

# MEGILLAH מגילה

## Temple Emanuel

the temple at the beach




Dear Chaverim of our beloved Temple Emanuel family,

As I sit down to write this message, my heart swells with pride for the vibrant community we have built together. Our Synagogue is not just a place of worship; it is a testament to our shared values, traditions, and resilience as a family.

Reflecting on the joyous celebration of Purim fills me with immense gratitude. It was truly a sight to behold as we came together to observe all the mitzvot of the festivity and revel in the joy of reading the Megillah. The laughter, the music, and the spirit of togetherness were palpable, reminding us of the strength of our bond.

And now, as we eagerly anticipate the upcoming Disney Shabbat, I am overwhelmed by the response from our community. With 125 RSVPs and counting, it promises to be a magical evening filled with laughter, song, and cherished memories in the making.

But our journey doesn't end there. As we look ahead to the celebration of Passover on April 23rd, I am filled with anticipation for the Seder and the opportunity to come together once again to retell the story of our ancestors' exodus from Egypt. The

traditions we uphold and the activities we engage in are a testament to our commitment to preserving our heritage and passing it on to future generations.

None of this would be possible without each and every one of you. Your belief in our community, your dedication to our shared values, and your unwavering support inspire us to continue striving for excellence in everything we do.

So, from the depths of my heart, I extend my sincerest gratitude to each and every one of you. Thank you for being an integral part of our Synagogue family. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to our community. And thank you for believing in us.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Temple as we continue to create meaningful connections, celebrate our traditions, and nurture the bonds that make us a family.

With deepest appreciation and warmest regards,

Brachot to all of you.

Rabbi Ari Oliszewski



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### Megillah

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# President's Message



Dear Friends,

Be Happy! It's Adar! And heading rapidly for Nisan!

We had two enthusiastic, fun, well-attended Purim parties. Saturday evening more than 65 of us chanted Ma'ariv, sang Havdalah, and read an abridged Megillah (booing for Haman and cheering for Mordechai). We then enjoyed hamantaschen, costumes, wine, cheese, ice cream, Israeli dancing, and Purim Bingo. While we did not drink until we couldn't tell the difference between Mordechai (hooray!) and Haman (booo!), we definitely had a great time! And our Bingo squares had names instead of numbers, such as "Esther reveals her true identity" or "Achashverosh throws a temper tantrum, again".

Sunday morning was the Religious School Purim party with 50 children of all ages playing lots of games and having a wonderful time. Thanks to Julie and Ken Kievit for organizing the school party and preparing the food! Thanks to Jodi Mattison and Carol Downing for baking oodles of delicious Hamantaschen! And thanks to Drew Gottlieb for shopping for the events and for bringing the loudest gragger I have ever heard.

With the sun now setting later (hooray!), we are moving Friday evening services one hour later to 7:00 PM starting April 5. Our Shabbat services will be closer to sunset and it will be easier to pray together with Congregation Beth Chaverim (see below).

We are planning a Synagogue Second Seder (SSS) for Tuesday April 23. Hilary and Ari (the other Ari) Truman are planning the culinary side and Rabbi Ari is planning the music with Sarah Davis and Cantor Jim Hibberd. Save the date and come join us!

Speaking of Congregation Beth Chaverim, we are discussing closer relations and holding joint events. CBC did a LOT of the musical work (getting the sheet music, arranging it, providing much of the choir, organizing rehearsals, etc) for our March 29 Disney Shabbat. We will cook dinner together for the joint Passover Seder. And we anticipate holding more joint services on Friday evenings or holding parallel services and coming together for the D'var Torah and concluding prayers.

We also plan to restart our summer Havdalah gatherings, hosted by congregants. These are delightful Saturday evening get togethers with a brief beautiful Havdalah service followed by eating, drinking and schmoozing. If you would like to host one of these, please let me know.

Finally, our annual congregation meeting will be Tuesday, May 21 at 7:00 PM. We will hold elections for officers and board members, pass a budget, and discuss other business. Please plan to attend so we can have a quorum.

See you at Temple Emanuel!

Larry

# Kiddush Sponsors

Contact Joy Kaps (757-636-7348) to sponsor a kiddush luncheon in honor of your special someone or occasion.



## March 2024

2	Temple Emanuel
9	Sarah & Marc Davis in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Kyler
16	Temple Emanuel
23	Temple Emanuel
30	Temple Emanuel

## April 2024

6	Temple Emanuel
13	Temple Emanuel
20	No Kiddush (Passover)
27	No Kiddush (Passover)



## RABBI ARI'S OFFICE HOURS

We value the importance of communication and are here to provide a space where you can share your thoughts, concerns, or seek guidance. We hope to facilitate this connection and that you can make the most of this opportunity to engage in dialogue with our Rabbi.

