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Excerpt from Rabbi Andy's Annual Meeting Remarks



There are 58 flags around our fountain, one for each of the remaining hostages who have been held in Gaza by Hamas terrorists for 592 days. We pray for the safe return to Israel of the hostages, 58 of them – living and dead.

Or Levy, one of the hostages who was held in unforgiving conditions by Hamas, told of the time that he was together with Hersh Goldberg-Polin. Following his negotiated release in early 2025, he was asked: how did he keep going each day? He spoke about being with Hersh, and how Hersh told him to focus on his "why." Referencing the writing of Auschwitz survivor and psychologist Viktor Frankl, Hersh told Or Levy – and any of the other hostages that were held with him: "if you know your why, you will be able to find the how." Synagogues do not need to search far to know our why.

Temple Emanuel's why is captured poetically in our Mission Statement: Temple Emanuel strives to be a place of *Keruv*, of closeness to God and Jewish culture. As we approach our 118th year, that is what powers us. It is what allows us, no matter the headlines or who says or writes what, to provide support and meaning to so many, and to continue to grow. And we have grown.

Last year, at this time, we were a congregation of 581 families, including affiliates. We now count over 590 families who belong to our community.

We have celebrated as our families grew–welcoming 12 new children and grandchildren. There were six weddings celebrated by Temple members or their kids, with a seventh taking place this coming Sunday. Sadly, 51 of our members and their immediate family passed away during the past year.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the passing of Rabbi Arnold Task, who served our Temple for two decades from the late 1960s through the 1980s. He was a Rabbi who worked with so many on finding Jewish meaning; he was a master at exploring those deep questions of why. May his memory always live on as a blessing.

Let me note that this past Temple-year was a lighter one for Bnai Mitzvah – five thus far. Each such *simcha*, every moment of joy and challenge, is another way that our Temple brings us closer to one other, and provides meaning – that all-important why. I hope that you join me in expressing thanks to Temple's professional staff. Focusing on providing meaning in our world is a daunting task. Our staff wakes up every morning focused on this community. They put in the dedicated hours, often staying later than everyone else. "How can tomorrow be even better?" is a real thing for each of them.

Laura Denhardt, you are Temple's anchor each and every day. As our congregation's Executive Director, you bring the right dose of experience, wisdom, kindness, and balance. The world around us is chaotic and downright exhausting. You help us maintain our cool; finding the silver lining when you are around is never difficult.

Join me in acknowledging the hard work and dedication of: Brenda Henley, Temple's Director of Congregant Services who also runs our senior Friendship Circle; Shira Snyder, our Program Coordinator; Natasha Kobleva, our Comptroller; Mark Sonntag, Temple's Operations Manager; and Brooklyn Flatt and Elizabeth Elliott who see to the long list of Temple's administrative needs. We could not do our work without you!

Cassie Silverman directs our thriving pre-Kindergarten, the Early Childhood Engagement Center. She runs one of the best pre-Kindergarten's in our area.

These days, every Jewish community needs a security team. Bob Bonasia, together with Officer Ray, and our friends from GPD and Safe and Secure – we never take you for granted and are so thankful that you have our backs, always.

Thank you to Liz French and Tony Johnson who are on our Maintenance staff. I want to also thank Lorena Harriott for her dedication to Temple.

Thank you to Mitchel Sommers, Debbie Stewart, CJ Albee, Beth Goldstein, Jerry Gedaly, and our Music Committee, as well as so many others who have imbued our sacred moments with ruach.

A big todah rabbah to Rabbi Guttman, sincerest thanks for being a leading light in the world of Jewish "why" as our Rabbi Emeritus. When I take stock of this past year, I am wowed by how quickly Rabbi Amy Hertz became part of Greensboro and Temple Emanuel. Kesher and the full range of Temple's educational programs you lead with expertise, creativity, and dedication. You are one of Temple's guides as we focus on the "why" in our world.

Temple's Brotherhood and Sisterhood are to be commended for continuing their signature programs.

Our Chesed Committee is always at the ready to assist in matters of care, both big and small.

Our Finance, Terumah, and House & Grounds Committee - let me add a big "Amen" to the Temple President's remarks.

Our Social Action Committee took major steps forward by introducing Temple to the work of the Kellin Foundation, focusing on mental health care and other essential services they provide. I know that the Social Action Committee will also continue its work supporting immigrants, promoting diversity, and advocating for affordable housing.

The Jewish Festival this year was another smashing success. Thank you to all of the volunteers, and especially to Stacey Papier and Jodi Kolada - our power team - for organizing the hundred, if not thousands, of people, places, and moving parts.

Not long ago, we Raised The Roof at our annual fundraiser, revisiting the memories and parties of past B'nai Mitzvah. Tammie Geier, thanks to you for all of your efforts, and especially that fun night!

We had a remarkable evening of music with 13-year old vocalist Eden Kontesz, and her parents musicians David Kontesz and Sharon Farber, to raise money for the March of the Living.

Speaking of the March of the Living: being in Poland and Israel this year was beyond-moving.

