

Temple Emanuel Bulletin

Connecting Generations

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Lag B'Omer 2024



**Celebrate Lag B'Omer
on Thursday, May 15
at 5:30pm**



**Learn more about Upcoming Events at
Temple Emanuel on pages 8-13**

*Visit the Temple Website to register for all of Temple's
upcoming events*

2025 March of the Living



This year, I led a March of the Living group from our area for the second time.

The March of the Living is a two week program that begins in Poland for the week of Yom HaShoah [Holocaust

Remembrance Day], then continues to Israel for a week during the time of Memorial and Independence Days [Yom HaZikaron and Yom Ha'Atzmaut]. Temple Emanuel, with support from the Greensboro Jewish Federation and many generous donors, has been participating in this program for nearly 30 years now.

I am so proud of the high school seniors from our Temple as well as the adults who were part of this group. I am even prouder that we are part of a delegation that not only traveled to Poland, but that also went on to Israel. Some March of the Living delegations this year decided to skip the week in Israel. Not ours!

If you know a local Jewish rising junior or senior from our area or nearby who is interested in being part of the March of the Living in 2026, please contact me. The same goes for adults who are thinking of making this journey.

There are so many memorable moments that take place during any March. I want to describe one that truly speaks to my heart and soul.

On Yom HaShoah, there is an actual march that takes place from the Auschwitz I facility to the Birkenau death camp. It is roughly a two mile walk. This year, an estimated 12,000 - including 80 survivors - made this sacred pilgrimage.

As we walk, the road curves and passes over another road. As the curve continues, Birkenau appears in the distance. And yet, if you only focus on that source of pain for our people, you will miss something very special. Because out in front of you is a sea of Jewish diversity, experience, and life.

The picture here (to the right) is just a small glimpse of this sight.

Our tradition includes a blessing for nearly everything. There is even a blessing for seeing 600,000 Jews. Why that number? That is one of the numbers cited when we talk about how many of our people left Egypt during the Exodus.

Here's the blessing:

Blessed are You, our God, Sovereign of the Universe, knower of secrets.

Baruch ata Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam, chacham harazeem.

The fact is that I didn't see 600,000 Jews during the March of the Living. But what I saw was a blessing. It's the blessing of being with large groups of our people while touring Israel a week later.

And it's the blessing that our Temple reflects each and every time we are together for the broad range of gatherings that our congregation provides.

Truly, God is the knower of secrets, but we too know a secret. It is the secret of the beauty that emerges when we are together. Let's not keep that secret. Instead, let's share it far and wide as we continue to reinforce our blessed and holy congregation.

Rabbi Andy Koren

Senior Rabbi



Counting Toward Revelation: The Spiritual Journey of the Omer



There is a midrash, a rabbinic story, that tells us about the extraordinary moment our people received Torah at Mount Sinai. In the story, God lifted up Mount Sinai and held the entire mountain over the Israelites' heads before they accepted the Torah.

This image is a bit shocking as it suggests to us that perhaps this moment of revelation, a defining moment for our people, was not entirely voluntary. I mean, who would want Mount Sinai held over their heads with the possibility of it being dropped on them if they did not accept God's laws and precepts?!?

I have always struggled with this reading of this story, and therefore, prefer a more poetic, gentle reading of it. In another interpretation of the same scene, the rabbis explain that God held the mountain over our heads, not forcefully or threateningly, but rather as a display of love. In this reading, the mountain held over our heads is seen as a chuppah, a giant wedding canopy. The scene, thus, is not one of coercion, but rather covenant. Mount Sinai becomes the site where our ancestors – and we – entered into a marriage with God. This moment is thus a sacred union between God and Israel and the Torah is our *ketubah*, our covenant of love that binds us now and forever.

This image transforms how we understand the journey from Passover, our holiday of liberation, to Shavuot, our holiday celebrating receiving the Torah. Each day that we count from Passover to Shavuot, the period known as the Omer, becomes a spiritual ascent toward revelation, toward relationship, toward the *chuppah at Mount Sinai*.

On Passover, we recall our physical freedom from Egypt. But physical freedom was only the beginning. True freedom is not just the absence of the chains of bondage. It is the presence of purpose. And that purpose reaches its peak at Mount Sinai. The days of the Omer trace the path between these two moments – freedom and covenant, exodus and encounter with God.

This is emphasized in the fact that during the period of the Omer, we do not count down to Shavuot, but rather we count up towards it. We do not say, "Only 30 days left!" Instead, we say, "Today is the 30th day," building anticipation, not diminishing it. This upward counting reflects a spiritual climb. Each day is an opportunity for reflection, refinement, and growth. The Kabbalists associated each week and day with divine attributes – kindness, discipline, beauty, endurance – inviting each of us to examine and elevate our inner lives along the way.

