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A Concert Guaranteed to Raise the Rafters!

Neshama Carlebach

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CONCERT AT TEMPLE EMANUEL
SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2015 at 8 p.m.

“A spiritualist revival somewhere between Woodstock and the Western Wall.”
— THE GLOBE AND MAIL, TORONTO

Special appearances by Josh Nelson and a gospel choir

Join us for this very special event as we honor our Executive Director Janet Bronitsky on her upcoming retirement.

Fundraiser Co-Chairs: Phyllis Adler, Susie Cook and Laurie Saltzman
Honorary Co-Chairs: Past Presidents
Ernest Abramson • Jon Asher • Jim Cohen • Jan Friedland • Nancy Gart • Michael Hepner • Arthur Judd
Henny Kaufmann • Scott Levin • Jeffrey Mishell, M.D. • Richard Robinson • Connell Saltzman • Laurie Saltzman

Tickets: $72 Premier Seating • $36 General Seating • $45 at the Door

We are creating a Tribute Book to honor Janet Bronitsky on her retirement. Ads and Tributes are available from $72 to $500.

Sponsorships, advertising and tickets available at www.EmanuelDenver.org.
For more information, contact Francie Miran at 303.388.4013, ext. 335 or miran@EmanuelDenver.org.
FRIDAYS: 5:30 p.m. A Kabbalat Shabbat service is held every Friday in the Feiner Family Chapel.

SATURDAYS: 9:00 a.m. Parshat Hashavuah (Torah study) in Room B/C
10:30 a.m. Community Worship services in the Social Hall, followed by a light kiddush snack.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5**
7:00 p.m. Family Worship, 7:30 p.m. Worship Service. Torah Portion: Vayishlach. An Oneg Shabbat will follow services sponsored by Barbara and Stephen Phillips and Joyce and Dennis Haynes in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, William Haynes.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6**
9:30 a.m. Shabbat Meditation
10:30 a.m. Community Worship Service
10:30 a.m. William Haynes Bar Mitzvah

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12**
7:30 p.m. Worship Service
Torah Portion: Vayeshev. An Oneg Shabbat will follow services sponsored by Natalie Mozer in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Connor Powell.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13**
9:00 a.m. Young Family Shabbat Experience (YFSE)
10:30 a.m. Community Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Connor Powell Bar Mitzvah

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19**
5:30 p.m. Hanukah Hoopla (Only service this evening)
Torah Portion: Mitzvah. Hanukah cookies will be served during the concert sponsored by Ron Colson and Karen Paul in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Rachel Colson.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20**
10:30 a.m. Community Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Rachel Colson Bat Mitzvah

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26**
7:30 p.m. Worship Service
Torah Portion: Vayigash. An Oneg Shabbat will follow services sponsored by Judi and Marvin Wolf in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Logan Chayet.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27**
10:30 a.m. Community Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Logan Chayet Bar Mitzvah

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 2**
6:00 p.m. Worship Service. Torah Portion: Vayechi. An Oneg Shabbat will follow services sponsored by Lisa and Derek de Bastos in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Kayton de Bastos.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 3**
9:30 a.m. Shabbat Meditation
10:30 a.m. Community Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Kayton de Bastos Bat Mitzvah

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 10**
6:00 p.m. Young Family Shabbat Experience (YFSE)
7:30 p.m. Worship Service
Torah Portion: Shemot. An Oneg Shabbat will follow services.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 11**
10:30 a.m. Community Worship Service

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 16**
7:30 p.m. Worship Service
Torah Portion: Vaera. An Oneg Shabbat will follow services sponsored by Rabbi Steve and Joyce Foster and Dr. Robert Hetzel in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Rex Foster.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 17**
9:00 a.m. Young Family Shabbat Experience (YFSE)
10:30 a.m. Community Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Connor Powell Bar Mitzvah

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 23**
7:30 p.m. Worship Service. We will be joined by Neshama Carlebach. Torah portion: Bo. An Oneg Shabbat will follow services sponsored by Alan and Heather Rapoport in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their daughter, Reilly Rapoport.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 24**
10:30 a.m. Community Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Reilly Rapoport Bat Mitzvah

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 30**
7:30 p.m. Shabbat Shira and Worship Service. Torah portion: Beshalach. An Oneg Shabbat will follow services sponsored Seth and Vivian Maskat in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Eli Maskat.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 31**
10:30 a.m. Community Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Eli Maskat Bar Mitzvah
Shabbat Meditation
Saturday, December 6 and January 3
9:30 a.m.–10:15 a.m. in the Seminar Room (inside the Social Hall)
Start your Shabbat morning at Temple and access your spirituality through Jewish meditation. Dr. Eileen Yager, Jim Sharon, Ruth Sharon and Rabbi Steven Booth-Nadav lead this ongoing opportunity. Questions? Contact Eileen at eyager@unm.edu.

Shabbat Dinners
Let us do the cooking and provide a warm Shabbat experience for you and your family. Join us for Shabbat dinner at 6:00 p.m. Friday, December 5 and Shwayder Shabbat January 2 and 6:15 p.m. on Friday, December 12, December 26, January 9, January 16, January 23 and January 30. Please note on Friday, December 19 dinner will be at 6:15 p.m. for the Hanukah Hoopla. Bring the whole family! Make your reservations by Wednesday for the week you plan to attend.

Temple members: $13 Adults, $7 Children (5-12 years old)
Non-members: $18 Adults, $9 Children (5-12 years old)
As of January 1, Temple’s dinner prices will be $14 Adults and $8 (5-12 years old)

Young Family Shabbat Experience
NOTE DECEMBER SCHEDULE CHANGE!
Friday, December 19 – 5:30 p.m.
Join us for Hanukah Hoopla! (see back cover for details including reservation information)

Friday, January 9 – 6:00 p.m.
Young Family Shabbat Experience is designed to provide families with children ages 1-6 with a meaningful Shabbat experience that includes Shabbat dinner (with rituals), Shabbat worship and programming to build community. The schedule for Young Family Shabbat Experience is:
6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. • Catered Shabbat Dinner (reservations required by Wednesday)
6:45 p.m. – 7:20 p.m. • Shabbat Worship — singing, stories, movement & more (all invited)
7:20 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. • Oneg (Dessert) / Program (all invited)
Reservations for Shabbat dinner are required by the Wednesday prior and can be made online at www.EmanuelDenver.org/YFSE. You can bring your own dinner if you choose (no pork or shellfish please), but please make a reservation so we know how many to expect.

Saturday, December 13 – 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, January 17 – 9:00 a.m.
Our Shabbat morning Young Family Shabbat Experience begins at 9:00 a.m. with a light breakfast (bagels and cream cheese) followed by Shabbat Worship and a project. This is a perfect way to celebrate Shabbat morning with your family.
No reservations are required for Shabbat morning.
For more information about Young Family Shabbat Experience, please contact Cantor Elizabeth Sacks or Ron Leff.
Executive Director Search Committee Update

By Ellen Abrams, President
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As many of you already know, Temple Emanuel’s Executive Director of 25 years, Janet Bronitsky, will be retiring in June. As a result, an Executive Director Search Committee chaired by Deb Herman and Mark Idelberg was formed and a national search for a new Executive Director is now fully underway. The Search Committee will continue to keep you updated on their progress. If you have any suggestions or questions, please email EmanuelDenverED@gmail.com.

Another New Year

By Janet Bronitsky • bronitsky@EmanuelDenver.org • ext. 303

Didn’t we just enter into a new year – 5755? Yes and we are facing the end of the calendar and tax year as well. This is the time to think about our year-end giving.

We make choices every day about how we want to spend our resources be it for things for our home and family or for the greater community. I like to believe we make choices based on a thoughtful processing and an ethical foundation.

At this time of year I consider the choices I need to make around charitable giving. Do I give to a cause for which a friend of mine is enthusiastically soliciting funds? Do I give a little to many charities whose mission and vision I agree with? Do I give significantly to one project? Do I strive to tithe to the goal of 10% or do I give a little less because there are so many other demands on my disposable income?

The choices are varied and the decision is challenging. I know how great the need is and I also know how important the perpetuation of Jewish life is to me.

Temple Emanuel, like all non-profits, exists only because of your financial support. Temple has no foundation, corporate entity nor individual making it possible for us to operate. It is everyone in our community that makes it happen. I encourage you to pay the commitments you have made to Temple so our synagogue can operate and think about some additional support for an area of interest of yours – be it camp, Israel travel, education or capital needs. Remember, it does not have to be cash. Appreciated stock is a wonderful way to give or you can leave a bequest to Temple in your will. Cash gifts to the Early Childhood Center and Shwayder Camp qualify for Child Care Tax Credit.

Please do not hesitate to call to meet with me about the choices open to you. May the secular new year be one of health and fulfillment.

A Sincere Thank You

The Board of Trustees is well aware that it takes a lot of effort on behalf of many to enable the High Holy Days go smoothly.

We would like to acknowledge The Ruby and Michael, Erma and Nate Baum Pulpit Fund, Carl and Richard Tucker Music Fund and Richard and Marcia Robinson and Edward and Susan Robinson for the financial support that enhances and enriches our worship.

Thank you to all who provided technical support this year - Craig Roush, who greatly improved our sound in the sanctuary and Spectrum AV, who assisted us with our visual tefilah.

All of the professional musicians and the High Holy Day Choir - composed of volunteers and professionals - truly brought our worship experience to new heights.

Of course, we thank our clergy team with a special acknowledgment to Steve Brodsky, who dedicate themselves to providing us all with the opportunity for spiritual renewal. We thank each of them individually and collectively.

Our religious education, youth and camp team ensured that worship at Shwayder and the activities for the younger members of the congregation were engaging and meaningful. The High Holy Day Experience was once again a great success with over 100 little ones engaged in Jewish learning experiences under the leadership of Julie Eber and dozens of volunteers.

Thank you to the almost 40 individuals who served as ushers and to Andy Thangasamy for coordinating that effort. They truly made our building welcoming and were there to help whenever issues arose. We are also indebted to the individuals providing security for all of us.

Finally, a huge thank you to our building and grounds crews who work to set things up and keep everything running smoothly during our days of prayer and throughout the year.

It takes a team to make this all happen. Janet Bronitsky and Rabbi Black have put together a dynamic group of professionals to enrich our spiritual journey and to create a welcoming environment. Thank you to them all.

Ellen Abrams - on behalf of the Board of Trustees
Miracles
By Rabbi Brian Immerman • immerman@EmanuelDenver.org • ext. 311

As we approach the darkest days of the year we will soon light our Hanukkah candles and fill our homes with the smell of frying latkes. The hanukiah is a symbol of both our triumph during adversity and a reminder of the power of community. We celebrate by lighting the candles singing songs which provide warmth and joy during our darkest days of the year. We light the hanukiah because, as our tradition teaches, our ancestors found enough oil to last for only one night and miraculously it lasted for eight nights.

This same miracle is supposed to occur every seven years in our Jewish calendar during the year called shmita. The Torah teaches every seven years, we should let the land rest, and not to plant any crops.¹ We are in that seventh year now. God tells us a miracle will occur during the sixth year and our crops will yield such an over-abundant harvest that we will have plenty of food during the shmita year. Like many of our mitzvot, some believe that this mitzvah can only literally be fulfilled in the land of Israel, (even though many American Jews have adopted this custom in the diaspora). Today, famers in Israel often follow this mitzvah and don’t work their land. Instead of letting the land rest, they symbolically sell their farms to non-Jews so that the land can continued to be worked and there will be enough local produce to satisfy demand (and not cause a drop in profits). While not quite a fulfillment of God’s promise for the sixth year, perhaps the inter-faith agreements can bring us one step closer to the miracle of peace in the land and teach us to be grateful for the abundance of sustenance in our lives.

We can also focus on gratitude by fulfilling another commandment during the shmita year. In the Torah we learn that during the shmita year we must forgive all of our debts.² While rabbis long ago devised a way around this rule to avoid an economic recession, we can still symbolically fulfill this commandment. In addition to perhaps forgiving small financial debts that our family and friends owe us, we can also forgive personal debts. When we help others and expect them to “owe” us, we create an unhealthy power dynamic that prevents us from truly engaging in relationships with one another. When we act without assumption of reciprocity, we find the miracle of our goodwill can last much longer.

Through the light and warmth of community, appreciation and goodwill, may we experience the blessing of shalom, of wholeness and peace in our hearts.

¹ Ex. 23:10-11, Lev 25:1-11
² Deut. 15:1-2

A Few Perspectives from a New Board Member
By Gary Wagner • Temple Emanuel Board Member • Engagement@EmanuelDenver.org

My Temple Emanuel membership is just a little over two years old. My service on the Temple Board of Trustees is about 7 months old. I have met so many Temple members who are third or fourth generation members. That history is priceless. So, with some trepidation, let me offer two observations that were new for me but perhaps just part of the fabric of Temple for you.

First, I was initially struck by the sheer numbers of feet that pass through the Temple hallways. Preschoolers fill the building every weekday. Shabbat brings multiple service offerings, Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, weddings, Torah study and Sunday is Religious School. The summer brings Shwayder Camp. The High Holy Days have more offerings than any temple I have ever seen. Evenings bring adult education and innovative programs like EmanueLEADS. We offer Mitzvah Day, wonderful music concerts, lectures and the list goes on.

If we did some math, the numbers of feet that pass through our hallways would be in the multiples of thousands each year. Whether you are a fully engaged member or someone we don’t see very often, we are all fortunate to be part of a place that offers so much to so many. I find it heartening that no one is turned away from any program due to financial need.

My second observation is the clear potential for the Temple to achieve an entirely new level of excellence. Our Board leadership, clergy and staff are highly committed to excellence in worship, education, programming and of course, hospitality. Our potential is only limited by the resources we commit. In that regard, I want to remind everyone of this year’s concert fundraiser honoring our own Janet Bronitsky. In order to achieve excellence, we need to raise additional money for scholarships and for operational needs above what our dues can support. I am so grateful for becoming part of the Temple community. Please join me and many others in making a gift above and beyond your dues commitment. One small step towards our potential…
Habitat Interfaith Alliance

Temple is one of fourteen congregations that make up Habitat Interfaith Alliance (HIA) of metro Denver. Our alliance pledge funds to build a house each year for a very deserving family.

Save the date: Soup Cook-Off dinner, Saturday, January 31, 6:00 p.m. at Christ the King Church
Bring your friends and family! It’s a fun evening for a great cause.
For more information about our alliance and for volunteer opportunities visit our website at www.hiadenver.org.

iEngage and Upcoming Events

By Rabbi Joseph R. Black • black@EmanuelDenver.org • ext. 308

In my Yom Kippur morning sermon, I spoke about the need for all of us – as individuals and as a congregation – to strengthen our relationship with the State of Israel. I shared how our Temple Emanuel would be housing several important community events as well as offering iEngage – an intensive program for Israel awareness created by the Hartman Institute in Jerusalem and sponsored in Denver by the Rocky Mountain Rabbinical Council with additional support by Jewish Colorado. This past fall, we offered an 8-week session of iEngage that explored key concepts surrounding our understanding of Zionism and the State of Israel. We will be offering an “iEngage 2.0” session this spring.

I also want to take this opportunity to tell you about the following events that you should put on your calendars and plan on attending:

Thursday, December 18, 7:00 p.m., J-Street Colorado will present Making Peace Possible: Bringing Together an American Jewish Response. Three prominent national Jewish community leaders – Jeremy Ben Ami, President of J-Street, Debra DeLee, President and CEO of Americans for Peace Now and Daniel Sokatch, President of the New Israel Fund – will be discussing the path to Israeli-Palestinian peace and some of the current challenges to Israel’s Jewish and democratic values.

Thursday, January 15, 6:30 p.m., AIPAC will present Winning Hearts and Minds: Making the Progressive Case for Israel. The special guest speaker will be Dr. Einat Wilf - Adjunct Fellow, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy and former member of the Knesset.

Both of these important events will help us as we grapple with the multitude of issues surrounding Zionism and the Modern State of Israel.

Finally, I want to once again invite you to join with me at the annual AIPAC policy Conference in Washington, D.C. The powerful annual event brings together thousands of pro-Israel activists with our senators and congressmen and women to lobby for and celebrate the achievements of the State of Israel. This year, more than ever, we need to make a strong statement to our elected officials that the American Jewish Community stands together in our love of and support for the Jewish State. For more information about the Policy conference, contact me at Temple or visit www.aipac.org/act/attend-events/policy-conference.

Jewish Meditation?

By Jim Sharon, EdD

Jewish meditation—an oxymoron, right? You may be quite surprised to learn that meditation has existed in Judaism for over a thousand years. King David often meditated at night. For several centuries Kabbalists and Hasidic Jews, and increasingly, liberal Jews have included meditation in their worship.

Meditation can be a very suitable practice for deepening one’s prayers, as it facilitates close connection to the Divine, promotes interconnection with a group of participants, and creates to mystical contact with the entire universe.

For the past four years, a rotating team of advanced meditators has been teaching monthly Shabbat and Yom Kippur meditations at Temple Emanuel. We meet the first Saturday of each month. Each session is a standalone, i.e. classes do not build on previous ones.

We offer a wide variety of Jewish meditation experiences that include:
- breathing practices
- listening and/or singing to Jewish music
- chanting a brief prayer or a mantra (repeated word or phrase)
- contemplation of an evocative passage or a personal-life reflection
- guided imagery based on the weekly Torah parsha (portion) or on Kabbalistic material
- movement, such as walking or simple yoga postures in conjunction with Jewish content.

The teachers are:
Eileen Yager, MD • Rabbi Steve Booth-Nadav
Jim Sharon, EdD • Ruth Sharon, MS

Join us on Sunday, December 14, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. if you would like to discuss being part of a meditation engagement group!
ADULT PROGRAMS

Raise the Rafters: Jewish Gospel
Tuesday, January 13, 6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
Cantor Regina Heit and Cantor Liz Sacks
What do Jewish music and Gospel music have in common? Could sobbing violins and jubilant singing actually be speaking the same musical and spiritual language? Join us as we explore the history and relationship between Jewish and Gospel music, and prepare to welcome Neshama Carlebach and her gospel choir to our community.

Shabbat Shira at Temple Emanuel
Friday, January 30, 7:30 p.m.
It’s time for the Shabbat Shira – Sabbath of Song! On this Shabbat Cantors Sacks and Heit will lead us in Song of the Sea. Together we will explore and enjoy the music of our people and our Temple.
Saturday, January 31, at 5:00 p.m. we have the opportunity to join together with Congregation Rodef Shalom and other Denver area synagogues for a special Synagogue 2000 reunion havdalah service and concert featuring guest artist Merri Arian at Rodef Shalom. Rabbi Black, Cantor Sacks and Cantor Heit will be participating in the concert Saturday evening. We would love to see you there!
Together let’s share this wonderful, musical weekend and create sacred and wonderful music as a holy community.

Kavod On The Road
Mind Over Matter: Accent Your New Year’s Resolution, Mindfulness and Stress Relief
Temple Emanuel, Tuesday, January 6, 3:00 p.m.
For more information contact Sara Shvartzman, sshvartzman@kavodseniorlife.org. Kavod on the Road is the outreach effort of Kavod Senior Life to offer programming for Jewish seniors living in the Denver community.

