

Temple Times

Keeping the Temple Emmanuel Community in Touch

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

I hope everyone is enjoying a wonderful summer. While local and global news can sometimes feel overwhelming, the Jewish calendar encourages us to reflect inward, restore harmony, and renew our spiritual lives. We're delighted to welcome Rabbi Micah Becker-Klein as our new spiritual leader at Temple Emanuel. With 25 years of experience, Rabbi Micah offers extensive wisdom, a commitment to progressive Jewish principles, and a distinctive blend of creativity, compassion, and community engagement. We're eager to start this new chapter together.

We have several exciting social and religious events planned for September. On September 5th, join us for Erev Shabbat Celebration and Welcome to Rabbi Micah, featuring a special Oneg Shabbat. Come to the Wakefield Porchfest concert on the Temple lawn on September 6, and visit the Open House on Sunday, September 7, to celebrate the temple's reopening and welcome Rabbi Micah. On September 13th, there's a Pot Luck, Havdalah, and Selichot Program.

I sincerely thank all our volunteers and board members for their dedication and support. Your selfless service is the key to our Temple's success. May divine grace lead you in all your endeavors.

My family and I extend our wishes to all members, their families and friends, and the Temple Emmanuel community for a Shanah Tova u'metuka - may you be inscribed for a joyful, healthy, and prosperous New Year!

Yuri Shikhanovich, yshikhanovich@gmail.com

It is not too late. It is early and about to grow. Now is the time to do what you know you must and have feared to begin.

Marge Piercy, Head of the Year (excerpt)

Shalom Friends-

L'shanah tovah! Happy New Year 5786! We are celebrating the start of a new year with Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and the fall festival of Sukkot. Throughout these High Holy Days and festivals, there are many opportunities to come together, pray, sing, learn, and connect with our community. This time of year invites us to reflect on the past year and prepare ourselves to create a new and meaningful path ahead. Being part of a community allows us to make this effort with the support of those around us, giving us the courage to take steps toward repair, renewal, and reflection. We are stronger together when we gather and open our hearts and minds to the new year and its possibilities.

I am truly honored to begin serving as your new rabbi and would like to thank everyone who has helped forge the connection and create opportunities for the next chapter at Temple Emmanuel of Wakefield. I look forward to getting to know the community better over the upcoming months.

