



Temple Emanuel of the Merrimack Valley

Celebrating the many ways to be Jewish

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From the Rabbi...

Lighting up the Dark

I do not adore the winter months. As the cold moves in, my enthusiasm moves out. Surely there are many things to enjoy in winter: holiday gatherings with friends and family, pretty snowfalls, hot chocolate, ice skating, school cancellations, the cheery generosity of strangers, and twinkling lights on the neighbors' houses. But many, particularly in the Northeast and other cold locales, also feel the winter blahs, and, like some other mammals, experience the desire to hibernate, eat too much, and just snuggle in until springtime.

How do we fight the winter doldrums, and dispel the darkness? By bringing light, creating light, and being light.

Bring Light

Chanukah is a gift of light at the darkest moment of winter, falling close to the winter solstice, and beginning on a waning moon. Just when our hope may be weakest and our fear greatest, the chanukiah is lit, our joy is restored and our resolve strengthened. Below are some resources to consider for your own Chanukah observances:

Gifts: share gifts with friends and family, but also set aside some of your budget for caring for those less fortunate, supporting social justice organizations, and sustaining your beloved community institutions.

Connection: Share some of your Chanukah joy with others – bring jelly donuts to work, read a Chanukah storybook with your child's class, celebrate with our friends at Peace Islands Institute (details elsewhere in this bulletin).

Create Light

There are so many ways our world needs to be illuminated. Get involved in a project or cause that is important to you.



Many are listed on our website. Or feel free to reach out to me or Frank Baskin, our Social Action chair, for ideas and referrals.

Be Light

If you suffer from SAD (seasonal affective disorder), this can be difficult, but do what you can muster the energy to do. Set aside time for self-care. When those early sunsets make 5p feel more like 9pm, have a party in your pjs with children or friends or pets, or a good book. Go outside and stand in the sunshine. Inspire others. Find a reason to be grateful each day.

Wishing you all a season of light and joy,
L'shalom,
Rabbi Robin Sparr

Chanukah Resources and Ideas

In case you are looking for ways to expand your celebration of Chanukah this year:

Visit bimbam.com and their kids' Shaboom's Youtube channel – offerings include:

How to sing the chanuka candle blessings: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pDmvvAhTn2c>

A fun Chanukah story:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=26&v=lvUmL5TOP74

Order Jeff Geller's excellent and inclusive book, *Hershel the Jewish Reindeer* at www.gellerbooks.com

Visit IFF for general information and ideas https://interfaithfamily.com/holidays/hanukkah_and_christmas/Hanukkah_Booklet/

Find creative recipes – here's a curried sweet potato latke recipe that's divine:

<http://www.laweekly.com/restaurants/3-latke-recipes-from-joan-nathan-for-hanukkah-2382651>

Consider cool gifts:

<https://reformjudaism.org/blog/2017/11/28/8-social-justice-gifts-make-world-better-place-hanukkah>

From the President

I began my tenure as president of TEMV's Board of Trustees by conveying the difficult news that our finances are in poor condition and that we may have to take drastic action to continue as a viable congregation. Shortly thereafter, we had a visioning meeting so that we could hear what about TEMV is important to the you, the members, and begin to explore our options. After that, we convened a task force so that the options could be investigated and recommendations could be made to the board. All the while, the board has been in deep discussion with each other, with other members of the community, and with developers and real estate agents about what we can do to turn our challenges around.

In the meantime, we continue to hold services, run a religious school, provide a space for social events like Mah Jong and yoga, and provide assistance to many in our small community and the larger one in which we live. We have an outstanding rabbi and amazing members who are incredibly warm, passionate and giving. I heard many, many accolades from visitors and friends about our services and the people of our community during the High Holy Days. We love our temple and it shows.

However, our financial woes continue because of a long-term drop in membership over the last decade. At the current rate of income and expenses, even with our very lean budget, we will run out of operating funds before the fiscal year is over in April. The members of the board have explored every idea they and the community have come up with that will increase our income to cover our needs. Many of you have as well. It is very much appreciated. But the answers are not easy, nor are they quick.

The board is wrestling with incredibly difficult decisions. We expect to come to a resolution before the end of December. Please know that we want only the very best for our congregation. We are not looking for an ending, but for a new beginning.

For those of you who are able to contribute financially, we thank you for giving generously at a time when it matters more than ever. We need more than this, however. We need people to help us explore the options we have, to help us with laying the groundwork for whatever the future may bring. If you would like to help, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Many thanks in advance for all you do and have done to make TEMV the warm and welcoming place that it is.