While Rabbi Ari is always available in an emergency, his normal office hours are:

<b>TUESDAYS</b>	<b>1:00 PM – 5:00 PM</b>
<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>	<b>12:00 PM – 4:00 PM</b>
<b>THURSDAYS</b>	<b>12:00 PM – 4:00 PM</b>
<b>FRIDAYS</b>	<b>9:00 AM – 1:00 PM</b>

To schedule an appointment, feel free to contact us at 757-428-2591 or [rabbiaari@tevb.org](mailto:rabbiaari@tevb.org).

We look forward to assisting you soon and providing you with an enriching experience with Rabbi Ari.





Our Religious School is winding down our school year! We only have ONE more day of school left. April 7 is our last day, and we do not have school on March 31. This month, we celebrated Purim with a Sunday morning carnival and the kids learned about Purim and Passover in classes. Thank you to all of you who attended our super fun Purim celebration! The games were engaging, the hamantaschen was delicious, and the face painting was an extra special touch. Thank you so much to Julie Kievit for organizing the carnival and to Ken for the delicious food, including an ice cream bar! We are planning our end of year celebration as well so look for details on that soon. It will be during a Saturday

morning Shabbat service. Stay tuned for the date! It will not be May 5th due to a scheduling conflict.

Additionally, there will be a family/community Passover Seder on Tuesday, April 23 at 6 pm and we hope to see lots of you there!

Here are some updates from some of our teachers!

**Ms. Kevin's class:** The 5th grade class has begun the Book of Exodus, with in-depth discussions about Moses and the redemption of the Israelites from slavery to freedom. Students will learn the Michamocha prayer when they study the Israelites crossing of the Sea of Reeds as well as songs and prayers in preparation for Passover.

**Ms. Arlene:** Our group thoroughly enjoyed reading the Pulitzer Prize winning graphic novel, "Maus," and it cleverly allowed me to introduce a most cursory introduction to the long history of Jewish persecution; how did our history arrive at this 20th century nightmarish juncture? The circumstances surrounding Jews during the Columbus era surprised the students the most. Good. We have two classes remaining to tie up our discussions.

**Rabbi Ari:** In our classes with the 6th and 7th grade, every session is a captivating journey into the rich tapestry of Jewish traditions, fostering a sense of unity, purpose, and profound joy among us.

As we gather in the warm embrace of the synagogue, we strive to make each class an uplifting experience. We embark on a shared exploration of our heritage, delving into the timeless teachings that connect us to the essence of being Jewish. In our quest for knowledge, we discover the beauty of our relationship with G-d, always aiming to guide the students through the intricate tapestry of Jewish spirituality and emphasizing the importance of prayer, gratitude, and connection. Yet, it's not just about learning; it's about building a community. The camaraderie within the class is heartwarming as we share laughter, insights, and personal reflection.

Stay tuned for next year's registration. It will be online soon! We are in the middle of a complete revamp of the school and are so excited to send you updates as the summer progresses!

Warmly,  
Sarah Davis, EdD, and Rabbi Ari





## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR UPDATE

APRIL	7	9:00 AM	PreK-12
APRIL	14	9:00 AM	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

**END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION AND AWARDS CEREMONY!**

**STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION.**




 **United Jewish Federation** | **Simon Family JCC**

*You are invited to our*  
**Senior's Passover Seder**

**Wednesday, April 17 at 12:00pm**

Join the Simon Family JCC Seniors Club for their annual model Passover Seder! Passover is one of the Judaism's most sacred holidays and commemorates the biblical story of the Exodus, and Jewish liberation from slavery in Egypt.

**Lunch & Seder \$10**  
**Space is limited RSVP required.**

This program was made possible with generous support from the Joseph Fleishmann Memorial Fund of The Tidewater Jewish Foundation.



**Lead by Rabbi Ari from Temple Emanuel**

**For more information or to RSVP go to [Jewishva.org/SeniorSeder](https://Jewishva.org/SeniorSeder)**  
**You may also contact Mia Klein, Program Department/Seniors Program Coordinator at [MKlein@UJFT.org](mailto:MKlein@UJFT.org) or 757-452-3184**

# Passover 2024 / 5784

## Passover Services Schedule

Erev of Passover – Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 7:00 pm  
First Day of Passover – Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> – 10:00 am  
2<sup>nd</sup> Seder – Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> – 7:00 pm  
Second Day of Passover – Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 am  
Seventh Day of Passover – Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 am  
Eighth Day of Passover/Yizkor – Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 am

The Temple office will be closed the first two days and last two days of Passover.

