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## NEWSLETTER Social Action Update

## Giving Thanks

## Giving Tuesday

Today IS Giving Tuesday! If you haven't made a donation to our [Giving Tuesday campaign](#), please consider making one today.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Annual Chanukah Service and Dinner Friday, December 8, 2023 at 5:30 PM

Celebrate Chanukah at Temple! Join us for a delicious dairy Shabbat dinner – salmon, crunchy fish sticks, macaroni and cheese, latkes with apple sauce & parve sour cream, salad & more! Bring your *hanukkiyah* (menorah) and candles and we'll light them together. Stay for our Shabbat evening service and we'll enjoy donuts and other treats at the oneg.

\$12/adult, \$6/child up to age 17, \$32 family maximum. Questions? Contact the office at 412-279-7600 or [templemanuel@templemanuelpgh.org](mailto:templemanuel@templemanuelpgh.org).

[To sign up, click here!](#)

### WTE+ Chanukah Wine, Cheese, and Art Night! Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 7:30 PM

Chanukah is not just about presents, donuts, and not being able to get the smell of oil out of your house for a week – it's also about wine, cheese, and exploring spirituality. We hope you will join us as we gather for some Judith-inspired snacks (wine and cheese, no beheading).

We'll get to exercise our creative sides with a project led by Rabbi Emily Meyer and based on an ancient practice for spiritual direction, the Shiviti. No art skill or prior knowledge required! RSVP to [Sarah](#).

### South Hills Community Chanukah Celebration at Temple Emanuel

**Monday, December 11th from 6:00 to 7:30 pm**  
Join us for our annual South Hills Community Chanukah "Donuts and Dreidels" celebration! We will do crafts, eat latkes, learn more about Chanukah with our South Hills clergy, and play bingo!

Register here:

[https://jccpgh.formstack.com/forms/south\\_hills\\_chanukah\\_2024](https://jccpgh.formstack.com/forms/south_hills_chanukah_2024)

## Giving Thanks

I hope that this newsletter finds you well-rested after your Thanksgiving weekend. Our Temple Emanuel community truly gave back this Thanksgiving, and I'd like to take a moment to extend my deepest thanks to all of you!

The weekend before Thanksgiving, all of the families who attended our VolunTOTs Meal Assembly event as well as all of our community members who brought food donations allowed us to assemble 200 bags of Thanksgiving sides for families in need in the South Hills, 162 of which went directly to FreeStore 15106! The other 38 bags went to families and organizations who contacted VolunTOTs directly for assistance.

A team of dedicated TERMS members who volunteer their time with FreeStore 15106 as well as Cantor Kalix then delivered the 162 bags and leftover donations in time for Thanksgiving. Thank you to those volunteers who helped deliver: Bunny Schorr, Alan Schorr, Sue Simons, and Daniel Simons!

Thank you also to our Team Sandwich volunteers and drivers who provide sandwiches to our Pittsburgh neighbors every month. This month, your donations allowed for a little extra food for those in need over Thanksgiving.

Finally, Temple Emanuel hosted the 57th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service last Tuesday. Community members from Temple Emanuel of South Hills, Bower Hill Community Church, First Baptist Church of Bridgeville, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Our Lady of Grace Church, St. Michael the Archangel Roman Catholic Parish, the Turkish Cultural Center of Pittsburgh, and South Hills Interfaith Movement joined together to give thanks. Thank you to everyone who made this possible! In times like this, we need interfaith events like these more and more!

-Sarah



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

Temple Emanuel is participating in ADL's Kulanu for Synagogues in Action Against Antisemitism. Want to learn more? Email Sarah with your questions!

**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

- Shelf-stable foods like Easy Mac cups and Chef Boyardee
- Nonperishable Food
- Deodorant
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Lotion
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Hand Soap
- Laundry Detergent

Please bring donations to Temple.