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T'Filah

WORSHIP & TORAH STUDY SCHEDULE

Friday Afternoon Torah Study at 1:00pm

In his book "A Concise Guide to Mahshava: An Overview of Jewish Philosophy," Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz presents the textual basis for core Jewish values. Join Rabbi Meyer as together we will study the development of Jewish tradition into the principles by which we strive to live our lives today. All are welcome to drop in to this 45-minute interactive class offered only by clicking [here](#)!

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.

Fridays at 7:00 PM

October 6

Consecration/Simchat Torah

October 20

Cantor Kalix Jacobson's Installation

October 27

5-Year Commemoration of Tree of Life Victims

November 3

Farewell Shabbat for Leslie Hoffman

November 10

Veterans Day Recognition

December 1

1st Grade Class Shabbat

December 8

Chanukah Shabbat

B'nai Mitzvah Services

Saturdays at 10:30AM

October 14

Samantha Green

December 2

Ozzy Weisberg



A MESSAGE FROM RABBI AARON MEYER

On Erev Yom Kippur, I encouraged every person in the congregation to think about for whom they might act as agents in the coming year. Who in our lives and in our world needs our attention, our advocacy, and our willingness to act thoughtfully in partnership with them and on their behalf? There are many possibilities based on our interests, our relationships, and the needs around us, and the only wrong answer to the question is to not have an answer to the question. Acting on behalf of others and with others in mind creates a better world, upholds our end of the covenant with God, *and* has more-tangible benefits for the one offering their time. Research has shown that acting on someone else's behalf establishes a sense of purpose in our lives, enables us to build new sustaining relationships, and even improves our physical health.

Serving as another's agent can give purpose to our lives. It is easy for one person to feel lost in the vastness of creation: this world seems too big, the forces beyond our control too powerful, for us to always feel like our actions can make a difference. "When I behold Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and stars that You set in place, what is humanity that You are mindful of us, mortals that You take note of us" the Psalmist asks (8:4-5). Yet our actions do matter, a reality we can see most clearly when we are acting on behalf of another: in their smile or an expression of their gratitude, in the noticeable gains we make on their behalf, and in the knowledge that our actions changed their reality. We gain greater understanding of the ways people and systems are interconnected and see our capacity to make a difference.

Acting on behalf of others also enables us to build sustaining new relationships. Particularly in shared activities working toward a common cause, we mingle with people who share not only our interests but also our highest values. We schmooze, we kibbitz, we share stories about our family and life circumstances while learning about theirs, and before long we have expanded our social network. These relationships nourish us and push us to do even more, a positive reinforcement loop that makes us even better still.

Finally, research has shown that acting as another's agent even has benefits for our physical health. We have long known the connection for our mental health — lower rates of depression and anxiety, particularly tied to the sense of purpose and the establishment of caring communities as already mentioned — but there are physical benefits as well. Acting with purpose reduces our stress levels and reduces our risk of heart disease and general illness. It gets us up and moving, helping our lungs and strengthening our muscles. Those who volunteer on a regular basis have even been shown to live longer!

Acting in the best interests of others has so many benefits for us, personally, and for the world in which we live. I encourage you to check out a project with SHIM, Temple, or the JCC Center for Loving Kindness. Get involved in your local library, arts organization, or environmental group. Offer your time to students, immigrants, and others. There truly is only wrong answer to the question "For whom will you serve as an agent in the year 5784?"



A Message from Michelle Markowitz, Temple President

President's Yom Kippur 2023/5784 Speech

Good morning! My name is Michelle Markowitz, and it is my privilege to stand up here for the fourth, and final, time as Temple's President. One of the many privileges I feel in this role is the opportunity to look out over our community in this way, seeing all of your faces - some familiar from decades-long relationships, some I've only recently had the opportunity to meet, and others whom I haven't met, but hope to do so in 5784.

When I look at you, I can't help but think of all the ways we are so richly diverse - some of us find ourselves within these walls everyday or every week while for others this may be the only time of year we are here...and even then perhaps virtually rather than in person; some of us still feel new and unfamiliar walking Temple's hallways, while others have memories of sitting in this space with braces on their teeth and all the awkwardness of adolescence, and still others have had the distinct honor of watching Temple grow and evolve over the course of six decades.

We each have different entry points into Temple, we are walking our own Jewish Journeys, and yet each of us sitting in the Sanctuary today or watching online is a valued part of this community that means so much to us.

