

# Temple Times

*Keeping the Temple Emmanuel Community in Touch*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

We recently celebrated Purim, one of the happiest holidays in the Jewish calendar. It commemorates the salvation from Haman's plot in the Book of Esther. We had a joyful Purim festival for kids, a family service with festive readings and costumes, and a successful Mishloach Manot Drive. At its core, Purim highlights community strength, unity, and support. This holiday reminds us of that resilience and shared joy are vital for overcoming challenges and nurturing belonging.

In light of the recent escalation of the war in Israel, let's reaffirm our hopes for the safe return of hostages and an end to the war. Let us wish for lasting peace, the safe return of soldiers to their families, and essential aid for those in need.

We invite you to our Community Passover Seder on Sunday, April 13, at 6 p.m. Join us in person or via Zoom as we celebrate Passover. Share this meaningful occasion's joy with delicious food, uplifting songs, and excellent company. We look forward to celebrating with you!

We appreciate your continued support of our community, Temple Emmanuel and Israel. May God bless Israel and those who stand with it. Am Yisrael Chai!

Yuri Shikhanovich, [yshikhanovich@gmail.com](mailto:yshikhanovich@gmail.com)

### ***From Strength to Strength***

BS"D

Nine years ago, I was a newly ordained rabbi and you were a 67-year-old congregation looking to ensure your continuity. In this time, we both grew and learned from one another. With all we've gained, I feel ready to take on new challenges, and I believe that Temple Emmanuel is well-poised to sustain itself for many more years to come.

As I look back on what we've accomplished together, I'm gratified that we now boast a school with 20 students and many proud graduates. We have accessible Shabbat experiences, connections with CJP and other Jewish institutions, and a joyful, intergenerational, musical community. Now, with the new sanctuary, Temple Emmanuel is more attractive than ever.

In the last 9 years, Temple Emmanuel has become more welcoming and connected to the larger Wakefield community. Together, we navigated the challenges of rising antisemitism and the COVID pandemic. We made it through these safely while maintaining our cohesive community.

I'm not quite ready to announce my future plans, but my hope is that we can all continue our learning and growth as we move from strength to strength. At the end of every book of Torah are the words, chazak chazak v'nitchazek. Be strong, be strong, and may we be strengthened. With all that we've accomplished together, we are strengthened and prepared to take on the next challenges.

Rabbi Greg Hersh, [Rabbi@WakefieldTemple.org](mailto:Rabbi@WakefieldTemple.org)



## TEMPLE LEADERSHIP

- President.....Yuri Shikhanovich
- VP.....Evan Pressman
- Treasurer.....Warren Silbovitz
- Recording Secretary.....Marsha Alter
- Corresp. Secretary.....Susan Silbovitz

# WAYS AND MEANS NEWS

## LOTTERY FOR FUN AND PROFIT

We have a raffle and award two \$25 prizes and one \$200 prize each month. Here is how the raffle works.

The winning numbers are based on the first Tuesday and first Wednesday nights' drawings of the Mass. daily number for a new month. If you match either the first two or the last two digits of the Tuesday night drawing, you will win a twenty-five dollar prize. If you match the middle two digits of Wednesday's drawing, you'll win the two hundred-dollar prize. For example: when Tuesday night's number is 1234 and Wednesday's number is 5678. The players whose numbers are 12 and 34 each wins twenty-five dollars and the player whose number is 67 wins two hundred dollars. We automatically send out the prizes periodically and you can win more than once.

Presently, numbers 15,19,33,55,77,91 and 98 are available for purchase for \$30.00 for the number. The drawings are from April 2025 through September 2025. All you have to do is send a check payable to Temple Emmanuel and mail it to Ben Weiner, 900 Lynnfield St #35, Lynnfield, MA, 01940 and you will become eligible to win the monthly prizes. Please note which number(s) you want. There will be an email sent to you with further information confirming the number(s) chosen. Prize checks are issued periodically and all you will have to do is cash your winnings. Lottery numbers make great gifts for children and grandchildren and are a fun way of donating. The Temple profits around \$2500.00 per year from the Lottery while paying out around \$3000.00 in prizes.

Here are the current winners for October 2024 through March 2025 for the six drawings.

\$25.00 Winners: Cara Williams, Dorothy Pedersen (2 times), Ruth and David Titelbaum, Esther Jennings, Beth and Michael Aaronson, Sandy Poritzky, Rebecca Wiener, Michael Carpe, Todd O'Connell,

Tricia Avakian, and Laura Canter.

## STAY IN TOUCH!

Do we have your email? If not, send it to us! It's the best way to get updates about the Temple!  
Do you have news or photos to share? Send 'em! Email Liz at [lindentree85@comcast.net](mailto:lindentree85@comcast.net)

\$200.00 Winners: Judith Rosental, Frank Vigor, Joe Dupuis, No winner (unsold), Jeff Levin, Liz Freeman

We have many diversified instruments for donating with many on our web page, including Tree of Life leaves, Yizkor Plaques, Israel Bond purchase, prayer book dedications and specific funds as well as the general funds. Tree of Life donations are a great way to commemorate family milestones and only cost \$100.00. For further information on any donation, please email Ben Weiner at [theweino@yahoo.com](mailto:theweino@yahoo.com) and he will give you the details. We appreciate all donations and if you are using a credit card, please add the additional cost for processing to stretch your donation.