Together, we can make a difference to sustain our community --- a community that has already sustained and nourished so many of us.

All the best,
Michelle

Religious School Notes

Shalom! Our school year is well under way, with engaged, happy kids studying Hebrew, holidays, Torah, prayers, ethics and more in our warm and supportive school environment.

So far this fall our special experiences have included apple picking, blessing our pets, and planting around the temple property. Coming up in the months ahead will be lunch assemblies, a joint Jewish-Muslim celebration of Chanukah, Pajama Havdalah, and Tu Bishvat seder.

Our early-childhood cohort has grown to 7 students this year and they are lucky to have an experienced, creative and talented teacher in Morah Annette. Our older students continue to benefit from the patient, committed and enthusiastic guidance of Moreh Sheldon and Morah Marylin, and three among that cohort will (or have) become b'nei mitzvah this year.

We are most proud of the way our students, teachers, and parents form a tight-knit and loving community. Please be sure to share your impressions of our school with other friends and families who may be looking to join our TEMV family!

B'yedidut (in friendship),
Rabbi Robin S. Sparr

Upcoming:
December

3 School in session
10 School in session
15 **Erev Shabbat: 5:30pm Tot Shabbat; 6pm dinner and candle-lighting; 7pm Intergenerational Chanukah service including turning of the Sunwheel**
17 **School in session; Chanukah Celebration with Peace Islands Institutes & Friends**
25, 31 **NO SCHOOL – Winter Break**

January

5 **Erev Shabbat: 6pm Tot Shabbat and dinner**
7 School in session, Education Committee Meeting 10:00am (all are welcome)
14 **NO SCHOOL – MLK Weekend**
20 **4:45pm Saturday evening Pajama Havdalla**
21 School in session; come in your pj's; lunch assembly begins at 9:30
28 School in session

February

4 **School in session: Tu Bishvat Seder and Environmental Program**
9 **Erev Shabbat Family Service at 6:00 followed by dinner and oneg**
11 School in session
18 **NO SCHOOL – February break**
25 **NO SCHOOL – February break**

TEMV Calendar for 5778 Winter 2017-2018

A complete schedule of Shabbat services for December, January, and February can be found elsewhere in this bulletin. Check the Temple website calendar (www.temv.org) and the Weekly email blasts for the most up-to-date service schedule

Oneg Hosting: Check your calendars and consider which service you wish volunteer for as an Oneg host. We ask each member family to host at least once per year. Contact oneg@temv.org with your date preferences or sign up yourself here: temv.org/community/volunteer-host-sign-up/

Board Meetings

Unless otherwise specified Board Meetings are the second Thursday of the month at 7 PM. Members are always welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Upcoming Committee Meetings

Ritual Committee Meeting – February 1
Social Action Committee – January 21
Education Committee Meeting – TBD

2017 -'18 Pledges

Please return your 2017 – '18 Pledge forms to the temple. The Pledge Form is available through the membership page on the website. Donations and Pledges may be made either by mail or via the Donate page on the website, www.temv.org.

Contact the treasurer, Phebe Rand, with any questions at treasurer@temv.org.

TEMV Yoga

TEMV Yoga meets Wed. 6:30 – 8:00 pm and **Gentle Yoga, Mondays, at 8:30 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. Attendance at this class has been dwindling, and for now will only meet when there will be at least 3 people. Contact Cornelia at yogainfo@temv.org if you know you will be there. She will contact you directly if there are enough students. If you don't hear from her, then there will be no class.

Cost is \$10 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. For cancellations and last minute changes join the email list by sending a blank email to yoga-join@temv.org

Mah Jong

Tuesdays 6 PM & Thursdays 1 PM

Send a blank email mahjongg-join@temv.org to join the email list. We sometimes 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 or Phebe 978 256-2855.

Chanukah Happenings

Our TEMV family will celebrate TWO Chanukah events this season:

SHABBAT CHANUKAH

On Friday, December 15:

5:30 PM Tot Shabbat for families with young children

6:00 PM Community Potluck Dinner, beginning with lighting of Hanukiot (menorahs) and Shabbat candles.
RSVP to potluck@temv.org

7:00 PM Intergenerational Shabbat Hanuka service, including turning of our Sunwheel, and blessings for all those who celebrate Winter birthdays and anniversaries

CHANUKAH CELEBRATION WITH OUR MUSLIM FRIENDS

Many of you will remember the wonderful Iftar program we jointly hosted with Peace Island Institute and the Islamic Society of Greater Lowell, whose members visited TEMV with gifts of food, insight, and friendship during Ramadan this past spring. The TEMV community happily obligated ourselves to reciprocate, and have committed to doing so in just a few weeks.

