



TEMPLE EMANUEL

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From the Gates

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Monday, March 6 Erev Purim/ Megillah Reading
Tuesday, March 7 Purim
Wednesday, March 8 Shushan Purim
Tuesday, March 28 Project Manna Concert
Wednesday, April 5 Fast of the Firstborn/
 Erev Pesach/First Seder
Thursday, April 6 Pesach Day 1/Second Seder
Thursday, April 6-13 Pesach
Monday, April 17 Patriot's Day
Tuesday, April 18 Yom Ha'Shoah
Tuesday, April 25 Yom HaZikaron
Wednesday, April 26 Yom Ha'Atzma'ut
Tuesday, May 9 Annual Meeting
Tuesday, May 9 Lag B'Omer
Thursday, May 25 Leil Tikkun Shavuot
Friday, May 26 Shavuot Day 1
Saturday, May 27 Shavuot Day 2
Monday, May 29 Memorial Day

STARS OF DAVID

The Stars of David, TE's group for special needs adults, is in full swing. Each meeting has a theme-filled program filled with music, dancing, entertainment and food, often connected to holidays. We meet monthly from September through June on Sundays from 12:30 pm-2:30 pm. All are welcome, including relatives and aides if they'd like to attend or are needed. Future meetings are April 16, May 7, and June 11. For more information please contact Sheryl Dropkin or Debbie Sussman at templestarsofdavid@gmail.com.

B'TSELEM INCLUSION COMMITTEE

The B'Tselem Inclusion Committee works to ensure that the TE community welcomes and includes all of us. The CDC estimates that over 61 million people, 26% of adults live with a disability. Our committee includes people with disabilities, family members and professionals. We explore various aspects of living well despite challenges through book discussions, movies and speaker programs. Please contact Susan Bergman at susanbergman@gmail.com for more information.

ACTIVE LIVING PROGRAMS

FOR OLDER ADULTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Programs for seniors including Exercise, Zumba, Artful Afternoons, Support Groups for Caregivers and Adult Children and more continue on Zoom.

IN PERSON L'Chaim

March 7, 14, 21; April 4, 25; May 2, 9, 16, 30 from 1:00-2:00 pm
 Memory Cafe – On Zoom March 9 from 1:00-2:00 pm and
 IN PERSON April 20 and May 11 from 1:00-2:00 pm
 For more information and Zoom links, contact Tracy Schneider at tracys120@yahoo.com.



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33RD ANNUAL PROJECT MANNA CONCERT

Tuesday, March 28 from 7:30 pm-9:30 pm
 Proceeds benefit the Mass Ave. Baptist Church soup kitchen.
 Details can be found on the TE website at: templemanuel.com/event/projectmanna

YOM HA'ATZMAUT CONCERT CELEBRATING ISRAEL AT 75

With acclaimed Israeli singer, Bat Ella. Details can be found on the TE website at: templemanuel.com/event/yom-haatzmaut-community-celebration-2

CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERTS

Sunday, March 12 at 3:00 pm and Sunday, April 30 at 3:00 pm
 The Chamber Concert Series is sponsored by the Saul B. and Naomi R. Cohen Foundation supporting and promoting the fine and performing arts, and awarding grants to promising young artists and gifted performing musicians.



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Member Spotlight: *Dahlia Ehrenfried*

Dahlia Ehrenfried, our TE Sisterhood president, answers some questions about her journey to Temple Emanuel and the Sisterhood, and what makes her tick.



Dahlia Ehrenfried and family

Young Leadership Board. Around 2014-15, around the time we had our first child, we started "shul shopping". We landed at Temple Emanuel, where our son, Caleb, and daughter, Estelle, went to the wonderful preschool.

Where did you grow up?

Wouldn't you know it, I grew up in Newton! However, after college I lived in New York City, Los Angeles, and Washington, DC before moving back to the Boston area. When I was a child, my parents, brother, and I were members of Congregation Mishkan Tefila, where I went to religious school and had my bat mitzvah.

What brought you to Temple Emanuel?

After moving back to Boston in the mid-2000s, I met my husband, Josh Ehrenfried, while we were both serving on the CJP

What connected you to the TE Sisterhood?

Have you ever heard "all roads lead to Joanne Kazarian?" That's my story, too! Joanne invited me to join the Sisterhood Temple Emanuel Board and then the rest is history. I am so grateful for my time serving as Sisterhood co-president with Joanne where I was able to forge new friendships at the Temple with so many incredible women. Now and with every passing year, at services and all events, I feel so welcome when I see more familiar faces thanks to my time at Sisterhood. A significant challenge of my presidency was trying to bring Sisterhood together and expand our base when most members were still uncomfortable with in-person events and overwhelmed by the many impacts of COVID, which was (and still is) a challenge to navigate.