For 30 years now, Temple Emanuel has turned to this and other teens programs - like L'Taken - as vehicles to take our teens into the most meaningful conversations facing the Jewish people in our own times. Sincerest gratitude to all who supported the March with their generous donations - this year, especially, it made a big difference. Of course, none of this would be possible without the major support of the Greensboro Jewish Federation. *Todah Rabbah* to Glenda Bernhardt who continues to be a source of high-level planning and coordination. It is so appreciated!

We highlighted the World Zionist Congress elections by hosting Shoshana Dweck to speak last December during Shabbat Starts Here. Thanks to Ken Stiles, Dr. Eve Knapp, and everyone who helped get out the vote. Hopefully, the results – which have yet to be posted – will favor the Reform slate. Temple Emanuel had the honor of hosting the solemn Greensboro community gathering one year after October 7th. As the year progressed, we were one of the few places in our area to screen the movie October 8.

We also were the host site for the community's Yom HaZikaron - Yom HaAtzmaut ceremony and speaker. We are proud to list ourselves as an Israelpositive Reform congregation.

Opportunities to search and find Jewish "why" happen all of the time at Temple. I invite you to speak with me, or with Rabbi Hertz, about this at any time. Tell us about the good things; tell us your sources of frustration, disappointment, pain. Tell us what Temple is doing right, and what we can do better. We are here to listen, to do, and to be there – for you!

I said that I wanted to comment on one essential element of meaning - of our why - before I conclude. That is leadership and securing our future.

It is a sign of a strong community when it thinks not only of its past, nor of the present and the most immediate needs. Peering into the future, asking what, how, and why about our children's children and generations to come, is not an exclusively Jewish thing. But it is a hallmark of our leadership.

My gratitude Dr. Brod, to you and to every Temple leader; Temple's staff and especially your Rabbis could not ask for better sacred partners in the ongoing pursuit of Jewish community and meaning.

Each of you should know how lucky I consider myself to serve as one of your Rabbis. My gratitude to you is only surpassed by my thanks to Michal. She does so much to help me function and to enhance what we do as a community. As we say in Hebrew: *todah rabbah mi-kol ha-lev*, my most heartfelt gratitude to you!

As a people, I hope and pray that the hostages will be back in Israel without any further delay. I pray that there will soon be news of peace, for Israel, for the whole region, and for our world. May a new day dawn when the vision of the prophet Micah becomes the reality for all humanity – nation not lifting up sword against nation, war not be learned or practiced anymore, each family sitting under their own vine and fig tree, with no one to disturb them. AMEN

> **Rabbí Andy Koren** Senior Rabbi

Excerpt from Rabbi Amy's Annual Meeting Remarks



There is so much at Temple Emanuel to be proud of, especially in our educational programs. I want to especially lean into and help paint a picture of our Kesher religious school program: where we are, where we have been, and where we are going.

Sundays at Temple Emanuel are buzzing. From classroom activities like Alef Bet Yoga to participating in our community holiday experiences like shaking the lulav and etrog, Kesher students and families are engaged and come ready to learn.

One of the things that I am most proud of from this year and excited about for years to come is student engagement in leading t'fillah, prayers. Every time we gather for Kesher, we pray together. Through this t'fillah time, our students are getting comfortable in the sanctuary and begin from an early age to understand that they can be "pray-ers," people who know how to pray and feel comfortable with prayer. We encourage this by having students of all ages, even before they are prayer proficient, to come up and help lead the community. This creates a warm and supportive environment in which to learn prayers and it also supports Hebrew and prayer learning when students are ready to begin the process of decoding and reading Hebrew.

We are also working hard to build community and friendships at Kesher. One example of this is our midweek Kesher program, where we start the afternoon together with snacks and community time which includes games and getting-to-know-you activities. This has begun to break down the grade level silos and expand opportunities for connections and peers within this older elementary age group. New this year we also had mixedgrade Hebrew groups allowing 4th and 5th graders to study together with a teacher. This mixed-grade grouping allowed for flexibility and creativity in teaching Hebrew and also building our upper elementary community. Kesher also participated regularly in the life of the Temple Emanuel. One of my favorite examples is Kesher's participation in the Jewish Festival. Our students participated in the educational offerings this year at the Jewish Festival, our younger students by singing on the social hall stage and our older students and teens creating presentations about what they have been learning in Kesher and what being Jewish means to them. Teen involvement after B'nai Mitzvah remains a hallmark of engagement at Temple Emanuel. From Madrichim who guide our younger students at Kesher to teen advocates on the Washington DC Religious Action Center's L'taken

weekend, our teens have access to a variety of ways to continue their engagement in Jewish life at and beyond Temple Emanuel. We are grateful to our partners in the community, especially the Greensboro Jewish Federation, who help make trips like L'taken and March of the Living possible.

And to the littlest ones among us. One of my passions is working with Families with Young Children to help them connect and enter Jewish life seamlessly and intentionally. This year, we launched our regular monthly Tot Shabbat and Shabbat Together dinner on the second Friday of the month. This predictable and ageappropriate experience is a powerful tool for recruitment of new families to Temple Emanuel and also has unlimited potential in building out meaningful intergenerational opportunities.

And who could forget Purim and Hanukkah, too! I loved the chance to help our community celebrate these holidays in new ways and with a lot of ruach. Our Hanukkah celebrations were many - from a Hanukkah themed Tot Shabbat with a huge blow up Hanukkah menorah to a Kesher Hanukkah festival with stations of games, arts, crafts, to our 1st annual Hanukkah Crafts, Cocktails and Conversation, we had something for everyone.

