

Temple Emanu El

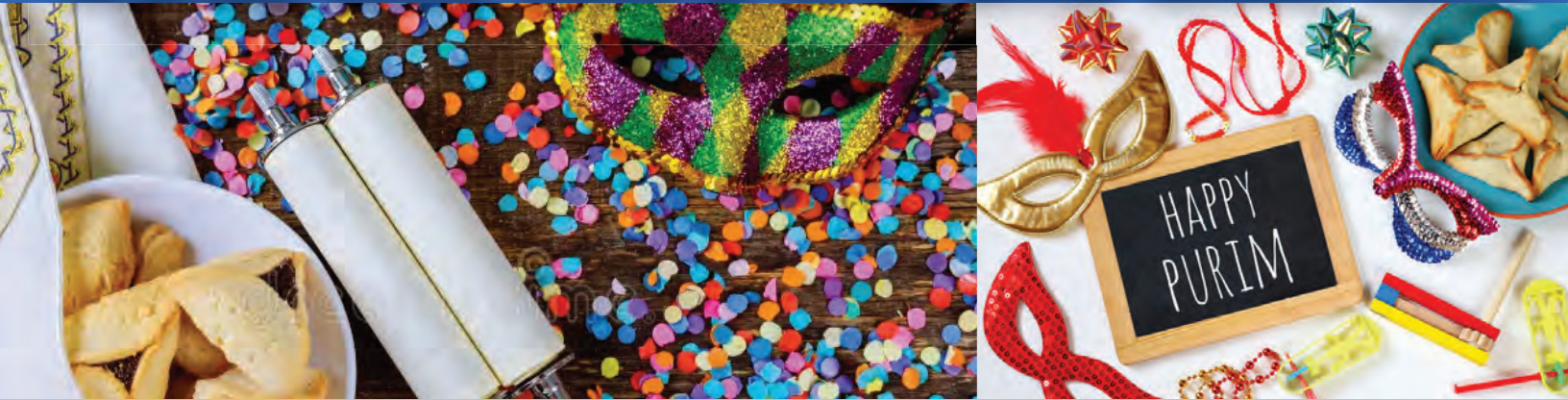
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*Hello February*

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](mailto:BMann@teecleve.org)

RSVP REQUIRED BY FEB 1ST ★ [WWW.TINYURL.COM/TEEJOYFULWOMEN](http://WWW.TINYURL.COM/TEEJOYFULWOMEN)  
or email Darcy, [DHershey@teecleve.org](mailto:DHershey@teecleve.org)

# NOTED *February* DATES

See flyers or TEE mail for event details

FEB  
1

Sisterhood Tu B'shvat Seder  
Led by Rabbi Matt Cohen

FEB  
7

Early Childhood Engagement:  
Spend Shabbat Exploring the Sky @ TEE

FEB  
8

6th Grade Religious School Family Program

FEB  
12

Feeding the Soul: Mussar Lunch n' Learn

FEB  
13

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  
1

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](http://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 EMANU EL**

**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/TEEShoreshRSVP](http://www.tinyurl.com/TEEShoreshRSVP)

*Temple Emanu El*

4545 Brainard Road, Orange Village  
Sponsored by Temple Emanu El and JEC Shores Grant





# Dedications

As of 1/30/26

## ADMINISTRATIVE

### General Operating Fund

#### *in memory of*

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### Rabbi Matt Cohen Discretionary Fund

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### Sharyn Bailin Memorial Preschool Fund

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& Matt Weisfeld, Sherri Kaufman, and  
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### Camp & Israel Fund

#### *in memory of*

Alex Gold, Frances Gold, Burt Saltzman,  
& Bob & Ray Leibowitz by Linda & Len Gold

### Betty & Harvey Krantz Religious School Tuition Fund

#### *in memory of*

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& Marc Bakst  
Herb Kammer by Marcia & Marc Bakst

### Claire & Lew Pollack Religious School Continuation Fund

#### *in memory of*

Burt Saltzman by Bonnie Chernikoff

# 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  
✧ Lindy Katzel  
✧ Frances Kimmelman  
Alec Kornet  
✧ Robert Kronheim  
Jay Phillip Lipton  
✧ Bernard Massing  
Ida Neuman  
✧ Frederick S. Posner  
✧ Goldie Robinson  
✧ Herbert Rosengard  
Lorraine Rosner  
✧ Hannah Schleifer  
Julius Sobol  
Irwin Sobul  
✧ Edmund Weisler  
Lillian Weitzenkorn  
Revella Zuraitis

## Week Ending February 13

✧ Herman Acks  
✧ 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 Gottlieb  
✧ Michael Meyer Gross  
Julius Haas  
Margaret Jakob  
Milly Kaplan  
✧ Harvey Krantz  
✧ Lillian Kronheim  
Roma Klein Landis  
✧ Lawrence Lichtig  
Morton H. Lipkowitz  
✧ Tena Mechanic  
Samuel Pocrass  
✧ 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 Moisis  
Helen P. Moisis  
✧ Edward W. Norwood  
✧ Debra November  
Charlotte Ruth Palmer  
Vincent Pascarelli  
✧ Bessie Persky  
✧ Minnie Pocrass  
✧ Max Ronis  
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Helen Rossell  
Miriam Sedley  
✧ Joseph Simon  
✧ Benjamin H. Weiser

Please reach out to  
Renee Delafranconi,  
[renee@teeccleve.org](mailto:renee@teeccleve.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](mailto: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 Kedoshah*  
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](http://www.tinyurl.com/TEEKehillah3)  
or email Darcy, [dhershey@teecleve.org](mailto: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





# WELCOME

## TEE is so excited to introduce our new members!

As of 1/30/2026

### **Anna Borenstein Wright & Cameron Wright (Alex, Preschool)**

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





# 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





**MARCH 15**  
TEE BROTHERHOOD  
LOUIS CLAY  
BLOOD DRIVE


**FEB 1-28**  
ART SALE  
COLLECTION

**MAR 1 - APR 30**  
ART SALE

to do list

- share
- THE
- joy

**APRIL 2**  
TEE'S  
2ND  
SEDER



**TEE's Fundraiser**  
**LOST IN**  
**TIMES**  
**SQUARE**

**MAR 19** DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS  
(MOVE CLOCK AHEAD 1 HOUR)

**MAY 3**   
ANNUAL  
MEETING