As I embark on my journey at Temple Emmanuel this year, I am excited to celebrate these High Holy Days that unite us and to introduce some of the music and approaches that shape my perspective on prayer and Jewish life. It takes many people to bring our gatherings to life during these days, and I greatly appreciate the support and guidance from all who have contributed their efforts.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sep 1 - Membership Committee Meeting, Monday Evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom
- Sep 2 - House & Grounds Meeting, Tuesday 6:45 PM via Zoom followed by RC Meeting at 7:30 PM
- Sep 5 - Erev Shabbat Celebration - First of the Season - Special Oneg to Welcome Rabbi Micah!
Friday Evening at 7:30 PM
- Sep 6 - Tot Shabbat, Saturday Morning at 9:30 AM
- Sep 6 - Wakefield Porchfest! Saturday 1:00 PM-5:00 PM
- Sep 7 - Open House Celebration! Sunday 10:30 AM-1:00 PM.
- Sep 9 - Temple Board Meeting, Tuesday Evening at 7:30 Pm via Zoom
- Sep 9 - First Day of CHAI school.
- Sep 10 - Volunteer at Wakefield Community Dinners, Wednesday Afternoon 3:30-6:30 PM.
- Sep 12 - Erev Shabbat Celebration, Friday Evening at 7:30 PM
- Sep 13 - Shabbat Morning Celebration, Saturday Morning at 9:30 AM
- Sep 13 - Pot Luck, Havdalah & Selichot, Saturday 6:30 PM. Potluck RSVP by 9/11: svitz9@gmail.com
- Sep 14 - Sisterhood Sunday Walkers, Sunday Morning at 11:00 AM
- Sep 14 - Temple Reads: The Last Twilight in Paris by Pam Jenoff, Sunday at 7:30 PM via Zoom.
- Sep 15 - Ways & Means Committee Meeting, Monday Evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom
- Sep 16 - School Committee Meeting, Tuesday Evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom
- Sep 19 - Jewish Meditation Circle, Friday Evening at 7:30 PM
- Sep 20 - Shabbat Morning Celebration, Saturday Morning at 9:30 AM
- Sep 21 - Set Up Sanctuary for the High Holidays and Machzorim Pick-up, Sunday Morning 9:30 AM
- Sep 22 - Erev Rosh Hashanah, Monday Evening at 7:00 PM
- Sep 23 - Rosh Hashanah First Day Services, Monday 9:30 AM. Tashlich follows immediately after.
- Sep 24 - Rosh Hashanah Second Day Services, Tuesday Morning at 9:30 AM
- Sep 26 - Erev Shabbat Shuvah Celebration, Friday Evening at 7:30 PM
- Sep 27 - Shabbat Shuvah Celebration, Saturday Morning at 9:30 AM
- Oct 1 - Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre), Wednesday Evening at 6:15 PM
- Oct 2 - Yom Kippur Morning Services, Thursday Morning at 9:30 PM
- Oct 2 - Mincha/Nei'ilah Service, Thursday Afternoon at 6:00 PM
- Oct 2 - Break Fast, Thursday Evening about 7:10 PM
- Oct 3 - Erev Shabbat Celebration, Friday Evening at 7:30 PM
- Oct 4 - Tot Shabbat, Saturday Morning at 9:30 AM
- Oct 5 - Return Sanctuary to Normal Use, Return Machzorim & Set up the Sukkah, Sunday 9:30 AM
- Oct 5 - Linden Tree Concerts presents Christine Lavin, Sunday Afternoon at 2:00 PM
- Oct 6 - Erev Sukkot Family Celebration followed by Wine & Cheese in the Sukkah, Monday 7:00 PM
- Oct 7 - Sukkot First Day Celebration, Tuesday Morning at 9:30 AM
- Oct 7 - House & Grounds Committee Meeting, Tuesday Evening at 6:45 PM via Zoom
- Oct 7 - Ritual Committee Meeting, Tuesday Evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom
- Oct 8 - Volunteer at Wakefield Community Dinners, Wednesday Afternoon at 3:30 PM
- Oct 10 - Erev Shabbat Celebration, Friday Evening at 7:30 PM
- Oct 11 - Shabbat Morning Celebration, Saturday Morning at 9:30 AM
- Oct 12 - Sisterhood Sunday Walkers, Sunday Morning at 11:00 AM
- Oct 13 - Erev Shemini Atzeret (no service)
- Oct 13 - Temple Board Meeting, Tuesday Evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom
- Oct 14 - Shemini Atzeret Services with Yizkor, Tuesday Morning at 9:30 AM
- Oct 14 - Simchat Torah Family Celebration, Tuesday Evening at 7:00 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 17 - Jewish Meditation Circle, Friday Evening at 7:30 PM
- Oct 18 - Shabbat Morning Celebration, Saturday Morning at 9:30 AM
- Oct 18 - Game Night with Vegetarian Yummies, Saturday Evening at 6:00 PM
- Oct 19 - Sisterhood Kick-off Brunch & Program, Sunday Morning at 11:30 AM
- Oct 19 - Dismantle Sukkah, Sunday Afternoon at 3:00 PM
- Oct 20 - Ways & Means Committee Meeting, Monday Evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom
- Oct 21 - School Committee Meeting, Tuesday Evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom
- Oct 24 - Erev Shabbat Celebration, Friday Evening at 7:30 PM
- Oct 25 - Shabbat at Breakheart, Saturday Morning at 9:30 AM
- Oct 26 - Bagels & Coffee, Sunday Morning at 11:00 AM
- Oct 28 - Continuing Education Committee Meeting, Tuesday Evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom

FROM THE RABBI (CONTINUED)

This also marks the beginning of our school and programming year. Judaism values lifelong education, and I look forward to engaging with the children in the religious school. We will explore Judaism through various educational lenses, including post-b'nai mitzvah and adult education, featuring sessions on Exploring Reconstructionist Judaism.

Whether this is your first year with Temple Emmanuel, like me, or if you can't recall how many years it's been, we invite you to celebrate and uplift the holidays with us! I look forward to dreaming together of a better year ahead and to shaping that journey as a community.

I hope that this year, 5786, brings peace and blessings to you, your family and friends, and all who share our earth. May we inscribe ourselves in the book of life, health, and blessings.

With blessings-
Rabbi Micah

TEMPLE READS

Zoom link will be send out during the week of the book chat and in Wednesday's Temple Blast.



