



# Temple Emanuel

of the Merrimack Valley

## The Bulletin

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### *From the Rabbi...*

#### A Summer That Lasts a Lifetime!

This is the tag line for URJ Eisner Camp and Crane Lake Camp, the two New England summer camps of the Reform Movement, but really, it could apply to pretty much any Jewish summer camp.

“Sleepaway” camp, as it was known in my youth, provides a transformative experience for kids and teens. Unlike day camp, living away from home provides incredible opportunities for our children to grow, stretch, explore, learn, and experience themselves, their peers and their Jewish world that simply cannot be replicated at home. Summer camp also provides an informal learning environment that goes far beyond what we’re able to offer in our once-a-week religious school.

One of the greatest benefits: Experience first, explanation later – unlike other learning environments (like religious school) where we talk about it first and *then* experience it, camp offers an experience of LIVING Judaism – at meals, on Shabbat, on the playing fields, in the cabins – that is immersive.

Many of the current leaders of the Union for Reform Ju-



diasm (and other Jewish organizations) are alumni of Jewish summer camps, and many of them report that camp helped form them into the Jewish leader they are today.

I cannot overstate my enthusiasm for Jewish summer camp for EVERY kid at TEMV, and so I would like to “put my money where my mouth is.” If you have already registered your child for a summer camp, or plan to do so, please be in touch with me right away. I will be allocating ALL funds in my discretionary fund as of April 30 for camp scholarships for TEMV children. If you are looking for a camp recommendation, let me know – I’d be glad to help you find a program that would suit your child’s unique personality and interests.

A few links for you to visit:

<http://www.reformjudaism.org/six-reasons-attend-jewish-summer-camp>

<http://www.jewishboston.com/camp> (this one lists camps in the area)

<http://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/summer-camps/>

[http://www.jewishjournal.com/opinion/article/the\\_value\\_of\\_summer\\_camp](http://www.jewishjournal.com/opinion/article/the_value_of_summer_camp)

L’shalom,  
-Rabbi Robin S. Sparr

#### Rosh Chodesh Service

Saturday, April 9, 2016 at 10:00am

Please join us for a special shabbat morning service and study focused on the traditional women’s holiday of Rosh Chodesh (the first day of the month). This Shabbat coincides with the first day of Nissan, the month in which we celebrate Passover. Come to sing, pray, and learn about our matriarchs.

As a special addition to this morning’s service, we will celebrate the naming of Carter and Alix’s daughter, Lyra, as we welcome her into the Covenant. A light Kiddush luncheon will follow the festivities



# March & April 2016 Service Schedule

Date	Notes/Hosts	Yahrzeiten
<b>Friday, March 4</b> <i>Parashat Vayakhel</i> <i>Shabbat Shekalim</i> 7:30 PM Shabbat Service	Board: Richard Ebner Oneg: Laurie Joslin	Elinor "Lynn" Diamond 2/27 Gertrude Gerzon 2/27 Herbert Diamond 3/3 Morton Abt 3/4 Ethel Snyder 3/4
<b>Sunday, March 6</b> <i>Parashat Pikudei</i> 10:50 AM Weekday Service	<i>Religious school morning tefilah (prayer service)</i> <i>All are welcome!</i>	
<b>Friday, March 11</b> <i>Parashat Pikudei</i> 6:00 PM Tot Shabbat Service for Young Families 7:30 PM Shabbat Service	6:30 PM: ALL are welcome to <b>Pizza/Potluck Dinner</b> Board and Oneg Alix Epstein	Abner Hornstein 3/6 Lou Gross 3/8 Marie Ashley 3/9
<b>Friday, March 18</b> <i>Parashat Vayikra</i> 7:30 PM Shabbat Service	Lay leader: <i>Kerri Sheingold ?</i> Board: Kerri Sheingold Oneg: Marylin Gallant	Sandor Lederer 3/13 Robert Miller 3/13 Silvia Anajovich 3/15 Selby Kahn 3/17 Frances Shaine 3/18 Rhoda Sheingold 3/18
<b>Friday, March 25</b> <i>Parashat Tzav</i> 7:00 PM Purim Celebration (note early start time!)	<b>PURIM CELEBRATION!</b> Board: Phebe Rand Oneg:: will you volunteer?	Bertha Rapaport 3/19 Solomon J. Bishov 3/20 Richard Voss 3/22 Ann Schecter 3/24
<b>Friday, April 1</b> <i>Parashat Sh'mini</i> 6 PM dinner 7 PM Siyyum Hasefer, honoring new Hebrew readers	<b>SIYUM HASEFER</b> <i>See flyer</i> Host: Karen Lipshires Oneg: Susan & Sheldon Bishov	Marty Kennedy 3/27 Deborah Morris 3/27 Pauline Rand 3/27 Nelson Gandelman 3/29 Phyllis Kominsky 3/30 Sally Kanter 4/1 Lily Issacs 4/1
<b>Friday, April 8</b> <i>Parashat Tazria</i> 7:30 PM Shabbat Service	Board: Kerri Sheingold Oneg: Jane Maine	Bella Vogel 4/4 Sonia Bieder 4/5 Thaddeus Smith 4/7
<b>Sat April 9</b> <i>Parashat Tazria</i> 10 AM Rosh Chodesh	Baby Naming for Lyra Epstein Board: TBD Oneg: Epstein	
<b>Fri April 15</b> <i>Parashat Metzora</i> 7:30 Shabbat Service	Learner's minyan Board: Stephanie Karakantas Oneg: Will you volunteer?	
<b>Fri April 22</b> <i>Pesach</i>	No Service First Night of Passover	Lauren Michelle Berk 4/21 Jerome Gleich 4/22
<b>Fri Apr 29</b> <i>Parashat Shemini Shel Pesach</i> 6:30 Shabbat Service	Lay Leader: Karen Lipshires Host: Karen Lipshires 6 PM Wine and Cheese pre-service Oneg	Robert Wright 4/24 Herman Libby 4/25 Deborah Joslin 4/27 Sam Kahn 4/29

## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Greetings TEMV Community-

I must admit that I am counting down the days to when the clocks leap ahead and there is more time in the day to be outdoors and celebrate the beauty around us. Not that this winter (if you can call it winter!) has not provided us with wonderful moments: gorgeous sunsets, ice laden branches and balmy days. Not that I wish to rush time along but there is something about Spring around the corner that gets me all the more enthused.

For most folks who know me, I am not one who suffers greatly from a lack of enthusiasm. However, squeezing everything that needed to be done as President this year from clean up days to welcoming and acclimating Rabbi Robin and reaching out to community members, fund-raisers, building demands, I began to feel I was doing too much in a very short period of time and not having time to strategically plan for the needs of our congregation. A one year stint as President was becoming, for me, way too intense. After discussing with our Past President, Lisa Rubin and VP Michelle Vlamis, we decided to propose to the rest of the board, a return to our traditional 2 year terms for President and VP in order to allow the individuals in these positions to feel less harried, and more prepared to take on their respective roles. The board also felt that longer terms would allow more continuity in the President's team and ability to network with other temple leaders within our community and among other congregations. This means you will see Michelle and I both on the slate at the annual meeting, remaining your President and Vice President for another year.

A few other tidbits of news: the board is looking forward to your vote on the change in bylaw regarding our dues structure to a pledge system; the annual budget committee is planning their meeting and we continue to pursue ways to make our building handicap accessible in the immediate future and long term. The board is also looking at the ways in which we get temple news and updates out to members and friends. We hope to have a more informative and up to date website and use other social media to get the word out. What do you think? What ways would you like to see and hear about the happenings in your temple community?

I look forward to hearing from you, seeing you at temple on Shabbat and at the Musical Tapestry Annual fundraiser.

B'shalom Stephanie

## TEMV Book Club

Upcoming Meetings and Good Reads!

The TEMV bookclub met on Feb 21<sup>st</sup> and discussed "Orphan Train" by Christine Baker Kline

April 17th 11 AM Portnoy's Complaint by Marcel Proust—Home of Rachel Rand



June 5th 11 AM The Secret Chord by Geraldine Brooks—at the Temple

July 17th 11AM A Brief History of Seven Killings by Marlon James-Stephanie Karakantas' home

September date TBA-The Finkler Question by Howard Jacobson

Please come along to any meeting—all are welcome! Contact [bookclub@temv.org](mailto:bookclub@temv.org) for addresses and more information.

## Ritual Committee update Is it spring yet?

Although it's still winter, the ritual committee has its eyes on March and April holidays. We continue to meet every other month with Rabbi Robin and plan the services and events before and after services between now and then. We are working to create a "format" or "template" of required prayers for those how lead services when Rabbi Robin is away.

