



Temple Emanu El

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Hello January

The Blank Canvas Edition

PANTONE®
11-4201 TCX
Cloud Dancer



Cloud Dancing into 2026

Pantone has chosen its 2026 Color of the Year — and it's sparked quite the online debate.

On Dec. 4, the global color authority introduced the defining shade of the year to come: Cloud Dancer (PANTONE 11-4201), which they described on Instagram as a "lofty white neutral whose aerated presence acts as a whisper of calm and peace in a noisy world."

The company's vice president, Laurie Pressman, said in a 2023 interview that the Color of the Year initiative — which has taken place annually since 1999 — was created as an "educational program" to "engage the design community and color enthusiasts around the world in a conversation around color."

"We wanted to draw attention to the relationship between culture and color," Pressman continued. "We wanted to highlight to our audience how what is taking place in our global culture is expressed and reflected through the language of color."

This year, however, the selected hue is proving especially divisive. Many people have criticized the choice from both creative and cultural perspectives, with one Instagram user commenting on the announcement that it is "painfully tone-deaf."

It is the first time the company has chosen a shade of white for the Color of the Year.

They described the shade as "a billowy white imbued with serenity" that "invites true relaxation and focus, allowing the mind to wander and creativity to breathe." The company wrote on Instagram that the color "drifts between light and ethereal, a living calm that invites renewal, vision in serenity and creative release."

White is the beginning of every story ~ a blank canvas alive with possibility. It embodies purity, honesty, and clarity, offering a sense of peace and calm that invites reflection and creativity. As the 2026 Color of the Year, how does white resonate with you?



Dear Friends,

I'm excited to share that I've been accepted into the Amplify Israel Rabbinic Fellowship, a year-long learning journey for early-career Reform rabbis through Stephen Wise Free Synagogue in New York. I am honored to be part of the third cohort, a group of just 24 rabbis from across North America selected through a competitive process. Thanks to the generosity of donors who believe deeply in strengthening the future of Jewish leadership, this fellowship is fully funded, allowing my colleagues and me to participate wholeheartedly. And in just over a week, I'll be traveling to Israel to begin the experience.

This fellowship was created in the months following October 7, at a moment when the Jewish world, no matter our politics, was shaken and searching. It grew out of a recognition that Reform rabbis need deeper support as we guide our communities through questions of identity, grief, belonging, and what it means to stay connected to Israel in complicated times.

For many of us, holding progressive values and a deep love for Israel can feel complicated. In some progressive spaces, expressing that love can seem out of step, even though our commitment to justice, dignity, and peace is part of what grounds us as Jews. This fellowship is designed to help rabbis navigate that tension and hold both our values and our connection to Israel with honesty and integrity.

During our week in Israel, our cohort will be doing profoundly meaningful learning. We'll meet with Israeli Reform leaders and rabbis and engage with Israeli journalists, authors, activists, politicians, leaders of the IDF, and leaders within the Bedouin community. We'll hear directly from Israelis whose lives have been shaped by the events of the past two years: stories of courage, grief, resilience, hope, and rebuilding. Based in Tel Aviv, our travels will take us to communities bordering Gaza and to communities in northern Israel bordering Lebanon and Syria. These are places where the realities of this moment are felt with an immediacy that is hard to grasp from afar. We'll listen, learn, and bear witness together so that what we encounter becomes part of the Torah we carry home.

And the Israel trip is only the beginning. Over the next year, I'll continue learning with scholars and civic leaders, gathering with colleagues for monthly online seminars, and participating in two in-person gatherings in Florida and New York. I'll also work closely with a mentor who will help me integrate this learning into my rabbinate in real and practical ways, shaping the teaching, conversations, and relationships we build here at Temple Emanu El. And this work extends beyond our congregation. A core part of the fellowship's mission is to amplify informed, compassionate voices about Israel in the wider community and to help the Jewish community feel empowered to be part of that voice.

I'm grateful for this opportunity and even more grateful to bring the learning home to Temple Emanu El. I'll share reflections from the journey as it unfolds, and I pray it sparks meaningful conversations and deeper connections to Israel for all of us.

