

Shabbat and Service Schedule

December 2023

Please check the website and Shavuon for the most current information.

Friday, Dece	mber 1
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Candle Lighting 3:53 pm

Saturday, December 2

Parashat Vayishlach

Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am with Rabbi Ashira using Mishkan T'filah

Friday, December 8

Candle Lighting 3:52 pm Chanukah Shabbat Evening Service 7:00 pm

Saturday, December 9

Parashat Vayeishev
Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am with Rabbi Ashira using Sim Shalom

Weekly Parasha Study 1:00 pm

Friday, December 15

Candle Lighting 3:53 pm

Saturday, December 16

Parashat Mikkeitz
Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am

with Rabbi Ashira using Sim Shalom

Friday, December 22
Candle Lighting 3:55 pm
Shabbat Evening Service 7:00 pm

(via zoom only)

Saturday, December 23

Parashat Vayiggash
Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am with Rabbi Ashira using Mishkan T'filah

Weekly Parasha Study 1:00 pm

Friday, December 29

Candle Lighting 4:00 pm

Saturday, December 30

Parashat Vay'chi

Shabbat Morning Service

with Elisheva Pripas using Sim Shalom

Weekly Parasha Study 1:00 pm



Dear chevre.

It's hard to believe five months have passed since I started as the rabbi of Temple Emanu-El. Although five months is not a typical milestone, it still feels significant to me to be writing an article for the December bulletin. Time is a funny

thing. Summer feels both like yesterday and an entire lifetime ago as I write this letter to you. As we get to know each other, I'm sure you'll see that I like to reflect on experiences. Looking back is not limited to the High Holiday season, and it gives us the opportunity to appreciate where we've been, what we've done, and what we would like to plan for the future.

In that spirit, November was a busy month in the life of our community. We had a lovely mix of long-standing traditions and new programs, giving us many opportunities to enjoy being together and find strength in each other. We came together for good food at Soup Shabbat and at kiddush after our services. We learned together on Sunday afternoons. We helped people in need by collecting and delivering food and household items to Emmaus with our religious school students. We took time to honor the memory of military veterans and of Holocaust victims and survivors. We also met on Zoom to mark sh'loshim for the war in Israel. Throughout November, we kept showing up for each other and the community, supporting one another through what has been a difficult month for Jewish people everywhere through the gift of presence and acts of loving-kindness.

As the temperatures continue to drop, I am reminded of a teaching from Rabbi Menachem Mendel of Kotzk, an 18th century Hasidic leader. The Kotzker rebbe explained that there are two things a person can do when it is winter and freezing cold. A person can build a fire, or a person can wrap themselves in a fur coat. In both cases, the person will be warm. With the fur coat, the only person who is warmed is the one who wears the coat.

But when one builds a fire, all who gather round will also be warmed.

And it is the same for spiritual warmth.

When I look back at November with Temple Emanu-EI, what stands out for me is the togetherness. I believe that coming together warmed our hearts and nourished our spirits, much like the fire in the Kotzker Rebbe's teaching. I want to take that experience of spiritually warm gathering forward as we move into December. Although days are short in December and often cold, I am looking forward to the light and warmth we will create together at Temple Emanu-EI.

Chanukah is right around the corner, and we have several events to celebrate our resilience and to enjoy the light from the candles and from each other.

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RABBI'S MESSAGE

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We will begin to prepare for Chanukah with our congregational latke making on Sunday December 3 at 9:00 am.

On Friday December 8, Temple Emanu-El is the place to be! Come enjoy a delicious potluck supper at 6:00 pm, light the Salk Memorial chanukkiyah on the temple portico at 6:45 pm, and welcome in Shabbat Chanukah at 7:00 pm with our religious school students and the beautiful music of our Makheila singers. Our community Chanukah party will be on Sunday December 10 at 10:30am, and we will light the Salk Memorial chanukkiyah again on Tuesday December 12 at 6:45 pm. I hope to see many of you at these occasions and look forward to basking in the warm glow of Chanukah with you.