In response to your feedback, this year's Purim service on March 25<sup>th</sup> will include some readings from the Megillah. We have also begun talking about our community Seder on Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Events such as these offer opportunities for many to be involved. A Seder for 15 at your home is a good deal of work. A Seder for 50 at the temple offers an abundance of opportunities for folks to be involved in a Seder without "doing it all." Please begin to consider if you'd like to help with planning, go shopping for Seder plates, help set up the room and set tables, or clean up.

Our next ritual meeting is March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm at TEMV. All members are welcome to attend. You are also welcome to call me to talk about what we do and how you could be involved.

Karen Lipshires  
[ritualchair@temv.org](mailto:ritualchair@temv.org)  
617-312-0393

## Religious School News

### News from our 3rd/4th/5th grade class:

This year, the third, fourth, and fifth grade class has been learning about the major events of Genesis, the first book of the Torah. We started with the story of Creation and most recently started learning the story of Joseph.

Last week, we took a little while at the end of Hebrew school to review what we've been learning. First, we talked about favorite stories - the class favorite seemed to be the story of Jacob and Esau's reunion, because, as Eli says, "when Jacob meets Esau again with the four hundred men - Esau has four hundred men, it seems like there's a battle - and then he just... hugs his brother. I like it because it's just suspenseful, cause you think Esau's gonna hurt Jacob and then they're just being friendly to each other." Kaylyn, disagreed, saying that Noah's ark was her favorite because she loves animals and felt connected to the story.

We also discussed stories we learned something from. Asa, says he learned the most from the story of Noah's ark, "because it taught me that you have to care for more than just yourself," and Jonathan mentioned the Tower of Babel "because no one's as good as God."

Finally, I asked my students what the most important thing was they had learned this year - and everybody said something about love. Eli talked about loving people, Asa talked about loving animals, Kaylyn suggested loving all the things in the world, and Jonathan summed it all up by saying we should be loving life as a whole.

If there's any lesson to be taken from the stories we've learned, I think love is a good lesson.

- Morah Yael Rothman

### COMING UP THIS MONTH:

**Sun, March 6** 10:50 Tefilah (weelday prayer service)  
Everyone is welcome

**Friday, March 11:** Tot Shabbat and community dinner – Service for young families (children under age 7) at 6:00pm, followed by community dinner at 6:30 and Shabbat service at 7:30

**Sunday, March 13 – Mitzvah Day** In addition to our regular school day, we will have a short program and then deliver meals to those in need in our community. More details soon!

**Friday, March 25:** Purim service and celebration (costumes welcome!), including reading of the Megillah

**Sunday, March 27:** Purim celebration continues during religious school with abridged Megillah reading, songs, and costume parade!

### SAVE THE DATE:

**April 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:00pm** dinner followed by our Siyum HaSefer service, at which all students in grades 3 through 7 will help lead the service and each will receive their own personalized prayerbook.

**Hadashot:** If you have news or information to share, feel free to send it to me for inclusion in our weekly newsletter.

L'shalom,  
Rabbi Robin S. Sparr  
Director of Education

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

I will be offering a **Taste of Cantillation**, open to all. The class will introduce the basic concepts of trope, the special notation system for chanting Torah (and other scriptural texts). Participants should have some basic Hebrew reading skills, but there is no need to read quickly. Class will meet during religious school on the following Sundays (note the class is starting a week later than originally planned):

March 6  
March 27  
April 10  
May 1

Meeting times may vary to accommodate existing religious school programming. If you wish to join this class, kindly contact me at [temvrabbi@gmail.com](mailto:temvrabbi@gmail.com) to reserve your spot and to ensure that you will receive notifications about class meeting times. All are welcome; an \$18 fee for non-members; \$18 donation is suggested for members but not required.

L'shalom,  
Rabbi Robin S. Sparr

## **Musical Tapestry and Fundraising Night Saturday, March 12 2016**

Consider supporting TEMV with either a personal donation to the Fundraising Night or by volunteering to solicit merchants and businesses for a donation.

The success of an auction relies first and foremost on donations, not promises of donations. So, before you forget, contact [events@temv.org](mailto:events@temv.org) and let us know what you wish to donate. Can't decide we'll be happy to provide suggestions. Then drop off or mail it to the temple. Gift certificates, tickets, professional services, hand crafted items are just a few of the endless possibilities. The donations need not be expensive. Perhaps you have a brand new item you received as a gift that you really can't use? We won't tell!