Purim was incredible, too! Our Kesher Purim carnival and Sunday morning Purim spiel involved the entire community, from the ECEC bake sale, to the Jewish Festival raffle, to the Brotherhood sponsored hot dog and hamantaschen, and Project Hamantaschen! It was heartwarming to see so many generations dressed up, having fun together, and celebrating the story of our people's strength and resilience.

I have many hopes and dreams for our future at Temple Emanuel. To name just a few for the year ahead, in collaboration with the education committee, we will be focusing on these main areas:

- Growing our teen community, offering renewed pathways for involvement
- Continuing to align our temple and educational goals
- Solidifying our curriculum and communicating it with the community
- Adding additional Family learning opportunities
- Fun! We need joy like no time before in Jewish history.

Thank you for an incredible first year at Temple Emanuel and to many more years to come!

Rabbí Amy Hertz Rabbi Educator

From the President



Temple Emanuel's leadershipdevelopment program, called Atid, is nearing an end for this year. "Atid" is the Hebrew word for "future," but it also implies preparation and readiness. Atid

participants spent months learning about the Temple's history, values, governance, finances, and more. The program is now in its final phase, in which participants are devising their own ideas and proposals for the Temple. They'll share them with the Board of Trustees at its June meeting.

What's striking about these proposals is that they all focus on improving the Temple's engagement with different segments of our community. The Atid participants seem to know instinctively that the Temple's fundamental goal is to be a place where congregants can come closer to G-d **and** to each other. Our rabbis and staff strive to create a sense of community, belonging, and connection. Everything else that's good about Temple Emanuel flows from that.

But while belonging and connection are what it's all about, they come at a cost. A famous passage from the Talmud says: *Im ein kemach, ein Torah*. The literal translation is "if there is no flour, there is no Torah," but flour is generally interpreted more broadly as food or material sustenance. When applied to a person, it says that it's difficult to focus on Torah if you're starving. When applied to a synagogue, it says that if we don't keep the lights on and pay the salaries, the spiritual fulfillment we want in Temple life will be elusive, if not impossible. As it happens, it's that time of year when annual pledge cards are sent out to Temple congregants. The Temple congregation has been extremely generous over the years, and I can't thank you enough for your support. But it's time to do it again. Thank you in advance for looking over the pledge form and giving what you can, and I hope you'll keep in mind that the Temple's expenses increase every year just as yours do.

These days, material sustenance has an uncomfortable and unsettling dimension, involving the physical safety and security of our facility. The world is a different place for Jews than it was just a decade ago, and we received a sad reminder of that with the recent shooting in D.C. In the last few years, the Temple has applied for and received grants to install boulders, bollards, window coatings, additional cameras, and additional lighting. But grants don't pay for everything. For example, we have security personnel at all Temple events these days, and the feedback we've received indicates that you appreciate that. Unfortunately, it's expensive.

Therefore, this year's terumah pledge card also asks you to make a separate \$250 contribution to help us continue to provide a safe shul for your family. Please consider doing so.

Through your generous financial support, you'll help keep the lights on and pay the salaries, but you'll also help us maintain the Temple as a place of community and belonging... and safety.

> Andrew Brod Temple President President@tegreensboro.org

B'shalom.

Early Childhood Engagement Center (ECEC) News

Dear Temple Emanuel Community,

It's hard to believe that another incredible school year has come to a close. As we pack up cubbies and send home well-loved art projects, **our hearts are full of gratitude and pride for all the growth, laughter, and learning that have filled the halls of the Early Childhood Engagement Center.**

With sunny days ahead and summer adventures calling, we want to take a special moment to celebrate our amazing graduating students.

These bright, curious, and compassionate children have embraced all that ECEC has to offer, making friends, discovering their voices, and building the foundation for a lifetime of Jewish learning and values. **In just a few short years, they've changed many lives—including ours.**

As they take this next big step, we know our graduates will continue to shine. Though they may be leaving our classrooms, **they will always be part of our** *mishpaha*—our beloved ECEC family. So rather than goodbye, we'll simply say l'hitraot—see you later!

Wishing you a joyful summer filled with sunshine, exploration, and sweet family time.



With Warmth and Pride, Cassie Silverman _w Director, ECEC

P.S. There's still time to register for ECEC Camp and Fall Pre-K! Visit: www.tegreensboro.org/ecec-2025-summer-camp or www.tegreensboro.org/early-childhood

ADMISSIONS 2025/2026

8:30a -1:00p or 8:00a - 3:30p Three-Day and Five-Day Options Ages 16 Months to 5 Years

Contact Us:

tegreensboro.org/early-childhood csilverman@tegreensboro.org (336) 292-7899



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Social Action News

Hot Dish and Hope

We collected hundreds of hygiene items for Hot Dish and Hope; enough to fill at least 24 paper grocery bags! These items are greatly appreciated; thank you for your generosity in providing these much-needed items.

Mental Wellness Workshop and Tour of the Kellin Foundation Facility!

Please join us on Monday, June 16, at 10:00 a.m. for a free 1-hour Mental Wellness Workshop to be held at Kellin. After the workshop, participants are invited to take an optional half-hour tour of their facility.



