

# Temple Times

*Keeping the Temple Emmanuel Community in Touch*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

Earlier in October, we celebrated Simchat Torah, rejoicing with the Torah after completing the annual reading cycle. This year celebration was particularly special—20 hostages returned home, allowing us to resume the cycle, marking the end of one chapter in the Jewish story and the start of another. Much remains to be done—caring for the wounded and bereaved among Israelis and Palestinians, working toward a lasting and fair peace, and rebuilding trust within the Jewish community.

We are dedicated to making our beloved shul and gathering place welcoming for our Jewish and Wakefield communities. Last week, our members approved the budget to upgrade the heating system, which is scheduled for completion in October. Additionally, the sisterhood is renovating the kitchen, aiming to finish by the end of December.

At Temple Emmanuel, we continue to strengthen our Jewish community through inspiring services, sisterhood, and social events. In September, we hosted Wakefield Porch Fest concerts, and in October, we held the first LindenTree concert in our sanctuary. Our social committee has planned several exciting fall events. Join us for traditional Shabbat, Shabbat at Breakheart, Game Night, Sunday coffee and bagels, Young-ish Jewish Event: Cocktails, Kvetching & Cards, or our annual family bowling event. If you have ideas for family-friendly activities, please contact board members or me directly.

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

Shalom, Friends-

These first few months at Temple Emmanuel have been a joyous journey filled with the richness of our Jewish holidays, and it's been a true pleasure to connect with so many of you. I want to express my gratitude to everyone who has supported our gatherings and services. For our long-

standing members, I hope you've found renewed inspiration, and for those of you who are new to our community, I sincerely hope you've felt warmly welcomed. As we move into the year, I invite all of you to take advantage of the myriad opportunities we have to come together as a community.

Many of you have shown interest in my teachings from the High Holy Days, so I'm excited to share links to those videos on my YouTube channel. You'll also discover a variety of music and my unique style of leading prayerful experiences. I encourage you to explore—I believe it will deepen your understanding of my approach and our shared spiritual journey. Check it out at [YouTube.com/@rabbimicah](https://www.youtube.com/@rabbimicah)

Looking ahead, we have an exciting calendar filled with opportunities to gather, both within our broader community and among our Jewish family. As your new rabbi, I am eager to meet more of you and to participate in our upcoming events together. In November, we'll honor Veterans' Day and the Tuesday before Thanksgiving with meaningful interfaith gatherings. Then, in December, we'll immerse ourselves in the celebration of Hanukkah with vibrant parties and musical candlelight services. Be sure to keep an eye on our weekly announcements for updates and details on these wonderful events and more.



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## FROM THE RABBI (CONTINUED)

Let's come together in celebration and connection. I look forward to seeing each of you and building lasting memories in our community! Keep your eyes open for the weekly blast for updates and details on all these events and more.

In peace,  
Rabbi Micah Becker-Klein



## BOWLING PARTY!

Did you know that there was a Temple bowling league for many years?

Take a trip back in time with candlepin bowling with us at the Wakefield Bowladrome!

Join us for a Temple community social event. Fun for all ages! Bring friends and family!

Date: Sunday, December 7th 5PM-7:30PM

Location: Wakefield Bowladrome - 96 Water Street, Wakefield

Cost: \$25 for 13 and older; \$10 for 12 and under

Cash at the door -- includes shoe rental, alleys for three strings or two hours, pizza and beverage!

Please reserve your space by Thursday December 4th. Email [LindenTree85@comcast.net](mailto:LindenTree85@comcast.net)

## A MORNING OF MAHJONG

Sunday Nov. 2nd 10:30 AM at Temple Emmanuel.

Bring yourself and friends to this co-ed event to learn this exciting table game. Instructions and cards will be provided. If you've never played, this will be a chance to get in on the action.

Please RSVP to [pallaberg@hotmail.com](mailto:pallaberg@hotmail.com) or 781-572-6168.