Tell us a little about yourself.

I really *love* jigsaw puzzles (little known fact: My husband proposed to me with a custom-made puzzle!). I'm an amateur baker and finally found my go-to challah recipe that I perfected during COVID. I now proudly serve this challah every week at our Ehrenfried family Shabbat. Though I love movies, I devour 2-3 books monthly. Most of all, my family and friends are my everything. I take great pride in putting in my best effort to be a great wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, and friend. In addition to these roles, I am also the Director of Marketing at Charles River Associates, an international management and economic litigation consulting firm. I help develop the firm's marketing and business development strategies, working with our practices and consultants from around the globe.

Israel Family Trip 2022



There hadn't been a TE family trip to Israel since 2013, and one was in the planning stages when Covid hit. So in December 2022, sixteen families with grandparents, parents, teens and youngsters flew to Israel and had ten days filled with unforgettable experiences.

Amy Kahn said, "Our family joined TE about 10 years ago. It has been 30+ years since Ben, my husband, and I had been and the first with our children, Daniel (12) and Jacob (9). We were intrigued by the itinerary which offered many family-friendly activities. Not only were we excited to meet other families but my mother, Margie Kessler from Florida, came along making it a three generation trip! A special memory was when we gathered at the synagogue on Masada. As Rabbi Robinson began singing *Modeh ani*, we noticed other people from all around the world joined us. Jacob loved meeting the students who were his counterparts at our sister school in Haifa and Daniel loved climbing and enjoying the views at Masada, and meeting other 6th graders. Ben loved praying at the Kotel and the Jeep ride in the Golan Heights. My mother loved getting the dance party going with the teenage girls on the shore of the Kinneret."

Steven Feinstein and Jennifer London and their children, Elizabeth (14) and James (12), joined TE in 2021. Steve explained, "As newer members, we wanted to get to know other families while experiencing an amazing itinerary. The teen track was a plus for us, knowing our kids would be happy with their peers. I had never been to Israel and had always wanted to make the trip. There were many inspiring moments. I will cherish the memories of climbing Masada and praying at the Kotel with Jamie and connecting deeply with Lizzy at Yad Vashem. Jen and I were moved by visiting the Palmach Museum, the Peres Center for Peace and Innovation, and listening to the IDF guide in the Golan Heights. We even found time to visit my Israeli cousins. For our family, it was a wonderful experience, and we definitely feel closer to TE because of it."

Jennifer and Jonathan Bornstein and their kids, Raina (17) and Jordan (15), are a second generation TE family. Jennifer remarked, "Jonathan and I hadn't been in over twenty years and Raina will be off to college soon so the timing was perfect! Initially we hesitated signing on because we are self reported not "group travel people." But it was great! We all had different favorite moments. The kids loved

being with the other teens, while I continued to marvel at the Dead Sea. I loved floating in 1999 and loved it 20+ years later. We could not have developed the relationships with the other families were it not for this trip!"

The Lindenberg family, Bob and Meryl, their son Aaron, his wife Annie Tamis and their kids, Max (16), Zach (13) and Ben (11), joined the trip so that they could share the experience of Israel together. Meryl said, "We are new members of TE through membership in Minyan Ma'or so we were concerned that many people already knew each other which turned out not to be the case. It worked out well for all of us, especially the teens who went off with new friends and the enthusiastic guides. The trip brought to life the rich history of the Jewish people, the struggle of the pioneers and the dynamism of the people today. We loved climbing Masada, (for me 30 years older!) and the Dialogue in the Dark Museum. Max said that it was great meeting new people and Zach loved learning about life 2,000 years ago. The three generations returned with great memories and as Ben added, "I loved Israel so much that I'm definitely going back!" The rest of the family happily agreed!



Paula and Frank Aronson, Temple members for nearly 50 years, thought this would be a perfect trip to take with their grandchildren, Hallie (16), Gabe (15) and Eyan (11) from Westborough. Their enthusiasm infected their parents and another daughter and son-in-law, so off went the nine of them. Frank writes, "Words such as education, inspiration, friendship, kinship and amazement come to mind when thinking about the trip. We loved Kabbalat Shabbat at a Reform synagogue in Jerusalem, similar to Shabbat Alive! and Shabbat morning at a Conservative shul where Eyan followed along in the siddur. Whenever we met Israelis, we realized how much at home we felt."

Everyone agreed that after this trip together, they have connections they intend to nurture and maintain. Strangers at the Temple are now friends. Everyone raved about the tour guides who were articulate, funny, insightful and passionate about Israel. Accolades for Rabbi Robinson for her joyful spiritual leadership and Wayne for always being in the right place, friendly and helpful. *Chazak chazak v'nit'chazek!*