In recent years many of our donations have been from local merchants and businesses. They are willing to donate but they have to be asked. In return for their donation we encourage the TEMV community to patronize businesses that support us and include them on the donor page of our website <http://www.temv.org/donors/>.

This is the Temple's only major fundraiser of the year, and its success depends on your participation.



Featured musical acts are  
The Chameleons  
Rabbi Robin Sparr and  
Rahel and friends

There are openings for select Temple acts, if you are interested in performing please contact [events@temv.org](mailto:events@temv.org) for prior approval.

Thank you in advance for your support

## **Wandering Ivy**

Last week I took students to Prague's Jewish Museum. For the first two classes, I was very happy with the response of the woman at the front desk of the Old-New Shul when some of my female students wanted kippot. She didn't say a thing and offered them to all.

On Thursday, her tune changed. She began to emphasize how the kippot were mandatory for men but only "souvenirs" for women. Last semester, a volunteer of the synagogue actually tried to physically remove a female student's kippah from her head. Try as hard as I may, I do not understand this perspective. It is as if the men and women who work there (and who may or may not be Jewish – but probably aren't) do not understand that it is perfectly acceptable and in some streams encouraged for women to wear kippot. To make matters worse, they say absolutely nothing about my female students wearing pants, yet the kippah seems to be off limits. Why?

When I take my students there, I announce when I lecture on the history of the museum that they are free to practice their Judaism however they see fit. If they want to wear a kippah, I fully support them. And, when the staff will inevitably argue with her/us, I will fight for them. I tell them not to worry and be themselves. At the same time, I repeatedly inform the staff that many streams of Judaism have no problem with women wearing kippot.

I am baffled by this phenomenon. I just don't understand whose interpretation of Judaism forbids women to cover their head while at the same time not caring if women wear pants. If the kippah is denied because it is often associated with "male" clothing, then why are women "allowed" to wear pants as they tour the synagogue? The logic of the argument (the reasoning of which I've never actually been privy to) escapes me and the only thing that makes sense is sexism.

If "modesty" is the issue, then at least be consistent. (I can't believe I just said that!)

I miss the TEMV environment in which I wore a kippah (and pants) every day and no one said a word.

Shalom,  
Ivy

## Social Action Update

### Coming Events:

#### 1. Mitzvah Day

This will be on Sunday March 13 and is open to all in the Temple Community.

We will meet at the Temple at 11 AM for a program about "Social Isolation" and a review for the rest of the day. After lunch we will leave for the Mobile Food Pantry. We all be given shopping bags of food to deliver to people who are homebound (and frequently socially isolated).

If you are over 18 you should complete a CORI form. They are available at the Temple and the completed forms (fill out each side) can be left in the social action mail tray in the office). Please also include a copy of your drivers's license.

#### 2. Lunch Assembly

The next one will be on Sunday March 20 at the Temple. We will begin at an earlier time 9:00 AM; Otherwise it will all be the same.

Please note we need;

Bottled Water

Granola Bars

Jars of Jelly & Peanut Butter are always welcome



#### 3. Purim Passover Food Collection

(see an article elsewhere in the Bulletin)

This collection of shopping bags of food for people and their pets will continue until just prior to Passover.

### Past events:

Thank you all for participating in the annual Social Action Sabbath and also the Lunch Assembly.

We are generating many lunches each time we have a lunch assembly.

Thank you,

Frank

## GLILA SUNDAY APRIL 3 AT 3:00 PM CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH On Hastings Street in Lowell

Each year GLILA plans an event in the Spring about Genocide or violence. This year the topic will be about the on-going refugee crisis in the Middle East and elsewhere around the world. Men, women and children are leaving places where civil wars are taking place and/or where the violence is so extreme and making life so unsafe that they take risky journeys away from home.

At 3:00 there will be an educational program which will include a panel of refugees and others who will describe why people leave their country of origin and what happens after they arrive here.

We hope to encourage all to take part in an action step following the day's program.

At 4:15 there will be an interfaith religious service.

Afterwards we pick up material from information tables and break bread together.

Please contact me with any questions.

Thank you,  
Frank

### A tradition of giving at Temple Emanuel

### THE PURIM/PASSOVER HUNGER PROJECT

Please use some of the money you would have spent between Purim and Passover to buy non-perishables and pet food. Place them in a bag and bring the filled bag to the Temple up to the week prior to Passover. The contents will be donated to the Lowell Mobile Food Pantry.

