



Temple Emanu El's Preschool and Office are closed today, January 1.
Both will reopen tomorrow on January 2.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Live Streaming of our worship services is available. [Click here to view live or watch archives on demand.](#)

Friday, January 5 ~ 18 Tevet

5:45 pm - Shabbat Pre-Reception

6:15 pm - Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 6 ~ 19 Tevet

9:00 am - Torah Study/Parsha HaShavuah - Shemot

10:30 am - Shabbat Service

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Adam Abrams_
President

Thank you! A sincere thank you to all who participated in the Congregational Survey sent out this past October. As part of our OnBoard Legacy Heritage Foundation project, we sent out nearly 1000 survey requests.

A survey's normal response rate of 10% would have been good, but we received a 30% response rate. Nearly 300 surveys were completed and for that - on behalf of the OnBoard Steering Committee, The Board of Trustees, our Clergy and myself - Thank you!!

As we continue the OnBoard Process, our consultants will help to analyze the survey results and help us with ways that we can continue to grow TEE in the right path for the future.

I hope you all had a wonderful Chanukah, spent time with family and friends and are now ready to quickly move through the wintery Cleveland weather. Let us hope that spring is around the corner, along with Purim and Pesach, and our synagogue will continue to be abuzz with many opportunities to engage with each other.

Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year - I hope to see and talk to you all soon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, January 5 ~ First Friday/PreK to Grade 2 Family Shabbat ~ 5:45/6:15/7:15pm

Open to the entire congregation, join us for a Shabbat Pre-Reception followed by a Family Shabbat service during which the PreK through Grade 2 students will participate. A First Friday dinner will follow. Dinner is free of charge, however, donations to the First Friday Fund are encouraged. Please bring a nut-free dessert or a bottle of wine to share. RSVP to [Judi Roseman](#) at 216/454-1216 by January 2.

Friday, January 19 ~ Friday Nite Chai ~ 5:45/6:15 pm

Join us for a Shabbat Pre-Reception at 5:45 pm followed by our Friday Night Chai Shabbat service featuring our Chai Band and Youth Choir.

Friday, February 2 ~ First Friday/5th and 6th Grade Family Shabbat ~ 5:45/6:15/7:15pm

Open to the entire congregation, join us for a Shabbat Pre-Reception followed by a Family Shabbat service during which the 5th and 6th grade students will participate. A First Friday dinner will follow. Dinner is free of charge, however, donations to the First Friday Fund are encouraged. Please bring a nut-free dessert or a bottle of wine to share. RSVP to [Judi Roseman](#) at 216/454-1216 by January 30.

Sunday, February 4 ~ Adult Lunch n Learn ~ 12:00 - 1:30 pm

All TEE adults are invited to a conversation and lunch with Rabbi Jeffrey Schein on "1933 Bintel Brief Exchange" and technology today. Lunch has been generously sponsored by anonymous donors and is free of charge. RSVP required to [Marla Wolf](#) at 216/454-1214 by January 30.

EARLY CHILDHOOD & EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Friday, January 12 ~ Jungle Terry Visits Torah To Go ~ 5:30 pm

Join us at Temple Emanu El for a Shabbat visit from Jungle Terry. For information, contact [Cardyn Abrams](#) at 216/454-1223.

Friday, January 26 ~ Tot Shabbat: Fizz and Fizz ~ 5:30 pm

Join us at Temple Emanu El for a Tot Shabbat including stories, songs and prayers. Then, unwind from the week with a Fizzy Float and Shabbat. Not your Father's Rootbeer (and other beer not with ice cream) for the adults and regular rootbeer floats for the kids. Please bring a dairy appetizer to share. For information, contact [Cardyn Abrams](#) at 216/454-1223.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & YOUTH GROUP

Saturday, January 27 ~ Consecration Service ~ 10:30 am

Join us as our 1st grade students become Consecrants during our weekly Shabbat morning service.

Sunday, February 4 ~ 5th Grade Awkward Family Photos Program ~ 9:30 - 11:00 am

Grade 5 students and their parents are invited to this interactive program with Rabbi Jeffrey Schein. Coffee and snacks will be served.

