

FALL BULLETIN 2025



Check out this season's Bulletin to read what's happening at Temple Emanuel this October, November, and December!



Volunteers with Shabbat of Service gathered to beautify the cemetery.



Families joined for Hiking and Havdalah.



Thanks to our amazing garden volunteers, the courtyard gardens offered a peaceful place for rest and reflection as well as a beautiful backdrop for outdoor Shabbatot.

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October

Monthly Events Calendar
TEMPLE EMANUEL OF SOUTH HILLS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	1 No Torah Center Kol Nidre Service, 7:30 pm	2 Yom Kippur Services see High Holiday Magazine for all times	3 Text Study, 1 pm Friday Evening Shabbat Service, 7 pm	4 Torah Study, 9 am
5 Sunday Morning Minyan, 9:30 am MOTV- Sukkah Build, 3:30 pm	6 Pizza in the Hut, 5:30 pm Erev Sukkot Service, 6:30 pm	7 Megillah Series: Kohélet, 7pm	8 Crafting Kulans, 6-9 pm	9 WTE- Sukkot Potluck, 6:30 pm	10 Text Study, 1 pm Kiddish Club, 5:30 pm Friday Evening Shabbat Service, 7 pm	11 Torah Study, 9 am Shabbat of Service, 11 am Family Game Night, 4 pm
12 Sunday Morning Minyan, 9:30 am Sukkot Fall Fest, 2-4 pm	13 TEA Kick-off, 4-6 pm Erev Simchat Torah Study, 7 pm	14	15 Help Deliver Food to FreeStore 15106*	16	17 TERMS Meeting, 10 am Text Study, 1 pm Friday Evening Shabbat Service, 7 pm	18 Torah Study, 9 am
19 Sunday Morning Minyan, 9:30 am Mahjong, 2-4 pm	20 Crafting Kulans, 6-9 pm Abraham's Table, 6:30 pm	21 Team Sandwich, 1 pm	22	23	24 Text Study, 1 pm Friday Evening Shabbat Service, 7 pm	25 Torah Study, 9 am
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Types of Events		Quick Links				
Worship & Torah Study		Facebook: www.facebook.com/templemanuelpittsburgh				
Programs		Zoom: www.us02web.zoom.us/j/5326774310				
Adult Education		YouTube: www.youtube.com/@TheAmeyeri				
Volunteer		Questions about programming: smangan@templemanuelphg.org				

*Time TBD

Fall Highlights

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2025

November

Monthly Content Calendar
TEMPLE EMANUEL OF SOUTH HILLS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 Torah Study, 9 am Family Game Night, 4 pm
2 Sunday Morning Minyan, 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal, 1:30 pm	3 Pondering Prayer, 7pm	4 Election Day	5	6 MOTV- Brews Night, 7:00 pm	7 Text Study, 1 pm Friday Evening Shabbat Service, 7 pm	8 Torah Study, 9 am
9 No Torah Center Sunday Morning Minyan, 9:30 am	10 Pondering Prayer, 7pm	11	12	13 Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 pm Song Circle, 7pm	14 Text Study, 1 pm Kiddish Club, 5:30 pm Friday Evening Shabbat Service, 7 pm	15 Torah Study, 9 am
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14 Sunday Morning Minyan, 9:30 am South Hills Chanukah Party, 5 pm	15 Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 pm	16 Team Sandwich, 1 pm	17	18 Penguins Jewish Heritage Night	19 TERMS Meeting, 10 am Text Study, 1 pm Chanukah Dinner, 6pm Shabbat Service, 7 pm	20 Torah Study, 9 am
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Temple Emanuel's CalendarClick Here to view a
printable version of the
monthly calendars.

Greetings



A MESSAGE FROM RABBI AARON MEYER

The data regarding fitness centers / gyms and the secular New Year is **fascinating**. The month of January regularly brings a 25-30% surge in membership as people nobly seek to improve their physical health, presumably as part of a New Year's resolution. Unfortunately, only about 20% of those new members stick with it for more than a few months. I'm certainly in the majority on this one!

So how can we make our Jewish New Year's resolutions different? We don't often speak of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur as having

resolutions in the same way, but by reviewing our mistakes from the past year and striving to do better, we make an implicit pact with ourselves more consequential than our commitment to Planet Fitness. It starts with regular check-ins.... While we think of our prayers of atonement and selichot as annual occurrences, Jewish tradition invites us to share them every day. Even if this doesn't become a part of your prayer practice, the act of regular review — by attending services and connecting to your highest values, through replaying the past week at your Shabbat dinner table, through journaling — can help ensure your hopes for 5786 become your reality.