The past year for Temple has been nothing short of extraordinary in the truest sense of the word. We have made several significant changes that have already resulted in deep positive impacts - Sarah Mangan joined us in newly-created role of Program and Volunteer Coordinator. She has infused a shot of new energy not only into Temple's calendar, but into our lives as well. Cantor Kalix has added a new face and beautiful voice to the clergy team, and I hope to see all of you back here the weekend of October 20th and 21st for their Installation. And even though we still can't quite imagine a future without Leslie Hoffman at the helm, we are excited for the possibility of what's to come with the onboarding of our new Executive Director, Marlee Lyons.

Switching holidays for a moment, Dayenu. This would have been enough. This would all be quite sufficient for a year of change...but that was only the beginning. This year we have navigated through a community-wide change process to envision what a future Temple Emanuel should look like to best serve us now and into the future. This effort has brought so many of you out to share your perspectives during our listening sessions and has seen our Steering Committee and Board of Trustees dedicating dozens of hours to shepherding it along.

Through the change process, we've defined our two overarching goals: 1) increased vibrancy of the congregation and 2) ongoing financial solvency into the future. A financially solvent Temple should be a vibrant Temple, and a vibrant Temple must be a financially solvent Temple. These goals go hand in hand, and are likely a surprise to no one. However, it is important to name them explicitly and use them constantly as a north star for any decisions we make, and any decisions we ask you to make, in the future.



What lies one level beneath them, though, are the ways in which we might achieve those goals. After listening, learning, and discussing, some overarching philosophies are coming into focus for the future of Temple Emanuel.

These philosophies encourage us to center our community in such a way that Temple as an institution is designed to serve the community, whatever it looks like at any given point in time. A past president looking out into this sanctuary 40 years ago likely saw a very different community than I see today. And what I see today will be vastly different than what a future president will see decades into the future.

While there is no doubt that adjustments and modifications have been made to Temple's foundational structures over the course of time, the century-old dues-based financial model and accompanying governance structure have not fundamentally changed. One initial focus of our efforts is to better align those fundamental structures with who we are now as a community and, even more importantly, who we want to be. We recognize that now, more than ever, many find our community at different points in their lives and engagement and connection to the community shift over time. We want to provide multiple entry points and options for connection that can ebb and flow along one's own Jewish Journey. We want to ensure that all barriers – whether real or perceived – are removed. It is our goal to align Temple's governance structure and financial strategy in a way that better meets both the needs of the community it serves and the realities of how people choose to spend their time.

So, what can you expect in the coming year as it relates to this change effort? More communication, more conversation, and more input into the decision-making process. Our Steering Committee and Board are currently working to develop recommendations for the necessary shifts and will soon share these with you to understand them and even make decisions on changes to our bylaws.

This might sound scary. Or confusing. Or underwhelming. Or overwhelming. Or perhaps this is the last time you want me to say the word “change.” Change brings feelings, and we will provide space for you to share those feelings, ask questions, and continue to engage in the process. I believe the work we are doing now will have an enduring impact on Temple's future and will ensure that Temple indeed remains both vibrant and financially solvent.

Now, I'd like to take a final minute to publicly thank the Steering Committee and the Board of Trustees for their work on this process so far. And, I'd like to thank Rabbi Aaron, Cantor Kalix, the rest of the musical team, as well as Leslie Hoffman, and each member of Temple's amazing staff for putting so much care and effort into making these High Holy Days so beautiful, thoughtful, and meaningful to us. On behalf of my family, Pace, Myer, and Hannah - l'shanah tova – to a good a year.

SHALOM!

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

- **Susan & Michael Kurtz**
- **Pavel & Dana Shik** and their children Jonathan, Aviv, Elyon, & Lenni
- **Lois & Aaron Lambersky**
- **Sara & Nicholas Demkin**
- **Cara & Jeremy Snyder** and their children Hans & Jesse
- **Sharon & Eric Perelman**
- **Eileen & Wayne Geffrey**
- **Joyce Goldmann**
- **Bonnie & Christopher Wargo** and their daughter Luella

We mourn the loss of:

