed interviews, surveyed congregation members and leaders, conducted extensive research, scanned the national landscape benchmarking best practices and summarizing relevant trends, and reviewed financial, membership, and other relevant data provided by Temple leadership. In the fall, the Board, recognizing the need for and impact of undertaking a change process, voted to continue its work with Outside Angle and engage with them for the additional phases of this project.

Phase II took place from December 2022 through April 2023. During this time, roughly 120 individuals participated in listening and visioning sessions, guided by the topics that rose to the top as relevant during Phase I. Phase 2 was completed with a Community Conversation on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Through those listening sessions, the Pillars central to a new model for Temple came into focus – Learning, Values, and Jewish Journey will provide the foundational elements for our future.

And our ultimate goal for the effort became clear:

*We are undertaking this change effort to position Temple Emanuel as the leader within the South Hills in meeting the needs of the Jewish community, thereby sustaining Temple's relevance and viability for years to come.*

We have begun Phase 3, or the modeling Phase, and I anticipate that it will be completed in August. This phase will involve creating and sorting through a series of alternatives and determining a strategic and sensible path forward for Temple. This fall you can expect, once again, the opportunity for Community Conversation around a recommended path forward. In the meantime, you will be able to learn about and keep up with what has been going on, feel free to check out the [Envisioning Our Future](#) section on Temple's website.

Change and gratitude. I think that will also be the theme for this coming year. On behalf of and along with the Board, I am excited to continue working together with our incredible partners – Rabbi Aaron Meyer, Leslie Hoffman, the staff team, and each of you, as we strive to fulfill our mission of Living, Leading, and Learning Judaism.

# TEMPLE FAMILY *MENSCHENINGS*

## SHALOM!

A warm welcome goes to new (and returning) members of our Temple family:

- David Katzman
- Sorley & Irving Rosenthal
- Kayla & Jack Greenberg & their son Beau
- Jessica & Elliott Edwards & their children Eli & Charlotte
- Terri & Gene Jacobson
- Sharon Brody

## We mourn the loss of:

- **Anita Neaman**, sister-in-law of Marilyn Freed, aunt of Melinda Freed, (March 25)
- **Lynn Mandel**, Temple member (April 4)
- **David Greenberg**, grandfather of Noah (Catherine) Greenberg & Jack (Kayla) Greenberg, great-grandfather of Beau Greenberg, (April 15)

- **Philip Gefsky**, brother of Sorlee Chetlin & Anatilie Seewald, (May 12)
- **Frances Rice**, sister of Sorlee Chetlin & Anatilie Seewald, (May 24)

## Welcome New Babies!

- **Penelope Lee Harlan**, granddaughter of Iris & Chris Harlon, born March 29
- **Shai Leo Barash**, son of Jesse Lyman and Jason Barash and brother to Jordana, born April 27

## Marriages

- Members, **Noah Greenberg & Catherine Burke**, June 11

## B'Nei Mitzvah

- **Liam Rowe**, son of Sandee Connors-Rowe & Patrick Rowe, August 19

## GREETINGS FROM CANTOR KALIX JACOBSON

I am so excited to be joining you all at the synagogue in just a few short weeks! Coming to Temple Emanuel of South Hills is something I have been looking forward to for six months now. Being your cantor is a dream come true!

Considering Temple has had soloists and student cantors and not fully ordained cantors for the last several decades, I figured I'd let you know a little about what cantors do. There is a lot more to my job than B'nai Mitzvah tutoring and Shabbat services! I will be helping perform life cycle events such as funerals, weddings, and baby namings. I will be active not only in Sunday school, but also in midweek Torah center and the ECDC every week. I'll be here to provide pastoral care and guidance should you or anyone you love need it.

I am so looking forward to starting at Temple Emanuel and officially joining this incredible community this July!

Want to find time to talk? Visit <http://calendly.com/cantorkalix> to schedule a meeting!







