

# LIVING LEARNING LEADING JUDAISM

## NEWSLETTER Social Action Update

### *Abraham's Table and More!*

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

##### 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! Email [Sarah](#) for more information!

##### Abraham's Table: Justice

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

[Register here.](#)

##### Wine Kulanu Gathering

Thursday, February 29th, 7:00 pm

Join the Wine Tasting Kulanu group to enjoy a variety of Chairman's Selection wines and hors d'oeuvres at Temple Emanuel on Leap Day. The cost to participate is \$22 per person. RSVP to [Sarah Mangan](#) by Sunday, February 25th.

##### Mahj for a Cause to Benefit Temple Emanuel's ECDC

Sunday, March 3, 2024, 2:00 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 Early Childhood Development Center. RSVP to [Sarah Mangan](#).

##### Learn to Bake Hamantaschen

Sunday, March 10, 2024, 2:00 pm

Join Temple Emanuel caterer Melinda Freed to learn how to make hamantaschen cookies for Purim! This intergenerational workshop is open to all ages of people who are ready to learn in the kitchen! RSVP to [Sarah](#) by March 8th.

### Abraham's Table: Justice

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.

This initiative led by Rector Noah Evans of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Benyamin Aysan of the Turkish Cultural Center, and our own Rabbi Aaron Meyer has encouraged meaningful conversations and relationships over shared meals. It has been such a successful interfaith initiative that *We Have to Talk*, a network of over 500 interfaith spiritual leaders from across Southwestern Pennsylvania, has invited the Rector Evans, Benyamin Aysan, and Rabbi Meyer to share more about this program in a [special event](#) for the *We Have to Talk* network.

There are only two more opportunities to participate in this incredible interfaith program, and the next *Abraham's Table* dinner is next Monday, February 26th at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Washington Road. 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. If you haven't joined us for this program before but you'd like to, you can [register here](#). The last planned Abraham's Table dinner will be Monday, April 15th here at Temple.

### We Are Invited: Iftar Dinners

For Muslims, the holy month of Ramadan is a time of reflection, prayer, fasting, and community, and in that spirit, our friends at the Turkish Cultural Center are extending an invitation to our Temple Emanuel community to join them for their break fast meals, called Iftar dinners. You are invited to share an Iftar dinner in a Turkish Cultural Center community member's home any night between March 12th and April 8th and enjoy traditional Turkish foods, engage in heartfelt conversations, and strengthen our community bonds. If you are interested in attending one of these Iftar dinners, [please RSVP here](#).



Temple members and friends made 120 sandwiches for Team Sandwich in celebration of the initiative's third anniversary!

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](mailto:counseling@jfcspgh.org)

**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.