

Temple Emanuel Bulletin

Connecting Generations

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**Join Temple Emanuel for our
Annual Marriage Reconsecration Shabbat
and much more this February!**

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You



A bush burning, unconsumed, is one of the best-known images from the Torah. Even without illustration, we can picture it in our mind's eye. For those familiar with Temple Emanuel's stained-glass panels, such an exercise is not necessary; the burning bush is featured prominently.

We might think that story is about God. And we wouldn't be wrong.

But this story, found in the third chapter of the Biblical book of Exodus, is when God calls Moses to action. Moses hears his name coming from that burning bush - twice in fact - and then answers with the Hebrew word *hineini*, "Here I am."

God tells Moses that the people's cries from their years of suffering oppression in Egypt have not gone unheard. "Come, therefore, I will send you to Pharaoh, and you shall free My people, the Israelites, from Egypt."

This is a really important verse!

Think about it...God didn't need to tell Moses about slavery in Egypt. It was a situation that Moses knew well from the inside. He grew up in Egypt. Prior to this Biblical scene, he had fled Egypt for the wilderness because he had struck down an Egyptian slave master.

Moreover, God could have acted alone to end our people's bondage. Instead, God turns to Moses and tells him "you shall free My people, the Israelites, from Egypt."

Reform Judaism's approach is, no doubt, highly influenced by this story. We are religious Jews who hear this episode from the Torah and apply it to our own lives. Where there is oppression, speak out. You are God's partners and God's voice.

You - we hear this, as Moses did, pertaining to our own people. An attack on a beach-side Hanukkah celebration in Australia demanded our voices, our support, and our action. The same could be said when Beth Israel, the historic Reform synagogue in Jackson, MS, was torched in an antisemitic arson attack. This was a congregation that had been targeted by the Klan in similar fashion nearly 60 years ago. Temple Emanuel, together with so many other Jewish organizations near and far, spoke out

and made appeals for donations. If you have yet to do so, I hope that you will join me in giving to their rebuilding efforts. Beth Israel's website, www.bethisraelms.org, features a link for donations as well as regular updates tracking their progress.

You - we also hear this as pertaining to our neighbors and people facing oppression worldwide. Jewish involvement in the Civil Rights movement is a strong example of this. I can still picture the many Jewish aid agencies that I saw when I visited the border between Poland and Ukraine in 2022 only a month after the Russian invasion. We have a long history of advocacy for immigrants here at home. We also have a long history of opposing Iran's regional actions and threats, as well as the way that it violates the rights of its own people. The recent protests, and the violent way that they were silenced, stands in stark contrast to how Israel - a country that should live up to its highest ideas - has handled its domestic opposition, including mass protests and even general strikes, for the last four years.

You - our voices and our action are so important. That is why, later this month, I will be in Washington with a group of Temple teens for the annual L'Taken Social Justice Seminar convened by the Reform Movement's Religious Action Center (www.rac.org). This four-day experience provides a deep-dive for high school teens into American public policy issues, Jewish values, and effective advocacy.

That ancient call that God issued to Moses, which he answered and subsequently dedicated the remaining decades of his life living, will be on our minds as we lobby on Capitol Hill during the final day of our time in DC.

Whatever call motivates you, I encourage you to be involved. Seek out the efforts that Temple's Social Action Committee is pursuing. Be in touch with your Rabbis to keep us posted. Hear our teens speak about what they are doing. And connect to the initiatives of the Religious Action Center through their website and beyond.

My sincerest gratitude and blessings,

Rabbi Andy Koren

Senior Rabbi

A Tribute to Willena Cannon, May Her Memory Be A Blessing



Right before MLK Day, Greensboro lost a giant. Willena Cannon had a beautiful Neshama, a truly radiant soul.

Raised in the Jim Crow South, Willena attended North Carolina A&T, where she became actively involved in the Civil Rights Movement. She participated in peaceful demonstrations to desegregate Greensboro businesses, was arrested alongside hundreds of fellow students and endured two weeks of detention.

On November 3, 1979, Willena survived the Greensboro Massacre, a violent attack carried out by white supremacists against peaceful demonstrators.

Willena worked with organizations such as the Greensboro Housing Coalition and the Beloved Community Center, advocating for civil rights and workers' rights. Above all, Willena was devoted to her children.

In 1986, her son Kwame was sentenced at the age of 17 to two life terms. Subsequently, sentencing guidelines were enacted by the North Carolina Legislature mandating a maximum sentence of nine years for similar offenses.