- **Robin Snyder**, sister of Karen (Tony) Captline, (June 15)
- **Jacquelin Wechsler**, mother of Michael (Nancy) Weissman, (July 11)
- **Jerry Zoffer**, brother of Joseph Zoffer, uncle of Steve (Rachel) Zoffer, (July 22)
- **Donald Philip Sadkin**, brother of Esther Kaufman, (July 31)
- **Gloria Ulmer**, mother of Steven (Ellen) Ulmer, (August 8)
- **David Bialosky**, father of Ellen (Tim) Drook, grandfather of Cosette & Cara Drook, (August 10)
- **Lisa Silberman**, mother of Steven (Suzy) Silberman, grandmother of Josh (Jess) Silberman, great-grandmother of Ethan & Micah Silberman, (August 10)
- **Larry Chernila**, brother-in-law of Ellen (Steve) Ulmer, (August 16)
- **Leslie Horowitz**, mother of Irv (Carol) Horowitz, grandmother of Andrea (Aric) Anderson, great-grandmother of Ayla, Noah & Caia Anderson (August 18)
- **Shirley Ruth Schiffman Barasch**, Temple member, (August 26)
- **Robert Caplan**, brother of Joel (Margie) Caplan, (September 3)

Welcome New Babies!

- **Vanessa Rose Lee**, born July 7, daughter of Melanie Aloï & Joshua Lee and sister of Gabriel and Cadence Lee
- **Aurora Lee Livingston**, born July 12, daughter of Jessica & Sam Livingston, sister of Ruby Jeanne Livingston, great granddaughter of Marcia & Gerald Rubenstein, and great niece of Lynn & Larry Lebowitz
- **Miles Declan Kindler**, born July 23, son of Jenna & Kevin Kindler and grandson of Debra & Alex Kindler and great nephew of Peggy Kindler
- **Rory Elijah DuPlessis**, born July 26, son of Amy & Matt DuPlessis, grandson of Lisa & Michael Katz and great grandson of Ethel & Harvey Levine
- **Cuinn Sullivan Cohen**, born August 4, son of Mark Cohen & Sigrid Von Wendell and grandson of David & Meredith Cohen
- **Ellis Budin Skowronek**, born August 23, son of Shira Mahler & Ed Skowronek, brother of Monroe June Skowronek, grandson of Rabbi Mark & Alice Mahler, and nephew of Ari, Shoshana, Moshe & Lacy Mahler
- **Ari Benjamin Kirklin**, born September 13, son of Stephanie & Brian Kirklin and grandson of David & Meredith Cohen

Marriages

- **Jennifer Bahm & Austin Snodgrass**, (July 22). Jennifer is the daughter of Lynn & Carl Bahm and the granddaughter of Ellie Bahm.
- **Lisa Rosenberger & Marc Silberstein**, (August 12). Lisa is the daughter of Barbara & Bryan Rosenberger.
- **Ben Davidson & Emily Perkinson**, (August 19). Ben is the son of Laura & Brian Davidson.
- **Sarah Rothschild & Ryan Crater**, (September 23). Sarah is the daughter of Lori & Dan Rothschild.

B'Nei Mitzvah

- **Samantha Green**, daughter of Tovah & Jason Green, will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, October 14.
- **Ozzy Weisberg**, son of Rikki Hommel & David Weisberg and grandson of Susan & Richard Hommel, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, December 2.

From Kate Louik – *ECDC Director*

Have you ever noticed the canvas hanging outside the ECDC office? It is one of my favorite pieces that hangs in our hallways and is often the place I start tours when visitors come to our school. As you pass by you might notice a colorful collage made from a variety of materials—newspaper, tissue paper, sequins and beads. Hanging alongside it is documentation of the work that went into its creation and photographs of some of the children who contributed to the artwork. But if you take a step closer and *really* look, you'll see words embedded into the collage. These words represent the five core values at Temple Emanuel Early Childhood Development Center: *Hachnasat Orchim* (Welcoming Guests), *Kehilah* (Community), *Kavod* (Respect), *Tzedakah* (Sharing with Others), and *Simchat Limud* (Joy of Learning). Just as these words are embedded into the collage, these values are embedded into the work we do at ECDC each day.

The school year is just getting started and our educators are welcoming new students and families and building community within our classrooms. The children are learning to navigate friendships. Families are making connections and our PTP (Parent-Teacher Partnership) is hard at work planning our *Parents Night Out for a Cause* fundraiser scheduled for the evening of November 4th. And throughout our school there is joy. The joy of being together. The joy of community. The joy of learning.