In this workshop, participants will learn how to

identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders, and to learn skills to build resilience. Kellin will review some of the most common mental health concerns across different ages and will identify resources available that can help assist individuals who need support. Together, we will not just address mental health but also build mental wealth as we grow together as we learn

how to support ourselves, our loved ones, and our community.

To register: <u>https://www.tegreensboro.org/events/mental-wellness-workshop-and-tour-of-the-kellin-foundation</u>

The Mental Wellness Workshop and the tour will be at Kellin's Hope Hub location (4010, Walker Avenue).

Interfaith Housing Initiative

The June IHI meeting will be Monday, June 9, at 12:00pm at Holy Trinity church. Faith Action International will present on Immigration and Housing. Also, the status of the building project with Partnership Homes will probably be discussed.

Faith Action Gala - Thursday, June 5

FaithAction International is excited to invite you to a special evening of compassion and solidarity at our "Resilience & Prosperity Gala 2025," an event dedicated to making a meaningful impact in the lives of our newest neighbors who have faced hardship in pursuit of a better life. This year's Gala will be on Thursday, June 5, at 5:30pm at Temple Emanuel.

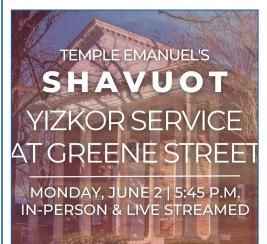
This Gala will feature a gourmet dinner, live entertainment, inspiring speakers, and a silent auction. Funds raised will aid in providing access to crucial resources, including education, legal support, and housing to support immigrants and refugees as they rebuild their lives.

How You Can Help:

- Attend the Gala: Your presence at the event will make a tremendous impact.
- You can reserve your tickets at:
 <u>https://faihouse.networkforgood.com/events/82431-faithaction-international-s-resilience-prosperity-gala-2025</u>
- Make a Donation: If you are unable to attend, you can still support our cause by making a donation. <u>https://faihouse.networkforgood.com/</u>
- Sponsor the Event: We also welcome event sponsorships from businesses and individuals who are committed to supporting this vital cause. For more information on sponsorship opportunities, please contact us at <u>maricruz@faithaction.org</u>



Shavuot Yizkor Service



Join us at our Greene Street Campus on Monday, June 2, at 5:45pm for our Shavuot Yizkor Service.

In Jewish tradition, there are four times during the year we should have a Yizkor service: During Pesach (Passover) and Sukkot, and on Shavuot and Yom Kippur. If you have lost a parent, spouse, child, or sibling, Judaism encourages us to attend Yizkor services. We invite you to fulfill this important mitzvah!

This service will be held in person and Livestreamed on Temple Emanuel's Facebook page (www.Facebook.com/ TEGreensboro) and YouTube page (www.youtube.com/ @TeGreensboro).

In Memoriam

Denny Norris, Wife of Bud Norris, z"l, Mother of Jessica Fear, Woody Wolf and Erin Wolf-Goldstein, on May 23.

Maxine Yager, Mother of Jerry Yager and Charlene Carr, Grandmother of Joel, Danielle, Matthew, and Derek, Great-Grandmother of Tristan, Aliyenna, Noah, Ryder, and Charlotte, on May 18.

Linda Silverstein, Wife of Howard Silverstein, z"l, Mother of Rebecca, z"l, (Dale) Whetston and Laurie (Ray) Sonshein, Grandmother of Lauren (Scott) Milliken, Aaron (Olivia) Whetstone, Jacob and Cole Sonshein, on May 15.

Harvey Colchamiro, Husband of Maxine Colchamiro, Father of Patsy (Ted) Perl and Jodi Colchamiro (Valentine Garcia), Grandfather of Matthew (Emily) Perl and Daniel (Ashley) Perl, Great-Grandfather of Oren, Samantha, Ollie, and Jessie, on May 12.

Marion Shearer, Grandmother of Matt (Michele) Slaine, Great-Grandmother of Mia, Miles, and Mack, on May 12.

Suzanne Lois Graybar, Mother of Mark (Faryl) Podolle, Grandmother of Joshua and Leah Podolle, on May 9.

Rabbi Arnold Task, Husband of Judy Task, Father of Susan (Artie) Isreal, Sherrie (Steve) Gouterman, and Laurie Task Klein, on May 8.

Alice Isaacson, Wife of Henry Isaacson, z"l, Mother of Marc Isaacson (Jill), Gail Isaacson Bernstein (Steve), and Carol Isaacson Basile, Grandmother of Sarah Castellano (Rob), Allie Isaacson (Arom), Robbie Bernstein (Kristin), Charlie Bernstein (Amanda), Katherine Bernstein (Ben), Drew Basile (Melissa), Elle Basile, and Marco Basile, Great Grandmother of Charlie Castellano, George Bernstein, Lennon Bernstein, and Roya Nadjmabadi, on May 7.

Brad Krantz, Husband of Jane Steiner, Father of Stephanie Krantz and Daphne Krantz, Brother of Mark and Mitch Krantz, on May 6.

David Mann, Husband of Sharon Goldberg Mann, Brother-in-Law of Laurence and Pam Goldberg, Uncle of Benjamin and Shelley Goldberg, on April 27.