You Are Not Alone
Information provided by Temple’s Mental Health Task Force

Tips for Seniors and Loved Ones
Older adults are at greater risk for some mental illnesses than younger people. Although these illnesses can be accurately diagnosed and treated many seniors are hesitant to seek treatment. Some are ashamed or frightened or they and family members believe that the problems are an inevitable part of aging. If a noticeable change in mood or behavior occurs in an older adult do not be afraid to seek medical and psychiatric services.

Depression and anxiety are the most common mental illnesses of people 65 and older and often go hand-in-hand. Anxiety disorders are experienced as worrying, having irrational fears, agitation, intrusive memories and bad feelings about self and others. Depression is seen as energy loss, sleep changes, lacking interest in activities once enjoyed, withdrawing socially or inability to concentrate. Severe depression can cause symptoms of dementia and, when properly treated, may improve.

Dementia, characterized as confusion, memory loss and disorientation, is not an inevitable part of aging. About 10% of people age 65 to 70 suffer from dementia and by age 85 between 25% to 50% will exhibit signs of Alzheimer’s disease or another form of dementia. Studies suggest that physical activity, a diet rich in fruits and vegetables, maintaining social contacts and learning new things may lessen risks.

Seniors may have reversible conditions that imitate dementia. Behavioral and cognitive symptoms may be caused by treatable medical problems such as pain, infection, prescription drug side effects, alcohol or substance abuse, malnutrition or another physical or mental illness.
Seek an evaluation if you have concerns. Your family doctor is a good start. Another resource, Jewish Family Services (720.248.4622) has a Senior Solutions Center providing a variety of specialized services. Refer to the Mental Health Resource Directory on the Temple website (www.emanueldenver.org, social justice tab). The Temple library has copies of the directory and other helpful information. If you want to talk to a navigator to sort out what resource will best meet your needs, call Temple Emanuel and ask for extension 307, the Mental Health Task Force Line.

Welcome our New Members
Andrew Berger and Adena Mansback
David and Kathryn Birnbaum
Ben Finan
Andrew Fink and Amelia Langer
Barbara Hailpern
Donald Heistad and Patricia Westmoreland, Matthew and Carys Jamie and Ryan Lavanway
Carrie Mosner and Michael Drost
Tracy and Daniel Prairie, Sydney and Benjamin Natalie and Travis Sperr
Illisa Taylor

www.EmanuelDenver.org
We begin our celebration of Hanukah on Tuesday, December 16, with the lighting of the first candle. The celebration of Hanukah is a time for rejoicing, a time to celebrate freedom, a time to be proud of our religion and a time for families to be together. The lighting of the Hanukah candles is a wonderful opportunity for families to join together - be sure to make it a special time. In your family's celebration, it is important to remember exactly what we are observing. Hanukah symbolizes the fight against totalitarianism in all forms. The struggle was waged in a particular context, but its implications were and are universal - a festival of liberty and freedom. Hanukah celebrates more than the independence of one people; it glorifies the right to freedom for all.

Check the Temple website for Hanukah resources to enhance your family’s celebration – www.EmanuelDenver.org/learning/JewishHome.

MJDZ / Kindergarten Shabbat Dinner
Friday, December 5
6:00 p.m. – Dinner
7:00 p.m. – Family Worship
A special opportunity for MJDZ & Kindergarten families to gather together in celebration of Shabbat. Reservations required by Wednesday, December 3.

Kindergarten Field Trip
Sunday, December 7 • 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kindergarten classes will be heading to the Allied Apartments to celebrate Hanukah with the residents as part of their learning about mitzvot.

First Grade Family Education
Sunday, December 7 • 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
The Stories of Genesis – a hands-on exploration

Sunday Family Hanukah Service
Sunday, December 14 • 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
MJDZ – 5th grade parents

MJDZ Family Education
Sunday, December 14 • 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Parents are invited to join us for the morning as we take a hands-on look at Hanukah with a focus on lights. We’ll participate in the Family Service.

Matanah Gift Project
The purpose of the Matanah Gift Project is to allow our students to experience gemilut hasadim – acts of loving kindness. Students are asked to bring a gift with them to school on Sunday, December 14. The Sisterhood will collect the gifts and make sure that they are delivered to children in need in our community. The gift should be wrapped with a note describing what is inside.
Registration Is Open!

By Jodie Abrams • abrams@EmanuelDenver.org • ext. 314

Cabins are filling up fast so fill out a camper application today! To register, go to www.shwayder.com and click the “Register Now” button on the homepage. You can also check out our brand-new virtual tour, www.shwayder.com/virtual-tour to experience the Shwayder Magic from your own home.

Shwayder Camp Reunion Shabbat: January 2!

