

SUMMER 2024



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Take Me Out to the Ball Game

Sunday, August 4th

1:35 PM

[Purchase your tickets by July 1st online!](#)



T'Filah

WORSHIP & TORAH STUDY SCHEDULE

Friday Afternoon Torah Study at 1:00pm

Temple's Shabbat morning Torah Study frequently focuses on a single idea or verse, leaving much on the cutting room floor for further exploration. Curious what else the sages of our tradition were thinking? Join Rabbi Meyer on Zoom by clicking [here](#) for a 45 minute sneak peek!

Shabbat Evening Services – Fridays at 7:00pm

Join us for our Shabbat evening services in the Beit HaT'filah. You can also continue to connect with us via Temple's website, Facebook, or YouTube. An electronic copy of Mishkan T'filah, the congregation's prayer book, can be accessed [here](#). Immediately following the service, enjoy a nosh at the oneg and schmooze with fellow congregants!

Shabbat Mornings

8:00am Our Shabbat morning videos will be released on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#). One will include a traditional Aliyah from our Sefer Torah in Hebrew and translation, and the second a brief exposition of how the themes and lessons of the *parasha* (portion) relate to our modern lives.

Shabbat Morning Torah Study – Saturdays at 9:00am

Join Rabbi Meyer or Cantor Jacobson in person at Temple or on [Zoom](#) to discuss the weekly *parasha*.

Havdalah – Saturdays at 8:00pm

Join us virtually on Temple's [Facebook page](#).

Lay-Led Morning Minyan – Sundays at 9:30am

In person in the Beit HaT'filah or click [here](#) to join virtually on Zoom.

Shabbat Evening Services Fridays at 7:00 PM

July 19

Shabbat in the Park

August 16

Shabbat in the Park

B'nei Mitzvah Services Saturdays at 10:30 AM

August 3

David Colwes

September 7

Adelaide McCallum

September 28

**Adult B'Nei Mitzvah
Cohort**

TEMPLE FAMILY MENSCHENINGS

SHALOM!

A warm welcome goes to new (and returning) members of our Temple family:

- **Juneau Clippinger-Samuel & Madeline Samuel, and their son, Theo Levi Samuel**
- **Ellen Breslin**

We Mourn the Loss of:

- **Shirley Barish**, sister of Gerald (Barbara) Chotiner (March 12)
- **Allen Brufsky**, father of Adam (Jill) Brufsky, grandfather of Eliza, Alexander, and Joshua Brufsky (March 30)
- **William Fischer**, Temple member and husband of Eve Fischer (April 14)
- **Peter Slania**, grandson of Andrea and Jeff Fitting (May 12)
- **Lenard W. Kent**, brother of Georgia Kent (May 13)
- **Wilma Lee Rosen**, mother of Pam (Paul) Volz (June 4)
- **Barbara Yalisove**, sister of Sally Lebowitz, aunt of Larry (Lynn) Lebowitz (June 6)
- **Shirley Kohn**, grandmother of Matt (Beth) Schwartz and great-grandmother of Rebecca and Anna Schwartz (June 12)

B'Nei Mitzvah

- **David Colwes**, son of Shana and Aaron Colwes will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, August 3.
- **Adelaide McCallum**, daughter of Elizabeth and Scott McCallum and granddaughter of Bonnie Benhayon & Riad Tawil and Nancy Jennings & Paul Baxter will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, September 7.

Births

Mazal Tov!

- **Avery Elizabeth Rascoe**, daughter of Erin & Alex Rascoe, great-granddaughter of Ann Rascoe, (March 26)
- **Ruth Olive Zacharias**, daughter of Molly & Robert Kornblum Zacharias, granddaughter of Karen Kornblum, nephew of Jake Berntsen & Charlie Berntsen (March 27)
- **Jory Parker Loiben**, son of Brittany Garove-Loiben & Brad Loiben, brother of Reese & Noa Loiben (April 17)
- **Eliza Kate McLain**, daughter of Sarah & Chad McLain, sister of Sutton McLain, and great-granddaughter of Anne Bregman Rascoe, (May 20)
- **Taika Indranil Lingayat**, son of Emily & Indranil Lingayat (May 23)



TERMS organized another successful Memorial Day Bagel Brunch!

