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Thanksgiving Food Drive

UPCOMING EVENTS

Book Discussion with Rabbi Aaron

Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 7:00 PM

The second book Rabbi Aaron recommends about Israel is Daniel Sokatch's *Can We Talk About Israel? A Guide for the Curious, Confused, and Conflicted*. Join us on Zoom for a respectful discussion about this book and current events. Check your Temple Happenings emails for the Zoom link or email [Sarah Mangan](mailto:Sarah.Mangan@templeemanuelpgh.org).

ADL Kulanu Group Exclusive:

"Kristallnacht: Finding Strength and Inspiration Through Reflection and Learning"

Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Join Kulanu congregations from across North America for a virtual learning session and text study marking Kristallnacht, featuring Rabbi David Wolpe, ADL's Rabbinic Fellow. This session will reflect on the events of Kristallnacht through the lens of Jewish thought leaders and foundational texts, offering hope in the face of rising antisemitism and hate today. [Register to join here](#).

Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Temple Emanuel of South Hills

Join us for the 57th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service here at Temple Emanuel. The service will draw from a Native American spiritual tradition known as the "Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Address," which appears in Robin Wall Kimmerer's 2013 bestseller *Braiding Sweetgrass*. The Haudenosaunee people ("Iroquois Confederacy") make this document available to the public and encourage its distribution and use. Music, refreshments, and fellowship will round out the night.

This event is sponsored by Bower Hill Community Presbyterian Church, First Baptist Church of Bridgeville, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church (St. Michael the Archangel Parish), Temple Emanuel of South Hills, and South Hills Interfaith Movement "SHIM."

You are encouraged to bring a nonperishable food item as a gift to our neighbors in need through South Hills Interfaith Movement.

Annual Chanukah Service and Dinner

Friday, December 8, 2023 at 5:30 PM

[For more information, click here!](#)

Thanksgiving Dinner Bags

On Saturday, November 18th, Temple Emanuel is teaming up with VolunTOTS, an organization that provides age-appropriate volunteer opportunities for families with young children, and Uptown Speech Therapy to offer an opportunity to provide Thanksgiving Day meals for families at Carnegie Elementary School who use FreeStore 15106.

Participating families of children ages 3-5 will meet in the Social Hall at 10:00 am to gather food donations from the community as well as from participating families and assemble them into bags that will provide FreeStore 15106 families with sides for a Thanksgiving Day meal.

If you are interested in signing up to join us that morning, visit www.tinyurl.com/VolunTOTS.

Food donations for this drive are being collected in the box benefiting FreeStore 15106 in the Temple Emanuel first floor lobby. If you'd like to help out, we are collecting shelf-stable mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, canned vegetables, stuffing mix, broth, and/or dessert mix.

Outside of this food drive, FreeStore 15106 always accepts easily prepared, shelf-stable foods like Easy Mac and Chef Boyardees. Thank you all so much for your support of the families at Carnegie Elementary School!

March for Israel in DC

Today Temple Emanuel leadership and community members are marching on the National Mall in DC. This march aims to bring together communities from across the country to show solidarity with the Israeli people, demand the release of hostages, and condemn the rise of antisemitism.



Thank you to everyone who joined us for Leslie's retirement celebration oneg and who helped us kick-off our "Go the Distance" Giving Tuesday campaign. [Click here to donate!](#)

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!](mailto:Sarah.Mangan@templeemanuelpgh.org)

Team Sandwich collects sandwiches every 3rd Tuesday of the month! Contact shommel46@gmail.com to sign-up to bring sandwiches!

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE TO BENEFIT FREESTORE 15106

- Mashed Potatoes
- Gravy
- Cranberry Sauce
- Canned Vegetables
- Stuffing Mix
- Broth
- Dessert Mix

FreeStore always accepts easily prepared, shelf-stable foods as well, like Easy Mac and Chef Boyardees. Please bring donations to Temple.