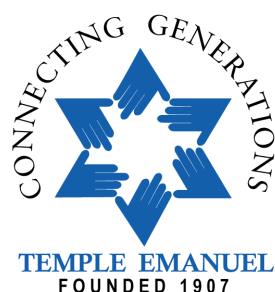


Temple Emanuel Bulletin

Connecting Generations

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**Inside find information about
Upcoming Hanukkah Events and
Our Scholar in Residence**

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Shoshana Dweck



The first Shabbat of this month is Shabbat Starts Here. We will be at Temple's Historic Campus on Greene Street. Our services that night will be shorter than usual which will allow us a longer time over dinner to hear from our special guest, Shoshana Dweck. Be sure to make your reservations to be with us that evening.

I first met Shoshana nearly 40 years ago when we were undergraduates at Tufts University. In fact, I had been President of Tufts Hillel and handed the gavel to her as I set off to study at Tel Aviv University for the spring semester of 1987.

Shoshana and her family have been leaders in the Jewish community, and specifically in Reform Judaism, for generations. Her path brought her to Greensboro many times over the years because her kids attended the former American Hebrew Academy.

We are so honored that she is returning this time as part of a series of Shabbat programming on December 6th and 7th.

Shoshana Dweck is a leader of WRJ (Women of Reform Judaism) which is our movement's national umbrella organization for Temple Sisterhoods. She is also deeply committed to Israel exemplified through her work with ARZA, the Association of Reform Zionists of America. If you consider yourself a Zionist, if you have strong commitments and/or questions about Reform Judaism's connections to Zionism and to the modern state of Israel, you will want to attend her sessions.

You can find more details in this bulletin as well as in other Temple communications. Here are the quick highlights:

- Friday, December 6, 6:30pm - note that we will be at our Historic Campus on Greene Street

Our topic will be Zionism, the work of ARZA, and specifically our role in the World Zionist Organization Elections which will take place in the spring of 2025. There will not be a sermon during services. Instead, we will have this extended conversation with Shoshana over dinner. There is a modest charge for dinner; your advance reservation is greatly appreciated.

- Chevra Torah on Shabbat morning, Saturday, December 7 will take place from 9-10:30am

Shoshana will be our guest teacher and will be discussing the impact of war on women's issues, especially looking at the impact of October 7th. Even if you have never been to Chevra Torah, you should come for this special session of Torah study.

- Saturday, December 7, at 11:45am

Shoshana will lead a conversation about Reform Judaism in Israel. During this session, Temple will stream the weekly Israel Movement of Reform Judaism's Havdalah live from Israel. There will be a light, no-cost brunch for attendees.

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A note about the hostages being held by Hamas terrorists and their collaborators in Gaza: We have just passed the one-year mark since the hostage-for-terrorist-prisoner exchanges took place between Israel and Hamas. 105 civilian hostages, mostly Israeli, were part of this negotiated deal. I hope that by the time that this bulletin article is printed, the remaining 101 hostages are out of captivity, alive, and back where they belong, so that they and their families can take their next steps and heal. Sadly, now that over 420 days have passed since October 7th, we are approaching the 444-day mark. Some will remember how that was the number of days that American embassy staff in Tehran, Iran were held against their will following the revolution there in 1979.

I truly hope that well before we gather to light candles for Hanukkah at the end of this month that we will mark their return to freedom and to light.

Hanukkah will be at the end of the month. There will be many reasons for us to be at the vanguard of bringing more light to a world sorely in need of it.

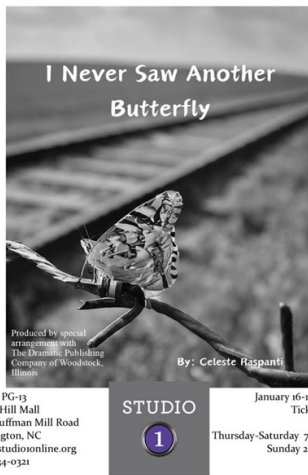
Michal and I, together with everyone at Temple, send our blessings for a Hanukkah filled with peace, health, and freedom - for us, for our people, and for all people.

Rabbi Andy Koren

Senior Rabbi

I Never Saw Another Butterfly

Studio 1 at Holly Hill Mall Proudly Presents



Temple Emanuel Member Shares the Story of Children of the Holocaust

Over 15,000 children passed through the gates of Terezin, a concentration camp 60 miles north of Prague. Fewer than 100 survived. *I Never Saw Another Butterfly* tells the story of the children who perished and those who survived.

Award winning Studio 1 Theatre in Burlington, North Carolina, brings this powerful and timely play to the stage January 16 - 19, 2025.

It has been the mission of 17-year-old Gracie Cohen, a member of Temple Emanuel, to tell the story of the children of the Holocaust, especially in her Alamance County community where there are very few Jewish families.

