

# Temple Emanuel Bulletin

## Connecting Generations

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**Join Temple Emanuel for our Purim Carnival, KPop Haman Hunters Megillah reading, and more!**

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## A Month Of Jewish Joy and Depth



There is something special about this March. We start it with Purim, our yearly time of silliness, dress-up, revelry, and fun.

Even though Purim starts at night on Monday, March 2nd this year, Temple's annual Purim Carnival will take place on Sunday, March 1. That means we will start the month on a note of celebration.

Monday night's Purim Shpiel will feature a brief reading of the Megillah (the Biblical story of Esther) together with song and dance inspired by the KPop Demon Hunters. Whether or not that last sentence made sense to you, you'll want to be at Temple for all of the fun on March 2nd.

Both Temple Purim celebrations are family-friendly and open to all ages, even though there is more of a youth-focus and timing on Sunday.

March 2026 ends on a Tuesday. The following evening, Wednesday, April 1, is the first night of Passover. For me, and maybe for many others, Passover is a time to be with family and friends. It is filled with songs and stories. Some of my most enduring life memories revolve around Passover gatherings. If you are in town, I hope that you will plan to be at Temple for our Second Night Seder (more details, including reservation deadlines, are in this bulletin, on our website, and available through various Temple emails and announcements).

I can't remember the last time that a month on the civil calendar was bookended in such a meaningful way by Jewish observances.

Because Purim is more than just Hamantaschen and costumes. It is a Biblical example - one of many - of the way that hatred against Jews has been a factor in our story no matter the generation. Antisemitism then, as now - no matter its source - is a danger that we must face. That is essentially what Mordechai conveys to Esther, despite her position as Queen, in his famous message to her:

"Do not imagine that you, of all the Jews, will escape with your life by being in the king's palace. ...who knows, perhaps you have attained to royal position for just such a crisis."

Jews worldwide once again are confronting the reality that we need to confront the hatred that is being directed at us. This is not easy, and it is easy for us in our highly charged world to think that the only source - or the most dangerous source - of antisemitism is to be

found exclusively in one political ideology or sector of society. These past years - from Charlottesville to Pittsburgh, from Colleyville to Bondi Beach, from Boulder to Washington, DC - have shown us starkly that we have to see the Purim story with the seriousness it demands.

Palaces are false sanctuaries. We need to be aware and stand up, proud and defiant, for our own safety and security.

And yet, there is another message, the message that comes only weeks later, during Passover.

Passover is our freedom festival. It contains the central message of the Jewish people: the one God is a God of freedom. God wants us to be free, and wants freedom for all. As such, freedom does not mean a "free for all" with everyone doing whatever they want to. There are limits and boundaries that must be respected. That is why the Torah spells out rules by which we should live our lives. That is why we, as American Jews, are so troubled by the news about how our government is mistreating immigrants, attacking citizens during moments of relatively peaceful protest, and eroding access to voting rights. That is why many Jews are frustrated that there is not a greater outcry at how Iran once again turned on its own people, killing thousands if not tens of thousands at the start of this year. That is why the same Israelis who stood in defense of their democracy, later took up arms to fight Hamas, and are now incensed by violence against civilian Palestinian communities that have been attacked by radical Jewish settlers on the West Bank.

Passover adds an important dimension to what we learn from Purim. It says to us: freedom matters.

But Passover also takes us one step further. It lets us know that together with standing up against others who wish us harm, we need to take our tradition seriously, know our story, sing our people's songs, and be involved with both family and community.

Purim reminds us that we need to be aware that there is hatred against us in the world. Passover tells us that our tradition is worth the time and energy we give to it.

The time to learn more, do more, and be more is never more critical than now.

Let this coming month be a time of joy and depth, freedom and meaning.

My sincerest blessings,

*Rabbi Andy Koren*

*Senior Rabbi*

## President's Note



Many of you have seen reports in the news about a possible Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention center across the street at the former American Hebrew Academy, and I want to clear up a few things about that. The quick summary is that while it may be possible, it's very unlikely. Here's why:

✧ So far, all that's happened is that a federal contractor called The Baptiste Group (TBG) responded to a federal Request for Information (RFI) about sites for an ICE detention center in the Southeast. Responding to an RFI is a very preliminary step in the process. TBG "proposed" three sites, and the former AHA was one of them.

