



Member Spotlight: *Ruth Nemzoff*

Ruth Nemzoff is a Resident Scholar at Brandeis Women's Studies Research Center and the author of "Don't Bite Your Tongue: How to Foster Relationships with Your Adult Children" and "Don't Roll your Eyes: Making In-Laws into Family." She is a longtime Temple Emanuel congregant, mother of four and grandmother of eleven. She shares her journey with us.

I am the daughter of Samuel A. Nemzoff, the former principal of Temple Israel in Boston, and Judaism was very much a part of my childhood and my life. I grew up in Brookline, but traveled, including two years in India with the Peace Corps, and eventually ended up in Nashua, NH for fifteen years. There was a one size fits all shul in NH, and our children had a Conservative Jewish education there. Our small shul (my daughter's Hebrew class had only four children!) depended on the participation of each congregant to function. It was actually a relief when we came to Temple Emanuel, and there were more congregants and staff to assist with the many responsibilities of running a temple. When we moved here in 1987, I wanted to send my daughter to Solomon Schechter, but they wouldn't accept her because she didn't have enough Hebrew. So I sent her to religious school at Temple Emanuel and that's how we became members.

In New Hampshire, I had set up a school-to-work program for children with intellectual challenges and became involved in politics as the assistant minority leader of the NH House of Representatives and then the NH Deputy Commissioner of Health and Welfare. When we relocated to Newton, I began co-chairing the board of *Etgat L'Noar* with Jennifer Bittner, which we merged with the Jewish Special Education Collaborative to form Gateways: Access to Jewish Education. As a merged organization, we could provide for the needs of more children, from those with mild to those with more involved challenges. Gateways allowed me to combine my Jewish and professional lives, and the parents and students taught me creative ways to manage my own uneven talents.

Eventually, some of my children intermarried, and I became involved with the Keruv Committee at Temple Emanuel. I felt it was extremely important to welcome interfaith families and encourage them to participate in our community wherever they could. We suggested the learner's minyan at Rosh Hashanah, to educate and include the families during the High Holidays, and found that the participants were 90% congregants!

Because we noticed that many non-members looked bored when attending b'nei mitzvahs services, we thought a prayer book with transliteration and explanations would be helpful. The siddur, *Eitz Ratzon*, in the pews is helpful to visitors, non-Hebrew speakers and congregants. We also worked with staff to put all policies in the positive, telling visitors what they could do rather than what they could not, focusing on inclusion and education. The welcoming approach has been very effective; it helps not only the intermarried, but also the community members. Intermarriage can enrich us all. There is a thirst for knowledge on how to negotiate these family and community relationships.

In my earlier days, I had always wanted to be a professor. So I began at Wellesley College as a visiting scholar then I taught U.S. Government at Bentley for fifteen years and was a part-time scholar at Brandeis, simultaneously trying to write a book about parents and children. Palgrave/Macmillan published *Don't Bite Your Tongue: How to Foster Relationships with Your Adult Children* and its success has enabled me to tour around the world speaking on this subject. Four years after that, I wrote *Don't Roll Your Eyes: Making In-Laws Into Family* which deals with intermarriage and negotiating conflicting family expectations, among other issues. A group of young women at our temple introduced me to blogging, a new adventure for me. I have since blogged for *Huffington*, *Better after 50*, and other sites.

Today, I feel passionately about intergenerational issues - how we negotiate new families and changes in Judaism. I also care deeply about Zionism and feminism, how parents discuss these issues with their children and prepare their children for contentious conversations on college campuses. It is important for all of us to be able to talk with those with opposing views. What I like about Judaism is the ability to hold opposites in the same hand. I don't see a lot of that in the political rhetoric today, perhaps as Jews we have something to offer and use in our own discussions and relationships.



Makor Highlights

by Wayne Goldstein

Makor, the religious school program for our middle school students, was created on the core conviction that engaging 6th and 7th graders deeply in Jewish learning and living is the key to our Jewish future. Most recently, in response to student and parent feedback, we are making some important changes.

Starting this spring, Sunday mornings will have four 45-minute periods, allowing students to have a wider variety of substantive choices. Also, parents will receive regular updates from teachers including questions they can use to start a conversation with their children about their classes and continue their learning at home. In the fall of 2018, courses will have codes to indicate subject matter/topic divided into areas of Hebrew Language, History, Modern Jewish Living, Jewish and Israeli Culture, and Synagogue and Jewish Text Skills. Each Temple Emanuel student will be given a "roadmap" of learning to ensure that s/he will have a well-rounded Jewish education while still having choices.

On Tuesday afternoons at Temple Emanuel our 6th and 7th graders are engaged in learning with our clergy and senior staff. Rabbi Gardenswartz teaches the 7th graders traditional wisdom through the lens of modern musicals - *Dear Evan Hansen* and *Hamilton*. Rabbi Robinson teaches 6th graders "Secrets of the Torah for Our Time." There, the students encounter some lesser known Torah stories and apply them to their lives today, exploring issues like sibling rivalry, social justice, resilience, and compassion. Cantor Rosenberg prepares 6th graders to lead the Shabbat morning service, and Dan Nesson instructs them in rituals of wearing a *tallit*, *tzitzit*, and *tefillin*, and doing *hagbah* and *gelilah*. Other classes include Jewish history, Hebrew conversation, and Pirkei Avot. Wayne Goldstein, Jon Tatelman, and Gabby Seligman lead hands-on Tikkun Olam projects supported by text study.

On Sunday mornings the students go "up the hill" to Hebrew College where they learn with students from other communities in the joint Makor program. This year, Rabbi Berger, our most recently ordained rabbi, "is thrilled to learn and jam together" with students where she will introduce "#MindBlown: Epic Jewish Discoveries." In this exciting course, the students will visit texts and prayers they think they know and discover in them a deep layer of wisdom. Rabbi Berger calls it "the original hip-hop," ancient texts to inspire a new generation.

Parent Allison Kessler notes, "As my Makor student is our eldest, we did not know what to expect from the program. What impresses me is how focused the

program is on students' needs. They are constantly evolving their strategies to take into account children's engagement. They want parent feedback and student feedback. They find ways to meet the kids where they are. My son has made social connections with students from other schools; he is learning about current events with a Jewish perspective, and about his own family and how Judaism factors into our life. I highly recommend Makor because I see how all components of the program work together to help guide my son toward staying on the path of a lifelong love of Judaism."

Education is a partnership with our teachers, students, and parents. Together we can realize Makor's goal "to empower and inspire individuals to contribute their voices and vision to the Jewish community and to bring Jewish values to bear on the critical issues of our time."

For more information about Makor, contact Wayne Goldstein at wgoldstein@templemanuel.com.

Two Hours Volunteered. 900 Kids Served. The Power of Community!

On Sunday, December 10th, 2017, the TE community came together to sort much needed items collected for Cradles to Crayons. This year's efforts and afternoon of service provided more than 900 children with warm clothes for the winter and more! Thank you to Carol Mersky and her team for their leadership!



Cradles to Crayons



Makor students preparing a program for Hebrew Senior Life residents

From the Gates

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For the full March and April Calendar, go to:
CALENDAR.TEMPLEMANUEL.COM

Community Prayer

March (Adar /Nisan)

April (Nisan/Iyyar)

5778-2018

DAILY SERVICES

Sunday at 8:00 am & 7:30 pm
Monday through Thursday at 7:00 am & 7:30 pm
Friday at 7:00 am

SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday at 6:30 pm
Saturday at 6:45 am & 9:30 am
Childcare at 10:00 am

MARCH	APRIL
1 Purim	1 Pesach II
2 Shushan Purim	2-5 Pesach III-VI CH" M
17 Rosh Chodesh Nisan	6 Pesach VII
30 Ta'anit Bechorot Erev Pesach	7 Pesach VIII/Yizkor
31 Pesach I Community Seder	12 Yom HaShoah
	15-16 Rosh Chodesh Iyar
	18 Yom HaZikaron
	19 Yom HaAtzmaut
	29 Pesach Sheni

Saturday, March 3

Parshat Ki Tisa

Saturday, March 10

Parshat Vayakhel-Pekudei
Shabbat Parah
Bar Mitzvah: Ben Brenner,
son of Tracey Wolfsdorf

Saturday, March 17

Parshat Vayikra
Shabbat HaChodesh
Bar Mitzvah: Eyal Kopcow,
son of Hernan Kopcow and
Su Nino-Kopcow