...and it continues through supporting actions. The proverb "you are what you eat" can be flipped around when talking about Jewish values: what we do is who we are. Ask questions and lean into curiosity. Tell the truth, even when it feels hard. Act in regular ways congruous with your highest visions and values.

May it be a happy, healthy, sweet, and **resolute** 5786.

A MESSAGE FROM CANTOR KALIX JACOBSON

Wishing all of you a Shanah Tovah u'Metukah—may it be a happy and sweet new year! 5785 has been tough for many reasons, and I know many of us found ourselves burying our heads in the sand as the year went on. As we move past these Days of Awe and into the year 5786, I invite you to recall the sound of the Shofar we heard so many times during this High Holy Day season as a wake up call to be our best selves. Maimonides said that the Shofar was kind of like a spiritual alarm clock, telling us who are "asleep" to wake up. As this new year begins, I invite you to wake up to what's around us—positive and negative—and to take action in the places you see fit. The creation story that we read on Rosh Hashanah helps us to understand that the continuation of this world is truly a partnership—a partnership with each other, as well as a partnership with G-d. G-d did not tend to G-d's creation alone, but instead partnered with humanity to create the world. So too, in 5786, should we partner with G-d and with our fellow humans to put this world back together.



By working together to create a world that is whole, shalem, we are working to create a world that has peace, shalom. The shofar called us: remove the sleep from your eyes, stand up, and grab a tool, or the hand of a loved one, and let's make this world better, together.



Temple Family Menschenings

SHALOM!

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

- **Michele & Andrew Gilhooly & their children, William & Samuel Gilhooly**
- **Rosalie & Louis Anstandig**
- **Steven Mayer**
- **Rachel Cook**
- **Janet & Donald Moritz**
- **Julia & Valeriy Ginzburg**
- **Rachel & Ross Kressel & their children Claire & Seth Kressel**
- **Sandra Herman**
- **Alan & Geraldine Mendelssohn**
- **Jeremy Tissenbaum & Brook Underwood, & daughters, Harper & Blake Tissenbaum**
- **Madeline & Howard Perl**
- **Maggie Burnette**
- **Lee Keizler**
- **Rebecca Rosenthal & Erik Koppes**
- **Rachel & Douglas Bishop**
- **Joel Pokorney & Kenyan King-Pokorney & their daughter Lyla Pokorney**

B'nei Mitzvah

- **Franki Green**, daughter of Tovah and Jason Green, will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, October 18.
- **Noah Anderson**, son of Andrea and Aric Anderson, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Friday, October 24.
- **Ayla Anderson**, daughter of Andrea and Aric Anderson, will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, October 25.

Marriages

Mazel tov to Walden Nelson and Abby Shure, daughter of Lori & Bob Shure and granddaughter of Nancy Berkowitz, on their marriage on June 28, 2025.

Births

Mazel Tov!

- **Jamie Thomas Magnusson**, son of Rachel Bouer Magnusson & Chris Magnusson, brother of Eliana Magnusson, grandson of Cindy & Jack Bouer (July 25)
- **Arthur Bruce Slania**, son of Stephanie & Mike Slania, grandson of Andrea & Jeff Fitting, brother of Stuart Slania (August 6)
- **Mayla Louise DuPlessis**, daughter of Amy & Matt DuPlessis, granddaughter of Lisa & Mike Katz, great-granddaughter of Ethel & Harvey Levine (August 27)
- **Elena Andrea Pardo Marchini**, daughter of Marta Marchini & Jason Pardo, sister of Emma, granddaughter of Amy & Tony Pardo (September 10)
- **Gabriel Philip Weiner Lovejoy**, son of Taylor Weiner & Hannah Lovejoy, grandson of Jeffrey & Suzanne Weiner (September 14)

We Mourn the Loss of:

- **Jerry Wolf**, brother-in-law of Lori (Steve) Blattner, uncle of Robin (Jacob) Galik & Michael Blattner (July 6)
- **Lloyd Jerome Klein**, brother of Arnie (Sara) Klein, uncle of Samuel, Joel & Marissa Klein (July 26)
- **Harold Gold**, Temple member & husband of Anita Gold, father of Howard Gold & Brad (Mandy Sigfried) Gold (August 4)
- **Mark Morgenstern**, father of Eric (Marsha) Morgenstern, grandfather of Zachary Morgenstern (August 14)
- **Mark Barash**, father of Jason (Jesse Lyman) Barash, grandfather of Jordana & Shai Barash (September 8)
- **Gerald Marcovsky**, Temple member & husband of Robin Marcovsky (September 11)

Community Highlights

A MESSAGE FROM SARAH MANGAN PROGRAMMING AND COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR



Click Here to
Email Sarah Mangan
and Learn More!