✧ The information TBG provided about the former AHA included several errors. For example, it said the facility was built in 1985, which was off by only 16 years. Did TBG visit the former AHA or even speak to the property's owner, American Hebrew Academy, Inc.? It did neither, according to a statement issued by AHA, Inc. Our neighbor across Hobbs Road learned about this when the rest of us did, through news reports. My guess is that TBG found the name of the former AHA through a search or in a database.

✧ Will ICE invite TBG to submit a formal proposal involving the former AHA? I have no idea, of course, but in the same set of RFI responses, at least two former prisons were proposed as well. And there have been numerous news reports of ICE looking for warehouses in the Southeast to use as detention centers. Would ICE try to set up shop in a cushy former boarding school when it has prisons and warehouses from which to choose?

✧ If TBG were invited to submit a formal proposal, I presume that's when it would contact AHA, Inc. Would the latter be receptive to TBG's inquiry? AHA, Inc. has been tight-lipped, but in our one conversation about this with the company's leaders, we did not detect even a hint of interest in such a project.

✧ Then there's the reality of local opposition. The former AHA is zoned for education and related uses. It is not zoned to be a jail, prison, or detention center. A rezoning process would be slow and possibly expensive. There might be lawsuits, and there would definitely be protests. I'd expect ICE to prefer a former prison in a rural area where the locals might welcome it.

✧ Zoning was already a hurdle to using the former AHA as an ICE facility, but last month, the Greensboro city council raised the hurdle even higher. It revised the city's land-use ordinance to include "secure detention and custodial facilities," and it did so precisely to make such a facility virtually impossible to locate within the city limits. One of the provisions bans such facilities within 2,500 feet of a school, park, residential neighborhood, or "place of religious assembly." Last I checked, Hobbs Road is much less than 2,500 feet wide.

✧ I can't tell you that it won't happen, because ICE and this administration have certainly surprised us over the last 13 months. But it seems very unlikely, due to local opposition, zoning barriers, and the square-peg/round-hole reality of trying to use a boarding school as a detention center.

✧ On a moral level, Temple Emanuel's position on immigration is consistent with that of the Reform Jewish Movement, which recently condemned ICE actions and called for the agency to be restructured, not expanded. However, the issue at hand for us is what might happen across the street from the Temple.

This is what we know so far. The Temple leadership will continue to pay close attention to this issue, and we'll keep you in the loop as needed.

L'shalom,

*Andrew Brod*

*Temple President*

## Kesher at the Jewish Festival

Every person with a child in their life (be it as a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or friend) has undoubtedly had a moment where roles are reversed and the child teaches the adult something. Perhaps it's an interesting science fact from school, or more alarmingly, the correction of your grammar. Maybe it's the identification of a pop culture sensation that you, as the grown-up in the room, couldn't possibly be cool enough to know. Most memorable, however, are the times when this child teaches you something that changes your heart a bit. As a parent and lifelong educator myself, I've had quite a few of these moments, and one of my favorites occurred at last year's Jewish Festival.

To provide context, in early 2025, Rabbi Amy Hertz approached several Kesher teachers, including myself, and shared that we would be involving our students in the Festival. The children would be creating visuals and presenting topics in the Education room, as well as singing in the children's choir during the opening of the Festival. My initial reaction was an audible groan. "These kids want to run around with their friends and have fun at the Festival," I thought. "They don't want to do presentations and perform!" I dreaded going back to my classroom and telling my fourth-graders that they had to sing on stage and put together presentations for the Education room.

Suspiciously, my students were agreeable...excited, even. I narrowed my gaze on their sweet, angelic faces. "Sure," I mused, "they are on board now, but when the day of the Festival comes around, I bet it'll be like herding cats to get them on stage to sing and in the Education room to do their presentations. Very quiet, non-singing, non-presenting cats." Nevertheless, my students chose to present on the diversity of shofarot and the history of the Israeli flag (tying into our fourth-grade curriculum of global Jewish communities and Israel) and got to work.

On the day of the Festival, these kids proved me one hundred percent wrong. They sang - loudly, proudly, and mostly on key. The Festival was opened with ruach, showing our greater community that Jewish children bring Jewish joy to everything they do. When it came time for my students to share their projects, they were all present, on time, and spoke into the microphone clearly. They remembered the differences between the Yemenite Kudo, Flat Ram's, Bavli, and classic Ram's Horn shofars. They explained what they would choose to include in the Israeli flag if they had the opportunity to design it today. They absolutely knocked it out of the park, and I've never been happier to be so wrong. Eli Evans, author and poet laureate of the Jewish American

South, once said, "In the South, all Jews are teachers." I often repeat this quote, but it wasn't until last year's Festival that I realized that it applies even to our youngest community members. The littlest souls are often our very best teachers.