**PASSOVER  
COMMUNITY SEDER**

**SAVE THE DATE  
TUESDAY | APRIL 23**

Come be part of history! Join us for the  
Community Passover Seder - a partnership between  
Temple Emanuel and Congregation Beth Chaverim.



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# Tzedakah Donations

## GENERAL FUND

JoAnn & Dana Dervay to Teresa Blevins & Family: in memory of your father Thomas Fass  
 Leonette Adler to Temple Emanuel: in memory of my sister Olivia Rubin on her yahrzeit  
 Leslie & Larry Siegel to Terry Blevins: our deepest sympathy on the loss of your beloved father Thomas Fass  
 Leslie & Larry Siegel to Hank Marx: our deepest sympathy on the loss of your beloved mother Marjorie Marx  
 Joel & Carol Jason to Terry Blevins: in memory of your father Thomas Fass  
 Joel & Carol Jason to Hank Marx: in memory of your mother Marjorie Marx  
 Paula Krukin Levy to Gail Gogan: in honor of your birthday  
 Diane Haskell to The Kossman Family: in memory of Joel Kossman

## KITCHEN FUND

Toby Pekarsky to Temple Emanuel: in memory of my husband Robert Pekarsky on his yahrzeit  
 Paula Krukin Levy to Barbara Fried: in honor of your special birthday  
 Paula Krukin Levy to Joy Kaps: wishing you a speedy and complete recovery

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

Marcia Lovitz to Harriet Bloom & Family: in memory of your beloved husband and father Gerry Blum

# Donations to Temple Fund

Temple Emanuel requires payment at the time of the donation when cards are sent in honor of or in memory of someone. The minimum donation is \$10. You may mail in or drop off your request. You can even send an e-mail and put a check in the mail at the same time. Be sure to include the full name and address of the recipient and the name of the fund that you have chosen.

Angel Fund	Building Fund
Deutsch Scholarship Fund	Earl Boster Torah Fund
Endowment Fund	Flower Fund
Paula Krukin Levy Food Pantry	G'Mach (Act of Loving Kindness) Fund
General Fund	Library Fund
Pincus Forum Fund	Prayer Book Fund
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund	Religious School Fund
Security Fund	Kitchen Fund





# ISRAELI DANCE

**Note from Pati Oliszewski, instructor:**  
Despite the terrible pain, shock, and outrage we are experiencing in light of the events unfolding in Israel, we must not lose hope. We stand with Israel — and for Israel.

Therefore, I invite all of you to join us in dancing for Israel, honoring the lives of those who were unjustly taken from us too soon and sending good vibes and positive thoughts to all those who steadfastly continue to fight for a stronger and vibrant Israel. Am Israel Chai!

Learn a style of dance rooted in the history and culture of Israel, while enjoying excellent cardiovascular exercise, and improving your coordination and flexibility!




**★ NEW TIME! ★**  
**WEDNESDAYS @ 5:30PM**  
**SIMON FAMILY JCC**  
**JEWISHVA.ORG/JFIT-CLASSES**

Contact Tom Purcell with questions  
TPurcell@SimonFamilyJCC.org













## INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM

EXPLORING OUR SOURCES, TRADITIONS, AND THE RICH SYMBOLISM ENCAPSULATED IN JUDAISM. UNCOVER THE ESSENCE OF OUR HERITAGE IN THIS ENLIGHTENING COURSE.



**TUESDAYS**  
**5PM-6PM**  
**TEMPLE EMANUEL**



FOR MORE INFO CONTACT THE OFFICE AT (757) 428-2591



# lunch & learn

**MAR 14**  
**BRING THEM HOME**

**THEME: THE HALACHICAL SOURCES FOR PIDION SHVUIM - THE REDEMPTION OF CAPTIVES**

JOIN RABBI ARI FOR LUNCH AND LEARN ABOUT JUDAISM EVERY 2ND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH. DELVE INTO ENRICHING DISCUSSIONS AND COMMUNITY INSIGHTS.

**\$8 FOR LUNCH**  
**12PM-1:30PM**  
**AT TEMPLE EMANUEL**

SECURE YOUR SPOT!  
RESERVE THROUGH THE OFFICE AT (757) 428-2591.



**\*REMINDER\***  
PLEASE RSVP BY THURSDAY EACH WEEK  
IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND BLT WITH RABBI ARI  
SHABBAT MORNINGS  
9:00 AM



## BLT PROJECT

*Bagels, lox & Torah*

Weekly opportunity to surf into the magic world of  
**Parashat Hashavua**  
Saturdays from 9am to 10am

**RSVP REQUIRED BY NOON ON THURSDAY EACH WEEK**







Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and visit our website for updates on events, activities, and important information.







# Special Days to Remember...

## April Birthdays

2	Evalyn Horowitz Judith Nahman
6	Harry Laderberg
7	Adam Shall
8	April Blair
12	Evan Feld
15	Miriam Greer
19	Rebecca Dreyfus
20	Michael Shocket Arnold Kestenbaum
22	Jared Mercadante
24	Steven Brown
26	Carol Downing
29	Rory Davis
30	Allyson Danzing

## April Anniversaries



1	Steven & Beryl Brown
7	Charles Herring & Teresa Blevins

## April Yahrzeits

1	David Siegel
2	Benjamin Koistinen Abraham Pekarsky
8	I. Leonard Kaplan
9	David Maizel
10	Lena Levine Ruth Pearl Segall
11	Jacob Forman Melvin Raymond Morrison Marjorie Rosenbloom
12	Albert Fineman Sally Weinraub
13	Jeanette Kaufman
14	Pearl H. Glassman
15	Raymond Kreisman
15	Lenora Posner
16	William Cohen Maurice Mittelman
18	Barry Kesser
20	Philip Foreman
22	Marvin Goldberg
24	Esther Foreman
25	Miriam "Dolly" Alper Lawrence Cardon Janet Segall Korth Merle Levine Anna Schuman
26	Albert Marten Samuel Rothschild Solomon Tasgal
27	Bernie Rubin Alvin Schuman
29	Michael Yankelov

# ADAR II - NISSAN 5784

## APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 Adar II, 22  <span style="color: red;">April Fool's Day</span>	Adar II, 23  Intro to Judaism 5p	Adar II, 24  3	Adar II, 25  4	Adar II, 26  5 Shabbat 7p Candle Lighting: 7:12	Adar II, 27  6 BLT 9a Shabbat 10a Parash Shmini
Adar II, 28  Religious School 9a	 Adar II, 29  <span style="color: red;">Rosh Chodesh Nisan</span>	Nissan 1  Intro to Judaism 5p  <span style="color: red;">Rosh Chodesh Nisan</span>	Nissan 2  10	Nissan 3  11 Lunch & Learn 12p	Nissan 4  12 Shabbat 7p Candle Lighting: 7:18	Nissan 5  13 BLT 9a Shabbat 10a Parash Tazria
Nissan 6  Religious School 9a	 Nissan 7  <span style="color: red;">Intro to Judaism - Canceled</span>	Nissan 8  16  <span style="color: red;">Intro to Judaism - Canceled</span>	Nissan 9  17	Nissan 10  18	Nissan 11  19 Shabbat 7p Candle Lighting: 7:24	Nissan 12  20 BLT 9a Shabbat 10a Parash Metzora
Nissan 13	Nissan 14  22 Erev Passover Service 7p  <span style="color: red;">Erev Passover</span>	 Nissan 15 <span style="color: red;">Intro to Judaism - Canceled</span> <span style="color: red;">Office Closed</span> <span style="color: blue;">Passover service 10a</span> <span style="color: blue;">Passover Seder 7p</span> <span style="color: red;">Passover I</span>	Nissan 16  24 <span style="color: red;">Office Closed</span> <span style="color: blue;">Passover service 10a</span> <span style="color: red;">Passover II</span>	Nissan 17  25 <span style="color: red;">Passover III</span>	Nissan 18  26 Shabbat 7p Candle Lighting: 7:30 <span style="color: red;">Passover IV</span>	Nissan 19  27 BLT 9a Shabbat 10a <span style="color: red;">Passover V</span>
Nissan 20  <span style="color: red;">Passover VI</span>	Nissan 21  29 <span style="color: red;">Office Closed</span> <span style="color: blue;">Passover service 10a</span> <span style="color: red;">Passover VII</span>	Nissan 22  30 <span style="color: red;">Office Closed</span> <span style="color: blue;">Passover Service 10a</span> <span style="color: red;">Intro to Judaism - Canceled</span> <span style="color: red;">Passover VIII</span>				

\*ALL SHABBAT SERVICES IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM