



Temple Emanuel's newsletter.

# The Menorah

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## Temple Emanuel

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Temple Emanuel's  
Rabbi Search Committee Invites  
**ALL CONGREGANTS TO PLEASE JOIN US**  
for the weekend of  
**DECEMBER 13 and 14, 2013**

as we warmly welcome  
**RABBI RICHARD PERLMAN AND HIS WIFE, KIT,**  
from Rhode Island

*Rabbi Perlman is a candidate to become our spiritual leader.*

This is your opportunity to see, meet, hear and get to know him.  
Please make every effort to attend as much of the weekend as you can.

**Your presence is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!**  
**EVERYONE IS WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**

**FRIDAY NIGHT, DEC. 13**

**Rabbi Perlman will conduct services at 7:30 p.m.**

A special Oneg will follow

**SATURDAY DEC. 14**

**Rabbi Perlman will conduct Shabbat Services at 9:30 a.m.**

Kiddush Luncheon will follow

**At 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, a light meal (Seudat Shishit) will be offered followed by a brief Havdalah service, guitar music, desserts, and fellowship**

Rabbi Richard and Kit Perlman are coming to Lakeland from Temple Am David in Warwick, RI. In addition to his Rabbinic duties, Rabbi Perlman presently serves as Cantor, Religious School Director and Administrator. Kit enjoys cooking and gardening, and she and Rabbi are the proud parents of 4 children. They are excited to meet our Temple family!

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# Yahrzeits in December

**5774 is a leap year on the Hebrew calendar which will significantly affect yahrzeit dates.**

*Within Conservative Judaism yahrzeits are calculated from the Hebrew calendar. Names are recalled the Friday & Saturday **before** the yahrzeit date.*

### Week of 30 November - 6 December

Elliot Schick, Eli Chapnik, Frances P. Wolfson, Tilly Steckerl, Nat Wolf, S. Harvey Greenspan

### Week of 7 - 13 December

Wilfred Wolfson, Rose Leibovitz, Lillian Kaplan, Dora Pincus, Harry Zelonky, Irving Kirshman, Julius Kirshman, Joseph Jerusalem, Scott Goldberg, Abe Tonkel, Rose Eskow, Frances Leviten, Esther Schwartz

### Week of 14 - 20 December

Bernard Engleman, Louis Ginsburg, Cyrus Wolfson, Alfred Godlberg, Sadie Lerner, Hannah Moskovitz, Joseph Ingber Ambar, Nellie Bloch, Thomas Adam Ginsburg, Leah Smith, Martin Spiro, Dr. Joseph Freedman, Nathan Gilbert, Edith Cynthia Fishman, Israel I. Marcus, Sidney Kasavana

### Week of 21 - 27 December

Mania Kalisiak, Helen Mandel, Charles Wolk, Hyman Schneider, Bertha Kenet, Jennie Salkowitz, Nathan Kaplan Rose Schwartz, Mollie Wolf, Eva Leah Wolfson

### Week of 28 December - 3 January

Sidney Banchik, Frank Levine, Benjamin Palestine, Lawrence Safferstone, Howard Wein, Harris Wishnatzki, Hilda & Ernst Straus, Alex Friedman, Philip Trohn, Shepe Goldberg, Samuel Gamce, Samuel Blumberg, Irving Senft, Norman Wolf, Jennie Brownstein, Allen Weinstein, Rae Weiss, Jennifer Rae Kochan, Joseph Slakman, Frank Golub



## 8th Night of Hanukkah Family Hanukkah Dinner Party

Wednesday, December 4

5:30 PM - Berkovitz Hall

Dinner will include latkes and more



No charge

Bring your own Hanukkiah (menorah) to light

Songs

Games

Fun for the whole family!

Bring a book for children age 5 and up to send to Israel to help kids learn English.

This is a project spearheaded by Temple friend, Sharon Sapir.

**RSVP by Friday, November 29.**

## Donations

Donations received after the 15th of each month may not appear until the following edition.