The thing is, I did know better than to ever underestimate a child, especially one who has something to prove - and these Jewish children do have something to prove. In a world that often tries to diminish the sparkling bright light that is their Jewishness, they are the proof that it is impossible to do so. Even at 10 years old, they all know what it feels like to be the only Jewish person in a scout troop, a dance class, a soccer team, a classroom. The weight of representing the Jewish community weighs on their shoulders already, but at least in these educational moments at the Festival, it's good pressure. It's pride.

This year, when you're at the Festival on April 19, please take time to listen to our children's choir, check out the students' visual work, and hear their presentations in the Education room. Your support goes beyond the classroom, and it means the world to them to look out and see many faces instead of just a few familiar ones. Also, if you are a grown-up who belongs to a child who will be participating, please let them know how proud you are of the ownership they are already taking in their community. Teaching is really one of the biggest mitzvahs, and I hope you will all join me in learning from our youngest sages.

*Scarlett Stine*

*4th Grade Teacher*



# Early Childhood Engagement Center (ECEC) News

**SUMMER  
CAMP AT  
ECEC!**



9:00a -1:00p or 9:00a – 3:00p  
Monday-Friday  
Ages 16 Mo to 5 Yrs

**Contact Us:** (336) 292-7899  
Or connect with Cassie via email at:  
[csilverman@tegreensboro.org](mailto:csilverman@tegreensboro.org)

## Available Dates:

June 8-12	July 6-10
June 15-18	July 13-17
June 22-26	July 20 - 24
	July 27 - 31

Dear ECEC Families,

**As we turn the page to March, our ECEC is filled with excitement; Purim is almost here!**

**Purim is a joyful Jewish holiday that celebrates courage, resilience, and standing up for what is right.** The story, told in the biblical Book of Esther, follows Queen Esther and Mordechai as they bravely protect the Jewish people from harm. **It's a story about using your voice, embracing who you are, and finding strength even in uncertain times.**

**For families who may be new to Jewish traditions, Purim is often compared to a joyful costume day filled with celebration.** We dress up, give to those in need, exchange festive treats with friends, and gather in community. At its heart, **Purim teaches our children that bravery can come in many forms: speaking up for a friend, celebrating what makes us unique, and choosing kindness even when it's hard.**

Raising children today means helping them build confidence, empathy, and resilience. **The story of Purim reminds us that even one voice can make a difference and that joy, community, and tradition give our children strong roots from which to grow.**

**We invite your family to celebrate with us at Temple Emanuel's Free Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 1st, from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM!** Come enjoy games, fun for the whole family, and a special performance of "K-Pop Haman Hunters." It will be a morning filled with laughter, music, costumes, and community spirit. **We hope to see you there!**



Warmly,  
Cassie Silverman  
Director, ECEC

**HAPPY PURIM**



## Gratitude for your Presense at the Sisterhood Brunch & Special Program: Live Virtual Tour of the Anne Frank House Annex

We are so grateful to our incredible Sisterhood members for their meaningful participation in our recent co-sponsored event. **Together, we welcomed more than 70 attendees for an educational and deeply engaging virtual tour of the Anne Frank Annex.** It was powerful to see our community come together in such large numbers, learning, reflecting, and honoring our shared history. Thank you for showing up with curiosity, compassion, and commitment to keeping these stories alive. **We look forward to continuing to learn and grow as a community together.**

## Purim is Almost Here, Let's Celebrate in Style!



Sisterhood is thrilled to help bring the joy (and the flavor!) to this year's Purim celebrations at Temple Emanuel!

Join us for our annual Megillah Reading and Spiel on **Monday, March 2, beginning at 6:00pm,** where we'll be treated to an original musical production: "KPop Haman Hunters," a KPop-inspired retelling of the Purim story you won't want to miss. Come ready to cheer, boo Haman, shake your groggers, and celebrate Esther's bravery in true pop-star fashion!

Sisterhood will be providing festive cocktails, mocktails, and lite bites to keep the celebration lively all evening long. **RSVP Today!**



## Aviv Tip for March:

Purim is a holiday of generosity. This year, consider giving something that keeps on growing!

Tuck a small packet of herb or flower seeds into your mishloach manot. Attach a simple note: "May these seeds grow joy, renewal, and courage this Purim."