In addition to all of the Chanukah events, we will continue to welcome Shabbat each Saturday morning at 9:30 am, and we will continue to explore Rabbi Spitzer's book God is Here: Reimagining the Divine together on Sunday afternoons at 3:00 pm. Back at Yom Kippur, I spoke of the importance of community, what a blessing it is to be a part of a community. Jewish tradition teaches us not to separate from the community and that each of us brings valuable and unique gifts to make the group whole and holy. The month of December has so many opportunities to come to Temple Emanu-El and be in community with each other. Come to Temple Emanu-El this month to connect, reconnect, and delight in the warmth we create when we gather together.

Bivracha,

Rabbi Ashira



COMMUNITY NEWS TODAH RABBAH

Fredi Anne Hurwitz for her generosity in donating a snow blower to the temple.

Phil Platcow for his dedication to our community, leading Saturday morning services remotely due to COVID.

Kimberly Callan, Wilson Kapanga-Ndjibu, Jenn Lampron, and Joy Silvey for reading Torah and for leading service

Scott Hannula for offering a d'var Torah and Andi Hannula for reading the translation

Zoom techs, Sandra Kassin-Deardorff, Shoshana Dodge, Jenn Lampron and Joy Silvey





Upcoming Temple Meetings

Religious Practices December 6 @ 7:30 pm

Executive Committee December 13 @ 7:00 pm

Board of Directors December 20 @ 7:00 pm

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



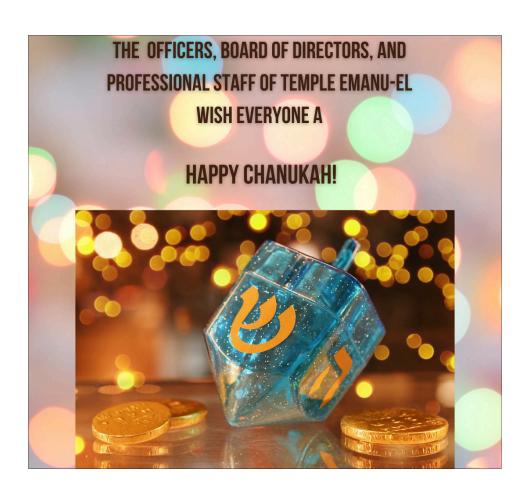
Chag Sameach Temple Emanu-El,

Chanukah is almost here and there are many things going on at the Temple. Please review the calendar for what is going on, but I will highlight 2 events. Latke making on this Sunday, December 3rd. Reach out to Lisa Anthony (office@templeemanu-el.org), Sharyn Russell, or Morry Korinow to inquire how you can help. We will together make enough latkes for local deliveries, have at services, and enjoy at the Temple/Religious School Chanukah party. Many hands make light work, so I encourage you to grab you potato peeler and join us for this event. In another couple weeks, we will get to participate in the official Installation of Rabbi Stevens! Rabbi Judson of Hebrew College will be coming to officiate the ceremony, which will be done as part of the Saturday morning service on December 16th. Please come, bring others, RSVP to Lisa (e-mail above), and your joy and a brunch item, so that we can celebrate this simchah together.

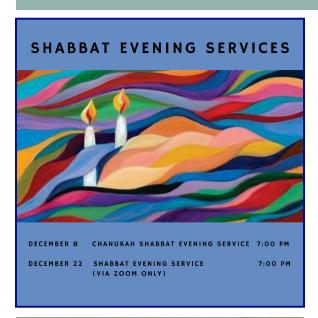
There are so many individuals who make our community strong, but I would like to say a special "Todah Rabbah" to a few – Fredi Anne Hurwitz for donating her snow blower to the Temple, and Lisa Anthony and her husband Jon for picking up, tuning up and getting the snow blower ready for the season, and delivering it to the Temple. We are better prepared for the winter because of all of your efforts.

Have a Happy Chanukah and please to reach out with any questions/comments, president@templeemanu-el.org.