# Temple Emanuel of South Hills Year-in-Review

## 2022-2023 (Return to “Normal”)

### Congregation Highlights

- ◆ We adopted our Code of Conduct, the first synagogue in the Pittsburgh region to do so.
- ◆ We've engaged Outside Angle as our consulting partner.
- ◆ We hired Temple's first Volunteer & Program Coordinator, Sarah Mangano, who has been an amazing addition to our staff team.

### Membership & Support

- ◆ **34 new families**, including 27 children (infant - age 17)
- ◆ Current membership - 461 families
- ◆ \$614,272 dues collected, exceeding \$600,000 budget (as of 6/1/23)
- ◆ Total fundraising of \$104,000 (as of 5/23/23)

### Education & Adult Learning

- ◆ Torah Center served 100 students in pre-k through 7th grade (64 families) with 24 teen madrichim and 30+ teens participating in our HS program
- ◆ 7th grade students and parents visited the Holocaust Museum in DC and four 10th graders, along with Rabbi Meyer, participated in the RAC's L'Taken weekend in DC as well.
- ◆ We introduced a self-paced Hebrew program for 3rd-6th grade, converting our upstairs classrooms into a Hebrew lab!
- ◆ ECDC served more than 125 children and their families, brought back Friday assemblies and introduced new programming and partnerships including afternoon cooking & art classes, on-site soccer, and a variety of social opportunities coordinated by our Parent-Teacher partnership.

### Community Partnerships

- ◆ We offered 2 adult education courses with Beth El.
- ◆ We planned community-wide Chanukah & Purim celebrations with the JCC, PJ Library and Beth El.
- ◆ Members of our Adult Choir sang with the Bower Hill Community Church choir at Shabbat services and Sunday morning worship.
- ◆ A summer Picnic for Peace brought Temple together with our friends at Sunset Hills, St. Paul's, Bower Hill, Sunny Hill and Westminster. And our church partners will participate in our PRIDE Shabbat on June 16.
- ◆ Participated in Thanksgiving events with SHIM and the Turkish Cultural Center to express gratitude for our neighbors.
- ◆ Temple was represented at Mt. Lebanon Earth Day and LeboPride.

### Music Supported by the Diskin Music Fund

- ◆ Student cantor Sierra Fox returned for her 2nd year AND we hired Cantor Kalix Jacobson, our first full-time cantor in nearly 50 years, who will join us as of July 1, 2023!
- ◆ We welcomed musical guests including Jacob Spike Kraus, Cantor Yvon Shor and Alan Goodis.

### Social Action & Social Justice

- ◆ Team Sandwich continued as a robust monthly program providing over 6,000 sandwiches (and pizza) to our food insecure neighbors.
- ◆ Our 2nd Annual SHIM 5K raised over \$1500, 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. Our next drive is scheduled for August 20, 2023.
- ◆ Our members engaged in volunteer opportunities with the Mt. Lebanon Nature Conservancy, the Women's Center & Shelter and Global Links.
- ◆ We hosted collection drives with VolunTots and JFCS and began a year-round collection for the Carnegie FreeStore.

### Holiday & Social Program Highlights

- ◆ 100 people attended our 2nd Night Community Seder and our Chanukah Shabbat dinner brought light and warmth on a frigid December night!
- ◆ Over 150 people enjoyed the Memorial Day Bagel Brunch planned by TERMS.
- ◆ Our monthly KIDdish Club Shabbat experience for young families was a huge hit, engaging over 200 people throughout the year.
- ◆ Tashlich & Tacos returned after a 2-year pandemic hiatus.
- ◆ Everyone enjoyed a great time at Trivia Night and Purim Costume Karaoke.
- ◆ Kulanu groups are back, with congregants building connections with friends old and new.

### Facilities & Security

- ◆ We have been awarded a \$56,600 grant for a new security camera system (interior & exterior) to be installed this summer.
- ◆ We Installed a new VOIP phone system that also serves as our building-wide PA system and integrates with BluePoint.
- ◆ We revamped the library into a multi-media meeting space.
- ◆ We offered personal defense training for our congregants.