# SISTERHOOD



## Save the Date: Sisterhood General Meeting

Sunday, May 17 from 2:30-4:40pm

Join us as we gather for our general meeting to enjoy camaraderie, light bites! More information coming soon!



Check out last month's chat!



## Parent Coffee Chat



Friday, March 20  
8:00-9:00am

All Temple Emanuel Parents Welcome



## Social Action Update

### “Love Forward Together”

Social Action Committee members were among 2000 others who attended the "Love Forward Together" Mass People's Assembly & Moral March at the state capital on Saturday, February 14. Led by Bishop William J. Barber II, president and senior lecturer of Repairers of the Breach and founding director of the Yale Center for Public Theology and Public Policy, the rally brought together several faith leaders, church coalitions and unions to demonstrate the collective power of North Carolina's voters and to raise awareness of the redrawing of North Carolina's 1st Congressional District.

Said Barber, “We will not be part of a narrative of complicity. For love and democracy to prevail, we must mobilize the vote as never before in our history. The ballot is necessary, and we must organize a movement large and strong enough to transform this country. If we love the establishment of justice, providing for the common defense, promoting the general welfare of all people and equal protection under law, then we must voice our love. It’s time to vote our love and walk in the vitality and vision of love.”



### NCCJ Interfaith Tour

Temple Emanuel was proud to be a part of the NCCJ's Interfaith Tour. They started the tour at Temple, Pete Hitchcock gave a fantastic presentation for a crowd of over 100 people who came to learn about Judaism and Temple Emanuel. Many of the committee members were here that morning to greet and even baked snacks for visitors as they came and left the space.



## The Accessibility and Inclusion Committee Update

The Accessibility and Inclusion Committee (AIC) has started distributing the Congregational Accessibility & Inclusion Survey and invites all members to take a few minutes to complete it. Your feedback will help us better understand the needs of our community and strengthen our efforts to ensure that our programs, services, and events are welcoming and accessible to all. The survey is available via email and in print at services and events, with options for confidential submission. We encourage every household to participate and share their voice.

## Temple Emanuel Golf Outing

Sunday, June 14, 2026 at Stoney Creek Golf Club

SAVE THE DATE and get your foursome together to come play!

### Mazal Tov!

**Mazal Tov to our Marriage Reconsecration Couples**, Kris & Andy Aronson, Jessi & Sean Balogh, Laurie & Gary Bargebuhr, Debbie & Paul Barry, Michele & Joe Basile, Barb & Alan Boyette, Wendee & Ivan Cutler, Bernice & Zev Harel, Hannah & David Heenan, Pam & Pete Hitchcock, Rodna & David Hurewitz, Ila Rosenthal & Jeff Katz, Michal & Rabbi Andy Koren, Ellen Levy & Tom Kranidas, Davida & Steve Levine, Nancy Swanson & Neil Marlo, Sari Goldberg & Travis McDaniel, Mariya & Scott McInnis, Jennifer & Lucas McKeon, Diana & Bob McLeod, Elisa & Macon Medlin, Renee & Lanny Miller, Victoria & Ron Milstein, Haley & Keith Panzera, Tracy & Jeff Simon, Rachelle Bienstock & Scott Snyder, Scarlett & Eric Stine, Caroline & Steven Tanger, Barbara & Jo Van der Linden, Mary & Scott Van der Linden, Ginger & Rich Wald, Laura & Gary Wolf!

**Mazal Tov to Don and Cindy Murinson and Jan Simon** on the birth of their grandson, Eitan Tzvi, born to Marc and Nicole Murinson, on Wednesday, January 21. Mazal tov also to Eitan's big brothers, Jonah and Zach, Aunt Hannah, and Uncle David and Aunt Kasia!

### Bat Mitzvah

#### Samantha Schlosberg



Jessie and Andy Schlosberg cordially invite the congregation to join them for Shabbat morning services on Saturday, March 21, at 10:30am, when their daughter, Samantha Ruth Schlosberg, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah.

Sammie is a 7th grade student at Kiser Middle School. She is the sister of Jake Schlosberg and the granddaughter of Jane Rosen-Grandon and Gary Grandon. Sammie is also the niece of Ben and Keli Grandon.

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

# Project Hamantaschen

Join us in packaging and/or delivering *mishloch manot*, gift baskets, to members of our community who might not be able to celebrate with us in person. For more information and to volunteer, email **Shira Snyder** at [ssnyder@tegreensboro.org](mailto:ssnyder@tegreensboro.org) or call (336) 292 – 7899 x 303.