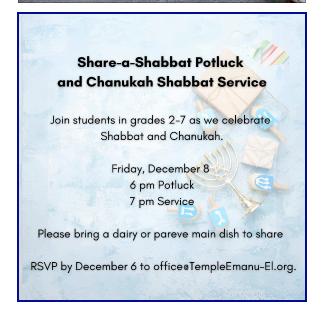
L'Shalom Jenn



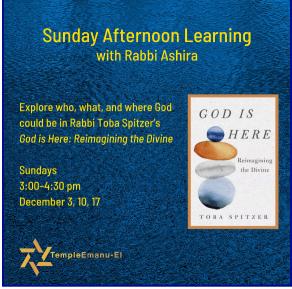
UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS













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JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE INSTALLATION OF

Rabbi Ashira Stevens

Saturday, December 16th at 9:30 AM

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER
Rabbi Dan Judson, Provost of Hebrew College

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW STARENSIER ASSEMBLY

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514 MAIN STREET HAVERHILL, MA 01830

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TEMPLE EMANU-EL BOOK CLUB

Sunday, December 17 | 10:00 am HaSifriyah (masks required)



One Hundred Saturdays: Stella Levi and the Search for a Lost World by Michael Frank

JEWISH BOOK MONTH

Stock up on holiday gifts by visiting HaSifriyah's storefront on Bookshop.org! With curated lists of Chanukah stories for children, Temple Emanu-El book group and author series titles, award winners, and more, there's something for everyone!

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MINDY'S MUSINGS



Dear Friends,

Happy Chanukah and I wish you great joy and celebration at this time of miracles. We have had a wonderful first semester of Religious School, with a new Chug program and lots of activities and a few new families that joined us this year. In particular, I want to give a shout

out to Gwen Larsen who is volunteering by teaching Israeli dancing in our Religious School once a month. It is such a joy to see our kids moving around in our building again, and inspirational to see them enjoying our culture in its many forms.

B'ezrat Hashem, I hope maybe by the time you receive this we will have some light at the end of the dark tunnel we have been experiencing recently. However, at this upcoming time of joy, our lights will likely still be dimmed by the time Chanukah is upon us because of the Israeli and foreign hostages still being held in Gaza, IDF soldiers losing their lives, and the Palestinian families who have lost loved ones or been displaced in the war. As you think about lighting your Chanukah menorah this year, maybe consider lighting an extra candle that sits aside your menorah, which represents all the people who will not be celebrating Chanukah this year. And at this time of dedication, let's dedicate our lives to bringing peace in our world and hoping/praying for everyone's safety and wellbeing.

THANK YOU

Families - Thank you to all our Religious School parents and families and temple members that contributed to our Emmaus House Food Drive in November this year. Our community always has folks who are food insecure and we are helping our own neighbors right in our backyard.

UPCOMING RELIGIOUS SCHOOL EVENTS

- Sunday, Dec 3 Religious School (9:00 AM)
- Friday, Dec 8 Chanukah Potluck Dinner & Family Service (6:00 PM)
- Sunday, Dec 10 Chanukah Party in partnership with PJ Library (10:30 AM, Religious School at 9:00 AM)
- Sunday, Dec 17 Religious School (9:00 AM)
- Sunday, Dec 24 & 31 Winter Vacation No Religious School – Happy New Year!

Wishing you all a season of light and joy – and all good things for this secular New Year.

B'shalom, Mindy Harris









TEMPLE COMMUNITY

Temple Committees

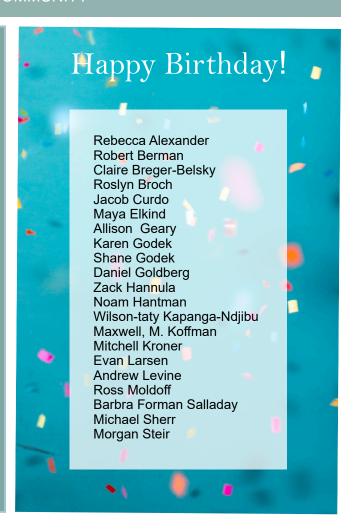
Contact <u>Lisa Anthony</u> or any of the chairs below to join a committee.