"Ever since I played the role of Raya Englanderova at Temple Emanuel when I was 12 years old, I wanted to bring this tragic yet hopeful story to a larger audience. It's important to me, especially during this time of

increased antisemitism, that everyone knows our history, so it won't be repeated."

From behind the barbed wire fences, teachers and students at Terezin showed defiance by learning when it was forbidden, by drawing pictures and writing poems of life as well as death. Their artistic creations show us inside their journey to survive.

Courtney Doi with the N.C. Council on the Holocaust, who had family members in Terezin, is contributing to this production by providing artifacts and bios of North Carolina Holocaust survivors.

Shows:

Thursday January 16 at 7:30pm

Friday January 17 at 7:30pm

Saturday, January 18 at 7:30pm

Sunday January 19 at 2:00pm

www.studio1online.org | 336-534-0321

Location:

309 Huffman Mill Road Burlington, NC

Studio 1 is located at Burlington's Holly Hill Mall via the entrance between La Cocina and East Coast Wings.

Tickets: \$18 on sale now

Hanukkah Miracles & Light



Every week, I have the opportunity to be a part of t'filah with our Keshet students, both on Sundays and Tuesdays. This time is one of the many highlights of my week! I am always moved by the joy our Keshet students express as they sing and pray together. The community and connections they are making are palpable. They are building a deep understanding of how prayer can have meaning in their lives today.

Over these last couple weeks, we have been thinking about how Hanukkah and the story of the Maccabees is richly connected to our prayer of freedom, *Mi Chamocha*. Hanukkah is a story about the Maccabees and a military victory against the ancient Greeks. The initials "Maccabee" in Hebrew are actually an acronym for this prayer. The letters stand for *Mi Chamocha ba'Eilim Adonai* which translates to "Who is like You, God, among all the others." The miracle of the Maccabees is there, if we look for it, every time we consider the miracle of the Exodus.

"Sometimes miracles aren't as spectacular as the parting of the Sea of Reeds," explains our Reform Movement's youth prayer book, *Mishkan T'fillah for Youth*. "Miracles can be found all around us, in moments like the birth of a child, or in the wonder of first learning to read. Nature is full of miracles as well, like the intricate crystals in a snowflake or a rainbow in the sky."

It is hard sometimes to think of miracles when there is so much that challenges our world. And, yet, this ability to look for the good, to look for the miracles around us can be an antidote to all that feels hard, sad, and out of control.

What are some everyday miracles, large or small, that you have experienced? Where can you look for these everyday miracles? How might we share these experiences with those we love and with our Temple Emanuel and larger Jewish and world communities?

When I asked our Keshet students about the everyday miracles they have experienced, they shared their miracles including families who love them for who they are, leaders who are working towards peace in the world, friends who make them feel seen, pets, clothes and food and shelter. Our youth understand the miracles of everyday lives.

And gathering together to celebrate all that is good and light-giving is a miracle too! This Hanukkah, there are many ways we can gather at Temple Emanuel. Just a few that I am very excited about include our Temple Emanuel and Children's Museum of Greensboro collaborative Hanukkah celebration on December 8, our Keshet Family celebration on December 15, and our Crafts, Cocktails and Convo Hanukkah event for women sponsored by Sisterhood on December 17!

We each bring a spark of light with us and, together, that light is bright. We need you to help light our community bright this Hanukkah season!

Rabbi Amy Hertz

Rabbi Educator

Adult B'nai Mitzvah

Have you always wanted to become B'nai Mitzvah? The Adult B'nai Mitzvah class at Temple Emanuel will meet approximately once-a-month as a group, as well as individually for Hebrew learning as needed. Various Hebrew instruction options will be available and adult learners should be able to decode Hebrew by the end of the process in order to participate fully in the Adult B'nai Mitzvah ceremony. There will also be several other get-togethers throughout the year, including a Shabbat dinner. While there is no charge associated with the adult B'nai Mitzvah class, Hebrew instruction may have associated costs. If finances are a concern, please do not hesitate to speak to a clergy member. There should be no barriers to learning and we have some funds to support your learning if needed. If you are interested in participating in the Adult B'nai Mitzvah cohort, please email Rabbi Amy Hertz at ahertz@tegreensboro.org.