NOTED *January* DATES

See flyers or TEE-mail for event details

**DEC
24**

**TEE Office + Preschool Closes at 12:30pm
(Building reopens for Shabbat on January 2)**

**JAN
2**

**Broadway Shabbat
with Cantorial Soloist Deb Rogers**

**JAN
4**

Brotherhood Browns Watch Party

**JAN
11**

Sisterhood Baking

**JAN
11+25**

**Adult Education, Led by Rabbi Dr. Peter Haas:
Understanding the Siddur**

**JAN
15**

Feeding the Soul: A Mussar Lunch n'Learn

**JAN
16+18**

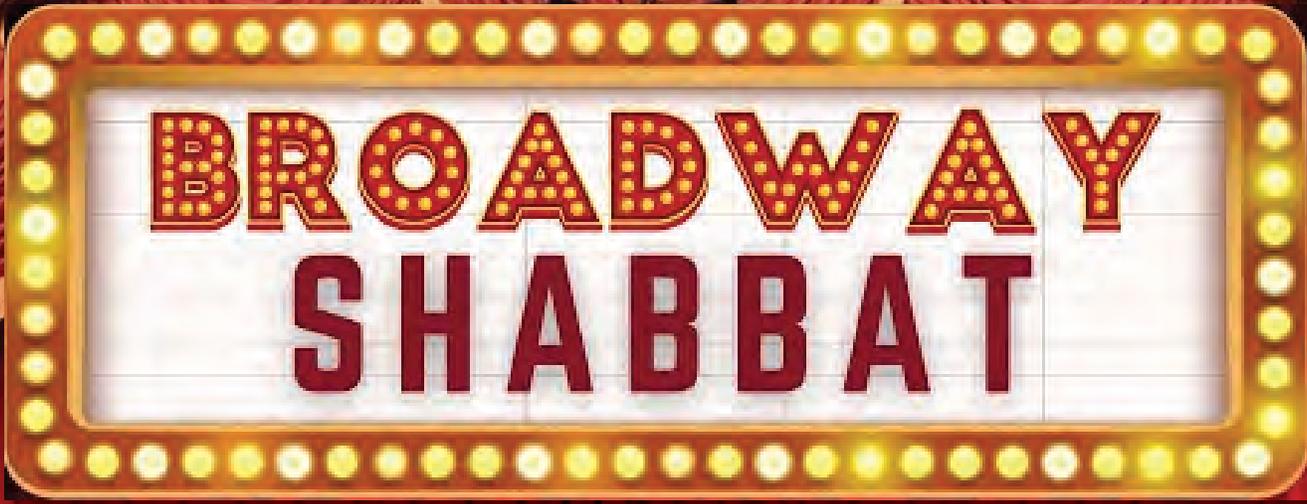
Unity Weekend: Pulpit Swap

**JAN
30**

Consecration + Shabbat Service + Dinner

**FEB
1**

**Save the Date: Sisterhood Tu B'shvat Seder
2:00pm, Led by Rabbi Matt Cohen**

A large, illuminated sign with a gold border and yellow lights, set against a red theater curtain background. The sign reads "BROADWAY SHABBAT" in red, dotted letters.

**BROADWAY
SHABBAT**

A blue rectangular box with a red border and yellow lights, containing event details.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2ND

5:45 PM ★ SHABBAT NOSH

6:15 PM ★ SHABBAT SERVICE

WITH CANTORIAL SOLOIST DEB ROGERS

+ ACCOMPANIST KEITH YOUNG

A blue rectangular box with a red border and yellow lights, containing a description of the event.

**Celebrate Shabbat & sing along
with our traditional evening
liturgy set to show tunes!**



Temple Emanu El

**4545 Brainard Road
Orange Village, Ohio**

TEE BROTHERHOOD'S
BROWNS
WATCH
PARTY
RETURNS!

Sunday, January 4 @ 1:00pm

vs. Cincinnati Bengals

\$20/person  **Burgers 2 Beer**

33003 Aurora Road, Solon

Cost includes menu item, soft drink, tax + gratuity
Menu Selection from Lunch Duo Menu only after RSVP
Items not on menu + any other drinks are at your own expense

RSVP required by 1/3 to Len Gold
crete2us@gmail.com

Cost payable at the door by check to TEE Brotherhood
or Venmo @Len-Gold (1156)

Celebrate Shabbat

FRIDAYS:

5:45 pm | In-person Shabbat Nosh | Sponsored by TEE Sisterhood

6:15 pm | In-person & Livestream Shabbat Service

For all streamed services & events, go to the homepage of our website (www.teecleve.org), click on "Participate" at the top & then "Stream." Then click on the image in the center of the page as the stream begins.

