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## NEWSLETTER

### Social Action Update

### Summer Gardening

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Conversation Group for Parents**  
Sundays throughout the summer, 9:30 AM  
Conversation group is back! Join us for a six-session conversation group with clergy, Jewish professionals, and fellow parents of young children to learn more about Judaism and discuss modern Jewish parenthood. Babysitting will be available during the 90-minute sessions for children 1+ and younger children are invited to join parents! You don't have to join us for all six sessions, but we hope you join us for any that interest you!

The cost is \$10/child, \$20 family max per session to participate. 😊 [Email Sarah](#) for dates and to sign up!

#### Hiking and Havdalah

**Saturday, July 13, 2024, 6:00 PM**

Our friends at South Park Trail Runners (SPTR) will lead individuals and families through the trails that make South Park so special. Following, we will join back together for light refreshments and Havdalah. Please register here so we know how much food and drink to supply: [Register here!](#)

#### WTE+ Book Club Brunch

**Sunday, July 21, 2024, 11:30 AM**

Join WTE+ to discuss the book *Kantika* by Elizabeth Graver. Bring your favorite brunch treat to share! [RSVP to Sarah.](#)

#### Play Mahjong!

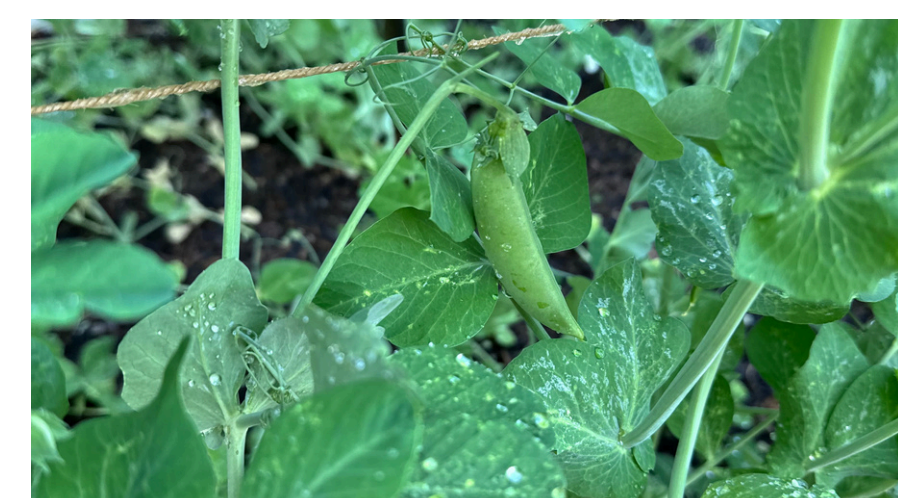
**Sunday, July 21, 2024, 2:00 PM**  
Join in for table games of Mahjong! [RSVP to Sarah.](#)

#### Pirates Game with Temple Emanuel

**Sunday, August 4, 2024, 1:35 PM**

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

All proceeds benefit Temple Emanuel!



The SHIM garden has already produced enough vegetables and herbs for two donations!

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.

### Our Gardens

All of our gardens at [Temple Emanuel](#) are in bloom and look wonderful, thanks to the help of our amazing volunteers!

We have a team of volunteers who weed and water our three courtyard gardens, and another team of volunteers connected with our Early Childhood Development Center who have been watering and harvesting the SHIM garden.

When you join us this summer for outdoor services (weather-permitting), please take note of all of our volunteers' hard work in our beautiful gardens. Thank you Lynn Rubin, Will Joseph, Robin Hausman, Cindy Bouer, Linda Scott, Nancy Jennings, Howard Friedman, Julie Lutz, and Adam Lutz! If you are in the ECDC community, please thank the families who volunteer together to help our community garden thrive!

If you are interested in volunteering to help our gardens, please contact [Sarah Mangan](#) to express interest. With the summer heat we have been experiencing, it never hurts to have more help!

You can also help out by dropping off grass clippings to our SHIM garden. Grass clippings can be used as an eco-friendly weed barrier in our garden beds.

### Food Insecurity

There are many ways you can help address food insecurity this summer.

**Collections:** The dedicated teachers who run FreeStore15106 offer food collections throughout the summer to help their students and the local community in Carnegie. You can continue to support FreeStore through donations. Our collection box to SHIM is always open for food donations, and volunteers are welcome to help us keep the SHIM garden thriving. We could use help with watering and with produce drop-offs on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Email [Sarah](#) if you are interested.

**Team Sandwich:** As always, you can support local shelters as well as FreeStore 15106 through our monthly Team Sandwich initiative every 3rd Tuesday of the month. Prepare sandwiches at home, individually wrap them, and drop them off to Temple at 1:00 PM on the 3rd Tuesday or arrange an earlier drop-off. Reach out to [Susie Hommel](#) for more information.