EXCITING CHAIR NEWS:  
Creating a Hospitable  
Accessible Inclusive  
Renovation

Construction has been completed. Pledges and funds are being sent in. As of March 15, 2025, over \$57,000 of the \$70,000 needed has been pledged or collected. You can donate online under the CHAIR donation selection. We have been able to find new homes for all of the 112 chairs.

Please, we are asking for your pledge if you have not done so yet. A small, dedicated group has put this project together and has spent multiple hours handling the many details. We need your financial support to make this project a total success.

Please check your weekly Temple Blast and the Temple Calendar for exciting fundraising events, such as the Aaron Nathans and Michael G. Ronstadt Concert at the Temple on Sunday April 27 at 2:00PM. Please look for the descriptive flyer coming out.

## IN MEMORY

In Memory of Ida Nirenberg, from Paula Eriksen  
In Memory of Judy Breger, from Anonymous

# CHAI SCHOOL

The CHAI SCHOOL celebrated Purim in style at the Temple. Friends and family had fun playing chance games, dressing up like the Purim characters, and eating lots of yummy Hamantashen. Thank you to everyone who turned up in their costumes, we hope you had fun!!

Please enjoy some pictures from the event! More can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/5y77mkch>



# WOMEN IN WORLD JAZZ



## OUR MISSION

*We are an inclusive, Reconstructionist community devoted to learning, spirituality, and caring for each individual.*

*At Temple Emmanuel, we are building a vibrant future in honor of our past, utilizing ancient traditions to provide meaning and sustenance in our contemporary lives.*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 1 - House & Grounds Committee Meeting, Tuesday Evening at 6:45 PM via Zoom
- April 1 - Ritual Committee Meeting, Tuesday Evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom
- April 4 - Erev Shabbat Celebration including CHAI School Participation, Friday at 7:00 PM
- April 5 - Tot Shabbat, Saturday Morning at 9:30 PM
- April 6 - Kasher the Kitchen for Pesach, Sunday Morning at 9:30 AM. Let Susan (svitz9@gmail.com) know if you can help!
- April 7 - Membership Meeting, Monday Evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom
- April 8 - Temple Board Meeting, Tuesday Evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom
- April 9 - Volunteer at Wakefield Community Dinners, Wednesday Afternoon at 3:30 PM
- April 10 - Fast of the First Born Siyyum, Thursday Morning at 8:00 AM
- April 11 - Erev Shabbat Celebration, Friday Evening at 7:30 PM
- April 12 - Shabbat Morning Celebration including Torah Study with Rabbi Greg, 9:30 AM
- April 13 - Pesach First Day Services, Sunday Morning at 9:30 AM
- April 13 - Community Seder, Sunday Evening at 6:00 PM
- April 15 - School Committee Meeting, Tuesday Evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom
- April 18 - Jewish Meditation Circle, Friday Evening at 7:30 PM
- April 19 - Shabbat Morning Celebration, Saturday Morning at 9:30 AM
- April 20 - Pesach Eighth Day Services with Yizkor, Sunday Morning at 9:30 AM
- April 21 - Ways & Means Committee Meeting, Monday Evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom
- April 22 - Continuing Education Meeting, Tuesday Evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom
- April 24 - Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), No Service, Thursday
- April 25 - Erev Shabbat Celebration, Friday Evening at 7:30 PM
- April 26 - Shabbat at Breakheart, Saturday Morning at 9:30 AM
- April 27 - Nathans & Ronstadt Duo, Sunday Afternoon at 2:00 PM
- April 28 - Sisterhood Annual Meeting, Monday Evening at 7:30 PM
- April 30 - Yom HaZikaron (Israel Remembrance Day), No Service, Wednesday
- May 1 - Yom Ha Atzma'ut (Israel Independence Day), No Service, Thursday
- May 2 - Erev Shabbat Celebration with CHAI School Participation, Friday Evening at 7:00 PM
- May 3 - Tot Shabbat, Saturday Morning at 9:30 PM
- May 4 - Sisterhood Sunday Walkers, Sunday Morning at 11:00 AM
- May 4 - Temple Reads: Once We Were Home by Jennifer Rosner
- May 5 - Membership Meeting, Monday Evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom
- May 6 - House & Grounds Committee Meeting, Tuesday Evening at 6:45 PM via Zoom
- May 6 - Ritual Committee Meeting, Tuesday Evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom
- May 9 - Erev Shabbat Celebration with Sisterhood Participation, Friday Evening at 7:30 PM
- May 10 - Shabbat Morning Celebration including Torah Study with Rabbi Greg, Saturday Morning at 9:30 AM
- May 13 - Temple Board Meeting, Tuesday Evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom
- May 14 - Volunteer at Wakefield Community Dinners, Wednesday Afternoon at 3:30 PM
- May 16 - Lag B'Omer, No Service, Friday
- May 16 - Jewish Meditation Circle, Friday Evening at 7:30 PM
- May 17 - Shabbat Morning Celebration including CHAI School Graduation, Sat at 9:30 AM
- May 18 - Bagels & Coffee and Save-a-Life, Sunday Morning at 10:00 AM
- May 19 - Ways & Means Committee Meeting, Monday Evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom
- May 20 - School Committee Meeting, Tuesday Evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 22 - Sisterhood Donor Dinner, Thursday Evening at 6:00 PM
- May 23 - Erev Shabbat Celebration, Friday Evening at 7:30 PM
- May 24 - Shabbat at Breakheart, Saturday Morning at 9:30 AM
- May 26 - Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Day), No Service, Monday
- May 27 - Continuing Education Meeting, Tuesday Evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom
- June 1 - Sisterhood Sunday Walkers, Sunday Morning at 11:00 AM
- June 1 - Erev Shavuot Celebration with Flower Crown Decoration, Pizza and Tikun Leil Study Session, Sunday Evening at 6:00 PM
- June 2 - Shavuot First Day Services with Yizkor, Monday Morning at 9:30 AM
- June 2 - Membership Meeting, Monday Evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom
- June 3 - Shavuot Second Day, No Service, Tuesday
- June 3 - House & Grounds Committee Meeting, Tuesday Evening at 6:45 PM via Zoom
- June 3 - Ritual Committee Meeting, Tuesday Evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom
- June 6 - Erev Shabbat Celebration including Installation of Officers of the Temple and Sisterhood and Welcome to our New Members, Friday Evening at 7:30 PM
- June 7 - Shabbat Morning Celebration including the Bat Mitzvah of Barrett Deninger, Saturday 9:30 AM
- June 10 - Temple Board Meeting, Tuesday Evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom
- June 11 - Volunteer at Wakefield Community Dinners, Wednesday Afternoon at 3:30 PM
- June 13 - Erev Shabbat Celebration, Friday Evening at 7:30 PM
- June 14 - Tot Shabbat, Saturday Morning at 9:30 PM
- June 16 - Ways & Means Committee Meeting, Monday Evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom
- June 17 - School Committee Meeting, Tuesday Evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom
- June 20 - Jewish Meditation Circle, Friday Evening at 7:30 PM
- June 21 - Shabbat at Breakheart, Saturday Morning at 9:30 AM
- June 23 - Sisterhood Board Meeting, Monday Evening at 7:30 PM
- June 24 - Continuing Education Meeting, Tuesday Evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom
- June 27 - Erev Shabbat Celebration, Friday Evening at 7:30 PM
- June 28 - Shabbat Morning Celebration including the Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Meahl, Saturday 9:30 AM

