



Dear Chaverim of our beloved Temple Emanuel family,

The flame of faith never goes out

Throughout the millennia, the Jewish people have faced countless challenges, from persecution and exile to tragedy and war. Yet, despite the hardships, their spirit has remained unbroken, sustained by the unquenchable flame of faith and hope.

The State of Israel stands as a beacon of hope for the Jewish people and the entire world. Its establishment in 1948, against all odds, is a testament to the tenacity and strength of the human spirit. Israel has become a vibrant and prosperous nation, a refuge for Jews from around the world, and a model of innovation and progress.

Throughout history, the Jewish people have demonstrated an extraordinary ability to overcome obstacles. Since October 7, 2023, we have been navigating challenges, suffering for those kidnapped in Gaza, witnessing how unjust terrorism seizes the opinions of some, fueling even more hatred. And not to mention countries like Iran that continue to attack and finance terrorism against Judaism and Israel.

That's why we must always remember that together we can overcome any challenge.

Let us never lower our arms. Let us never give up on our dreams, even when circumstances seem bleak. Faith and unity are our most powerful weapons. Together, we can build a better future for ourselves and for future generations.

May this message serve as a source of inspiration and strength for all those facing difficulties. Let us remember that we are never alone, that hope is always present, and that together we can overcome any obstacle.

A bright future awaits us. A future filled with possibilities for the Jewish people and the entire world. Let us move forward with faith and optimism, building a brighter future for all.

May God grant us good news in the days to come. May in this month of May, as we celebrate another anniversary of Israel, we see all the kidnapped returned home, in good health, and reuniting with their families. May peace not just be a wish but a reality. And may we always remember that AM ISRAEL CHAI VEKAIAM!

Brachot and Yom Haatzmaut Sameach!!

Rabbi Ari Oliszewski

Megillah

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President's Message



Dear Friends,

Happy May! It is hard to believe that I have been your President for almost two years. My term began with 7 rabbi-less months, followed by the "Rabbi Ari whirlwind" with lots of energy, enthusiasm, and very popular events. I've spent the last year and a half just trying to keep up.

This past month about 175 (!!!) people attended the wonderful Disney Shabbat, either in person or on zoom. Thanks to everyone from Temple Emanuel and Congregation Beth Chaverim who worked so hard to make the event a success! As the May Megillah goes to press, we are preparing our joint CBC/TE synagogue second seder. We are expecting about 100 guests, far more than last year! Thanks to all our volunteers who are kashering the

kitchen, preparing food, practicing the music, etc. And we can look forward to a fun Lag B'Omer cookout on May 26.

We definitely need more volunteers to help make these events possible. Whether it is helping prepare Shabbat Kiddushes with the Kitchen Krew, helping cook festive dinners, helping move tables, or helping sing, your efforts can make these events fun and successful. It's also fun working together in such a good cause! If you would like to explore the possibilities for helping, please let me or Gail know.

Our warm-weather monthly Havdalah series is restarting, with Saturday evening get togethers June 15 (at our house) and July 20 (at Stephanie and Don Calliott's). Please join us and maybe even volunteer to host one.

Finally, our annual congregation meeting will be Tuesday, May 21 at 7:00 PM. We will hold elections for officers and board members, pass a budget, and discuss other business. Please plan to attend so we can have a quorum.

See you at Temple Emanuel!

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Lawrence Weinstein". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lawrence Weinstein
President

Kiddush Sponsors



Contact Joy Kaps (757-636-7348) to sponsor a kiddush luncheon in honor of your special someone or occasion.

April 2024

6	Temple Emanuel
13	David & Teresa Greer in honor of their daughter Miriam Greer on her 5 th birthday
20	No Kiddush (Passover)
27	No Kiddush (Passover)

May 2024

4	No Kiddush (Passover)
11	Sponsor needed
18	In honor of Temple Emanuel Religious School and Kevin Tabakin's retirement
25	No Kiddush

RABBI ARI'S OFFICE HOURS

We value the importance of communication and are here to provide a space where you can share your thoughts, concerns, or seek guidance. We hope to facilitate this connection and that you can make the most of this opportunity to engage in dialogue with our Rabbi.

While Rabbi Ari is always available in an emergency, his normal office hours are:

TUESDAYS	1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
WEDNESDAYS	12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
THURSDAYS	12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
FRIDAYS	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

To schedule an appointment, feel free to contact us at 757-428-2591 or rabbia@tevb.org.

