

**SUMMER 2025**



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**Enjoy the outdoors  
this summer with  
Temple Emanuel!**



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## WORSHIP & TORAH STUDY SCHEDULE

### Friday Afternoon Text Study at 1:00pm

Jews are often experts in "Ta" and not "NaCh," a play on the Hebrew acronym for the Bible. We focus more on Torah than on the Writings and Prophets, two historically and morally rich sections of our sacred text. Join Rabbi Meyer for this 45-minute exploration beginning with the Prophets on [Zoom by clicking here](#).

### 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 at 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.

## Special Shabbatot Fridays at 7:00 PM

*July 25*

**Shabbat in the Park  
Bird Park**

*August 29*

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## Special Services

*July 12*

**Hiking and Havdalah  
South Park**

*August 2*

**Tisha B'Av Service  
Beth El Congregation**

as of June 19, 2025

## SHALOM!

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

- **Jamie Benjamin**
- **Anita Markowitz**
- **Harry Rubenstein**
- **Rachel Vallone Majcher**
- **Rachele & Jon Wilen, & their children Jordan, Layla & Ava Wilen**
- **Matthew Allen & Mycah Jewell**
- **Julia & Coco Ajavon, & their children Éliké & Joanna**
- **Elysa Schwartz & her daughter Lydia**

## We Mourn the Loss of:

- **Bruce Feldman**, Temple member & husband of Eleanor (Ellie) Feldman (March 20)
- **Julia Sherlock**, mother of Eric (Susan) Sherlock, grandmother of Haley Sherlock (March 20)
- **Marjorie Ellen Goldstein**, sister of Laura (Jonathan) Daniels (March 26)
- **Cheryl Cieply Garber**, sister of Flora (Lou) Calgaro, aunt of Gavin Calgaro (March 28)
- **Rose Field**, Temple member & mother of Nancy Weissman (April 3)
- **Gerald Rubenstein**, Temple member & husband of Marcia Rubenstein, father of Lynn (Larry) Lebowitz, Rachel (the late Steven) Kerchner, Ellen (Mitchell) Livingston, grandfather of Sam (Jessica) Livingston, Adam Livingston, Amy, Alyssa, and Ben Lebowitz, Jonah, Aaron, & Shira Kerchner, great-grandfather of Ruby & Aurora Livingston (April 5)
- **Hilda Ruth Handelman**, mother of Pamela Handelman (April 16)
- **Carl Dreifuss**, brother of Frank (Diane) Dreifuss, uncle of Stephanie (Nicholas) Farber & Scott Dreifuss (April 17)

## We Mourn the Loss of:

- **Lindsay Nataupsky**, sister of Marianne Faber (April 26)
- **Robert Cohn**, Temple member & husband of Shelley Cohn (April 27)
- **Georgia Rosen**, Temple member & wife of Mark Rosen (May 4)
- **Naomi Diamond**, mother of Aviva Diamond (Peter Radunzel), grandmother of Tova Radunzel (May 22)
- **Christine Molnarko Freed**, daughter-in-law of Wendy & the late Peter Freed (May 29)
- **Lisa Wintner**, Temple member & wife of Morton Wintner, mother of Amy (Evan) Pollack & grandmother of Logan Max Pollack (June 8)
- **Natalie Trachtenberg**, Temple member & mother of Lynn (Ron) Richards, grandmother of Jason Richards & Matthew (Brittany) Richards (June 12)

## Births

**Mazal Tov!**

- **Atlas Tyler Wolkoff**, grandson of Carol and Marc Wolkoff (January 25)
- **Rostam David Cohn**, son of Harris & Shiva Cohn, grandson of Marcy & Paul Cohn, & great grandson of Mindy Spitzer (March 18)
- **Logan Max Pollack**, grandson of Lisa & Morton Wintner (May 20)
- **Theodore Jacob Goldberg**, grandson of Carol and Ted Goldberg (May 27)
- **Elliot Norman Kozel**, son of Alicia & Sarah Kozel, brother of Julian, Rafael & Lucas Kozel (May 30)

## Marriages

Benjamin Garfinkel, son of Nancy & Dan Garfinkel, married Jenna Haven on May 31, 2025.  
Mazal tov to the Garfinkel family!