New this year, our Grandparents Group met monthly to discuss the “oys and joys” of grandparenting and learn from one another.



Table Captains, including Susie Hommel, taught their tables about the traditional Passover Seder plate at our interfaith community seder.

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A MESSAGE FROM RABBI AARON MEYER

Three New Things

At the end of the Torah Center year, when our youngest scholars are gathered for a closing assembly before heading out in the summer sunshine, I challenge them to do three new things:

Read a new book. Make a new friend. Have a new experience.

These three things are as applicable for us as adults as for our young people. Let me explain:

Read a new book. During our South Hills Shavuot study with our friends at Beth El, I shared a text from Pirkei Avot 1:3 – “Antigonus a man of Socho received the oral tradition from Shimon the Righteous. He used to say: do not be like servants who serve the master in the expectation of receiving a reward, but be like servants who serve the master without the expectation of receiving a reward, and let the awe of Heaven be upon you.” One of my favorite ways to understand this verse in the modern era is that we should embrace learning for its own sake. So often we are asked to read something by others – for a work assignment, for a school assignment, to stay up-to-date in this troubled world – that we might not choose to read if left to our own devices. Doing so can be important...but it often takes the joy out of reading. Hopefully, maybe, your summer schedule slows enough that you can read for just the fun of it. A silly novel well-suited for the beach. A bit of history you have always wanted to explore. A new biography or something to better understand our world. My summer read? The New Media Editor for the Times of Israel, Sarah Tuttle-Singer writes in Jerusalem Drawn and Quartered: “This is Jerusalem in all its layers. It’s complicated and it’s messy and it’s gorgeous, too.” Whatever you choose to read, reading for its own sake – true Torah lishmah – is good for the soul.

Make a new friend. This one feels *hard* when you are an adult and not necessarily meeting new people at summer camp or at the swimming pool anymore. Perhaps we might expand the category to be “have an enriching conversation with a new person where you aren’t trying to change their mind.” To make a new friend, to have an enriching conversation, is to enter into a process of give and take: caring about others and in turn seeing if they care about you. When we ask questions and seek to understand and genuinely care about another person, we enrich their lives along with our own. Proverbs 10:12 points out that holding hate or disagreement in our heart only allows us to see the bad while love lets us assume the best. Assume the best for a conversation with a stranger or acquaintance and see where it goes. Perhaps it leads to a singular positive interaction, a good in-and-of-itself, or perhaps it expands the circle of people who care more about others in this world.

Have a new experience. Lather, rinse, repeat is not only the slogan on the back of our shampoo bottles but an insight into our daily lives. We become comfortable in certain patterns of behavior, whether good for us or not, that we tend to frequently repeat. Hopefully summertime allows us to try something new. Is it time to get back up on that literal bicycle to try out a new trail? Maybe we are fortunate to travel this summer, visiting a new city and trying a new food. Maybe our new experience is a push beyond our comfort zone or maybe it’s exactly what we enjoy. To keep trying new things – while reading new books and meeting new people – is to keep growing as a person, striking the ultimate hopeful position: who we are now is not the best we can be.

I don’t know if our Torah Center students will listen to this advice. I don’t know if you will, either, but I do think the summer offers us a rare chance and opportunity: to try new things. May those things enrich your summer as a salve for hurting hearts and as an antidote to the challenges of this world.



A MESSAGE FROM CANTOR KALIX JACOBSON

Happy Pride Month, Temple Family!

Think back to when you were young for a moment. Did you have someone to look up to? Someone who was like you? Maybe someone who was different in a way you also were—a Jewish teacher in your public school with very few Jews, or a leader in your community who grew up without financial security in a way with which you resonated. We hear about it all the time in 2024: representation matters. Representation has always mattered. During the rollout of the Disney movie “The Princess and the Frog,” I remember just how excited my black classmates were to have a black Disney princess. This feeling is inherent and visceral to the human experience—we want to belong. It is exciting and validating as a human being to see yourself represented in the world around you.

