

WINTER BULLETIN 2026



Check out this season's Bulletin to read what's happening at Temple Emanuel this January, February, and March!



Families and friends gathered at Canonsburg Lake for Tashlich.



Community members celebrated Simchat Torah with desserts and study.



New Mahjong players learned how to play from experienced teachers in our community.

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A MESSAGE FROM RABBI AARON MEYER

Winter has certainly arrived. With a bit of jealousy directed toward those who escaped to warmer climes, those in Pittsburgh have already seen our share of snow, wind, and bitter cold. I once heard the saying that there's no bad weather, only bad clothing...but I've come to understand there's also no bad weather when you're wrapped in a warm blanket on the couch with a good book in hand.

Reading offers so much that television and endless social-media scrolling simply can't. A book invites us to choose the content we wish to see, to wrestle with ideas and big-picture concepts, and to let our imaginations flourish: filling in gaps, hearing voices, picturing worlds, and so much more. Reading is active, thoughtful exercise for our minds, and winter is its natural season.

There has been no shortage of compelling Jewish reading lately. *Hostage* by Eli Sharabi is a difficult but deeply important book, one that demands attention and moral presence. Sarah Hurwitz's *As A Jew* wrestles with the world around us and provides an unflinching look at the effects of antisemitism. *Songs for the Brokenhearted* by Ayelet Tsaabari beautifully weaves history and fiction, music and memory, into a story that stays with you long after the last page. And if you need something a bit lighter, Rachel Kadish's *The Weight of Ink* is a rich and absorbing novel that bridges centuries and asks enduring questions about text, authority, and whose voices endure.

This is far from an exhaustive list, only a few of books of interest that have recently been in my hands. I'd love to know what you are reading, both to inspire me and so that I, too, have more excuses to stay under the blanket!

A MESSAGE FROM CANTOR KALIX JACOBSON

Happy and healthy secular new year to you all! May this year of 2026 bring you and our world joy and goodness, and may all of your resolutions be fulfilled.

While I know many of us are just now exiting Chanukah mode, I have been in Purim mode for about a month! This year, we are doing a delightful mashup from The Wizard of Oz cinematic universe, pulling elements from The Wizard of Oz, Wicked, and the Wiz to bring you the Horrible Wizard of Shushan!



Purim spiel rehearsals begin on Sunday, January 25th, at 1:30pm. All are welcome and no auditions or experience are required. We will be sharing our Purim spiel on Friday, February 27th, during our Shabbat services. Do you love to sing? Are you a fan of parody music? Are you fond of the colors yellow and green? We want you to be in our Purim Spiel! Please reach out to me at kjacobson@templemanuelpgh.org to sign up or for more information.

This winter, I will also be sharing presentations from my music series! On January 12th at 6pm on Zoom and in person, I will be giving a presentation on Music and Memory in Judaism. On February 9th, I will be presenting on Music and the Brain, also at 6pm on Zoom and in person.

If these presentations or the Purim spiel aren't quite your jam, perhaps you could join me for a Shabbat of Service! Our Challah Baking Shabbat of Service will be taking place at 11am on January 10th, and we will be volunteering with the Pittsburgh Food Bank at 8:30am on Saturday, February 21st. I hope you'll join me for one or all of these programs. I'll see you soon. Stay warm!



Temple Family Menschening

*The information on this page was collected on
Monday, December 29, 2025.*

SHALOM!

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

- **Marsha & Sheldon Clark**
- **Mary Jane (M.J.) & Jay Oppenheim and their daughter Kathryn (Kat) Oppenheim**
- **Jacqueline Bialosky**
- **Sierra McConnell & Andy Coleman**
- **Roberta Gerson**
- **Leon Steiner**
- **Wendy & Kenneth Edgar**
- **Laura & David Hopper and their children, Iagan, Violet & Ingrid Hopper**

Births

Mazel Tov!