At this time of year, when we are called to reflect on the people we have been and the people we are growing to be, it can be powerful to reflect upon these values both for yourself and for your family as a whole. At ECDC, these values are the foundation of the work that we do to partner with children and support their wonder, exploration, and discovery.



Wishing you a year filled with the joy of learning!

TORAH CENTER | UPDATE

The new year ushers in a new buzz of energy in our Torah Center classrooms as we welcome our students and families back for the fall! The new year also brings new programming, with the introduction of our Club Teams to provide social and community-building opportunities to our Torah Center and high school students. We were so fortunate to have over half of our school attend our first event at Altitude Trampoline Park!

We are also excited to welcome back our youngest of learners to Torah Center. Our PreK class is back in session weekly and we love the youthful energy this population brings back to the hallways!

With our eye to fall, we are looking forward to class time in the sukkah, celebrating Simchat Torah, our annual 4th grade trip SHIM, 7th grade service-oriented field trip to Meals on Wheels, and much, much more!

From all of us at Torah Center - we wish you and yours a happy and healthy 5784!



FALL | PROGRAMMING AT TEMPLE EMANUEL

| KIDdish Club 5:00-6:30 pm | Team Sandwich 1:00 pm | Play Mahj 2:00-4:00 pm |
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| October 6 | October 17 | October 8 |
| November 10 | November 21 | November 12 |
| December 8 | December 19 | December 10 |

Temple Emanuel Grandparents Group

Saturday, October 28 at 1:30 PM



Are you a grandparent or grandfriend? Whether you are Jewish or not, local or far, you are welcome to join us for a Temple Emanuel Grandparents Group, starting this fall and meeting monthly!

We hope that this group facilitates connections and conversations between grandparents and grandfriends with connections to Judaism, either through their own experiences or through the experiences of their children and grandchildren. We will meet once a month on a Saturday afternoon in person and over Zoom, and we will encourage further connection-building through activities between meetings.

Together we will discuss topics like holidays, life cycle events, and opportunities to connect with your grandchildren. We will discuss the “joys and oys” of grandparenting and provide a safe space to ask questions, learn from one another, and celebrate each other’s journeys.

Temple Emanuel’s Program and Volunteer Coordinator Sarah Mangan will facilitate group gatherings and will welcome additional presenters to speak on various topics, including Rabbi Aaron Meyer, Cantor Kalix Jacobson, and other professionals in the field.

You do not need to be a member of Temple Emanuel to join us! This group is open to people from all backgrounds to learn more about Judaism and explore what their relationships to Judaism are now that they are grandparents or grandfriends.

[Please fill out this form to express interest in joining the group and to tell us more about you!](#)

Questions? Contact [Sarah Mangan](#).

A MESSAGE FROM CANTOR KALIX

Choir is starting up again here at Temple Emanuel! If you would like to sing with us, you are more than welcome to join us. The Temple Emanuel Choir will sing in services, as well as other performance opportunities such as my Installation show on Saturday, October 21st. Any amount of experience is welcome in our choir, all you need to do is bring your singing voice and enthusiasm for music.

Temple Emanuel choir will meet for a welcome back dinner in the Sukkah on Wednesday, October 4th, at 7:30pm. If you would like to come, please bring a dish to share! There will be music, food, and drink for all, and partners and children are more than welcome if they are inclined to come. There will also be a rehearsal for the choir’s aforementioned 5784 debut on Monday, October 9th at 7pm. If you cannot join us for this rehearsal and performance, do not despair! There will be more opportunities to sing throughout the year.

I am so looking forward to singing with all of you and getting to know everyone in the choir personally. Shana Tovah, and I hope to see you at rehearsal! Please feel free to reach out to me at kjacobson@templeemanuelpgh.org.

Wine Tasting Kulanu: Wine in the Sukkah

Thursday, October 5, 2023, at 7:00 pm

Join the Wine Tasting Kulanu group to enjoy a variety of Chairman's Selection wines and hors d'oeuvres in the sukkah. Cost to participate is \$22 per person.

RSVP to Rich Wellins at rwellins2@gmail.com.


MOTE+ Steelers Game and Sukkah Disassembly

Sunday, October 8, 2023, at 12:30 pm

Join us in the library to watch the Steelers take on the Ravens. Bring your favorite dairy game day snack to share. After the game, stay to help us disassemble the sukkah!

RSVP to Sarah at smangan@templemanuelpgh.org.