Counting the Omer teaches us to treasure time, not as something that slips away, but as something that builds. We count because each day matters. We count because revelation is not a one-time event, but a process, a readiness to receive, slowly cultivated through awareness and intention.

As Shavuot arrives, we mark not only the anniversary of Sinai, but our ongoing willingness to stand together and say, *na'aseh v'nishma* – we will do, and we will listen. One of the most powerful ways we express that readiness in our own time is through our Tikkun Leil Shavuot, the tradition of gathering late into the night for communal Torah study on the festival of Shavuot.

This year, we will join together as a Greensboro Jewish community for our night of study on Sunday, June 1, at Beth David Synagogue. We will have the chance to learn with many people from our community as we mark this moment.

In a world that often pulls us apart, Shavuot calls us to gather. We do not receive the Torah alone; we receive it together. The revelation at Mount Sinai was not whispered in isolation – it was thundered in the presence of an entire people. When we come together to learn on Shavuot, we recreate that moment. We remind ourselves that community is not only the context for revelation – it is part of the revelation itself.

As we count each day of the Omer, let us do so with open hearts, preparing not only for the gift of Torah, but for the gift of each other and this beautiful, sacred community that we call home.

Rabbi Amy Hertz
Rabbi Educator

Early Childhood Engagement Center (ECEC) News

A Message from ECEC Director, Cassie Silverman

This month at ECEC has been filled with sunshine, joyful learning, and meaningful moments as our students explored both Passover and Earth Day. The warm spring weather brought plenty of outdoor play—our playground came alive with laughter, curiosity, and friendship as children enjoyed the fresh air and made memories under blue skies. **Spring break gave families a chance to rest and recharge, and our classrooms welcomed back students full of stories and excitement.**

Inside, our oldest students dove deep into the traditions of Passover. **They had the special opportunity to explore the Temple Emanuel kitchen, rolling up their sleeves to create their own matzah and learning firsthand about the holiday's rich symbols.** From discovering the meaning of each item on the seder plate to giggling through the plagues with colorful holiday masks, **they engaged with the holiday in a playful and hands-on way that brought the story of Passover to life.**

As April winds down, our oldest learners are beginning to anticipate a major milestone—graduation to kindergarten! We couldn't be prouder of how far they've come. With the support of our dedicated and caring staff, they are well-prepared for whatever comes next. **And no matter where their journeys lead, ECEC will always be a home for them—a place where they are celebrated, supported, and always welcome with open arms.**

Cassie Silverman
Director, ECEC
Temple Emanuel



"Look, I'm just saying—if Elijah gets a glass of wine, I should get more juice in my sippy. And while you're at it, someone tell Pharaoh nap time is non-negotiable."



REGISTER
TODAY!

SUMMER
CAMP AT
ECEC

Little Explorers, Big Discoveries —
A Summer of Wonder & Growth!

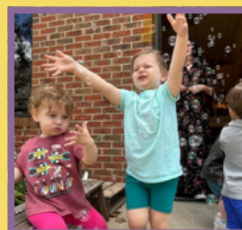
Schedule

Ages: 16mo–5 years

- **Week 1:** June 9–13
- **Week 2:** June 16–20
- **Week 3:** June 23–27
- **Week 4:** July 7–11
- **Week 5:** July 14–18
- **Week 6:** July 21–25
- **Week 7:** July 28–August

Five Days a Week
8:30am–1pm
\$175/week

Scan the QR code
to register



Making a gift to ECEC is easy! Simply visit the [donate form](#) on the Temple Emanuel Website and select **"Early Childhood Engagement Center"** in the drop-down "funds" menu! Email csilverman@tegreensboro.org if you have any questions!

SCAN ME



MAZAL TOV, CLASS OF 2025!

Join us in celebrating this year's graduates at
our Confirmation Shabbat
at 6:30pm on Friday, May 30!

Jake Adler
Ava Ashkinazy
Donovan Block
Rachel Boyette

Gracie Cohen
Noah Geier
Lindsey Gunther

Kai Henner
Cailyn Kamlet
Jacob Kranz
Noah Levine

Samara Mandley
Brendan Neff
Gabriel Ribakove

Korelle Sapir
Zoe Straub
Jacob Villalba
Noga Wasserberg

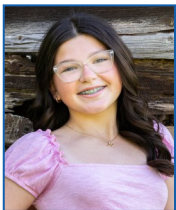
B'nai Mitzvah



Gregory and Stephanie Wolfe cordially invite the congregation to join them for Shabbat morning services on Saturday, May 17, at 10:30am, when their son, Davis James Wolfe, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah.

Davis is a 7th grade student at Kiser Middle School. He is the brother of Meira Wolfe, and the grandson of Temple member Paula Justice.