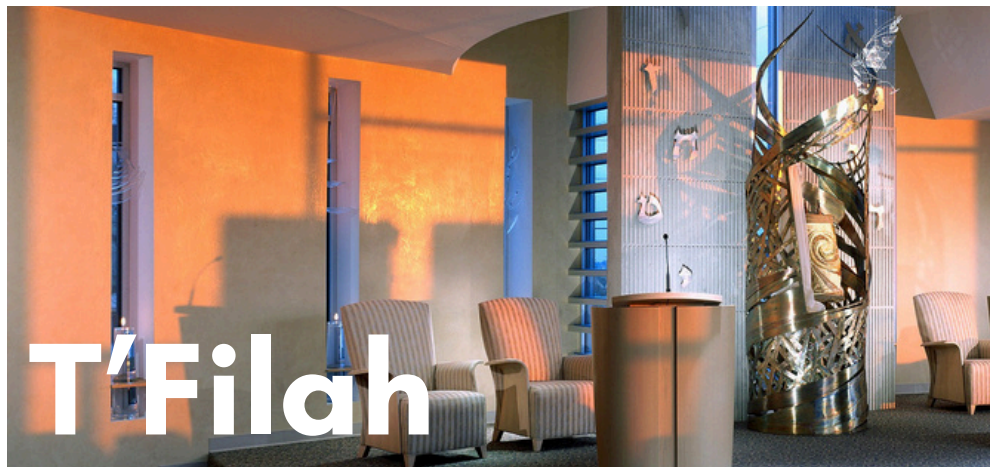
- **Ari Henry Bernhardt**, son of Jace & Beth Bernhardt, brother of Ronen Isaac Bernhardt, grandson of Debbie & Paul Rudoy, great-grandson of Judy Rudoy (October 26)

Marriages

Mazel tov to Alexa Mazur and Zachary Bahm, son of Lynn & Carl Bahm, grandson of Ellie Bahm, nephew of Amy & David Bahm, and brother of Jennifer Snodgrass, on their marriage on October 18, 2025.

We Mourn the Loss of:

- **David Geoffrey Cohen**, brother of Eden Rachel Cohen (September 27)
- **Nancy Gusky**, mother of Edward & Steven Gusky (October 12)
- **Cynthia Noe**, mother of Jill (Adam) Brufsky (October 19)
- **Dan Garfinkel**, husband of Nancy Garfinkel, father of Eli and Benjamin (Jenna) Garfinkel (October 30)
- **Sidney Rosen**, father of Pam (Paul) Volz, uncle of Mark Rosen (November 2)
- **Susan Eisinger**, mother of Nate (Vonya) Eisinger and Jacob (Claire) Eisinger, grandmother of Geneva, Vienna, and Lucas Eisinger (November 30)
- **Samuel Levine**, son of Kara & Stephen Levine, brother of Leah Levine, grandson of Rosalind & Farrel Levine, Suzanne & Carl Zitrer, Michael & Pamela Levinson, nephew of Alan (Jodi) Levine, cousin of Amy (David) Bahm (December 16)
- **Kenneth Kantrowitz**, father of Marci Barnes, grandfather of Henry Barnes (December 18)
- **Brad Langerman**, husband of Cheryl Langerman, father of Cara (Phillip) Langerman, and grandfather of Easton (December 22)



T'Filah

WORSHIP & TORAH STUDY SCHEDULE

Friday Afternoon Text Study at 1:00 PM

Aggadah, the storytelling of the Jewish community, adds richness and depth to our understanding of biblical texts, commandments, and Jewish values. Join Rabbi Meyer for a 45-minute exploration of texts that will enliven your understanding and appreciation of Jewish life 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

January 23
Second Grade Class Shabbat

January 30
Third Grade Class Shabbat

February 6
Scout Shabbat

February 13
Sixth Grade Class Shabbat

February 27
Purim Spiel and Service

March 6
Seventh Grade Class Shabbat

March 27
Fifth Grade Class Shabbat



Temple Emanuel hosted this year's Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. Members from congregations across the South Hills joined us for an interactive and meaningful Thanksgiving service.



Temple Emanuel community members of all ages engage in Shabbat Evening services.

Community Highlights

A MESSAGE FROM SARAH MANGAN PROGRAMMING AND COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

With opportunities to volunteer, learn, reflect, and engage in social events, there were numerous ways to get involved last fall, and we look forward to continuing to offer a multitude of pathways for all members to find community at Temple Emanuel this winter!



Temple Emanuel hosted the South Hills Pajama Chanukah Party for families.



Community members lit their menorahs together during our annual Chanukah dinner.



[Click Here to Email Sarah Mangan and Learn More!](#)



Families from across the South Hills joined at Temple Emanuel for a Thanksgiving mitzvah project.



WTE+ created holiday cards for their Art, Wine, and Cheese night with Sherri Jaffee.



Community members learned how to knit with Cantor Rena Shapiro.



Throughout the fall, this community supported its neighbors through donations to a variety of nonprofits that provide direct support to those in need.



WTE+ enjoyed a lovely Sukkot potluck dinner together in our Temple sukkah.