## A MESSAGE FROM RABBI AARON MEYER

### Not all heroes wear capes.

Some promptly answer emails in a time of need. Or fix the copier I've broken (again). Some manage big feelings—and bigger messes—brought in by our littlest members, always with grace and a smile. Some answer a simple question so kindly it brightens an entire day. And some do the quiet, consistent work of making sure Temple Emanuel's values are more than just words on a page. This time of year gives me the opportunity to say thank you to Temple's incredible staff team for their hard work and the countless acts of integrity and kindness that keep us strong.

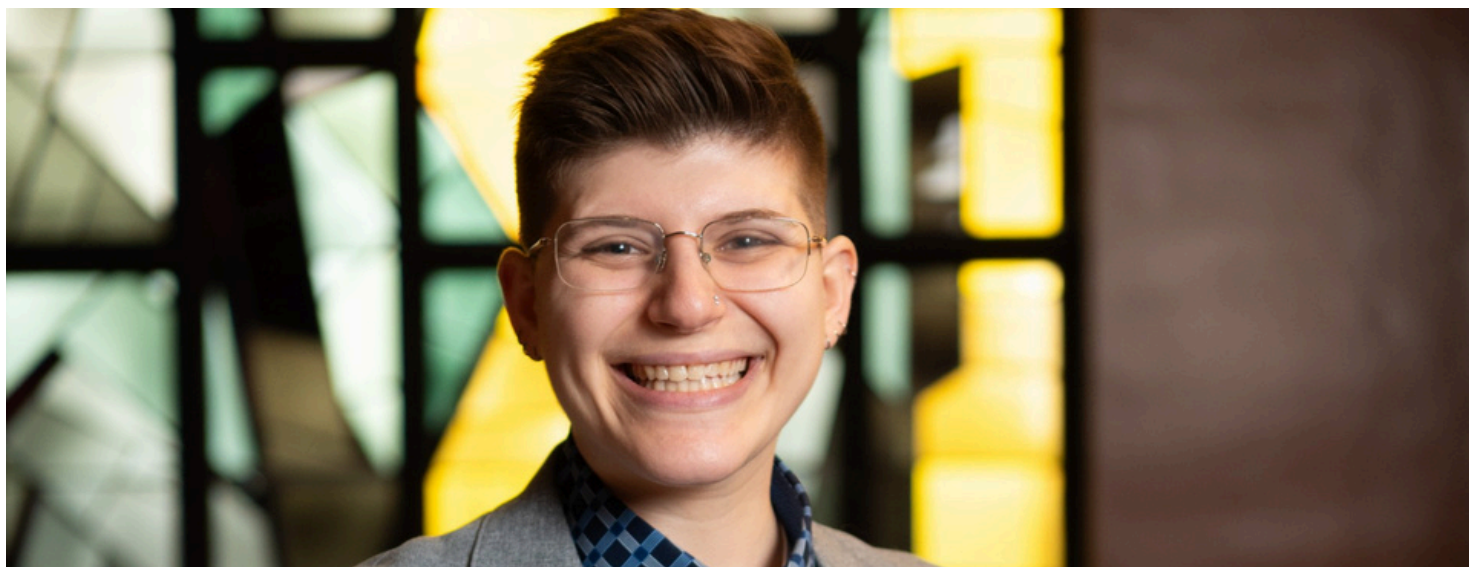
In our relatively small organization, no one gets to hide behind a title: every person wears multiple hats, solves problems creatively, and steps in wherever needed.

This is why you might find **Lori Blattner** running across the building to help a contractor—or at her desk fielding your calls and keeping Temple running smoothly behind the scenes. **Rebecca Closson** is often at a computer, busy keeping our finances in order with remarkable skill—unless she's meeting with a new member, leading ECDC music in the WRJ Room, or preparing for Shabbat Services. **Ellen Drook** might be in a classroom, creating warm, affirming spaces for our kids (my own children included), or she may be creating user guides to help members of staff learn how to run the camera systems or helping Rebecca with the many tasks of ensuring your dollars are well spent.