## Purim Carnival

**Sunday, March 1 | 10:00am**

Get ready for lots of fun and games with friends at the annual Purim Carnival! We'll kick things off with a costume parade and a "taste" of the Purim Spiel, then move into the social hall which will be transformed into a carnival with games and prizes. Lunch will be available for purchase from the Brotherhood (so bring some cash).

*A sensory room, featuring a therapy dog, will also be available.*

## Megillah Reading & Purim Spiel

**Monday, March 2 | 6:00pm**

Join us for a *KPop Demon Hunters* themed Community Megillah Reading. The night will include a costume contest, an interactive Purim spiel, hamantaschen and some delicious snacks, cocktails and mocktails from Temple Emanuel Sisterhood. Be prepared for a festive and fun evening!



# March Events

RSVP to these events at [www.tegreensboro.org/upcomingevents](http://www.tegreensboro.org/upcomingevents)

## “First Friday” Shabbat at Greene Street | March 6 | 6:30pm

Join us for Shabbat Services at 713 North Greene Street. The service will also be livestreamed on Temple’s Facebook and YouTube pages.



## Ladies Who Lunch | Tuesday, March 10 | 12:00pm

Ladies Who Lunch will meet at Positano on Tuesday, March 10th at 12:00pm. We are limited to a party of 12. RSVP to Barbara Scheck at 336-288-8630 or email her at [beezart@aol.com](mailto:beezart@aol.com).

## Friendship Circle | Wednesday, March 11 | 12:00pm

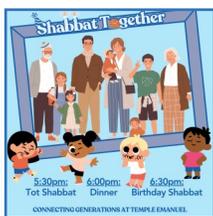
Join us for lunch and a special program. Bob Cleveland from Piedmont Triad Area Agency on Aging will be joining us to tell us about his organization and the services they provide. RSVP to Brenda Henley in the Temple office at [bhenley@tegreensboro.org](mailto:bhenley@tegreensboro.org) or (336) 292-7899.

Friendship Circle



PIEDMONT TRIAD  
AREA AGENCY ON AGING  
Wednesday,  
March 18  
at 12:00pm

## Shabbat Together | Friday, March 13

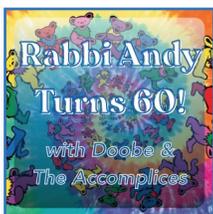


Tot Shabbat, which starts at 5:30pm, is an interactive and musical Shabbat service designed for children ages 0-6 years old and their families. Older siblings are welcome. All are invited to dinner at 6:00pm immediately after the Tot Shabbat service or before the Shabbat service at 6:30pm so that we can celebrate the connecting of generations at Temple Emanuel! We will start with Shabbat blessings, enjoy a delicious, family-friendly meal, and get to know one another in a relaxed atmosphere. A tot friendly play space and simple craft will be available for babies and young children.

Dinner is open to all, but reservations are required. Cost is \$6 per person with a max of \$18 per family. *Prior registration is required, RSVP online or through the Temple office.*

## Schmooze with the Rabbi | Wednesday, March 18 | 12:00pm

Want to meet others and have a great conversation over lunch? This is the program for you! This month we are going to Charbar no. 7. (Special Note: Conversation is on us, lunch is on you.)

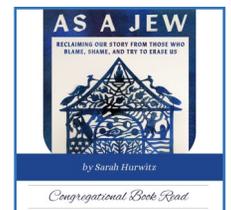


## Rabbi Andy’s 60th Birthday Party | Sunday, March 22 | 7:00pm

Join us for a celebration of Rabbi Andy's 60th Birthday, there will be food truck, dessert, and a musical performance by the band, Doobe & the Accomplices, starting at 8pm. If you are interested in attending visit the Temple website for how to RSVP.

## Congregational Book Read | Tuesday, March 24 | 6:00pm

Join us at Temple Emanuel for a discussion of the book: *As A Jew*, by Sarah Hurwitz at 6:00pm on Tuesday, March 24. Continue reading more about the book on the Temple website.



## Mah Jongg Open Play | 1st and 3rd Wednesdays | 6:30 – 8:30pm

Do you like to play Mah Jongg? Whether you come alone or with a group, come join us at Temple Emanuel. Please reserve a spot online, because tables are limited. Grab your friends or come and make some new friends, and come play with us. Don't forget to bring your current Mah Jongg card and a set if you have one!