L'Shanah Tovah! I'm so excited to share our Fall 2025 programming with you, our Temple Emanuel community members! Since the Summer Bulletin, our community has been busy enjoying the last days of summer and preparing for the High Holy Days.

With opportunities to volunteer, learn, reflect, and engage in social events, there have been numerous ways to get involved, and we look forward to continuing to offer a multitude of pathways for all members to find community at Temple Emanuel.

Our Temple Emanuel
Community includes
512 households!



**L'Shanah Tovah from
Temple Emanuel!**



During our 2024 Giving Tuesday campaign, we raised more than \$530,000 toward our \$750,000 goal, and your generosity since has helped us to reach a new total of \$615,000, enabling us to replace Temple Emanuel's aging roof and install solar panels that will bring us closer to living our Jewish value of sustainability while creating a brighter financial future for our community.

You can still help us reach our goal! Your financial support is needed now more than ever. [Read more about this project here!](#)



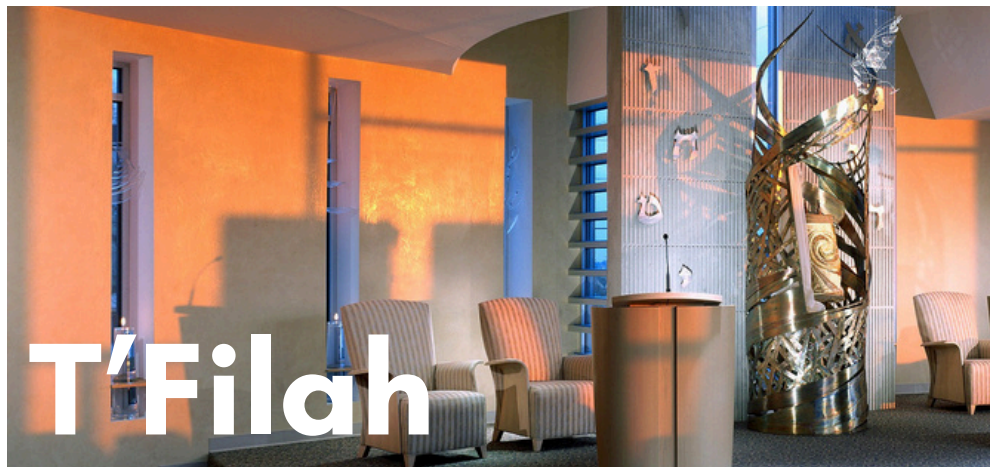
What's Happening at Temple?

Temple Emanuel's Elul has been full of opportunities for reconnection, learning, and community!

Temple Emanuel volunteers beautified the cemetery for Shabbat of Service and baked apple cake with the Caring Community.

Parents of young children gathered to discuss theology while their children played nearby with babysitters. Grandparents gathered for a Grandparents Day luncheon, and got to know one another and learn more about grandparenting resources!

Check out Temple Emanuel's calendar for more opportunities for connection this season!



T'Filah

WORSHIP & TORAH STUDY SCHEDULE

Friday Afternoon Text Study at 1:00 PM

Have you ever wondered what comes after the Torah? The Hebrew Bible, also known as the TaNaCh, consists of Torah (Ta), Prophets (Na), and Writings (Ch), telling the stories of the kings of Israel, prophets and judges. Jews are often experts in the “Ta” but not the “NaCh” – until now! Join Rabbi Meyer for a 45-minute exploration of these “NaCh” texts on [Zoom by clicking here](#).

Shabbat Evening Services – Fridays at 7:00 PM

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 8:00 AM

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 explanation of how the themes and lessons of the parasha (portion) relate to our modern lives.