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



Elizabeth and Joe Strasser cordially invite the congregation to join them for Shabbat morning services on Saturday, May 24, at 10:30am, when their daughter, Maddie Strasser, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah.

Maddie is a 7th grade student at Greensboro Day School. She is the sister of Tyler and Grant, and the granddaughter of Polly and Richard Strasser and Marjorie and Gerald Donnelly.

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



Rachel and Jose Villalba cordially invite the congregation to join them for Shabbat morning services on Saturday, May 31, at 10:30am, when their son, Alex Michael will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah.

Alex is a 7th grade student at Northwest Middle School. He is the brother of Celia and Jacob, and the grandson of Lynne Abramowitz, Stuart and Tracy Lundy, and Tania Villalba.

The congregation is invited to an Oneg Shabbat following Friday night's service in Alex's honor.

Social Action News

This year, the Social Action Committee has partnered with the Kellin Foundation as part of their Kavanah (intention) Project.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. This is a time to share the importance of mental health and wellness, and to recognize that mental health is just as important as physical health for our well-being at every age along our journey.

This month, we challenge you to remind someone you know who might be struggling that they are not alone. Share a resource or a kind and uplifting word, or even a simple and genuine "it sure is good to see you today" message. Whether we share resources, encourage others to seek help, or simply are there when someone needs us, we instill hope, which helps others to reach out when they need to most.

Together, we can build hope among individuals, families, and communities - one person at a time! For more information on resources or services, please feel free to visit www.KellinFoundation.org or call 336-429-5600.

Mental Wellness Workshop and Tour of the Kellin Foundation Facility!

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.

The mental health crisis has impacted many families across the community. 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 and as we learn how to support ourselves, our loved ones, and our community.

Registration is required as space is limited. Registration information coming soon on the Temple website.

Interfaith Affordable Housing Initiative (IAHI): The next IAHI meeting is Monday, May 12, at First Presbyterian Church. One topic to be discussed is the recently-approved building project to collaboratively fund and construct six apartment townhomes that will be rented exclusively to low-income residents whose income does not exceed 50% of area median income.

FIGHT TO KEEP ISRAEL A PLACE THAT RECOGNIZES YOUR CHILDREN & YOUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN AS JEWISH

World Zionist Congress Election

Voting is Almost Over!

Voting is open from March 10 - May 4

Voting in the World Zionist Congress election is a quick and powerful way to stand up for democracy, peace, and Reform values in Israel.

Who is eligible to vote? Anyone who is age 18 or older, identifies as Jewish, and is a US citizen

How to vote:

1. Visit Zionistelection.org and click on the "Register & Vote Now" button
2. Register to vote (you will need to pay \$5 with your registration)
3. After completing the registration, you will receive a PIN number (You will need to enter the email you registered with and the PIN number to access your ballot)
4. When filling out your ballot select "Vote Reform" (#3 on the ballot), confirm your vote, and then click "Vote" to submit your ballot

To learn more, visit vote4reform.org, or scan the QR code.



Already voted in the WZC Election?



We're trying to see how many Temple members voted.

Scan the QR code to the left or visit www.URJ.org/ivoted to let us know you voted!



Mitzvah Day



Join the local Jewish Community at Temple Emanuel on Sunday, May 4 from 9:00am–1:00pm for a day of volunteering in the Greensboro community.

On Mitzvah Day, volunteers of all ages will work together to perform acts of social responsibility and kindness – fulfilling our shared obligation for *tikkun olam*, repairing the world.

Join us at 9:00am at the Temple to kickoff the day with breakfast and a group photo. This is your chance to meet fellow volunteers and find out about the variety of projects you can choose from. The best part? **You don't need to sign up in advance – simply show up, grab**

a bite to eat, and pick the project that you're most passionate about!

Whether you're cleaning, organizing, or doing something creative, we're sure you'll find the perfect way to contribute to the community. We can't wait to see you there and work together to repair the world, one mitzvah at a time.

What are the projects this year?

- Park Clean-up: The Jewish community has adopted a park – now let's keep it beautiful! Join us to pick up litter, pull weeds around the playground, and tidy the creek. Bring the whole family for this kid-friendly opportunity.
- Kellen Foundation Hope Hub: The Kellin Foundation's new Hope Hub needs YOU! They've just received a donated space and are getting it ready for clients. If you're great at organizing and cleaning, this is your chance to make an impact.
- Peacehaven Community Farm: Peacehaven Community Farm brings people of all abilities together. As a volunteer, you'll work alongside residents to create felted soap and dryer balls, enjoy fun games, and learn about life on the farm.
- A Simple Gesture: Looking for a hands-on way to help? Join us in swapping tags on A Simple Gesture's donation bags—a small task that makes a big impact! These bags help stock the shelves at the David D. Frazier Food Pantry at JFS.
- Blood Drive: Donating blood is a quick and meaningful mitzvah! The beautiful new Red Cross bus will be at Temple Emanuel from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Advanced registration is available, but not required. Bring your photo ID.
- Authoracare Collective: Help clean up the gardens at the Hospice house to create a peaceful environment for patients and families at the end of life. Clean out bird houses, pull weeds, and trim bushes at this meaningful Mitzvah Day location!