## TODAH RABAH TO

Eva Ostrovsky & Lazar Kaminsky on their beautiful Kol Nidre Musical Performance  
Cantor Jon Tepper for his outstanding High Holiday Chanting

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 1 - Tot Shabbat, Saturday Morning at 9:30 AM
- Nov 2 - Sisterhood Program, stay tuned
- Nov 2 - Temple Reads: The Human Scale by Lawrence Wright, Sunday at 7:00 PM via Zoom.
- Nov 3 - Membership Committee Meeting, Monday Evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom
- Nov 4 - House & Grounds Committee Meeting, Tuesday Evening at 6:45 PM via Zoom
- Nov 4 - Ritual Committee Meeting, Tuesday Evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom
- Nov 7 - Erev Shabbat Celebration, Friday Evening at 7:30 PM
- Nov 8 - Shabbat Morning Celebration, Saturday Morning at 9:30 AM
- Nov 9 - Sisterhood Sunday Walkers, Sunday Morning at 11:00 AM
- Nov 11 - Temple Board Meeting, Tuesday Evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom
- Nov 12 - Volunteer at Wakefield Community Dinners, Wednesday Afternoon 3:30-6:30 PM.
- Nov 14 - Erev Shabbat Celebration, Friday Evening at 7:30 PM
- Nov 15 - Shabbat Morning Celebration, Saturday Morning at 9:30 AM
- Nov 15 - Young-ish Jewish Event: Cocktails, Kvetching & Cards, Saturday Evening at 6:30 PM
- Nov 16 - Linden Tree Concerts Presents Curt Bessette and Jenn Kurtz – Tribute to our Veterans,  
Sunday Afternoon at 2:00 PM
- Nov 17 - Ways & Means Committee Meeting, Monday Evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom
- Nov 18 - School Committee Meeting, Tuesday Evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom
- Nov 21 - Erev Shabbat Celebration, Friday Evening at 7:30 PM
- Nov 22 - Shabbat Morning Celebration, Saturday Morning at 9:30 AM
- Nov 23 - Bagels & Coffee, Sunday Morning at 11:00 AM
- Nov 24 - Continuing Education Committee Meeting, Monday Evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom
- Nov 25 - Thanksgiving Interfaith Service, Tuesday 7:00 PM  
at the Wakefield/Lynnfield United Methodist Church 273 Vernon Street, Wakefield
- Dec 1 - Membership Committee Meeting, Monday Evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom
- Dec 2 - House & Grounds Committee Meeting, Tuesday Evening at 6:45 PM via Zoom
- Dec 2 - Ritual Committee Meeting, Tuesday Evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom
- Dec 5 - Erev Shabbat Celebration, Friday Evening at 7:30 PM
- Dec 6 - Tot Shabbat, Saturday Morning at 9:30 AM
- Dec 6 - Bowling for All Ages! Saturday Evening at 5:00 PM
- Dec 7 - Sisterhood Sunday Walkers, Sunday Morning at 11:00 AM
- Dec 9 - Temple Board Meeting, Tuesday Evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom
- Dec 10 - Volunteer at Wakefield Community Dinners, Wednesday Afternoon at 3:30 PM
- Dec 12 - Erev Shabbat Celebration, Friday Evening at 7:30 PM
- Dec 13 - Shabbat Morning Celebration, Saturday Morning at 9:30 AM
- Dec 13 - Trivia Night, Saturday Evening at 6:30 PM
- Dec 14 - CHAI School Chanukah Festival, Sunday Morning at 10:30 AM
- Dec 14 - First Night of Chanukah
- Dec 15 - Ways & Means Committee Meeting, Monday Evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom
- Dec 16 - School Committee Meeting, Tuesday Evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom
- Dec 19 - Erev Shabbat Celebration, Friday Evening at 7:30 PM
- Dec 20 - Shabbat Morning Celebration, Saturday Morning at 9:30 AM
- Dec 21 - Sisterhood/Temple Chanukah Celebration – Bring your Menorahs! Sunday at 5:00 PM
- Dec 21 - Last Night of Chanukah
- Dec 23 - Continuing Education Committee Meeting, Tuesday Evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom

# LINDEN TREE CONCERTS NOW AT TEMPLE EMMANUEL

Linden Tree Concerts have moved to Temple Emmanuel for their 41<sup>st</sup> season!

**Oct 5th 2PM:** NYC's Christine Lavin launched the season!



**Nov 16 2PM:** A Tribute to Veterans program with Curt Bessette and Jen Kurtz.

This show for all will surprise you, make you laugh, and you will be glad you came.

Linden Tree favorites, Maine's Curt Bessette and Jenn Kurtz return to our stage to entertain with songs and stories from their Veterans Tribute Concerts celebrating the men and women who served in all wars. Many were written by Curt's whose father served in the Navy. The concert will also feature them singing favorite songs and stories from their other recordings.

Curt Bessette is an award winning singer songwriter who has performed across the United States in concerts and festivals. Jenn Kurtz is celebrated as an amazing harmony singer and arranger and is always available to answer questions about her home state of Missouri.