# SUMMER | PROGRAMMING AT TEMPLE EMANUEL

## Shabbat in the Lot!

July 15th  
9:30am

Join us for a morning of fun and connection!

Bring your scooters to ride in the lot, enjoy time on our playground, and see friends old and new.



Questions? Contact:  
Kate Louik  
412-279-7687  
klouik@templeemanuelpgh.org



## REGISTER NOW!

### Torah Center Registration

School might be out for summer but now's the time to register your children for Torah Center (preK-7th) for the 2023-24 school year. Click [here](#) for all the details and to access the registration and medical information forms. Questions? Contact our Education Director, [Steph McFerron](#). We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>!

### SHABBAT in the PARK

Friday, August 11, 2023, at 6:00 PM

Join us for an outdoor Shabbat service at Bird Park (off of Cedar Rd. in Mt. Lebanon). Bring your own picnic dinner, blankets and chairs. Stay after the service to make s'mores at the fire pit!

### Year-Round SHIM Food Drive

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.





## WTE+ Book Club Brunch in the Garden

*Sunday, July 30, 2023, at 11:30 AM*

Join WTE+ as we discuss the book *My Wild Garden: Notes from a Writer's Eden* by Meir Shalev. Location TBD, though the plan is to meet outside to discuss the book in a garden. Contact [Sarah Mangan](#) to learn more!

*Save the Date!*

## Stories from the Violins of Hope

*Monday, October 9 at 4:00 PM at Temple Emanuel*

Experience the amazing but true stories from James Grymes' acclaimed book *Violins of Hope* in this one-of-a-kind program, specially curated by the Pittsburgh Jewish Music Festival. A chamber orchestra of string players from the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra will join local narrators to bring to life the inspirational messages of these instruments and their remarkable owners through words and music.

*Sponsored in part by the Diskin Music Fund*

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!

# DONATE BLOOD



## Give Blood & Give Back

*Sunday, August 20 between 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM*

Register now to donate at Temple's Blood Drive. You will double the impact of your blood donation as a financial contribution will be made to SHIM on every donor's behalf! Click [here](#) to reserve your time slot!

## Temple Emanuel is accepting donations to Freestore 15106 throughout the summer!

Freestore 15106 will be open to the public every Wednesday for food and clothing pickup. At this time, the most needed items are non-perishable foods and clothing, including:

- Canned soup
- Canned chicken
- Canned tuna
- Saltine crackers
- Ramen noodles
- Fruit cups
- Juice boxes
- Laundry detergent (pods preferred)
- Children's undergarments

Please bring any donations to the box in the lobby of Temple Emanuel. Thank you!

## Play Mahj

Join us in table games of Mahjong! All levels of players are welcome. Snacks will be provided.

**Sunday, July 30 from  
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

## Craft with Friends!

Bring a craft project that you're working on and enjoy time with Temple friends. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

**Sunday, July 30 from  
4:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

## Save the Date: BAKE Rosh Hashanah treats for the seniors in our community!

**Sunday, August 27th**

Each year, the High Holiday bags are assembled and distributed before Rosh Hashanah by our Caring Community and volunteers. We need volunteers again this year to help us bake the treats to be included in these bags. Please reach out to [Sarah Mangan](#) if you are interested in joining us!

## Prepare and Serve Lunch for Veterans at Veterans Place

**Monday, July 10, 2023, at 10:30 AM**

Join TERMS members in preparing and serving a sandwich and salad lunch to Veterans at Veterans Place of Washington Boulevard in the East End. We will meet there at 10:30 AM to prepare for lunch to begin at noon. Volunteers are invited to stay and have lunch as well.

Contact [Sarah Mangan](#) if you are interested in joining!

## Movie Night in the Courtyard: *You Are So Not Invited to My Bat Mitzvah*

Join us in Temple Emanuel's courtyard to watch Netflix's upcoming movie adaptation of Fiona Rosenbloom's fiction novel *You Are So Not Invited to My Bat Mitzvah*. Starring Adam Sandler and Idina Menzel, this movie follows Stacy Friedman as she prepares for her upcoming Bat Mitzvah and as all her plans begin to fall apart.