A growing number of families are visiting our pantry.



You can help make sure our shelves keep stocked.

Sign up to be a recurring GREEN BAG DONOR



A Simple Gesture makes it easy!

Fill a bag, leave it on your porch on a designated Saturday, and a volunteer will pick it up. They will even leave an empty bag for you to fill next time!

Every new sign up means that JFS will receive additional bags of food for their pantry – every bag counts!

Scan the QR code or sign up at:
asimplegesturegso.org/asg-green-bag-donor-program/

To learn more about the projects visit www.jfsgreensboro.org/mitzvahday.

Recurring Events

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

Shabbat at Greene Street | Friday, May 2 | 6:30pm

Join us on the first Friday of every month for Shabbat Services at Temple Emanuel's Greene Street Campus on 713 North Greene Street.



Shabbat Together | Friday, May 9 | 5:30pm

The whole community is invited to join us on the second Friday of each month for Shabbat Together! This is a monthly opportunity to celebrate and connect generations at Temple Emanuel. As an added bonus, May birthdays will be celebrated at both services!

5:30pm– Tot Shabbat Service (designed for children ages 0-6 years old and their families).

6:00pm– Dinner (**RSVP required** by Thursday, May 8, at 5:00pm. **The cost for dinner is \$5/person, with a max of \$15/family.**)

6:30pm– Shabbat Evening Service

During dinner, we will have a tot-friendly play space and a simple Shabbat craft. We strongly encourage Keshar families with older children to join us for dinner and the 6:30pm service.

Ladies Who Lunch | Tuesday, May 13 | 12:00pm

The Ladies Who Lunch will take place at Bravo on Tuesday, May 13, at 12:00pm. RSVP to Barbara Scheck at 336-288-8630 or email beezart@aol.com.



Schmooze with the Rabbi | Wednesday, May 14 | 12:00pm

Join the Rabbi(s) for lunch and conversation at Lemon Indian Cuisine on Wednesday, May 14, at 12:00pm. Conversation is on us, lunch is on you!

Sisterhood Book Club Schmooze | Tuesday, May 27 | 12:00pm

The Sisterhood Book Club will meet on Tuesday, May 27 at 12:00pm in the Board Room. We will discuss *We Would Never*, by Tova Mirvis. You may bring a lunch and beverage. Please follow dietary restrictions.



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



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

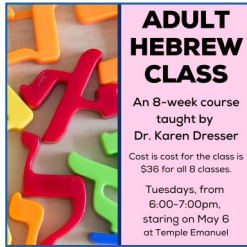
Please join us in the Temple Emanuel library on Mondays at 1:00 pm, for fun and friendship while you work on your projects. Email carolrauch@me.com for questions and suggestions.

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

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

May Events

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



ADULT HEBREW CLASS

An 8-week course taught by Dr. Karen Dresser
Cost is cost for the class is \$36 for all 8 classes.
Tuesdays, from 6:00-7:00pm, starting on May 6 at Temple Emanuel

Adult Hebrew Class | Tuesdays, starting May 6 | 6:00–7:00pm

Learn your Hebrew letters and how to read Hebrew with Dr. Karen Dresser during this 8-week Adult Hebrew Course, starting May 6. The course costs \$36, which will cover all 8 weeks of classes. Visit the Temple website to find more information and register.

If you need financial assistance, call or email Laura Denhardt in the Temple office.

Learn & Play Mahjong | Wednesdays, May 7, 14, 21, and 28 | 6:30–8:30pm

Taught by Sheryl Hirsh and Nancy Swanson, In-Person Only

Class is limited to 28 participants; registration required.

Temple Emanuel is offering another opportunity for those who want to learn the fabulous game of Mahjong. We can't wait to show you what a wonderful – and possibly addictive – game you'll learn. Register in advance and commit to all 4 sessions.

Learn and Play: Mahjong

Our 4 classes will meet on the following Wednesday Evenings, from 6:30–8:30pm at Temple Emanuel.