**Cantor Kalix** could be working with a B'nei Mitzvah student, warming up in the Sanctuary, supporting AgeWell at the JCC, or moving chairs for an event—all while enriching our spiritual life. Good luck trying to find **Kate Louik**: in any given moment she could be touring ECDC with a new family, supporting a teacher or staff member, unclogging a roof drain, wiping down chairs in the Social Hall, or at the door greeting people with warmth while augmenting our security. **Sarah Mangan** might be updating the website, buying mac and cheese for KIDdish Club, planning for Temple's 75th anniversary celebration, or meeting with TERMS. When I can't find her I know it means something amazing is happening!

**Steph McFerron** never stops moving. Whether she's in Torah Center classrooms, planning enriching social events, supporting families during lifecycle events, or supporting Shabbat services, she's doing it with love, skill, and unstoppable energy. **Rabbi Emily** supports our community in a dozen ways—from running WTE+ programs and preparing holiday crafts to developing Jewish learning and helping lead family Shabbat. Soon, she'll also be helping in our ECDC office alongside Kate. **Steve Harms, Chuck Trantor, Ken McFerron, & Melinda Freed** each play a crucial role in making Temple shine for each of its members, and **Shawn, Molly, and Mia Levine** do so much behind the scenes to make our events special.

Please join me in thanking our staff team: for their creativity, their compassion, their flexibility, and the many invisible ways they make Temple Emanuel feel like home for each of us.



## A MESSAGE FROM CANTOR KALIX JACOBSON

Over the past three months, members of Temple and I have been exploring the *Megillot*—five scrolls from the Tanakh traditionally read in connection with specific Jewish holidays. You may be most familiar with *Megillat Esther*, which we read and reenact with great joy on Purim. But the other four scrolls, while less well known in Reform communities, are equally rich in meaning and tradition.

Each scroll is associated with a particular time of year. *Esther*, of course, during Purim, *Song of Songs* is read during Passover, *Ruth* during Shavuot, *Lamentations* on Tisha B'Av (a day of mourning the destruction of the Temples), and *Ecclesiastes* during Sukkot.

As each holiday approaches, our Megillah group meets both in person and online to delve into the scroll's themes, explore its historical and spiritual context, and reflect on its relevance in our modern lives. While passages from these books often appear in Jewish liturgy or popular culture, their origins are not always widely recognized. Phrases like "I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine" (*Song of Songs*), "Wherever you go, I will go... your people shall be my people and your G-d my G-d" (*Ruth*), and "To everything there is a season" (*Ecclesiastes*) may be familiar to many of us. And one of the most frequently recited prayers during Elul and the High Holy Days—*Hashiveinu*—comes directly from the final verse of *Lamentations*: "Return us, O God, and we shall return." Originally a plea for restoration after the destruction of the Temples, today it can also be a personal call to return—to our community, our values, or our best selves.

By studying these scrolls in context, we deepen our understanding of their role in Jewish prayer, practice, and tradition.

Three sessions of our Megillah series have already taken place, but there's still more to come! On Thursday, July 31st at 7:00 PM we'll explore *Lamentations* in preparation for Tisha B'Av services on Saturday evening, August 2nd, and on Wednesday, October 8th at 7:00 PM we'll conclude the series with *Ecclesiastes*, the scroll associated with Sukkot.

Are you interested in catching up on past discussions, or attending future sessions of the Megillah series? Please don't hesitate to reach out to me at [kjacobson@templemanuelpgh.org](mailto:kjacobson@templemanuelpgh.org).

I look forward to continuing this journey of learning with you!

L'shalom,  
Cantor Kalix Jacobson



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

*The following is adapted from my remarks at the June 8, 2025 Annual Meeting:*

A lot has happened since we last gathered for a Temple Emanuel Annual Meeting, both at Temple and in the world.