Saturday, March 24

Parshat Tzav
Shabbat HaGadol
Brotherhood Shabbat

Saturday, March 31

Pesach Day 1

Saturday, April 7

Pesach VIII

Saturday, April 14

Parshat Shmini
Bat Mitzvah: Lily Smith,
daughter of Steven Smith

Saturday, April 21

Parshat Tazria-Metzora

Saturday, April 28

Parshat Achrei Mot-Kedoshim
Bat Mitzvah: Jill Rubin, daughter
of Brenda and Larry Rubin

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

March 2 5:18	March 3 5:20
March 9 5:26	March 10 5:25
March 16 6:35	March 17 6:35
March 23 6:43	March 24 6:45
March 30 6:50	March 31 12:30
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Now Our Time

Featuring Annette L. Miller
(Golda's Balcony)

Tuesday, May 8 at 7:30 pm
Adelson Community Hall



Boston's own beloved and celebrated Annette Miller presents *Now is Our Time: The Pleasures and Perils of Our Third Chapter*. A new theatrical collage, Annette created it as a Resident Scholar at Brandeis University's Women's Studies Research Center. By turns poignant, joyous, and resolute, this collage explores the mix of experiences and reactions of men and women of a certain age.

Facing Interfaith Families

by David Goldstone – Chair, Interfaith Family Connections Committee

Statistics tell us that for the past few years, roughly half of Jews have married people who are not Jewish. These interfaith families constitute a new opportunity for our community and must not be overlooked. Our Interfaith Family Connections Committee is addressing these families face-to-face.

In some heated discussions about interfaith marriage, it is sometimes overlooked that the wedding day is not the end of the marriage. In reality, it is the first day of the marriage. No matter how that wedding was conducted, there will likely be thousands of subsequent days during which the marriage will be lived. Most of us have close friends and family members who have married people who are not Jewish, and who are living in loving interfaith families with their beloveds, and who are trying to share the light of Torah with their families. They are part of our lives and our community — we share birthday parties and carpools and, if we are lucky, Shabbat dinners, Hanukkah candle lighting, and Passover seders.

Quite frequently, interfaith families join Temple Emanuel. Why do they join Temple Emanuel? Mostly, for the same reasons everyone joins Temple Emanuel. They will join because it is the closest shul to their home. Maybe they have encountered our amazing clergy. Frequently, our friends and family join Temple Emanuel because of their personal relationships

with us. And welcomed at been a vital J 17 years ago." our commun authentic and While we interfaith fa spouse may f with Jewish c as we aspire, born Jewish, born Jewish? grandparents For an inte enhancing th with the mul enabled us ar Jewish life."

Adult Learning Opportunities - Try a new class this spring!

JEWISH MINDFULNESS AND MEDITATION

March 3, April 14, May 5 and June 2, 9:00 – 10:00 am
with Donna Rubenoff in the Rabbi Lifson Library

YOGA FOR THE SOUL MINYAN

March 4, April 8, May 6, 9:00 – 10:00 am
Yoga Instructor: Michelle Silberman

SIX MODERN JEWISH THINKERS WITH DAVID ARIEL

March 13, 27, April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8:00 – 9:30 pm

SELECTED SHORT STORIES OF

SHMUEL YOSEF AGNON

March 21, April 4, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 7:45 – 9:15 pm
with David Link and Michael Bohnen

PIRKE AVOT STUDY – LAY-LED STUDY

April 14 through May 12, 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Weekly following the congregational kiddush

ME'AH CLASSIC STUDY PROGRAM

REGISTER FOR ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES: <https://www.templemanuel.com/adult-education-upcoming-programs/>. Questions or to register by phone, contact Terri Swartz Russell at 617-558-8205 or email tswartzrussell@templemanuel.com

Teaching Kindness

by Wendy Falchuk – Director, Temple Emanuel Preschool

Laughter, singing and gleeful shouting are often heard through the halls of Temple Emanuel Preschool. Each morning the children run into school excited and eager to begin their day. They are learning about Jewish holidays, celebrating Shabbat and exploring the world around them. Our students draw, count, read, write and create which encompass the concepts of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, math). The most important part of our learning is closely related to *Chesed*, דָּסָד, which is related to the Jewish value of kindness.

Last December, *The New York Times* published an article titled "Can Kindness Be Taught?" The article highlighted a challenge by the Dalai Lama to encourage preschools to teach kindness as a subject. More than 15,000 preschools have taken this challenge and adapted the Kindness Curriculum which was created at the University of Wisconsin.