May 7, 14, 21, and 28

For questions, Please contact
Sheryl Hirsh at (440)463-3866, sherylhirsh@gmail.com or
Nancy Swanson at (239)896-6517, grayswan73@gmail.com



Temple Emanuel
Lag B'Omer
Bonfire and Picnic
May 15 at 5:30p

Temple Emanuel Lag B'Omer Bonfire and Picnic | Thursday, May 15 | 5:30pm

Join us for a Lag B'Omer celebration around the *bonfire! Bring a blanket and a picnic dinner to enjoy on our patio or in the grass. Temple will have s'mores, banana boats, and beverages. **We will have a fire pit instead of a bonfire*

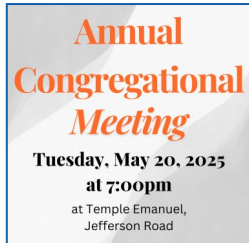
Sisterhood Annual Meeting | Sunday, May 18 | 2:00pm

Join this year's Sisterhood Annual Meeting to celebrate our accomplishments, elect an interim president and president elect, consider an amendment to the Bylaws and hear plans for the year ahead. Candidate profiles for **Rachel Miller** (president) and **Scarlett Stine** (president elect) and/or copies of the redlined Bylaws may be requested from the Temple office. Sisterhood members, please register to let us know you will be attending.

SISTERHOOD ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, May 18
2:00pm

at Temple Emanuel,
Jefferson Road Campus



Annual
Congregational
Meeting

Tuesday, May 20, 2025
at 7:00pm

at Temple Emanuel,
Jefferson Road

Temple Emanuel's Annual Congregational Meeting | Tuesday, May 20 | 7:00pm

At the Annual meeting, you will hear reports from the Rabbis and the President, review the 2025-26 budget, and elect the new slate of Board of Trustees.

All are welcome to attend, but you must be a full adult Temple member in order to vote.

Friendship Circle | Wednesday, May 21 | 12:00pm

Friendship Circle presents "Where are My Car Keys...tips for remembering" with Dr. Cheryl Greenberg.

RSVP by Monday, May 19 to Brenda Henley (BHenley@TEGreensboro.org) or visit the Temple website. The cost for lunch is \$5. Come visit with friends, enjoy a great lunch, and remember to stay for the program. Mark your calendars so you don't forget!



TEMPLE EMANUEL'S
FRIDAY EVENING
NEW MEMBER
SHABBAT SERVICE

FRIDAY, MAY 23 | 6:30 PM
IN-PERSON & LIVE STREAMED

Welcome to
Temple Emanuel!

New Member Shabbat Service | Friday, May 23 | 6:30pm

The Chaverut Committee invites the congregation to join them for a warm, lively and music-filled Friday night Shabbat Service and to help welcome all of our newest Temple members!

Temple Emanuel Calendar of Events

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Information is subject to change.

Confirm at www.tegreensboro.org or with the Temple office.**May 2025**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Key ■ - Adult Education ■ - Committee Meetings ■ - Services ■ - Youth Education ■ - Social Programs ■ - New/Special Programs ■ - Community Events				1	2	3
					10a Coffee & Connections 6:30p Shabbat Service at Greene Street	9a Chevra Torah w/Kaddish 10:30a Shabbat Morning Service
4 9a MITZVAH DAY @ TE	5 1p Stitching Group	6 5p Keshet 6p Adult Hebrew	7 12p Eilu v'Eilu 6:30p Mahjong	8 6p Executive Committee Mtg	9 10a Coffee & Connections 5:30p Tot Shabbat 6:00p Shabbat Together Dinner 6:30p Birthday Shabbat Service	10 9a Chevra Torah w/Kaddish
11 Mother's Day	12 1p Stitching Group	13 5p Keshet 6:30p Terumah Comm. Mtg 6p Adult Hebrew 7:30p Board of Trustees Mtg	14 12p Schmooze with the Rabbi 5p Brotherhood at Greensboro Urban Ministry 6p Pickleball 101 6p Chaveirut Committee Mtg 6:30p Mahjong	15 5:30p Lag B'Omer Celebration	16 Lag B'Omer 10a Coffee & Connections 6:30p Shabbat Service	17 9a Chevra Torah 10:30a Shabbat Morning Service and Bar Mitzvah of Davis Wolfe
18 9:30a ATID 9:30a Last Day of Keshet & Celebration 2p Sisterhood Annual Mtg	19 1p Stitching Group	20 6p Adult Hebrew 7p Annual Congregational Meeting	21 12p Friendship Circle 6p Pickleball 101 6:30p Mahjong 7p Cemetery Committee Mtg	22 6p Adult Hebrew 7p MOTL 2026 Information Session	23 10a Coffee & Connections 6:30p New Member Shabbat Service	24 9a Chevra Torah 10:30a Shabbat Morning Service and Bat Mitzvah of Maddie Strasser
25	26 Memorial Day Temple Office Closed	27 12p Sisterhood Book Club 5p Keshet 6p Adult Hebrew 7p Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class	28 6:30p Mahjong	29 6p Adult Hebrew	30 10a Coffee & Connections 6:30p Confirmation Shabbat Service	31 9a Chevra Torah 10:30a Shabbat Morning Service and Bar Mitzvah of Alex Villalba

2026 March of the Living Information Session | Thursday, May 22 | 7:00pm

If you are part of the local Jewish community and an incoming 11th or 12th grader (or the parent of one), or an adult interested in participating in the next March of the Living, please join us at Temple Emanuel for this information session. The trip begins on Sunday, April 12 and returns Sunday, April 26, 2026.