Shabbat Morning Torah Study – Saturdays at 9:00 AM

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

Havdalah – Saturdays at 8:00 PM

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

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

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

Special Shabbatot Fridays at 7:00 PM

October 17
Kindergarten Consecration

November 7
TERMS Shabbat

November 21
Fourth Grade Class Service

December 5
First Grade Class Service

December 12
Class of 2025 Service

Special Services

October 6
Erev Sukkot Service

October 13
Simchat Torah Dessert Study

B'nei Mitzvah Services Saturdays at 10:30 AM

October 18
Franki Green

*October 24**
Noah Anderson

October 25
Ayla Anderson

**B'nei Mitzvah service Friday evening*



Temple Emanuel Grandparents gathered for a Grandparents Day Luncheon earlier this fall.



Board Update

A MESSAGE FROM BETH SCHWARTZ TEMPLE EMANUEL BOARD PRESIDENT

Excerpt from Beth Schwartz's Rosh Hashanah Speech:

"In communities where people have a higher than average life expectancy and for people who age successfully, some common positive attributes have been identified. Being in relationship with others, having a purpose to our days, and having our time feel meaningful are key. These aspects of living are important across our full lifespan, not just in our later years. Most of us feel happiest when we are living our values, engaged in meaningful activity that provides us with a sense of purpose. This is why being part of the Temple Emanuel community could actually be "good for us." Temple Emanuel provides opportunities for social connections, for meaningful engagement, and for purposeful involvement for people of all ages."

"It is in community,
together, that
Temple Emanuel
becomes Temple
Emanuel."

Board Highlights:

- Implementing of the Transparency and Accountability Task Force Recommendations (including the virtual suggestion box and changes to Temple's website)
- Ensuring that all of our policies, information, and website are consistent with our new governance, membership, and financial models
- Beginning of what will be ongoing assessment of our transition to new governance, membership, and financial models

UPCOMING COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

*Save the dates and join us to learn more
about our community this fall!*

October 2

Community Conversation and Strategic
Plan Update during the Yom Kippur
afternoon study sessions

November 2

Community Conversation about
Facilities

December 3

Community Conversation about
Organizational & Interfaith Partnerships



Temple Emanuel's Virtual Suggestion Box



Scan the QR code
below to leave your
feedback for Temple
Emanuel staff and
leadership:



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Early Childhood Development Center



A MESSAGE FROM KATE LOUIK ECDC DIRECTOR

It is a joy to welcome children and families back to ECDC this Fall! Our hallways are filled with laughter and questions, singing and tiptoe feet, old friends and new! We are excited to be joined by nearly **125 students** to our classes this school year, with an additional 9 children and their caregivers joining us for our Fall First Experience class later this month. Our hope is that Temple Emanuel ECDC continues to be a community of true belonging for the children and families we serve.

Children in our Threes program engaged in some Rosh Hashanah-inspired science, wondering if their apples would sink or float.



Children in our Fours program gather with their "Grandfriends" at Concordia for stories, crafts and a snack—an ongoing collaboration bringing joy to seniors, educators, and children alike!



Children in our Transition class visited the SHIM garden with educator Julie Lutz to learn about composting and to discuss how we can be good stewards of the Earth.



Children in our Twos program painted using pomegranate seeds. Many people eat pomegranates on Rosh Hashanah to symbolize their hope for a new year filled with good deeds.

Torah Center

A MESSAGE FROM STEPH MCFERRON TORAH CENTER DIRECTOR

This year at the Torah Center, our goal is to explore and grow through learning, build lasting friendships, and strengthen our sense of community. Most of all, we want every student to feel how important they are and to know that Temple Emanuel is a place they can call home.

**122 students
enrolled in
PreK-7th grade
34 Teen Madrichim**



4th -6th graders invited on the bima to help lead midweek tefillah (prayer).

"This year's kindergarten Torah Center class is exceptionally large, twice the size of last year! It brings me great joy to see so many children beginning their journey of Jewish education. Their enrollment is a true blessing for our congregation and the broader Jewish community, and it reflects the strong leadership of Rabbi Aaron and our program director, Steph McFerron. I am honored to be one of the first teachers to welcome these students, and I treasure the opportunity to create meaningful connections with them. I'm certain that the size of this class will bring even more joy to my life and to our community."

-Kindergarten Teacher, Jamie Halsey

"Torah Center has been a great experience! Rebekah was immediately accepted and made to feel at home. She has quickly become part of the community and is building close relationships with the other students as well as Temple volunteers and staff. It has also given us a jumping off point to better integrate Jewish traditions in our own home. "

-Torah Center Parents, Lian Hortensius and Steve Nydick

"[The teachers] make it really fun!"

-3rd Grade Student, Rebekah Nydick



Hebrew banagrams!



Excited about the start of Torah Center!



Rabbi Aaron joins the 4th graders to prepare for Rosh Hashanah.

OCTOBER PROGRAMMING AT TEMPLE EMANUEL

Pizza in the Hut & Erev Sukkot Service

Monday, October 6

5:30 Dinner and Activities

6:30 PM Sukkot Service



Celebrate Sukkot with Pizza in the Hut!

Join us for a delicious pizza dinner in the sukkah, followed by a short, joyful Erev Sukkot service. Family-friendly, relaxed, and welcoming to all – we'll come together to honor the season, shake the lulav, and enjoy one another's company under the stars. Please [RSVP to Rabbi Emily](#).

Megillah Series: Kohelet

Tuesday, October 7, 7:00 PM

Come join Cantor Kalix for our final installment of the Megillah Series to learn about the book of Kohelet, known as Ecclesiastes in English, as we learn about life, how we lack control of it, what it's all about, and why we read it on the holiday of Sukkot. [RSVP to Cantor Kalix](#).

TERMS Sukkot Social

Thursday, October 9, 3:00-5:00 PM

Join TERMS in the sukkah for their fall Sukkot social. Bring a dish to share with friends! [RSVP to Alan](#).

WTE+ Potluck in the Sukkah

Thursday, October 9, 6:30 PM

Enjoy a meal with Women+ of Temple Emanuel in the Sukkah! Bring a drink, side*, entree dish*, or dessert* to share. [RSVP Here!](#)

*This will be a dairy meal.



KIDdish Club

Friday, October 10, 5:30 PM

Join us for our monthly Shabbat service for families with children 0-6 years old! Email [Rabbi Emily Meyer](#) to learn more and RSVP.

Shabbat of Service

Saturday, October 11, 11:00 AM

Join the Mt. Lebanon Conservancy in a day of tree planting and seed sowing! We will be joining the already established day of service at 11am. Come help Mt. Lebanon bloom! [RSVP Here!](#)

Family Game Night in the Sukkah

Saturday, October 11, 4:00-6:00 PM

Celebrate the end of the week with a casual Family Game Night. Whether you're into board games, card games, or just some friendly competition, this is a great way to connect with others in our community – kids, teens, and adults alike. Bring your favorite game or try something new! We'll end the night with a short Havdalah ceremony to say goodbye to Shabbat and a cookie to bring us into the week ahead. [RSVP here!](#)

Team Sandwich:

Tuesday, October 21st, 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!



Sukkot Fall Fest

Sunday, October 12, 2:00-4:00 PM

Join the JCC South Hills, PJ Library, Beth El, and Temple Emanuel communities for Sukkot Fall Fest at the JCC South Hills. Activities include balloon animals, inflatables, crafts, and more! Cost is \$10/family. [Register Here!](#)

Temple Emanuel Alliance Launch

Monday, October 13, 5:00-6:30 PM

Join members of the LGBTQIA+ community and Allies for activities and snacks in the Sukkah. Bring your favorite salty snack for an ultimate This or That Salty Snack Showdown. All are welcome! [RSVP Here](#).

Simchat Torah Dessert Study

Monday, October 13, 7:00 PM

On Simchat Torah, we finish the Book of Deuteronomy and start anew with the Book of Genesis. Join Rabbi Aaron and Cantor Kalix as we creatively unroll our Sefer Torah in the Social Hall, hearing and studying several passages from each of the Torah's five books along the way.

Play Mahj!

Sunday, October 19, 2:00-4:00 PM

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

Abraham's Table

Monday, October 20, 6:30 PM

Together with the St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Turkish Cultural Center communities, we are excited to once again convene around Abraham's Table. We will share in a delicious meal, even better company, and a brief learning session around our shared values as adherents to the three Abrahamic faith traditions. Join us at the Turkish Cultural Center (located at 1459 Crane Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15220). All food will observe Hallal dietary requirements. [Click here to RSVP!](#)

Pondering Prayer Series

Monday, October 27, 7:30-9 PM

Ever wonder what the prayers mean – or why we say them? Join Rabbi Emily Meyer for a thoughtful, welcoming exploration of the structure and spirit of Jewish prayer. We'll unpack key prayers, discover personal connections, and explore new ways to engage in communal worship. [Click here to RSVP](#).

