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NEWSLETTER Social Action Update

UPCOMING EVENTS

Planting Seeds for our Future

Pre-Service Themed Shabbat Dinner Friday, February 16th at 5:30 PM

Whether you've been studying Judaism for years or are new to learning more, you are welcome to join to learn about Jewish romance holidays and to break bread together before that evening's Shabbat service. [Register here!](#)

Social Action: Sandwich-Making Event Sunday, February 18, 2024, at 2:00 pm

Help us provide sandwiches to those in our community facing food insecurity. All of the sandwiches will benefit FreeStore 15106, Bethlehem Haven, and Washington City Mission. Supplies will be provided by the Caring Community, so all we need are volunteers to help us assemble the sandwiches! All are welcome! RSVP to [Sarah Mangan](#) by Friday, February 16th.

Letter Writing Event

Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 7:00 pm

Join us on February 20th for an evening of letter-writing to urge local representatives to support these bills. Want to learn more about this event or be in the know for future ones? Reach out to [Ron Richards](#) to hear more about these bills and what we can do locally or to [RSVP](#).

WTE+ Art, Wine, and Cheese Night with Rabbi Emily

Sunday, February 25, 2024, at 7:30 pm

Join us for a candle painting art, wine, and cheese night led by Rabbi Emily! RSVP to [Sarah Mangan](#) by February 18th.

Abraham's Table: Justice

Monday, February 26, 2024, at 6:00 pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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. 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.](#)

The Holocaust Memorial Garden

I am so excited and honored to share that Temple Emanuel has been awarded a grant from the **David R. & Frances F. Levin Charitable Foundation** for repairs and enhancements to our Memorial Holocaust Garden!

These repairs and enhancements will include replacing the dead boxwoods along the ramp, necessary touch-ups to the memorial stones and benches, and installing educational signs throughout the garden which will explain the symbolism of the plants and colors chosen.

Since the garden's dedication in 2004, the garden has been a beautiful corner of our grounds for reflection and solace. Our repairs will allow more people to understand the meaning of the garden and the importance of honoring the six million who died during the Holocaust.

As repairs and enhancements begin, I will be sure to update you! We are excited to welcome everyone to the garden for its 20th summer to join us in services and gatherings.

I'd like to extend a special 'thank you' to the trustees of the David R. & Frances F. Levin Charitable Foundation for believing in us and this project and allowing us to honor the memories of David and Frances Levin through the beautification of this garden. We are so thankful!

-Sarah

Addressing Gun Violence

There are so many common sense gun bills that could be passed to make PA a safer place for everyone, whether you are a gun owner or not. Join us on **February 22nd** for an evening of letter-writing to urge local representatives to support these bills. Want to learn more about this event or be in the know for future ones? Reach out to [Ron Richards](#) to hear more about these bills and what we can do locally.



Grant funds will allow us to repaint this memorial stone so that visitors to the garden are able to read it with ease.

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

JFCS knows that the war in Israel has affected our community deeply. Support is available for people who would like to reach out. Please contact JFCS Counseling at 412-904-5960 or counseling@jfcspgh.org

Team Sandwich collects sandwiches every 3rd Tuesday of the month! 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.