Veterans might remember Curt and Jenn were here at Temple Emmanuel with their Veteran's program with funds donated to the building of Wakefield Veteran's Memorial. Curt and Jenn have a new song of theirs called, "I'm Not Me Anymore" about PTSD. Part of the proceeds will be donated to Veteran service organizations.

Admission is \$25, \$10 for those under 18. VETERANS also \$10.  
Reserve your seat : 978-326-7905. Then cash or check at the door.

**Jan 11 2PM:** The Ice River: a Journey to the West  
Presented by Galapagospuppets and the Jimmy Zhao Chinese Music Ensemble

Journeying to India, Monk Tang and his disciples Monkey, Pig, and Sha-jing have just found a quiet temple to rest in when they learn that a powerful river monster has been demanding all the food in the area, year after year. Searching for the. Surprising secret of the monster's formidable power takes the disciples over the Ice River, down to the bottom, and up to the heavens.



Madeline Beresford and Margaret Moody use traditional Bu Dal Xi puppets and choreography in their lively presentation of this episode from the classic Chinese Tale, Journey to the west. Jimmy Zhao and his daughter will improvise music to accompany the show with Chinese percussion, erhu, bamboo flute, and guzheng.

Tickets \$15 for those 5 and up. Reservations by calling or texting Liz at 781 521 3564.  
Cash or checks will be accepted at the door opening at 1:30.

# RITUAL COMMITTEE

We hope that all of our members have had a meaningful and uplifting High Holiday season. I want to thank Rabbi Micah (in his inaugural season) and Cantor Jon for their spiritual guidance and leadership during this distinctive period of reflection and repentance, as well as to our dedicated committee volunteers for all the intricate logistics to plan and conduct all our services this year. Big shout out to those folks who volunteered their time to set up and decorate our fantastic Community Sukkah – one of the most engaging Mitzvah one can do!

The Annual Thanksgiving Interfaith Service will be held this year at the Wakefield/Lynnfield United Methodist Church in Wakefield on Tuesday, November 25th, at 7 PM. Our Temple community has always had a great turnout at this event year after year, and I look forward to continuing this marvelous tradition.

The Temple will celebrate the joyous holiday of Chanukah with the 1st night the evening of Sunday, Dec 14th. We will bookend our Chanukah celebrations with the CHAI School Festival the morning of Dec 14th, and

# CHAI SCHOOL

This year is the largest group since Morah Brenda Dolan began teaching at Temple Emmanuel!



Between the High Holidays and Festival Holidays, students have learned about celebrations. Families are encouraged to participate in the family friendly special events throughout the year. If you need a copy of this year's Curriculum Overview, contact Brenda. [morahbrenda1@gmail.com](mailto:morahbrenda1@gmail.com)



Sisterhood-Temple Chanukah Celebration on Sunday, Dec 21st. Bring your family, friends, kids, and, of course, your Menorahs and Dreidel's, and join us for all the fun!

All our Shabbat & Holiday service dates/times are always posted on our weekly Temple Blasts, as well as on our website. All our services are hybrid: Zoom links provided within the weekly Temple Blasts.

The Ritual Committee always welcomes new people to help support the Temple's religious customs, practices, and life cycle events. We usually hold on the first Tuesday of every month. Interested? Contact me at 781-635-2941 Your support would be very much appreciated!!

Please don't hesitate to contact me or Rabbi Micah if you have any questions regarding religious practices, observances, or services throughout the year.

Respectfully,  
Evan Pressman



# 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 **07,15,19,21,33,37,45,55,80,91 and 98** are available for purchase. The drawings are from October 2025 through September 2026. All you have to do is send a check for \$55 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 (2), Cara Williams, Robert Young, Audrey Weiner, Michael Fixman, Steve Libman, Tricia Avakian, Esther Jennings

## **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: Ellen Scott, Marcia Ruderman, Jim Conroy, Liz Freeman, Susan Silbovitz, Joe Dupuis, Anna Weiner

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 October 20, 2025, over \$63,000 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 \$13,000 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.

# TEMPLE READS



January 11 at 7 pm: *The Stolen Life of Collette Marceau* by Kirstin Hamel. 28 copies

Kristin Harmel, the New York Times bestselling author who “is the best there is at sweeping historical drama” (Kelly Harms, author of *The Seven Day Switch*), returns with an electrifying new novel about two jewel thieves, a priceless bracelet that disappears in 1940s Paris, and a quest for answers in a decades-old murder.

