Dear Friends,

The Hebrew month of Cheshvan is sometimes called “Mar Cheshvan” which means “the bitterness of Cheshvan” because there are no Jewish festivals — following the marathon of the previous month of Tishrei when we celebrate Rosh HaShanah, Sukkot and Simchat Torah. This year, the New Moon of Cheshvan begins on the evening of October 26th and ends on Thanksgiving Day — November 24th. This unique juxtaposition of the Jewish and secular calendars provides us with a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge how we, as Jews, navigate multiple modalities in our lives. Thanksgiving is a uniquely American holiday that commemorates the first harvest of the Pilgrims who shared a feast in 1621 with the Wampanoag Native American tribe. The holiday is patterned after the Biblical Festival of Sukkot — the quintessential Fall harvest festival. For many households, celebrating Thanksgiving serves as a powerful reminder of the love we have for our nation and the pride we take in being citizens of the United States.

And yet, the historicity of Thanksgiving is increasingly being challenged. While the popular understanding of this feast may have had its origins in a story of a cooperative endeavor between English Colonists and Indigenous tribes, the reality of the relationships between European settlers and Native Americans is filled with complexity and pain. We now know that the myth of a celebratory feast between European and indigenous communities covers up a dark history. What began as a story of brotherly love can also be seen as a tale of racism and oppression against the First Nations of our country. This is why many Native Americans view Thanksgiving as a day of mourning instead of giving thanks.

Each year — for the past 146 years — Temple Emanuel has joyfully participated in an interfaith Thanksgiving service with multiple faith communities representing Jewish, Christian, Muslim and Buddhist traditions. It has always served as a powerful reminder of ecumenical cooperation and shared values. At the same time, recently, at the planning meetings for this event, some members of the Clergy (myself included) have expressed concerns about the ethical and moral difficulties inherent in celebrating Thanksgiving without acknowledging the pain and suffering of Native American peoples.

The question of how to continue a wonderful tradition that is approaching a century and a half of sharing prayers, hopes and visions for a better future while acknowledging that our good fortune is built upon a foundation of oppression and genocide is both painful and essential. At this year’s Thanksgiving service — which will take place on November 24th at Montview Presbyterian Church at 10:00 AM — in addition to giving thanks, we will also begin to address these questions. While it may be easier to ignore the ethical dilemma posed by our modern-day celebrations for the sake of continuity and “tradition,” our collective, interfaith values also compel us to find both the holiness and the ugliness in our world and call attention to them.

Three and a half weeks after Thanksgiving — on December 18th — we will light our first Hanukah candle. One of the key messages of this joyous Winter Holiday is shining a light on the oppression and inequities in our world. Each candle we will light in our Menorah reminds us of the necessity to fight for freedom and justice. Our history as a people, as a nation and as citizens of this great country should inspire us to not be afraid of confronting painful truths.

I invite you to join with me, Cantor Sacks and many members of our congregation and our interfaith partners on Thanksgiving Day as we both give thanks for God’s bounty while acknowledging the important work that lies ahead of us as we strive to build a society free from hatred and racism.

L’Shalom (in peace),
Rabbi Joseph R. Black

Thanksgiving Interfaith Service
Nov. 24th, 10:00 a.m.
Montview Presbyterian Church
Dear Families,

We are so excited to be back in school for another year! Here are the highlights of the exciting new changes happening this year at the Max Frankel Religious School!

Structure and Schedule
Ski season and Trimmers!
We have moved to a trimester schedule in order to help integrate our ski families better!

Voice and Choice
4th through 7th grade gets to choose from an array of modern classes to reflect their interests.

Community and Social Engagement
Havdalah "kick off"
We start every trimester with a Family Havdalah so our students can meet their teachers and our community can come together for Havdalah.

Session Shabbat
We end every trimester with a Celebratory Shabbat and to show-off all of our student work!

Education
Judic Curriculum / Hebrew Curriculum
Both Curricula have been completely re-written by Jocelyn Rosenberg, Principal of the Max Frankel Religious School, and Kathy Horewitch, Hebrew and B'nai Mitzvah Coordinator. We are focused on a modern, hands-on curriculum that honors our Jewish values, traditions, stories, and Holidays. Our aim is to make Judaism come alive!

Music Engagement
Music Specialist
We have hired a phenomenal music engagement specialist to teach the Jewish Soundscape to our students.

T'Fila in 3 parts
We have split T’Fila into age appropriate groups to facilitate deeper learning and fun!

Family Engagement and Education
• Derech: 4th-6th Grade
• Art Exploration 1st-3rd Grade
• Jewish Adventure Together 0-5 years old
• Kadidude: #Dad'sWithAttitude
• Parent Coffee and Schmooze
• Daditude: #Dad'sWithAttitude
• Art Exploration 1st-3rd Grade
• T’Fila in 3 parts
• Voice and Choice
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• Session Shabbat
• Music Engagement
• Family Engagement and Education

Religious School

INSIDE TEMPLE

Our Sincere Thanks!

As our High Holidays have ended and we begin the Torah again it is important that we take stock of the blessings in our lives. We are blessed to have amazing clergy lead us at Temple Emanuel. Whether it is pastoral care, religious services, music, life-cycle events, teaching or counseling, we are so very fortunate to have you here for us (and NO, Cantor Sacks isn’t heading back East, that was a poor joke I made on Rosh Hashanah, sorry for any confusion! Bad Danny!).

We at Temple are also so very blessed by the incredible work of the entire staff that makes it possible for the clergy to be successful and makes Temple function at the highest of levels. Our thanks go to every single working maintenance and facilities person that keeps our building clean, safe and functioning; our security team that gives all of us great comfort every single day of the year; our extraordinary teachers in the ELC and religious school who care so very deeply for our children; our Shwayder staff, the brilliant bookkeepers, social media and audio-visual experts who connect us all when we are not physically together; our receptors and secretaries; our programming, development and engagement professionals, and of course all of the lay leaders who volunteer in every conceivable capacity. The next time you are here stop and say “Thanks” to some of these fantastic individuals!

Rabbi Black and Steve Stark, our co-CEOs, have assembled incredible teams and continue to fine tune the Temple operations. Thank you for being the amazing leaders that you are.

I also want to thank all of you, our Temple family, for not giving up on Temple and for returning in force. Everything the Temple staff and board of Trustees does is designed to ensure we are meeting your needs. And I am so happy to see that many of you return and actively participate. I urge you to spend a few minutes online and read the calendar of events at emanueldenver.org. We have some sensational social justice programming, adult education classes and of course wonderful and creative community worship opportunities. The High Holidays are over but the work at Temple continues! On behalf of the Temple Emanuel Board of Trustees we wish you and your families well and hope to see you live and in-person very soon!

Rabbi Andrea L. Weiss, Ph.D.

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ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Education 2022-2023

Valley Beit Midrash Classes

Rethinking Religious Truth and Power in Jewish Texts with Rabbi Rachel Sabath Beit-Halichmi

This session will focus on two Talmudic stories about rabbinic power and gender. They share two elements that we'll study closely: the role of the body and the emotion of anger. We'll ask: How are each portrayed in each of the Talmudic narratives and how do we understand them and manage them in today's Jewish world?

Wednesday, December 7th, 100 – 2:00 p.m.

Speaking Religious Truth to Political Power with Rabbi Andrea L. Weiss, Ph.D.

The “American Values, Religious Voices: 100 Days, 100 Letters” campaign sent a letter a day to the President, Vice President, and Members of Congress for the first 100 days of the Trump administration in 2017 and the Biden administration in 2021. The letters were written by a multifaith group of scholars who connected core American values to our different religious traditions. We will explore some of the letters and discuss how this project can serve as a model and resources for bringing people together around shared values.

Melton Classes

January 18th – March 1st
Between the Lines with Sue Parker Gerson

Jewish texts have informed Jewish thought and practice for over 3,000 years. But do we understand them and manage them in today’s Jewish world? We’ll look at the hints and clues in the letters of sacred Jewish texts: the Torah, the Prophets, the Talmud (no previous Hebrew knowledge required). We’ll examine structure and authorship. We’ll discuss the commentary of yesterday. We’ll share where we stand today. Dive into a sea of knowledge.

March 23rd – May 3rd
Love, Loss and Wisdom with Shanya Friedman

Discover, during this six-week course, the Jewish responses and rituals that take us through mourning and arrive at a place of healing. When death inevitably enters our lives, Jewish wisdom and ritual can help us cope with heartbreak and loss, the anguish of why suffering exists. We will also seek to understand the big questions of what Judaism says about life after death and its understanding of messy times. With a wider lens, we gain a context with which to better understand our moments of anguish as individuals and as a community.

Registration will open 6 weeks prior to each session. For more information and registration, go to emanueldenver.org/community/adult-learning

Shwayder Camp

Registration is open for campers and staff!

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
Marvin Appel Camp Fund
In honor of:
Brad Cohen for his dedication
Afgan Refugee
Resettlement Fund
In Loving Memory of:
Simon Strauss
Richard & Jessica Strauss
Rita Sobel
Breadford Sobel
Building Expansion Capital Improvement Fund
In Loving Memory of:
Minnie Judd
Gloria & Bruce Zucker
In Loving Memory of:
Bradford Sobel
Richard & Jessica Strouse
Simon Strouse
In Loving Memory of:
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TRIBUTES

Tributes through October 19, 2022

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We recognize with sorrow
the passing of:
Harlene Winnick Appelman, sister of Fern Sabian
Marylin Boxer
Jo Gail Halber
Susan Frisch, mother of Randi (Brian) Dietz
Elen Franco, sister of Alice Borodkin
David Goodman, husband of Suzanne Friedman
David Goren
Lorna Gray, mother of Michael, Gary and Jim Gray
Arnold “Arnie” Lee Greenberg, husband of Susan McAllister Greenberg
Arnie Grossman, father of Alex, Rachel and Don (Robin) Koenigsberg Grossman
Marian Isenberg
Tom Koutas, husband of Renee Koutas
Michael Lichtenstein, uncle of Julie Eber
David Lieberman, brother of Lynn Ritvo
Sanford “San” Lugger
Manuel Martin, husband of Ann Martin
Leslie Mendelsohn, father of Stacy (Jeff) Robinson
Adrienne Nelson
Debra Lynn Nichols, daughter of Peggy & David Marks
Betty Paperno
Lynne Pred, mother of Rori Pred
Lisa Lynn Rosen
Martin Rubin, father of Michael Rubin
Elaine Schaeffer, cousin of Leslie Schaeffer
Barbara Spivak
Marvin Tinker, mother of Daniel Ward (Cindy Nabl)
Louise Vigoda, mother of A.J., Diane and Clay
Irwin Wagner, husband of Carol Wagner, father of Gary (Aimee), Susan Wagner, Ted (Nicola) Wagner

May their memory be for a blessing.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL / continued from page 3

Inclusion
Inclusive Classrooms: We are creating classrooms that are inclusive to all. From the LGBTQIA+ community, those who come from blended households, non-neurotypical, those with disabilities, we strive to create safe classrooms for everyone!
Recognizing and Accommodating Learning and Behavioral Needs: We are training our teaching staff on learning, behavioral, and mental health needs to best support our students.
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L’Chayim
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SAVE THE DATE

Temple Emanuel's Annual Fundraising Concert
Saturday, February 4, 2023 7:30 p.m.

JOIN US as we honor Jan Friedland as the first woman president of the Temple Emanuel’s Board of Trustees. It is appropriate as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first woman rabbi and the 100th anniversary of the first Bat Mitzvah that we celebrate our first women president. Jan served from 1983-1986 and blazed the trail for other women to lead.

Visit the Temple Emanuel website for more information.

THE ISRAEL TRIP

TEMPLE EMANUEL OF DENVER
CONGREGATIONAL TRIP TO ISRAEL
LED BY RABBI JOE BLACK AND CANTOR ELIZABETH SACKS

JUNE 8-18, 2023
Register before Sept. 10, 2022 - $4,495 p/p
Register after Sept. 10, 2022 - $4,595 p/p

HIGHLIGHTS
- The Tower of David
- The Jerusalem Archaeological Park and the Kotel (Western Wall)
- Yad Vashem, the national memorial to the Holocaust
- Masada & The Dead Sea
- The Mystical City of Tsfat
- Bahat Family Winery or De Karina Chocolate Factory on Kibbutz Ein Zivan
- Raft or kayak down the Jordan River
- ANU - Museum of the Jewish People
- Taste the Best Falafel in the World!
- And much more...

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