At our last Annual Meeting, Temple's Board was still in the midst of our strategic planning process. We anticipated presenting the congregation with changes in our governance, membership and financial models, but we hadn't finalized and rolled out our proposed plans for Temple's future. October 27, 2024 our membership made the historic decision to launch Temple into the future with new membership, financial and governance models that officially take effect July 1. And since October 27th we have been preparing to implement those changes. And as we sit on the precipice of those changes being implemented, overall Temple Emanuel is in a really good place.

As we have shared throughout our strategic planning process, the Board set congregational vibrancy and financial solvency as our "North Stars" and those are the measures by which we can determine success. Temple Emanuel is definitely vibrant.

We experience Temple's vibrancy in the multi-generations who come to our Shabbat programs. KIDdish Club Friday Nights feel stretched to capacity and the building transitions from Shabbat programming for the youngest among us to our "regular" service which now-a-days is also often its own multigenerational experience. Frequent Friday Night mutterings of "why is the parking lot so full?" are commonly heard among those walking into the building. It is now common for all four seating sections of this Beit HaT'filah to be used on Friday evenings as people gather for a variety of reasons and needs. Some come for a grade level Shabbat, others to observe a *yahrzeit* or a family *simcha* of a baby naming or b'nei Mitzvah or milestone anniversary. Others come in need of hearing a thoughtful message on the happenings of the world, some come because Temple Emanuel on Friday night is their community connection point. Others have heard of neat things happening here and they want to check it out. Some are reconnecting with a faith they lost touch with, others are thinking of becoming part of the Jewish tradition. Some need to get lost in the music.

Temple Emanuel is vibrant with a religious school ready to burst at its seams, with some grades so large that our staff is wondering how we will have room for all of our students. We had 108 Torah students enrolled last year. We are the largest secondary Jewish school in Pittsburgh. And we have over 35 *madrachim* - our teens who help out in our Torah Center. Let that sink in - we have 35 teens who voluntarily wake up early on Sunday mornings to come assist our younger learners. That Temple is a connection point for so many kids and teens today is important. We'll happily take on the challenge of too many youth in the building on Sunday mornings!

Temple Emanuel is vibrant with a variety of programs. We have worship opportunities, social action and social justice initiatives, educational opportunities for adults, children and teens, social gatherings for men, women and everyone together. We have opportunities to gather inter religiously as we build valuable connections with people of other cultures and faiths.



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

Temple Emanuel is vibrant with newcomers to our community across various demographics: conversion candidates across the ages, those relatively new to Judaism, those looking to be part of a virtual community, families with young kids, Jews of all ages who just moved to town, empty nesters looking to re-engage with Judaism, families with children already of Torah Center ages or close to B'nei Mitzvah now seeking Jewish education or looking for a different kind of religious school experience, teens wanting to connect to Judaism although their parents are less interested, those looking for a new community because their current synagogue has closed or is not fully meeting their needs. And some who just heard that we have some good stuff happening here and they want to check it out for themselves.

Temple Emanuel is vibrant in that we are retaining our existing members. We are not losing members following B'nai Mitzvah or high school graduation. Our students want to stay on for our high school programming and our families are finding meaningful connections as well. One way to quantify this increased engagement is in our numbers: At our May 2024 Board Meeting we had 466 household member units. At our most recent Board meeting in May 2025 we now have 493 household units formally engaged with Temple. That is a net increase of 27 households formally connected with Temple in one year time; And there are other additional people, families, households engaging with our Temple Emanuel community. Temple Emanuel is an exciting place to be.

Temple Emanuel is making strides toward fiscal solvency. And there are a lot of positives in so far as our financial picture is concerned.

1. Conversations about our new financial and membership models with newcomers to our community are going well. People coming into the community are making financial commitments based on our new models – they understand the financial needs of the community, and they want to contribute toward Temple's success.
2. Indications for ongoing financial commitments from our community are positive – conversations thus far are positive although this process is not fully underway. We are readying the letters to be sent to our congregants regarding your annual financial commitments under our new financial model (by the way: annual financial commitments are what we used to call dues) – many of you have begun to receive those letters.. Our community members understand the financial commitments required to keep Temple Emanuel running.
3. The community is demonstrating the need to make building upgrades consistent with our values so that we can continue to use this space for years to come. Our strategic planning process revealed that Temple Emanuel's building is vital to our community. We need our gathering place. Our community members are making financial contributions with Temple's long term interests in mind. Our initial roof/solar fundraising has gone incredibly well.