Here at Temple Emanuel Preschool we have always woven kindness into our everyday teaching. We talk about the meaning of *Mitzvot*, and we recently began a monthly collection project in conjunction with our Religious School for Family Table. We collect *Tzedakah* every Friday and donate to meaningful causes. During our Tu B'Shevat seders the preschoolers learned about taking care of the earth and recycling. And of course, we talk about being a good and kind friend. The children use language such as "warm fuzzies" and "cool pricklies" to label feelings which assists in social-emotional development and self-regulation.

Our wonderful teachers model kindness every day. They put in many extra hours preparing for their school day and planning the curriculum. They reach out to our preschool community in times of need. They have provided Shabbat dinners to families and they have escorted children to their cars which is so helpful. They give a lot of hugs and love to the children in their classrooms. Their positive regard and affection for the children is boundless and evident throughout the day.

We too are working with the Kindness Curriculum to explore ways to continue to implement kindness in our everyday teachings. Our teachers are also studying with our Rabbis to bring Talmudic teaching to our youngest learners. Kindness begins at home, and for us, our *Kehillah* at Temple Emanuel Preschool is our home.

For more information contact Wendy Falchuk at 617-558-8130 or wfalchuk@templemanuel.com.



Save the date

BROTHERHOOD SHABBAT

Saturday, March 24, 2018

Join us as Temple Emanuel Brotherhood members lead us in Shabbat morning services.
Featured speaker: Rabbi Marc Baker, Head of School, Gann Academy, and newly named President of CJP.

4TH ANNUAL PASSOVER COMMUNITY SEDER

March 31, 2018 at 6:30 pm

Join with your family and friends to eat matzah ball soup and gefilte fish! Sing familiar seder songs with Rabbi Robinson and Cantor Roseberg!

For more information or to make reservations, contact 617-558-8100 or www.templemanuel.com/CommunityPassoverSeder.

TEMPLE EMANUEL ANNUAL YOM HA'SHOAH COMMEMORATION

Thursday, April 12 at 7 pm

We are honored to feature Robert Trestan, ADL New England Regional Director, who will speak on: "Yom Ha'Shoah: Can we save the next generation?" Samuel Chiel Sanctuary.



TORAH FUND BRUNCH

Sunday, April 22, 2018

Join us in honoring
Sisterhood's 2018

Woman of Distinction:

Joanne Kazarian

Featured speaker:

Rebecca Lurie, Head of School,
Solomon Schechter Day School





From the Gates

29th Annual

Project Manna Concert

Tuesday, March 20th at 7:00 pm

Join us for a wonderful evening of music that unites communities of faith to help the hungry and homeless. Listen to the sounds of the Mass Ave. Baptist Church Choir, Boston Children's Chorus Young Men's Ensemble, The Gospel Love Tones, Shir Shalom from Temple Shalom and Temple Emanuel's Kol Emanuel, Guys in Ties, Polkadots, and Kol Keff. All proceeds support the Project Manna Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen at the Massachusetts Avenue Baptist Church in Cambridge. The church feeds more than 250 families weekly.

Tickets: \$20 for adults, \$15 for students and seniors. For more information call 617-558-8100 or online at www.templeemanuel.com/projectmannaconcert.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Wednesday, February 28	Erev Purim/Megillah Reading
Thursday, March 1	Purim
Friday, March 2	Shushan Purim
Friday, March 18 – Saturday, March 19	Rabbi Samuel Chiel Kallah
Tuesday, March 20	Project Manna
Friday, March 30	Fast of the Firstborn/Erev Pesach
Saturday, March 31	Pesach Day 1/Second Seder
Saturday, March 31 – Saturday, April 7	Pesach
Thursday, April 12	Yom Ha'shoah
Monday, April 16	Patriots' Day
Wednesday, April 18	Yom Ha'zikaron
Thursday, April 20	Yom Ha'atzma'ut

Celebrate Israel@70 Temple Emanuel

You are invited to join our Temple Emanuel community to celebrate Israel's 70th Independence Day with activities and events for everyone!



March-April – Participate in a unique **TE Israel Art Project** led by Jill and Jackie Schon of the Paint Bar!

Sunday, March 11 at 7:00 pm – **Israel Action Committee** presents the fascinating film *Above and Beyond* about the Israeli Air Force with a guest speaker from the IAF.