A Message from ECEC Mom, Rachel Miller for Giving Tuesday



Dear Temple Emanuel Community,

This Giving Tuesday, I invite you to make a difference in the lives of dozens of children like my daughter, Lucy. **Your support for Temple Emanuel's Early Childhood Engagement Center (ECEC) on the world's #1 day of giving can help sustain and grow the incredible impact this program has on our children and families.**

For my family, ECEC and Temple Emanuel, have been nothing short of transformative. **You may recognize my little Rabbi-In-Training, Lucy from Friday night services. She is a vibrant 3.5-year-old who embraces her neurodivergence.** Our family struggled to find a preschool that would support her growth and diverse needs, but the moment I stepped into the ECEC classroom, I knew she had found her safe space. In fact, some days, Lucy cries when I arrive to pick her up—not because she's upset, but because **she's having too much fun to leave!**

The care, patience, and love she receives from the ECEC staff ensures Lucy feels not only accepted, but celebrated as well. The teachers work tirelessly to meet Lucy where she is, ensuring she's comfortable and thriving. **They've embraced her unique needs, crafting a learning environment that fits her, rather than trying to squeeze her into a mold. This individualized approach doesn't just benefit Lucy—it's something every child, whether neurodivergent or neurotypical, deserves.**

At ECEC, learning is inspired through curiosity, play, trust, and respect. Every day, Lucy is excited to explore, discover, and grow alongside her peers in an environment that nurtures her creativity and independence. **It's a place where children are valued for who they are and encouraged to become their best selves.**

Your generosity this Giving Tuesday can ensure that many more children experience this kind of growth and belonging. **A gift to ECEC supports an inclusive, innovative education where children are embraced with love and provided with the tools to succeed.**

Thank you for being a part of this incredible community and for supporting the children who are its future, like our Lucy.



With Gratitude,
Rachel Miller
Proud ECEC Mom

Making a gift to ECEC is easy!

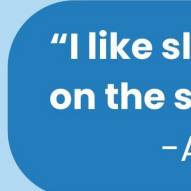
Simply visit the donate form on the Temple Emanuel Website and select **"Early Childhood Engagement Center"** in the drop-down "funds" menu! Email csilverman@tegreensboro.org if you have any questions!



What Students Say About ECEC



**"I love my teachers
and doing
art projects!"**
-Jacob



**"I like sliding
on the slides!"**
-Ainsley



**"I like going to
play at school!"**
-Rocky



**"I like playing
games and giving
my friends hugs!"**
-AJ



Social Action News

Social Justice is a core value in Judaism, and "Justice, justice, you shall pursue" is a command that we hold dear. The newly-energized Social Action Committee (SAC) has been working for almost a year to create an active and responsive committee to engage the congregation. As we considered how to organize ourselves, we reviewed recommendations from the Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism (RAC), examined previous Temple Emanuel initiatives, and also looked at activities that have been ongoing. Ultimately, we organized the committee under three Jewish Values: Kavanah (intention), Kehillah (connections), and Nedivut (be generous.)

Kavanah/Intention (mindfulness of our work) - Bringing full attention to our thoughts, actions, and words increases the fullness with which we live. Mindfulness helps us not only to bring ourselves to prayer; it helps us live deeply. For SAC, Kavanah will function as a long-term focus project, providing multiple opportunities to get the congregation (you!) involved in enduring and impactful ways. After researching several possibilities, we are pleased to announce that we will be partnering with Kellin Foundation over the next 12 months. The Kellin Foundation's mission is to strengthen resilience among children, families, and adults through trauma-informed behavioral health services aimed at supporting mental and emotional well-being. It does this by providing free services to about 12,000 individuals each year, extending behavioral health services to those who otherwise lack access to this essential care. We are currently meeting with Kellin Foundation for planning and can't wait to present our project to the congregation!

Kehillah/Connections (commitment to community) - According to Jewish tradition, human beings can only fulfill themselves fully in relationship with others. Community is the focus of our relationships, and building and sustaining communities is critical to human fulfillment. As Jews, we strive to create communities that manifest justice, holiness, and peace. This aspect of SAC is how we connect with you, and ultimately also with the greater Jewish community as well as the Greensboro community. We want SAC to provide a way for everyone to get involved. We will be surveying the congregation to learn about interests and skills, and we plan to use this information as we develop actions and activities, as well as to foster leadership for our initiatives.

Nedivut/Be Generous - We must give not out of obligation, but with a willing heart. Our tradition calls this a generosity of the heart, and tells us that it is our nature to be open-hearted. Caring comes easily when our hearts are open. SAC is not just one Kavanah project! There are several ongoing and cyclic activities and events that we support. Some examples include collections for the JFS foodbank, collections and apartment set-up for new immigrants, Aviv, and One for the Road bags.



Members of the Social Action Committee at the FaithAction's Multi Cultural Thanksgiving

Attendees of the Feast of caring including members of the Social Action Committee



Sisterhood Update

We've gotten rave reviews as to our always accessible Sisterhood space – Sisterhood's Cafe & Gifts. Grab a cup of coffee, hot chocolate or tea, do a little shopping or just lounge and enjoy great community company!

Please join us for our gift shop Hanukkah Sale on December 15th, 10:00am to 12:30pm. There will be great gifts available for you and yours at terrific prices.

On December 17, from 7-8:30pm, Sisterhood is sponsoring a *Hanukkah Crafts, Cocktails & Convo* event. Please join Rabbi Amy and Beth Goldstein for a fun night preparing for Hanukkah. Enjoy a Dizzy Dreidel cocktail or a Miracle mocktail as we craft and snack. Donations to offset costs are welcomed!