## FAMILY PURIM SERVICE



# DONATIONS

## **GENERAL FUND:**

From Oleg Liebman  
From Paul Cancelliere  
From Sandra LaPerche, in Honor of Rabbi Pam  
From Judy & Ben Hochberg, in honor of Sue & Harris Hochberg  
From Anonymous, in Honor of Susan Silbovitz's Birthday

## **MISHLOACH MANOT:**

Cara Williams  
Marsha Alter  
Maggie Leshen & Howard Faigel  
Sue & Harris Hochberg  
Evan Pressman & Caryl Diengott  
Paula & Ed Eriksen  
Philip & Alissa Onigman  
Esther & Ed Jennings  
Ellen & Greg Scott  
Michelle & Joseph Meahl  
Palla & Jonathan Berg  
Ben & Bev Weiner  
Alla & Yuri Shikhanovich



## **NEW CONTRIBUTORS TO THE CHAIR CAMPAIGN:**

Judy & Ben Hochberg

GET WELL WISHES to:

Deb Atkocius  
Laura Canter  
Palla Berg  
Joe Spear



## **GET WELL SOON!**

Deb Atkocius  
Laura Canter  
Palla Berg  
Joe Spear

## **WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER:**

Hallie Gordon

## **TODAH RABAH TO**

Janice & Sander Poritzky, for donating their lottery winnings  
Rabbi Pam, for filling in for Rabbi Greg

# TEMPLE READS

Temple Reads: IN PERSON: Sunday, May 4th at 4 pm.

Location: TBA ( If you cannot meet in person, we will have a zoom link for joining from afar) More info will be coming.

ONCE WE WERE HOME by Jennifer Rosner. Many books have been written about children transported to various places for safety during WWII, but this book was well-researched offering a penetrating lot at the myriad murky moral choices involved. Recommended for book clubs, giving readers much to ponder.

Do you have a suggestion for future reads? Let Liz Freeman know. Lindentree85@comcast.net



## SHAVOUT IS COMING!