SEPT. 14. 7:30 pm Last Twilight in Paris by Pam Jenoff. "A fast-paced and vibrant wartime tale of holding on to love against the odds and learning to fight for the truth." –Kristin Harmel, NYT bestselling author of *The Paris Daughter*

A Parisian department store, a mysterious necklace and a woman's quest to unlock a decade-old mystery are at the center of this riveting novel of love and survival, from New York Times bestselling author Pam Jenoff

NOV. 2: 7pm. The Human Scale by Lawrence Wright. 9 copies plus..

In this sweeping, timely thriller, a Palestinian American FBI agent teams up with a hardline Israeli cop to solve the murder of the Israeli police chief in Gaza—from the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Looming Tower* and *The End of October*. "A layered tale of intrigue and betrayal."—Geraldine Brooks, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *March* and *Horse*

Looking for more readers. Books can be reserved from the NOBLE library system, hard cover, audiobooks, CDs, Hoopla etc. Some folks come to the discussion just to find out what the book was about. You read books you might not have picked up, but find you can't put down. Sometimes half the folks LOVED the book and the other half didn't. ITS OK. We are back to Zoom since some of our readers are not locally around and can still join us from afar.

Suggestions for books with a Jewish theme can be sent to Liz Freeman, lindentree85@comcast.net

CHAI SCHOOL

Register for the 2025-2026 school year at <https://tinyurl.com/2mja76zz>



Families are invited to register now

For 2025-2026 School Year

Chai School at Temple Emmanuel of Wakefield



All students ages 5-13 are welcome regardless of religious practices, prior knowledge or family affiliation.

HIGH HOLIDAY SEATS

Register for High Holiday services at <https://tinyurl.com/2z6pbxz3>



The requested donations are as follows:

\$200 per member, age 12 and above

\$280 per non-member, age 12 and above

\$50 for each child from age 3 to age 12 (both member & non-member)

Children under age 3 are free (both member & non-member)

LINDEN TREE CONCERTS NOW AT TEMPLE EMMANUEL

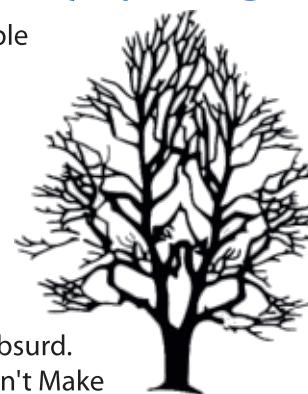


Linden Tree Concerts have moved to Temple Emmanuel for their 41st season!

Four shows have been chosen for Sunday afternoons from 2PM-4PM. All are family friendly regional favorites.

Oct 5th 2PM: NYC's Christine Lavin will launch the season. She is the Folk World's long reigning Queen of the Intelligently Absurd. The title of one of her earlier albums, "I Don't Make This Stuff Up, I just Make it Rhyme" says it all. Her song AMOEBA HOP is now an award winning children's science book. Reservations recommended. 978-326-7905.

Nov 16 2PM: A Tribute to Veterans program with Curt Bessette and Jen Kurtz. They performed at the Temple several years ago.



RITUAL COMMITTEE

Welcome back from a fun and rejuvenated summer break, ready for a new Temple Emmanuel season! We kick things off with our first Friday Night Shabbat Celebration of the new season on Sept. 5th at 7:30 PM, led by our new spiritual leader, Rabbi Micah Becker-Klein. We hopefully will see you all to warmly welcome Rabbi Becker-Klein to our temple community.

This year's High Holiday season begins with the traditional recitation of Selichot on Saturday night, Sept 13. Selichot sets the tone for spiritual renewal and forgiveness, the underlying themes of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The evening will begin at 6:30 PM with a potluck dinner & community social, followed by Havdalah, a short program, and the Selichot service.

The Temple will continue to use the "hybrid" model we've successfully employed over the past few years, conducted both in-person and via Zoom. This will allow each member to determine their own safety and comfort level, as well as providing a path for easier access for those unable to attend in person.

Key dates for High Holiday sanctuary and temple Sukkah preparation are as follows:

Set up Sanctuary for High Holidays and Machzor Prayer Book (for those participating via Zoom)	Sunday, Sept 21, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Return Sanctuary to normal use Return Machzors, and Set-up / Decorate Sukkah	Sunday, Oct 5, 9:30 AM – 11:30 PM
Dismantle Sukkah	Sunday, Oct 19, 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Please mark these dates down and make every effort to come and lend a hand, especially with the Sukkah raising. It's a Mitzvah, and quite enjoyable!