Come celebrate Shwayder Camp Shabbat! On Friday, January 2 we will be holding our annual Shwayder Camp Reunion Shabbat at Temple Emanuel. The camp style Shabbat celebration will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a pre-service oneg and kabbalat Shabbat. The service will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. and a song session. Contact Simi Adler, adler@shwayder.com, if your camper wants to participate in the service. If you would like to join us for dinner please RSVP. Dinner is $14 for adults and $8 for children (5-12 years old). If you will be joining for the service only, no RSVP is necessary. We encourage everyone to wear white as we do at camp in the summer!

Winter Events

By Robyn Kaplan • kaplan@EmanuelDenver.org • ext. 348

Friedman Club 9th-12th grade
NFTY Winter Havurah
Friday, January 16 - Monday, January 19, St. Louis, MO
Friedman Club goes to Missouri this winter! Through regional events the NFTY community grows stronger with each individual participant. Join the Missouri Valley region for Winter Havurah and be a part of the teen led programs and truly wonderful Shabbat experiences that make NFTY so unique. Just don’t forget to pack a costume!

The early bird deadline to register is Tuesday, December 30, and the regular deadline is Tuesday, January 6.

Contact me for information on group flights.

Through Temple Emanuel’s outstanding Tittman Fund, we are able to provide teens with scholarships to events such as these.

Convention 2015
Friday, February 13 - Tuesday, February 17, Atlanta, GA
Convention is a national event for NFTY, held every other year. Juniors and seniors are encouraged to attend this year, as it will be your last chance! It’s an incredible opportunity to meet youth from all over North America, develop your leadership skills, pray with thousands of teens and create friendships that will last a lifetime!

Looking Ahead…
Friedman Club will celebrate Hanukah this year with a White Elephant gift exchange. You must bring a gift in order to participate. Additionally, our “Big Boy” Programs take FCTYG on a night out to various places in the area. Keep an eye on your email for times and dates.

Frankel Club 6th – 8th graders
Gesher’s Frankel Club Pizza Lounge
Sunday, December 7, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Youth Lounge
Frankel Club Pizza Lounge for 8th graders is held on the first Sunday of every month at Emanuel.

Frankel Club Goes to Xtreme Challenge!
Saturday, December 13, 4:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
Havdalah will be celebrated
Email me at kaplan@EmanuelDenver.org for a registration form.

Consider making a donation to Shwayder Camp before the end of the year!
Consider making a donation to our scholarship fund. Temple Emanuel serves not only its own members but many members of the Colorado Jewish community through its financial support to help any interested child afford Shwayder Camp. Your generosity helps us provide campers with, “A Summer to Build Your Life On…”

Other donation opportunities include donating vehicles to transport campers, backpacks and camping equipment, and boots for hiking or horseback riding.

For information about any or all Youth Engagement programs contact me.
Reflecting upon our inspiring fall season, we look at the Jewish lens of hit’orerut, awakening, which reminds us to incorporate amazement and gratitude into our life. Here in the Early Childhood Center, we are grateful for all the experiences we have. Whether it is helping a child process through big feelings, as they develop self-regulation skills, or seeing the wonder in their eyes as they learn a new concept, we are filled with gratitude at being a part of this experience. Children have much to teach us if we are open and willing to listen.

As we move into the winter months, we continue our focus of hit’orerut by discovering the magic of snow and all the wonderment that cold weather brings. We ask ourselves, “How can we provide opportunities to support a child’s sense of curiosity and appreciation?” And, we remember how blessed we are to do what we do—foster children’s development!

During December, we look forward to the Hanukah Hoopla when we celebrate by lighting the Hanukah menorah, decorating cookies and playing dreidel. In January, our teachers expand their early childhood practice by attending the CAJE sponsored ECE conference and build community amongst all the Denver/Boulder Jewish Early Childhood Centers.

Highlights from last month: We had a wonderful Dad/Special Person Breakfast that was filled with song and play. Some “shaved” their special person with shaving cream and Popsicle sticks while others built sculptures using recyclable materials. For certain, everyone enjoyed this joyous time together! Each family also had the opportunity to conference with teachers and pick up a good read at the Scholastic book fair.

**Winter at the Library**

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**Back by popular demand!**

**BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK!**

What is Blind Date with a Book? It’s when you take a blind chance on a book wrapped in a brown bag. You pick your book (date) by the description written on the bag. Books will be available starting in November. On Tuesday, December 16 join us at 7:00 p.m. for a speed round of book reviews and a potluck Hanukah celebration!

**Shabbat in the Afternoon**

Celebrate Shabbat afternoon with friends discussing folktales, midrashim and the influences that other countries have contributed to Jewish literature.

**Saturday, January 10, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Hosted by Sheila Powell.

For information about any of the above contact me.