REGISTER [HERE](#)



Opening Remarks:
Rabbi Aaron Meyer

Keynote Speaker:
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**FROM PERSONAL STORY TO
COLLECTIVE IMPACT:
STANDWITHUS**
on campus.

17 OCT 2023 | 7:00PM

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Advance Care Planning Using The Five Wishes Workshop

First Session: Thursday, October 12, 2023, at 7:00 pm in the Community Room

Second Session: Thursday, October 19, 2023, at 7:00 pm in the Community Room

Thinking through your advance care options can be daunting. The Five Wishes booklet aims to help take some of the stress from this necessary process and has been the nation's only national advance care planning program for more than 25 years.

Join Rabbi Aaron Meyer and licensed professional counselor Noah Potvin to learn more about advanced care medical planning from a healthcare and Jewish perspective. Participants of this two part workshop will receive a Five Wishes booklet to complete as part of this workshop experience.

The cost to participate is \$5. Please contact Sarah Mangan to sign-up.

From Personal Story to Collective Impact: StandWithUs on Campus

Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 7:00 pm at Temple Emanuel

StandWithUs, an international education organization that supports Israel and fights antisemitism, welcomes their Senior Campus Regional Manager Dimas Guaico to discuss his personal story and how it has led him to the work he does with StandWithUs on campuses.

For questions, please contact Julie Paris at juliep@standwithus.com.

Women+ of Temple Emanuel Book Club

Monday, October 23, 2023, at 7:00 pm in the Temple Library

Join us on Monday, October 23rd at 7:00 pm to discuss *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. Snacks will be provided! RSVP to Sarah at smangan@templemanuelpgh.org.

“Gen X Pittsburgh: The Beehive and the 90s Scene” by Dave Rullo Book Launch

Sunday, October 29, 2023, at 10:00 am

Coffeehouses have played an important role in Jewish history, serving as a third place, where community members met outside of their homes and synagogues. Throughout the 19th and early 20th century politics, literature art, theater and media were all discussed over coffee. These cafes lasted until the World Wars and the rise of communism, something that was associated with Jews, who were known to discuss some of these ideas in the various coffeehouses they frequented.

In Pittsburgh, a coffeehouse opened in 1991—the first modern café in the city. The Beehive transformed the South Side from a neighborhood caught in the shadow of the steel mills and helped East Carson Street become home to the city's artistic community. A new generation, Gen X for short, found a safe place to experiment in the visual, written, musical and performance arts. Artists gathered at the Beehive. The café's two Jewish owners soon opened a second location in Oakland. Along the way, a scene developed that would shape the 1990s.

Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle writer David Rullo's new book, “Gen X Pittsburgh: The Beehive and the 90s Scene” documents the iconic coffeehouse and its contributions to the city of Pittsburgh.

Join us in the Temple Emanuel library to celebrate the launch of Dave's book and hear more from the author! RSVP to [Sarah Mangan](#).



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Friday, October 20th

We will begin our celebratory weekend with our Shabbat evening service at 7PM followed by a special oneg in honor of Cantor Kalix. Please RSVP using the form linked below by October 9th.

Please also consider being a sponsor for this special weekend. All sponsors will be acknowledged on signage throughout the weekend.

To RSVP, purchase tickets, and select your sponsorship level, please follow the QR code:

Saturday, October 21st

Join us for a social action activity at 10:30AM: Cleaning up the trails in Bird Park! All ages are welcome.

The celebration continues at 7PM when Cantor Kalix, joined by Sierra Fox, will present a reprisal of their cantorial thesis in song. The concert will be followed by a light appetizer and dessert reception. The cost for Saturday evening is \$36/person.

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Or visit:

www.TempleEmanuelPGH.org/event/cantor

Temple Emanuel Hanukkah Dinner

Friday, December 8, 2023 before our evening Shabbat Service

More details to follow!

MOTE+ Brews Night at Spoonwood Brewing Company

Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Join MOTE+ for locally brewed beer at Spoonwood Brewing Company in Bethel Park. RSVP to [Sarah Mangan](#).

Sensory-Friendly Concert with Joanie Calem

Sunday, October 29, 2023, at 4:00 pm

Temple Emanuel invites you to join us in song for a sensory-friendly and inclusive concert with musician and inclusion advocate Joanie Calem. While this program is geared toward children, all ages are welcome! After the concert, Temple Emanuel invites you to stay for a *nosh*, or snack, and visit tables for local organizations that support children's development and learning. Visit www.TempleEmanuelPGH.org to learn more!