We celebrated our amazing community through our Giving Tuesday: Building Community fundraising campaign.



MOTE+ came together to build our Temple Emanuel sukkah.



Board Update

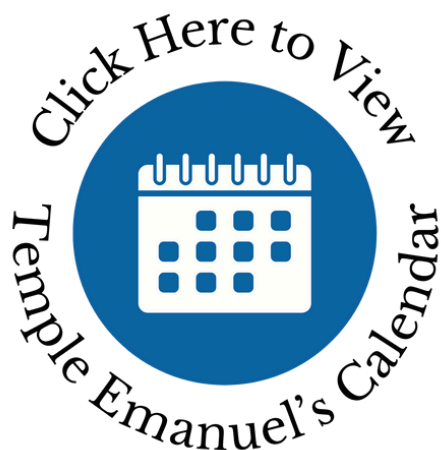
A MESSAGE FROM BETH SCHWARTZ TEMPLE EMANUEL BOARD PRESIDENT

As we welcome 2026 and this secular turn of the calendar, our Temple Emanuel community approaches the 6 month mark of our new financial, membership and governance models. I am filled with a sense of gratitude for all those who have made our successful transition possible. I thank everyone for your ongoing support in your participation at our programs, your financial contributions, providing suggestions and insights, offering assistance and stepping in when asked. Temple Emanuel can only thrive with all of you providing your support. I look forward to continued opportunities for our community to connect and come together throughout the year. I encourage all of us (myself included) to check out at least one of our offerings we have not tried before - a Torah Study session, a Shabbat service, Team Sandwich, a MOTE+ gathering, a family-oriented program . . . I could go on, but check the weekly emails for all of the opportunities.

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Behind the scenes the staff and clergy continue their tireless work to make Temple Emanuel the place we want to be. I remain grateful for the work they do - Temple Emanuel could not thrive without their exhaustive efforts. They ensure the programs we all want to attend are available to us and that the building is operational to house those programs (no small feat given the age and size of Temple Emanuel). Our lay leadership board also continues to work, engaging in strategic planning and providing governance oversight. Our lay leadership made the transition to our new model possible and continues to work to ensure its success.

Best wishes to all of you for the kind of 2026 that you wish it to be. My hope is that Temple Emanuel can play a role in your meaningful and successful year.



[Click Here](#) to view a printable version of the monthly calendars.

Temple Emanuel's Virtual Suggestion Box



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



Early Childhood Development Center



A MESSAGE FROM KATE LOUIK ECDC DIRECTOR

Winter at ECDC is a time filled with the fun of holiday gatherings, the opportunity to observe seasonal changes with the children...and the challenge of spending more time indoors when the temperatures turn cooler and snowy days are more frequent. Nevertheless, our team of educators finds new ways to engage the children—building their skills, inviting them to create, and spreading joy!

In a Twos classroom, the children created their own sculptures using a variety of materials, many of which you might find at home! The cold winter months are a wonderful time for crafting in the classroom, all while practicing fine motor skills.



Children in a Threes class enjoyed a snowy adventure! They came to school bundled up for the weather and ventured outdoors to investigate the snow and ice. Educators prepared hot chocolate to welcome them back to the warmth of their classroom!



Led by educators Rachel Riden and Michael Bihary, children in ECDC's yoga class find moments of movement and opportunities for quiet mindfulness.



Children in a Fours class worked together to prepare sugar cookies from scratch. They measured and mixed the ingredients, rolled the dough, cut the cookies, and decorated them in preparation for their class's holiday gathering.

Torah Center

A MESSAGE FROM STEPH MCFERRON TORAH CENTER DIRECTOR

Our students bring Torah to life through hands-on experiences that extend learning beyond desks and worksheets, helping values take root through real-world connection.

**“Study is not
the main thing,
but action.”**

–Pirkei Avot 1:17



4th grade students and families delivered to SHIM all of the food generously donated during our high holiday collection.



From classroom learning to heartfelt action:
Kindergarten students practiced *hakarat hatov* by surprising Steph with gratitude chains, spreading appreciation beyond the classroom.



7th graders and their families helped package meals for seniors in our area at Southwest Meals on Wheels.



First graders bring learning to life as they work together in the SHIM Garden.



Multi-age Gaga play during Parent Night Out—where community, connection, and learning grow through play.



When educators learn together, students benefit. Yom Limud brought Pittsburgh-area educators into a shared learning space, reinforcing that collaboration and growth beyond our own classrooms help us better support the children in our care.