All members of the TEMV community, including our religious school families, are enthusiastically encouraged to attend. Please plan to join us and help uphold our commitment to interfaith friendship and sharing.

Time: Sunday, December 17, 10:30 a.m. SHARP to 1:00 p.m.

Place: Peace Islands Institute

[500 Revere Street](#)
[Revere, MA](#)

There will be a host of activities, including song, dance, and discussion led by Rabbi Sparr and a local Imam, and a kids' craft activity led by Sue Corneliussen and others. We'll conclude with an integrated dairy/vegetarian lunch, and head back to Lowell after clean-up (around 1:30)

Please join us for this joyous celebration of friendship. *We need people to bring food and menorahs -- please send a message to events@temv.org with what you will provide.*

Potluck luncheon:

latkes (store bought, frozen, or homemade)
sour cream
apple sauce
salads

bread & butter
veggies & dips
beverages
desserts
(Rabbi Sparr will provide chocolate gelt)

Tot Shabbat

TEMV hosts Shabbat services for families with young children throughout the year. These engaging and fun programs include a 30-minute service of music, simple prayers, stories and movement, and are followed by a light supper with Tot Shabbat families and the broader community. Tot Shabbat will take place on the following Friday evenings in 2017-18:

December 15 (with Chanukah candles) 5:30 pm

January 5 6:00 pm

March 9 *time TBA*

May 25 5:15 pm

In addition, families with young children are always welcome at ANY service, and are encouraged to try our Family and Intergenerational services and celebrations.

Continuing Education

Sign-ups for adult education this season have been light. Therefore, there will be only one ongoing class this winter/spring. Hebrew reading and fluency classes will be offered at 2:00 pm Sunday afternoons. While the class will be particularly supportive of new readers, ALL are welcome to review and hone their skills. Those who participate will also be well prepared to continue with other studies, including toward adult bar/bat mitzvah or conversion. Classes will begin in January and continue through the spring.

Mussar will not be offered this winter, but may begin on Monday evenings in the late spring/summer or fall if there is sufficient interest.

Rabbi Sparr will offer several one-time classes, including a workshop/practicum on how to lead a Shabbat service. Other topics are yet to be determined – if there's something you've always wanted to explore in greater detail, please be in touch!

All class schedules will be announced in the weekly blast, and emailed directly to those who have indicated interest by sending a note to rabbi@temv.org.

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS/VOCALISTS

I'm interested in pulling together a band for occasional services. If you play ANY instrument well and can either read music or have strong ear-training skills, or are a strong singer (able to hold a lead or harmony line on your own), please reach out before the end of December. First opportunity to play would be January 26 at services (rehearsals likely January 20 or 21), as well as future Shabbat services and other events. — Rabbi Sparr

TEMV Teen and Family Events

These gatherings were so much fun last year, and we want to continue to provide opportunities for our older kids to get together. Please join us for the following activities:

Sunday Jan 7:
Altitude Trampoline Park, Billerica
Jumping
1-3 pm

Sunday, Feb 11
Chelmsford Forum, Chelmsford
Ice Skating
1:30-3 pm

Sunday, March 11
Wamesit Lanes, Tewksbury
Bowling
1-3 pm

Sunday, May 6
Community Fields, Westford
Ultimate frisbee game and pizza
12:15 - 2 pm

While these events began as a way for our older children to connect, they are open to everyone. Please contact Rabbi Sparr if you are in need of financial assistance in order to participate in any of the activities.

In our TEMV Family ...

R'fu-ah Sh'leymah

"The renewal of body, the renewal of spirit"

Edna Auffant
Marylin Gallant
Al Gefen
David Gilmore
Bette Lewin
Mindy Dopler Nelson
Scott Wright

A Note From Rabbi Em Mueller

Thank you so much for allowing me to share the Days of Awe with all of you. Every time I am with you I feel welcomed with joy. You are an awesome congregation!! May this year bring you blessings and joy.

B'shalom - in peace,
Rabbi Em

Mazel Tov!

Leah Lewin, daughter of Barry and Bette Lewin, married Alex Weiss in October. Rabbi Sparr officiated.

Thank You for Your Donations

Thank you to everyone who has made a donation over the past few months.

Alyse Crane and Bill Walsh
Marjorie and Gary Drucker, in honor of Asa Geller Bar Mitzvah
Art and Fay Pizer, in honor of the Yartzheits of Alyce and George Pizer

High Holiday Donations

Owen and Kara Broch
Estelle Cohen
Andy Diamond
Sheila and Harvey Elfman
Gary and Robin Frisch
Beth Gandelman
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Karen and Steven Harón
Steve Isenberg and Evie Tse
Zina Jordan
Stephanie Karakantas and Richard Ebner
Sharon Krysiak
Richard and Ronna Levin
Joshua Levy
Stu Lipshires
Pam Miller
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Jessica Randolph
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Lee Snyder
Rebecca Snyder
Evan Torlin
Sarah White and Steven Rudolph
Marilyn Weene
Linda Yenkin and Lillian Carlisle
Jim and Viveka Zawisza

Scroll of Remembrance

Susan and Sheldon Bishov
Vivian Burton
Robin and Gary Frisch
Kathy Furlong-Norman and David Norman
Marylin and Lee Gallant
Linda Gilmore
Laurie Joslin
Stephanie Karakantas
Jaine Maine
Edith Lola Miller
Shirley and Chip Papp
Mary Phillpotts
Phebe Rand
Dana Rudolph and Helen Maynard
Richard and Harriet Snyder
Deby Sosin and Warren Schwartz

Social Action

Social Action Shabbat

This annual shabbat service was held on Friday December 1 at the Temple. Cheryl Hamilton and a client (each from the International Institute of New England) told us about immigration, why people immigrate, and the process once they arrive.

Winter Clothing Collection

We have begun our annual collection of winter clothing. There is a box in the lobby for you to deposit clothing. This year, clothing will be donated to Catie's Closet and is intended for anyone 18 and under. Many 17 and 18 year old teens can wear clothing for adults. Eliot Yaffa is coordinating this effort. We will also collect clothing for adults and send it to other appropriate agencies.

Hats and Scarves

Please join us at the Temple on Sunday, January 7 from 10 am to 1 pm to make hats and scarves to distribute to those in need of warm clothing. There will be supplies available. There is also a box at the temple for donations of hats, scarves, gloves, etc. We hope to distribute what we make and collect on the 21st after the lunch assembly. This project will be coordinated by Jill Barry.

Lunch Assembly

Sunday, January 21 at the Temple. Please bring boxes of granola bars, bottled water, and jars of peanut butter and jelly. We hope to have at least one more assembly in the spring, as well.

All of the lunches will be donated to the Lowell Transitional Living Center.

Social Action Committee Meeting

Our next meeting will be Sunday, January 21 after the lunch bag assembly. Please contact Frank (farfel43@yahoo.com) to be kept informed. Everyone welcome. Please come and share your ideas.

Ongoing Collections

Collection of non-perishable food items for the Mobile Food Pantry and toiletries for CTI are ongoing. The boxes are in the lobby and all are encouraged to fill them.

Mitzvah Day

This will be held on Sunday, March 25. We will invite about 4-6 recently immigrated families. We plan to have a vegetarian meal, and activities may include music, dance, a map of our origins, and more.

Sanctuary

There is a church in Lowell which will serve as a sanctuary for refugees. TEMV has been invited to participate. We have thought about providing food and/or providing child care.

Soup Kitchen

Jill Barry is developing a process for TEMV to participate in a soup kitchen at the Salvation Army in Lowell. We are committed to Sunday, March 18 and tentatively scheduled for July 15.

Ritual Committee

Your Voice is Our Voice

The ritual committee continues to meet regularly to plan our upcoming services and holiday celebrations. At these meetings, we also discuss what went well during our previous services and how we can enrich future services. Always forefront in our minds is that the services belong to the community and not to the committee. We are always looking for feedback and try to incorporate any feedback we receive in our planning as we move forward.

Although the high holidays are past, we continue to work together to plan and support services, trying to bring some warmth and light to the darkness of the winter season.

Please join us on February 1 at 7pm for our next meeting or contact me directly if you'd like to be a part of the planning.

Karen
ritualchair@temv.org

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

We want to celebrate you! In September, December, March, and June we turn our Sun Wheel in observance of the Winter Solstice, Vernal Equinox, Summer Solstice, and Autumnal Equinox. During these services, we invite those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the season to come up to the bimah for a joyous blessing as we turn our Sun Wheel to welcome each season. Please write Robin Frisch at robin.frisch@gmail.com with your birthday and anniversary dates so we can make sure to extend a personal invitation when it is time for you to receive your special blessings.

Publicity Corner

TEMV Website

Visit our website, www.temv.org, for updates and information about everything going on at TEMV. We hope it helps both members and non-members learn more about what makes TEMV special, find out what services and events are coming up, and discover new ways to get involved.

The News section in particular is a dynamic area with regular posts about TEMV happenings (and perhaps an occasional recipe).

As with much from our Jewish heritage, the website is an ongoing project of writing, arranging, and editing. We continually update and add information throughout the site. If there's something you'd like to see there, please let us know by writing to publicity@temv.org.

Don't forget to [Like us on Facebook](#) and [follow us on Twitter](#) if that's where you hang out online. We push content from the website onto social media so you'll be able to keep current with what's going on at TEMV and how you can be a part of it.

Happening at TEMV Weekly Email Blast

Each week there is an email to community@temv.org. If you aren't receiving these emails then you are missing out on important information.

The bulletin is now quarterly, so these email blasts are even more important. If you haven't been receiving these reminders, first check your spam folder. To join the list send a blank email to: community-join@temv.org or contact phebe@temv.org.

TEMV Bulletin

The bulletin is published on a quarterly schedule. The next bulletin will be out at the beginning of March 2018. If you aren't already receiving the bulletin, send an email to monthly-bulletin-join@temv.org to subscribe or email phebe@temv.org.

The **deadline** for submissions is **Friday, February 16**, but you don't need to wait for the deadline —send items as early as you like! Send your articles to bulletin@temv.org.

Website and Facebook Updates

TEMV news posts are published on our website and Facebook page. If you wish to be notified by email whenever a new item is published, enter your email address in the "Subscribe to News" box at the bottom of our website homepage or on the right side of any other page on the site.

Membership

We want to know how to reach you!

Do you have a new mailing address, phone number (land line or mobile), email addresses? If any of these have changed recently please let me know. Do we have your Yahrzeit and Yizkor Remembrances, including the date, and whether you prefer to follow the Hebrew or the Gregorian calendar? Email Phebe phebe@temv.org with your information.

Temple Contacts

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.)

Rabbi Robin Sparr

Home: 508-736-5555

rabbi@temv.org

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Bereavement Information

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. 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.

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: _____

Please apply my donation to the following fund:

- _____ General Fund
- _____ Youth Group
- _____ Library Fund
- _____ Hechel Loans Fund
- _____ Security / Safety (i.e. defibrillator)
- _____ Temple Accessibility Project (TAP)
- _____ TEMV Cares Fund
- _____ Endowment Fund
- _____ Social Action
- _____ Music
- _____ Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
- _____ Education Fund

Kindly accept my donation ____ in honor of or

_____ in memory of: _____

Kindly send an acknowledgement of my donation to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact the treasurer Phebe Rand at treasurer@temv.org for information on any of the funds.

December 2017 Service Schedule

Date	Notes	Yahrzeiten
Friday, December 1 Parashat Vayishlach 7:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat (brief service)	Social Action Shabbat Topic: Immigration Featuring Cheryl Hamilton and local residents who have immigrated to the US	George Pizer 11/29 Edna Miller 12/1
Friday, December 8 Parashat Vayeshev NO SERVICE AT TEMV	Services at the URJ Biennial in Boston Be sure to sign up soon!	Erwin Susman 12/6
Friday, December 15 Parashat Miketz 5:30 pm Tot Shabbat 7:00 pm Chanukah/Shabbat Service	6:00 Chanukah dinner and candle lighting RSVP to potluck@temv.org Turning of the Sunwheel Blessings for those with Winter Birthdays and Anniversaries	Ruth Schwartz 12/13 Shirley Ann Schwartz Freedman 12/14 Helen Rubinoﬀ 12/15 Anne Carol Rosenthal Lisman 12/15
Friday, December 22 Parashat Vayigash 7:30 pm Shabbat Service		Joseph Edward Sullivan Jr 12/17 Jean Sosin 12/17 Richard Wolfson 12/20 Merle Witty 12/21 Babette Golden 12/22 Claude Emmerich 12/22
Friday, December 29 Parashat Vay'chi Time TBA: Shabbat Service	Lay Lead service	Barbara Barrows 12/27 Charles Ashley 12/27 Louis Weiner 12/30 Tanya Ratney 12/31 Samuel Schwartz 12/31

January 2018 Service Schedule

Date	Notes	Yahrzeiten
Friday, January 5 Parashat Shemot 6:00 PM Tot Shabbat 7:30 PM Shabbat Service	6:00 PM Community Dinner; rsvp pizza@temv.org	Tanya Ratney 12/31 Samuel Schwartz 12/31 Helen Knight 1/3 Isidore Cohn 1/3 Ancel Land 1/6
Friday, January 12 Parashat Vaera 7:30 PM Lay Led Service		Jay Rothman 1/11 Everett Burofsky 1/11 Florence Spitzer 1/11
Friday, January 19 Parashat Bo 6:30 PM Shabbat Service	6:00 PM Wine & Cheese Oneg ("Pre-neg")	Jeff Wolkowitz 1/13 Eric Pick 1/18 Jimmy Morrison 1/20
Saturday, January 20 5:30 PM Havdallah	Pajama Havdallah 4:45 Crafts, stories and activities for all ages – come in your PJs!	
Friday, January 26 Parashat Beshalach 7:30 PM Shabbat Service	Shabbat Shirah Musical service with Guest Musicians Torah Reading of the Song of the Sea	Muriel Sidel 1/25 Isabella Philippotts 1/26 Hilbert Sosin 1/27

February 2018 Service Schedule

Date	Notes	Yahrzeiten
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday, February 2 Parashat Yitro 7:00 PM Kabbalat Service</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7:30 Tu Bishvat Seder rsvp to seder@temv.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">George Gerzon 1/30 Lydia Rudolph 2/1 Louis Gallant 2/3 Evelyn Hornstein 2/3</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday, February 9 Parashat Mishpatim 6:00 PM Family Service</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6:45 Community Dinner; rsvp pizza@temv.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Harry Joslin 2/5 Leon Kahn 2/6 Marika Karakantas 2/9 Jeffrey G. Nanis 2/10</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday, February 16 Parashat Terumah 6:00 PM Lay Led Shabbat Service</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6:00 PM Wine & Cheese Oneg ("Pre-neg")</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Julio Auffant 2/12 Louis Sagansky 2/15</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday, February 23 Parashat Tetzaveh 7:30 PM Shabbat Service</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Joseph Rooks 2/19 Ruth Ades Marcus 2/19 Raphael Miller 2/19 Shirley Glassman Sparr 2/19 Bertha Bishov 2/22 AnnaMargaret Voss 2/22 Rhoda Sheingold 2/23 Dan Miller 2/23 Frances D. Shaine 2/23</p>

Ways to Help Temple Emanuel!

Stock transfers: A new option to fulfill your membership commitment

TEMV recently began accepting stock or mutual fund transfers as another way to fulfill your membership commitment. Some reasons a member might choose this option are:

- You can transfer the stock/mutual fund from a taxable account without incurring a capital gains tax. This is more tax efficient than selling it in your personal account then writing a check to TEMV.
- If you have a large percentage of assets in one stock/mutual fund, this would allow you to reduce the percentage by gifting the stock/mutual fund to TEMV.
- If you have some inherited stock with huge appreciated capital gains, again you can gift it to TEMV tax-free.

Speak with a financial advisor to make sure this option is right for you.

To make the gift, contact your broker and ask for the “**Charitable Gift LOA**”. The TEMV details are listed below:

To: Temple Emanuel of the Merrimack Valley
Address: 101 W Forest St. Lowell, MA 01851
Contact: Phebe Rand

Please contact Phebe at treasurer@temv.org for the following information

EIN: *****
At Firm: Fidelity Investments
DTC: ****
Account #: *****

How you can help TEMV when shopping online

TEMV recently joined the Amazon Associates program. This program provides up to 10 times the benefit to TEMV as the Amazon Smile program, without costing our members anything extra. All our members have to do is:

Bookmark or pin this link ONCE to your browser of choice:

<https://www.amazon.com/?&tag=temv2-20&camp=228761&creative=535969&linkCode=ur1&adid=19MZC2NY7XJ09FM8JP7P&>

This link can also be found on the TEMV website (wordpress.temv.org) at the bottom of any page.

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