All of that said, we are aware that we are living in uncertain economic times. That reality is reflected in the budget the Board approved for the upcoming fiscal year.

My ask and the board's ask of this community is that as we consider our philanthropic gifts for this year and our values alignment with the organizations to which we give, we continue to support Temple Emanuel to keep it strong this year and in future years.



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

As Temple Emanuel's congregants gathered together in town halls to learn about and then approve the new models for governance, finances, and membership, I heard loud and clear that the congregation wants transparent communication about board activity and to be able to hold the board accountable.

The board created a Transparency and Accountability Task Force which provided recommendations to the Board regarding communication and the Board operationalized and approved recommendations for ongoing transparency and accountability at our May Board Meeting.

We will be using existing forms of communication to keep the congregation apprised of what is happening as well as adding a couple new communication opportunities:

1. Weekly emails keep the congregation aware of programs and information about Temple. As needed information related to board activities is included in these emails; Quarterly bulletins (such as this one) also provide a lot of information about Temple happenings and information about board activity can be found there as well.
2. Email communication directly to the board can be sent to the [president@templeemanuelpgh.org](mailto:president@templeemanuelpgh.org) email account. Feel free to reach out to any board member by phone or email. Our staff can help you connect with print and online directories.
3. There will be a new "virtual suggestion box" link on the website that will enable anyone to provide feedback on a "google form" format
4. There will be a new Board Information section of the website where we will have names of all of the Board members enabling congregants to reach out to the board at any time. This section will also contain information about board policies, and the cadence of the board calendar and important updates regarding board activity. We are very mindful of security concerns which will place some limits on information that is on the website.
5. Anyone wishing to present information to the board can do so via direct communication with the President
6. Staff are readily available to answer questions - in our staff centered management model they are the ones doing the day to day work of this congregation. Most of the questions about programmatic aspects of Temple are actually best directed to the staff and not to the board. Staff are present at drop off and pick up of our ECDC and Torah Center sessions. They are present at most of our programs, they are available by email and phone.
7. Community conversations will be continuing - we will determine the topics and cadence based on the needs of the congregation.

Finally, we know that one of Temple's greatest strengths is having Rabbi Meyer as our Senior Rabbi. When the world feels complicated and uncertain we look to him for words of guidance, support and encouragement. He provides a Jewish lens for a frame of reference as he helps to put things into perspective for us.

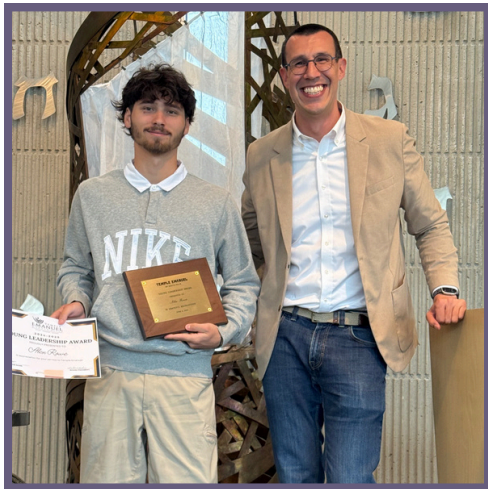
Rabbi Meyer knows our families - he welcomes our kids into Torah Center on Wednesdays and Sundays and into ECDC each day of the week. He is part of what makes Temple Emanuel feel like our home. We turn to Rabbi Meyer when we have good news to share and when we have concerns or cares to unburden. For some of us he is a comforting presence at our hospital or nursing home bedside. For too many of us he is the comforting words at the graveside or funeral service or Shiva Minyan. And fortunately for many of us he is part of our simchas and life's happiest of milestones.

