



# NEWSLETTER

## Social Action Update

### *Advocating for Bipartisan Gun Legislation*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Temple Emanuel's 3rd Annual 5K Walk/Run to Benefit SHIM**  
**Sunday, May 19, 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](#).

**Cooking Class at the Turkish Cultural Center Building**  
**Saturday, May 25, 2024, 5:00 PM**

We are so excited to continue our interfaith collaborations with the Turkish Cultural Center through an upcoming cooking class, open to anyone! Volunteers from Temple Emanuel will teach participants how to make challah and volunteers from the Turkish Cultural Center will teach participants how to make cig borek!

We will enjoy Turkish coffee and Turkish delight alongside our culinary creations and continue to build relationships within our communities. The cost to join as a participant is \$25. [Register to join and learn here!](#)

If you are interested in being one of our Temple Emanuel volunteers to help us make the challah, please email [Sarah Mangan!](#)

**Annual Memorial Day Bagel Brunch**  
**Monday, May 27th, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM**  
 Join us for our annual Memorial Day Bagel Brunch! [RSVP on our website!](#)

**MOTE+ Brews Night**  
**Thursday, May 30th, 7:30 PM**  
 Join MOTE+ for locally brewed beer at [Helicon Brewing](#) in Oakdale. RSVP to [Sarah Mangan](#).

**New Temple Emanuel shirt designs for summer are live in our [online shop!](#)**

All proceeds benefit Temple Emanuel!



### CeaseFirePA Rally in Harrisburg

CeaseFirePA Action held a major rally and advocacy day at the PA State Capitol where over 500 Pennsylvanians and a broad statewide coalition of over 60 organizations demanded action on a suite of gun safety bills that would address the Commonwealth's gun violence epidemic. A group of representatives from the South Hills joined the rally, including our own Cantor Kalix who spoke to the hundreds in attendance. [You can watch their speech here](#) or read it below.

### Cantor Kalix's Speech in Harrisburg

Judaism as a religion is built for this world. Jews are told by our sages and by our Torah about how to be the best people we can be on earth, now. We are not preoccupied with what comes next once life is over—in fact, I don't think you'll find two rabbinic authorities who agree on this topic. Instead, we are told in Deuteronomy 30:19: "I have put before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore, choose life!" We as Pennsylvanians from across the state are today choosing life by telling our lawmakers to prioritize gun violence prevention bills such as extreme risk protection orders, universal background checks, safe storage, and addressing ghost guns, illegal homemade machine guns, and gun trafficking. We are asking for all of these measures and more. By choosing as a state legislature to not pass bills such as these, our government is predetermining that innocents among us will die. This is inexcusable!

In addition to the commandment to choose life, Deuteronomy 28:8 tells us to put a railing around the roof of our house, lest an innocent person fall to their death. Today, all of us here are asking our representatives for a similar measure of harm reduction. We cannot allow even one more life to be taken. We cannot allow even one more family to be destroyed. Act as though your life depends on it—because it does.

Legislators of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I implore of you to choose the lives of innocent people in your district. I implore of you to put a fence around the real and present danger in our midst. I ask of you to move swiftly and thoughtfully towards a better world in Pennsylvania. Lech Lachem, go forth: you must use your power to usher us forth to a world where you make the name of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania great, that each of you may be a blessing to your constituents, and to all of the peoples of the United States.



Cantor Kalix joined hundreds of others in Harrisburg on May 7th to advocate for bipartisan, common-sense gun laws.

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](#).

**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.