JANUARY PROGRAMMING AT TEMPLE EMANUEL

Play Mahj!

Sunday, January 4, 10:00 AM

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

Grief Group

Every Second Thursday at 10:00 AM

Thursday, January 8, 10:00 AM

Guided by Noah Potvin, a member of Temple Emanuel and a licensed professional counselor, participants will be supported in sharing personal stories of their loved ones, exploring Jewish perspectives on grief, and finding comfort in rituals of remembrance. The group emphasizes working together to construct meaning from loss, joy in memory, and fellowship in shared experience. Participants are invited to join the group in person at Temple Emanuel or [via Zoom](#).



Parent Speaker Series

Thursday, January 8, 6:30-8:00 PM

Join us at Temple Emanuel for a three-part speaker series designed to support and inspire parents and caregivers as we navigate the ever-evolving world of childhood learning and emotional development. Come learn, reflect, and grow with us as we explore how to best support our children at every stage.

Part one: In their bestselling book *When You Wonder, You're Learning: Mister Roger's Enduring Lessons for Raising Creative, Curious, Caring Kids*, Gregg Behr and Ryan Rydzewski reveal Fred Rogers as more than a nice guy in a sweater. In fact, Fred was an ingenious scientist and a legendary teacher who was decades ahead of his time. Gregg and Ryan will explore Fred Rogers' fascinating methods for helping parents and teachers build "neighborhoods" of their own: places that equip every child to become the best of whoever they are.

Register here: www.tinyurl.com/TEParentSpeakerSeries

KIDdish Club

Friday, January 9, 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, January 10, 11:00 AM

Join Cantor Kalix and the Caring Community to bake challah for Shabbat bags. [RSVP Here!](#)

Music & Memory Workshop

Monday, January 12, 6:00 PM

Join Cantor Kalix for an evening of music as we recall times long ago, biblical, historical, and modern. We will learn about how Jews have used song throughout the ages to remember people they've lost. Discussion to follow. [RSVP Here!](#)



Team Sandwich:

Tuesday, January 20, 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!



Abraham's Table

Monday, January 12, 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 St. Paul's Episcopal Church (1066 Washington Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15228). All food will observe Hallal dietary requirements. [Click here to RSVP!](#)

Crafting Kulanu

Wednesday, January 14, 6:00-9:00 PM

Monday, January 26, 6:00-9:00 PM

Bring a craft to work on in community and join the Crafting Kulanu for *kehilah*, snacks, and time to work on your project! [RSVP Here!](#)



MOTE+ Golf Simulator Night

Wednesday, January 21, 7:30-9:00 PM

Join MOTE+ at Miller Mulligans in Castle Shannon for an evening in their golf simulators, powered by Trackman technology with over 230 of the most iconic courses in the world. Miller Mulligans is BYOB, so bring drinks and snacks and enjoy a winter evening golfing indoors! [RSVP to Sarah.](#)

Purim Spiel Rehearsal

Sunday, January 25, 1:30 PM

Featuring songs from the Wizard of Oz cinematic universe, this year's Purim Spiel will take you on a trip to Oz! To learn more, email Cantor Kalix Jacobson at kjacobson@templeemanuelpgh.org.



Learn Mahj!

Thursday, January 29, 7:00 PM

Join experienced teachers to learn how to play Mahjong! [RSVP to Sarah.](#)

FEBRUARY PROGRAMMING AT TEMPLE EMANUEL



REHEARSALS IN FEBRUARY

TEMPLE EMANUEL'S ORIGINAL PURIM SPIEL:
"THE HORRIBLE WIZARD OF SHUSHAN"

Sunday, February 1, 1:30 PM
Sunday, February 8, 1:30 PM
Sunday, February 22, 1:30 PM

EMAIL CANTOR KALIX TO LEARN MORE
KJACOBSON@TEMPLEEMANUELPGH.ORG

Parent Speaker Series

Wednesday, February 11, 5:30 PM



Join us at Temple Emanuel for a three-part speaker series designed to support and inspire parents and caregivers as we navigate the ever-evolving world of childhood learning and emotional development. Come learn, reflect, and grow with us as we explore how to best support our children at every stage.

Part two: Erin Troup is a Licensed Professional Counselor from Sprout, with expertise in early childhood social-emotional development including anxiety, trauma, and attachment. She will offer tools and perspectives for supporting children through their big feelings and big moments.

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Grief Group

Every Second Thursday at 10:00 AM
Thursday, February 12, 10:00 AM



Participants are invited to join the group in person at Temple Emanuel or [via Zoom](#).