Adult Education Lynn Dreyfuss Martin

Anti-racism Karen Godek Judd Nathan Budget Chesed Sharyn Russell Dues Kevin Miller Fundraising In need of chair HaSifriyah (Library) Paula Breger In need of chair House Investment Judd Nathan Membership Outreach Shelly Gladstein Music Rachel Hanson

PTO Alicia and Morry Korinow
Religious Practices Sandra Kassin-Deardorff
Religious School Shoshana Dodge
Renovations Kevin Miller
Security In need of chair

Social Scott Hannula
Social Action In need of chair
Trusts/Wills/Bequests In need of chair
Windows to the Future In need of chair



Board of Directors

Bookkeeper@TempleEmanu-El.org

Temple Leadership and Administration 2023-2024

Executive Committee

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DONATIONS

DR HAROLD S. COHEN AND FAMILY FUND

Ronnie Cohen, in loving memory of her mother, Amelia Katz Markson, on her yahrzeit

SAMUEL & SOPHIE FLEET FUND

Pamela Manzi Healy, in loving memory of her aunt Celia Fleet Zaitlin, on her yahrzeit #GIVING TUESDAY

Karen Godek

Philip and Karen Platcow

JEWISH CONTINUITY FUND

Jonathan Goldfield, in loving memory of his mother, Frances Goldfield, on her yahrzeit

Michele Howard, in honor of Philip Platcow receiving the Keeper of the Flame award from the New England region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs

*Michae*l and *Amy Sherr*, in honor of Philip Platcow receiving the Keeper of the Flame award from the New England region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs

Pam and Paul Davichik, in appreciation

DAVIDA & SHELDON MERKER FAMILY FUND

Ben Merker, in loving memory of his grandmother Rae Merker, on her yahrzeit

BEN AND MOLLIE MERSHON FAMILY FUND

Irma Mershon, in loving memory of her mother-in-law, Mollie Mershon, on her yahrzeit MOSES SHYAVITZ FUND

Gerald and Pearl Shyavitz, in loving memory of Marsha Glenna Katz

YAHRZEIT FUND

Michael Beden, in loving memory of his father, Gary Beden, on his yahrzeit

Scott Freedman, in loving memory of his father, Max. J. Freedman, on his yahrzeit

Alma Klinetsky, in loving memory of her husband, George Klinetsky, and her aunt Jennie V. Mirsky, on their yahrzeits

Jerold Zelinsky, in loving memory of his grandfather Samuel Zelinsky, on his yahrzeit

Jane Lord, in loving memory of her mother, Shirley Goldberg Paley and her aunts June Goldberg Kann and Nancy Goldberg Hus, on their yahrzeits

Steven Cohen, in loving memory of his mother, Celia R. Cohen, on her yahrzeit

Rae Schultz, in loving memory of her daughter Paula Diane Schultz, on her yahrzeit

Gary Karelis, in loving memory of his mother, Edith Karelis, on her yahrzeit

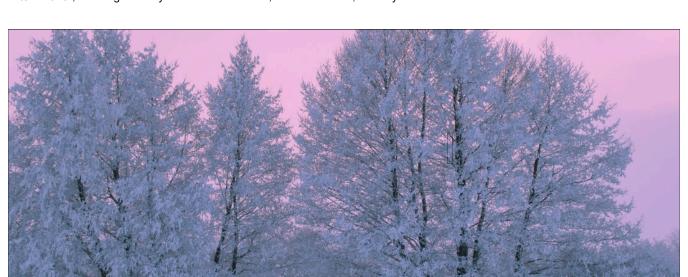
Margie Berkovich, in loving memory of her grandfather, Morris Leavitt, her aunt Lois Leavitt Livingston, her uncles Herbert Berkovich and John Louis Berkovich and her cousin Myra Livingston, on their yahrzeits

Jonathan Harris, in loving memory of his father, Samuel Harris, on his yahrzeit

Barbara Berman, in loving memory of her mother, Harriet Rossen, on her yahrzeit

Robert Berman, in loving memory of his father, Abraham Berman, on his yahrzeit

Mitch Kroner, in loving memory of his beloved father, Thomas Kroner, on his yahrzeit





REMEMBERING THOSE AT YAHRZEIT

December 2

19th of Kislev Martin Bendetson Lena Bloomfield Dorothy (Cohen) Davidson Laura Edelstein Aida Edelstein Beden Bernhard Gordon Evelyn Grad Eileen Greenstein Peter Isaacson Lois Leavitt Livingston Rae Merker Sylvia Mershon Jénnie V. Mirsky Louis O. Myers Helen Orenstein Shirley Goldberg Paley Harriet Rossen Helen Rubinoff Mischel Zidel

