



Temple Emanu-El

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The Purim & Joy Edition

JEWISH ODDS, ENDS & JOYS WITH RABBI MATT



A Joyful Invitation

Since October 7, Jewish joy has felt complicated.

We've marked holidays and celebrations because that is what Jews do, but often with restraint. How could we fully celebrate while Israel was at war and our Israeli brothers and sisters were being held hostage in tunnels in Gaza? So we showed up out of obligation, with hearts that were present but guarded. Our joy was real, but muted.

This year, something is different.

This is the first Purim since October 7 in which there are no hostages - living or dead - being held in Gaza. That reality does not erase grief or trauma, but it does change the emotional landscape. For the first time in a long while, our joy no longer competes with captivity.

Purim is the holiday that gives us permission to be fully human again. To make noise. To wear costumes. To blur the lines between sorrow and laughter. To gather, give, and celebrate not because everything is fixed, but because joy itself is part of how we heal.

After two years of holding our breath, that kind of celebration doesn't feel irresponsible. It feels necessary.

And so, even though we are still a month away from Purim, let this be your invitation to prepare. Mark your calendars for Sunday morning, March 1, for our Temple-wide Purim celebration. Dust off your best Disney character costume and brush up on your favorite Disney songs for our Disney-themed Purim Spiel (we still need participants, so please reach out if you'd like to join in!). From there, we'll make our way to the festive Purim carnival, with opportunities for adult learning along the way.

Most importantly, come ready to bring the loud, healing, unmistakably Jewish joy and laughter that will soon fill our Temple and our hearts.

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

NOTED *February* DATES

See flyers or TEEmail for event details

FEB
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Sisterhood Tu B'shvat Seder
Led by Rabbi Matt Cohen

FEB
7

Early Childhood Engagement:
Spend Shabbat Exploring the Sky @ TEE

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6th Grade Religious School Family Program

FEB
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Feeding the Soul: Mussar Lunch n' Learn

FEB
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Repro Shabbat & Guest Speaker

FEB
16

TEE Office + Preschool Closed
in observance of Presidents' Day

FEB
20

Kehillah Kedoshah Shabbat & Potluck Dinner:
Honoring TEE's Legacy Members

FEB
21-22

Joy in Design: Women + Girls Overnight Retreat

MAR
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Esther's Disney Megillah: Purim + Spiel + Carnival

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

Monday, February 2

Tu B'Shevat

Friday, February 6

Shabbat Service • 6:15 pm

Saturday, February 7

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

Friday, February 13

Repro Shabbat
Shabbat Service • 6:15 pm
with Guest Speaker, Dr. Adam Evans

Saturday, February 14

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

Friday, February 20

No Shabbat Nosh
Shabbat Service • 5:45 pm
Honoring TEE's Legacy Members
& Kehillah Kedoshah CommuniTEE
Shabbat Potluck Dinner

Saturday, February 21

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

Friday, February 27

Shabbat Service • 6:15 pm

Saturday, February 28

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



Thank goodness Purim
is finally here! Break out
the Hamantaschen!"

**LIVNOT KEHILLAH:
HAKARAT HATOV**
ALL CLEVELAND AREA FAMILIES
WITH CHILDREN BIRTH TO 6 YEARS
ARE INVITED TO

SPEND SHABBAT

EXPLORING THE SKY

WITH STARLAB PLANETARIUM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7
10:00 AM
at TEMPLE EMANUEL

**STEP INSIDE THE STAR LAB WITH FRIENDS
FOR A FUN, HANDS-ON ADVENTURE!**

Join the Lake Metroparks Education Team
as we EXPLORE the night sky together,
DISCOVER constellations, + SPARK wonder
in kids of all ages.