Pickleball News



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 ssnyder@tegreensboro.org.

She will be offering lessons Wednesdays, May 14 and 21, from 6:00–7:30pm at Temple's pickle ball courts.

Meet Deb Schoenhoff, a Pickleball enthusiast who has transitioned from her career as a physician, to become a frequent player on the Pickleball courts. Deb began her medical career as an academician and thoroughly enjoys bringing her teaching and mentoring skills to those wishing to learn this sport that welcomes all ages and abilities.



Her love for coaching began when she was the parent assistant coach for her daughters middle school volleyball team at B'nai Shalom. Deb has medaled in the local Senior games tournament and looks forward to sharing the thrill of Pickleball with our community. Join her on the court for a lesson - she promises it will be fun.

Mazal Tov



Mazal Tov to Deb Schoenhoff and Jo & David Delman on winning gold medals at the Senior Pickleball Tournament. Deb and Jo won the gold medal in the women's double division; David and his partner won gold in the men's division; and David and Jo won gold in the mixed doubles category.



Mazal Tov to Abe Kaplan on winning the Para Men's Foil National Championship in Los Angeles on April 12. USA Fencing is highlighting Abe as an up and coming 2028 Paralympic hopeful and they had a film crew documenting his National Championship gold medal win. There will be a 30 minute segment coming out soon on Bloomberg TV with footage from the event, as well as interviews with Abe, Eric, and Karen Kaplan.

Mazal Tov to Dora Ilyasova and Timothy Smith on the birth of their granddaughter, Stella Rakhil Waterstone, born to Anya and Joshua Waterstone on February 27 in Mountain View, California. Mazal Tov also to Stella's big sister, Aria.

Mazal Tov to Sarah and Jerry Sagerdahl on the birth of their grandson, Graham Edward Kanakanui, born to Julia and Daniel Kanakanui, on March 29 in Greensboro, North Carolina. Mazal Tov also to Graham's uncle, Will Sagerdahl.

Save the Date for these June Events

Visit the Temple Website to register for these events.

Join the Temple community for these fabulous future events. Some of them are already listed on our website and others are on their way!



Tikun Leil Shavuot | Sunday, June 1 | 7:00pm

Beth David Synagogue (804 Winview Dr., GSO)

Join our community for a late-night study to celebrate the gift of Torah.

ALL are invited to take part in this year's Temple Emanuel Member/Guest Golf Outing on Sunday June 1, 2025 at Jamestown Park Golf Course. (7041 E Fork Rd, Jamestown, NC 27282)

8 AM- Check-in, Continental Breakfast and Warm-up

9 AM- First Tee-off: Captain's Choice Format

\$80/person thru Sunday, May 25

\$90/person after Sunday, May 25

Price includes golf and cart, range balls, continental breakfast, closest to the pin, and team prizes

Registration closes Thursday, May 28

INVITE YOUR TEMPLE AND NON-TEMPLE FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

Free Mulligan Package for Temple members who bring a non-Temple guest
Sign up as a foursome or we can pair you with others; teams will be handicapped.



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

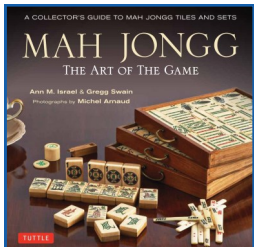
The Art of the Tile | Saturday, June 7 | 7:00pm

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.

No knowledge about the game is required or even necessary to enjoy the discussion.

Cost: \$36 per person in advance (\$40 at the door)

Dessert Reception, Q & A, and Book Signing Following



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

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

No knowledge about the game is required or even necessary to enjoy the discussion.

Cost: \$36 per person in advance (\$40 at the door)

Q & A, Book Signing, and Brunch Following

Bring your mah jongg set and join us for an afternoon of open play on Sunday, June 8, 1:00–4:00pm.