Please keep an eye out for Sisterhood's other upcoming December events and dates for monthly Sisterhood Summits. Some happenings:

Ladies Who Lunch, December 10 at 12:00pm

Book Club, December 27 at 12:00pm

Mahjong at Temple, every 1st and 3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Speaking of mahjong, kudos to Sheryl Hirsch and Nancy Swanson on their excellent 4-week mahjong class! The sessions were a huge success. It's amazing how this game brought so many together; though, you are never supposed to say "it's just a game" to a mahjong player.



Friendship Circle

In November, the Friendship Circle enjoyed a pizza lunch and entertainment by Adam Maaravi. Adam is 19 years old and has been playing the piano for eleven years. Adam, his parents: Miriam and Itsik, and sister, Jessi Balogh, have been members of Temple Emanuel since moving to Greensboro in 2016. Everyone enjoyed his performance and selection of music by various artists: Elvis Presley, The Beatles, Frank Sinatra, and John Lennon.

Join us on Wednesday, December 18, for lunch and a kickoff for Hanukkah with children from the Early Childhood Education Program bringing songs and laughter.



December Events



Shabbat at Greene Street | December 6 | 6:30pm

Join us on the first Friday of every month for Shabbat Services at Temple Emanuel's Greene Street Campus, 713 North Greene Street. This month we will hold "Shabbat Starts Here"- see page 10 for details.

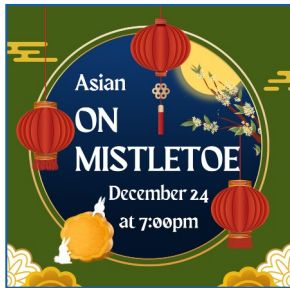
Ladies Who Lunch | Tuesday, December 10 | 12:00pm

The Ladies Who Lunch will meet at Mediterraneo on Tuesday, December 10, at noon. Their address is 309 A Pisgah Church Road. RSVP to Barbara Scheck at 336-288-8630 or email beezart@aol.com.



Schmooze with the Rabbi | Thursday, December 12 | 12:00pm

Join Rabbi Andy for lunch at the Bravo Italian Kitchen in Friendly Shopping center on Thursday, December 12, at 12:00pm! Conversation is on us, lunch is on you!



Asian on Mistletoe | Tuesday, December 24 | 7:00pm

Rabbi Andy and Michal Koren are hosting Asian on Mistletoe on Tuesday, December 24. Enjoy a casual and fun evening at their home, featuring Jewish music and plenty of vegetarian Asian food (potluck style). Please register to let them know you are coming and bring a vegetarian Asian dish to share.

Sisterhood Book Club Schmooze | Friday, December 27 | 12:00pm

The Sisterhood Book Club will take place on Friday, December 27 at noon in the Board Room. Please note different day. We will discuss Stockholm by, Noa Yedlin. You may bring your own lunch and beverage. Please follow dietary rules.



Mahjong | 1st and 3rd Wednesdays | 6:30 - 8:30pm

Do you like to play mahjong? Come join us at Temple Emanuel on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. Please reserve a spot online so we set up your table. Nancy Swanson and/or Sheryl Hirsh will be there to help. So grab your friends, and come play with us. Don't forget to bring your mahjong cards!

Chevra Torah | Saturday mornings | 9:00 - 10:30am | In-person or on Zoom

The community is welcome to join us every Saturday morning at 9:00 am, for our master class, Chevra Torah. This study group, led by one of our rabbis, explores the weekly Torah portion. No prerequisite knowledge is needed, and all are welcome to attend. Participation is free.



Temple Emanuel's Stitching Group | Mondays | 1:00-3:00pm

Please join us in the Temple Emanuel library on Mondays at 1:00 pm, for fun and friendship while you work on your projects. Email carolrauch@me.com for questions and suggestions.

Coffee & Connections | Fridays | 10:00am | on Zoom

Connect with Temple members through casual conversation during Coffee & Connections every Friday at 10:00 am on Zoom. Grab your beverage of choice and join us!

Temple Emanuel Calendar of Events
December 2024 | Cheshvan- Kislev 5785
Information is subject to change.

Confirm at www.tegreensboro.org or with the Temple office.