Talkin' Torah Zoom Info: Meeting ID: 846.5218.0544 | Passcode: TEETorah

Friday, January 2

Broadway Shabbat Service • 6:15 pm
Led by Cantorial Soloist Deb Rogers

Saturday, January 3

Parashat Vayechi
No Talkin' Torah

Friday, January 9

Shabbat Service • 6:15 pm

Saturday, January 10

Parashat Shemot
Talkin' Torah with Rabbi Matt • 9:30 am

Friday, January 16

Unity Weekend Shabbat Service • 6:15 pm
with Antioch Baptist Church
Sermon by Rev. Dr. Napoleon J. Harris

Saturday, January 17

Parashat Vaera
Talkin' Torah with Rabbi Matt • 9:30 am

Sunday, January 18

Unity Weekend • 11:00
Rabbi Matt Cohen gives sermon at
Antioch Baptist Church

Friday, January 23

Shabbat Service • 6:15 pm

Saturday, January 24

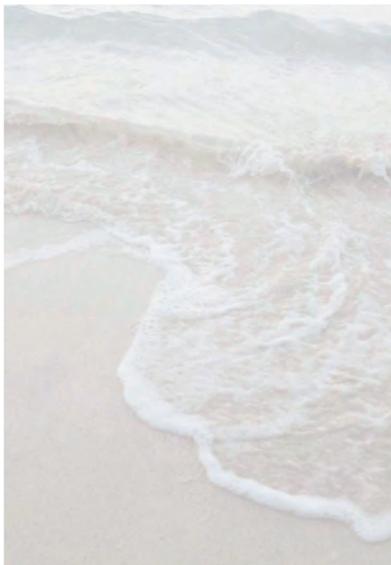
Parashat Bo
Talkin' Torah with Rabbi Matt • 9:30 am

Friday, January 30

No Shabbat Nosh
Consecration + Shabbat Service • 5:45pm
Pasta Potluck Dinner to follow

Saturday, January 31

Parashat Beshalach
Talkin' Torah with Rabbi Matt • 9:30 am



Yahrzeit

✧ Denotes a perpetual yahrzeit plaque has been installed in the Kumin Family Memorial Alcove

Week Ending January 2

Gail Abrams
✧ Dr. Yetta Bayles
Constance B Berger
✧ Edward Bergsman
✧ Dr. Martin Bielefeld
Rosalie Cooper
Rudy Cooper
Howard Coopersmith
Minnie Fisch
Sheila Ganch
✧ Rose Gerson
✧ Hyman Gevelber
✧ Judith Glickson
Stanley Greenblatt
✧ Samuel Haberman
✧ Charles H. Halpert
Paul Hurwitz
✧ George E. Jordan
✧ Lee Kleinman
✧ Rose Kurland
✧ Arthur Lamden
✧ Isadore Leopold
✧ Nathan Leventhal
E. Michael Levine
✧ Irwin Liss
Lola Malcmacher
✧ Morris Marks
Sanford Moskol
✧ Elmer Ostro
✧ Jay Phillip Shlachter
Bernice Resnick
Jay Robert Roseman
✧ Milton Serlin
Mildred Sesnowitz
Max Shulman
Marvin Skolnik
✧ Fanny Faust Terr
✧ Barbara Timen
Minerva Traidman
Sanford Wasserstrom
Simon Zalben
✧ Rudolph Zucker

Week Ending January 9

✧ Bertha Acks
✧ Sarah Arnold
✧ Bessie Balaban

Albert Baron
Arlene Bernath
✧ Jules Borod
Phyllis Caswall
✧ Estelle Engel
Paul Fine
Jeff Fine
Adele Gabelman
Joseph Green
Kenneth Hirsch
Mervyn Hirsch
Mateele Kall
✧ Louis Katowitz
✧ Gladys Ruth Kaufman
✧ Al Kaye
Hilda Kraus
✧ Joseph W. Levine
✧ David Lurie
Abe Molecke
✧ Elsie Deutsc Polen
Laurence Rosenstein
✧ Edward J. Sherman
Esther Shiff
Norman Shub
Jerry Silver
Lynda Simon
✧ William Snyder
✧ Max Waldman
Raymond Weisfeld