We look forward to assisting you soon and providing you with an enriching experience with Rabbi Ari.





We are thrilled to report that our Disney Shabbat last Friday was an overwhelming success! With the house packed to capacity, we exceeded our expectations for attendance, including those who joined us virtually.

The Kabbalat Shabbat service was a complete delight, featuring melodies from beloved Disney films. The ceremony lasted for over an hour and a half, leaving everyone wanting more.

Our choir members, dressed in Disney-themed attire, added a magical touch to the ceremony and surprised us all with their performance.

We hope to have more themed Shabbatot like this in the future, bringing joy and excitement to our community.

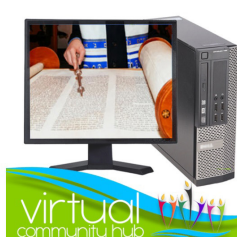
Thank you to everyone who participated and made this event so memorable.



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YOM HASHOAH

ANNUAL YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION

Hosted by the Holocaust Commission of UJFT

Sunday, May 5
6:45 pm – 8:45 pm

Temple Emanuel
424 25th St
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Celebrate our student and educator award winners, honor survivors, rescuers, and liberators.

Contact Elka Mednick
Director, Holocaust Commission of the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater
757-965-6112
EMednick@UJFT.org



May 19, 2024

12:00 pm - 3:00pm

Reba & Sam Sandler Family Campus
of the Tidewater Jewish Community
5000 Corporate Woods Dr.
Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Every Spring, the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater and Simon Family JCC present a Yom Ha'Atzmaut commemoration of Israel's Independence Day. It is FREE and open to ALL.

Situated throughout the Reba and Sam Sandler Family Campus, the community gets to experience some of the exciting tastes, attractions, sites & featured guests from Israel that make her the country she is today.



ISRAELI DANCE

Note from Pati Oliszewski, instructor:
Despite the terrible pain, shock, and outrage we are experiencing in light of the events unfolding in Israel, we must not lose hope. We stand with Israel — and for Israel.

"Therefore, I invite all of you to join us in dancing for Israel, honoring the lives of those who were unjustly taken from us too soon and sending good vibes and positive thoughts to all those who steadfastly continue to fight for a stronger and vibrant Israel. Am Israel Chai!"



Learn a style of dance rooted in the history and culture of Israel, while enjoying excellent cardiovascular exercise, and improving your coordination and flexibility!




★NEW TIME!★
WEDNESDAYS @ 5:30PM
SIMON FAMILY JCC
JEWISHVA.ORG/JFIT-CLASSES

Contact Tom Purcell with questions
TPurcell@SimonFamilyJCC.org
















INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM

EXPLORING OUR SOURCES, TRADITIONS, AND THE RICH SYMBOLISM ENCAPSULATED IN JUDAISM. UNCOVER THE ESSENCE OF OUR HERITAGE IN THIS ENLIGHTENING COURSE.



 **TUESDAYS**
 **5PM-6PM**
 **TEMPLE EMANUEL**



FOR MORE INFO CONTACT THE OFFICE AT (757) 428-2591



lunch & learn

MAY 14
YOM
HAATZMAUT
WITH ISRAELI SHINSHINIM
MAYA & NAOMI

JOIN RABBI ARI FOR LUNCH AND LEARN
DELVE INTO ENRICHING DISCUSSIONS AND
COMMUNITY INSIGHTS.

\$8 FOR LUNCH

12PM-1:30PM

AT TEMPLE EMANUEL

**SECURE YOUR SPOT!
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OFFICE AT (757) 428-2591.**



REMINDER
PLEASE RSVP BY THURSDAY EACH WEEK
IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND BLT WITH RABBI ARI
SHABBAT MORNINGS
9:00 AM



BLT PROJECT

Bagels, lox & Torah

Weekly opportunity to surf into the magic world of
Parashat Hashavua
Saturdays from 9am to 10am

RSVP REQUIRED BY NOON ON THURSDAY EACH WEEK



Tzedakah Donations

GENERAL FUND

Sylvia Kaplan to Harriet Bloom & Family: in memory of your husband and father Gerry Bloom
Sylvia Kaplan to Joy Kaps: wishing you a complete and speedy recovery