## Temple Emanuel Calendar of Events

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Information is subject to change.

Confirm at [www.tegreensboro.org](http://www.tegreensboro.org) or with the Temple office.**March 2026**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10a Purim Carnival	2 <b>Purim</b> 6p Megillah Reading and Spiel	3	4 6:30p Mah Jongg 6:30p Mah Jongg Learn & Play	5 6p Executive Committee Mtg	6 10a Coffee & Connections 6:30p Shabbat Service at Greene Street	7 9a Chevra Torah w/ Kaddish
8 9:30a Keshet 11a Keshet Resilience Workshop 1:30p Social Action Committee Mtg 6p Kehillah High	9 1p Stitching Group	10 12p Ladies Who Lunch 5p Keshet 6:30p Terumah Committee Mtg 7:30p Board of Trustees Mtg	11 12p Friendship Circle 5p Brotherhood at Urban Ministry 6p Chaveirut Committee Mtg 6:30p Mah Jongg Learn & Play	12 5p AIC Mtg	13 10a Coffee & Connections 5:30p Tot Shabbat 6p Shabbat Dinner 6:30p Birthday Shabbat	14 9a Chevra Torah w/ Kaddish
15 9:30a Keshet 6p Kehillah High	16 1p Stitching Group	17 5p Keshet	18 12p Schmooze with the Rabbi 6:30p Mah Jongg 6:30p Mah Jongg Learn & Play 7p Cemetery Committee Mtg	19 7:30p Sisterhood Board Mtg	20 8a Parent Coffee Chat 10a Coffee & Connections 6:30p Shabbat Service	21 9a Chevra Torah 10:30a Shabbat Service and Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Schlosberg
22 9:30a Keshet 6p Kehillah High at BD 7p Rabbi Andy's 60th Birthday Party	23 1p Stitching Group	24 5p Keshet 6p Congregational Book Read	25 6:30p Mah Jongg Learn & Play	26	27 10a Coffee & Connections 6:30p Shabbat Service	28 9a Chevra Torah w/ Kaddish
29 1p Geniza Burial	30 1p Stitching Group	31	Key ■ - Adult Education   ■ - Kids Programs   ■ - Services   ■ - Community Events ■ - Committee Meetings   ■ - Social Programs   ■ - New/Special Programs			

**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!

**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.

## L'dor V'dor Seder

Rabbi Hertz and Rabbi Koren will lead us through a mini Seder featuring traditional Seder foods, fun songs, and connecting with friends!

The cost is \$5 per person; kids 13 and under are free.

*NOTE: This is not a dinner, but some noshes will be served, along with the traditional Seder foods like matzah, parsley, charosets and maror.*

Thursday, April 2 | 4:00pm

## Congregational Seder

Join your Temple family for Second Night Seder, catered by Pepper Moon.

Cost is \$40 per person.

*If you need financial assistance, please call the Temple office.*

**SEATING IS ASSIGNED** - Please indicate preferences when registering.

Thursday, April 2 | 6:00pm

**Shabbat Morning Service**

Saturday, April 4 | 10:30am

**Yizkor at Greene Street**

Wednesday, April 8 | 5:45pm

2026 50/50 Raffle

**Grand Prize - Win half the pot!\***

**2nd - Overnight Stay Package at The O.Henry Hotel**  
One night in their King Room, handcrafted truffles, wine, bicycle rental, romantic turndown service, and two \$25 gift certificates

**3rd - Overnight Stay Package at The Proximity Hotel**  
One night in their Loft King Room, handcrafted truffles, wine, bicycle rental, turndown service, and two \$25 gift certificates

**4th & 5th - Mah Jongg Experience Package**  
One complete Mah Jongg set with mat plus four instructional lessons for two, hosted at Temple Emanuel

**6th - Dinner & A Show Night Out**  
One \$100 gift card to Salvino cucina italiana plus two tickets to *The Notebook* at the Tanger Center with VIP parking

Visit [gsojfest.org/raffle5050](http://gsojfest.org/raffle5050) (or scan the QR code) to view full prize details and raffle rules.



SCAN HERE TO PURCHASE!

\*up to \$5,000,  
in accordance with state law

**Sunday, April 19, 2026**

11:00am–5:00pm | Rain or Shine!



**Calling all volunteers...  
WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

We have many volunteer opportunities with a variety of tasks and shift times.

