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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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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 Hamentaschen! 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!

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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

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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:

| TUESDAYS | 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM |
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| WEDNESDAYS | 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM |
| THURSDAYS | 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM |
| FRIDAYS | 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM |

To schedule an appointment, feel free to contact us at 757-428-2591 or rabbiari@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.



Passover 2024 / 5784

Passover Services Schedule

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

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



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.

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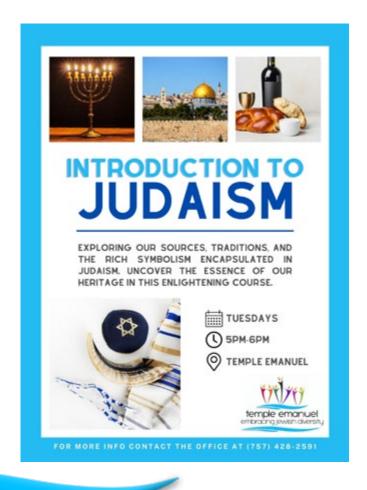
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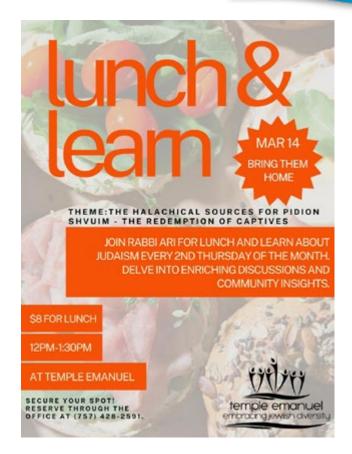
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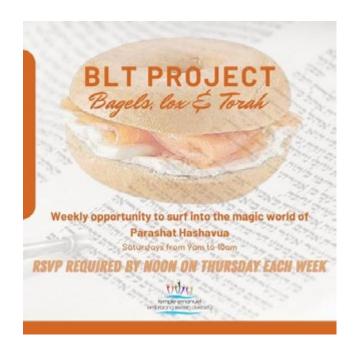
Kitchen Fund







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





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Join us in building a vibrant community!





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

Rory Davis

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April Anniversaries

Steven & Beryl BrownCharles Herring & Teresa Blevins

April Yahrzeits

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| 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 |
| 22 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 |

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