We as Jews are blessed to have figures from our history that run the gambit of human experiences. Perhaps we see ourselves in Moses, who had a stutter. Was Moses disqualified from being our greatest prophet because he had a disability? Nope! G-d provided an accommodation through Moses’s brother Aaron to save the Israelites from slavery. Maybe we see ourselves in Abraham and Sarah, who were unable to have children for most of their marriage. Even with this struggle with infertility, they managed to bring about a nation that outnumbered the stars in the sky. Or maybe we see ourselves in Ruth, who lost everything she cared about in life and still decided to follow Naomi, her mother-in-law. At this moment of despair, she declared that Naomi’s G-d will be her G-d, becoming the first convert to Judaism.

This past weekend, I spent time at the Temple Emanuel booth at Lebo Pride, which meant a lot to me personally. Pride has always been very important to me as a member of the LGBTQ+ community. When I came out in 2008, there were no grown-ups that were like me that I personally knew. Because of this, I didn’t know what life would be like as a queer adult. Nothing was guaranteed to me. Fast forward to 2024, and I am often blessed to watch the expression of a young person who sees me and realizes I am “like them,” as happened often on Saturday. It is one of the great gifts of my cantorate. Those videos were right—it got better. And I get to give the gift of better to the next generation.

This year, I am starting a new initiative through Temple Emanuel to create spaces for families involved in the LGBTQ+ community, and for LGBTQ+ adults who are looking for other likeminded individuals to commune with. My hope is to create spaces for people who care about Jewish values and LGBTQ+ community, and to create space for them to be themselves. If you or anyone you know may be interested, please send me an email.

This Pride month, I invite you to be proud of whatever makes you, you. According to our tradition, we are all made in the divine image. Own it!

A MESSAGE FROM TEMPLE EMANUEL'S BOARD PRESIDENT, BETH SCHWARTZ

I am writing this as Temple Emanuel's next President. This is an honor and commitment that I do not take lightly. I stand on the shoulders of all those who have come before, and as Temple Emanuel stands on the precipice of significant change, moving into the future of synagogue-based Judaism.

Temple Emanuel holds a place near and dear to my family, three generations strong. When my in-laws moved to the South Hills in the early 1970s, they joined Temple Emanuel and became active members - active with their time and financial commitment, making sure Temple was strong and thriving. My husband Matt grew up here and then left Pittsburgh for college and graduate school. When we returned to Pittsburgh in the late 1990s, we quickly joined Temple. We had every intention of being actively involved as our Jewish identities were important to us, and we looked to Temple Emanuel as a place that I could connect, and Matt could reconnect, into the Pittsburgh community.

As we created our family, our children grew up here. Through Torah for Tots (now known as KIDdish Club), and Temple Emanuel Nursery School (now called ECDC), Temple Emanuel became Rebecca and Anna's second home. (Rebecca and Anna actually accompanied me to several board meetings in utero and as infants as this is actually my second stint on the Board). Temple Emanuel is where we raised our family, attending nursery school and then Torah Center programs, worship services, Labor Day and Memorial Day picnics, social action events and other activities too numerous to name. It is where we have lived out our Jewish values, and made many of our dearest friends.

It is my ardent hope that I will help lead Temple Emanuel into its bright future, keeping Temple a place for future generations to have the same wonderful experiences my family has had. My favorite times at Temple are when we have multiple activities happening simultaneously - When I arrive for the "regular" Shabbat service as the cacophony of young voices and laughter of KIDdish Club fill the building; when Torah Center, Sunday Minyan and a Caring Community cooking activity overlap. I also experience Temple's vibrancy at activities such as our recent Memorial Day picnic when some of our youngest and our most senior community members are gathered together enjoying the same space.