We are also seeking volunteers to help with setting up before the Festival on April 18 and 19 and volunteers to help with breaking down immediately after.

**A meeting of volunteers will be held at 6:30pm on Thursday, April 16.**

**YOU can help make the Festival a success by becoming a Patron or Friend of the Festival!**

The continued success of our festival is due in large part to the donations made by members of our community.

Please consider helping us offset our festival costs by becoming a Patron or Friend of the Festival.

**You will be recognized on our website and in the Festival program!**

SCAN HERE TO GET INVOLVED!



For more information about the Festival, volunteering, becoming a Patron or Friend, or business sponsorships, visit us online at [gsojfest.org](http://gsojfest.org)



# March Birthdays and Anniversaries

## Adult Birthdays

1 Sue Weisenfeld	10 Joel Heller	Gail Bernstein	Anna Feller
Ken Rotenstreich	11 Hannah	Keli Grandon	26 Stacy Fuller
Karen Dresser	Fernandez-Kniseley	18 Todd Gers	Stacey Cunningham
Karen Spira	José Villalba	Clay Burton	Bill Schy
Kent Dewey	Jessica Wisniewski	Kendall Altheimer	27 Brandon
Sean Balogh	Lowell Rauch	19 Jay Eisenberg	Singerman
2 Anne Parsons	12 Ruth	Sidney Stern, III	Bradley Kamlet
Brad Procton	Berkelhammer	20 Jennifer Summer	March Rivera
Seth Cohen	Liza Fishbeyn	Jill Jackson	28 Itsik Maaravi
3 Rhoda Winepol	Jessie Schlosberg	Tony Lo Giudice	Bonnie Miller
5 Amanda	13 Maxine	Dan Waksman	29 Maryann
Rotenstreich	Colchamiro	21 Brian Bernhardt	Abrahams
Ranara Rahimova	Jeff Baron	Tom Brock	Mike Marshall
6 Brian Kaiser	Rachel Villalba	22 Jennifer Sadock	Barry Strulson
Lorraine Katz	Dora Ilyasova	Andy Koren	Jeff Fuller
Sheryl Lieb	14 Misha Bochkis	Leta Pius	Ted Berger
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8 Larry Goldberg	15 Gerald Clawson	Dana Schleien	30 Paul Jalazo
Brendan Younger	16 Corky Segal	Barbara Shyloski	31 Jaime Brown
Marnie Ruskin	Heather Garner	Allen Greenstein	Neil Aberman
Michelle Millard	Anita Kumar	24 Marla Schexnider	Katherine Taylor
9 Marcia Berger	17 Linda Fleishman	Joel Liebling	Bernie Mann
Don Eckstein	Patrick Neff	Paul Mengert	Jim O'Gara
Paulette Fox	Vickie Kilimanjaro	25 Deb McKinney	

## Children Birthdays

2 Benny McClanahan	12 Kathryn Fox	Amelia Fisher	25 Josh Schwarz
3 Conner Kamlet	13 Danny Kime	Aiden Kranz	27 Noah Strasser
4 Ben Williams	Noga Wasserberg	19 Woody Sellars	29 Naomi Kleiner
5 Tobias Pikler	Olivia Wisniewski	Samantha Schlosberg	30 Julie Katz
6 Rebecca Aronson	14 Ethan Monosoff	21 Kara Maxwell	31 Braylin Lanse-
Marley Wall	17 Noah Regal	Miles Reichle	Fisher
9 Zoe McKeon	Marion Neff	22 Karyn Schy	
Zavier Singerman	18 Noah Geier	24 Eliza Brock	

## Anniversaries

3 Kelly & Glenn Drew	& Barry Romberg	Kim & Howard Benson
Carmen & Mel Kriegsmann	17 Joe & Michele Basile	26 Lauran & Steve Epstein
6 Ilene & Julian Harper	21 Carla Basse-Davidoff &	27 Sharon & Jared Gibbs
7 Deb & Mike McKinney	Arieh Davidoff	28 Lynn & Kevin MacDonald
8 Chagit & Terry Kahn	22 Cheryl David &	29 Renee & Lanny Miller
Michele & Matt Slaine	Mark Davidowitz	
15 Laura Denhardt	24 Mary & Scott Van der Linden	



## March 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.  
(If there is no Saturday morning service, they will be read at the end of Chevra Torah, at approximately 10:15am)

