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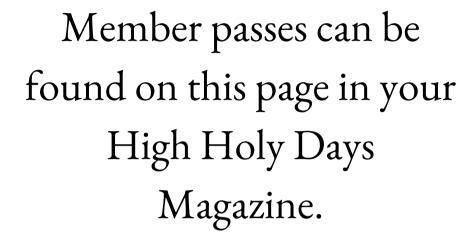


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SERVICE GUIDE & MEMBER PASSES

OUR MUSICIANS NEW YEAR GREETINGS

2024 www.templeemanuelpgh.org



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Member Passes for High Holy Days 2024/5785

Please cut out your passes and bring them with you to show at the rear parking lot or Bower Hill Road entrances.

For security purposes, you will be asked to sign in if you do not have your pass.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



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Strategic Plan Update

You're going to be hearing from us via email over the next 10 weeks as we engage you in town hall meetings about Temple Emanuel's exciting changes that have resulted from our years of strategic planning!

Please check your emails or the website for full schedule of town hall meetings and information sessions throughout September and October, leading up to a necessary Bylaws Vote that allows us to put all of our hard work into practice.

Mark your calendars for October 27th for this important Bylaws Vote!

Visit our "<u>Envisioning Our Future</u>" section of the website where you can stay up-to-date on all of this information at your convenience: www.TempleEmanuelPGH.org

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Don't forget to cut these out

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The High Holy Days

Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, of blessed memory, once said: "There is only one constraint—namely, that however much of anything else we have, we only have one life, and it is short. How we live and what we live for are the most fateful decisions we ever make."

During the High Holy Day season, Jews around the world reckon with our own mortality. On Rosh Hashanah it is written, and on Yom Kippur it is sealed, we say. Who will die by fire, by water, by plague... this haunting tune we all sing together holds a dark truth which Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks touches upon in this quote: life is short. Each one of us is mortal. So how are we going to live this life as best we can?

This year has only made the Jewish people more aware of the fragility of life. Many have lost loved ones in the attack on October 7th and the subsequent war, and all of us have been affected by the rise in antisemitic rhetoric. This precarious place the Jewish people are in only makes these High Holy Days more important. Many of us will make promises to do better in our lives. Perhaps we will reach out to those whom we have wronged in the previous year. These upcoming days are an opportunity to reflect on ourselves as human beings, and to renew our zeal for life in the face of mortality, both lived and understood.

I pray that these services in 5785 offer us comfort in difficult times, and satisfaction in times of joy. I hope that we are able to take honest stock of who we are as human beings and make plans to improve.

We encourage each one of you to join our High Holy Day services in person, and of course, we will have multi-access options through Facebook, YouTube, and website links, as per usual.

A complete list of services, biographies of our service leading team, safety and security information, and much more can be found in this magazine. While I hope you will take the time to read it yourself, highlights include:

- Family-friendly opportunities to join in the services and experiences of the holidays.
- Chances to learn, pray, remember, and observe together in sacred community.
- Information about how to access each of our High Holy Day offerings.

May 5785, kicked off through the High Holy Days, bring happiness, health, and growth.

L'shana Tovah Umetukah: may you each have a sweet new year!

Cantor Kalix Jacobson

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Praise God with the blast of the shofar (Psalm 150:3)



SERVICE SCHEDULE

Date	Service	Time
Sat. 9/28	Selichot	7PM Dessert Reception 7:30PM Service
Wed. 10/2	Erev Rosh Hashanah	7:30PM
Thurs. 10/3	Family Focused Service	9:00AM
	Traditional Service	10:30AM
	Tashlich & Tacos	3:30PM
Sun. 10/6	Cemetery Service	of Awe 11:00AM
Fri. 10/11	Kol Nidre Service	Kippur 7:30PM
sat. 10/12	Family Focused Service	9:00AM
	Traditional Service	10:30AM
	Afternoon Study Sessions	12:45 PM
	Afternoon/ Yizkor/Neilah	3:00PM
Wed. 10/16	Erev Sukkot Service	6:30PM

All services will also be livestreamed on Temple's Website, Facebook, and YouTube pages.

אָכֵן יֵשׁ יְהֹּוָה בַּמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה וְאָנֹכֶי לָא יָדֶעְתִּי Surely God is present in this place. (Genesis 28:16)

High Holy Day Service Guide

Selichot- On Selichot, we begin the process of earnest reflection and repentance culminating on Yom Kippur. Join Cantor Kalix Jacobson, Rebecca Closson, Rabbi Aaron Meyer, Rabbi Emily Meyer, and Ron Schneider for a musical, introspective evening service featuring the year's first sounds of the shofar and the changing of the Torah covers to their High Holy Day best.

Traditional Services- Rabbi Aaron Meyer is joined by Cantor Kalix Jacobson and soloists Rebecca Closson and Jacob Kraus for our traditional sanctuary services. Familiar melodies of the High Holy Days accompany the inspiring communal prayers of Jewish tradition in these full worship experiences. We encourage families of all ages to participate in these services or in the age-specific offerings found later in this booklet.

Our clergy team is honored to share words of Torah and sermon during these traditional services:

Erev Rosh Hashanah - Cantor Kalix Jacobson Rosh Hashanah Morning - Senior Rabbi Aaron Meyer Kol Nidre - Senior Rabbi Aaron Meyer Yom Kippur Morning - Senior Rabbi Aaron Meyer Yom Kippur Afternoon – Rabbi Emeritus Mark Mahler

Tashlich - Tashlich, the ceremony where we symbolically cast away our transgressions as part of the process of teshuvah, adds reflective action to our prayers. Where have I missed the mark and seek to do better in 5785? With whom do I still need to make amends? Bring a piece of bread, some crumbs, or even pocket lint and join us for this communal experience.