Recurring Events

RSVP to these events at <u>www.tegreensboro.org/upcomingevents</u>



Greene Street 100th Anniversary Shabbat Service | Friday, June 6 | 6:30pm

100 years ago, in June of 1925, our beautiful historic building on Greene Street was dedicated by this congregation. Please join us at Greene Street for Shabbat services, June 6, as we celebrate this momentous event in Greensboro's Jewish history. A special oneg will feature exhibits of the building and the congregation throughout its long history.

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

The Ladies Who Lunch will take place at Printworks Bistro on Tuesday, June 10, at 12:00pm. We are limited to a party of 12. RSVP by calling Barbara Scheck at 336-288-8630 or emailing her at <u>beezart@aol.com</u>.



Friendship Circle | Wednesday, June 11 | 12:00pm

These wonderful volunteers...Renee Miller, head chef, Andrea Petrarca, and Wendee Cutler....prepared a wonderful lunch for the Friendship Circle on May 21. Around forty folks enjoyed lunch and a presentation on memory improvement by Dr. Cheryl Greenberg.

The next lunch is planned for Wednesday, June 11, at 12:00pm. Look for more information about the program in the near future but you can go ahead and RSVP for the lunch (costs \$5 per person) by calling Brenda at 336 292-7899, or emailing her at <u>bhenley@tegreensboro.org</u>.

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

Join the Rabbi(s) for lunch and conversation at Cugino Forno (*1160 Revolution Mill Dr.*) on Wednesday, June 18, at 12:00pm. Conversation is on us, lunch is on you!





SISTERHOOD Sisterhood Book Club Schmooze | Tuesday, June 24 | 12:00pm

The Sisterhood Book Club will meet on Tuesday, June 24, at 12:00pm in the Board Room. We will discuss *Kantika*, by Elizabeth Graver. Please RSVP if you plan to attend. Beverages and sweet desserts will be served. You may bring your own lunch as well.

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 card!

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

The community is welcome to join us every Saturday morning at 9:00am, for our master class, Chevra Torah. This study group, led by one of our rabbis, explores the weekly Torah portion. No prerequisite knowledge 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 1:00pm, for fun and friendship while you work on your projects. Email <u>carolrauch@me.com</u> for questions and suggestions.

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

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

June Events

RSVP to these events at www.tegreensboro.org/upcomingevents

Temple Emanuel Sisterhood presents two great events with visiting scholar and mah jongg historian Gregg Swain, Psy.D.



The Art of the Tile | Saturday, June 7 | 7:00pm

Discover how the artistic, almost cryptic symbols on a Mah Jongg tile can teach us aspects of Chinese culture and history through the art of the game pieces. Dessert Reception, Q & A, and Book Signing Following. Cost: \$40 per person (you can purchase tickets at the door)

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communities. Q & A, Book Signing, and Brunch Following. Cost: \$40 per person (you can purchase tickets at the door)

Follow the history of Mah Jongg, and how it has become a national pastime in many

Bring your mah jongg set and join us for an afternoon of open play on Sunday, June 8, 1:00–4:00pm. This is open to anyone attending either the Saturday or Sunday events.

Pickleball 101 with Deb Schoenhoff | Mondays, June 9 and 16 | 6:00pm

Pickleball lessons are back! Temple's own Deb Schoenhoff will be offering both group and private lessons. The group lessons will be \$30 per person per lesson; the private rate is \$35 per person, per lesson. If you are interested in group or private lessons please email Shira Snyder in the Temple office at <u>ssnyder@tegreensboro.org</u>.

Mah Jongg: From China to the World | Sunday, June 8 | 10:00am



Pride Shabbat Together | Friday, June 13



Pride Shabbat The whole community is invited to join us this month for a special Pride Shabbat Together! This is a monthly opportunity to celebrate and connect generations at Temple Emanuel. 5:30pm- Tot Shabbat Service (designed for children ages 0-6 years old and their families). 6:00pm– Dinner (**RSVP required** by Thursday, June 12, at 5:00pm. The cost for dinner is \$5/ person, with a max of \$15/family.) Dinner will be Rainbow Pizzas.

6:30pm-Pride Shabbat Evening Service

During dinner, we will have a tot-friendly play space and a simple Pride Shabbat craft. We strongly encourage Kesher families with older children to join us for dinner and the 6:30pm Pride Shabbat Service. June birthdays will be celebrated at both services!

Mental Wellness Workshop and Tour | Monday, June 16 | 10:00am

All Temple members are invited to a free one-hour Mental Wellness workshop on Monday, June 16, at 10:00am at Kellin's Hope Hub location (4010 Walker Avenue). After the workshop, participants are invited to take an optional half-hour tour of their facility. For more information about registration, see page 7.

Juneteenth Shabbat | Friday, June 20 | 6:30pm



Join us for a special, warm, lively and music-filled Friday night Shabbat Service! We will have the opportunity to hear from one of our beloved members, Vickie Kilimanjaro about her life and experiences. You can attend in-person or watch the livestream on Temple's Facebook

Snack & Play | Sunday, June 29 | 2:00pm

Bring your favorite board game and snack for a playful afternoon with your Temple family! Temple will provide beverages, additional snacks, and some games.