In 1998, Reverend Nelson Johnson (of blessed memory—OBM) and Willena asked me to help seek commutation of Kwame's sentence from then-Governor Jim Hunt. I was deeply impressed by Willena's strength and by both her and Kwame's desire for a second chance to live productive lives. Yvonne Johnson (OBM) became one of the key figures helping to guide us through the political ramifications of this effort.

Together, we were able to secure a letter of support from Congressman Howard Coble (OBM) to Governor Hunt on Kwame's behalf.

We also received verbal commitments from Chancellor Ed Fort of North Carolina A&T and Don McNemar, President of Guilford College, that their institutions would participate in Kwame's rehabilitation. Specifically, each committed to admitting Kwame and providing a one-year scholarship.

Senator Kay Hagan (OBM) helped spearhead advocacy efforts in Raleigh. Randall Kaplan spoke with Senator John Edwards, who subsequently wrote a letter to Governor Hunt. Greensboro Police Chief Robert White also agreed to write a letter of support and requested an information packet, which I provided. Michael Berkelhammer, a member of the State Human Relations Committee, became an advocate for Kwame's release. Richard Levy of HBD, Inc. agreed to employ Kwame.

We arranged psychological counseling for Kwame with a Ph.D. psychologist, and Reverend Nelson Johnson served as his spiritual counselor. The work done by Reverend Johnson and Yvonne Johnson was extraordinary. The community came together, moved by Willena's impassioned pleas and inspired to act.

Thanks in large part to these efforts, Kwame was released from prison in 1999 after Governor Hunt commuted his sentence.

Greensboro has lost a civil rights giant in Willena Cannon. Her obituary describes her as a person who possessed a "lifelong commitment to justice, equality, and human dignity."

She will be deeply missed!

May the story of her life inspire us all, and may her memory be a blessing!

Rabbi Fred Guttman

Rabbi Emeritus

President's Note



It's 2026 already, and that means that our annual Jewish Festival is just around the corner. This year's festival will be on Sunday, April 19, and I'm sure it'll be just as

much fun, just as musical, and just as delicious as it always is.

One of the challenges we face every year is lining up the hundreds, yes, hundreds, of volunteers needed to make the festival happen. We need people to set up on Saturday, and others to clean up after it's all done on Sunday evening. We need people to serve food and drinks, and to herd the children in the Kids' Zone. Sponsors must be lined up, tickets must be sold, and money must be counted (because remember, this is our biggest fundraiser of the year!).

I've never missed a festival, and I'll be there again this year. I hope you'll join me as we give it another whirl in April. It's been great fun every time.

The first year we held the festival was 2007, our centennial year. I worked as a greeter. I gabbed and schmoozed, and along the way I gave people information about the festival. It was a pretty good fit for me, which won't surprise those of you who know me. We held the festival in the fall back then, and October of

2007 was a warm one. And yet there was my lovely wife Karen, who claims to this day that she was in her 27th month of pregnancy with our first-born, out in the sun and greeting people along with me.

For a few festivals, I worked in the education area, at times as the chair, and at times as a worker bee. Originally, that area was outside, with the replica of the Kotel and the Hebrew calligraphy booth. These days, the education area is inside, in the Chapel. For one festival, I was the chair of the volunteer subcommittee, which mostly involved keeping a spreadsheet and making phone calls. Since becoming president, I've issued an edict that the president cannot be the volunteer chair.

More recently, I've been walking around and selling tickets, still gabbing and schmoozing. I'm deciding what I want to do this year, and by the time you read this, I will have gone to gsojfest.org to sign up. It's easy, and it's time for you to do the same. You don't have to be 27 months pregnant to love volunteering for the Jewish Festival!

B'shalom,

Andrew Brod
Temple President



The Importance of Kesher Specials

Sunday mornings are a time for community creativity while learning, praying, and discovering. By visiting the various specials classes, Kesher students are able to explore their Jewish identity, cultures and traditions through art, nature, and reading. These classes allow students to discover more about their history while creating their own.

Omanut (Art)

When students come into the art room, Sarah Neff's goal is for them to express themselves and their culture in a relaxed environment. "Art is significant because we get to work as a community to create together! It is a safe place to express yourself and to feel empowered in your artistic abilities," Sarah said about the Kesher art program. They use a variety of mediums and products to explore their Jewish identity, to enrich their holiday celebrations, and enhance their understanding of Jewish text.