Sponsorship Information

Jokers: \$300pp/\$350 per couple: *includes admission to both events, an exclusive reception with the author 6:00pm Saturday evening and a signed copy of the book: "Mah Jongg: The Art of the Game"*

Dragons: \$125pp: *includes admission to both events and a signed copy of the book: "Mah Jongg: The Art of the Game"*

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Adult Birthdays

1 Marlene Lang	9 Lance Oldham	18 Robert Goldberg	26 Samaralee Bryant
2 Ben Kahn	Svetlana	Mike Peake	27 Kathryn Roth
3 Liz Siegel	Kolesnichenko	Shira Snyder	28 Bob Hall
Marion Dintenfass	10 Sandy Krellen	19 David Gordon	Gene Baruch
Scott Benson	11 Laura Chabrow	Denise Berger	Jack Kaplan
4 Howard Benson	Haley Schoenfeld	Hannah Heenan	Kelly Green
Kaitlyn Waksman	Jennifer Kiszely-	20 Laurie Bargebuhr	29 Jason Mostofsky
5 Andrew Bowen	Ainbinder	Marcia Renne	30 Miki Koren
Kenny Greene	12 Ellen Fischer	21 David Gitlin	Bob Wein
Peter Hoffman	Arlene Lieb	Mark Caudill	Jacob Haislip
6 Marty Weissburg	14 Wendee Cutler	22 Sylvia Curtis	Joyce Shuman
Josh Bohen	Andy Aronson	Jane Steiner	31 David Delman
Jason Pront	Phyllis Shavitz	23 Michael Schifftan	David Evans
Kendra Ross	Mateo Eckstat	24 Kim Segal	Alan Boyette
7 Shelly Segal	Marina Kosheleva	Alison Levy	Sybil Kilimanjaro
Linda Salzman	15 Phil Papier	Allison Padulsky	
Amy Thompson	17 Gary Silverstein	Keren Rotberg	
8 Cheryl David	John Marks	Lani Yeatts	
	Joe LeBauer	25 Terri Goldberg	
	Bobbie Mann	Molly Harbaugh	

Children Birthdays

1 Eli Williams	6 Jesse Pikler	17 Noah Swick	27 Finn Strasser
Ellie Cone	Maccabee Pront	19 George	Nathan Brown
Zoe Straub	8 Jaclyn Russo	Schweninger	29 Amethyst Henner
2 Serenity O'Gara	9 Ben Basse-Davidoff	20 Phineas Kaplan	Jack Schoultz
4 Nathan Silverman	14 Grant Strasser	21 Eliana Herman	Dylan Marcus
Quinn Silverman	16 Madelyn Renne	23 Jacob Landau	Gabriel Ribakove
Korelle Sapir	Charlie Estrada	25 Kylie Romer	Noah Ribakove
5 Abigail Muurisepp	Rafi Eckstat		

Anniversaries

1 Polly & Buzz Strasser	17 Elizabeth & Joe Strasser	Brittany & Jake Spak
2 Jeanne & Phil Kusiak	Erica & Andy Herman	27 Lori & John Marks
Elisa & Macon Medlin	Judy Frederick & Steve	28 Debbi & Neil Aberman
5 Barbara & Alan Boyette	Shavitz	Miriam & Itsik Maaravi
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7 Rhoda & Jay Winepol	18 Kate & Alex Stevenson	Marissa & Brooks Lanier
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10 Sherri & Gary Simon	Cindy Block Katz	Levine
Kaitlyn King & Samuel Roll	& Harvey Katz	30 Julie Ann & Scott Cooper
13 Sarah & Aaron Weiner	19 Lisa Darmo & Bill Schy	Gail & Steve Bernstein
14 Marcy & Ed Morris	22 Mariya & Scott McInnis	Rima & Adam Kleiner
Caroline & Steven Tanger	23 Adrienne & Dennis Blocker	Laura & Eric Chabrow
15 Valentina Giraldo	Scarlett & Eric Stine	Lorraine & Stuart Katz
& Tom Gromko	25 Lisa & Frank Rancer	31 Emily & Robert Nudelman
Emily & Cody Rex	26 Nancy & Paul Summerell	