Temple Emanuel Calendar of Events June 2025 | Sivan–Tammuz 5785 Information is subject to change. Confirm at www.tegreensboro.org or with the Temple office.

June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 8a TE Member- Guest Golf Outing 7p Community Tikkun Leil Shavuot at BD	2 Shavuot Temple Office Closed 5:45p Shavuot Yizkor Service at Greene Street	3 6p Adult Hebrew Class 7p Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class	4 6:30p Mahjong	5 6p Executive Committee Mtg	6 10a Coffee & Connections 6:30p Shabbat Service at Greene Street and 100th Anniversary Celebration	7 9a Chevra Torah w/ Kaddish 7p The Art of the Tile	
8 10a Mah Jongg: from China to the World 1p Mah Jongg Open Play (must attend one of the Historian events) 1:30p Social Action Committee Mtg	9 1p Stitching Group	10 12p Ladies who Lunch 6p Adult Hebrew 6:30p Terumah Comm. Mtg 7:30p Board of Trustees Mtg	11 12p Friendship Circle 5p Brotherhood at Greensboro Urban Ministry 6p Chaveirut Committee Mtg	12 7p Federation Annual Meeting	13 10a Coffee & Connections Pride Shabbat Together 5:30p Tot Shabbat 6:00p Shabbat Together Dinner 6:30p Pride Shabbat Service	14 9a Chevra Torah w/ Kaddish	
15	16 10a Mental Wellness Workshop at Kellin 1p Stitching Group	17 6p Adult Hebrew Class 7p Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class	18 12p Schmooze with the Rabbi 6:30p Mahjong 7p Cemetery Committee Mtg	19	20 10a Coffee & Connections 6:30p Juneteenth Shabbat Service	21 9a Chevra Torah w/ Kaddish	
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29 2p Snack & Play	30 1p Stitching Group			 Adult Education Committee Meetings Services 	Key - Youth Education - Social Programs	 New/ Special Programs Community Events 	

Pride Shabbat

Join us at Temple Emanuel for our Annual Pride Shabbat Service on Friday, June 13, at 6:30pm. We will hear readings from some of our congregants to celebrate LGBTQ+ members of our Temple Family.

All are invited to join us before the service for a special Shabbat Together Pride Dinner (*RSVP Required*, *\$5 per person; \$15 per family*), featuring Rainbow Pizzas.

List of tentative speakers

Barbara Shyloski



Originally from the Washington, DC area, Barbara Shyloski recently retired after 47 years in the investment management industry. She is a Chartered Financial Analyst and has an MBA. She was on the board of the CFA Society of North Carolina and served as its President in 2005. She graded CFA exams for 20 years and now sits on the CFA Institute Disciplinary Review Committee. Barbara served on the board of Guilford Green Foundation for six years, one of those as co-chair of the annual Gala. She was named Straight Ally of the

Year by the UBS pride network. Barbara also served on the boards of the Greensboro Homeownership Center and the Greensboro Society of Financial Professionals. She has three amazing children, Rachel, David and Rebekah. Rachel and David are each married to incredible women.



Anne Parsons

Anne Parsons has been married to her partner Bastian (they/them) for 16 years. Together, they have two amazing children and a very chill dog.

Anne is an Associate Professor, Affiliate Faculty in Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and Director of Public History, at UNCG.

Anne Myles



Anne Myles grew up in Manhattan and New York's Hudson Valley. For 22 years she lived in Iowa where she was an English professor at the University of Northern Iowa, before retiring early and getting an MFA in Writing from the Vermont College of Fine Arts. Her first full-length collection, Late Epistle, winner of Sappho's Prize in Poetry, was published in 2023. She moved to Greensboro in 2021 and joined Temple Emanuel last spring. Learn more at <u>annemyles.com</u>.

Sue Purviance



Sue Purviance has been a member since 2022. She grew up in Southern California, then raised two sons in Toledo, Ohio with her Jewish gay partner, also named Susan. After that she was married to Craig for five years. When she divorced and retired from college teaching she moved to Greensboro and now lives in High Point. She has a dog and cats, and enjoys outdoors activities, Jewish scripture and spirituality, nature study and science news, gardening, reading, and socializing with new and long-time friends.



Also scheduled to speak:

Melissa Seiler

Juneteenth Shabbat Speaker: Vickie Kilimanjaro



Vickie at her Bat Mitzvah in 2016

Edited from Vickie and John Kilimanjaro's 5778 Book of the New Year Honoree Article

Vickie, the eldest girl of 10 children, she grew up on a farm in Eastern North Carolina. She earned a BS in Health Education from North Carolina College (1956) (now NC Central University), an MS in Media Technology from North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University (1970), and a certification in Library Science from UNC Greensboro.

Vickie married her husband, John (of blessed memory), on August 25, 1956 at the Temple on Greene Street. Rabbi Fred Rypins officiated.

Vickie and John became very involved with Temple Emanuel activities. John served faithfully as a religious school instructor for high school students, and Vickie served as the Temple librarian for 22 years. Over the years, Vickie volunteered for a host of Sisterhood activities, actively participated in baking for Oneg Shabbat and Passover community seders, and as a master gardener and rosarian, she participated in cultivating the Temple's Mitzvah garden.