December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 1p Stitching Group	3 5p Kesher	4 6:30p Mahjong 6:30p Intro to Judaism 7p Israel's Declaration of Independence	5 6p Executive Committee Mtg	6 10a Coffee & Connections 6:30p Shabbat Service at Greene Street 7p Shabbat Starts Here: dinner w/ Shoshana Dweck	7 9a Impact of War on Women's Issues and Chevra Torah w/Kaddish 11:45a Havdalah and Conversation w/ Shoshana Dweck
8 9:30a Kesher 9:45a Brotherhood Mtg 10:15a Festival Comm. Mtg 1p Hadassah Game Day 1:30p Social Action Comm. Mtg	9 1p Stitching Group	10 12p Ladies who Lunch 5p Kesher 6p Terumah Comm. Mtg 7:30p Board of Trustees Mtg	11 5p Brotherhood at Greensboro Urban Ministry 6p Chaveirut Committee Mtg 6:30p Intro to Judaism 7p Israel's Declaration of Independence	12 12p Schmooze with the Rabbi	13 10a Coffee & Connections 5:30p Tot Shabbat 6:00p Shabbat Together Dinner 6:30p Birthday Shabbat Service	14 9a Chevra Torah 9a B'nai Mitzvah Seminar 10:30a Shabbat Morning Service and Bat Mitzvah of Zoe Straub
15 8:30a Education Committee Mtg 9:30a Kesher 10a ATID 10a Sisterhood Gift Shop Sale	16 1p Stitching Group	17 5p Kesher 7p Sisterhood Hanukkah Crafts, Cocktails, & Convos	18 12p Friendship Circle 6:30p Mahjong 6:30p Intro to Judaism	19	20 10a Coffee & Connections 6:30p Shabbat Service	21 9a Chevra Torah w/Kaddish
22 No Kesher	23 1p Stitching Group	24 Temple Office Closed No Kesher 7p Asian on Mistletoe	25 Temple Office Closed	26 Hanukkah Day 1	27 Hanukkah Day 2 10a Coffee & Connections 12p Sisterhood Book Club 6:30p Shabbanukkah Service	28 Hanukkah Day 3 9a Chevra Torah 6p Havdalahkka @ Women of the Shoah Statue
29 Hanukkah Day 4 No Kesher	30 Hanukkah Day 5 1p Stitching Group	31 Hanukkah Day 6 No Kesher 6p Hanukkah/ New Years Party		<p>Key</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ - Adult Education ■ - Kids Programs ■ - New/Special Programs ■ - Committee Meetings ■ - Social Programs ■ - Community Events ■ - Services 		

Scholar in Residence: Shoshana Dweck



Bring a warm Temple Welcome to our visiting Scholar in Residence, Shoshana Dweck, on the weekend of December 6 and 7.

Shoshana will be joining us for three events to help spark important discussions about Israel, women's issues, and the upcoming World Zionist Organization elections.

About Shoshana

Shoshana Dweck is a Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) Executive Committee Member-at-Large, co-chair of ARZENU (the International Federation of Reform, Progressive, Religious and Liberal Zionists) and serves on the Executive Board of the URJ. A second-generation activist in the worlds of WRJ and Reform Zionism, Shoshana is on the Executive of the Jewish Agency and the Expanded Executive of the World Zionist Organization and has been vice president of ARZA and vice chair of the United Israel Appeal. She also has served on the Tribunal of the American Zionist Movement (AZM), where she is currently a board member and has roles with the Anti-Defamation League (ADL).

A recovering lawyer and engineer, she started her WRJ leadership journey as sisterhood president of Temple Shaaray Tefila in Bedford Corners, New York, where she now serves on the Temple Board, and on her District Board. When serving as WRJ's Social Justice Vice President, Shoshana helped to launch "WRJ says STOP: an Initiative against Sexual Harassment and Assault." Shoshana is a former local Federation President and past-chair of the New York Says Thank You Foundation and its "Stars of HOPE" healing arts work supporting individuals and communities around the world impacted by mass tragedies. She is the proud mother of three sons, one cat, and two grandkitties.

Shabbat Starts Here | Friday, December 6 | 6:30pm - Shabbat Service followed by dinner

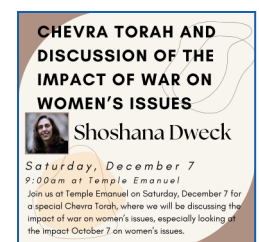


Join us at Temple Emanuel's Greene Street Campus on Friday, December 6 for a special Shabbat Starts Here! After an abbreviated Shabbat Service, we will be discussing World Zionist Organization Elections, while we join each other for dinner. *Dinner is \$18 per person. Reservations are required.*

Dinner will be: Chicken or Falafel (both gluten-free), rice, salad, spanakopita, pita and hummus (from Mythos Catering)

Chevra Torah and Discussion of the Impact of War on Women's Issues Saturday, December 7 | 9:00am

Join us at Temple Emanuel for a special Chevra Torah with Shoshana Dweck. We will be discussing the impact of war on women's issues, especially looking at the impact of October 7 on women's issues.



Israel Movement for Reform and Progressive Judaism Havdalah and Conversation



Saturday, December 7 | 11:45am

Join us at Temple Emanuel on Saturday, December 7, at 11:45am for a discussion about Reform Judaism in Israel. We will also watch the livestream of the Israel Movement of Reform Judaism weekly havdalah and conversation.

There will be a light brunch for attendees.