Our Steering Committee and our Board have been hard at work in for the past 2 years developing a model that we believe will provide for Temple Emanuel's future financial solvency and community vibrancy. This new model involves paradigm shifts in our membership, governance and financial operations which we believe will enable Temple Emanuel to sustain ourselves into the future. These paradigm shifts can be scary and daunting as we are changing the way things have always been done. But if we don't change and adapt Temple Emanuel to the changing society in which we live, Temple will not remain the thriving place we want it to be in the future.

I look forward to having more conversations with all of you about the new model for Temple Emanuel as we work to move Temple into the future. Please be in touch with me by [email at bes987@gmail.com](mailto:bes987@gmail.com).

A MESSAGE FROM IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT MICHELLE MARKOWITZ

(Adapted from President's speech at Temple Emanuel's Annual Congregational Meeting on June 2nd)

I want to take this opportunity to share with all of you some of the words I shared, including a strategy update and a host of well-deserved thank yous, with those who were able to attend and watch Temple's 2024 Annual Meeting.

Strategy Update: As you hopefully know by this point, in the spring of 2022, Temple began embarking on a transformational change process with our partners at Outside Angle. We embarked on this effort because our current financial model cannot sustain us into the future. We chose to do this now, and not wait, because we are sustainable in the very near term....but as a Board, it is our responsibility to ensure long-term sustainability. I can't imagine a change process more difficult than one where there is no clear vision of where you're going and no available model upon which to create it. Through a lot of perseverance, the Board of Trustees earlier this spring voted to move forward with a vision for Temple that centers our mission and our community and focuses on the goals of increased vibrancy and ongoing financial sustainability as our north stars. Based on what we heard from all of you, the Board adopted moving forward with shifts in three areas – Membership, Governance, and Finances. I am thrilled to report our current staff is ready to develop a plan to begin implementing these changes, and while you will hear more about all of them, I also want to let you know that later this calendar year, on the Jewish Calendar schedule of "after the holidays," there will be a Congregational Vote to modify our bylaws to implement the Governance shift. There will be much more to come on this effort. I am so excited for where this community is going.

Thank you to Outgoing Board Members Tracy Barnett, Nate Eisinger, Kathy Ginsburg, Alicia Kozel, Sarah Levinthal, and Chuck Silverstein: Being a member of the Temple Emanuel Board of Trustees is not exactly glamorous. You read emails, you attend meetings, sometimes you're asked to make hard decisions, and hopefully you feel like your contributions mattered. I had the opportunity to honor each of you individually at our meeting last week, but what I want to say in front of the congregation as a whole is this: With certainty each of your contributions mattered. Thank you for reading those emails, even the long ones, thank you for attending those meetings, participating in those discussions and making those decisions. Temple would not be here without you, and as I mentioned on Tuesday, you're always welcome back. Thank you.

Thank you to the Board: I'll repeat once again what I said on Tuesday night so everyone can hear it. Temple does not take for granted the time and dedication it takes out of the many other things you can be doing and are doing in your lives to being part of this effort. When I say we can't do it without you, I mean that literally. Thank you.

Thank you to Staff: I am so glad this community already got to hear how amazing each and everyone of you is already this morning. The easy (and short) thing for me to do at this point is to say "ditto." You are each amazing and this community is so fortunate for the dedication, care, and time each of you puts into Temple to make sure this community is the community it is. I do need to offer a special thanks to my partners in crime – Rabbi Aaron Meyer and Leslie Hoffman. We have spent a lot of time together – both virtually and in person – over these last 4 years. I can only hope you enjoyed that time as much as I did. Leslie – I already had the chance to thank you at your "retirement" last fall, and I am not sure if all of Mt. Lebanon heard the huge sigh of relief all of us breathed when you were willing to help us out once again during this transitional time. You truly saved the day and our gratitude knows no bounds. Aaron – Since our first conversations back

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in the fall of 2018, I wholeheartedly believed you could bring something very special to this community. I do like to be proven right. This community is so fortunate to have you as our Senior Rabbi – and it is not something I, or anyone here, should take for granted. It has truly been a privilege to be your partner in your sacred work these last four years – and I also know the best is yet to come.