Erev Rosh Hashanah is on Monday evening, Sept 22. We look forward to Rabbi Micah Becker-Klein and Cantor Jon Tepper as they spiritually lead us in the celebration of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. All times and dates for our Shabbat, holiday and special event celebrations will be available by email on the Temple Blast and the Temple website. The complete High Holiday and Sukkot schedule, including service times and dates, is provided in this issue of the Temple Times.

If you would like to have a Torah Aliyah honor on Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur, you only need only to click on <https://tinyurl.com/4r9xakf9>, pick the service & date, then enter the Aliyah you wish, as well as your English and Hebrew names. Alternatively, you may contact me at epressman51@gmail.com or (781) 635-2941. All Aliyot will be on a first come first served basis, so please don't delay. The last date to select an Aliyah is Thursday, September 15th.



Temple Emmanuel will continue our well-received Community Memorial Booklet for Yom Kippur Yizkor this year. This was established to honor the memory of your loved ones in a meaningful way and at the same time provide for Tzedakah, a charitable donation to the Temple in their name. Tzedakah connects the living and those we have lost in the work of Tikkun Olam (repairing the world). To honor the memory of your loved ones, please use this form: <https://tinyurl.com/3srvxjby> and be sure to include the names you wish to honor in the comment section. Forms must be received by September 25 to be included.



Following Yom Kippur, we welcome the joyous holiday of Sukkot, which begins this year on

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RITUAL COMMITTEE (CONTINUED)

Monday night, October 6th. Sukkot is the third of the Shalosh Regalim, or three pilgrimage festivals designated in the Torah. During this cheerful holiday, it is customary to build and decorate a sukkah, recalling the booths constructed by the Israelites during their forty years of wandering in the wilderness. It is a mitzvah to sit, eat and entertain in the Sukkah, which we as a community will emulate in ours that evening.

If anyone is interested in ordering a Lulav and Etrog to use for their personal use and to celebrate with during Sukkot, please contact me at the number or email provided previously. Please be sure to place your order by Yom Kippur to have them in place by Sukkot.

The festival season concludes with a flourish on Simchat Torah, the joyous holiday that celebrates the yearlong cycle of reading the Torah. On Simchat Torah, we read the very last chapter of Deuteronomy, then immediately switch over to the very first chapter of Genesis, continuing a cherished tradition that stretches over many, many generations. This year, our Family Celebration will be Tuesday night, Oct 14, beginning at 7:00 PM. We encourage everyone to come and be a part of the jubilant celebration. All are welcome!!!!

The Ritual Committee always welcomes new people to help support the Temple's religious customs, practices, and life cycle events. We generally hold our meetings on the first Tuesday of every month. If you are interested, please don't hesitate to contact me. Your support would be very much appreciated. Also, please don't hesitate to contact either myself or Rabbi Micah with any questions regarding religious practices, observances, or services throughout the year.

Wishing you and your families all the best for the upcoming holiday season!

Respectfully,
Evan Pressman

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.*

TODAH RABAH TO

Cara Williams, for donating her lottery winnings

CONDOLENCES TO

Eva Ostrovsky & Family, upon the loss of Eva's Father Valery Ostrovsky

YAHZHEITS

In Memory of May Alter, from Marsha Alter

In Memory of Stanley Leshen, from Maggie Leshen & Howard Faigel

In Memory of Max Tushman, from Sue & Harris Hochberg

In Memory of Loved Ones, from Robert & Ruth Young



WAKEFIELD PORCHFEST AT TEMPLE EMMANUEL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

Saturday afternoon on Saturday, September 6th Temple Emmanuel will be hosting one of many locations around town for Wakefield's Second Annual Porchfest. Bring chairs and blankets. Free concert. From neighborhood's porches and back yards, folks will present a variety of music, a tradition many towns have adopted. This is Wakefield's second year and shows will be from noon to 6PM.



Temple Emmanuel is located on Wakefield's West Side at 120 Chestnut Street. But you read the TempleTimes, so you already knew that.

Our schedule is as follows:



1:00PM Linden Tree's Eddie Dee: Eddie Dee is a powerful singer, who accompanies himself on piano in a variety of styles. He has a long history in Folk Music, Popular Music, and Musical Theatre. He will include a selection of familiar "oldies" in this show.