Before we start the movie, we will have a brief Havdalah service to say goodbye to Shabbat and enter into a new week together. Movie snacks will be provided, so please let [Sarah Mangan](#) know if you plan to make it.

*This film is rated PG-13 for some crude/suggestive material, strong language, and brief teen drinking. Viewer discretion is advised.*

**Saturday, August 26 at 7:30 pm**

## CHEER ON THE PIRATES WITH TEMPLE EMANUEL!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13 AT 1:35 PM



TICKETS ARE \$28 AND INCLUDE A \$10 FOOD/DRINK VOUCHER.  
KIDS ARE INVITED TO RUN THE BASES AFTER THE GAME!  
DEADLINE TO ORDER TICKETS IS JULY 7TH.



Click [here](#)  
to reserve  
your seats  
by July 7<sup>th</sup>!

We'd love to highlight the good you're doing in our Temple Emanuel community and beyond.

Contact [Sarah Mangan](#) with any pictures and information about what's going on!



# Donations to Temple Funds as of June 2, 2023

## Brenda & Larry Miller Memorial Caring Community

Donor	In Honor
Laryn & Moses Finder	In appreciation of the Caring Community
Susan & Daniel Simons	In appreciation of Bunny Schorr

Donor	In Memory
Judith Rudoy & Family	Rose Moidel
Linda & Paul Richardson	Leon Richardson

## Cemetery Beautification Fund

Donor	In Memory
Amy & David Bahm	Jonathan Bahm
Anne Watzman	Esther Watzman Wiseman
Anne Watzman	Milton Watzman
Howard Myers	Alberta Wexler
Howard Myers	Anna Myers
Howard Myers & Family	Max Wexler
Howard Myers & Family	Bonnie Myers
Joe Moidel & Alexandra Tausone	Meyer Moidel
Joe Moidel & Alexandra Tausone	Rose Moidel
Joe Moidel & Alexandra Tausone	Selma Moidel
Judi Rudoy	Meyer Moidel
Laurey Simkin-Silverman & Larry Silverman	Harry Auerbach
Linda & Mark Silverman	Fannie Kaplan Silverman
Marcy Grupp	Anita & Edward Grupp
Miriam Breslow	Irving Canter
Nancy & Michael Weissman	Norman L. Weissman
Penny & David Abrams	Isadore Weiss
Ronna & Jeff Robinson	Florence Robinson
Selma Furst	Rafael Furst
Veronica & Jon Schmerling	Elizabeth Sarah Schmerling

## Shelly Cohen Classroom Fund

Donor	In Honor
Felix Weygandt	Rena Harlan

Donor	In Memory
Cathy Baer	Mildred Klein

## Richard A. Cohn & Charlotte Cohn Memorial Scholarship Fund

Donor	In Memory
Hallie & John Cohn	Stuart Peckerman

## Diskin Music Fund

Donor	In Honor
Irene Luchinsky & Allen Beitman	Birth of Penelope Lee Harlan

## Eileen Wolf Memorial Fund

Donor	In Honor
Terri Greenberg	Zachary Gelman becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Donor	In Memory
Barbara & Milt Wolf	David Greenberg

## General Fund

Donor	In Honor
Aaron Levinthal	Kathy Ginsburg
Aaron Levinthal	Stephanie Claypool
Adina Schiffman	Heidi Russman on Mother's Day

## General Fund (cont.)

Donor	In Honor
Beth & Matt Schwartz	Marriage of Tiffany & Michael Cooper
Debbie & Ron Schneider	In appreciation of Sarah Mangan
Debbie & Ron Schneider	Appreciation of Temple with the Giving to Grow meeting
Iris & Chris Harlan	Birth of Lucas Harvey Kozel
Laryn & Moses Finder	Lori Blattner's good health
Linda Scott	In appreciation of Beth & Matt Schwartz for all they do
Marcy Bernson	Birth of Penelope Lee Harlan
Meg & Keith Abrams	The Temple Staff
Michael Levinthal	Melinda Fried
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