Thank you to my family: I also need to give a special shout out to my family – Pace, Myer, and Hannah. While I know it'll be nice for you that I will have fewer Temple meetings and phone calls, I also know, and was always grateful for, the fact that you believed I was doing something that was meaningful, and therefore gave me the space and seemingly limitless patience to do it. And to my mom, thank you for being a role model for me whose dedication to Judaism and Temple life has been an inspiration. I can only hope I have offered the same to my kids.

Thank you to Congregation: Before I hand over the reins to the next President and Board, I do want to take a moment to offer my thanks to this community for allowing me to serve as your President these last 4 years. It has truly been an honor and a privilege to serve the community that has served me and my family so well throughout my entire life. One of the best parts about being President was having the opportunity and excuse to meet and have conversations with so many of you. I only look forward to that continuing. Centering community isn't strategy or a picture to show you – it's both who we are and who we need to be to create a sustainable future.



Pace, Michelle, and Hannah Markowitz



Young Leadership, L'dor V'dor, and Magnificent Couple Award Honorees:
Henry Ginsburg, Steph McFerron, Suzy Wall, Anna McFerron, Laryn Finder,
and Moses Finder.

Temple Emanuel of South Hills

Year-in-Review 2023-2024

Congregational Highlights

- We celebrated Cantor Kalix's installation as our first full-time cantor in nearly 50 years.
- We developed a strategic plan with our consulting partner Outside Angle.
- We updated our Holocaust Memorial Garden thanks to a grant from the David R. and Frances F. Levin Charitable Foundation.
- We hired Rebecca Closson to be a full-time staff member as our new Finance Development and Relationship Director.

Membership & Support

- 26 new families joined Temple Emanuel!
- Current membership - 466 member families
- \$606,610 dues collected as of June 18, 2024
- Total fundraising of \$132,150!

Education & Adult Learning

- Adult learners engaged in a Hebrew class during the fall.
- Our Adult B'nei Mitzvah cohort is preparing for their B'nei Mitzvah in the fall.
- ECDC's Reggio Emilia-inspired preschool welcomed 120 children and families from the Temple Emanuel community and beyond. Our active Parent-Teacher Partnership offered programs such as Parent's Night Out, a clothing swap, morning yoga, and story times at local libraries.
- Torah Center welcomed 91 students preK-7th grade from 62 families.
- 34 high school students from Temple Emanuel and Beth El joined us on Sundays for our High School Program.
- 28 *madrachim* helped teachers and students.
- 7th grade students & parents visited the Holocaust Museum in Washington DC with Rabbi Aaron and Cantor Kalix.
- 12 students joined Rabbi Aaron and Kathy Ginsburg for L'Taken, RAC's advocacy trip for teens.

Holiday & Social Program Highlights

- Nearly 140 people attended our 2nd Night Seder.
- Over 160 people attended our Chanukah Shabbat Dinner and Service.
- Our monthly KIDdish Club continues to be a fun and engaging way for families with young children to celebrate Shabbat, serving over 50 unique families in the South Hills this year!
- Our *Barbie* Purim Spiel was a hit, and adults enjoyed a blast from the past 90's themed party the next night.
- TERMS organized our annual Memorial Day Bagel Brunch and Labor Day Picnic with great success.

Social Action & Social Justice

- Team Sandwich celebrated its 3rd year of providing over 6,000 sandwiches (and pizza) to our food insecure neighbors.
- We expanded our aid to FreeStore15106 from only non-perishable food items to clothing, Thanksgiving meal kits, and books.
- We continue to collect food for SHIM and FreeStore15106 on an ongoing basis.
- We supported local Veterans with food and clothing drives.
- Our members donated vitally needed blood during our Blood Drive. Our next drive is scheduled for this upcoming August.
- Our members engaged in volunteer opportunities with Veteran's Place, the Mt. Lebanon Nature Conservancy, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and the Turkish Cultural Center, as well as within our own grounds for gardening and cleaning volunteer opportunities.
- Our 3rd Annual SHIM 5K raised over \$1000, and shirt sales raised \$640 for 412Thrive.