WTE+ Tu Bishvat Seder

Sunday, February 1, 6:30-8:30 PM



Join Rabbi Emily Meyer and the Women+ of Temple Emanuel for a Tu Bishvat Seder, hosted at Anthos in Castle Shannon. Come at 6:30 PM to enjoy a thoughtful and interactive experience with a light meal provided. The cost is \$36 per person. [RSVP Here!](#)

StandWithUs Presents

Journey to Healing: A Concert of Resilience and Hope at Temple Emanuel

Thursday, February 5, 7:00 PM

An evening of music and storytelling with Joshua Washing, aka JoDavi, featuring the Huldra Quartet, followed by a moderated conversation. \$10 suggested donation. [Click here to register.](#)

MOTE+ Annual Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 8, 6:00 PM



Save the date to join MOTE+ for their annual family-friendly Super Bowl Party! More details coming soon!

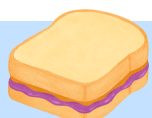
Music & The Brain Workshop

Monday, February 9, 6:00 PM

Come join Cantor Kalix for a review of the book *Musicophilia* by Oliver Sacks. Learn about how music and the brain interact, how music stays with us, and how our world can change in an instant with shocking results. [RSVP to Cantor Kalix Here!](#)

Team Sandwich:

Tuesday, February 17th, 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!

WTE+ Book Club

Thursday, February 12, 7:30 PM

Join WTE+ offsite for Book Club! We will discuss the historical fiction novel *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict. [RSVP required](#) for location information.

KIDdish Club

Friday, February 13, 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.

Crafting Kulanu

Wednesday, February 18, 6:00-9:00 PM

Monday, February 23, 6:00-9:00 PM

Bring a craft to work on in community and join the Crafting Kulanu for *kehillah*, snacks, and time to work on your project! [RSVP Here!](#)

Shabbat of Service

Saturday, February 21, 8:30 AM

Join Cantor Kalix for Shabbat of Service at the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank. [RSVP to Cantor Kalix Here!](#)

Play Mahj!

Sunday, February 22, 2:00-4:00 PM

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

Save the date to learn Mahjong on
Thursday, February 26th at 7:00 PM.



MARCH PROGRAMMING AT TEMPLE EMANUEL



South Hills Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 1

Join South Hills families for our annual Purim Carnival, organized in collaboration with Beth El Congregation of the South Hills, JCC South Hills, PJ Library, and Temple Emanuel! *Save the date! More details coming soon!*



Costume Karaoke Purim Party

Saturday, March 7, 7:30 PM

Temple Emanuel invites you to celebrate Purim with Costume Karaoke! Join us at Temple Emanuel for an adult-only costume karaoke party for Purim. Come ready for an evening of music and fun with friends old and new! *More details coming soon!*



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Monday, March 9, 7:00 PM

Join us at Temple Emanuel for a three-part speaker series designed to support and inspire parents and caregivers as we navigate the ever-evolving world of childhood learning and emotional development. Come learn, reflect, and grow with us as we explore how to best support our children at every stage.

Part three: The parent speaker series will conclude with a panel of childhood specialists representing a range of ages and therapeutic backgrounds. This interactive session will address questions that emerge from the first two workshops, along with additional topics that matter most to our community.

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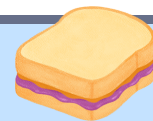


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Play Mahj!

Sunday, March 22, 2:00-4:00 PM

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

Choir Rehearsal

Monday, March 16, 5:30-6:30 PM

Monday, March 23, 5:30-6:30 PM

Monday, March 30, 5:30-6:30 PM

Love to sing? Join our adult choir! [Email Cantor Kalix](#) to learn more!

Stronger Together: Playing for a Purpose

Saturday, March 21

The Torah Center 7th Grade Class invites you to support Jamie's Dream Team with this year's fundraiser! [Click here for more details!](#)



Rabbis Aaron and Emily Meyer, Evelyn (10) and Eli (7), together with Cantor Kalix Jacobson and Mickey Benson invite you to

Temple's 2nd Night Passover Seder

**Thursday, April 2, 2026
6:00 pm**

**RSVP by Thursday,
March 12, 2026**



Temple's 2nd Night Passover Seder Thursday, April 2, 6:00 PM

RSVPs will be due by Thursday, March 12, 2026.

Keep an eye on your inbox for more information coming in February!

Thank you to the donors who help sustain Temple Emanuel through contributions to our various funds!