Thank you,  
The TEMV Social Action Committee

# Siyum HaSefer

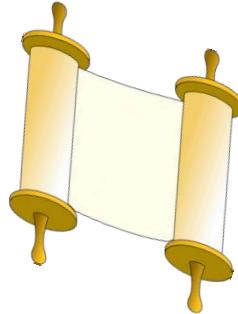
Honoring our students who can read Hebrew

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Friday, April 1

6 PM Potluck dinner with pizza

7 PM Service



Mazal Tov!

We are so excited to announce that every student in grades 3 through 7 at TEMV Religious School has demonstrated mastery of the Hebrew alphabet!

It's a tradition in Jewish education to hold a "Siyum HaSefer," a celebration in honor of completing a book (or, in this case, in honor of being able to read any Hebrew text)

Our students will therefore help to lead our Shabbat service on

**Friday, April 1, 2016**, corresponding to **23 Adar II 5776**

In honor of their accomplishment, each child will receive a personalized *siddur* (prayerbook)

Also, those students who have never received a Hebrew name will participate, with their parents, in a brief naming ceremony

Please join us for this festive evening, beginning with a pizza and potluck dinner at 6:00 pm, a Shabbat service at 7:00 PM, and a celebratory oneg following the service.

RSVP to [pizza@temv.org](mailto:pizza@temv.org)

## **Bring a Friend to School Day**

### **Sunday, April 3**

### **10:00–12:30**

Current students are invited to bring friends to school for the day.

While the kids are in class their parents are invited to visit with temple leaders, members and other parents and to tour the building.



## **Open House**

### **11–1 PM**

Visit with current members, parents and temple leaders. Visiting children may sit in on classes.

Bagels and Lox brunch

**Temple Emanuel of the Merrimack Valley**  
101 West Forest St.  
Lowell, MA 01851  
978 851-4724  
[membership@temv.org](mailto:membership@temv.org)  
[www.temv.org](http://www.temv.org)

## TEMV YOGA



TEMV yoga meets twice a week. Wed. 6:45 – 8:00 pm and **Gentle Yoga, Mondays, at a new time, 11:15 am.** Everyone is welcome to join either class on a drop in basis. All levels welcome. The Monday morning class is a great way to start the week with long deep stretches.

Cost \$7 for the instructor and a \$3 donation to the temple. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat.

For more information, contact Phebe at (978) 256-2855 or email the instructor, Cornelia Dinca, at [yogainfo@temv.org](mailto:yogainfo@temv.org).

For cancellations and last minute changes it is recommended that you join the email list by sending a blank email to [yoga-join@temv.org](mailto:yoga-join@temv.org)

## Mah Jong

### Tuesdays 6 PM & Thursdays 1 PM

Send a blank email [mahjongg-join@temv.org](mailto:mahjongg-join@temv.org) to join the email list.



Wesometimes cancel at the last minute and we want to let everyone know. Send us an email or give us call to let us know you plan on being there. Spread the word; bring your friends and neighbors!

\$2 Temple donation appreciated.

Contact: [mahjong@temv.org](mailto:mahjong@temv.org) or Shirley 978 851-4724 or Phebe 978 256-2855

## Happening at TEMV Weekly Email Blast

Watch your Inbox for the Happening this week at TEMV Email Blast

Please watch your email inbox for a reminder of everything happening at TEMV for the week. Since the end of September a weekly blast with all activities and reminders for the week has been sent to the community email list. If you haven't been receiving these important reminders, check your spam folder. To join the distribution list automatically – address an email to: [community-join@temv.org](mailto:community-join@temv.org) .

The email includes Rabbi Sparr's office hours for the week, committee meetings, special announcements, Shabbat Services updates and reminders. Send feedback and suggestions to [publicity@temv.org](mailto:publicity@temv.org)

## Matzah Time is Coming

Temple Emanuel's Passover seder is Saturday, April 23, and it's time to start getting ready. Please let us know if you will be coming to the seder, and remember that friends and family of temple members are always welcome.

Contact [seder@temv.org](mailto:seder@temv.org) to let us know who'll be coming, what you'll bring, or how else you can help. Or contact Jane Maine at [978-265-8625](tel:978-265-8625)

We ask temple members for a donation of \$3.00 per person or \$10.00 per family, and non-members \$5.00 per person or \$18.00 per family. The money collected will go toward the cost of the wine, juice, and fixings for the seder plates. TEMV always welcomes guests on this night and no one will be turned away.