WTE+ Pottery Painting Party at That Pottery Place in Bethel Park

Sunday, November 5, 2023, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

WTE+ invites you to join them in the private room at That Pottery Place in Bethel Park for a choose-your-own pottery painting party! The cost is entirely based on the piece(s) you choose, so paint as much or as little as you'd like in community with your fellow WTE+ crafters.

Space is limited to 20 people, so please [email Sarah](#) to reserve your spot!

Mahj for a Cause to Benefit Temple Emanuel's Giving Tuesday Campaign

Sunday, November 12, 2023, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Join us in table games of Mahjong! All levels of players are welcome. Snacks will be provided. Optional donations will benefit Temple Emanuel's Giving Tuesday campaign. All those who donate will be entered into a raffle for Mahjong-themed prizes as a thank you for supporting our campaign.

RSVP by [emailing Sarah](#).

Abraham's Table: Family

Monday, November 13, 2023, at 6:00 pm at Temple Emanuel

Abraham's Table seeks to promote communication, understanding, and peace among people from different religious and cultural backgrounds. Each month, a fresh thought-provoking subject will be featured, followed by engaging table conversations in which participants may share their views and viewpoints. The subject for November is Family. Dinner is served at 6:00 pm, followed by the presentation at 6:30 pm, and then a Q&A portion from 7:30 to 8:00 pm. [Register here](#) for this free, interfaith and multi-cultural event provided by St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Temple Emanuel of South Hills, and the City of Bridges Foundation.

Learn More About A Plant-Based Lifestyle

Sunday, October 15, 2023, at 2:00 pm

Join us in the Social Hall as we learn from Sally Lipsky about The Basics of a Plant-Based Diet.

Sally Lipsky, PhD is a plant-based educator, author, and speaker with a Certificate in Plant-Based Nutrition from the T. Colin Campbell Center for Nutrition Studies and eCornell. She leads the non-profit Plant-Based Pittsburgh, an affiliate of PlantPure Communities and a 501c3 organization whose goal is to provide education and ongoing support about how to adopt and sustain plant-centered eating habits. She is also the author of *Beyond Cancer: The Powerful Effect of Plant-Based Eating*.

Naomi Herman, MSW, became whole food plant based about five years ago. She organized a monthly support group which met at the Upper St. Clair Library pre-Covid and now meets at the GreenTree Library. Her group merged with Sally's group several years ago. Naomi is a wellness coach with a Certificate in Plant Based Nutrition from T Colin Campbell Center for Nutrition Studies and eCornell and Howard Jacobson's WellStart Coaching.

[Let us know](#) if you plan to join us!

Giving Tuesday Kick-off Oneg Honoring Leslie Hoffman

Friday, November 3, 2023, at 7:00 pm

Help us kick-off our "Go the Distance" Giving Tuesday Campaign in honor of Leslie Hoffman. Join us for a special Friday evening service to thank Leslie for everything she has contributed to our community while serving as the Executive Director and welcome Shabbat. After the service, we will gather in the social hall to enjoy a celebratory oneg.

Babysitting will be provided. RSVP to [Sarah Mangan](#).



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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD, 7PM

Join us for a special Friday evening Shabbat service to thank Leslie for everything she has contributed to our community while serving as our Executive Director. After the service, we will gather in the Social Hall to enjoy a celebratory oneg.

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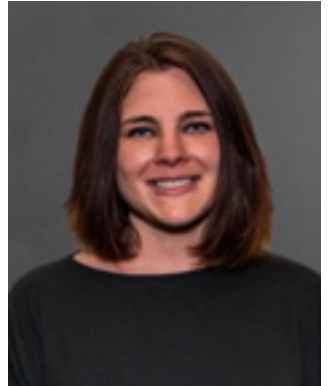
During her time at Temple, Leslie has "gone the distance" – working with congregants, managing rabbinic transitions, navigating the pandemic, implementing the Life & Legacy program, establishing security protocols, overseeing numerous building projects – making a difference in every facet of synagogue management. What you may not know is that Leslie is a 6-time marathon finisher and has "gone the distance" in more races than she can even remember. In 2018 she initiated Temple's first Giving Tuesday campaign which has grown from a \$10,000 effort to our major annual fundraising appeal. As she retires this fall, it is only fitting that we honor her by making this year's campaign our best ever with a goal to raise \$75,000 to support Temple's operating needs. Will you help us cross the finish line?