Donations to Temple Funds as of December 29, 2025

Cantor Jacobson Discretionary Fund

Donor	In Honor
Anita Gold	In appreciation of Cantor Kalix Jacobson
Betty Jo & Howard Louik	Cantor Kalix Jacobson's engagement to Mickey Benson
Laryn & Moses Finder	In appreciation of Cantor Kalix Jacobson
Marci Barnes & Family	In appreciation of Cantor Kalix Jacobson

Brenda & Larry Miller Memorial Caring Community

Donor	In Honor
Farrel & Roz Levine	Speedy Recovery for Marty Altschul
Farrel & Roz Levine	Speedy Recovery for Ellie Bahm
Farrel & Roz Levine	Speedy Recovery for Allen Beitman
Laryn & Moses Finder	In appreciation of the Caring Community for good deeds
Laryn & Moses Finder	In appreciation of Bonnie Benhayon
Susan & Richard Hommel	Get well wishes for Ellie Bahm
Tibey Falk	Speedy Recovery for Ellie Bahm

Donor	In Memory
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Ellie Bahm	Cynthia Noe
Ellie Bahm	Jack L. Lief
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Farrel & Roz Levine	Ken Kantrowitz
Howard Miller	In Memory of Brenda & Larry Miller
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Cemetery Beautification Fund

Donor	In Memory
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ECDC PTP

Donor	In Memory
Deborah & Jeremiah Demme	The dedicated teaching of Mrs. Dreifuss

General Fund

Donor	In Honor
Amy & David Bahm	Ellie Bahm's Birthday
Beth Tully	In appreciation for the High Holy Day Guest Pass
Bunny & Alan Schorr	Howard Friedman, for Recognition as "Volunteer of the Year"
Elaine & Alan London	Marriage of Lexie and Zack Bahm
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Elizabeth Sender	In appreciation for the Family Service on Yom Kippur
Ilene & Joel Iskoe	Kindness of Amy & Tony Pardo
Jennifer & Austin Snodgrass	Ellie Bahm's Birthday
Laryn & Moses Finder	In appreciation of Ron Schneider
Rosalie & Lou Anstandig	In appreciation of the magnificent High Holy Day Services
Ruth Novice	In appreciation for the High Holy Day Guest Passes
Lynn & Carl Bahm	Ellie Bahm's Birthday

Donor	In Memory
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Bernice Slifkin	Abe Edelmjan
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Betty Jo & Howard Louik	Sam Levine
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Cindy Bouer	Sam Levine
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Eden Cohen	David Cohen
Elaine & Alan London	Dan Garfinkel
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Janet Schmidt	Florence Bradstreet
Jill & Adam Brufsky	Ivan Weiskopf
Joy Meyer	Sandie Litsky
Judy Nesvisky	Allan Nesvisky
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General Fund (continued)

Donor	In Memory
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Marcy Bernson	Dan Garfinkel
Marcy Bernson	Sidney Rosen
Mark Frumkin	Howard Frumkin
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Mary Cothran	Charlotte McCaa
Nancy & Bill Berkowitz	Dan Garfinkel
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Nancy & Willl Joseph	Dan Garfinkel
Naomi Stein	Dan Garfinkel
Noel & Sam Bliman	Loretta Haven
Proofpoint Zenguide	Dan Garfinkel
Rikki Hommel & David Weisberg	Cynthia Noe
Rikki Hommel & David Weisberg	Susan Eisinger
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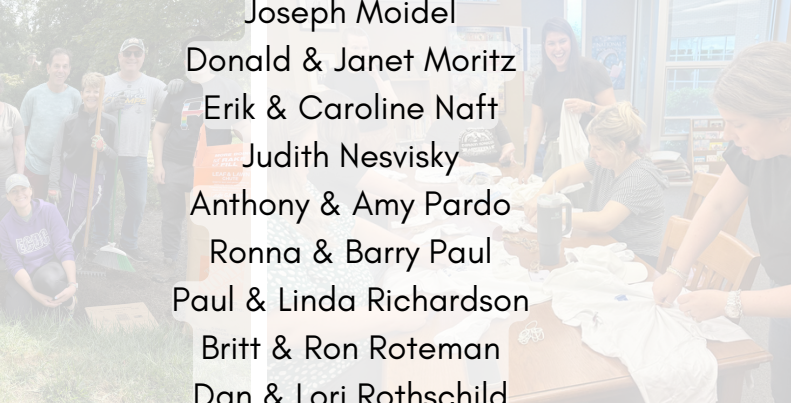
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