**Library Hours**

Monday: 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. // Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. // Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. // Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. // Friday: First Friday after services – Birthday Books! // Saturday: 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. // Sunday: 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**NEW!**

Calling all inspiring and active writers; have you ever thought about writing a book? Would you like a community where you could share your stories? Would you like to know how to publish your book? Ten people will be needed to start this group.
Sisterhood Honors and Events

By Carol Ann Warren, President • 303.635.6169 • carol-warren@comcast.net

Sisterhood congratulates its own Deb Mayworm and Pamm Gross on their recent very special achievements. Both past Sisterhood presidents, Deb was installed as President and Pamm as Corresponding Secretary of the Women of Reform Judaism Southwest District at its District Biennial in October. The district encompasses nine states with 48 Sisterhoods. Mazel tov!

Our sincere thanks to Fredi Novin and her committee who did a fantastic job of organizing and attending to every details of our Membership Appreciation Dinner in November. Also, a huge thank you to our members for their support because, without them, Sisterhood would not be able to do all the things it does.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, December 9, 7:00 p.m. – Blankets & Bordeaux. We will make no-sew blankets for distribution to the residents of Shalom Park Nursing Home. RSVP to Fredi Novin at fntoteach@yahoo.com or 303.690.2622.

Sunday, December 14 – Matanah Project. Sisterhood will partner with the Religious School in collecting gifts for less fortunate families in our community. Volunteers are also needed to help load the gifts and take them to the agencies for distribution. If you are interested in sponsoring an individual or family or helping in any way, contact Lauren Eigner at Eigner@comcast.net or 303.713.1999.

Wednesday, December 17, 6:00 p.m. – Latke Making for Hanukah Hoopla. We provide the potatoes and you provide the fun. Join Sisterhood as we prepare the latkes to be served at the Hanukah Hoopla on Friday, December 19. Our goal is to make over 1,800 latkes. Bring an apron, spatula, pot holders and, if you have it, an electric frying pan. Snacks and libations will be served. RSVP to Fredi Novin at fntoteach@yahoo.com or 303.690.2622.

Wednesday, January 14 – Ladies Night Out. Place and time TBD.

Future Events

Thursday, February 12 – PMS Night (Pizza, Movie & Sundaes)

Sunday, February 22 – Make It, Bake It & Take It – Baking for Purim.

Lox and Bagel

By Justin Blue • justinblue@gmail.com or brotherhood@EmanuelDenver.org

Our next Lox and Bagel event will be on Sunday, December 14 at 9:00 a.m. in the Sisterhood Lounge. We will be welcoming back Jim Sharon and his wife Ruth who have written a new book, Secrets of a Soulful Marriage. Jim and Ruth Sharon are licensed psychotherapists and have worked with thousands of couples in marriage counseling; as seminar, conference and retreat facilitators; and most recently as relationship coaches. Between them, the Sharons have published four books and many professional articles, including Secrets of a Soulful Marriage: Creating and Sustaining a Loving, Sacred Relationship. Our breakfast, as always, is open to all Temple members and the cost is $5 for breakfast.

The Annual Temple Fundraiser is coming! Please plan on coming to see Neshama Carlebach with special guest Josh Nelson. Look for the Brotherhood table in the social hall - we will have CD's for sale. In addition, the Temple will be honoring Janet Bronitsky and recognizing the years of dedicated service she has given to the Brotherhood as well as our entire Temple family. I urge you to purchase tickets as well as purchasing a sponsorship. Contact brotherhood@EmanuelDenver.org or miran@EmanuelDenver.org.
The names listed below are taken from the memorial plaques in the Meditation Room. Names are read at the Friday evening and Saturday morning Shabbat services following the date of death. To find out how to purchase a plaque, contact Patricia Lackner, ext. 308. To have other names read on a Friday evening, call the Temple by Friday noon.

**KADDDISH LIST**

**DECEMBER 5**
Saturday morning Shabbat services following the date of death. To find out how to purchase a plaque, contact Patricia Lackner, ext. 308.
DECEMBER 2014 CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 3
Hebrew School/Confirmation
11:30 a.m. Lunch and Learn

Thursday, December 4
12:00 p.m. Weekly Talmud Study
6:00 p.m. Adult B’nai Mitzvah
7:30 p.m. iEngage

Friday, December 5
5:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat
6:00 p.m. MJDF/Shabbat Dinner
7:00 p.m. Family Worship
7:30 p.m. Worship Service
Ninth grade confirmation trip to Washington, D.C. begins

Saturday, December 6
9:00 a.m. Shabbat Meditation
10:30 a.m. Community Worship Service
10:30 a.m. William Haynes Bar Mitzvah

Sunday, December 7
9/10:30 a.m. Religious School/Gesher/First Grade Family Education (see p. 8)
11:30 a.m. Gesher’s Frankel Club Pizza Lounge (see p. 9)

Tuesday, December 9
7:00 p.m. Sisterhood Blankets and Bordeaux (see p. 11)

Wednesday, December 10
Hebrew School/Confirmation/Meals & Mitzvah/Gesher
11:30 a.m. Lunch and Learn

Thursday, December 11
12:00 p.m. Weekly Talmud Study
6:00 p.m. Adult B’nai Mitzvah
7:00 p.m. iEngage