Sunday, February 4 ~ PreK - Grade 6 Parents ~ 11:15 am - 12:00 pm

Parents are invited to join in the conversation with Rabbi Jeffrey Schein on technology and being Good Jewish Global Digital Citizens.

ADULT EDUCATION

Saturdays Ongoing ~ Torah Study ~ 9:00 - 10:15 am

Join Rabbi Denker for an eclectic and opened discussion of the week's Torah portion. This year, we are focusing on the commentary found in three popular English Humashim: *The Womens' Torah Commentary*, *Etz Hayim* and the *URJ Torah Commentary*. No experience necessary.

Sundays through February 11 ~ Reform Responsa ~ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Join Rabbi Denker for this class on rabbinic literature and responsa on Sundays when religious school is in session (no class on January 14). This class is open to newcomers at any point. RSVP to [Marla Wolf](#) at 216/454-1214.

Wednesday, January 3 ~ Men's Lunch Bunch ~ 12:00 pm

Enjoy lunch and Jewish-themed conversation. Rabbi Denker will lead this month's lunch bunch on the topic of "Sex & Sexual Harassment: A View from Jewish Tradition." Cost is \$11/person. Contact [Larry Mattes](#) at 216/765-8031.

Monday, January 8 ~ Men's Book Club ~ 3:00 pm

Read Part 2 of "Alexander Hamilton" by Ron Chernow. Held in the Activity Room on the 2nd floor at Montefiore. Contact [Herb Braverman](#) at 216/407-4938.

Sundays, February 25 to May 6 ~ Israel and Her Wars ~ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Rabbi Dr. Peter Haas will teach this course on Israel and its major conflicts. RSVP to [Tracey Lavine](#) at 216/454-1223.

TIKKUN OLAM

Wednesday, January 10 ~ Gun Violence Meeting ~ 7:00 pm

Join Greater Cleveland Congregations at Fairmount Temple, 23737 Fairmount Boulevard. for a team meeting on Gun Violence. For information, contact [Gene Phillips](#) at 440/446-0379.

Tuesday, January 16 ~ Criminal Justice Meeting ~ 7:00 pm

Join Greater Cleveland Congregations at Olivet Baptist Church, 8712 Quincy Avenue for a team meeting on Criminal Justice. For information, contact [Gene Phillips](#) at 440/446-0379.

Wednesday, January 17 ~ TEE Tikkun Olam Meeting ~ 7:00 pm

The Tikkun Olam Committee is the social justice arm of Temple Emanu El. Help is needed to collect food for The Food Bank, cook and staff The Soup Kitchen, and support social justice issues that affect both the local community and the greater Ohio area. We are always looking for new members to join our endeavors. For information or to RSVP, for the meeting, contact [Gene Phillips](#) at 440/446-0379.

Tuesday, January 30 ~ Education Meeting ~ 7:00 pm

Join Greater Cleveland Congregations at Fairhill Partners Building, 12200 Fairhill Road for a team meeting on Education. For information, contact [Gene Phillips](#) at 440/446-0379.

Kehilat Chesed/Caring Committee Needs Your Help.

If you are interested in participating by delivering meals, assisting with errands or transportation, and/or visiting members in nursing homes, please contact [Naomi Kall](#).

BROTHERHOOD

Football Squares: Congratulations to this week's Brotherhood Football Squares Winners:

1st Quarter	Browns 0	Bears 6	\$25 Jeff Brooks
2nd Quarter	Browns 3	Bears 6	\$25 Earl Cohen
3rd Quarter	Browns 3	Bears 20	\$25 Barbara Partington
4th Quarter	Browns 3	Bears 20	\$50 Barbara Partington

WOTEE



Tuesday, January 9 ~ WOTEE Weekday Mah Jong ~ 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Enjoy Mah Jong at TEE. Bring your Mah Jong card and set plus a nut-free dessert to share. RSVP to [Andrea Rubin](#) at 216/454-1210.