KITCHEN FUND

Toby Pekarsky to Temple Emanuel: in loving memory of my uncle Abraham Pekarsky on his yahrzeit
Toby Pekarsky to Temple Emanuel: in loving memory of my sister Sally Weinraub on her yahrzeit
Toby Pekarsky to Joy Kaps: wishing you a complete and speedy recovery
Paula Krukin Levy to Terry Blevins: in memory of your father Thomas Fass

Donations to Temple Fund

Temple Emanuel requires payment at the time of the donation when cards are sent in honor of or in memory of someone. The minimum donation is \$10. You may mail in or drop off your request. You can even send an e-mail and put a check in the mail at the same time. Be sure to include the full name and address of the recipient and the name of the fund that you have chosen.

Angel Fund

Deutsch Scholarship Fund

Endowment Fund

Paula Krukin Levy Food Pantry

General Fund

Pincus Forum Fund

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Security Fund

Building Fund

Earl Boster Torah Fund

Flower Fund

G'Mach (Act of Loving Kindness) Fund

Library Fund

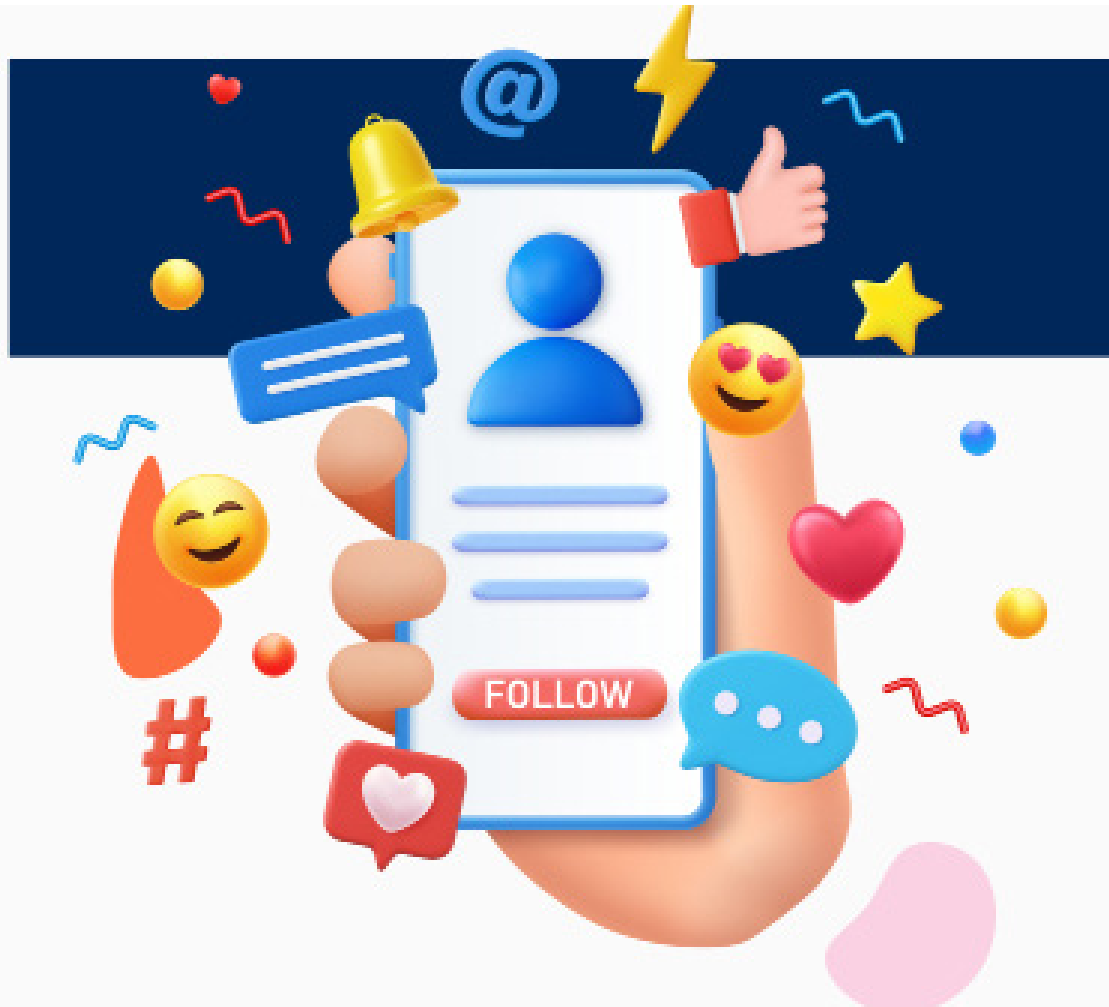
Prayer Book Fund

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MONDAY, MAY 27, 2024
TEMPLE OFFICE CLOSED