Friday, December 12
5:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service
6:15 p.m. Dinner
7:30 p.m. Worship Service

Saturday, December 13
9:00 a.m. Torah Study
9:00 a.m. Young Family Shabbat Experience (see p. 3)
10:30 a.m. Community Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Connor Powell Bar Mitzvah
4:30 p.m. Frankel Club Xtreme Challenge (see p. 9)

Sunday, December 14
9/10:30 a.m. Religious School/Sunday Family Service/Matanah Gift Project (see p. 8)
9:00 a.m. Brotherhood Lox and Bagel (see p. 11)
11:00 a.m. Meditation meeting (see p. 6)

Tuesday, December 16
1st night of Hanukah
7:00 p.m. Library Potluck Hanukkah Celebration (see p. 10)

Wednesday, December 17
2nd night of Hanukah
Hebrew School/Confirmation
11:30 a.m. Lunch and Learn
6:00 p.m. Sisterhood Latke Making (see p. 11)

Thursday, December 18
3rd night of Hanukah
12:00 p.m. Weekly Talmud Study
6:00 p.m. Adult B’nai Mitzvah

Friday, December 19
4th night of Hanukah
5:30 p.m. Hanukah Hoopla (see back page)
6:15 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Hanukah Concert

JANUARY 2015 CALENDAR

Thursday, January 1
Temple Office Closed

Friday, January 2
Shwayder Camp Shabbat
5:30 p.m. Pre-oneg
6:00 p.m. Worship Service
7:00 p.m. Dinner and song session (see p. 9)

Saturday, January 3
9:00 a.m. Torah Study
9:30 a.m. Shabbat Meditation
10:30 a.m. Community Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Kayton de Bastos Bar Mitzvah

Sunday, January 4
9/10:30 a.m. Religious School/Gesher

Monday, January 5
ECC Staff Professional Day – No School (see p. 10)

Tuesday, January 6
ECC School Resumes

Wednesday, January 7
Hebrew School/Confirmation/Gesher
11:30 a.m. Lunch and Learn

Thursday, January 8
12:00 p.m. Weekly Talmud Study
6:00 p.m. Adult B’nai Mitzvah

Friday, January 9
5:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service
6:00 p.m. Young Family Shabbat Experience (see p. 3)
6:15 p.m. Dinner
7:30 p.m. Worship Service

Saturday, January 10
9:00 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Community Worship Service
4:00 p.m. Shabbat in the Afternoon (see p. 10)

Sunday, January 11
9/10:30 a.m. Religious School

Tuesday, January 13
Raise the Rafters: Jewish Gospel (see p. 7)

Wednesday, January 14
Hebrew School/Confirmation/Meals & Mitzvah
11:30 a.m. Lunch and Learn
6:00 p.m. Sisterhood Open House

Thursday, January 15
12:00 p.m. Weekly Talmud Study
6:00 p.m. Adult B’nai Mitzvah

Friday, January 16
5:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service
6:15 p.m. Dinner
7:30 p.m. Worship Service
NFTY Winter Havurah begins in St. Louis

Saturday, January 17
9:00 a.m. Torah Study
9:00 a.m. Young Family Shabbat Experience (see p. 3)
10:30 a.m. Community Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Rex Foster Bar Mitzvah

Sunday, January 18
No Religious School – Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend

Monday, January 19
No ECC – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Saturday, January 20
5th night of Hanukkah
9:00 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Community Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Rachel Colson Bat Mitzvah

Sunday, January 21
6th night of Hanukkah
No Religious School – Winter Break

Monday, January 22
7th night of Hanukkah
ECC Winter Break through Monday, January 2 (see p. 10)

Tuesday, January 23
8th night of Hanukkah

Wednesday, January 24
No Hebrew School/Confirmation – Winter Break
11:30 a.m. Lunch and Learn

Thursday, January 25
Temple Office Closed

Friday, January 26
Kabbalat Shabbat Service
6:15 p.m. Dinner
7:30 p.m. Worship Service

Saturday, January 27
9:00 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Community Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Logan Chayet Bat Mitzvah

Sunday, January 28
No Religious School – Winter Break

Wednesday, January 31
No Hebrew School/Confirmation – Winter Break

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Friday, December 19

Celebrate the Festival of Lights with friends and family at Temple. Sisterhood cooks up the latkes for that homemade touch!

5:30 p.m. Worship in the sanctuary (bring your Hanukah menorah and candles and we will light them together at the beginning of the service)

6:15 p.m. Dinner in the social hall with latkes made by the Sisterhood and activities for kids

7:00 p.m. Hanukah Concert with Steve Brodsky and Friends

Make dinner reservations by Wednesday, December 10, at www.EmanuelDenver.org/hoopla or call 303.388.4013.

Members: $13 adults • $7 kids (5-12 years old). Non-members: $18 adults • $9 kids (5–12 years old)