John & Vickie on their wedding day



Vickie and, her husband, John (of blessed memory)

Together, Vickie and John, began their social activism in Greensboro. John was appointed secretary of the Greensboro Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). In 1958, he took an active part in helping arrange a visit by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to speak at Bennett College. During that momentous meeting, John and Vickie were encouraged by King to make an enduring contribution to their community. The couple's founding of the Carolina Peacemaker is the ultimate realization of their pledge to Dr. King. Today the paper celebrates its 57th year of publication and has garnered many journalism awards from the North Carolina Press Association and the National Newspaper Publishers Association.

A defining moment in the couple's social activism and civil disobedience came on June 6, 1962, John's birthday. On this day, he was arrested along with hundreds of A&T students

as they sat down in the middle of the city square to protest segregation in Greensboro. The next day, the Greensboro Daily News published a front page photo of John at the protest. Today, the event is memorialized as a window-sized print displayed at the Greensboro's International Civil Rights Center and Museum.

for Autistic Citizens and the North Carolina Council for

Undeterred, John and Vickie travelled by bus on August 28, 1963 to attend the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. They listened intently to Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech. In 1971, Vickie's civil rights and notably her activism to promote peace led her to attend the Paris Peace Accords with a U.S. delegation to discuss the end the Vietnam conflict.

students with developmental disabilities. She has served on the National Association

Vickie spent most of her 34 year career in education as a media specialist in the Greensboro Public Schools. She worked with dedication teaching high school



Vickie at the Paris Peace Talks



Vickie and her daughter, Afrique, accepting the inaugural John Marshall Kilimanjaro Trailblazer Award

Developmental Disabilities. Her service to others throughout the years is what makes her sparkle.

After 60 years as a devoted member of the Temple, Vickie became an adult bat mitzvah. In her address to the congregation she said, "As a member of Temple Emanuel, I have given freely of myself having worked as the Temple librarian and I have shared my abilities with special needs children at McIver School and the community... My journey to B'nai Mitzvah has been an opportunity to grow further in Judaism and I hope to continue to grow and honor my community." After reading her Torah portion, she turned to her B'not Mitzvah mates and said, "I can't believe I just did that."

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Adult Birthdays

- 1 Don Freedman Elizabeth Mehaffey Ron Milstein Chad Morris
- 2 Eric Chabrow Rob Goodman Charlie Wilkins Bob Shuman
- 3 Shelly Colin Philip Smith
- 4 Andrea Bowen
- 5 Linda McInnis Brandon Wall
- 6 Robyn Feinsod
- 7 Boaz Avraham-Katz Jodi Dvoskin Devon Edmonson Julie Goldfarb Lois Magid Valentina Rubin Ellen Samet
- 2 Cooper Elizabeth Brown Eli Dvoskin 3 Elizah Hendricks
- 4 Sage LeWinter
- 5 Jeshua Kniseley
- 7 Orabelle Pront
- 8 Jake Cohen
- 9 Sydnee Epstein Carson Negin
- 1 Kris & Andy Aronson Heather & David Ezrine
- 2 Jane Rosen Grandon & Gary Grandon
- 3 Jennifer & Todd Schwarz
- 4 Rene & Tom Cone Marsha & Jon Glazman Ellen & Lenny Samet Jennifer & Brian Williams
- 5 Andrea & Jeff Calhoun Leah & Barry Strulson Katherine & Mike Weaver
- 6 Courtney & BradleyKamlet Marina & GeorgiyKoshelev Sara & Mike Tourek
- 7 Sondra & Simon Solomon 17 Linda & Tom Sloan

8 Larry Camras Ed Cone Marc Goldenberg Terri Rafkin 10 Michele Basile Marilyn Chandler Amy Epstein Josh Landau Nancy Marks Janet Webb 11 Valentina Giraldo Michele Haber Gregg Wiener 12 Rosalyn Marhatta 13 Susanne Baker June Bergstein Sharon Harris 14 Tony Bates Darryl Deitsch Jody Miller Joy Cohen Shavitz

15 Michael Altheimer 16 Gregg Adler Ed Green Mariya Tabin McInnis Gail Parish 17 Mary Berkelhammer Ginger Wald 18 Kathy Cohen David Ezrine Andrew Greenstein Gideon Wasserberg 19 Alan Goland Mandy Lerner Phil Pollet 20 Lynn MacDonald Maryam Poplavsky Louis Terry 21 Darien Bell Sally Cone 22 Ellen Berlin **Elaine Schulman**

23 Jessi Balogh Sam Cone Jared Gibbs Ila Rosenthal **Grigoriy Saksonskiy** Heidi Verhaal Jenny Kaiser 24 Tom Cone Sarah Sagerdahl Alexa Cutler 25 Cody Rex 26 Sue Cawn **David Marcus** Sara Tourek 27 Rhyan Kime Jerry Ruskin 28 Lynne Clawson Gillian Goodman 29 Cynthia Murinson Joe Thompson Scott McInnis

Children Birthdays

12 Shiralee Pront 13 Melanie Cohen 14 Lillie Mae Eisenberg Adalia Lanse-Fisher 17 Oliver Whitehouse 20 Tom Dator Eric Levy Ethan Strumwasser 21 Lauren Berkelhammer Jonathan Fine
22 Mia Hoffman Emma Strasser
25 Saul Brod Gittel Kramer Lucy Harmelin
26 Annelise Kniseley Jonah Glazer
28 Alizse Aronson

Anniversaries

- 8 Ellen & Gary Fischer Joann & Jeffrey Gray Rascha & Bob Kriegsman
 9 Erica & Alex Aronson
 10 Jennifer & Lucas McKeon Stacy & Amit Hampel
 13 Jessi & Sean Balogh Gail & Gene LeBauer Anne & Bastian Parsons Ginger & Rich Wald
 15 Nancy & Fred Guttman
 16 Jodi & Alan Dvoskin Hannah & Sam Kniseley Eliazbeth Mehaffey & Shaman Sellars
 17 Linda & Tom Sloan
- 18 Sharon & Joel Heller Dori & Paul Jalazo Leslie & Steve Mackler
 19 Dana & Stuart Schleien Ed & Liz Siegel
 20 Donna & Mark Shapiro Sarah & David Sperling Jessica & Gregg Wisniewski
 21 Joyce & Hank Gutman Sandy & Ron Krellen
 22 Ashley & Mateo Eckstat Joan & Sam LeBauer
 23 Marnie & Jerry Ruskin
- 23 Marnie & Jerry Ruskir Jenna Mendelson & Matthew Posey
- 25 Adele & Jim Coleman Pam & Laurence Goldberg Ila Rosenthal & Jeff Katz Eve & Jon Knapp
 27 Betsy & Tony Bluethenthal Sandy & Erwin Goldman Rachel & Brendan Younger
 28 Becki & Jacob Haislip
 29 Anita & Stan Meyer
- 30 Linda & J.R. McInnis



June 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 on Friday, June Services on Friday, June 6, at 6:30pm at the **Greene Street Campus** & Saturday, June 7 at the end of Chevra Torah

Elaine Newman Michael Greenstein Sid Magid **Steve Magier** *Julius Goldklang Larry Soppel *Marcel Wayser Rvan Kabatchnick *Sidney Brooks *Harvey Broder *Lillian Rauch *Bernice Lerner James Weissman *Stanley Goss *Barbara Forman **Dolly Bershtein** Jean Prago Seth Marrus Andrew Douglas Arthur Heller *Ethel Goodstein

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

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

Anne Weiss *Helen Sagerdahl Norma Siar *Laurie North Katz *Edgar Marks Janice Boyette Maria Rieder Samuel Goldberg **Charles Roth** George Fine Herman Schleien Margaret Hall Max Bogoslawsky *Magdalena Nowc Anne Cone David Silber Ethel Belenky Philip Moldofsky Solomon Pius Ellen Kramer *Howard Clein Tyler Noah Rodriguez Barbara Kaplan *Harold Zimmerman Henry Gold Steven Metzler *Evelvn Grossman Howard Schwartz Nancy Galler Romelia Summerell Stan Alfred

To be read at Shabbat Services on Friday, June 20, at 6:30pm (Juneteenth Shabbat) & Saturday, June 28 at the Saturday, June 21 at the end of Chevra Torah

*Bradlev Jav Starr *Rosalie Cohen *Saretta Ruskin Ken Kriegsman Rabbi David Wucher Jack Lichtenstein Toby Kalish *Esther Glickman Irving Koenig *Jon Yellin Karen Marlo Sonia Weissman *Arnold Sookne *Evelyn Cohen *Herman Isreal Joanne Margaret Dator Simon Mostofsky Arlyne Tytell *Leah Tannenbaum

Services on Friday, June 27, at 6:30pm & end of Chevra Torah **Ernest Reich** Lorvnn Adderholdt Shirley Kamenetz *Alain Wayser Lucille Deitch Paul Saperstein **Robert Sperling** *Aaron Jacobs Dan Schlosberg *Diane Goodman *Joel Bressler Susan Cook Eva Weiner David Denhardt Estelle Lieb Henry Isaacson Inessa Liokumovich Jerry Myatt Kerry Kaplan Maurice Sussman *Beatrice Delman *David Frazier *Ernest Bougess Happy Kersh *Annette Gottsegen Elsa Magier Lance Bolanik Matthew Kusiak Miriam Grun Daniel Greene

To be read at Shabbat

Mazal Tov

Mazal Tov to Samuel Roll and Katelyn King on their wedding, which took place on Saturday, May 10.

Mazal Tov to Marilyn and Robert Chandler on the birth of their grandchild, Noam Eden, born April 23, 2025 to Dori Chandler and Scott Fox. Mazel Tov as well to sibling Adi Tsamah.

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June Shabbat & Holiday Service Schedule

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

Friday, June 6

6:30pm - Shabbat Service at Greene Street

Saturday, June 7

9:00am - Chevra Torah with Kaddish

Friday, June 13

Pride Shabbat Together 5:30pm - Tot Shabbat Service 6:00pm - Shabbat Together Dinner 6:30pm - Birthday Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 14

9:00am - Chevra Torah with Kaddish

Friday, June 20

6:30pm - Juneteenth Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 21

9:00am - Chevra Torah with Kaddish

Friday, June 27 6:30pm - Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 28

9:00am - Chevra Torah with Kaddish

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