Colette Marceau has been stealing jewels for nearly as long as she can remember, following the centuries-old code of honor instilled in her by her mother, Annabel: take only from the cruel and unkind, and give to those in

need. Never was their family tradition more important than seven decades earlier, during the Second World War, when Annabel and Colette worked side by side in Paris to fund the French Resistance.

70 years later, the missing bracelet suddenly turns up in a Boston museum. Where has it been? Who owns it now?

Zoom link will be sent a few days before. New readers are welcomed.

Suggestions for books with a Jewish theme can be sent to Liz Freeman, [lindentree85@comcast.net](mailto:lindentree85@comcast.net)

# YAHZRZHEITS

- In Memory of Aleksandr Berman, from Irina Berman
- In Memory of his father David Faigel, from Howard Faigel
- In Memory of Rose Pickman, from Lydia Carpe & Michael Carpe
- In Memory of Stanley & Jean Williams, from Joel Williams
- In Memory of Arlene Feingold, from Ben Weiner
- In Memory of Judy Paster, from Ellen Scott
- In Memory of Beloved Mother Ethel Tushman, from Susan & Harris Hochberg
- In Memory of Eva Short, from Ben Weiner
- In Memory of Eva's father, from Ben Weiner
- In Memory of Max Weiner, from Ben Weiner
- In Memory of Dorothy Poritzky, from Janice Poritzky
- In Memory of Benjamin Gitelson, from Harriet Goldman
- In Memory of Harry Burke, from Barry Burke
- In Memory of Frederick Drengott, from Evan Pressman
- In Memory of Rose Zess, from D Hochberg
- In Memory of Avis Schreier, from Gail Havelick
- In Memory of R. & Lorreine Leavitt, from Stephanie Ventura
- In Memory of Minnie Sheer, from Eleanor Black
- In Memory of Karl Canter, from Laura Canter
- In Memory of Sonia Gitelson & Claire Goldman, from Harriet Goldman
- In Memory of William Canner, from F.B. Canner
- In Memory of Jacob Walk, from Robert Werlin
- In Memory of Seymour Berson, from Gail Havelick
- In Memory of Mitchell Schwartz, from Palla Berg
- In Memory of David Palmacci, from Shella Gordon
- In Memory of Milton Freeman, from Liz Freeman
- In Memory of Herbert Locke, from Ben Weiner
- In Memory of Arnold Canner, from FB Canner

# TEMPLE LEADERSHIP

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# 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.*



# SISTERHOOD NEWS

Greetings from Sisterhood,

After a very busy High Holiday season, Sisterhood began its 2025-26 season on Sunday October 19th. with the Annual Kick Off Brunch. Guest speaker Alama Barozzi, Linguist, Educator and Author of "What Kind of Name is That" trilogy, shared her research and knowledge of naming practices in many parts of the world. The book and jewelry swap table was a hit! Unchosen items were donated to a local library and senior center. Thank you to those who brought items for the Wakefield Food Pantry.

The Program Committee, Liz Freeman, Palla Berg, Beth Aaronson, Cara Williams and Sue Hochberg have been brainstorming! Future programs include a field trip to the Walnut Street Synagogue in Chelsea, Mahjong lessons and a Tu Bishvat Seder. These events will be in addition to the traditional events listed in the Sisterhood Yearbook and on the Temple Website. New ideas are always welcome. Of course, keep your walking shoes ready and join us for our monthly walks. Watch your email, check the Blast and Temple calendar for details.

Not a Sisterhood Member, consider joining or rejoining! Sisterhood proudly supports the Temple's religious, social and cultural activities and, most importantly, the CHAI religious school with an annual donation. Contact Sue Hochberg [shochberg.sh@gmail.com](mailto:shochberg.sh@gmail.com) for details.

Save the dates, hope you can make it!

Walks: Sundays November 9th, Dec 7th, Jan 4th at 11AM  
Mahjong: Sunday November 2nd  
Temple/Sisterhood Chanukah Party Dec 21, 2025  
Pizza and Movie Afternoon: Sunday Jan 12, 2026, 1 PM

Warmly,  
Sue Hochberg, Sisterhood President

## Sisterhood Officers

**President** - Susan Hochberg  
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**Recording Secretary** - Paula Eriksen



## DONATIONS

### GENERAL AND CHAIR FUNDS

From Susan Bergeron  
From Oleg Leibman  
From the National Mahjong League  
From Faith Canner

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Laura Canter

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