An example of this is the 7th grade working on projects that represented their Jewish identities. They were able to come in and work on a long term project over many weeks of Kesher. They went from being quiet and shy to owning the room and proud of the artwork they were creating. By empowering students with the knowledge of materials, understanding of design concepts, and encouraging collaboration, they were able to create masterpieces.

Sifriya (Library)

By being able to go to the library to work with Marcia Berger students are able to learn and grow from hearing other's stories. Marcia is Kesher's dedicated librarian with a passion for encouraging others to use the resources it provides. She shared the following:

"Sifriya (library) is a great complement to the Kesher curriculum. For students in grades Pre-K-5, I read stories about holidays, Jewish values, and Jewish culture, often with humor. Many of our stories are about our ancestor's experiences and the contribution of Jews in our country. In

addition, I encourage students to borrow books from our library. Awards will be given on our last day of Kesher for those students who have read 10 picture books or 4 chapter books this year. Thank you for helping us give out as many awards as possible."

Aviv (Garden)

It is important to learn the Jewish values related to taking care of the Earth. The Kesher school year is kicked off with the planting of a tree, to represent the start of new growth over the course of the year. Leslie Singerman leads the students' Aviv time outside. She creates interactive experiences where they learn about nature and how that connects to Jewish holidays and values. Leslie explains: "The foundation of Aviv is based on Permaculture and Jewish values. The three main ethics of Permaculture are: Care for Earth, Care for People, and Share the Surplus. In Kesher, we learn Tikkun Olam is how we Care for the Earth, Chesed is how we Care for People, and Tzedakah is how we Share the Surplus. This is how we help our students move from Jewish values in theory to Jewish action in our community."

She has brought her chickens, planted parsley in preparation for Passover, and even allowed the students to make mixtures of mud and straw like the mortar made in Egypt. These hands-on experiences help enhance student's understanding of the lessons taught in their classrooms.

The specials help to foster a community bond. When students are together at Temple they are able to form meaningful connections with one another and explore their shared traditions. Specials create an environment for students to explore their shared culture, tradition, and history with other Jewish students, and encourage them to discover their own Jewish identities.

*Sarah Neff, Marcia Berger, and
Leslie Singerman*
Kesher Specials Teachers

Sisterhood Brunch & Special Program: Live Virtual Tour of the Anne Frank House Annex

We invite the entire community to join us on Sunday, February 22, at 10:00am for a meaningful morning of learning, connection, and reflection at Beth David. This special program is open to all Temple Members!

The program will include time for welcome and mingling, the guided tour, and a dedicated Q&A with the docent.

- Date: Sunday, February 22, 2026
- Time: 10:00am
- Location: Beth David Synagogue
- Cost: \$18 per person (event is 14+)
- Register today as spots are limited!



Scan or visit online at:

[www.bethdavidsynagogue.org/form/
anne-frank-secret-annex-tour.html](http://www.bethdavidsynagogue.org/form/anne-frank-secret-annex-tour.html)



Aviv Tip for February:

Tu Bishvat, the Jewish New Year of the Trees, is a season of growth and responsibility. Start planting parsley now to be ready for Passover, and use this month to take an environmental audit, considering how Jewish values can shape our everyday sustainability practices.

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, and light bites! More information coming soon!

CALL for VOLUNTEERS



We're seeking volunteers to help make our evening Purim celebration a success! Sisterhood will be providing lite bites, cocktails, and mocktails, and we're looking for friendly faces to serve as cooks, prep helpers, mixologists, and members of our welcome committee. The event will take place Monday, March 2, and it's a fun, festive way to lend a hand and build community. If you're interested, please reach out to Sisterhood President, Rachel Miller at rswilso2@gmail.com.

Parent Coffee Chat



Friday, February 20
8-9:00am

All Temple Emanuel Parents Welcome



Social Action Update

Immigration

Step by step, the family that Social Action Committee has been helping has been making progress towards independence. The father has been attending classes at GTCC to improve his English language skills and to be trained in HVAC servicing. In late December, in collaboration with the national non-profit Global Refuge, he became eligible to apply for a work-permit, a much-anticipated step towards regaining independence, but also an expensive one, as the application cost \$550. We are also happy to report that his wife returned to work on January 12.