Community Partnerships

- Temple Emanuel partnered with St. Paul's Episcopal Church and the Turkish Cultural Center to co-host an interfaith dinner and discussion series called *Abraham's Table*, strengthening those interfaith partnerships.
- We participated in a nationwide ADL program called *Kulanu: Synagogues in Action Against Antisemitism*.
- We worked with VolunTOTs and Uptown Speech Therapy to assemble over 200 Thanksgiving meal kits for families facing food insecurity in the South Hills.
- We hosted an interfaith community seder in collaboration with *2 for Seder*.
- The Mt. Lebanon Library Garden Tour visited our SHIM garden.
- We sponsored and participated in Mt. Lebanon's Earth Day, Juneteenth, and Pride celebrations.
- We hosted an interfaith Pride Shabbat.
- We co-organized community-wide Chanukah and Purim celebrations with the JCC, PJ Library, and Beth El.

Facilities & Security

- We renovated the upstairs lobby into a welcoming and updated space.
- Our new interior and exterior security camera system was installed.
- Staff received advanced situational awareness training.



STAFF UPDATES

Temple Emanuel of South Hills has a dynamic and friendly staff team working hard to meet our congregational vision of Living, Learning, and Leading Judaism. You will find members of the staff leading Temple's vibrant ECDC and Torah Center programs; enriching and inspiring Jewish life through programming, classes, and worship services; and supporting all aspects of your experience at Temple.

As we prepare to welcome a new Board of Trustees at the Annual Meeting on June 2 at 10:00am, we also want to take a moment to communicate some changes in our staffing structure. We believe these changes build upon the strengths of our familiar, dedicated team while carefully stewarding the financial resources you entrust to us – and we hope you are as excited for the future as we are!

Clergy

Rabbi Aaron Meyer and Cantor Kalix Jacobson lead Shabbat and Holiday services, teach classes, offer pastoral care and counseling, participate in lifecycle events, and can be found supporting Temple's many programs and offerings. Rabbi Emeritus Mark Mahler is an ongoing presence in the life and heart of the congregation.

Programs and Education

Kate Louik is Temple's Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC) Director and the Senior Director of Temple. In addition to the countless things she does to support the children, families, and staff at ECDC, Kate oversees Temple's physical facility, supports the staff team, and is involved in the day-to-day decision making for the organization.

Ellen Drook is the Assistant Director of ECDC and Temple's Communications Associate. In addition to the ways she supports ECDC and her work in the classroom, Ellen manages Temple's ShulCloud database and website.

Stephanie McFerron is the Torah Center Director and Event Coordinator. In addition to the myriad ways she supports the children, families, and staff at Torah Center, Steph is the point person for lifecycle events (b'nei mitzvah, weddings, funerals, and more).

Sarah Mangan is Temple's Programming and Communications Director. In addition to her responsibilities for many events that connect Temple members to Jewish life and to one another, Sarah oversees Temple's calendar, schedules security, generates our publicity and communications, and so much more.

Rabbi Emily Meyer joins Temple's staff in a part-time capacity as our Program Associate. She will be leading ECDC's First Experience program, designing curriculum and resources for Torah Center, working with b'nei mitzvah students, teaching classes, and more.

Relationships

Rebecca Closson is Temple's Finance and Relationship Director and the Music Specialist at ECDC. In addition to overseeing Temple's financial affairs, Rebecca has a role in Temple's development efforts, supporting our evolving strategic plan, and facilitating members' connections to Temple and to one another.

STAFF UPDATES CONTINUED

Lori Blattner is Temple's Office Manager. In addition to answering phone and email inquiries from members with personal care and attention, Lori coordinates RSVPs for upcoming events, processes checks and payments received by Temple, and makes everything Temple does possible.

Facilities & Events

Steve Harms and Chuck Tranter ensure the maintenance and operation of Temple's facility, including custodial responsibilities and supporting the many happenings at Temple.

Melinda Freed is Temple's in-house Caterer and events specialist, supporting families during lifecycle events and bringing the Temple community together over shared meals.

While every member of our team is available by telephone and email to answer questions and to enhance your experience at Temple (or to direct you to the people who can!), we wanted to share the following in case you would like to reach out to a specific staff person with the following common inquiries:

If you have a question about an upcoming event: Sarah Mangan or Lori Blattner

If you have a question about a donation or your financial support of Temple: Rebecca Closson or Lori Blattner.

If you want to introduce us to someone looking for Jewish community: Sarah Mangan

If you have a question about ShulCloud or your account: Ellen Drook

If you want to sponsor an oneg or schedule a lunch/dinner with your lifecycle event: Steph McFerron

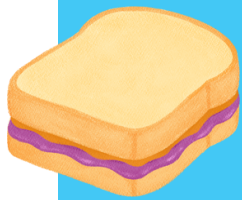
If you want to learn more about ECDC: Kate Louik or Ellen Drook

If you want to learn more about Torah Center: Steph McFerron

If you have a question you would have brought to Leslie Hoffman or Marlee Lyons and don't know whom to ask: Rabbi Aaron Meyer or Kate Louik

Thank you for entrusting each of us with the opportunity to serve this great community.

JULY PROGRAMMING AT TEMPLE EMANUEL



Team Sandwich:

Tuesday, July 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 at 1:00 pm.

Email [Susie Hommel](#) to sign up and learn more!

Shabbat in the Lot

Saturday, July 6th at 9:30 AM

Join us for a morning of fun and connection on the first Saturdays of June, July, and August to celebrate Shabbat! Bring your scooters to ride in the lot, enjoy time on our playground, and see friends old and new. Email [Kate Louik](#) if you have any questions!

Hiking and Havdalah

Saturday, July 13th at 6:00 PM

Join with the Temple community Saturday, July 13th starting at 6 p.m. for an evening outdoors exploring the trails in South Park. Our friends at South Park Trail Runners (SPTR) are planning to lead individuals and families through the trails that make South Park so special and have three different trail options depending on your interest! There is something for everyone!

Following, we will join back together for light refreshments and Havdalah. Sign up to join us and view the three available hiking options here: [Hiking and Havdalah Sign-Up!](#)



Join us for a 90-minute 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 for children 1+.

Sunday, July 7th at 9:30 AM: Exploring Jewish Values

Sunday, July 14th at 9:30 AM: God Concepts in Judaism

Sunday, July 28th at 9:30 AM: Antisemitism & Israel



Join us to welcome Shabbat in Bird Park on Friday, July 19th!

6:30 PM – “Bring Your Own Picnic” Dinner

7:00 PM – Camp-style Shabbat Service

Bring your own dinner and a blanket or chairs to join Rabbi Aaron and Cantor Kalix for a lovely summer evening Shabbat experience! Stay after the service and cool off with Rita’s Ice!

WTE+ Book Club Brunch

Sunday, July 21st at 11:30 AM

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

Play Mahj!

Sunday, July 21st at 2:00 PM

Join in for table games of Mahjong. RSVP to [Sarah.](#)

SIGN UP

AUGUST PROGRAMMING AT TEMPLE EMANUEL



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Sunday, August 11th at 9:30 AM: Life Cycle Events in Judaism

[Sign up here!](#)

Play Mahj!

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Join in for table games of Mahjong. RSVP to [Sarah](#).



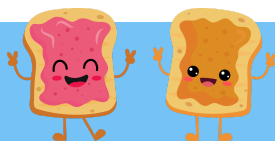
Registration is open for Torah Center!
[Click here to sign up!](#)

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**CHEER ON THE PIRATES
WITH TEMPLE EMANUEL!**
SUNDAY, AUGUST 4 AT 1:35 PM



TICKETS ARE \$31 AND INCLUDE A \$10 FOOD/DRINK VOUCHER.
KIDS 14 AND UNDER GET THEIR OWN SET OF BASEBALL CARDS
AND ARE INVITED TO RUN THE BASES AFTER THE GAME!
DEADLINE TO ORDER TICKETS IS JULY 1ST.

RESERVE YOUR SEATS BY JULY 1ST HERE:
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Holocaust Memorial Garden 20th Anniversary Celebration

Join us to celebrate 20 years since the Holocaust Memorial Garden’s dedication. Learn from Garden Designer Lynn Rubin about the meaning and intention of the garden and enjoy an afternoon of celebration and reflection.

**Sunday, August 18, 2024
4:00 PM**

Because this evening is also Erev Tu B’Av, we encourage you to invite those you love to join you!

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Betty Jo & Howard Louik	Peter Slania
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Ava & Peter Alt	Alice & Mark Mahler's 50th anniversary
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Susan & Richard Hommel	Beth Schwartz becoming President of Temple Emanuel
Susan & Richard Hommel	Alice & Mark Mahler's 50th anniversary
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Anonymous	Donation
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Betty Jo & Howard Louik	David Weisberg, recipient of the Manny Award
Cindy & Stuart Finder	In appreciation of Bernice Natelson
Cindy & Stuart Finder	In appreciation of Cantor Kalix Jacobson
Cindy & Stuart Finder	In appreciation of Rabbi Aaron Meyer
Ellie Bahm	Birth of Max David Greenberg

Cemetery Beautification Fund

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Alexandra Tauson & Joe Moidel	Meyer Moidel
Amy & David Bahm	David Greenberg
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General Fund (continued)

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Ellie Bahm	Jackson Levine becoming a Bar Mitzvah
Freedra Lipman Trust	Donation
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Irene Luchinsky & Allen Beitman	Beth Schwartz, newly elected President
Irene Luchinsky & Allen Beitman	Michelle Markowitz, immediate past President
Iris & Chris Harlan	Laryn Finder becoming a Bat Mitzvah
Laryn & Moses Finder	Birth of Max David Greenberg
Laryn & Moses Finder	In appreciation of Melinda Freed
Laryn & Moses	Birth of Karen Kornblum's grandchild
Laura "Phoenix" Poppendeck	In appreciation of Temple Emanuel
Leslie Hoffman	Birth of Taika Indranil Lingayat
Mary Cothran	Alice & Mark Mahler's 50th anniversary
Meg & Keith Abrams & Family	Laryn Finder becoming a Bat Mitzvah
Mindy & Zal Sanjana	Laryn Finder becoming a Bat Mitzvah
Nancy & Bill Berkowitz	Birth of Max David Greenberg
Paula & Marty Altschul	Laryn Finder becoming a Bat Mitzvah
Robert (Bobby) Blum	Laryn Finder becoming a Bat Mitzvah
Sara & Robert Frey	Laryn Finder becoming a Bat Mitzvah

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Amy & Andrew Zahalsky	Jonathan Levy
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Ellie Bahm	Sophia Lieff
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Esther Burstin	Sophie Szilagyi
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Stuart Glasspool & Family	Mason Jamir entering college
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Donor	In Memory
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Linda Nyman	Marriage of Nicole Nyman & Danny Verb

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Donor	In Honor
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Irene Luchinsky	Laryn Finder becoming a Bat Mitzvah
Joy Meyer	In Appreciation of Temple Emanuel
Joyce Diamondstone	Laryn Finder becoming a Bat Mitzvah
Laryn & Moses Finder	Birthday Wishes to Rabbi Aaron Meyer
Laura, Jeff, Addie & Evan Young	In appreciation of Rabbi Aaron Meyer
Linda Proyor	With gratitude for Rabbi Aaron Meyer
Nancy Weissman	In appreciation of Rabbi Aaron Meyer
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Rabbi Meyer's Discretionary Fund (continued)

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Betty Jo & Howard Louik	Peter Slania
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