Go to: WWW.TEMPLEEMANUELPGH.ORG/EVENT/GT2023



A MESSAGE FROM our new Executive Director

Greetings! I am so excited to become a part of the team and community at Temple Emanuel. The New Year has many transitions for us, from a new Cantor to a new Executive Director as well as some interior updates that I am sure you noticed over the holidays. Transitions are not always easy, but they can be intentional for positive change and growth. I personally have made a few difficult transitions recently. I moved to Bridgeville, made changes to my home life and watched my 5-year-old start kindergarten. Some of it has been rocky and some has been smooth. My family and I are stronger and happier for it.



The next few years will be different for us all, but I believe this will make us grow spiritually and intellectually as we continue to discover what it means to be a synagogue. We will continue to move forward as a vibrant congregation and community with endless options to explore and learn Judaism. I look forward to being a part of the process and working with the amazing staff that has moved us forward to today.

Thank you to everyone for the warm welcome and if we have not met, I look forward to getting to know you.

Marlee Lyons

mlyons@templeemanuelpgh.org (effective 10/1/23)

Temple Emanuel is Looking for Leaders!!

Our community thrives when more people are involved. Sharing your time, skills, and talents is a great way to meet people, become more involved, and make an impact on the community. There are a variety of ways to be involved: planning programs, serving on committees, task forces, and the board. Whether you are ready to dive in now, or you are thinking about what you'd like to do in the future, we would love to connect with you!

Be in touch with us: President [Michelle Markowitz](#) or Executive Vice President [Beth Schwartz](#)

Veterans' Organizations Collection Drive

In honor of Veterans' Day, our TERMS members are collecting supplies for Fisher House and Veterans Place.

The items most needed include:

- Toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, razors, makeup remover, floss, toothpaste)
- Toilet paper
- Hand soap
- To-go coffee cups and lids
- Paper plates and bowls
- Plastic cutlery
- Ziploc bags
- Underwear (men's & women's)
- Socks
- Sweatshirts and sweatpants (large - 2x)

Monetary donations - cash/checks (made payable to Temple Emanuel) are also appreciated. Please bring your donations to Temple between October 27 and November 12.

Play Mahj

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

October 8, November 12 and December 10

Craft with Friends!

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

Contact [Jen Reverri](#) for times and dates



Hope in the South Hills: Community Concert & Readings

Monday, November 13, 2023, at 7:00 pm in the Upper St. Clair High School Theater

Join us for an extraordinary evening, as we gather with the South Hills community to embrace the power of music and remembrance. Mark your calendars for Monday, November 13, starting at 7pm, at the captivating Upper St. Clair High School Theater. Presented by Violins of Hope Pittsburgh, South Hills Interfaith Movement (SHIM), JCC's Center for Loving Kindness, and other valued South Hills partners, this event is open to all and free of charge.

It will showcase the remarkable talents of local students who will present readings and perform music that captures the enduring lessons learned from the Holocaust. Through their poignant performances on violins and violas once played by Jewish musicians during the Holocaust, these students will embody the spirit of resilience and hope that emerged from that dark chapter of history. Their music will resonate with themes of perseverance, hope, inclusivity, and the importance of forging a strong and united community. Witness their inspiring tribute to the past and their dedication to building a better future.

Adding to the enchantment of the evening, the acclaimed Clarion Quartet will grace the stage. Together, they will create a truly extraordinary musical experience that not only pays homage to the memory of those who suffered during the Holocaust but also promotes the timeless values of unity and inclusivity that are crucial in our present-day society.

Don't miss this opportunity to come together, embrace the power of music, and be a part of a collective journey that honors the past while shaping a brighter future. The event is an occasion that will touch your heart and leave you inspired. Join us on November 13th at Upper St. Clair High School Theater for an evening that will forever resonate in your memory.

Event Notification Signup: <https://bit.ly/43pldb9>

VolunTOTs and VolunTYKEs Thanksgiving Dinner Box Assembly Event

Saturday, November 18, 2023, from 10:00 am to 12:00 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.

Temple families of children ages 3-5 will meet in the Social Hall at 10:00 am to learn about *tikkun olam* and about the impact of their service. After that, our VolunTOTs will sort donations.

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.

More details about how to sign up and donations to come! Email [Sarah Mangan](#) to learn more.

Donations to Temple Funds as of September 1, 2023

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