



NEWSLETTER

Social Action Update

*Supporting Israel
and Learning More*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Kids of Steel Training
Sundays starting January 21, 2024
Students in our Torah Center are invited to stay after class on Sundays starting January 21st to start training for our 1-mile race during the Pittsburgh Marathon weekend. Email [Steph McFerron](mailto:StephMcFerron@templeemmanuelpg.org) to sign up and learn more!

Abraham’s Table: Community
Monday, January 22, 2024, at 6:00 pm at The Turkish Cultural Center
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 January is Community.

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!](#)

WTE+ Tu Bishvat Wine Night
Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 7:30 pm
Join WTE+ for a casual take on a Tu Bishvat seder at Apericena Wine Bar. RSVP to [Sarah](mailto:Sarah@templeemmanuelpg.org) to reserve your spot!

MOTE+ Brews Night
Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 7:00 pm
Join MOTE+ for locally brewed beer at Insurrection AleWorks. RSVP to [Sarah](mailto:Sarah@templeemmanuelpg.org).

Supporting Israel

It has been over 100 days since October 7th. In less than two weeks, Rabbi Aaron is participating in a Central Conference of American Rabbis solidarity and volunteering mission to Israel. Together with rabbis from around the country, he will learn with NGOs across the spectrum of Israeli advocacy efforts, volunteer in various capacities around the country, and talk to citizens, soldiers, and politicians: all to better understand — and bring back to our community — the realities of life in contemporary Israel.

Rabbi Aaron will be sharing his trip on [Facebook](#) and through congregational emails. I share this message again here because you can support efforts on the ground there through a directed donation to [Rabbi Aaron’s Discretionary Fund](#), from which 100% of your contribution will go directly to the organization of your choosing, [listed in a past email](#).

Thanks to this congregation’s generous donations, \$7,000 has been collected for these amazing organizations so far. Donations will be accepted through next week.

Upcoming Programs to Learn More

With so many issues and questions that have come up in the 103 days since October 7th, we are proud to share two upcoming programs for our community to learn more.

Teens in grades 9-12 and their families are invited to Beth El Congregation on Wednesday, January 24th at 7:00 pm to learn tools for understanding and addressing the rise in antisemitism. [Register for this free event here.](#)

We are proud to host a program with Classrooms Without Borders on **Wednesday, February 7th** entitled: **Securing Israel's Future: Navigating Politics and Accountability in the Netanyahu Era.**

Explore the intricate balance between Israel’s safety and political dynamics in our upcoming event. Join us as we delve into the challenges faced by Netanyahu in maintaining power amidst growing calls for accountability since Oct 7. Gain valuable insights into the hybrid landscape of security and politics that shape Israel’s trajectory. An evening of informed discussion and analysis you won't want to miss. [Register for this free event here.](#)



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

Want to learn more about Temple Emanuel’s participation in ADL’s Kulanu for Synagogues in Action Against Antisemitism? [Email Sarah!](mailto:Sarah@templeemmanuelpg.org)

Team Sandwich was postponed to Tuesday, January 23rd!
Contact 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.