### Temple General Fund

Roberta Gordon in memory of Bernard Gordon  
 Rosa DiCesare in memory of Mildred & Harry Blumberg  
 Mr. & Mrs. Benard Wildove in memory of Ida Wildove

### Building Fund

Marvin Wyman wishing Helaine Slakman a speedy recovery  
 Marvin Wyman

### Oneg Fund

Beverly Fox in memory of Julie Aaron

### Live Artfully - A Taste of Buenos Aires Sponsors

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Mr. & Mrs. Harris Estroff	Gentry Morrison Funeral Home
Gerald J. Cohen, PA	Robert and Karen Hudson
The Dr. Morris Kutner Family	Lakeland Eye Clinic
Hannah and Robert Lamport	Dr. & Mrs. Dan Leviten
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Miller	Dr. & Mrs. Marvin Odro
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Dr. Galina & Alex Vugman	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Weiss
Marvin Wyman	

**SPECIAL THANKS** We thank Shelley Robinson, Jane Renz, Richard Weiss and the entire fundraising committee for a job well done for the Live Artfully - A Taste of Buenos Aires fundraiser. Special thanks to our Temple bakers, with special recognition to Harry and Marlene Wlodawski, for the great food. Special thanks to Lizandra Izsak for the awesome "gift" baskets and thanks to Lizandra and Tammy Serebrin for all the great gift certificates that made up the gift baskets. Special thanks to artists Shirley Geigner, Jodie Snyder and all those who helped set up and decorate (which took weeks). Special thanks to Dr. Bill Sadowsky for the terrific art that he donated and to all the artists who created and donated their 5 by 5" art. Special thanks to Tammy Serebrin for organizing a dazzling "dancing with the stars" contest and thanks to Cantor Geigner and accompanist Sharon Lakin for the great music. Special thanks to all the volunteers who sold tickets, collected money, and helped the entire event be such a smooth success. Thanks to everyone who participated in any way and if we left anyone out, we thank you too!

## Keepers of the Flame 5773

(2012-2013)

### Keeper (\$5,000 & above)

Lester Wishnatzki Estate  
 Wilfred Wolfson Estate  
 Marilyn Signer  
 Bob and Sarah Behr

### Guardian (\$2500—\$4999)

Joan and Gerald Rabin

### Protector (\$1500—\$2499)

Gerald and Barbara Cohen  
 Bob and Doris Trohn  
 Gary Rabin  
 Richard and Maxine Weiss  
 Marvin Wyman  
 Beverly and Jack Stephens  
 Ira and Tammy Serebrin

### Builder (\$1000—\$1499)

Bill and Luanne Sadowsky  
 Jane and Donald Kaplan  
 Eric and Ana Lipson  
 Harris and Linda Estroff

### Sustainer (\$500—\$999)

Victor and Annie Spiro  
 Jordan and April Eckert  
 Morris and Marcie Kutner  
 Jane and Brian Renz  
 Paul and Cheri Glogower  
 Bob and Vicki Wolf  
 Marvin and Bonnie Odro  
 Monte and Heidi Sichelman  
 Dan and Joy Leviten  
 Marc and Stephanie Rapke  
 Mark and Linda Miller  
 Steve and Debbie Herman

### Non-Member Recognition

Nathan and Paula Ticatch  
 Susie Blevins

*Keeper of the Flame includes all member donations made above dues and religious school tuition. (Exclusions include food events, gift shop purchases, and costs for facility rental events such as b'nai mitzvot.) We thank all of our generous contributors - we couldn't do it without you!*

*Temple Emanuel is a 501(c)3 tax exempt religious organization. Your contributions are tax deductible. (Some restrictions may apply.)*

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## Schmooze News & Updates



### TODAH RABBAH

We thank everyone involved for the terrific fundraiser held on November 16th. Proceeds went to the local Guardian Ad Litem program, the Central Florida Autism Institute and Temple Emanuel. Mark and Stephanie Rapke won the raffle. Eric and Ana Lipson won the judges award for the tango competition and Bob and Sarah Behr won the voters award for their tango (just ask them how they won). Fun was had by all!



### MAZEL TOV

Mazel tov to the Sichelman Family on the recent marriage of Monte's brother, Ted. Pictured here are Dr. Alan and Janet Sichelman; the bride and groom, Jessica and Ted Sichelman; and our own Monte, Heidi and Jay Sichelman.

### NEW CEMETERY SPACE PRICES

The City of Lakeland posted their new prices in October 2013 which affect the prices of Temple Emanuel Cemetery Spaces. The new price structure is as follows:

#### Members in Good Standing

Single space (flat markers only) \$1751; 2 spaces (flat marker only) \$3342;  
2 Spaces (upright headstone permitted): \$5050; Block of 4 spaces (upright headstone permitted): \$6076.

#### Non-member Prices

Double above.

A down payment of 20% is required at the time of purchase to hold the price and all spaces must be paid within 3 years. If you purchased your cemetery spaces during the sale we had 3 years ago, your spaces must be paid by June 30, 2014.

### REMINDER

In March 2013 the Board voted to impose a \$250 One Time Assessment on all member households in lieu of raising dues. The last day to pay this assessment and be in good standing is 31 December 2013.

## Welcome New Members

At the Thanksgivukkah Shabbat and New Member Dinner, we officially recognized all of our new members who have joined our Temple family within the last year or so.

Daniel and Briana Boston

Brenda Friedman

Harvey and Myrna Garbow

James O'Connor

Josh O'Connor and Laina Odom

Allen and Kathy Shane

Michael & Jessica Shoffner

Sunny Spiwak and George Berger

# Nachas Notes

(Proceeds go to the Religious School Fund.)



**Help Temple Emanuel's Religious School  
and send your family and friends happy mail by sending Nachas Notes.**

Nachas notes are cute postcards (postage included) with  
birthday or anniversary greetings.

We also have Nachas Note Cards for holidays.

Nachas Notes are sent by Temple volunteer, Rhoda Goldsmith.

**Please check the names of those you would like to send cards and mail along with your  
check to Rhoda Goldsmith at 3105 Boger Blvd W, Lakeland FL 33803.**

**Cost is \$5 per card.**

**Please do not send your order to the Temple office—this will delay processing.**

Names listed without titles are under the age of 25.

## Member Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays in December

- 1 Mrs. Shelley Robinson
- 3 Mrs. Helaine Slakman
- 4 Mr. Leonard Rabin
- 5 Mrs. Beverly Fox
- 8 Joshua Audette
- 10 Mr. Richard Ross
- 13 Ms. Brenda Friedman
- 18 Mrs. Annie Spiro
- 23 Mr. Donald Kaplan
- 28 Mr. Robert Trohn
- 29 Victor Audette
- 31 Ariel Vugman

### Anniversaries in December

- 23 Mr. & Mrs. Harvey and Myrna Garbow

### Birthdays in January

- 2 Alexandra Eckert
- 12 Mrs. Maxine Weiss
- 15 Mrs. Robin Sussingham
- 15 Max Estroff
- 18 Mrs. Korina Masters
- 19 Mrs. Shelley Epstein
- 22 Mrs. Carole Philipson
- 23 Mr. Lyle Philipson
- 24 Dr. Joel Fried
- 17 Dr. Ilan Abramowitz
- 28 Dr. Monte Sichelman

### Anniversaries in January

- 1 Mr. & Mrs. David and Shelley Robinson
- 15 Dr. & Mrs. Moshe and Lizandra Izsak
- 15 Mr. & Mrs. Robbie and Amy Morris
- 20 Mr. & Mrs. Harris and Linda Estroff
- 20 Drs. Monte and Heidi Sichelman

**Sent by: Your Name and Contact Info!**

If you don't see your name(s) listed and would like to have us announce your simcha, please contact the office. But be warned, our new software won't print the names unless we have a complete date and that includes the year! (^\_^)

# Events in December

## MAHJONGG

Learn, Teach or Just Play  
Mondays at 1 PM  
Renz Hall - No charge

## HADASSAH MEETING AT TEMPLE EMANUEL

Wednesday, Dec. 11  
11:30 AM Education Building  
Please bring a gift for ages baby through teen.

## Family Hanukkah Dinner Party

Wednesday, December 4

5:30 PM - Dinner and Party - Berkovitz Hall

Bring an unused book appropriate for ages 5 and up to send to Israel to help children learn English.

Bring your own Hanukkah menorah to light.

We will be lighting the big menorah outside on the patio.

No Charge - but please RSVP by Nov. 29!

## Shabbat Services

### Friday, Dec. 6

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

Led by: TBA

Greeter: Dr. Marvin Odro

### Saturday, Dec. 7

9:30 AM Shabbat Service -

Vayigash - Renz Hall

### Friday, Dec. 13

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service -

Led by: Rabbi Richard Perlman

Greeter: Dr. Marvin Odro

### Saturday, Dec. 14

9:30 AM Shabbat Service -

Veyechi - Led by Rabbi Perlman

Greeter - Dr. Marvin Odro

### Friday, Dec. 20

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service -

Led by: Cantor Friedler

Greeter: Mike Riskin

### Saturday, Dec. 21

9:30 AM Shabbat Service -

Shemot - Renz Hall

Led by Cantor Friedler

Greeter: Mike Riskin

### Friday, Dec. 27

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service -

Led by: Dr. Jordan Eckert

Greeter: April Eckert

### Saturday, Dec. 28

9:30 AM Shabbat Service -

Va'era - Renz Hall

## Weekend with

## Spiritual Leader Applicant

## Rabbi Richard Perlman

# 13 & 14 December 2013

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hear and get to know him.

Please make every effort to attend as  
much of the weekend as you can.

### FRIDAY NIGHT,

### DEC. 13

**7:30 PM** Rabbi Perlman will conduct Erev Shabbat  
service followed by a special oneg Shabbat

### SATURDAY MORNING & AFTERNOON

### DEC. 14

**9:30 AM** Rabbi Perlman will conduct Shabbat  
service followed by a kiddush luncheon

**5:30 PM** Seudat Slishit (a light meal) will be  
offered followed by a brief Havdalah service,  
guitar music, desserts, and fellowship

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## BOOK CLUB

7:30 PM Tuesday, Dec. 17

Renz Hall

"Everything Is Illuminated" - by Jonathan Safran Foer

Join us for wine, cheese, snacks,  
and a great discussion about the book.

## NO SCHOOL

December 22 through January 2  
First day back is Sunday, January 5



**HADASSAH GET - TOGETHER  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2013**

**11:30 a.m.**

**TEMPLE EMANUEL EDUCATION BUILDING**

Join us for lunch and an interesting and important speaker!

Diane Thayer Schmelz, Recruiter and Training Coordinator for Guardian Ad Litem will tell us about the local Guardian Ad Litem Program

Over 1800 children in our community have been removed from their homes because of abuse or neglect. The Guardian ad Litem becomes their voice, a friend, mentor and trusted constant in a world where their lives are in turmoil, through no fault of their own. There are currently over 600 volunteers, only enough to represent approximately 75% of the children. Guardians are extraordinary people who do extraordinary things for our most vulnerable citizens.

Our own Hadassah members, Lizandra Izsak, Brenda Friedman and Beverly Stephens are important and active Guardian Ad Litem advocates.

**\$18 donation to Hadassah payable day of event**

Please bring an unwrapped toy for ages baby through teenager as a holiday gift for a child who is involved in the guardian ad litem program

**The Board of Directors slate for 2014 will be  
presented and voted on at this meeting**

RSVP by December 6 to: 863-944-8750 or [Jane7751@aol.com/](mailto:Jane7751@aol.com)

Or 863-647-3670 or [tserebrin@gmail.com](mailto:tserebrin@gmail.com) .