Week Ending January 16

Donald Arnold
Arlene Bailin Birnbaum
Florence Boardman
✧ Gustav Carter
Sandy Cohen
✧ Joe Cohn
David Davidson
✧ Carl Davis
✧ Bessie Eisler
✧ Stanley Frank
Lynne S. Friedman
✧ Tillie Gibberman
Sharon Goelman
✧ Millford Gottlob
✧ Abraham E. Greenfield
✧ Fannie F. Haggerty
✧ Herbert L. Harris
Shirley Kutash

✧ Samuel B. Kutash
✧ Florence Maier
Rita Pollack
✧ Helen Press
Elaine Reider
✧ Carl Rich
✧ Millicent Rosenberg
Morris Sedley
Bertha Shelas
✧ Jacob Spevack
✧ Alvin J. Velick
✧ Eleanor Weiss
David Zalben
Jacob Zaretsky
✧ Hyman Zeleznick

Week Ending January 23

✧ Martha Arstein
Betty Bernstein
✧ Rebecca Braunstein
Mark Bronstein
✧ Bernice Chernin
✧ Barbara Cott
✧ Frieda Davis
Sandor Davis
Marvin Friedman
✧ Eva Greenfield
✧ Fay Herman
Rose Katz
✧ Charles Laine
✧ Ruth Lessam
Dr. Fred Levin
✧ Beverly Levine
✧ Lillian Licht
Marguerite (Peggy) Linden
✧ Yetta Lipkowitz
✧ Ronald Lipson
✧ Calvin Luxenberg
Rudolf Merdes
✧ Leanore Nagel
Lauren Overmyer
✧ Evelyn C. Priesand
✧ Elaine Resnick
✧ Harry W. Rothenberg
✧ Julius Rubenstein
✧ Maurice Saltzman
✧ Florence Sebransky
✧ Ben Strauss

✧ Kurt Weiler
Arlene Wolk

Week Ending January 30

✧ Ida Berger
✧ Fannie Blum
Helen Boraz
✧ Leonard Davis
Marilyn Davis
✧ Rose Epstein
Todd Kay
✧ Mary Kline Levine
✧ Harold A. Levy
✧ Annie Lewis
Leisl Lieb
Paul Lipson
Gloria Matisoff
✧ Samuel W. Posner
✧ Sadie Ringler
✧ Helen W. Rose
Edna Rosen
✧ Theodore Rosner
✧ Anna S. Schrier
✧ Sadie B. Schwartz
Ben Sherwin
✧ Martin Simon
Louis Snow
✧ Abram Vaytsman
Aaron Weinberg
✧ Irving Weiss
Pearl Mattes Wendell

Please reach out to
Renee Delafrancioni,
renee@teecleve.org
for information on
yahrzeit plaques or
cemetery lots.



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Milestones

Milestone birthdays are listed every 5 years beginning at age 25 & every year after age 90.
Anniversaries are listed every 5 years & every year after 50 years.

JANUARY MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS

1/2	Audrey Halpern
1/5	Iona Dettelbach
1/5	Lauren Elliott
1/9	David Silverman
1/13	Stephen Barrett
1/19	Michelle Moh
1/28	Beverly Koepf

JANUARY MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

1/25	Erwin & Reva Zaretsky
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Our Congregation Mourns

THE CONGREGATION MOURNS THE LOSS OF OUR MEMBERS:

Judith Roseman

mother of Rebecca (Stephen) Lederman and Stacie Roseman (Joshua Falck), and grandmother to Rose, Aaron, Emma & Isabel.

Michael Saltzman

husband of Susan Saltzman

Rebecca Silver

daughter of Harry & Suzanne Silver

WE EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

Jonathan (Margie) Arnold

on the loss of his father,
Nathan Arnold



Adult Education

Learn with Rabbi Dr. Peter Haas

Sundays: January 11, January 25 & February 1
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Understanding the Siddur: What We are Saying & Why

A. How the Siddur is Organized

B. Shabbat vs. Weekly

C. Making sense of the Mishkan Tefilah

Sisterhood is Baking!



January 11th
11:30am

*Giving thanks is a mitzvah.
Gather with us as we bake
cookies for local first responders
and future TEE Shabbat Noshes.*

≡♡≡ All supplies will be provided

≡♡≡ Meet us in the TEE Kitchen

≡♡≡ RSVP to Renee Delafronconi,
ReneeD@teecleve.org





TEE is so excited to introduce our new members!