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

Rabbi Meyer represents Temple Emanuel in the Greater Pittsburgh community. He has established solid relationships with our sister Jewish organizations, with Mt Lebanon's political leaders, with South Hills clergy.

Rabbi Meyer has been the leader of our solid staff team as they all give of themselves to make Temple the special place it is for all of us. One of the key reasons we have increased our net household units by almost 30 between this year and last year is that Rabbi Meyer is our Senior Rabbi.

Rabbi Meyer's current contract is set to expire June 30, 2026. One of the best practices that a synagogue board and senior clergy can have is to renew contracts early when both are pleased with their relationship and want to continue it into the future. I am pleased to share that Temple Emanuel's Board of Trustees and Rabbi Aaron Meyer have just that relationship. Given our By-laws and Rabbi Meyer's current contract, the Board is able to execute new contracts for the Senior Rabbi of 5 years at a time. At the Board of Trustees' May 2025 meeting we approved a new contract for Rabbi Meyer to continue as the Senior Rabbi of Temple Emanuel of South Hills July 1, 2025-June 30, 2030. We can all look forward to this ongoing partnership of our Senior Rabbi and our staff, lay leadership and synagogue community as we continue to move Temple Emanuel into the future.



## Congregational Highlights

- Temple Emanuel began its roof replacement and solar panel project.
- Congregants voted to update the Bylaws to support an inclusive new model for financial commitments and governance.

## Membership & Support

- 27 new families joined Temple Emanuel!
- Current membership - 493 member families
- Temple's members have supported our mission of Living, Learning and Leading Judaism with more than \$613,000 in annual financial contributions.
- Thanks to more than \$615,000 in donations and pledges given generously in response to our Raise the Roof giving campaign, we are making significant progress on the installation of a new roof and solar panel array.
- We are grateful to have been the recipient of over \$71,000 in one-time donations from Temple members and friends of the Temple community.

## Education & Adult Learning

- Our Adult B'Nei Mitzvah cohort completed their learning and celebrated 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, fundraisers, and story times at local libraries.
- ECDC has proven, particularly in this year, to be an important introduction to Temple Emanuel for many families. It is wonderful to see our families deepening their ties to Temple by joining us for events like KIDdish Club and enrolling in our Torah Center programming.
- Torah Center welcomed 108 students preK-7th grade from over 70 families.
- 37 high school students from Temple Emanuel and Beth El joined us on Sundays for our High School program.
- 35 *madrichim* helped teachers and students.
- 3 students joined Rabbi Aaron for L'Taken, RAC's advocacy trip for teens.
- 14 Bar and Bat Mitzvah students in the 24-25 year
- 3 Confirmants in the 24-25 year

## Holiday & Social Program Highlights

- Over 160 people attended both our 2nd Night of Passover Seder and 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 67 unique families in the South Hills this year!
- Our *Moana* Purim Spiel was a hit!
- TERMS organized our annual Memorial Day Bagel Brunch and Labor Day Picnic with great success.

## Social Action

- Cantor Kalix led community members in Shabbatot of Service, volunteering at organizations like SHIM, Global Links, Veterans Place, and more!
- Team Sandwich provided over 6,000 sandwiches (and pizza) to our food insecure neighbors in its 4<sup>th</sup> year.
- We continued providing aid to FreeStore15106 through non-perishable food items and Thanksgiving meal kits.
- We collected food for SHIM year round and through our High Holiday food drive and SHIM garden.
- We supported local veterans with food and clothing drives.
- Torah Center 7<sup>th</sup> Graders planned a fundraiser for Jamie's Dream Team, raising over \$3,000 to aid their mission of supporting individuals and families suffering from serious illness, injury, disability, or trauma.
- Torah Center students raised \$527 for Shoes That Fit and \$135 for Feeding America through their tzedakah projects.
- Our community collected over 300 pairs of shoes to support 412Thrive!