## TEMV Trivia

In honor of Women's History Month, what famous world leader grew up in Milwaukee, Wi. and worked as a teacher before taking top office in March 1969? Answer next month. *Last month's ans. -17*

## Donation to the TEMV Auction

Sat Mar 12

Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation \_\_\_\_\_

Description: \_\_\_\_\_

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Estimated Value \_\_\_\_\_

Please bring to the temple by March 11.

Contact [events@temv.org](mailto:events@temv.org) with questions.

## OH WHAT A NIGHT AT TEMV!

On Feb. 13th the 'Membership, Programming and Publicity Committee' hosted the 'Hearts and Flowers' dance in the sanctuary of the Temple. This was a 'FUN raiser' meant to be a nice social occasion and a chance to raise money for the Temple.

The Temple was beautifully decorated, there were many delicious appetizers and desserts, a wine tasting table, and great classic rock music provided by the 'Bar Chords'. The dance floor that was rented was packed all night and the large crowd enjoyed the music and each others company. There was a good turnout in spite of the bitter cold and a 'happy spirit' permeated the Temple.

Thank you to the many volunteers for making this such a fun and memorable evening.

Thank you to our committee members, Richard Ebner, Phebe Rand, Rachel Rand, Shirley Papp, Michael Kanter, Theresa Fingerhut, Art and Fay Pizer, Lisa Rubin and Laurie Auffant, Leah Spivy, Jo Morrison, Marylin Gallant, Nancy and Michael Greene for their great ideas and hard work.

Thank you to the many other volunteers who helped set up, cleaned up and donated food.

Special thank you for Richard and Phebe who coordinated the dance floor rental and installation of the floor, Theresa and David Fingerhut who led the decoration efforts, Stephanie, who coordinated the Wine tasting and - Frank, Leslie, Chip, Harriet and Michael our kitchen clean up team.

Thank you to Nancy and Michael Greene for all the Band coordination and special thank you to the Bar Chords for their great dancing music.

We all look forward to see you all at our next event

**MUSICAL TAPESTRY FUNDRAISER NIGHT ON MARCH 12<sup>th</sup>** - a night of musical performances, good food, basket raffles and live and silent auctions

MANY LOCAL AND NATIONAL BUSINESSES HAVE BEEN KIND AND GENEROUS and there is an opportunity for great value.on your auction bids.

## Upcoming Meetings

**Board Meetings** Wed, Mar 9, Apr 13 7 PM

**Special Congregational Membership Meeting**

Wed, Apr 13 – vote on the new dues structure 7 PM

Watch your mailbox for your proxy ballot letter

### Committee Meetings

Everyone is encouraged to attend and to participate in all committees

**Ritual Committee** – Mon, Mar 21 – 7 PM

**Social Action Committee** - Mon, Mar 28 7 PM

### Activities and Goings on

Details and information about these can be found elsewhere in the bulletin.

**Musical Tapestry** - March 12 5 PM – 8:30

largest fundraiser of the year wonderful music, raffles, auction items.

Mar 13 11 AM **Mitzvah Day** -- theme is "isoloation"

Mar 20 9 AM **Lunch Bag Assembly**

Apr 3 10 – 12:30 **Bring a friend to school day**

Apr 3 11 AM – 1 PM - **Open House**

Apr 23 5 PM **2nd Night Potluck Passover Seder**

## Tot Shabbat



Fri Mar 11 6 PM Introduce the youngest members of your family to Judaism, the community and the temple with an engaging Erev Shabbat service of music, movement, prayer and stories. Potluck dinner follows immediately after the service at 6:30.

## Membership News

### Welcome New Member

A warm welcome to new member Douglas Wiggins.

### R'fu-ah Sh'leymah

*"The renewal of body, the renewal of spirit..."*

Jim Lipshires  
Nancy Rovin

### May their memory be for a blessing

Herbert Seingold, grandfather of Keri Sheingold, passed on Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Notes of comfort and condolence may be sent to  
Kerri Sheingold  
9 Mulavnity Street  
Nashua, NH 03060

Jenny Wulkan, Jane Maine's sister-in-law's mother.

Lisa Rubin's uncle, Homer Burofsky, passed away on Feb 17.