Thursday, March 22 at 7:45 pm – **Lifson Library Book Discussion**
We will be reading *Walking Lions* by Ayelet Gunder-Goshen, a thriller about an Israeli physician who commits a crime.

Tuesday, April 17 at 7:30 pm – Join the evening minyan on the **eve of Yom Hazikaron** to mark this solemn day remembering Israel's fallen soldiers with the lighting of a memorial candle and a moment of silence as is done in Israel.

Wednesday, April 18 at 7:00 am – **Yom Hazikaron** – Morning minyan with Cantor Rosemberg chanting El Malei Rachamim.

Thursday, April 19 at 7:00 am – **Yom Ha'atzma'ut** – Morning minyan will include *Hallel* and *Al ha'nisim*.

Friday, April 20 – **Kabbalat Shabbat** and festive Israeli-themed **Community Dinner** and a sing-along program with Cantor Rosemberg featuring Israeli music through the decades.

Saturday, April 21 – **Israel Action Shabbat** with guest speaker Yehuda Yaakov, Consul General of Israel to New England.

Thursday, April 26 – **TE Community Israel@70 Celebration** including Israeli food, music, special live Israeli entertainment and the unveiling of the Israel art project installation.

Comedy Night featuring Joel Chasnoff

Saturday night, March 10th at 7:30 pm

Join us for a fun night of laughter! Joel Chasnoff, an American-Jewish comedian, is a former IDF soldier and author of the comedic memoir, *The 188th Crybaby Brigade*, about his service in the Israeli army. He has performed on stage and screen in 9 countries including off-Broadway. Cost is \$54/pp including appetizers, desserts and cocktails.

Syrian Refugee Project

by Diane Gardener

The Syrian refugee project at Temple Emanuel began in earnest when our Kurdish family of five arrived in Boston on a freezing night one year ago. Recently, I was driving them home from a community health center when we passed Logan Airport. The young parents, who rarely reminisce, at least to me, were visibly moved by the drab sight of the airport, as though it was their own Statue of Liberty. They spoke about how they felt that night, mostly about how exhausted they were and how touching and surprising it was to be welcomed with such warmth. We were all struck by how far they had come. Both parents are working, the family is now living on their own, the kids have settled into the Needham schools, and they all speak English.

We've been told that this family has made an exceptionally successful transition. Clearly they have benefitted not only from personal traits that helped them overcome the daunting challenges of leaving their home country for a 4-year sojourn in Turkey and then starting a new life in Boston, but also from the homegrown network of volunteers from Temple Emanuel, Temple Beth Shalom in Needham, and the wider Newton-Needham communities who have supplemented the services offered by Jewish Family Services of Metrowest. What most stands out in the quality and quantity of its impact on this family is, of course, the very intimate and immersive care provided by our own temple



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Chamber Music Concerts

Sunday, March 11 at 3:00 pm

Featuring the duet of Arnaud Sussmann, violin and Anna Polonsky, piano. Performing works of Bach, Prokofiev, Beethoven, and Ravel

Sunday, April 8th at 3:00 pm

The Boston Cello Quartet
BSO cellists Blaise DeJardin, Adam Esbensen, Mihail Jojatu and Alexandre Lecarme.

Admission is free and seats are not reserved.

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Joel-Chasnoff

members, Rachel and Mike Miller. For a whole year, they housed this family in their home and provided vital assistance, responding in the moment to pressing needs of almost infinite variety for the members of this family, as well as including them in Shabbat dinners, holiday celebrations, and everyday fun.

And the rest of us – dozens of Temple Emanuel members – had the opportunity to contribute to the effort in myriad ways that matched what we had to offer in terms of time, expertise, and interests. I think I speak for all of our volunteers in saying that it has not always been easy, but it has always been worthwhile. Personally it has been not only an opportunity to “do something” but also an opportunity to get to know other Temple Emanuel members for the first time or at a deeper level. We are often reminded of the Talmudic expression that to save one life is to save an entire world. I now understand that, among other things, we are saving ourselves by these acts of kindness and connection. For me, the project is a fulfillment of our mission statement. Rabbi Robinson's crucial role in initiating and leading the project relates directly to these Jewish values.

And now what? Our connection with this remarkable family can continue less formally. Our experience on this amazing project can also be a springboard. This is a great time to brainstorm about how we can find pathways for our members to help other families in need in similar and not so similar ways.