## Community Partnerships

- Temple Emanuel partnered with St. Paul's Episcopal Church and the Turkish Cultural Center to co-host *Abraham's Table*, strengthening those interfaith partnerships.
- We hosted and helped to organize the IncludEd Conference, bringing together parents, educators, advocates, and service providers of children with disabilities.
- 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 sponsored and participated in Mt. Lebanon's Juneteenth and Pride celebrations.
- We hosted an interfaith Pride Shabbat in 2024 and participated in a faith community celebration of Pride in 2025.
- We co-organized a community-wide Purim carnival with the JCC, PJ Library, and Beth El.

## Facilities & Security

- Upstairs restrooms were updated, removing dated and damaged wallpaper.
- Thanks to a generous donation, we replaced all of our folding chairs with more supportive chairs.
- Work to replace the roof began in May.
- Black out shades were added to classroom windows, funded by a grant through PCCD.

*Thank you for a  
great year!*

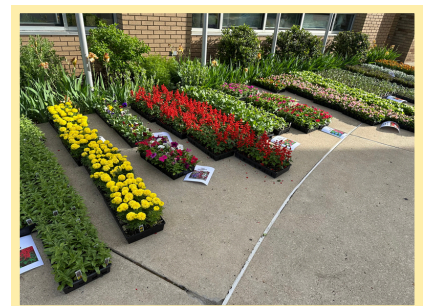


Alex Rowe and Ari Plutko received the Nathan H. Kaufman Award for their athlete and scholastic achievements at the Western PA Jewish Spots Hall of Fame Awards Celebration. Alex Rowe also received the Paul Bloom Memorial Scholarship.  
**Yasher Koach, Alex and Ari!**



Thanks to your continued generosity as we "Raise the Roof," work continues on Temple's roofing and solar panel project.

*We have an amazing community!*



Check your Temple Happenings emails weekly for upcoming opportunities to get involved at Temple Emanuel!

# JULY PROGRAMMING AT TEMPLE EMANUEL

## Hiking and Havdalah

**Saturday, July 12th at 6:00 PM**



Join us for an evening exploring the trails in South Park on Saturday, July 12th at 6:00 PM! Our friends at South Park Trail Runners will lead several distance options from beginning to experienced. Light refreshments and Havdalah to follow.

Meet at Circleview Pavilion, Twin Hills Drive EXT, South Park. Questions? Email Steph at [smcferron@templemanuelpgh.org](mailto:smcferron@templemanuelpgh.org).

[Register here!](#)

## Play Mahj!

**Sunday, July 13th at 2:00 PM**

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



High Holiday  
Greetings  
DUE July 21st!

Click Here to  
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## A Slice of Judaism: Young Families Group

**Saturday, July 19th at 4:30 PM**

Families with young children are invited to join us for pizza and conversation on Shabbat! Meet fellow parents raising Jewish children and chat about modern Jewish parenthood. Kids will enjoy pizza and play time nearby with babysitters to monitor, giving parents a chance to ask questions, learn more, and meet new people.

For our first conversation, we will dive into modern Jewish parenthood and everything that comes with it, particularly in these challenging times. \$10/child, \$20 family max. [RSVP here!](#)

## Cheer on the Pirates with Temple Emanuel!

**Sunday, July 20th at 1:35 PM**

CHEER ON THE PIRATES  
WITH TEMPLE EMANUEL!  
SUNDAY, JULY 20 AT 1:35 PM



## Team Sandwich:

**Tuesday, July 15 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!



## WTE+ and MOTE+ Date Night:

**Forsythe Mini Golf Meetup**

**Thursday, July 24th at 7:30 PM**

Meet us at Forsythe Miniature Golf for a date night! Thursdays during the summer are their Sip 'n Putt nights. Their 18 hole course is \$8/adult, and during Sip 'n Putt you can enjoy live music, drinks, and their famous ice cream sandwiches! Let us know if you plan to be there so we can make sure not to get started on the course without you! [RSVP to Sarah](#).



## Shabbat in the Park

**Friday, July 25th at 7:00 PM**

Join us to welcome Shabbat in Bird Park on Friday, July 25th! Bring your own dinner at 6:30 PM and a blanket or chairs to join Rabbi Aaron and Cantor Kalix for a lovely summer evening Shabbat experience at 7:00 PM! Stay after the service and cool off with Rita's Ice!