Hanukkah with Temple Emanuel



Hanukkah at the Children's Museum | Sunday, December 8 | 1:00pm

Temple Emanuel will be at the Miriam Brenner Children's Museum to celebrate Hanukkah with the Greater Greensboro community. We want to invite the whole Temple community to come out and help us teach our neighbors about Hanukkah and celebrate together with a fun Lego activity, some songs, a story, and other activities!

Shabbat Together and Hanukkah Tot Shabbat with PJ Library | Friday, December 13 | 5:30pm

The evening will begin at 5:30pm with a Hanukkah Tot Shabbat Service with PJ Library (designed for children ages 0-6 years old and their families). At 6:00pm, we will continue with a delicious meal, where PJ Library will provide a Hanukkah dessert and craft, before a musical Shabbat Evening Service that begins at 6:30pm. During dinner, we will have tot-friendly play space and a simple Shabbat craft. We strongly encourage Keshar families to join us for dinner and the 6:30pm service which will be especially family friendly. *The cost for dinner is \$5/person, with a max of \$15/family.* Reservations are required for dinner, which will feature a pasta bar. Special Note: We will also celebrate our monthly birthdays during this Shabbat.



Hanukkah Crafts, Cocktails, and Convo | Tuesday, December 17 | 7:00pm

Join Rabbi Amy and Beth Goldstein for a fabulous night of fun in preparation for Hanukkah! Enjoy a Dizzy Dreidel or a Miracle Mocktail while we craft, snack, and meet new friends!

Shabbanukkah Service | Friday, December 27 | 6:30pm

Join us for a warm, lively and music-filled Friday night Shabbanukkah Service! We invite you to bring your menorah and candles to light with the whole congregation for this festive shabbat on the third night of Hanukkah!



Please join us for our gift shop Hanukkah Sale on December 15, 10am to 12:30pm. There will be great gifts available for you and yours at terrific prices.



Havdalakkah at the Women of the Shoah Statue | Saturday, December 28 | 6:00pm

Join us downtown in LeBauer Park by the Women of the Shoah Statue for Havdalakkah, where we will hold a havdalah service, light the menorah and bring light to the community.

New Year's Hanukkah Party Tuesday, December 31 | 6:00pm

Come celebrate Hanukkah and kick-off your New Year's Eve with Temple! We will start the evening off lighting candles, so bring your menorah and candles. There will be games, treats, champagne, and crafts for all ages.



Save these January Dates!

Temple Emanuel Brotherhood invites you to join them on Sunday, January 19, 2025 at 10:00am in the Temple Emanuel Social Hall for a Sports Breakfast.

Temple Emanuel Brotherhood Presents a

Sports Breakfast

Sunday, January 19, 2025
at 10:00am
at Temple Emanuel



Early Bird pricing is \$10 until January 3. After January 3, the price is \$15 for Temple members. Tickets for non Temple members is \$20.

Children under 10 are free.

Featuring guest speakers from the UNCG Athletics Department, the Athletics Director, Coach of the Men's Golf Team, and Coach of the Women's Softball team.

Breakfast will include: Lox, Eggs and Onions and Scrambled eggs, Bagels, Cream Cheese, and more

Net proceeds are going to hurricane relief in Western NC

Introduction to Jewish Mysticism, taught by Ginny Weaver on Zoom
Mondays, 6:00pm-7:45pm, January 27, February 3, 10, and 17.

The Jewish mystical tradition known as kabbalah has influenced many aspects of modern Jewish life, sometimes in ways we don't usually notice. Join us on Zoom for an accessible introduction to the deeply spiritual study and practice of kabbalah.

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In-person and on Zoom
January 27, February 3, 10, and 17, 2025

TEMPLE EMANUEL'S FRIDAY EVENING MLK SHABBAT

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17 | 7:30 P.M.
IN-PERSON & LIVE STREAMED



Temple Emanuel's Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Shabbat will take place Friday, January 17 at 7:30pm., guest speaker TBA.

Join us for a warm, lively and music-filled Friday night Shabbat Service! Watch for more information about our guest speaker and musical group.

You can attend in-person or watch the livestream on Temple's Facebook page or YouTube.

YOU ARE SO INVITED TO OUR

B' MITZVAH PARTY FUNDRAISER

Party like you're 13 again!

JAN. 25, 2025
6:30pm to 10:00pm

TEMPLE NEEDS SOME ROOF REPAIRS SO ...
LET'S RAISE THE ROOF \$\$ TOGETHER!

MORE INFORMATION TO COME!