May 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, May 2, at 6:30 p.m. (at Greene Street Campus) & Saturday, May 3 at 10:30 a.m.	To be read at Shabbat Services on Friday, May 9, at 6:30 p.m. & Saturday, May 10 at ~10:15 a.m. (the end of Chevra Torah)	To be read at Shabbat Services on Friday, May 16, at 6:30 p.m. & Saturday, May 17 at 10:30 a.m. (Bar Mitzvah of Davis Wolfe)	To be read at Shabbat Services on Friday, May 23, at 6:30 p.m. & Saturday, May 24 at 10:30 a.m. (Bat Mitzvah of Madison Strasser)	To be read at Shabbat Services on Friday, May 30, at 6:30 p.m. & Saturday, May 31 at 10:30 a.m. (Bar Mitzvah of Alex Villalba)
(in-person service only) Miriam Brenner Florence Pochtar Helen Eisenberg Joan Krieger Linda Gutman Shirley Fisch Anne Killeen *Jack Gottsegen Laura Daniels Leon Haber Warren Neese Michael Riley Barbara Schwartz	Gerald Ribakove Paula Hyman Richard Becker *Arthur Charles Cutler *Jack Guttman *Kimberly Bates Lila Roseman Louise Goodman Edward Goldenberg Katharine Thompson *L. Burton Gruber *Marion Newman *Shirley Pass *Eugenia Leggett Frank Ronald Kottler Emanuel Lee-Hugh Simon Baker *Joel Berkelhammer *William Marks Amelia Badillo Joan Aronson Phyllis Adler	Stuart Dvoskin Irving Froman Arlene Cohen Frances Kabatchnick Kenneth Yager Lillian Pulitzer Marge Mendelsohn Mary Mcnerny Mildred Lasky *Ruth Kapnek Annette Gedaly Betty Jean Hill Burleson Dieter Hofmann *Lillian Bernstein Harry Simons Bonnie Boaz Irving Becker Manny Gordan Beatrice Gold *Donald Wolf Harold Greenbaum Iosif Sakonskiy Stewart Schall Larry Murinson Maryann Anderson Covington Mickey Oldham *William Kalmanson Pearl Stein	*Evelyn Warren *Herbert Bergstein Jack Pulitzer Lysle Hanes Paul Diamond Chester Shyloski *William & *Hughlene Frank *Abram Fishbeyn *Daniel Forman *Geoffrey Greenberg Nelly Becker Raymond Smith *Anne Spear Barbaree Heaster Harold Verner Zalman Bochkis *Jason Schleien David Haber *Albert Sheridan *Hank Brodt Sidney LeBauer, Jr. *Edward Horowitz Howard Goldberg *Linda Goldman *Nancy Gordon *Fred Glickman *Gerald Piltz Jerome Simon Maude Taylor *Robert Willen	Howard Marlo *Joel Cutler Leah Neerman Leslie Lerner McKeeby Magda Porrata- Doria Cruz Mildred Savino Rory Brown *Susan Hollander Elizabeth Dresser *Robyn Weissburg Melissa Rae Koppel Bennie Kalinsky *Rabbi Joseph Asher *Stacye Tolin Renee Hirsh Sandra Fribush Cary Gauthier Ronnie Teague Thomas Goga

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

In Memoriam

Mark Rosenbaum, Husband of Segrid Ellis, Brother of Helaine (Howard) Medoff, on April 5.
Jerrold Goodman Slafsky, Father Sara (Scott) Kramer, Grandfather of Danielle and Joshua Kramer, on March 24.

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May Shabbat & Holiday Service Schedule

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

Friday, May 2

6:30pm - Shabbat Service at
Greene Street

Saturday, May 3

9:00am - Chevra Torah
10:30am - Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, May 9

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

Saturday, May 10

9:00am - Chevra Torah with
Kaddish

Friday, May 16

6:30pm - Shabbat Service

Saturday, May 17

9:00am - Chevra Torah
10:30am - Shabbat Morning Service
and Bar Mitzvah of Davis Wolfe

Friday, May 23

6:30pm - New Member Shabbat
Service

Saturday, May 24

9:00am - Chevra Torah
10:30am - Shabbat Morning Service
and Bat Mitzvah of Maddie Strasser

Friday, May 30

6:30pm - Confirmation Shabbat
Service

Saturday, May 31

9:00am - Chevra Torah
10:30am - Shabbat Morning Service
and Bar Mitzvah of Alex Villalba

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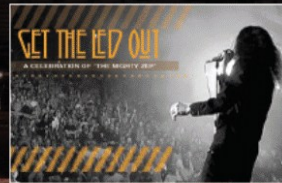
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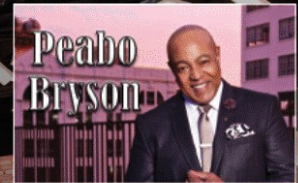
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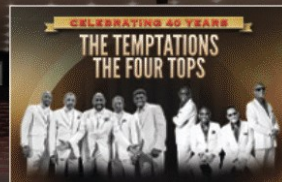
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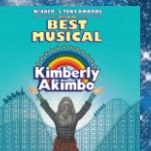
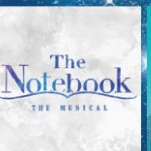
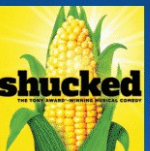
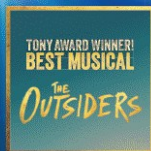
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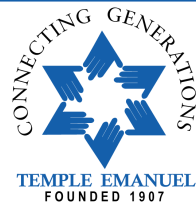
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