

# NEWSLETTER

Social Action Update "Push back against anti-Semitism with love and matzah!"



ECDC parents and friends joined our Temple Emanuel Mahjong players to learn how to play during our *Mahj for a Cause* event.

We are always collecting nonperishable 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 <a href="mailto:counseling@jfcspgh.org">counseling@jfcspgh.org</a>

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

Contact <a href="mailto:shommel46@gmail.com">shommel46@gmail.com</a> 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.

## ADL Kulanu Update

A few months ago, I announced our participation in ADL's Kulanu: Synagogues in Action Against Antisemitism initiative. Together with Jewish professionals and lay leaders, the working group and I have learned about antisemitism and thought through internal and external initiatives to address the rise of antisemitism in our community. We are excited to finally announce our external initiative.

Temple Emanuel, in partnership with 2 For Seder, will host 2 For Seder's official 2024 Community Seder for our interfaith friends and neighbors on Sunday, April 14th.

Note: Temple Emanuel will also host our Annual Passover Seder for members and friends on the second night of Passover: Tuesday, April 23rd.

2 For Seder was created in 2019 by Marnie Fienberg, daughter-in-law of Joyce Fienberg who was killed in the 2018 Tree of Life shooting, to honor Joyce's memory and approach the task of addressing antisemitism through openness and community-building. To introduce the organization and help us lead the seder, Marnie Fienberg will join us!

The goal of this program is to provide an opportunity for connection and empowerment to challenge antisemitism through education and understanding for our non-Jewish friends and neighbors in Pittsburgh. We will invite our interfaith partners to join us for this community seder to further support our Jewish community.

If you would like to learn more about our upcoming community seder and our work with ADL's Kulanu, please feel free to reach out to me. - farah

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Themed Shabbat Dinner with Cantor Kalix: Women in Jewish Leadership Friday, March 15, 2024, 5:30 pm

Join Cantor Kalix and Temple Emanuel

Join Cantor Kalix and Temple Emanuel community members to enjoy a Shabbat dinner with friends and learn about the history of women in Jewish leadership in honor of Women's History month. Register here!

Check out our exciting lineup of Purim events below! To learn more or RSVP, email Sarah.



### Thank You!

Last week, I shared information about Carnegie Elementary School's annual *Won't You Be My Neighbor Day* event on May 23, 2024 and their goal to provide each of the 250 families at the school with the book "Love the World" by Todd Parr. The outpouring of love and generosity for these families has already been so wonderful! Thank to everyone who has donated a copy of the book so far.

If you are interested in contributing to this cause, you can find the link to purchase it on Amazon in their wishlist here: <u>FreeStore 15106 Wishlist</u>. Once you add it to your cart, you can adjust the number of books you'd like to send. All donations are appreciated!