Joy & Michael Pollak

Welcome to Joy & Michael Pollak. Joy is an HP Consultant at Progressive Insurance and is related to Erin Cohen. Michael is co-owner and a mental health therapist at Behavioral Wellness Group.

Joy: thepollaks@sbcglobal.net

Michael: mjpbuckeye@gmail.com

Toby & Michael Holub (Jordan, 11th grade)

Welcome back to Michael & Toby Holub and their son, Jordan. Michael is a funeral director at Berkowitz-Kumin-Bookatz Memorial Chapel and Toby is the security coordinator at the Jewish Federation of Cleveland. Barrie & Dan Galvin are Toby's parents.

mrholub@juno.com



Feeding the Soul: A Mussar Lunch n' Learn

In Memory of Larry Mattes

First Session:

January 15th | 12 - 1pm

"Mussar is a Jewish spiritual study and practice that gives us the tools to live more meaningful and holy lives. These monthly gatherings will examine foundational Mussar middot (values) through text study, group discussion and daily practice."

- ★ Taught by Rabbi Matt Cohen
- ★ Bring your own lunch
- ★ Beverages provided by TEE Brotherhood
- ★ Open to All TEE Members
- ★ RSVP by 1/14 to Darcy, DHershey@teecleve.org



Dedications

As of 11/25/25

ADMINISTRATIVE **General Operating Fund**

in memory of

Nina Rothman by Linda Tirk
Rebecca Silver by Jeff & Jo Ann Fink
Ben Haberman by Bobbie & Jack Thompson
Dennis Brooks by Jeffrey & Ellen Brooks
Eleanor & Irving Weiss by Marian Weiss
Judi Roseman by Donna Stein, Denise
Flowers, & Rabbi Daniel Roberts
Irvin Wasserstrom & Sanford Wasserstrom
by Elaine Neifach
Anne Zaner & Harvey Sisler by Brian Zaner

Chesed Fund

in memory of

Michael Saltzman by Andrea & Stuart Rubin
Jerome Spevack by Barbara Spevack

Phyllis Stein Freund College **Connection Fund**

in memory of

Faye Ollick by Debra & William Schaefer

Social Gathering Fund

in honor of

TEE's Hanukkah Dinner by Eileen Solomon,
Lillian Schlachter, Erica Remer, Rebecca
Rolleston, Barrie & Daniel Galvin, Marcia
& Marc Bakst, Lisa & Mitchell Cronig,
Natasha & Elliot Davidson, Allie Efron
& Stuart Ostro, Ruth & Mark Elliott,
Bonnie Hershey & Frank Challant,
Naomi & Matt Kall, Hermine & David
Ostro, Haley Perlow & Robin Stout,
Cassandra DeHaan & Jordan Pitlor,
Samantha & Adam Probst, Pam &
George Richards, Pamela Hruby &
David Sperling, Lindsey & Greg
Walsh-Resnick, Marilyn & Joel Zaas,
& Judy Klotzman
TEE's Boomer Hanukkah Party by Marcia
& Marc Bakst

in memory of

May Hershey & Meryl Hershey Beck by
Bonnie Hershey & Frank Challant
Judi Roseman by Ruth & Mark Elliott

Manny & Sherrie Sperling Family Arts **& Entertainment Fund**

in memory of

Michael Saltzman & Rebecca Silver by
Sherrie Sperling

Lois Zaas Engagement Fund

in memory of

Judi Roseman by Marilyn & Joel Zaas

ADVOCACY

Selma & Sidney L. Boyar Israel **Advocacy Fund**

in memory of

Irving Konigsberg by Rhoda Konigsberg &
Samuel Levy

Henry Schneps Advocacy Fund

in honor of

Lilly Senor, Bailey Walinsky, & Owen
Walinsky by Suzanne Schneps

in memory of

Henry Schneps by Suzanne Schneps

DISCRETIONARY

Rabbi Matt Cohen Discretionary Fund

in appreciation of

Rabbi Matt Cohen for services related to
Phyllis Wapnick by the Wapnick,
Herskovitz, & Schwartz Families

in honor of

Rabbi Matt Cohen by Erica Remer & Brian
Breittholz

in memory of

Jerry Krevans by Julie Krevans & Richard
Perloff
Judi Roseman by Sallie Reider, Judith
Roberts, & Audrey Katzman
Michael Saltzman by Tobi Mattes, Judith
Roberts & Sandy Davis