The Interfaith Immigrant Justice Coalition of Greensboro has been reaching out to congregations and individuals throughout the community to help with urgent immigration needs. Through this coalition, Temple Emanuel's SAC has been working directly with a young family since August that had been fully self-supporting until executive orders removed the father's work eligibility. Several Temple Members got a chance to meet the father at one of our Yom Kippur breakout sessions.

Paying for the basic necessities such as rent, groceries, car related expenses and utilities has become a major challenge due to the father's work eligibility status. Our objective has been to support this family during the required wait to be granted permission to work, and to advise and encourage them as they transition back to independence.

While they're getting closer to independence they still need temporary financial support. Please reach out to Gary Silverstein at gsilverstein124@gmail.com if you have a passion to help this wonderful family in this difficult time.

Housing

There will be an IHI (Interfaith Housing Initiative) reception on February 26, 2026, 5:30–7:00pm. The faith communities and organizations working with IHI are invited to attend. The purpose of the reception is to educate everyone about the Partnership Homes Project and how their congregations can be involved. More information to follow. If you are interested, please contact Terri Flam-Goldberg by email, tjflam@aol.com.



Marcy Morris delivered 25 new pillows to the YWCA family shelter and over 100 pillows to Greensboro Urban Ministries.



Kellin

The planned Community Resiliency Model Training has been postponed and has been rescheduled for March 8. The Social Action Committee invites parents and families to join us that morning for the workshop.

Mazal Tov!

Mazal Tov to **Emily and Robert Nudelman** on the birth of their granddaughter, Dahlia Brooke Tendler, born to Leah and Salomon Tendler, on Friday, January 16. **Mazal Tov also** to her big sister Arielle Tendler, **Dahlia's aunt and uncle, Sarah and Matt Schiavone** and cousin **Sophia**.

Mazal Tov to **March Rivera and Samuel Silverstein**, on the birth of their daughter, Natalia, on Saturday, December 27. **Mazal Tov also to** grandparents, **Betsy and Gary Silverstein**, aunt and uncle, **Hannah Silverstein and Zach Gorelick**, and cousin, **Arthur**.

Mazal Tov to Cheryl David and Mark Davidowitz on the marriage of their daughter, Jennie Davidowitz, to Joseph Kuperman on December 20. **Mazal tov also to** Jennie's siblings, **Blaire (George) McClanahan and Jake Davidowitz**, and nephew, **Benny McClanahan**.

Mazal Tov to Amanda Singer on being named Employee of the Year at A Special Blend coffee shop.

In Memoriam

Mary Berkelhammer, Wife of Joel Berkelhammer, z"l, Mother of Billy (Ruth) Berkelhammer, Lisa (Robert) Ziv, and Dr. Leslie (Dr. David and children Joy and Matthew) Greenberg, Grandmother of Dr. Graham (Ariane) Berkelhammer, Noah (Kennedy) Berkelhammer, and Lauren Berkelhammer; Jacob, Yael, and Allison Ziv, on Monday, January 19.

Naomi Marks, Mother of Diane Goodman, z"l, Stephen (Segrid) Marks, and Judy (Robert) Port, Proud Grandmother and Great Grandmother to many, on Thursday, January 15.

Alice Levy Greenberg, Aunt of Linda (J.R.) McInnis, Great Aunt of Scott (Mariya) McInnis and Bobby (Amanda) McInnis, on Thursday, January 15.

Sandy Kahn, Husband of Fern Kahn, Father of Terry (Chagit) Kahn, Marty Kahn, Grandfather of Anne (Michael) Klar, Adam Lazovic, Corianna (Richard) Houston, Great Grandfather of Elijah, Noah, Josie, and Tucker, on Tuesday, December 30.

Beverly Baron, Wife of Jacob Baron, z"l, Mother of Jeff (Kim) Baron, Grandmother of Sarah, Leah, Rachel, and Elijah, on Monday, December 29.

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

Our Festival's continued success each year is due to the generous and dedicated Friends, Patrons, Sponsors, and Volunteers who show up year after year - **THANK YOU!** We are forever grateful.

Donations of at least \$100 will be listed as **Friends of the Festival** and donations of \$250 or more will be listed as **Patrons of the Festival**.

Scan here to become a Friend or Patron!



Sunday, April 19, 2026
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Rain or Shine!



For more information about the Festival, volunteering, or business sponsorships, visit us online at gsojfest.org



Marriage Reconsecration Shabbat

Friday, February 13, at 7:30pm

Couples with anniversaries this year that are a multiple of five are invited to celebrate your special anniversary with your Temple family as you reconsecrate your wedding vows.

Send your wedding photos and RSVP to celebrate your anniversary by emailing info@tegreensboro.org or calling the office at (336) 292 - 7899

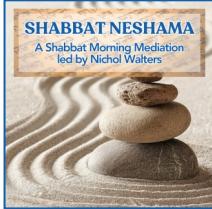
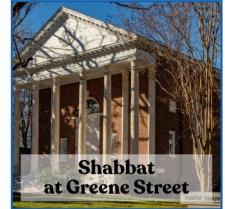


February Events

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

“First Friday” Shabbat at Greene Street | February 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.



Shabbat Neshama with Nichol Walters | Saturday, February 7 | 10:30am

Join us for a special Shabbat Morning Service, featuring meditation with Nichol Walters. It will be a restful and healing Shabbat Morning as we engage with the art of mindfulness.

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

The Ladies Who Lunch will take place at Print Works Bistro on Tuesday, February 10 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.



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

Join us for lunch and a special program. Mitchel Sommers will be telling us about his most recent trip to Africa. RSVP to Brenda Henley in the Temple office at bhenley@tegreensboro.org or (336) 292-7899.

Shabbat Together | Friday, February 13

Tot Shabbat

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.

Shabbat Dinner: Dinner for 2 (and family)

All are invited to dinner at 6:00pm before the Shabbat service at 7:30pm so 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.

There will be wine for the adults and a few “tables for 2” at this romance themed dinner. We invite our Marriage Reconciliaries to join us for this special evening.

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.*



Marriage Reconciliaries Shabbat Service

In addition to our birthday blessings, we will be honoring and blessing our Marriage Reconciliaries. These are couples experiencing anniversaries that are a multiple of five years, we invite you to celebrate your special anniversary with your Temple family as you reconsecrate your wedding vows. *Please contact the Temple office if you are interested in being included in this special service.*



Greensboro Art Studio Tour: Studio 503 | Sunday, February 15 | 1:00pm

Join us for a tour of Studio 503 (503 E Washington St, Greensboro, NC 27401), a collaborative art space with 21 different studios. We will possibly get to interact with some of the artists who work there and learn what their inspirations are.

Temple Emanuel Calendar of Events

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Information is subject to change.

Confirm at www.tegreensboro.org or with the Temple office.**February 2026**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Key			
■ - Adult Education ■ - Committee Meetings	■ - Kids Programs ■ - Social Programs	■ - Services ■ - New/Special Programs	■ - Community Events			
1 9:30a Kesher 6p Kehillah High	2 Tu Bishvat 1p Stitching Group	3 5p Kesher	4 5p Brotherhood at Urban Ministry 6p Continuing Adult Hebrew 6:30p Mah Jongg 7p Intro to Judaism	5 6p Executive Committee Mtg	6 10a Coffee & Connections 6:30p Shabbat Service at Greene Street	7 9a Chevra Torah 10:30a Shabbat Neshama
8 8:30a Education Committee Mtg 9:30a Kesher 10:15a Festival Committee Mtg 1:30p Social Action Committee Mtg	9 1p Stitching Group	10 12p Ladies Who Lunch 5p Kesher 6:30p Terumah Committee Mtg 7:30p Board of Trustees Mtg	11 12p Friendship Circle 6p Chaveirut Committee Mtg	12 5p AIC Mtg	13 8a Parent Coffee Chat 10a Coffee & Connections 5:30p Tot Shabbat 6p Shabbat Dinner 7:30p Marriage Reconsecration Shabbat	14 9a Chevra Torah w/ Kaddish
15 9:30a Kesher 1p Art Tour: Studio 503 6p Kehillah High	16 1p Stitching Group	17 5p Kesher 7p Young Adult Trivia Night	18 12p Schmooze with the Rabbi 6:30p Mah Jongg 7p Cemetery Committee Mtg	19 7:30p Sisterhood Board Mtg	20 10a Coffee & Connections 6:30p Shabbat Service	21 9a Chevra Torah w/ Kaddish
22 9:30a Kesher 10a Sisterhood Brunch & Program 1p NCCJ Interfaith Tour	23 1p Stitching Group	24 12p Sisterhood Book Club 5p Kesher 6:30p Chevra Kaddisha Dinner	25	26	27 10a Coffee & Connections 6:30p Shabbat Service	28 9a Chevra Torah w/ Kaddish

NCCJ Interfaith Tour | Sunday, February 22 | 1:00–5:00pm

NCCJ hosts an Interfaith Tour every year that helps create conversation and understanding between different faith communities. This event is free, open to all, and contributes to the civic health of the Triad area. Please join them on Sunday, February 22 as they visit Temple Emanuel, The Islamic Center of Greensboro, and Providence Baptist Church. Registration is required. Visit the Temple website to learn more.