Family-Focused Services - The essence of the High Holy Days, including Torah readings, shofar service (when appropriate), and quintessential prayers of the season, are offered in an inclusive way for families with children under the age of Hebrew school (up to 2nd grade) and others interested in a less formal but meaningful worship experience. These services will last approximately 60 minutes.

Cemetery Service - Jewish tradition commends those who honor their departed during this auspicious time of year. Together we remember our loved ones, interred in Mt. Lebanon or elsewhere, through a ceremony of memory and reflection.

Yizkor - Together we remember the loved ones who have gone before us, those upon whose shoulders we stand. In addition to reciting the traditional memorial prayers, we will continue to hold space in our hearts for those the world over whose lives were cut short in acts of violence and disease.

Meet Temple's High Holy Days Musicians



Kalix Jacobson

Cantor Kalix Jacobson (they/them) is a longtime musician and singer with a background in diverse musical styles. Originally from St. Louis, Missouri, Cantor Kalix has been working in Cantorial spaces since 2014, and has been writing music since the early 2000s. They were ordained from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in May of 2023, having been a Weitzman Fellow for JDC-Entwine, and also having been the recipient of the Rabbi Sarah Messinger Prize, the Josef Frudenthal Memorial Prize for Excellence in Composition, the Palm Beach Liturgical Cultural Foundation Prize, and the Lee Gura Memorial Prize for Aptitude in Synagogue Choral Music. During their time at HUC-JIR, they also obtained an additional Masters in Jewish Nonprofit Management from the Zelikow School, furthering their undergraduate studies in Business to be applicable to nonprofit and synagogue spaces. This year, they were awarded a scholar in residency position for discovering and documenting the career of Cantoress Susan Mandell, who served in Edison, NJ a decade before women were formally ordained as cantors. They are so grateful to be part of the Temple family!



James Burns Accompanist

Jim Burns is a frequent performer with groups like The Opera Theater of Pittsburgh, The Bach Choir, and The Mendelssohn Choir. As a pianist for the Civic Light Opera, he has performed in over 100 musical theater productions. He has had the pleasure of bringing music to young students through his work with educational outreach programs for Gateway to Music and Pittsburgh Opera. Presently the organist at Westminster Presbyterian Church, he has served at Temple Emanuel since 2014.



Rebecca Closson

Soloist

Rebecca Closson is an instrumental musician, music educator, and Temple Emanuel's Director of Finance and Development. Originally from the Pittsburgh area, Rebecca has played in solo engagements, chamber groups, and symphony ensembles, and has taught in preschool programs, primary school, and at the collegiate level in Illinois and Pennsylvania. As a lifelong student of the arts, Rebecca enjoys collaborating across many different platforms to engage a variety of audiences in music-making and education. Rebecca is a wife, mother of two sons, and the music teacher at the Temple Emanuel Early Childhood Development Center.



Jacob Kraus

Soloist

New York based Jacob "Spike" Kraus is a Jewish singer-songwriter whose music has been included in the cantorial curriculum of Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion and is featured by Jewish Rock Radio & PJ Library. Originally from Boston Massachusetts, Jacob has been song leading for over a decade at synagogues, day schools, and summer camps. Now he spends his summers touring Jewish summer camps across North America - performing, teaching, and just being generally "camp-ful". We are excited to welcome him back to High Holy Day services at Temple Emanuel!



Family Programming Yom Kippur Study Sessions



Join us for family-focused services at 9:30 AM on Thursday, October 3rd and Saturday, October 12th.

Grades 3-6: Take-In Kits (Activity Packets)

Children opting to join their families for our Traditional Services (10:30 AM) can be provided with a "Take-In Kit" geared to grades 3-6. We hope this will help your child engage with and find meaning in the service. Included in the kit will be a book, a notebook and writing supplies, and a High Holiday-themed activity packet. Families who need to take a break to stretch their legs, read, or play are welcome to spend time in the Beit HaT'filah and watch the live-streamed service on our big screens. To reserve your Take-In Kit, please complete this form by September 30th: <u>www.tinyurl.com/TEHHP24</u>

Ages 3-7th Grade: 2nd Service Childcare Programming

Join us for programming led by Rabbi Emily Meyer, Torah Center Director Steph McFerron, and our Temple Emanuel educators during our Traditional Services (10:30 AM).

- Ages 3-PreK will play, read stories, create art, sing and pray together, and hear the shofar.
- Friends in KG-7th grade will gather together in song and prayer, experience a Rosh Hashanah seder, and explore their own personal teshuvah experience on Yom Kippur.
- All ages will enjoy a sweet snack as we welcome in 5785.

RSVP to Steph McFerron by September 30th here: www.tinyurl.com/TEHHP24

Grades 8th-12th: 2nd Service Teen Engagement Opportunity

We invite our teens to have the best of both worlds. Start with their families in our Traditional Services (10:30 AM) until the Torah Service and then join Rabbi Emily Meyer, Torah Center Director Steph McFerron, our Temple Emanuel educators, and most importantly, each other. During this time together, students will choose an elective that ranges from art to discussions to community service projects. All electives are curated to enhance their High Holy Day experience.