## Shabbat in the Lot

**Saturday, July 26th at 9:30 AM**

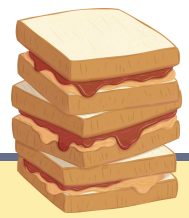
Please join us at Temple Emanuel for mornings of fun and connection during Shabbat in the Lot! Bring your scooters and bikes to ride in the lot, enjoy time on our playground, make crafts, and see friends old and new. Email [Kate Louik](#) if you have any questions!



## Megillah Series: Lamentations

**Thursday, July 31st at 7:00 PM**

What exactly is Tisha b'Av? What are the contents of the Book of Lamentations that we read on that day? How can we as Reform Jews connect to this book and this holiday? Join us to take a look at Megillat Eicha, the book of Lamentations, both in person and on Zoom. [RSVP to Cantor Kalix](#).



# AUGUST PROGRAMMING AT TEMPLE EMANUEL

## Volunteer for the Maccabi Games Monday, August 4 - Thursday, August 7

We have assembled a team of 5-6 people each day between 10:30 and 2:30 to serve lunch to hockey players competing in the South Hills at Ice Castle! Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help us and the athletes!



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Please join us at Temple Emanuel for mornings of fun and connection during Shabbat in the Lot! Bring your scooters and bikes to ride in the lot, enjoy time on our playground, make crafts, and see friends old and new. Email [Kate Louik](#) if you have any questions!

## A Slice of Judaism: Young Families Group

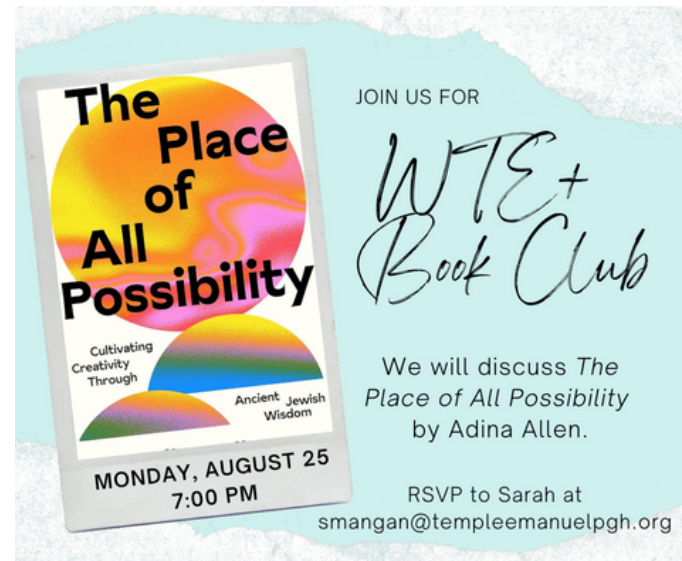
**Saturday, August 30th at 4:30 PM**

Families with young children are invited to join us for pizza and conversation on Shabbat! Meet fellow parents raising Jewish children and chat about modern Jewish parenthood. Kids will enjoy pizza and play time nearby with babysitters to monitor, giving parents a chance to ask questions, learn more, and meet new people.

For our second conversation, we will discuss theology and talking to your kids about Judaism. \$10/child, \$20 family max. [RSVP here!](#) Questions? Don't hesitate to reach out to [Sarah](#).

## WTE+ Book Club

**Monday, August 25th at 7:00 PM**



JOIN US FOR

WTE+  
Book Club

We will discuss *The Place of All Possibility* by Adina Allen.

RSVP to Sarah at

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## Shabbat in the Park

**Friday, August 29th at 7:00 PM**



Join us to welcome Shabbat in Bird Park on Friday, July 25th! Bring your own dinner at 6:30 PM and a blanket or chairs to join Rabbi Aaron and Cantor Kalix for a lovely summer evening Shabbat experience at 7:00 PM! Stay after the service and cool off with Rita's Ice!

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