RSVP by February 1st
www.tinyurl.com/TEEShreshRSVP

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As of 1/30/26

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Yahrzeit

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

Week Ending February 6

✉ Frieda Bastoky
Robert Beathard
Harvey Steven Benn
✉ Anna Bernstein
Frieda Cantor
Bernard Feinstein
Ruth Frank
Virginia Ganch
Paula Goddard
Solomon Halpern
✉ Joseph Heiman
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Alec Kornet
✉ Robert Kronheim
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Lorraine Rosner
✉ Hannah Schleifer
Julius Sobol
Irwin Sobol
✉ Edmund Weisler
Lillian Weitzenkorn
Revella Zuraitis

Week Ending February 13

✉ Herman Acke
✉ Anna R. Bassett
✉ Stanley Blum Sr.
✉ Rachel C. Brastoff
Marc Brenner
✉ Cantor Irvin Bushman
Phyllis Cheyfitz
Marcia Dolin
✉ Sam Feld
✉ Katie Frieder
✉ Lena Seltzer Goldstein
Luella Goodman
Martin Gotlieb
✉ Michael Meyer Gross
Julius Haas
Margaret Jakob
Milly Kaplan
✉ Harvey Krantz
✉ Lillian Kronheim
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✉ Lawrence Lichtig
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✉ Tena Mechanic
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✉ Claire R. Pollack
John Rapport
✉ Helen Pocrass Roberts
✉ Curt Rosenthal
Rose Rosenthal
Morris Schlachter
✉ Bertram I. Sherman
✉ David Alan Skully
✉ Dr. Stuart M. Solomon
Lenore Stern
Marjorie Szuchman

Week Ending February 20

✉ Sam J. Arnovitz
✉ Albert I. Bagon
✉ Ferne Barr
✉ Loni Ellen Bergsman
✉ William Berkman
✉ Betty Blum
John Dunagan
✉ James Gerson
✉ Nettie Gilman
✉ Meyer Goodman
✉ Alan K. Halpert
✉ Mollie Koblitz
✉ Sondra Krantz
✉ Bessie Leopold
Harry Levine
Susan Lichtenstein
Albert Lockman
Robert Malmad
Hilda Kate Meyer
✉ Charlotte Moskowitz
Kim Kuper Penn
Joan Pitlor
Barbara Rosenthal
✉ Frank Schwartz
Angelina Silver
✉ Manny Sperling
Lillian Stark
Judith Stern
Beatrice Tanner
✉ Sadie Waldman
✉ Dr. Joseph Weinstein
✉ Ben Yablonsky
Mitchell Young

Week Ending February 27

✉ Irving Arnold
Sue Arnold
Howard Barrish
Bonnie Baskin
✉ A. Louis Bloom
Margaret Ellen Daniels
Oscar Eisenberg
Morris Galvin
Joel Ginsberg
Richard Goodman
✉ Sylvester Greenbaum
Doris Greenberg
Marga Haas
Lawrence Halpern
Lawrence Halpern
✉ Dr. Seth Hirschfeld
✉ Fay Komito
Meyer Levine
John Moisio
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✉ Edward W. Norwood
✉ Debra November
Charlotte Ruth Palmer
Vincent Pascarelli
✉ Bessie Persky
✉ Minnie Pocrass
✉ Max Ronis
Ben Rosenthal
Helen Rossell
Miriam Sedley
✉ Joseph Simon
✉ Benjamin H. Weiser

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

Feeding the Soul: A Mussar Lunch n' Learn

In Memory of Larry Mattes

February 12th | 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 2/11 to Darcy Hershey, dhershey@teecleve.org



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Temple Emanu El's
Advocacy Committee presents



REPRO SHABBAT



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

5:45 pm | Shabbat Nosh

6:15 pm | Shabbat Service & Guest Speaker:

Dr. Adam Evans

Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility Physician at University Hospitals Fertility Center, and Assistant Professor of Reproductive Biology at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine

Reproductive healthcare is not just about abortion rights, it's about human rights. Dr. Evans will discuss healthcare legislation in America & hone in on laws that specifically pertain to the state of Ohio. He will explore the legal changes that have occurred in the last year in areas of fertility care & adjacent services.

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Temple Emanu El invites you

Kehillah Kedosha

CommuniTEE Shabbat Dinner

Friday, February 20th

5:45 pm • Shabbat Service

Honoring TEE's Legacy Members for 25+ Years

Shabbat Potluck Dinner to follow
TEE will provide Chicken & Vegetarian Main Dishes

Potluck to share with 8-10 people

Last Names: A-E (Dessert) • F-L (Beverages) • M-P (Vegetable) • Q-Z (Starch)

RSVP requested by February 13th • Online: www.tinyurl.com/TEEKehillah3
or email Darcy, dhershey@teecleve.org

Donations Recommended to the Social Gathering Fund

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.