Marilyn Root's uncle, Harry Zemansky, (aged 89) passed on March 1st in Corning, California

Notes of comfort and condolence may be sent to:  
Marilyn Root  
59 10th Street  
Lowell MA 01850

## Bereavement Info

The Temple Emanuel community is available to assist members who experience the passing of a loved one. In addition to calling **Rabbi Sparr**, please notify **Karen Lipshires** (617 312-0393) or email [caring@temv.org](mailto:caring@temv.org). We will respond to the needs of the individual members by notifying Temple members of the death, arranging for *Shiva*, or helping in any other way that we can be of service.

### Recent Donations

Thank you for these recent donations to Temple Emmanuel

In memory of Gertrude Gerzon,  
Helen Goransson

Donation to the Temple  
Jim and Viveka Zawisza

### TEMV Donation Form

*In times of joy and in times of sorrow, to mark a special occasion or to remember a loved one, it is a custom to give charity. Kindly consider TEMV when you wish to share your gratitude for the blessings of life, loved ones, and special moments*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Kindly accept my donation  in honor of or  in memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please apply my donation to the following fund:  
 General Fund

Education Fund

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Prayerbook

Social Action

Music

Youth Group

Library Fund

Hechel Loans Fund

Security / Safety (i.e defibrillator)

Accessibility Fund

Kindly send an acknowledgement of my donation to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact the treasurer Alix Epstein at [treasurer@temv.org](mailto:treasurer@temv.org) for information on any of the funds.



**Sat March 12, 2016**

**5—8:30 PM**

**Temple Emanuel—Lowell**

**101 W. Forest St. Lowell, MA**

**Light refreshments and desserts**

**Suggested donation—\$10**

**Bring friends and family and receive extra raffle tickets**

**Silent and Live  
Auction—great  
bargains**

**Games and prizes including a lottery tree**

**A variety of music for sing-a-long, dancing and listening.**

**Rabbi Robin Sparr—contemporary & traditional  
music**

**Rachel -Acoustic Breezes—original music**

**The Chameleons—folk, rock group**



**Fundraiser to support TEMV!**

**Contact events@temv.org with questions**

## It Takes a Community

Temple Emanuel is a buzz with activity, there's something going on at the temple almost every day. This spring there are many events and activities planned and for them to be successful we need volunteers, no job is too small, all help is appreciated. Don't know where to begin, read through the bulletin, you are sure to find something that sparks your interest. Everyone can participate at their own level. If you have a suggestion contact any board member. Below are just a few of the many ways you can help TEMV continue to thrive.

- Attend Shabbat or Tefilah Services
- Volunteer to host an Oneg
- Sign up for Taste of Mussar
- Attend committee or board meetings
- Take the garbage, recycling or compost home
- Offer to help maintain and upgrade the building
- Offer to help copy and mail the bulletin
- Write bulletin articles

Publicity – post fliers, post on websites, and write articles  
[publicity@temv.org](mailto:publicity@temv.org)

Lunch Bag Assemblies – donate to and help prepare lunches for the Lowell Transitional Living Center – next one is Sun Mar 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00  
[frank@temv.org](mailto:frank@temv.org)

Western Ave Studios – help find commissioned art for TEMV art gallery – contact [president@temv.org](mailto:president@temv.org)

Musical Tapestry and Auction – March 12  
 Auctioneer, Solicit donations, pick up donations, prepare food, set up, clean up, create baskets, donate to the auction [events@temv.org](mailto:events@temv.org)

Open House – Sun Apr 3 – [membership@temv.org](mailto:membership@temv.org)

Second Night Pot Luck Seder – Sat, Apr 23  
 Set up, clean up, purchasing or preparing required items [ritualchair@temv.org](mailto:ritualchair@temv.org)

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If you need to speak to someone at the Temple, here are some important contact people. (Please limit calls to home numbers to between 10:00 am and 10:00 pm except in cases of emergency or prior arrangement.)

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Don't forget to Like us on **Facebook**. Anyone can post comments and post to the temple's Facebook page. Your posts on the TEMV page helps boost our visibility.

Publicity volunteers needed to: Post fliers at our local supermarket, library, work, coffee shop. Post events on various websites, write articles for the local papers, take photographs at temple events, and brainstorm ideas. Send an email to [publicity@temv.org](mailto:publicity@temv.org) or call Phebe at (978) 256-2855 if you are willing to help in any way.

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