HADASSAH GREENSBORO-WINSTON SALEM

GAME DAY

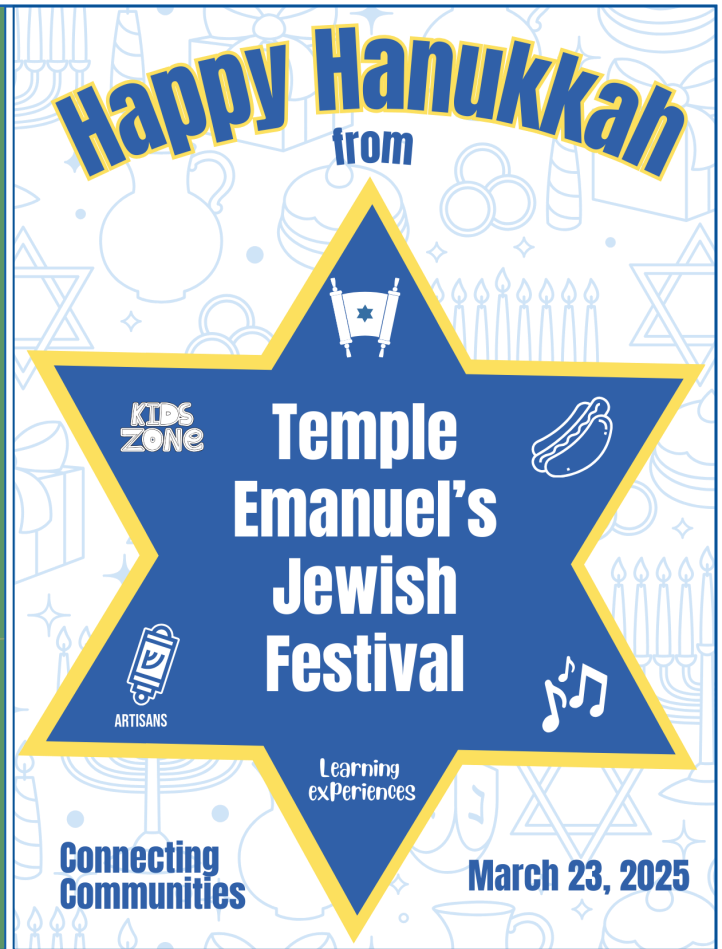
We're Back!
Mah Jongg, Bridge, Canasta, Scrabble or Rummy Cube!

Sunday, Dec 8
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
address will be provided upon registration

\$36 per person
Mixing, mingling and munchies!

Use the link below or scan the QR Code to register
<https://bit.ly/greensborowinstonsalemgameday24>

Register by October 15 and you will be entered in a drawing for one of three prizes!



Happy Hanukkah

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Temple Emanuel's Jewish Festival

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March 23, 2025

GET READY FOR 2025 MAH JONGG

Your annual National Mah Jongg League membership entitles you to one 2025

- Mah Jongg Card.
- \$14 standard print card
- \$15 large print card

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1 Rima Kleiner Nancy Guttman Aaron LeBauer Claudia Abajtour-Ukonu	10 Phil Kusiak Terry Le Dick Levy Kim Freedman	18 Naomi Marks Lance Gordon Eric Kaplan Barbara Krueger	24 Jeff Straub 25 Mark Kolada Betsy Silverstein Sue Purviance
2 Paula Katz	Polly Strasser	Randi Kottler	Alicia Kaplan
3 Nathan Pius Kathy Manning Erick Fisher Robert Chandler	Jillian Goldberg	Myra Smith	26 Cindy Dugger Merrill Miller Cindy Shackelford Kim Wainer
4 Susan Pinsker	11 Afrique Kilimanjaro Jane Levy Amy Kane	20 JoAnn Koblitz Emma Myatt Barri Maxwell	27 Anthony Wattie Steven Levine
6 Brad Cone Beth Hawkins	12 Sandy Kahn Joshua Brown	21 Elizabeth Strasser Alan Rowe Cathy Katz	28 Rachel Miller
7 Kirsten Wolberg Greg Silverman Don Pulitzer Stacey Youngdale Alan Ashkinazy Brooklyn Flatt	13 Mark Podolle Martin Friedman	Cate Wineburg Gayle Peake Benjamin Fine Ed Siegel	29 Christine Ribakove 30 Nick Pines Ivan Cutler Irwin Hoffman Sara Gordon Nichol Walters Jim Coleman
8 Jerry Gedaly Laura Kaufman Michele Slaine	14 David Siar Michael Falk	Ed Siegel	31 Todd Lewis Andrew Brod
9 Adele Coleman J.R. McInnis Howard Goldberg	15 Alice Isaacson Jerry Pinsker David Glick Kathy White-Frank	22 Bob Kriegsman Cheryl Hoffman	
	16 Stanley Garber, Jr. Wayne Moore Betsy Lerner	23 Gary Simmons Jodi Romer Jordan Bressler Gary Lindenberg Neil Marlo	

Children Birthdays

1 Jacob Gers	12 Nora Burton	19 Ben Negin	24 Rachel Lurie
3 Samara Mandley	Skylar McKeon	Abby Negin	Ethan Katz
5 Annika Wolberg	Shane McKeon	Alex Villalba	25 Yosiah Kniseley
8 Sam Geier Adam Kleiner	13 Rachel Bressler	Alex Ezrine	26 Jake Russo Everett Block
9 Jordan Wattie-Shear Darien Singerman	14 Lavi Waroczyk Marilyn Henner	20 Bridget Schoultz Jessalyn Bryant	27 Jacob Heenan Rhapsody O'Gara
11 Jonah Simon	15 Maddie Strasser	21 Tyler Strasser Stone Solomon	29 Abe Kaplan
	16 Ethan Gers	23 Midge Stine	31 Ava Tuggle Aiden Monosoff
	17 Gabriel Taylor		

Anniversaries

14 May Gayle & Paul Mengert	21 Haley & Keith Panzera	26 Sheryl Gottlieb-Siar & David Siar
15 Leta & Nathan Pius	23 Debbie & Julian Benjamin	30 Erica & Marty Weissburg
17 Yvonne & David Evans Sara & David Gordon	Abigail & Michael Polos	Sarah & John Schoultz
19 Stacey & Phil Papier	24 Terry Le & Joshua Landau Barbara & Sheldon Krueger	

Bat Mitzvah



Shawn and Jeff Straub cordially invite the congregation to join them for Shabbat morning services on Saturday, December 14, at 10:30am, when their daughter, Zoe Sydney will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah.

Zoe is a 12th grade student at Northern High School.

The congregation is invited to an Oneg Shabbat following Friday night's service and a Kiddush luncheon in Zoe's honor following the service on Saturday morning.



December Yahrzeits



Please note that Shabbat Services and Chevra Torah will be held online and in-person this month, unless otherwise noted.

Yahrzeits are read during Shabbat Services on Friday night and the following Saturday morning.

To be read at Shabbat Services on Friday, December 6, at 6:30pm at the Greene Street Campus & Saturday, December 7, (at the end of Chevra Torah)

*Claudine Roubinowitz
Wayser
David Davis
Irving Wasserman
*Pearl Horowitz
Phillip Citron
*Anna Lou Cassell
Halina Ozarow
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David Bradshaw
*Isidore Schafer
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*Barbara Levy
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To be read at Birthday Shabbat Services on Friday, December 13, at 6:30pm & Saturday, December 14, at 10:30am

Bertha Schwartz
*Bertha Baer
Jack Lerner
*Janet Bluethenthal
*Joe Bolot
Mary Hash
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Joseph Yager
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*Edith Sloan
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To be read at Shabbat Services on Friday, December 20, at 6:30pm & Saturday, December 21, (at the end of Chevra Torah)

Robert Altman
Louis Wald
*Mary Silbiger
*Meyer Horowitz
*Paul Markoff
Charles Kibby
Kevin Riley
Patricia Banks
*Philip Segal, Jr.
William Edward Covington
Charles Wilson
*Eileen Gross
Kay Stern
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*Bernard Grossman
David Lewis
Harriett Vick
Harry Peake
Jerry Heimann
*William Torchinsky
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Joyce Miller
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Shirley Heuing
Cecile Hartman
*Hattie Block
Lyndie Litman
Mack Godwin
*Mitchell Gross
Rose Katz
Stanley Kimmel

To be read at Shabbanukkah Services on Friday, December 27, at 6:30pm & Saturday, December 28, (at the end of Chevra Torah)

Bea Katz
Lore Schifftan
Lotte Wertheim
*Michael Weisenfeld
Brendan Dunlevy
*Bronwyne Bowra
*Marilyn Belenky
Robert Rhodes
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Herman Cone, Sr.
Melvin Benjamin
*Rheba Marks

The yahrzeits for December 29-31 will be listed in the January bulletin.

*** A yahrzeit plaque for these loved ones will be lit in the Memorial Room during the month of December.**

Mazal Tov

Mazal Tov to Cathy and Josh Ritter on the birth of their daughter, Abigail Rae Ritter, on November 10. Mazal Tov also to Abigail's grandmother, Susan Seider.

In Memoriam

Bryan Jardine, Father of Pam (Laurence) Goldberg, Grandfather of Benjamin and Shelley Goldberg, on Tuesday, November 19.

Jerry Medlin, Father of Macon (Elisa) Medlin and Jeannelle McCain, on November 13.

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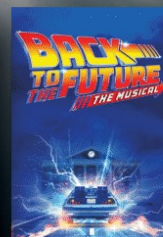
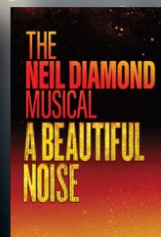
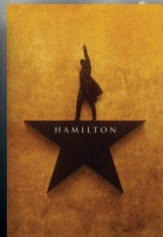
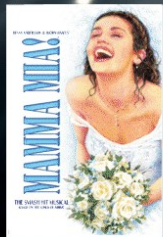
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