Sisterhood Discretionary Fund

in memory of

Leo Kramer, Charles Freid, Herb Kramer
& Jerome Kramer by Edith Kramer

Board of Trustees Discretionary Fund

in memory of

Judi Roseman by David & Rachel Silverman, Susan Freimark, David Sperling & Pamela Hruby, Lisa & Mitchell Cronig, Natasha & Elliot Davidson, Michelle & Mark Bailin, Hermine & David Ostro, Charleen & Sol Factor, Judy Uram & Earl Cohen, Susan & Harlan Ullman, Michelle & Mark Bogomolny

EDUCATION

Sharyn Bailin Memorial Preschool Fund

in honor of

Rabbi Matt Cohen by Rebecca Lederman

in memory of

Judi Roseman by Marlene Cohen, Darcy & Aaron Hershey, Stuart Ostro & Allie Effron, Pamela & Alan Levine, Jan & Gary Freiman, Lori Kaplan & Gary Mikes, Ina Yablonsky, Marlene & David Sternberg, Judith Miller, Helen Greenberg, Eleanor & Gerald Matisoff, Janet Shapiro, Naomi & Matt Kall, Suzanne Schneps, Mark Divine, Sandy Davis, Denise Weinberg, Diana Vicen, Faye & Ben Finer, Judy Klotzman, Ellen & Steven Weingart, Joan & Stanley Levy, Gail & Larry Gay, Rhoda Konigsberg & Samuel Levy, & Barbara Colombi