December 8 & 9 26th of Kislev

Margery Bendetson John Louis Berkovich Michael David Berlin **Ed Doherty** Belle Epstéin Hyman Finkelstein Irving Gerstein Joy Goldbaum Frances Harnch Greenstein Nancy Goldberg Hus Thelma Tybee Jonas Janet Kopel Kenneth H Kopel Dorothy Kopel Jerome Orenstein Samuel Porton Leo Rabinovitz David Rabinowitz Eleanor H. Segal-**Baratt Jacob Silverman** Minnie Stein Oscar Traister Celia Fleet Zaitlin

December 16

4th **of Teves** Gary Beden Rose Bendetson Judie H. (Blau) Ganson Barbara Brown Celia R. Cohen Arnold Dreyfuss Saul Flieder Robert Goldberg June Goldberg Kann Clare Greenstein Ruth Hayden Miles Stanley P. Jacobs Mollie Mershon Edward F. Ornsteen Jerome Porton Joseph Reines Henry Reines Samuel Zelinsky

December 22 & 23 11th of Teves

Nathaniel Barr Harry Barson Harry Brindis Sarah (Shirley) Burstein

Nathan Burstein Donald Ellis Cummings Robert "Robbie" George Damelin Joseph E. "Joey" E. "Joey" Gordon Victor Hannula Harry C. Hurwitz Eric Jacobs Gloria Frances Kapp Edith Karelis Robert Kleven Raymond J. Neiditz Hyman N. Paul Minnie Rabinowitz Paula Diane Schultz Frank R. Shlossberg Martin Tagerman Sylvia Watnick

December 30

18th of Teves Bessie Barr Dr. Stephen Bender George Caparell Barbara J. Cohen Frederick "Fritz" Diamant Lena Fishbein Anne Graffam Jennie Hazan Sonia Jacobson Frances Meyerhoff Paula Pavloff Philip Primack Marvin Rabinovitz Estella Reines Meredith H. Scher Susan Sirkman Vivian G. Weiss





To receive help in your time of need,

call one of the following LHH coordinators:

Rabbi Stevens 978.373.3861 Sharyn Russell 978.372.5777 Lisa Anthony 978.373.3861

Trusts, Wills, and Bequests

If you are interested in discussing gift and naming opportunities, please contact Rabbi Stevens (RabbiStevens@TempleEmanu-El.org)

> Lisa (office@TempleEmanu-El.org). Thank you!

TEMPLE EMANU-EL

Honor Your Father and Your Mother

It is a widely observed Jewish tradition to commemorate the passing of a loved one by memorializing those that have departed with a vahrzeit plaque on a dedicated memorial wall.

At Temple Emanu-EI, these plaques are lit on the yahrzeit, or anniversary of death, and for Yizkor services.

Plaques are inscribed with the name of the deceased in both English and Hebrew as well as the date of the person's death. They are available to view whenever the sanctuary is open.

The one-time cost of the plague is \$300. To purchase a plaque in honor of a departed loved one, order online or contact Lisa or Rabbi Stevens at 978.373.3861.

COMMUNITY

We are a welcoming, diverse, Reform, sacred community committed to embracing and implementing the principles of tikkun olam.

Through prayer, study, and social interactions, we honor and share our Judaic values across all generations.







Sacred Hearts Food Pantry

13 Carleton Avenue, Bradford

Drop off Monday–Friday (8:00–11:00 am)

Pick up for Haverhill residents in need Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (8:00–11:00 am)

Sacred Hearts Parish Food Pantry serves 1,000–1,200 families each week. Many families in our



area are now out of work and facing financial crisis. The Sacred Hearts Food Pantry gives a helping hand to those in need.

Please consider donating nonperishable food items.







December

December 2	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 am
December 3	Latke Making	9:00 am
	Religious School	9:00 am
	Sunday Afternoon Learning with Rabbi Ashira	3:00 pm
December 6	Religious Practices Meeting	7:30 pm
December 8	Share-a-Shabbat Potluck	6:00 pm
	Salk Menorah Lighting	6:45 pm
	Chanukah Shabbat Evening Service	7:00 pm
December 9	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 am
	Weekly Parasha Study	1:00 pm
December 10	Religious School	9:00 am
	J-Play!	9:30 am
	Religious School Chanukah Party	10:30 am
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December 23	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 am
	Weekly Parasha Study	1:00 pm
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