More February Events

Young Adult Trivia Night at Lockwood Tavern | Tuesday, February 17 | 7:00pm

Temple Emanuel invites Young Adults (ages 40 and younger) to join us at Lockwood Tavern (2109 New Garden Rd, Greensboro, NC 27410) for trivia! This is our inaugural young adult program, so invite your friends!



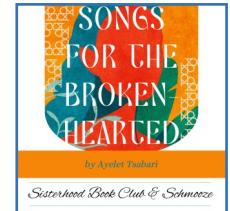
Schmooze with the Rabbi | Wednesday, February 18 | 12:00pm

Want to meet others and have a great conversation over lunch? This is the program for you! This month we are going to Black and Ginger Sushi Bar and Asian Fusion. (Special Note: Conversation is on us, lunch is on you.)

Sisterhood Book Club and Schmooze | Tuesday, February 24 | 12:00pm

The Sisterhood Book Club will meet on Tuesday, February 24 at 12:00pm in the Board Room. We will discuss Songs for the Broken Hearted, by Ayelet Tsabari.

You may bring your own lunch and beverage. Please follow Jewish dietary laws.



Recurring Events

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!

Brotherhood at Greensboro Urban Ministry | 2nd Wednesdays | 5:00pm



Temple Emanuel Brotherhood serves dinner to the guests at Greensboro Urban Ministry on the second Wednesday of the month. Contact the President of Temple Brotherhood if you are interested in helping out: Barry Epstein at bgepstein@gmail.com.



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!

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.

Special Upcoming March Events

Purim Carnival | Sunday, March 1 | 10:00am

Get ready for great games and fun with friends at the annual Purim Carnival! We'll kick it off with a costume parade and then move to the social hall, which will be transformed into a carnival with Purim games and prizes. Lunch will be available for purchase from the Brotherhood.



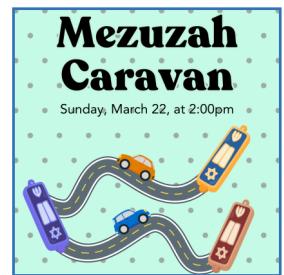
Megillah Reading with Spiel | Monday, March 2 | 6:00pm

Join us at Temple on Monday, March 2 at 6:00pm for a K-pop Demon Hunters themed, Community Megillah Reading. The night will include an interactive Purim spiel, hamantaschen and other sweets, and a costume contest.

Be prepared for a festive and fun evening!

Mezuzah Caravan | Sunday, March 22 | 2:00pm

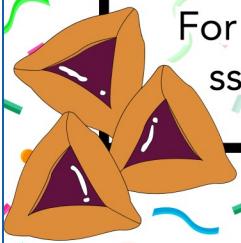
Haven't had a chance to affix a mezuzah to your home? Moved recently or just never knew how or where to place one? Get all your mezuzah answers here while hanging one at your home! The Chaveirut Committee of Temple Emanuel invites you to join our Mezuzah Caravan, on Sunday, March 22 at 2:00pm. Join our Rabbis, as well as committee members as we travel from home to home reciting blessing and hanging your mezuzot at your doorposts.



Project Hamantaschen 2026 is HERE!

Purim is just around the corner and we need your help! Join us in packaging and/or delivering *mishloch manot* to members of our community who aren't able to celebrate with us in person.

For more information and to volunteer, email Shira Snyder at ssnyder@tegreensboro.org or call (336) 292 - 7899 x 303.



February Birthdays and Anniversaries

Adult Birthdays

1 Miriam Maaravi	11 Lanny Miller	18 Stephanya Shear	22 Renee Miller
3 Larry Mars	Renee Kennedy	Jayne Parker	Gary Bargebuhr
Joanne Altman	Elaine Marks	Joann Gray	Davida Levine
Joe Basile	Elaine Abrams	Caryn Herman	Steve Marks
Joe Nehmen	12 Bobby Wainer	Deirdre Hoffman	Josh Ritter
4 Suzanne Wagner	Camelyn Gustafson	19 Debbi Aberman	24 Matt Slaine
Amanda Singer	Terry Kahn	Susan Nehmen	Jeanne Kusiak
5 Martin Fields	13 Rhonda Pines	Leah Landau	25 Michal Eckstein
Julie Ann Cooper	Rudi Estrada	20 Robert Koenig	26 Carmen
7 Paul Ringel	Joan Bates	Jeff Simon	Kriegsman
8 Aaron Strasser	Sarah Glazer	Emily Nudelman	Danny Forman
Marlene Brown	14 Andrea Petrarca	Rachel Younger	27 Mary Van der
Sheila Hall	Marvin Isreal	21 Jon Glazman	Linden
David Titlebaum	Sandy Goldman	Heather Ezrine	Cynthia Reichelson
9 Sarah King	15 Nancy Hoffmann	Marissa Lanier	Barb Boyette
Jane Kriegsman	Bob Goldstein	Jeff Segal	28 Randall Kaplan
May Gayle Mengert	Edward Cone Levy	Philip Cunningham	Kelly Marks
10 Bob Savino			Karen Kahn
Debbie Barry			29 Paul Benson
			Kim Baron

Children Birthdays

1 Noah Levine	11 Nora Lanier	26 Justin Mostofsky
Simon Gromko	12 Gabe Levy	Zoe Browne
4 Joanna Benjamin	13 Harrison Mostofsky	Jacob Browne
Sam Ringel	20 Hayden Ross	27 Maxwell Glazer
5 Lucy Miller	Etta Parsons	28 Audrey Landau
Joseph Levy	21 Noah Simon	Abby Osborne
6 Celia Villaba	22 Julia Lantos	Rebecca Osborne
8 Jack Freedman	Sophia Schiavone	

Anniversaries

5 Betsy & Gary Silverstein	15 Eliza Levy & Edward Cone
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February 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, February 6 at 6:30pm & Saturday, February 7 at 10:30am
(Shabbat Neshama, in-person only)
 Helen Rhodes
 *Irving Isaacson
 *Jess Colchamiro
 Albert Rubin
 Jack Ekhaus
 Lena Kalish
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 *Harry Sloan
 *Ned Cohen
 Adele Goldenberg
 Elaine Manning
 Fannie Reichelson
 *Marion Heimberg
 *Sigmund Selig Pearl
 Albert Skirboll
 Burrell Taylor

To be read at Shabbat Services
Friday, February 13 at 7:30pm (Marriage Reconsecration) & Saturday, February 14 (at the end of Chevra Torah)
 Arthur Nagler
 Gloria Amron
 Nina Yudina
 Violet Hamlett
 Virginia Popper
 William Pantazes
 Albert Kahn
 *Dorothy Hamburger
 *Rose Wainer
 Bella Shlimak
 *Leon Hellman
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 Samuel Kazdon
 Sonya Strulson
 Lea Isreal
 Richard Brehm
 Ruth Gold
 *Ruth Moran
 Steve Green

To be read at Shabbat Services
Friday, February 20 at 6:30pm & Saturday, February 21 (at the end of Chevra Torah—Zoom only)
 *Betty Pyatak-Monaghan
 *Jack Miller
 Hildegard Sommer
 Jay Cooper
 *Lillian Elfmon Kent
 Marilyn Gibbs
 *David Hartman
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To be read at Shabbat Services
Friday, February 27 at 6:30pm & Saturday, February 28 (at the end of Chevra Torah)
 Brett Shapiro
 Marilyn Hope Koster
 Nathan Kaplan
 *Sophie Guyes
 *Bernard Milstein
 *Marilyn Benson
 William Gedaly
 Sophie Morgenstern
 Lebauer
 Charles Gay
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February Shabbat Service Schedule

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

Friday, February 6

6:30pm - Shabbat Service at Greene Street

Saturday, February 7

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

10:30am - Shabbat Neshama with Nichol Walters

Friday, February 13

5:30pm - Tot Shabbat Service

6:00pm - Shabbat Together Dinner

7:30pm - Marriage Reconsecration Service

Saturday, February 14

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

Friday, February 20

6:30pm - Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 21

9:00am - Chevra Torah with Kaddish (*On Zoom only*)

Friday, February 27

6:30pm - Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 28

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

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