NOVEMBER PROGRAMMING AT TEMPLE EMANUEL

Family Game Night & Havdalah

Saturday, November 1, 4:00-6:00 PM

Celebrate the end of the week with a casual Family Game Night. Whether you're into board games, card games, or just some friendly competition, this is a great way to connect with others in our community - kids, teens, and adults alike. Bring your favorite game or try something new! We'll end the night with a short Havdalah ceremony to say goodbye to Shabbat and a cookie to bring us into the week ahead. [RSVP here!](#)

Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 3, 1:30 PM

Love to sing? Join our choir! No age limits and no experience necessary. Not available for the upcoming performance? You are always welcome at rehearsals, or are welcome to be involved with the choir when you are available. Contact [Cantor Kalix](#) to learn more!

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MOTE+ Brews Night at Grist House Command

Thursday, November 6, 7:30 PM

Join MOTE+ at the new [Grist House Command](#) located at 301 Sgt Messerschmidt Rd, Oakdale, PA 15071. [RSVP to Sarah.](#)

Song Circle with Cantor Kalix

Thursday, November 13, 7:00 PM

On the 7th Hebrew anniversary of October 27th, join Cantor Kalix in a solemn evening of music and memory as we look at songs of lamentation sung beginning in biblical times until the present day. Email [Cantor Kalix](#) with your RSVP and questions.

KIDdish Club

Friday, November 14, 5:30 PM

Join us for our monthly Shabbat service for families with children 0-6 years old! Email [Rabbi Emily Meyer](#) to learn more and RSVP.



Mahj for a Cause

Sunday, November 16, 2:00-4:00 PM

Join in for table games of Mahjong! Optional donations will benefit Temple Emanuel's Giving Tuesday campaign.

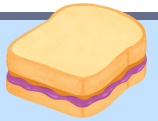
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Team Sandwich:

Tuesday, November 18th, 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+ Book Club

Wednesday, November 19, 7:00 PM

Join WTE+ offsite for Book Club! We will discuss the historical fiction novel *The Red House* by Mary Morris. [RSVP required](#) for location information.



JOIN US FOR

WTE+ Book Club

We will discuss
The Red House
by Mary Morris.

RSVP for location
smangan@templeemanuelpgh.org

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Saturday, November 22, 10:00 AM

Help us support Carnegie FreeStore 15106 with our third annual Thanksgiving Food Drive event! Families with children of all ages are invited to join VolunTOTs, Uptown Speech Therapy, and Temple Emanuel to assemble kits of Thanksgiving sides and desserts for Carnegie Elementary School's FreeStore 15106. In addition to the kit assembly, there will be card making stations and a story time.

Donations will be accepted at Temple Emanuel of South Hills and Uptown Speech Therapy until Friday, November 21st:

Mashed Potatoes	Gravy	Cranberry Sauce	Canned Green Beans
Mac N' Cheese	Stuffing Mix	Broth	Dessert Mix

[Link to signup coming soon!](#)

DECEMBER PROGRAMMING AT TEMPLE EMANUEL



**Save the dates
for more
programs in
December!**

Stay up to date with
your **Temple
Happenings** emails to
learn more!

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Don't receive your 'Temple Happenings' emails anymore? [Sign up for the first time or resubscribe by clicking here!](#)



Dec 7 WTE+ Art, Wine, and Cheese Night



Dec 8 Israeli Music Workshop



Dec 12 KIDDish Club Family Shabbat



Dec 13 Shabbat of Service



Dec 14 South Hills Chanukah Party



Dec 19 Temple Emanuel's Annual Chanukah Dinner and Service



Join a Kulanu Group in 5786!

Kulanu Groups are lay-led affinity groups within the Temple community that share similar interests.



Board Games



Hiking



Crafting



Music



Playground Meetups



Wine Tasting

**Click Here to
Join a Group!**

Email Sarah Mangan at smangan@templemanuelpgh.org to learn more about our Kulanu Groups!

TEMPLE EMANUEL
Larry and Brenda Miller
Memorial Caring Community

Would you like to get involved with the Caring Community or learn more about what this amazing group does?

The Caring Community is building a new email list! [Please sign up to get updates about the group and learn more on our website here.](#)



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	Marchini, granddaughter of Amy & Tony Pardo
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