RSVP to Steph McFerron by September 30th here: www.tinyurl.com/TEHHP24

Yom Kippur Afternoon Study Sessions

Session 1: Temple Townhall and Strategic Planning Update Led by Temple Emanuel Board President Beth Schwartz

Session 2: Discerning our Basic Values: Rabbi Meyer's Sermon in Practice Led by Rabbi Aaron Meyer

Session 3: You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown—So Why Do Bad Things Happen to You? Led by Cantor Kalix Jacobson

Session 1 will begin approximately 15 minutes after the conclusion of the Traditional Service, with each session running 30 minutes. Join us in-person in the Beit HaT'filah or via Zoom at https://US02WEB.ZOOM. US/J/5326774310

Elul Programming



Friday, September 13, 5:30 PM

Join us for our monthly Shabbat service for families with children 0-6 years old! Email Sarah Mangan to learn more and RSVP.

NEW Havdalah Hangout Saturday, September 21, 2024, 4:30 PM

Join us for our new Havdalah Hangout series, where board games, a coloring station, and fun with friends await! Perfect for kids in Kindergarten and up.

RSVP to Steph McFerron at smcferron@templeemanuelpgh.org



Join us to celebrate



years with our Holocaust Memorial Garden

Friday, September 6th 5:00 PM

Join us in the courtyard to learn more about the garden and celebrate this milestone!

RSVP at www.TempleEmanuelPGH.org/event/20thAnniversary

Art, Wine, & Cheese Night Sunday, September 8, 7:30 PM



www.TempleEmanuelPGH.org/event/ArtNight

Bake Apple Cake Sunday, September 15, 2:00 PM

Join the Caring Community to bake apple cake to fill our High Holiday bags for seniors.

RSVP to Sarah at smangan@templeemanuelpgh.org



We need help delivering the High Holiday bags. Reach out to Sarah to volunteer! St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Temple Emanuel of South Hills
Invite You to an Evening with

בבפנ שורשים ROOTS

Two Truths in One Heart, Two Peoples in One Land SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 6:00-8:00 PM

Temple Emanuel of South Hills 1250 Bower Hill Road, Mt. Lebanon

Join us to learn from Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger and Noor
A'wad about the challenging and groundbreaking work of
Roots/Shorashim/Judur - an Israeli-Palestinian grassroots
initiative for understanding, nonviolence and transformation
based in Judea & Samaria/the West Bank.

Learn more about Roots at www.FriendsOfRoots.net



Schlesinger





Register Here:





Days of Awe Programming



Rosh Hashanah

3:30

Mad Mex Lakeside

Thursday, October 3rd at 3:30 PM

Join Rabbi Meyer, Cantor Kalix and Jacob Kraus for Tashlich, the symbolic casting off of our transgressions from the previous year. We will gather at Canonsburg Lake (just off Rt. 19 at McDowell Lane) on Rosh Hashanah afternoon.

Plenty of parking and room to spread out! Please bring your own pieces of bread, pebbles or dissolving paper! No cost to participate.

After the service, join us across the lake at Mad Mex to socialize and enjoy delicious food and drink.

We have space for 100 people at Mad Mex. Please RSVP and pay by September 13th at

https://www.templeemanuelpgh.org/event/Tashlich2024

or Scan Here!



Cost to join us at Mad Mex: \$20/adult \$10/kids 3-17 \$0/kids 2 and under

October 5

Program for Families with Young Children:

Apples & Honey

Half Crown Hill Orchard Saturday, October 5th 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Pack a picnic and join friends to pick apples, taste honey made from bees on the orchard, play with giant bubbles, and meet some miniature goats! 1/4 peck bags for picking apples and honey jars are available for individual purchase.

RSVP to <u>Sarah</u> at smangan@templeemanuelpgh.org

WTE+ Book Club Thursday, October 10, 2024, 7:00 PM

Join WTE+ to discuss Rabbi Sharon Brous' bestseller The Amen Effect: Ancient Wisdom to Mend Our Broken Hearts and the World.

We will meet during the Days of Awe to discuss the book and its topics: the power of community and connecting more meaningfully through a Jewish lens.

RSVP to <u>Sarah</u> at smangan@templeemanuelpgh.org

Save the Date!
South Hills Community Mitzvah Project at
the JCC on Sunday, October 6th

SOUTH HILLS INTERFAITH MOVEMENT

FOOD DRIVE







Temple Emanuel is proud to host our annual High Holiday food drive for SHIM again this year. The South Hills Interfaith Movement is dedicated to reducing the devastating effects of poverty among the working poor, unemployed, senior citizens, refugees, and all who are struggling. SHIM mobilizes community resources and implements sustainable programs that compassionately help our neighbors in need, with three South Hills food pantries, seasonally-appropriate clothing, and utility obligations.

A donation of canned goods and non-perishable foods is a large part of Temple Emanuel's observance of the High Holy Days and will continue in 5785 with renewed urgency.

 Most needed items for SHIM's food pantries include: dried beans and lentils, rice, pasta sauce in jars, cereal and oatmeal, soup (especially low sodium), adult diapers (especially L and XL), diapers sizes 3-6, baby food, dog food, and personal care items (shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, feminine items, etc.).

Please drop off your donations at Temple between Rosh Hashanah and November 8th in the Courtyard vestibule on weekdays, or bring them with you to services or Torah Center. Our 4th grade families will deliver them to SHIM.

Support SHIM virtually — donate at www.shimcares.org/donate



High Holiday Greetings

Thank you for supporting Temple Emanuel!

L'Shana Tova From Our Families to Yours!

Cheryl & Howard Baskin Shelley Berman The Blanke Family Jane & Joe Blattner Lori & Steve Blattner & Family Ira and Judith Cohen Nicholas Peter Demkin Diane & Arnold Eger The Erlanger Family Fred Fabricant Ellie & Bruce Feldman Roz & Ed Friedman Selma Furst

The Glasspool Family Joyce Goldman Sandy & Lee Golomb

Roz Goorin

Terri Greenberg, Randy Frankel & Family

Ben Handen & Dianna Ploof

Susan & Richard Hommel

llene & Joel Iskoe

Nancy Jennings & Paul Baxter

Ken Kantrowitz & Family

Carol & Peter Kaplan & Family

Joelle & Philip Klein & Family

Joanne & Mary Levin

Roz & Farrel Levine

Beth & Charles Levinthal

Elaine & Alan London

Suzanne Mary

Sharon & Eric Perelman & Family

Barb. Dante. Ari & Elias Plutko

Kate & Joel Rosenthal

Byron Rose

Cindy Bronen & Mike Schneider

Linda & Mark Silverman

Nanette & Jeff Simon

Mindy Spitzer

The Walters Family



The Ballon Family

L'Shana Tova!

Meredith, David, Amanda &
Mark Cohen
Stephanie, Brian, Alana and
Zoey Kirklin



Praying that the new year will bring peace to our world.

Janet & Jerry Cooper



L'Shana Tova! Have a sweet year. Ruby Abramovitz





Wishing all our Temple friends & family a happy, healthy & sweet year.

Margie & Joel Caplan











Best wishes for a happy, healthy, and peaceful New Year. Peggy & Louis Gold



Wishing everyone a year filled with good health and happiness.

Nancy & Will Joseph & Family





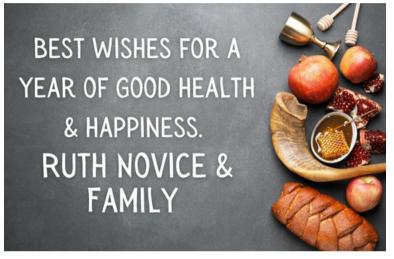


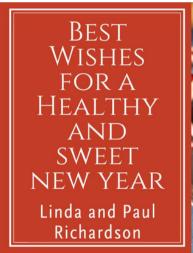






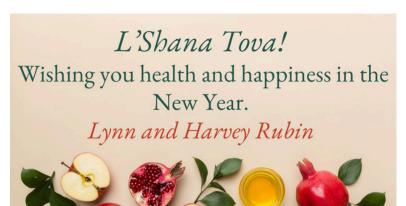














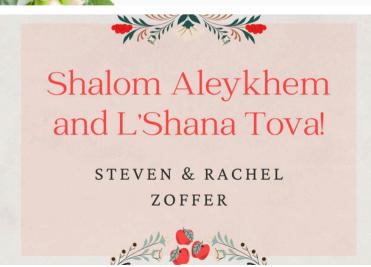
Blessings for peace and tranquility for our community and our brothers and sisters in Israel.

Elisia & Chuck Silverstein



A joyous and healthy New Year to all our Temple family.

Claire & Mel Vatz



To my beloved family & friends! A healthy and happy New Year!

Judi Rudoy



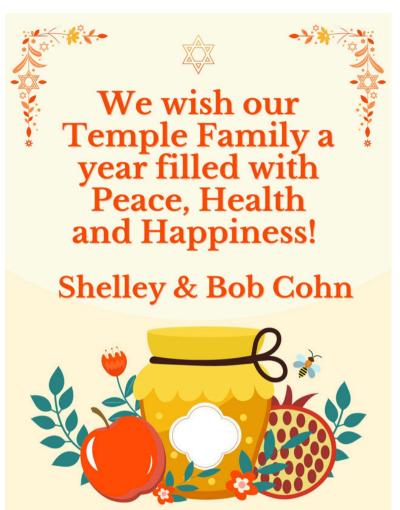
WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY & HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

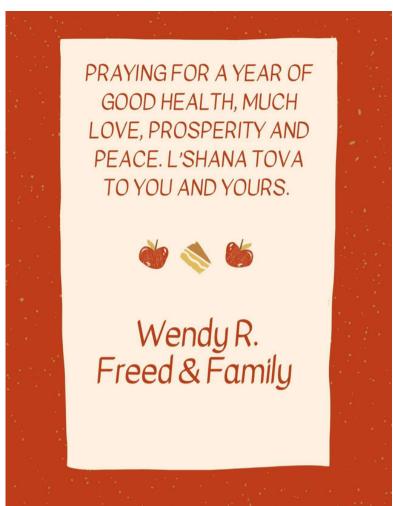
MITCH TABACK & JODY HOFFMAN

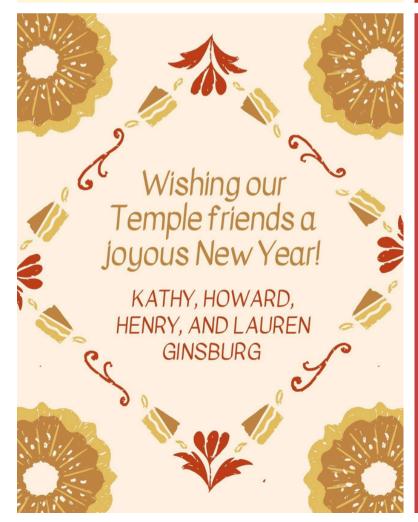


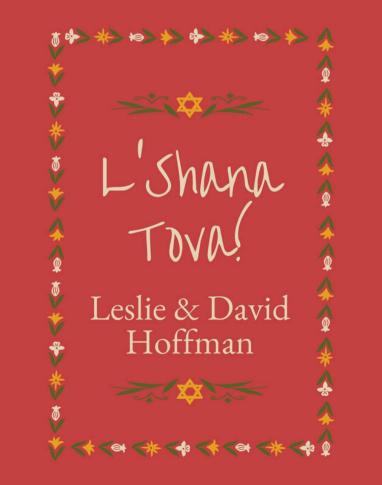
Wishing you a year filled with good health, lots of happiness and peace.

Nancy & Bill
Berkowitz

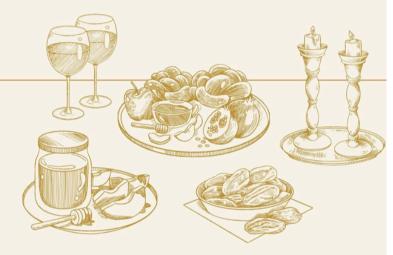


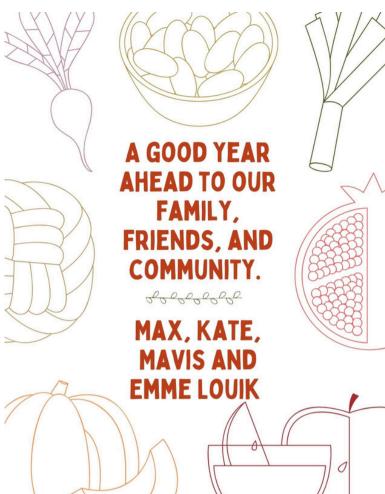






Marc, Sue, Brandon & Leo Julian wishing everyone a sweet and healthy year.







Wishing our Temple Community a sweet year filled with good health, happiness, and peace! L'Shana Tovah!

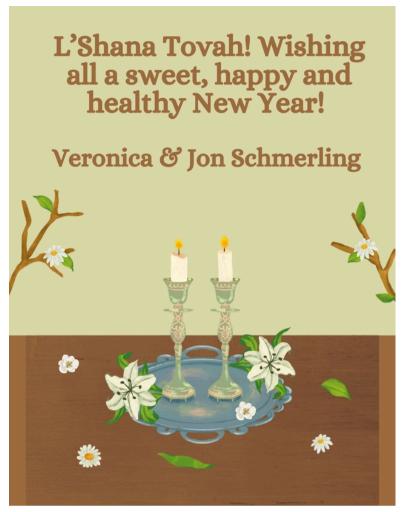
> Irene Luchinsky & Allen Beitman



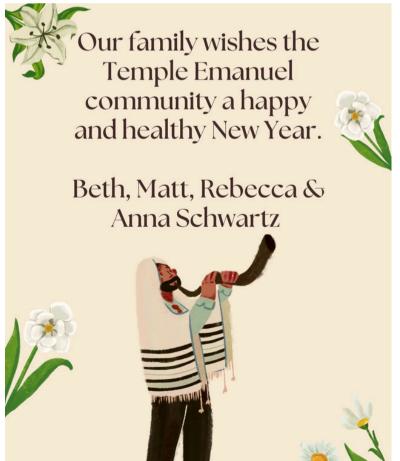
Shana Tova, may this year be a year of peace, good health and love.

Aviva Diamond & Peter Radunzel & Tova Radunzel







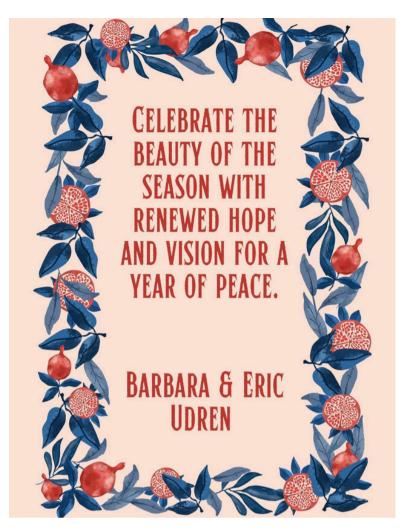




WITH GOOD WISHES FROM US TO ALL FOR A BEAUTIFUL, HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

Barbara Trachtenberg & Jayme, Andrew, Zachary & Lee Matthew Goldberg; Lisa, Marc, Justin & A. J. Tannenbaum







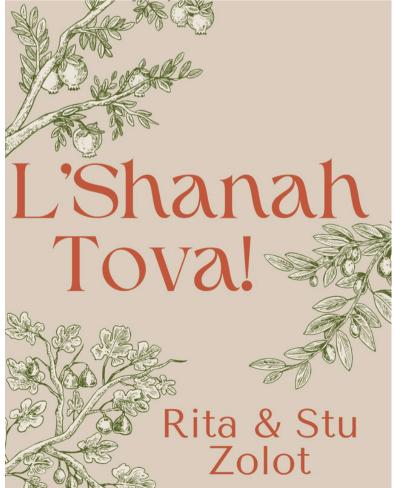
Wishing You

HEALTH & HAPPINESS

in the year to come and always!

LAURA, JEFF, ADDIE, AND EVAN YOUNG



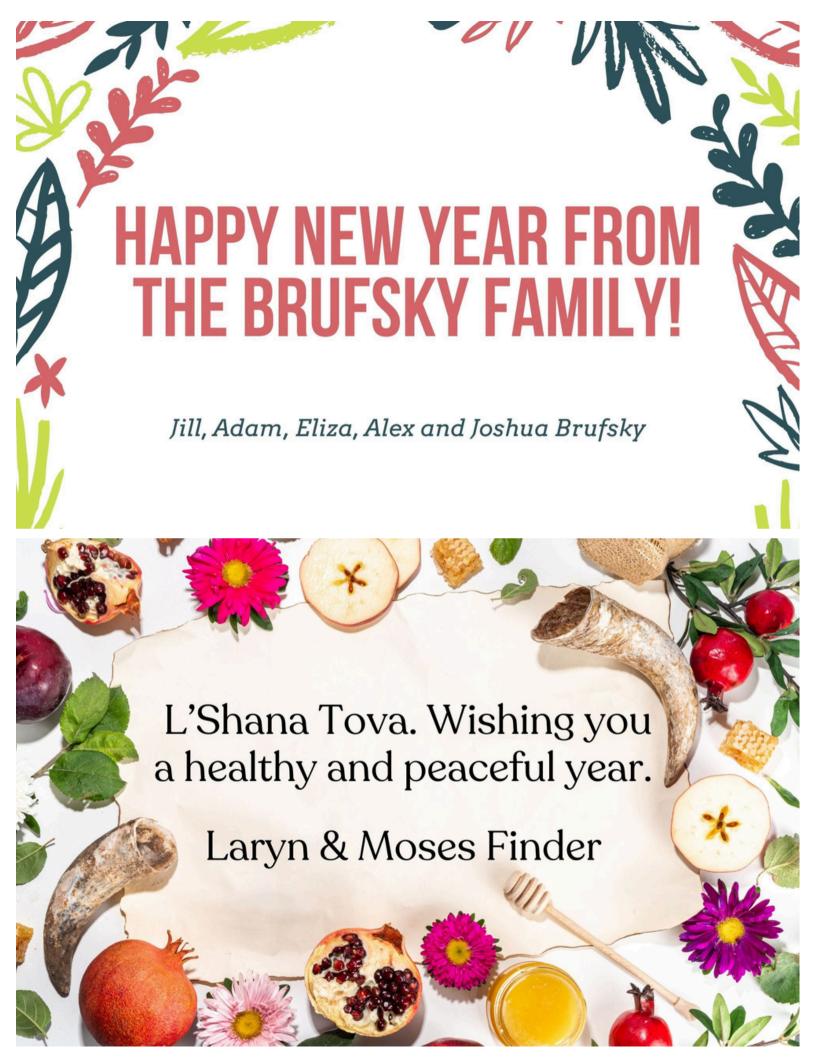




Have a sweet and peaceful new year!

Barbara Greenberg & Family







The Fitting Family wishes L'Shanah Tovah to our Temple Community.

Andrea & Jeff Fitting



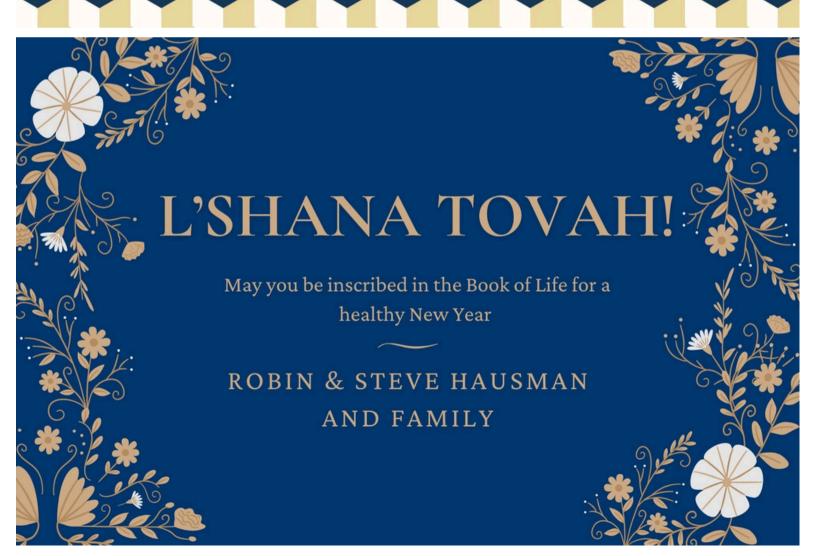
Erica, Bill, Emily, Jessica & Isaac Goodman





Wishing our Temple Family a Sweet and Healthy NewYear.