2:00PM Andy and Judy: Andy and Judy Daigle are a New England folksinging married couple who have recorded over eighty songs and produced eight albums. Andy & Judy do a masterful job of involving the audience in their performances. Sing-a-longs and smiles are the norm at one of their concerts. As Steve Ide, the Artistic Director of the Rose Garden Coffeehouse in Mansfield, MA, said "They put the fun back in folk music." Andy & Judy have deepened their sound through the addition of mandolin, banjo, piano, harmonica, ukulele, and with support musicians, bass, violin and percussion.



3:30PM Squeezebox Stompers: For over twenty-five years, The Squeezebox Stompers have brought the vibrant sounds of Cajun, zydeco, blues, folk, and original music to New England, earning Boston Music Awards and songwriting accolades along the way. Their lively and eclectic performances are guaranteed to get you on your feet and have a blast! With a rich blend of instruments—including accordion, fiddle, mandolin, saxophone, harmonica, guitar, bass, and drums—we create a unique live music experience. You can't be sad when tapping and clapping to the Squeezebox Stompers.

Bring your blankets and chairs. Bring your family and friends to this free event!

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 \$25 dollar prize. If you match the middle two digits of Wednesday's drawing, you'll win the \$200 prize. Here is an example of 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 **07,15,19,21,33,55,77,91 and 98** are available for purchase. The drawings are from October 2025 through September 2026. 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. Renewal forms will be sent out in July.

Here are the current winners for April 2025 through August 2025 for the three drawings.

\$25.00 Winners: Samuel Weiner, Richard Ruthfield (2 times), Sandy Poritzky, Robbie Weiner, unsold (1), Cara Williams, Robert Young, Audrey Weiner, Michael Fixman

\$200.00 Winners: Ellen Scott, Marcia Ruderman, Jim Conroy, Liz Freeman, Susan Silbovitz

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 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 August 1, 2025, over \$60,000 of the \$70,000 needed has been collected. You can donate online under the CHAIR donation selection.



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. We are now going into our second year for pledge commitments and donations. There are over \$16,000 in pledges which, when completed, will help us attain our goal.

Please check your weekly Temple Blast and the Temple Calendar for exciting fundraising events for 2025 to 2026 as they develop.

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

DONATIONS

GENERAL AND CHAIR FUNDS

Oleg Leibman
Alissa & Philip Onigman, in Honor of Rabbi Greg
Ruthie & David Titelbaum, in Honor of Rabbi Greg
Paula Eriksen
Anonymous, in Memory of Hank Breger
Robert & Ruth Young
The Scott Family, in Memory of Eva Ostrovsky's Father Valery Ostrovsky

IN BEN'S HONOR

Robert & Ruth Young



Temple Emmanuel of Wakefield's
Open House

Sunday, September 7th
10:30AM - 1:00PM
120 Chestnut St, Wakefield MA

Don't miss this opportunity to meet Rabbi Micah Becker-Klein! Join Temple Emmanuel and Rabbi Micah for a day of family fun and celebration: coffee, bagels, ice cream, music, and balloon animals!

The poster features a yellow background with a string of colorful triangular bunting at the top. Several yellow Stars of David are hanging from the top. At the bottom left, there is an illustration of three people dancing joyfully. The text is centered and right-aligned.

GET WELL SOON!

Laura Canter
Harris Hochberg
Sandra Cohen
Susan Bergeron

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SISTERHOOD NEWS

This summer Sisterhood members began the long awaited kitchen refresh project! A big thank you to Susan Silbovitz (leader of the crew), Marsha Alter, Alissa Onigman, Paula Eriksen, Marianne Wronka, Harriet Goldman, Eva and Savannah Kaminsky for all their hard work. To date three new wall cabinets and two new wheel carts have been installed. Coming in the fall are new counter tops for the two center islands and a drawer/cabinet unit to the right of the kitchen sink. Once completed the kitchen will undergo a full cleaning.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer, see you in the fall at the Annual Kick-Off Brunch Sunday October 19th 11:30 AM, flyer to come.

Warmly,
Sue Hochberg, Sisterhood President



Susan Silbovitz, Marianne Wronka



Kitchen crew: Harriet Goldman, Paula Eriksen, Susan Silbovitz, Eva and Savannah Kaminsky

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