



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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Friday, January 12 ~ 23 Tevet

5:45 pm - Shabbat Pre-Reception

6:15 pm - Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 13 ~ 24 Tevet

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

10:30 am - Shabbat Service - Bat Mitzvah of Amanda Bloomberg

THIS WEEK IN TORAH



Marla Wolf

Chazak Chazak V'nitchazek, from strength to strength, we will be strengthened. It is customary to chant this as we complete the reading of the first book of Torah and start the second book. Each custom, ritual, and tradition in Judaism is helpful in living the fullest and richest life possible. It's also a very fitting message as we move into another secular year in the calendar, as we welcome 2018. Many are calling it a year of life, a year full of Chai. Just as we completed the Book of B'resheet and the year of 2017, it's a natural time to ask for strength.

When we approach Rosh Hashanah, we traditionally focus on Teshuvah and ask for forgiveness. Our Religious School families studied the ins and outs of what is associated with Teshuvah at the start of this year, 5778, at our family day at Camp Wise. Reminding ourselves to ask for and seek out forgiveness certainly ties in to making resolutions for the new year.

In just a few weeks we will celebrate Consecration with our first grade and new students to our Religious School. At Temple Emanu El, we do this on the new year for the trees, at Tu B'shvat. This is a time where we think about how we can better take care of the trees, plants, and our environment. Religious School parents are invited to join their children for a Tu B'shvat Seder that morning.

There are lessons that we can learn from studying the first couple Parshiot in the Book of Shmot, Shmot and Vaera. Welcoming strangers is a centerpiece of our continuing story in Egypt in these Torah portions. In studying these portions, we ask ourselves what it means and what we can do to welcome strangers and immigrants into society. It is a reminder for every generation of the commandment al tifrosch min hatzibor, ("Don't separate yourself from the community"). This is not only a commandment to the individual Jew with regard to the Jewish community but also to the Jewish community as a whole not to grow too distant from the society in which it lives and works.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

Tuesday, January 30 ~ Pizza Fire Fundraiser ~ 4:00 - 8:00 pm

Raise some dough for TEMTY and JYTEE. Present [this flyer](#) when you check out at Pizza Fire, 3439

W. Brainard Road, Woodmere. 15% of your purchase will be donated back to the youth groups.

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.

Saturday, February 24 ~ Magical Mystery Purim ~ 7:00 pm

Join Cantor Lawrence and the Spielers for this retelling of the Purim story. Want to support the Purimspiel? Sponsor a song for \$50. To sponsor, contact [Judi Roseman](#) at 216/454-1216.

Wednesday, February 28 ~ Purim Service & Megillah Reading ~ 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 4 ~ Family Purim Celebration ~ 10:30 am/11:00 am

The morning begins with a Family Megillah Reading featuring our Youth Choir followed by the TEE Youth Group's Candy Land Purim Carnival at 11:00 am.

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 [Carolyn 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 [Carolyn 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 from commentary found in *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.

Monday, February 5 ~ Men's Book Club ~ 3:00 pm

Read Part 2 of "Sons and Soldiers: The Untold Story of the Jews Who Escaped the Nazis and Returned with the U.S. Army to Fight Hitler" by Bruce Henderson. Held in the Activity Room on the 2nd floor at Montefiore. Contact Herb Braverman at 216/407-4938.

Wednesday, February 7 ~ Men's Lunch Bunch ~ 12:00 pm
Enjoy lunch and Jewish-themed conversation. Cost is \$11/person. Contact [Larry Mattes](#) at 216/765-8031.

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

Greater Cleveland Congregations, at its last meeting, discussed the possibility of launching an 18 month "Strengthening Power" campaign focusing on recruiting new member institutions, training new leaders, and rebuilding stronger relationships internally. They will stay focused on issues related to gun violence prevention, criminal justice reform, and education.

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 Prevention. 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 Reform. 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	Steelers 7	\$25 Kerry Klotzman
2nd Quarter	Browns 14	Steelers 21	\$25 Kerry Klotzman
3rd Quarter	Browns 24	Steelers 28	\$25 Len Gold
4th Quarter	Browns 24	Steelers 28	\$50 Len Gold

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
 Sandy Adland from the Women of Reform Judaism will join us to discuss how to build and strengthen WOTEE. 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." Please bring a cherished object with you (no photos or photo albums) \$12 per person includes box lunch. Please RSVP to Andrea Rubin at 216/454-1210.

MAZEL TOV AND YASHER KOACH

A huge thank you to **Brett Kaufman** from Designs of Distinction for donating event planning items to Temple Emanu El. And a huge thank you to **Carolyn, Chad, Peter and Jessica Abrams** for picking up and delivering these items to TEE.

A huge thank you to Head Custodian **Nick Storie** and the custodial crew of **Andrew Rotblatt, Kim Johnson, Michael Richards** and **Michael Mann** for getting our facility in tip top shape while the Preschod was on break.

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.

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.

RECENT LOSS

We regret to inform you of the loss of **Naomi Weinstein**, sister of Enid (Arthur) Kraus. A memorial service is being planned in Florida soon.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Sunday, January 21 ~ Tu Bishvat Community Celebration ~ 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Hosted by Jewish National Fund, join in the community celebration at the Mandel JCC including balloon art, tree planting, crafts, music and food. No cost to attend. [Click here](#) to RSVP.

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