FEBRUARY MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS

2/5	Jeffrey Yellen
2/5	Tera Gross
2/17	Adam Miller
2/20	Gary Moskowitz
2/24	Betty Malmad
2/28	Betty Miller

FEBRUARY MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

2/4	Howard & Sue Maier
2/16	Randall & Julie Rosenthal
2/16	Bobbie & Karin Tinnon

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Our Congregation Mourns

THE CONGREGATION MOURNS THE LOSS OF OUR MEMBERS:

Judith Roberts

mother of Max Roberts (Indiana),
wife of Ethan Roberts z"l

Susan Saltzman

wife of Michael Saltzman z"l

Marvin Schinagle

father of Anne (Spencer) Richman

WE EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

Erin (Rabbi Matt) Cohen

on the loss of her aunt,
Gloria Fine

Emma (Emily) Maszi

on the loss of her grandfather,
Sanford Kutash

Helene Krasney (Gary Moskowitz)

on the loss of her brother,
Burton Saltzman

Diane (Alan) Herzog

on the loss of her mother,
Jeannette Schaefer

Eileen Sadowsky (David Klapholz)

on the loss of her aunt,
Marsha Stern





TEE is so excited to introduce our new members!

Anna Borenstein Wright & Cameron Wright (Alex, Preschool)

As of 1/30/2026

Welcome to Anna Borenstein Wright and Cameron Wright and their son Alex. Anna is a medical device professional of Medtronic. She is interested in community support. Cameron works in institutional investing for the Cleveland Clinic and is a Cleveland sports fan.

Anna: aaborenstein@gmail.com

Laura & Branden Wiegand (Silas, 7th Grade & Luna, 4th grade)

Welcome back to Laura and Branden Wiegand and their children Silas and Luna. Laura is a ceramic artist and a former non-profit executive. Branden is a senior developer for Sundays for Dogs. Laura's sister is Andrea (Stuart) Rubin.

Laura: laura.k.wiegand@gmail.com

Branden: me@branden.org



:=JOY=



ESTHER'S Disney MEGILLAH

TEE'S PURIM  SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST
EVERYONE IS INVITED!



COSTUMES AND SILLINESS ENCOURAGED

8:45AM	● BAGEL BOYS
9:30AM	● RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
10:00-11:00AM	● CONGREGATIONAL PURIM SERVICE + SPIEL
11:00-12:00PM	● CARNIVAL (RELIGIOUS SCHOOL + PRESCHOOL STUDENTS + THEIR FAMILIES) ● ADULT LEARNING WITH RABBI MATT ● HAMANTASHEN FOR SALE (WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)



Easy Hamantaschen Dough

Ingredients

- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 cup oil
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp kosher salt

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350° & line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.
2. Mix together the wet ingredients: egg, oil, sugar & vanilla extract.
3. Add the dry ingredients: flour, baking powder & salt. Stir until a smooth dough is formed.
4. Roll out the dough to around 1/4" thick. Cut circles using a cookie cutter or a glass cup.
5. Place 1 tsp. of the filling in the center of the circles & pinch closed to form a triangle. (tightly)
6. Bake the hamantaschen for 10-12 minutes.
7. Transfer to a wire rack to cool.
(Suggestion: chilling the dough before shaping helps maintain the triangular shape.)

Ideas for Fillings

Classic & Sweet Fruit

- Poppy Seed
- Apricot or Raspberry Jam
- Lekvar (Prune Butter)
- Black Currant Jam
- Cherry Pie
- Blueberry Cheesecake

Dessert Inspired

- S'mores
- Salted Caramel
- Dulce de Leche
- Nutella
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Babka

Unique & Modern

- Lemon Meringue
- Coffee/Cappuccino
- Halva
- Nutella
- Candy
- Passion Fruit

Savory

- Pizza
- Everything Bagel
- Cheesy Jalapeno
- Shakshuka
- Caramelized Onion
- Smoked Salmon

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