Bess & Walter Abt Children's Cultural Fund

in memory of

Judi Roseman by Barbara & Kenneth Messinger-Rapport

Eric J. Barr Mitzvah Fund

in memory of

Judi Roseman by Gail & Bob Flacks

Sylvia & Ralph Borod Confirmation Fund

in memory of

Ralph A. Borod by Lauren Feiglin

Kustin Family NFTY Fund

in memory of

Phyllis Wapnick by Bobbi Sedley

Betty & Harvey Krantz Religious School Tuition Fund

in honor of

Lenore Krantz's Milestone Birthday by Marcia & Marc Bakst

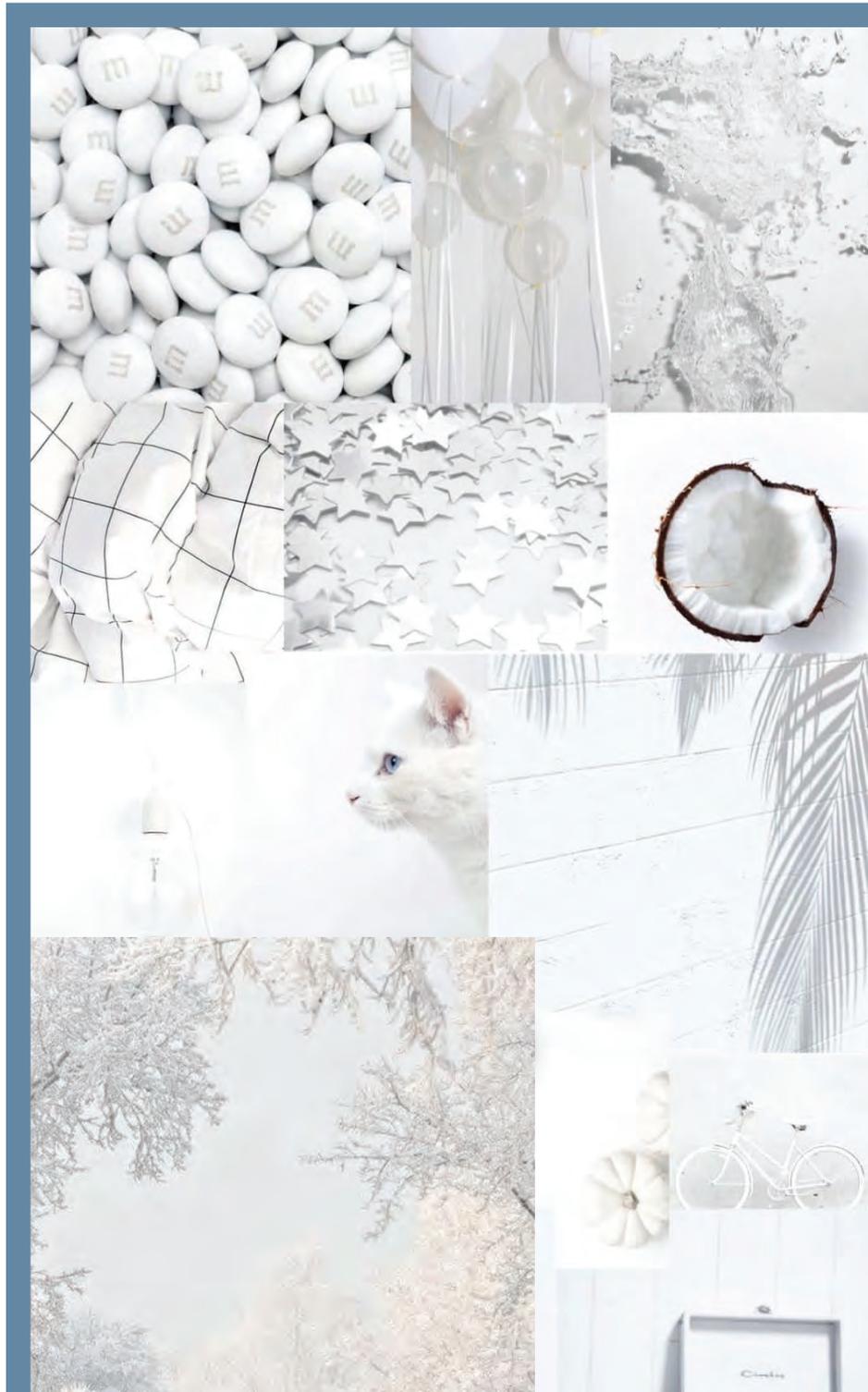
in memory of

Judi Roseman & Michael Saltzman by Marcia & Marc Bakst

Claire & Lew Pollack Religious School Continuation Fund

in memory of

Judi Roseman by Bonnie Chernikoff



Temple Emanu El & Antioch Baptist Church will be one **COMMUNITY**

to honor the legacy of
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Friday, January 16

5:45 pm • Shabbat Nosh
6:15 pm • Shabbat Service
at Temple Emanu El
Sermon by Rev. Dr. Napoleon J. Harris

Sunday, January 18

11:00 am • Worship Service
at Antioch Baptist Church
Sermon by Rabbi Matt Cohen

Temple Emanu El
4545 Brainard Road • Orange Village

Antioch Baptist Church
8869 Cedar Avenue • Cleveland





Temple Emanu El invites all ages to join our

Family
Shabbat
and Consecration

Friday, January 30th • 5:45 pm

No Shabbat Nosh • Pasta Potluck Dinner to Follow

Shabbat Dinner

TEE will provide pasta, sauces + protein | Potluck to share for 8-10 guests
Last Names: A-E (Beverages), F-J (Breadsticks/Garlic Bread),
K-P (Dessert), Q-Z (Salad or Veggie Side)

RSVPs for dinner are required by January 23rd
Register online • www.tinyurl.com/TEEPastaRSVP25
or email DHershey@teecleve.org



Joyful by Design

A Jewish Girls' & Women's Gathering

Intergenerational program to explore the *Joy in Judaism: Learn, cook, play, create & build deeper connections* with women and girls in the Temple Emanu El *community*.

- ★ Saturday, February 21 • 9:30 a.m.
thru Sunday, February 22 • 11:00 a.m.
- ★ Open to all Temple Emanu El girls and women
 - From 4th grade to 100 years young
- ★ Bellwether Farm
4655 State Route 60 • Wakeman, Ohio
- ★ \$100 per person • Includes room, food & programming
- ★ This program is supported by a grant from the Jewish Education Center's Congregational Enrichment Fund & the Fund for the Jewish Future of the Jewish Federation of Cleveland.

Weekend or Event Questions to Beth Mann: BMann@teecleve.org

RSVP REQUIRED BY FEB 1ST ★ WWW.TINYURL.COM/TEEJOYFULWOMEN
or email Darcy, DHershey@teecleve.org