Iris and Chris Harlan

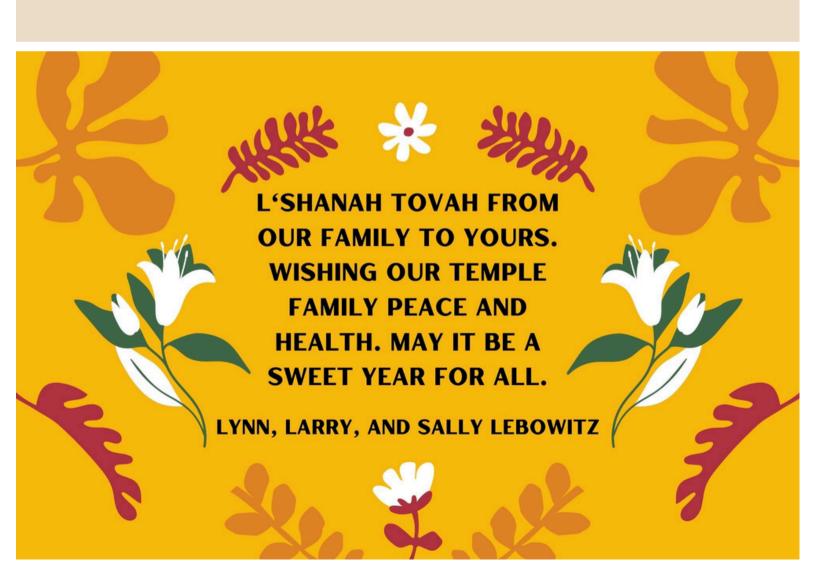




The 5785 High Holy Day season may bring mixed feelings after a year full of sorrow for the Jewish people. Even in this difficult time, we will still sing Hashiveinu, a wish and a prayer for renewal. This text that comes from Lamentations, the saddest book in our cannon, which recalls the destructions of our ancient Temples. Even in the most difficult times for the Jewish people, we have always managed to sing, and we have always maintained our hope. May it be so for the upcoming year: may we renew our days as of old, and may we find joy and hope in this upcoming year.

Shanah Tovah: may it be a good and sweet year!

Cantor Kalix Lacobson and Mickey Benson





We cannot look forward to the new year without looking back upon the old year. May all of 5784's challenges and trials instill

in us a sense of gratitude fort all the blessings that 5785 promises to bring. May every prayer from your heart be answered. May every hope springing from your soul be fulfilled. May every righteous thought illuminating your mind come to pass. We wish you a year of health, happiness, sweetness and peace. Shalom, Rabbi Mark Joel Mahler, Alice, all of

our children and grandchildren.



WISHING OUR TEMPLE FAMILY A YEAR OF peace, good health, and much happiness.



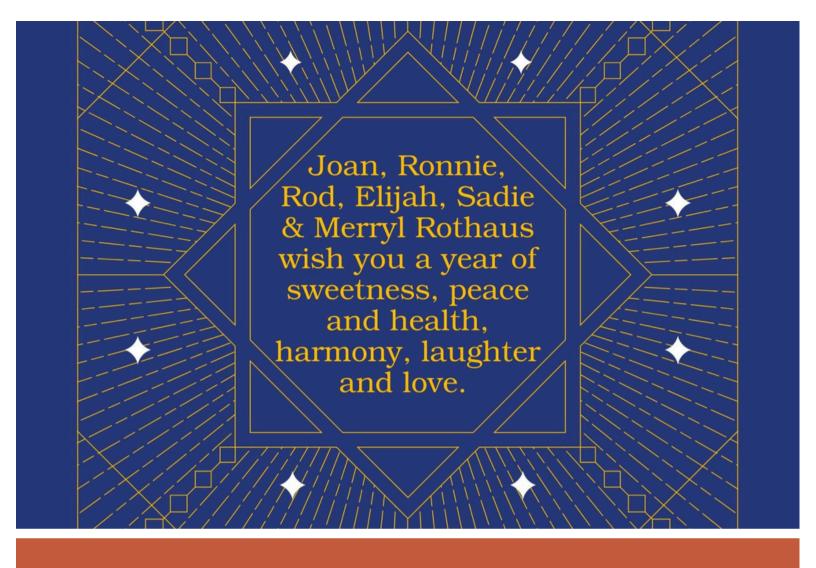
MICHELLE, PACE, MYER, AND HANNAH MARKOWITZ

Rabbi Nachman of Breslov taught: "The whole world is a very narrow bridge: the most important thing is not to be afraid." The uncertainties of this time – and the year ahead – might raise our concerns and anxiety, but with the strength of supportive community, the blessings of everyday miracles, and renewed focus on our highest values there's no reason to fear.

May it be a sweet new year: Shanah Tovah!

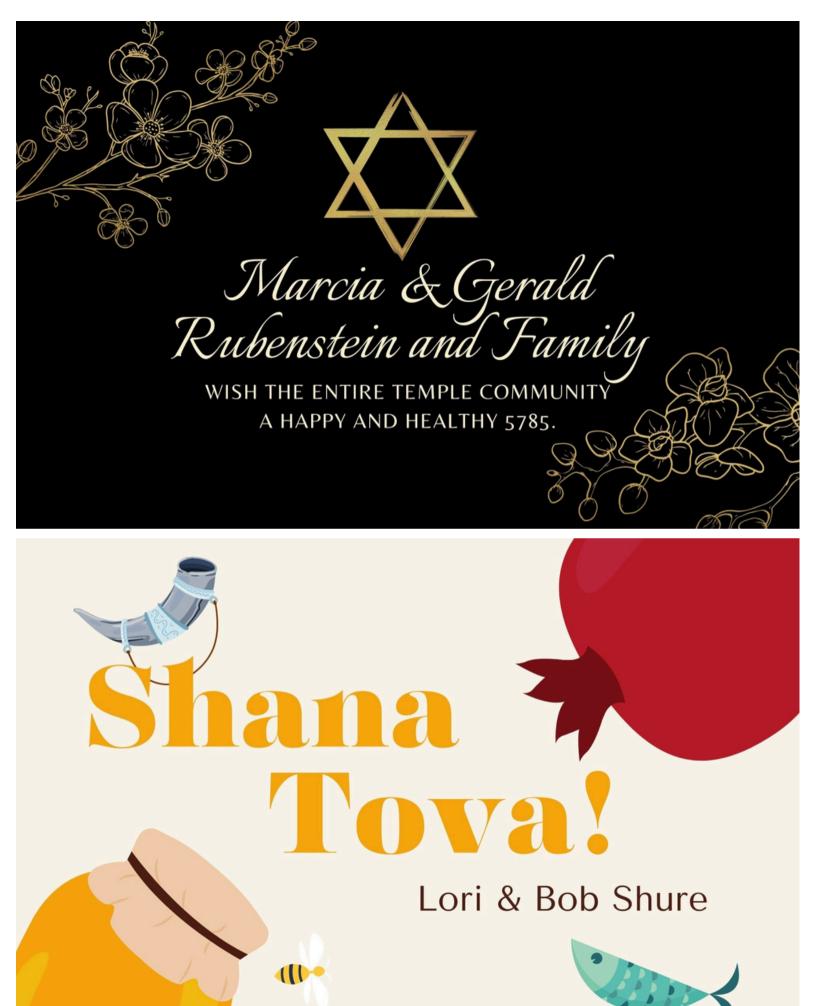
RABBIS AARON & EMILY, EVELYN, AND ELI MEYER







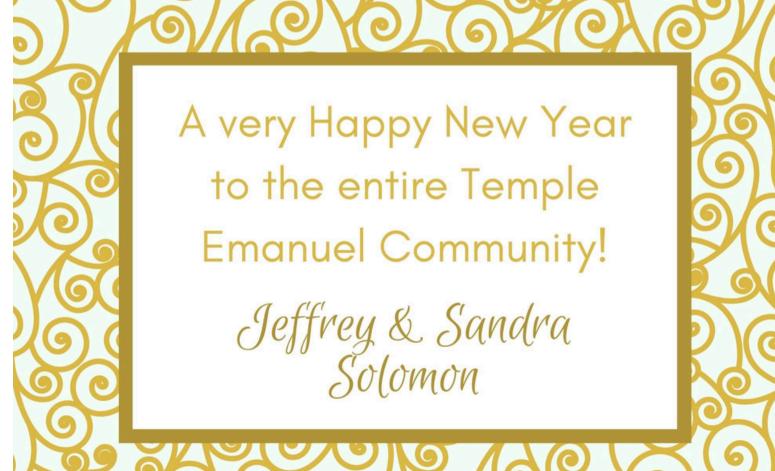
LORI AND DANIEL ROTHSCHILD



Wishing you a happy, healthy, and peaceful new year!

Laurey Simkin-Silverman, Steve Silverman, Haley, Alexa & Shayna Silverman





BEST WISHES FOR A HEALTHY, HAPPY & PEACEFUL NEW YEAR.

Rikki Hommel, David Weisberg, Marti & Ozzy Weisberg



Shana Tova! May the entire Temple Family be inscribed and sealed in the Book of Life for health, happiness, peace and prosperity, luck and love.

The Zahalsky Family





The Pollon Family wishes you and yours a happy, healthy, safe, and sweet New Year. Be kind to one another, be strong for each other, and loving towards everyone...

L'Shana Tovah!

Dorothy, Neal, Amanda & Aaron and Adam, Lauren & Josh and Winifred & Wayne, Benjamin, and Jill



We look forward to seeing you in 5185! TEMPLE EMANUEL Programs for 2024-2025

We are excited to offer another exciting year of opportunities for living, learning, and leading Judaism at Temple Emanuel of South Hills. Keep an eye on your Temple Happenings emails for all of these exciting offerings and more!

FALL OPPORTUNITIES



- KIDdish Club Family Shabbat for families with young children monthly throughout the year
- NEW GSA Group meetings throughout the year
- High Holiday celebrations, like **Tashlich and Tacos** and Sukkot gatherings
- Interfaith Programs with other South Hills congregations
- Azure Pittsburgh's sensory-friendly Secular Holiday Music Concert with Janice Coppola's Klezmer band

WINTER OPPORTUNITIES



- Temple Emanuel's Annual Chanukah Dinner and Service
- Men of Temple Emanuel's Annual Super Bowl Party
- Celebrate with our Purim Spiel and Service
- Adult's only Purim Party
- Community-Wide Purim Carnival for South Hills families

SPRING OPPORTUNITIES



- Annual Second Night Passover Seder at Temple Emanuel
- The Fourth Annual 5K Walk/Run to Benefit SHIM
- TERMS hosts our Annual Memorial Day Bagel Brunch
- Temple Emanuel's Annual Meeting
- Our Annual Interfaith PRIDE Shabbat

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Give back with Temple Emanuel during our Shabbatot of Service! Join us for a once monthly volunteer opportunity on Saturday mornings or afternoons. We look forward to giving back in a variety of values-aligned tasks at Temple Emanuel and with community organizations!





This year, help ensure sweet New Years to come for future generations.

Please remember Temple Emanuel with a gift in your will, trust, retirement account, or life insurance policy. For information, contact Matt Schwartz (mattschw71@gmail.com) or call the office at (412) 279-7600.