Thursday, January 18 ~ WOTEE Mystery Circle ~ 12:00 pm

Join WoTEE for this monthly mystery outing. For information, contact [Linda Atkinson](#) at 440/461-0111 or [Helen Weisler](#) at 440/449-5504.



Monday, January 22 ~ Pinot's Palette Painting Party ~ 7:00 pm

Enjoy teacher led painting, noshing and socializing at Pinot's Palette at Eton, 28699 Chagrin Boulevard. Price \$35/person. [Click here](#) to register and pay online. For questions, contact [Andrea Rubin](#) at 216/454-1210.

Tuesday, February 6 ~ WOTEE General Meeting with guest speaker ~ 7:00 pm

All WOTEE members should attend! Please RSVP to Andrea Rubin at 216/454-1210.

Monday, February 26 ~ WOTEE Lunch-n-Learn ~ 12:00 pm

Hear Dr. Alanna Cooper of Case Western Reserve University discuss "Ourselves, Our Stuff: The Meaning of Things." \$12 per person includes box lunch. Please RSVP to Andrea Rubin at 216/454-1210.

MAZEL TOV AND YASHER KOACH

A very special thank you to **Gene Phillips** who organized volunteer opportunities at RH Meyers and Menorah Park. Thank you also to everyone who volunteered including **Nadine, Lani and Lexi Chavin, Kay Kaplan, Naomi, Matt, Hannah and Lucy Kall, Art and Enid Kraus, Alan and Pam Levine, Leslie, Eric, Sydney and Kylie Moss, Nina Rothman, and Andrea, Stuart, Ari**

and Dina Rubin.

Also, thank you to **Alan and Pam Levine** and **Michael Holub** for their volunteer work at the Cleveland Food Bank.

Kehilat Chesed Committee wishes to thank **Leslie Moss**, **Lillian Schlachter** and **Marilyn Zaas** for providing meals to a congregant.



Do you have news to share about TEE members? Please forward details to [Andrea Rubin](#).

KIDNEY NEEDED

Temple Emanu El member, **Mara (Joey) Pollack**, is in need of a kidney transplant from a live donor as her best chance of staving off the impact of advancing kidney disease. For more information, contact University Hospitals Transplant Institute at 216/983-5138. You can also contact [Rabbi Denker](#) at 216/454-1211 with questions.

OTHER TEE NEWS



Donations Requested:

Help TEE member, Amanda Bloomberg, fulfill her mitzvah project. She is collecting pet items for Pawsabilities of the Humane Society of Summit County. Items needed are food and water bowls, litter and litter boxes, leashes, collars, toys, nail clippers, water bottles and other items for dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs and hamsters. Please deposit these items in the collection box in the Temple Atrium by January 22.

A Biblical Monumental Experience in Washington DC ~ April 20 - 22, 2018

Join Rabbi Roberts and Elaine Rembrandt for a fabulous DC trip including the Museum of the Bible, the US Holocaust Museum, International Spy Museum, and a Shabbat experience and more. [Click here](#) for details or contact [Rabbi Roberts](#) at 216/831-1353.

Interfaith Israel Journey ~ March 12 - 21, 2018

Led by Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe and Rabbi Steven Denker. Come explore Israel together. Click here for the [Itinerary](#), [Pricing](#) and [Registration](#).

Onward Israel: Young adults ages 20-25 can be a part of an 8 week internship program in Tel Aviv

this summer from June 13 to August 7, 2018. [Click here](#) for more information.

The **2018 Our Town and All Around** coupon books are now available. For only \$28, you'll receive nearly 1000 coupons for local restaurants, museums, retail stores, activities and new restaurants at Legacy Village. Stop in to the office during business hours to purchase yours or email [Dennis Malkin](#).

The Irvan WOTEE Gift Shop is Open! In collaboration with the Maltz Museum, our gift shop is stocked with some of their items including **mezzuzot, kiddish cups, Jewish books and toys, jewelry and more**. The gift shop is open during business hours as well as on other occasions that will be announced. Contact [Renee Higer](#) or [Ina Yablonsky](#) at 216/454-1300.

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