



# NEWSLETTER

## Social Action Update

### Supporting Our Gardens

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

##### Team Sandwich

**Tuesday, April 16th at 1:00 PM**

Join us to address food insecurity in the Pittsburgh region by making and donating sandwiches every third Tuesday of the month. Drop-off is between 1:00 and 1:30 pm, but feel free to drop them off at a time that is convenient for you.

Email [Susie Hommel](mailto:shommel46@gmail.com) to sign up and learn more!

##### MOTE+ Brews Night

**Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 7:30 PM**

Join MOTE+ for locally brewed beer at Spoonwood Brewing Company in Bethel Park. [RSVP here.](#)

##### Clothing Fundraiser to Benefit Our ECDC Saturday, April 20, 2024 from 2:00-5:00 PM

Our ECDC parents cleaned out their closets of clothes in sizes N-6 as well as maternity, postpartum, and nursing clothing for a clothing fundraiser on Saturday, April 20th from 2-5pm in the Social Hall. We will have brown paper grocery store bags that you can fill up for the price of \$10/bag! Everything will be further discounted to \$5/bag in the last hour of the sale!

##### "Deadly by Design" Presentation

**Saturday, April 20, 2024 from 2:00-3:30 PM**

Join Cantor Kalix for a screening of Deadly By Design, a project of CeaseFire PA's Education Fund to shed a light on gun violence in our state. Hear from Pennsylvanians about the losses they've suffered under a system that is "Deadly by Design," discuss our own stake in this work as Jews, and take action together- because we know the best way to save the next life is to change that system. The screening will take place on Saturday, April 20th from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM in the community room. Please RSVP to [Cantor Kalix](#).

##### Fused Glass Workshop

**Sunday, April 21, 2024, at 2:30 PM**

Make your own fused glass photo frame at That Pottery Place in Bethel Park, just in time to have a handmade gift for Mother's Day. Cost is \$42 to participate. [RSVP here.](#)

### The Gardens at Temple Emanuel

The many, *many* April showers we've had lately will surely lead to beautiful May flowers in our garden spaces this year! As many of you know, we have two primary garden spaces. The first is our courtyard space that includes the Cooper Garden and the Holocaust Memorial Garden. Our annual plant sale, while providing beautiful plants for your home gardens, will also provide the red salvia; white, pink, and red begonias; dusty miller; and sweet potato vine for our Holocaust Garden. **Proceeds from our plant sale help to offset the cost of these flowers each year, and we are so thankful for all of the support this community provides!**

Soon after the plants are in the ground, you will start to see how we will use our generous grant from the David R. and Frances F. Levin Charitable Foundation through new signage for the Holocaust memorial garden, a retouched memorial stone, and new bushes. Over the summer months, our team of garden volunteers comes to water this garden space, and we could always use more help. **Please contact me if you would be interested in volunteering to help tend to our Cooper and Holocaust Memorial Gardens.**

Our other garden that I'd like to highlight is our SHIM Community Garden, which you are able to support through donations to our annual plant sale. This year, you will see rain barrels which will collect all of our Pittsburgh rain and help us sustainably support this garden space. Throughout the summer, we will need volunteers to come to the SHIM Community Garden to water it and harvest any available produce for SHIM. **Please contact me if you would be interested in volunteering to help tend to our SHIM Community Garden this summer.**

Last year, participants at our annual Memorial Day Picnic painted planks for our pathway to the SHIM Community Garden entrance, which still provide beauty and color to the area. **We would like to paint outdoor seating (wood and/or metal) to add to the SHIM Community Garden area so that our volunteers and visitors can relax and enjoy that space. If you have outdoor seating that you are no longer using, please consider donating it to our SHIM Community Garden. We will paint the furniture at our Memorial Day Picnic as another community art piece to enjoy. Please contact me to express interest in donating.**



Temple Emanuel hosted an interfaith community seder with *2 for Seder*.

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

RAC-PA and CeaseFire PA are working together to encourage lawmakers in our state to pass bipartisan, common-sense gun laws. If you'd like to learn more about how Temple Emanuel is engaging in this social justice work, please email [Ron Richards](mailto:ronrichards@templeemmanuel.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.