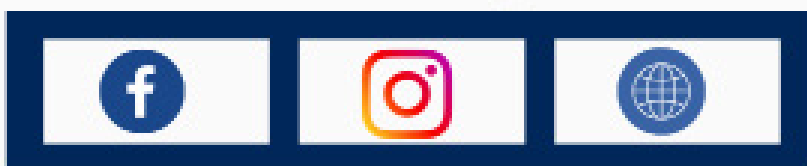


TEMPLE EMANUEL ONLINE

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information.

Join us in building a vibrant community!



Special Days to Remember...

May Birthdays

2	Stacy Parker
4	Sarah Herring
5	Janna Kestenbaum
6	Beryl Adler Gloria Bookbinder Stephanie Morrison
8	Liesel Abraham
9	Iris Weinstein
10	Joy Kaps
11	Morris Elstein
14	Michael Levinson Robert Zuckerman Jared Feld
17	Joan Rose Paula Krukin Levy Carol Marx
19	Richard Marten Abbie McGuinness
20	Kamilla Shall
21	Julie Kievit
23	Richard Kramer
25	Joan Kitchen Harry Fried
26	Toby Newman
29	Michael Kahan Antoinette Kahan
30	Joshua Sissel

May Yahrzeits






2	Jack Jacobson Lenny Lovitz
3	Martin E. Silfen
4	Rose Gail Chenman Florence Goldin Sylvia Kalichman
5	Donald Kusel
9	Ruth Rose
10	Stuart Levet Arthur Siegel
12	John L. Segall
13	Lois Jaffe Israel Tasgal
14	Joseph Liverman Arelene Marin
15	Louis Tabakin
16	Dorothy Maizel
19	Sadie Levinson
20	Harry Herring
21	Jessica Gill
22	Ronald Dozoretz Harold A. Wolfson
23	Robert Frank Bess Hodor Katz
25	Anna Aharonov
26	Ellis J. Strelitz
27	Reva Boster
28	Sol Kaplan
29	Ronald Levy
31	Lillian Pugach

May Anniversaries

7	Harry & Barbara Fried
19	Lawrence Weinstein & Carol Downing
27	Robert Pasternack & Cathy Healy
30	Jeffrey & Becky Feld
31	Adam & Kamilla Shall

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MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			 Nisan 23	Nisan 24	Nisan 25 Shabbat joint with CBC 7p Candle Lighting: 7:37	Nisan 26 BLT 9a Shabbat 10a Parashat Achrei Mot
Nisan 27 Cinco De Mayo	Nisan 28 Yom HaShoah Commemoration 6:45p Yom HaShoah	Nisan 29 Intro to Judaism 5p	 Nisan 30	Iyyar 1	Iyyar 2 Shabbat 7p Candle Lighting: 7:43	Iyyar 3 BLT 9a Shabbat 10a Parashat Kedoshim
Iyyar 4 Mother's Day	Iyyar 5 Yom HaZikaron	Iyyar 6 Lunch & Learn 12p Intro to Judaism 5p Yom HaAtzma'ut	 Iyyar 7	Iyyar 8	Iyyar 9 Shabbat 7p Candle Lighting: 7:49	Iyyar 10 BLT 9a Shabbat 10a Parashat Emor
Iyyar 11 Israel Fest (JCC) 12p	Iyyar 12	Iyyar 13 Intro to Judaism 5p Annual Congrega- tional Meeting 7p	Iyyar 14	 Iyyar 15	Iyyar 16 Shabbat 7p (Place TBD) Candle Lighting: 7:54	Iyyar 17 BLT - Canceled Shabbat 10a (Place TBD) Parashat Behar
Iyyar 18 Lag BaOmer (Great Neck Park) 10a Lag BaOmer	Iyyar 19 Office Closed Memorial Day	Iyyar 20 Intro to Judaism 5p	Iyyar 21	 Iyyar 22	Iyyar 23 Shabbat 7p (Place TBD) Candle Lighting: 7:59	

*ALL SHABBAT SERVICES IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM