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The Menorah

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Rabbi's Message

"I the Lord do not change." (Malachi 3:6)

While some things never change, we can't say that about life in the last century. I read that if we were to put the entire world's knowledge from the beginning of time until 1845 on a

graph it would measure only 1 inch tall. From 1845 to 1945—just 100 years—the graph would measure 3 inches tall. But from 1945 until today the graph would be as tall as or even taller than the Washington monument.

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President's Message

Where has 2019 gone? It's hard to believe that we are about to celebrate Chanukah and soon we will be ushering in 2020.

I want to thank Rabbi David Goldstein, Cantor Paul Goldstein, and the Ritual Committee who all worked so hard to make our High Holiday Services meaningful and spiritually uplifting. Without their efforts services would not have flowed smoothly. The catering committee, volunteer bakers, and Edie also need to be recognized for their efforts in preparing and arranging our Rosh Hashanah reception and Sukkot Dinners.

At our Kol Nidre Service, David Robinson kicked off our Capital Fundraising Campaign by telling of the impact Temple Emanuel has had on the Robinson family. He also made a request for members to reflect on what Temple Emanuel means to you and your family. What would it be like if we did not have Temple Emanuel as a center for religious, educational, and social activities?

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mah Jong

Most Mondays @ 1 pm

Student Shabbat

12/13

Services 6:30 pm

Dinner 7:30 pm

Trivia Fun

12/15 4 pm

Book Club

12/17 11 am

Chanukah Dinner

12/27 6 pm

Visit our [website calendar](#)
& our [Facebook page](#) for
details on all events!

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Over the next several weeks members from the Capital Fundraising Committee will be contacting members to discuss the campaign and how everyone can participate.

The campaign will extend over a 3 to 4 year period. This format will allow us to make the needed repairs so we may return to our sanctuary and also to the completion of other projects that have been discussed but not completed due to funding issues...revamping the handicapped parking area, restoring the caretakers house, having a sofer (scribe) evaluate and make any needed repairs to our Torahs, etc.

The immediate goal is for us to be back in our sanctuary for the High Holidays in 2020. With the generous contributions we have received to date we have been able to replace the air conditioner in Berkovitz Hall, seal all of the windows in the Temple building, and repair and seal the leaks in the wall above the bima. Currently we are completing the required maintenance to secure our roof.

Our next project will be asbestos abatement and refinishing the ceiling in the sanctuary. We are anticipating these repairs beginning after the first of the year. During the period of the asbestos repairs the Temple building will be closed off, and all services, meetings, and activities will occur in the Education Building. We will be working with the contractors to have the asbestos work completed and reopen the building before Passover.

As part of our Capital Campaign, we are planning to enlist the assistance of community philanthropic foundations for additional funding. Before we can extend outside the Temple for fundraising though, we need to have 100% participation of our Temple members. Participation will be at the level members can comfortably manage.

We look forward to seeing you at services, Book Club, Mah Jongg, Trivia, or any of our other Temple activities. Some upcoming events include:

* Our Religious School Students will be participating in Shabbat Services at 6:30 on Friday, December 13th. Dinner at 7:30 pm. There is no charge for our religious school teachers, students and their parents. The cost for our Religious School attendees has been graciously underwritten by Shelley & David Robinson and Kevin Estroff.

The cost for non-members and congregants without children in the religious school is:
Adults - \$14.00. Children under 13 - \$7.00. Family Max (for congregants) \$42.00.

RSVP online @ <https://templemanuelakeland.com/events/shabbat-dinner-with-students-9-13-11-13-3-13/>

* Join us for our Congregation Latke Dinner on Friday December 27th 6:00 pm. Shabbat services will follow at 7:30 pm. There is no charge for this dinner.

Wishing everyone a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2020 New Year!

Allen Shane
Temple Emanuel President



YOUR YEAR TO VOLUNTEER

Connect ... Engage ... Make a Difference

Join us to make Temple Emanuel the best it can be. With your time, talent and skills, we can provide fun, fellowship, events and activities. There is something for everyone!

Won't you help us? Please send your response by email to: office@templeemanuellakeland.com



Committees:

- ♦ **Ways and Means** - oversee and coordinate fundraising activities; solicit special donations when needed; explore possibilities for increasing income.
- ♦ **Marketing** – help publicize events and programs at Temple Emanuel. Work on our website and Facebook page. Create items for the weekly update and publish the quarterly Menorah newsletter.
- ♦ **Membership** - identify and recruit new congregants; welcome newcomers and non-affiliated members of the community and acquaint them with various aspects of the synagogue.
- ♦ **Planning – Socials and Events** - help plan, publicize and execute various programs and events for the congregation.
- ♦ **Sunshine / Visitation** - reach out to our congregants during stressful times in the hospital or at home.
- ♦ **House & Grounds** - help monitor and assist with synagogue maintenance and upkeep; make recommendations for improvements/repairs and identify long-range capital needs.
- ♦ **Telephone** - coordinate the phone tree for special events to call and recruit participation.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

From School Administrator Lori Dougherty

Sunday school is just about half way through the year and everything is going smoothly. The fall and winter are a bit quiet as we have a lot of time off. Kids are continuing to learn about holidays, history of the Jews and all about the service that goes along with Shabbat.

We regretfully cancelled the Chanukah party but will still have a celebration for the kids December 15th. Chanukah items are for sale at the Temple Gift Shop. If you want to send your kids to Sunday School with some money, they can go shopping or you can bring them along yourself. We have candles, gift wrap, dreidels, menorahs, games, cards, and more!

Our next holiday for school is February 9th, Tu B'Shevat. We have some parents that will planning for that celebration so stay tuned for details!

The Grace of Vic Spiro

About the Archives by Cat Eskin

I don't remember ever actually "meeting" Vic Spiro. I'm sure that he introduced himself to me, and that I shook his hand for a first time and smiled up into his caring and attentive face. I'm sure that I took in the earring and the ponytail and felt a kindred spirit. I know that he was a source of warmth and acceptance for all the years I davened next to him on Saturday mornings. I know that his reliable and easy company was—and will always be—a great source of personal strength for me and my family. Vic was a constant in our lives, whether services were in the sanctuary, the Signer board room or, more recently, Renz Hall.

I see Vic now, lunging to catch a 4-year-old Tilly as she backs away from the reading table in the main sanctuary and totters towards the edge of the bema. I am standing, Manny fussing on my hip as I sing the Levite Aliyah, oblivious to my daughter's predicament. The next moment, Tilly escapes Vic's grasp and hops down the steps towards the blanket and her toys, shining in the morning light through the stained glass windows. Vic chuckles and turns back to the Torah reading as I whisper my flustered thanks. Years later, he would show first Tilly, and then Manny how to don a tallis with the same indulgence and love he showed that Sabbath morning.



I only slowly began to realize Vic's depth as a human being. He was kind enough to allow one of my students to interview him for a course I taught at Florida Southern College. I had known he grew up in Boston, but not exactly where or under what circumstances. Chance comments, including one description of the living room set-up of his dentist uncle, gave me clues. Those interviews revealed dimensions of Vic I had not known, but which spoke to his compassion and his gift for empathy.

Born in Boston, MA in 1938, the second son (older brother Martin was born in 1933 and died in 1997) of Nellie and Bernie Spiro, Vic was raised as an Orthodox Jew. His father was born in Krakow, Poland and worked a variety of jobs over the years, including a long run as a manager of carnivals. Vic explained in his interview that he grew up in a ghetto—a large Jewish community that was tight-knit at least partly for defense: straying from the neighborhood into bordering areas could be hazardous. But, "we [Jews] were all in the same position; we didn't have any money.

We were all pretty poor, but we didn't know anything different. Vic's experiences of anti-Semitism were, in spite of his insistence to the contrary, formative. Discussing moments of violence, he told his interviewer that attacks were "something that you didn't expect to happen when you went somewhere, but you weren't surprised if they happened. ... Was it life-changing? I don't think so. Because we expected it and we knew what we were up against, and we knew how people felt about us." As he got older, Vic was inclined to educate rather than retaliate.



Vic plays the accordion at his bar mitzvah (c.1951)

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A short review of Vic's employment experience reveals an eclectic history: he worked at a lamp factory in 1949, unloaded lumber in Boston during the summers of 1954-55, worked in "collection" from 1955-59 with his father, taught horseback riding at a camp in the late 1950s, sold clothing from 1960-64, assisted scholars for the Retina Foundation in Boston (which included removing eyes from dead cows for research purposes), and took a few catering jobs along the way. Unloading boxcars in the summer heat convinced Vic that he would avoid physical labor in his future, that he would work with his mind instead. His time with the Retina Foundation made him appreciate what science could achieve (even if he was mostly a gopher for the organization). Dr. Spiro was also a professor at Boston University for many years.

What he always dreamed of doing, though, was flying. His junior year of college, he told his parents he wanted to join the military so he could make that dream come true and they were pretty skeptical. In his telling, his father said "Jewish kids don't become MP's [military police] and they don't become fighter pilots."

When he was accepted to a Navy pilot program in Pensacola, his parents requested that he apply to dental school and put off his military plans. He did. Vic would eventually join up and he would even learn to fly (no take-offs and no landings, but he maneuvered C-130s, C-140s, and C-141s), though he spent most of his time in the air with wounded soldiers, assisting medical doctors on evacuation flights from Vietnam.

Vic's experiences helped him learn to suspend judgement: "I learned [from my experience in the Air Force] that [pause] – sometimes you have to change your opinion during the course of doing something. You start for one reason and you end up with another reason. ... And I came away with, [pause] well ... When I started I thought we should've been there [in Vietnam], but I ended up thinking it was one of the worst things we could have ever done." He also gained a profound sense of the fragility of life; "I became [pause] – human life meant more to me than before."



Perhaps that's why Vic spent his life helping others. In spite of the fact that he retired from dentistry and anesthesiology in 2001, he continued to serve and practice until shortly before he passed away. That's not to say he didn't enjoy retirement! Vic travelled extensively with his beloved Annie and drove his super-cool car to all those post-retirement days of work.

Vic in uniform during his service (c.1968)

And, of course, Vic was a Kohain. He explained to my student that being a kohain "means that ... religiously and emotionally I am a little more invested in [Judaism and ritual] than maybe somebody else would be.... And so I guess it means more to me because of that; people recognize that [distinction] – not that they come up to me and say 'hey, hello, Kohain, good to have you aboard!' [Laughing] No, they don't do that. But it's just a nice thing to be recognized as one of the high priests."

Vic was more than the sum of his parts. He was a deeply spiritual and kind person, highly intelligent and driven to excellence, witty and down-to-earth. Vic was the humble hero who saved my daughter's life and who was polite enough never to mention it.

Monthly Profile: This month we feature Jodie Snyder! Read her interesting story here and more member profiles at: <https://templeemanuellakeland.com/member-profiles/>

Tell us about your family: Where did you grow up? Who are/were your siblings, parents, and grandparents and what effect did they have on the person you have become? What was your childhood like? Are there any family stories you can share?

I grew up in New Jersey, about a half hour outside of New York City, with my mom, Alex, my dad, Howard, my sister, Stacie and my close, large extended family. My mom's parents were Ukrainian immigrants, and my dad's family emigrated from Eastern Europe to the Lower East Side in Manhattan. My parents are both Jewish, and my father's side of the family is as well. My mother's side of the family was a mix of Catholic, Greek Orthodox and her oldest sister was Mormon. I mention this, because growing up in this kind of blended interfaith extended family role modeled tolerance, acceptance and flexibility, both traits that I value, for me.

Something else role modeled for me was religion being a personal choice. A personal choice to have a relationship with G-d and religion, to choose what religion you are connected to, and to choose how you want to participate in your religion. Both of my parents were involved in my temple growing up. My mother taught Sunday School and my father was on the board. They were involved in lots of committees, the temple softball league, etc. We had Shabbat dinner at home every Friday night and went to services most Friday nights. I attended religious school at our Temple Sinai in Summit, New Jersey, I was bat mitzvahed and confirmed there. As a teenager, I taught Hebrew on Wednesdays, I was a Madrachim (teaching assistant) in the Sunday school and I was president of our youth group. Needless to say, Temple has consistently been a big part of my life and I have always felt connected to my congregation there, and now here, as a second family. My best friends were at my temple (and still are).

Education – Work/Career: Where did you go to school-college-degree-major? What is your occupation? How did you meet your spouse? Tell us about your children?

After graduating from Stockton University in NJ, the father of two of the students I had taught Hebrew to, offered me a job at 1010WINS radio in Manhattan, right across from Carnegie Hall. I worked in Human Resources there until September of 2001. My last day was several days before 9/11 which was a shocking and scary time to live through. I went to graduate school at Antioch University in Keene, New Hampshire where I studied Marriage and Family Therapy. After graduation, I worked as a therapist in community mental health in downtown Keene. A while later, on a trip to visit my cousins in South Florida, I met my husband, Raymond. He flew to NH nearly every weekend for almost a year and then we packed up my studio apartment and squeezed it into a UHAUL and I moved back to NJ and then to South Florida.



In South Florida, I had an exciting culture change (New Hampshire to Ft. Lauderdale) and enjoyed living near my maternal grandmother, aunt and uncle and many cousins, enjoying the opportunity to be geographically close with them, which was something I was always interested in doing. I worked in South Florida as a family therapist for SOS Children's Villages, with foster care children and their variety of families (adopted, reunifying, terminating, etc.) In 2007, Raymond moved to work at his company's (Harrells) headquarters in Lakeland. He also found Temple Emanuel and with the help of Rabbi Fox he converted to Judaism. We were married later that year and I moved to Lakeland just before the wedding. Interesting story, the house that was on our current property where we live, was hit by a drunk driver one night when we were out of town. The house was badly damaged and we built our current house in its place. In 2008 we moved in, our son, Ben, was born in 2009 and our daughter, Kassie, was born in 2012.

Prior to Ben and Kassie, I worked for a year in Riverview at an inpatient facility as the unit therapist for children and adolescents. Then I opened a small private practice in a shared office space in the Dr. Phillips area of Orlando. My father passed away suddenly and unexpectedly while I was pregnant with Ben in 2009 and between that and having a new baby, the commute and logistics of my private practice led to my decision to close that practice and focus on nurturing Ben. This was a big change for me. I had intended to continue working because I enjoyed being a therapist so much, but my father's sudden passing, combined with having my first baby, significantly shifted my personal priorities in a way that I had not expected.

Two children later, a wonderful and satisfying experience as a stay at home mom with them, and with them both in school, I felt myself being pulled to return to work. I started my own behavior coaching business called, "The Kid Coach -Behavior Coaching for a Harmonious Home." Let me tell you how "The Kid Coach" was born. As a mental health provider, you are required by insurance companies to submit a diagnosis. Often times, I would see a family or a child with a problem, not a pathological or pervasive diagnostic problem, but more simple behavior problems. Following protocol, I always had to give a diagnosis, labeling that client. For example, a child who is not listening at home or having out of control temper tantrums, does not necessarily mean that they have ADHD, or Oppositional Defiant Disorder (ODD), etc. They just simply have temper tantrums or poor behavior and the methods and attempts to help them at home or at school were exhausted and not working. Parents are at their wits end. They often think there could be something deeper going on with their child. When this behavior reaches a fever pitch, help is needed and they see a clinician who starts treatment by assessing and diagnosing (labeling) them.

Often times, I found these labels ineffective and counterproductive for treatment. That diagnosis or label would be the new "lens" that child would be seen through, by parents, siblings, teachers, etc. The child might even start to see themselves this way. I heard lots of things like "our child can't be expected to participate in class like other children because he has ODD, let's make accommodations for him" or "we can't take our daughter to the parade, she has a sensory processing disorder, let's not expose her to that." I am by no means saying that there are not people, children, and families out there who don't have a true diagnostic issue. There are. What I am saying is that I found in my own practice, that that was a much smaller percentage of the whole. The Kid Coach is a different approach to these kinds of issues. It is solution and future focused and targets the problem behavior by teaching effective tools and strategies to cope with or replace the issue. The child is not the problem, the behavior is. It's meant to be a first line of defense when a behavioral problem occurs. I am happy to say that The Kid Coach is doing well and I am so happy to be back doing what I love and filling a gap for kids, couples, families, that just need a little help from someone who has been trained to stabilize things and get them on the right track. Hence the tagline, Stop the Chaos with Behavior Coaching for a Harmonious home.

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Interests: What was the most interesting or unusual job you have had? What are your interests and hobbies? What books are on your nightstand right now?

Hobbies: I enjoy painting. Walls and art. I also enjoy hiking, leisure bicycle riding, and being outside in general. Also, teaching Sunday school. =) Books on my nightstand: The Red Tent by Anita Diamant and The Second Mountain by David Brooks.



BAR MITZVAH NEWS

Scott and Jennifer Audette invite you to share in their pride as their son, Joshua Max, leads Shabbat Services as a Bar Mitzvah on Friday, December 20 and Saturday, December 21.

Joshua has enjoyed spending Shabbat mornings with you as he learned how to lead services and study with Rabbi Goldstein.

As many of you know, Joshua is a longtime competitive soccer player with Lakeland Youth Tropics, currently positioned at midfield. He is a 7th-grader at Lake Gibson Middle School, where he is involved in FFA and is raising his second show hog. His previous hog placed third in its weight division at the 2019 Polk County Youth Fair. He was named Outstanding 6th Grade FFA Member for 2018-2019.

Joshua's older brother, Victor, became a bar mitzvah at Temple Emanuel in January 2016.



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Change, rapid change—some for good and some for bad—has become the order of the day. They say that today's average worker will need to be retrained at least three times during his working career to keep up with all the changes. Changes in technology, our manner of living, relationships, beliefs, philosophy, morals, and so on are happening so fast it is difficult to keep up with it all. It can leave us reeling and stressed to the max.

And while we have learned how to put a man on the moon and talk to him while he is there, we hardly know how to communicate to one another in a meaningful manner when we are in the same room! Much of our modern education (with access to almost unlimited knowledge) has taught us how to make a living but has failed miserably in teaching us how to live.

Judaism teaches us that it is through our prayers that we come closer to G-d, and in doing so we anchor ourselves to life. Without an anchor we can be left floating on a restless changing sea of uncertainty and insecurity. But for those who have faith in G-d, of this one thing we can be absolutely sure: G-d changes not! G-d's love is from everlasting to everlasting and it is this unchanging and unconditional love that provides us with an anchor in an ever changing world.

I hope to see you at a service soon,

Shalom

Rabbi David Goldstein

The most interesting (and fun) job I ever had was working in HR at 1010WINS and WNEW radio station in NYC. The salespeople there had lots of tickets to things and a perk of mine was access to those tickets that weren't given away. I went to Broadway shows, Yankees and Mets games, comedy clubs, concerts, etc. Once in a while, I would have as many as 10 tickets and I would bring my friends and family. It was a super fun time.

On Being Jewish: How long have you been a member of Temple Emanuel? What committees or leadership roles have you had or perhaps would like to have at Temple Emanuel? What does being Jewish mean to you?

I have been a member at Temple Emanuel for 12 years. I am a board member and I have been chair for the Live Artfully fundraiser for several years. I teach Sunday School (7 years) and I have run many events at the temple like the Purim Carnival and the Hanukkah party. I try to help when I am needed. Being Jewish means to me that I am part of a rich culture and history, I am a minority which I think has given me a humbling perspective. Being Jewish has taught me faith, loyalty, strength and standing up to adversity. Being Jewish and a part of Temple Emanuel means that I have a second family and a supportive community. Being Jewish to me, means that I can go anywhere in the world and walk into a synagogue, sit next to a stranger and feel a common bond and likeness, that we share something. Being Jewish makes me feel proud.

Reflections: Who has been the biggest influence in your life and why? What is one thing people would be surprised to learn about you? What is your proudest moment? Is there anything you would do over if you had the chance? Looking back, what is the best advice you would give your younger self? What are the most important lessons you have learned in life?

My mother has been the biggest influence on me. I admire so many things about her. She is strong, smart, practical, motivated, punctual, focused, and tireless. She taught me kindness, compassion, understanding, and acceptance. I think one of her most influential moments with me was a time she sent me to my room as a child. While in my room, I wrote on a piece of paper, "I hate my mom so much!" When she came in my room, I quickly stuck the paper under my mattress. She sat on the floor next to me to talk to me and she saw the paper sticking out. When she read it, she said, "I'm glad you wrote your feelings down. You got them out without screaming or yelling." I felt so ashamed for writing that, but she didn't shame me at all. She didn't make it about herself or make me feel guilty or like I had to take care of her and she didn't dwell and she never brought it up again. We just moved right on from that moment and I remember feeling overwhelmed with love for her, thinking that she was the most incredible woman in the world and I that I was going to grow up to treat others in their times when they were feeling low in one way or another, the same way she treated me.

When I studied abroad in Sevilla, Spain, a bunch of my friends went to Morocco. My dad asked me not to go. He was nervous because a few years before, some exchange students had been kidnapped. I was not nervous and ambivalent. I did not go and instead had a wonderful day at the beach in Cadiz, but I do regret not going. I wish I could recreate that and do that over.

The advice I would give my younger self would be to be brave, be decisive and to follow through.



Would you like to share your story? Please contact Irma Cole at irmacole26@gmail.com We would love to learn more about all our temple members! Thank you Jodie for being this issue's featured profile!

So what's Cat been up to you ask? Read on....

Rotary:

Cat Eskin gave a talk to The Lakeland Rotary Club on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 during their regular meeting at First Methodist Church. Her talk, entitled "Lakeland Pioneers (1909-2011): The Wolfson Jewish Legacy," looked at the ways the Wolfson family grew alongside Lakeland and Polk County more generally. She began with a history of the Wolfsons in Lakeland and ended with the parallels between the Wolfson legacy and the Rotary mission.



Radio

Temple Archivist Cat Eskin was a guest presenter on WMNF's "Sunday Simcha" Show on November 24th, sharing the microphone with host Joy Katzen-Guthrie, Seders & Cigars director Barb Rosenthal and Ronald Becker, religious leader and historian for Congregation Beth Tefilah, the JCC of Pasco County. The conversation was lively, offering listeners a peek into the history of Jews in the Tampa Bay area during the early and mid-20th century. (From left to right: Katzen-Guthrie, Eskin, Rosenthal and Becker.)

TEA & Memories: An Experiment

Dr. Cat. Eskin has been teaching a course at Florida Southern College called "Writing About Southern Jewish History." The course content was gleaned from a summer institute she attended at the College of Charleston (South Carolina) and was designed to cover the experience of Lakeland Jews, specifically during the first decades of the 20th century (1919-1939). In conjunction with the class and with her Confirmation class in the religious school, she organized two TEA & Memories events (September 15th and November 3rd). The second event was a wonderful success, involving three college students (Mikail, Garrett and Levi), three confirmation students (Manny, Jillian and Jake), and a host of Temple members.

Cat requested that members bring pictures, yearbooks, confirmation certificates, and more for students to scan and add to the Temple's growing collection—at least one person did not disappoint, bringing a box of relevant and timely materials (Manny didn't have enough time to scan them all!).

The crowd of about 20 spent most of the late morning working one-on-one with students to identify the participants in pictures which have stumped the TEA Archivist for years! Pictures from the 1940s-2010s were reviewed and the assembled guests enjoyed tea and lemon cookies as they worked and visited. Confirmation students will be spending the next few weeks working through the data they collected. Thanks to everyone who came out to help! Given the success of the event, the Archive will try to organize another before too long.

Upcoming:

* Dr. Eskin will be speaking at the Lakeland Kiwanis Meeting on December 13th at 12 noon at the First Methodist Church. Her topic will be "Harry Moskovits: Founding Kiwanian in Lakeland, 1922."

* Dr. Eskin will be teaching a course in Jewish Biography at FSC in the Spring. The student reports will be part of a public presentation in April 2020 (dates tba).



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The deadline for submissions will be February 29th.

Please contact irmacole26@gmail.com



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BOOK CLUB



TUESDAY DECEMBER 17TH
11 AM TO 12 PM

Optional lunch out afterwards

OUR SELECTION IS "THE OCEAN LINER"
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WE MEET IN THE LIBRARY IN THE MAIN BLDG.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Temple Emanuel Sunday School and Hebrew School are planning three times when students will be participating in Friday night Shabbat services:

- ♦ December 13,
- ♦ March 13

There will be a Shabbat Dinner for the students, families and congregation on those nights. 6:30 pm services and 7:30 pm dinner. Please come to meet and support our students!

\$14 for adults

\$7 for children under 12

\$42 Family Max

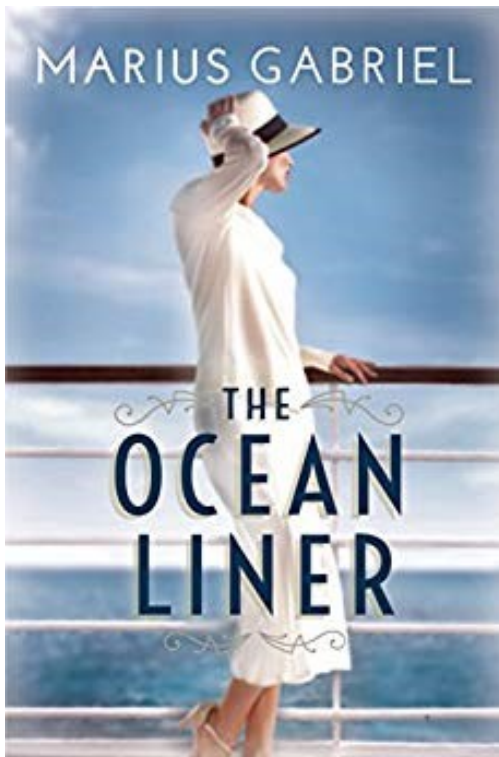
There are sponsors for the religious school families and teacher's meals.

Others may pay here:

<https://templeemanuellakeland.com/events/shabbat-dinner-with-students-9-13-11-13-3-13/>

Other Religious School Shabbats are scheduled for January 10, February 21, April 17, and May 8. Service at 7:30 pm with a kid friendly Oneg.

BOOK CLUB NEWS



Our next Book Club selection is “The Ocean Liner” by Marius Gabriel. Cousins Masha and Rachel Morgenstern board the luxury liner the SS Manhattan bound for New York, desperate to escape the concentration camps that claimed the rest of their family. America offers a safe haven, but to reach it they must survive a hazardous Atlantic crossing.

<https://smile.amazon.com/Ocean-Liner-Marius-Gabriel-ebook/dp/B0746KXXLY>

We will meet on Tuesday, December 17 at 11am in the main Temple Building. An optional lunch will follow.

After our current read, “The Ocean Liner”, we will be reading “The Alice Network” by Kate Quinn, and then Amy Blocher’s book “Holocaust’s Child”. This spring read was selected to coincide with Holocaust Remembrance Day.

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CAN YOU HELP?

Do you have a few hours to spare once in a while? Temple Emanuel can use your help with small projects like:

1. Delivering collected food donations to VISTE.
2. Stuffing Envelopes.
3. Setting up Tables and Chairs for Events
4. Power Washing.
5. Odd Jobs and Maintenance.
6. Being a Greeter at Services.



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Help support your Temple with your time! Speak to Allen, Tammy, or Rabbi and let them know you are available. It's a Mitzvah!

Life is better when you play MAHJONG! Join us Mondays at 1 pm.



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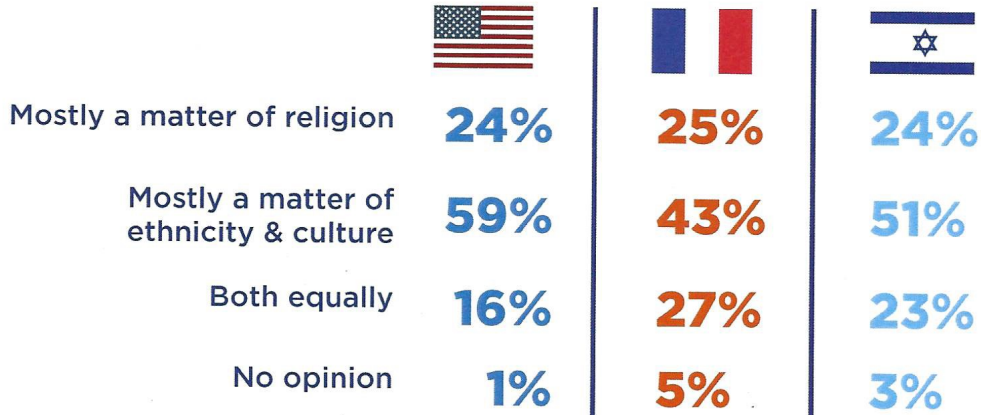
Join the fun....for beginners and beyond! Most Mondays at 1 pm at the Temple.

If you want to learn or just play, please join us. Always a good time!

Have you been to services lately?

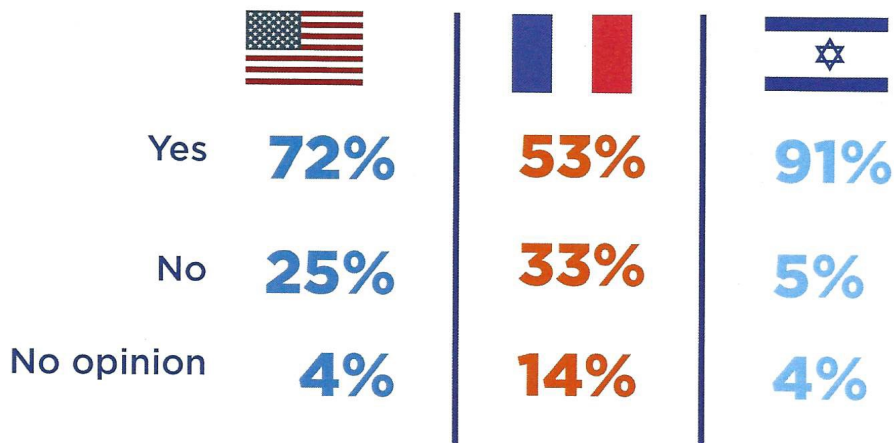
- ◆ We have a number of new members for you to meet and enjoy getting to know.
- ◆ The Rabbi has interesting thoughts he shares that make you think and have a good discussion about .
- ◆ There are always people to welcome you and talk to before and after services.
- ◆ Networking, enjoying friendships, spiritual renewal....all good reasons to attend!
- ◆ Watch our youngest congregants learn the melodies and prayers. Now that is inspiration!
- ◆ Your presence is a mitzvah!

Do you consider being Jewish mostly a matter of religion, or more a matter of ethnicity and culture?



*NOTE: In French survey, the word "descent" was used instead of "ethnicity"

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