**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING JANUARY 12, 2014**

# Temple Emanuel

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## Board of Directors

Marvin Odro, President  
 Tammy Serebrin, 1st VP  
 Marc Rapke, 2nd VP  
 Mike Riskin, 3rd VP  
 Gary Rabin, Treasurer  
 Robin Sussingham, Recording Secretary

### 2013-2014 Board Members

April Eckert	Jane Renz
Jordan Eckert	Shelley Robinson
Cat Eskin	Heidi Sichelman
Harris Estroff	Gary Schwartz
Kevin Estroff	Beverly Stephens
Lizandra Izsak	Marvin Wyman

### Staff

Cantor Moshe Friedler, Spiritual Leader (Interim)  
 Sue Moore, Administration  
 Joseph DeMiranda, Caretaker

### Service Times

Friday evenings at 7:30  
 Saturday mornings at 9:30

Normal Office Hours: Mon thru Thu: 9-3  
 closed Fridays and Holidays

## The Mission of Temple Emanuel:

**May** the door of our Synagogue be wide enough to receive all who hunger for love, all who thirst for fellowship.

**May** it welcome all who have cares to unburden, thanks to express, hopes to nurture and energy to labor for G-d and mankind.

**May** the door of this synagogue be narrow enough to shut out pettiness and pride, envy and enmity, bigotry, and bitterness.

**May** it be too high to admit complacency, selfishness, vulgarity, and harshness.

**May** our synagogue be, for all who enter, the doorway to a richer and more meaningful life.

**May** our sanctuary be a place where prayers come easily, where inspiration is found, where the soul of man finds its compliment in the spirit of G-d.

**May** we all recognize that our synagogue is an extension of our life and personality - it cannot answer those who do not ask.

**May** we all understand that our synagogue can be no greater than our generosity, nor more inspiring than our sincerity. Let us make our synagogue not only a House of G-d, but an assembly for all His people.

## December 2013 at Temple Emanuel

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 28 Kislev NO SCHOOL 3 PM City Menorah Lighting by Chabad- Lake Mirror Amphitheater - free	2 29 Kislev	3 30 Kislev 1:30 PM Fundraiser Mtg 7 PM B'nai Brith Brd Mtg	4 1 Tevet NO SCHOOL 5:30 PM Chanukah Dinner & Party	5 2 Tevet Hebrew School	6 3 Tevet 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service Greeter: Dr. Marvin Odro	7 4 Tevet 9:30 AM Shabbat Service
8 5 Tevet 9:30 AM Sunday Schl	9 6 Tevet 7:30 PM House & Grounds Comm Mtg	10 7 Tevet	11 8 Tevet 11:30 AM Hadassah Mtg - Renz Hall Hebrew School	12 9 Tevet Hebrew School	13 10 Tevet 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service with Rabbi Perlman	14 11 Tevet 9:30 AM Shabbat Ser- vice with Rabbi Perlman
15 12 Tevet 9:30 AM Sunday School 10 AM B'nai Brith Brunch @ FSC	16 13 Tevet 7 PM Exec. Comm Mtg 7:30 PM Board Mtg	17 14 Tevet 7:30 PM Book Club	18 15 Tevet Hebrew School	19 16 Tevet Hebrew School	20 17 Tevet 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service with Cantor Friedler Greeter: Mike Riskin	21 18 Tevet 9:30 AM Shabbat Ser- vice with Cantor Friedler Greeter: Mike Riskin
22 19 Tevet NO SCHOOL	23 20 Tevet	24 21 Tevet	25 22 Tevet OFFICE CLOSED NO SCHOOL	26 23 Tevet OFFICE CLOSED NO SCHOOL	27 23 Tevet 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service Led by Jordan Eckert Greeter: April Eckert	28 25 Tevet 9:30 AM Shabbat Service Greeter: April Eckert
29 26 Tevet NO SCHOOL	30 27 Tevet	31 28 Tevet				