**To be read at Shabbat Services Friday, March 6 at 6:30pm & Saturday, March 7 (at the end of Chevra Torah)**

Irving Winn  
Ed Adderholdt  
\*Esther Magid  
Robert Dreyer  
Max Farb  
Charles Napier  
Frieda Reich  
Judy Wisan  
\*Shirley Kalina  
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Mark Ritter  
Jack Stein  
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\*Jerry Gottman  
\*Deane Austin Smigrod  
\*Dorothy Melnikof  
James Simmons  
Jill Auslander  
Marc Hamburger  
\*Seymour Levin  
Milton Frishman

**To be read at Shabbat Services Friday, March 13 at 6:30pm & Saturday, March 14 (at the end of Chevra Torah)**

Jesse Daugherty  
Stanley Moss  
Jessie Krueger  
\*Christiane Wayser  
William Savino  
Bernard Friedman  
Lena Heller  
Milton Sommers  
\*Norman Block  
Oscar Schwartz  
Roberta Summerell  
Ruth Wineburg  
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Marilyn Goldberg  
\*Ronald Wolock  
Claire Greene

**To be read at Shabbat Services Friday, March 20 at 6:30pm & Saturday, March 21 at 10:30am (Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Schlosberg)**

\*Alvin Hamburger  
Benjamin Lipson  
Trudy & Mickey Thompson  
\*Gwendolyn Bougess  
Julius Freedman  
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\*Charles Leipham  
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Al Herman  
Doris Rowe  
\*Elaine Gottlieb  
Gertrude Unger  
\*Talia Aron  
\*Henry Tager  
Irene Goland  
John Seay  
\*Muriel Pines

**To be read at Shabbat Services Friday, March 27 at 6:30pm & Saturday, March 28 (at the end of Chevra Torah)**

Dara Lansat  
\*David Geier  
\*Jack Rachlin  
Benjamin Cone, Jr.  
Jack Pollack  
Mildred Evans  
\*Philip Gottlieb  
\*Richard Jackson  
\*Esther Eisenberg  
\*Illein Youngman  
\*Philip Delman  
Robert Lavietes  
\*David Bank  
Barbara Lewis  
\*Carolyn King  
\*Helen Markowitz  
Jeanne Myles  
Lewis Kay  
\*Helen Milstein  
Herman Unger  
\*John Kilimanjaro  
\*Richard Alberti  
\*Cathy Wainer  
Harry Eisenberg  
Stephen Gerofsky

**\* A yahrzeit plaque for this loved one will be lit in the Memorial Room during the month of March.**

**The yahrzeits for March 29-31 will be listed in the April Bulletin.**

## In Memoriam

**Shelly Colin**, Wife of David Colin, of blessed memory, Mother of JoAnn Koblitz and Beth (Jim) Hawkins, Sister of Jill Kersh, on Sunday, February 22.

**Peter Lang**, Husband of Marlene Lang, on Thursday, January 29.

**Shirley Hoffman**, Wife of Albert Hoffman, z"l, Mother of Elaine (Raymond) Feig, Irwin (Michelle) Hoffman, and Daniel Hoffman, Grandmother of Benjamin (Alexandra) Hoffman, Sarah (Constantine) Charalab, Adam Feig, and Mia Hoffman, on Tuesday, January 27.

**Gerald Levine**, Husband of Barbara A. Levine, Father of David (Heidi) Levine and Samantha Levine, Grandfather of Benjamin Levine, Noah Levine, and Julia Levine-Finley, on Tuesday, January 27.

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### March of the Living

Gene and Marlene Baruch, thanking Nancy  
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# March Shabbat Service Schedule

Services are livestreamed and in-person, unless otherwise noted.

## Friday, March 6

6:30pm - Shabbat Service at Greene Street

## Saturday, March 7

9:00am - Chevra Torah with Kaddish (*In-Person & on Zoom*)

## Friday, March 13

5:30pm - Tot Shabbat Service

6:00pm - Shabbat Together Dinner

6:30pm - Birthday Shabbat Service

## Saturday, March 14

9:00am - Chevra Torah with Kaddish (*In-Person & on Zoom*)

## Friday, March 20

6:30pm - Shabbat Service

## Saturday, March 21

9:00am - Chevra Torah (*-Person & on Zoom*)

10:30am - Shabbat Morning Service and Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Schlosberg

## Friday, March 27

6:30pm - Shabbat Service

## Saturday, March 28

9:00am - Chevra Torah with Kaddish (*In-Person & on Zoom*)

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