

NEWSLETTER

Social Action Update Giving to Grow



The Torah Center 7th grade class and their teachers volunteered in the SHIM garden to help prepare it for new plants.

We are always collecting nonperishable 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.

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

G2G Annual Meeting

Temple Emanuel is proud to host the Giving2Grow organization's annual meeting again this year on Tuesday, May 7th at 7:00 PM.

The Temple Emanuel congregation and friends are cordially invited to attend, learn more about Giving2Grow, and hear from this year's grant recipients about the inspiring work they have been doing. You are welcome to come, listen and learn! Please email <u>Debbie Schneider</u> with any questions you may have.

According to Feeding America, nearly 1 in 4 kids in southwestern Pennsylvania are food insecure. Imagine not having enough food to feed your kids or sending your kids to school hungry...it is heartbreaking. But what can be done?

Giving2Grow is a local giving circle of nearly 100 members who are concerned about this problem. We pool our contributions to make grants to local organizations that are working hard to alleviate the problem of childhood hunger.

Garden Volunteers

Our nights of frost warnings are coming to an end soon, which means that we will be ready to plant our gardens. We will need volunteers to help us weed, water, and tend to the gardens.

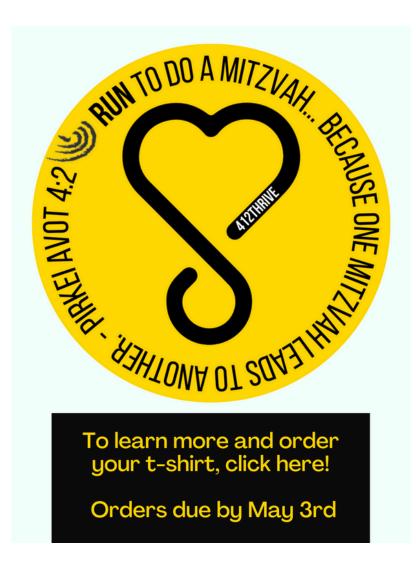
Our SHIM garden will need volunteers to weed and water it during the summer months using our new rain barrel system, thanks to Julie and Adam Lutz! We could also use volunteers to bring produce from the garden to SHIM.

In our courtyard gardens--the Mahler Garden, the Cooper Garden, and the Holocaust Memorial Garden--we will need volunteers to keep up with weeding and watering during the summer months as well.

Please <u>contact me</u> to express interest in maintaining the gardens over the summer.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Annual Plant Sale! All proceeds from this sale will benefit our gardens in the purchasing of plants and supplies.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Temple Emanuel Grandparents Group Saturday, May 4, 2024, 1:30 PM

Join our Temple Emanuel Grandparents Group for our last group meeting before we break for summer. RSVP here.

Play Mahj!

Sunday, May 5, 2024, at 2:00 PM
Join in for table games of Mahjong. RSVP here.

Yoga Class

Tuesday, May 7, 2024, 9:30 AM

Our ECDC Parent Teacher Partnership invites you to join ECDC parents in the WRJ room for a yoga class led by Jess Edelson! The class is "pay what you can" with a suggested donation of \$10. Space is limited. Please RSVP to ecdcptp@gmail.com to reserve your spot!

Temple Emanuel's 3rd Annual 5K Walk/Run to Benefit SHIM

Sunday, May 21, 2024, from 10:00 to Noon Join us for Temple's 3rd Annual Walk/Run to benefit SHIM. We welcome walkers and runners of all ages (Temple members & non-members) for this non-competitive event. 100% of your registration fee goes toward supporting SHIM! \$18/person; \$54 family max. To pre-register, visit the website here.

Please bring donations to Temple.