



# Temple Emanu-El

# Connections

*The Torah is a tree of life to those who hold fast to it*

Temple Emanu-El, San Jose

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## Worship Services

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

8:00 PM Annual Scout Shabbat. Rabbi Magat will speak on "Yitro: The Non-Jew in Our Midst"

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan led by Rabbi Magat

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:15 Erev Shabbat Family service led by 3rd Grade and Bet "A" Hebrew class

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

9 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan led by Rebecca Bronstein and Rabbi Magat

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7:00 PM Healing Service (Sanctuary)

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

6:30 PM Tot Shabbat (& potluck dinner)  
8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service  
Rabbi Magat will speak on "A Jewish View of Abortion"

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan led by Maggie Cant

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service followed by Pot luck dinner and dancing

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan led Rabbi Magat and Student Rabbi Yitz Miller

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

10:00 AM Purim Celebration in Sanctuary

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

6:00 PM Pot luck dinner and Purim study  
7:00 PM Erev Purim Adult Megillah reading

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

12:00 PM Purim Seudah with Religious School Principal Havah Hope

### FRIDAY, MARCH 1

8:00 PM Interfaith Shabbat - Rabbi Magat will lead a discussion: What does it mean to be a modern Jew?

### SATURDAY, MARCH 2

9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan  
10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Natalie Roth

Sunday, February 24

## PURIM FOR KIDS



10:00 AM

Purim Shpiel in the Sanctuary

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Purim Carnival

Come in costume!

Food, games, prizes



Monday, February 25

## PURIM FOR ADULTS

6:00 PM

Potluck dinner & study

7:00 PM

Megillah Reading

## April 6 Gala

Temple Emanu-El is celebrating its 140th birthday.

A Gala Dance is planned for April 6

at the San Jose Hyatt.

Starting at 6:30 PM,

there will be a no-host bar

followed by dinner and dancing

to the Mike Sloan Orchestra.

Don't miss the silent auction!

Come! Dress up ... it'll be fun!

Call JoAnn Shank (354-9617) or Joan Fox

(867-0128) for tickets or more information

Your invitation will be in the mail soon.



## From the Rabbi

What a winter it has been! I cannot remember a colder winter in California than this one. I understand for many (especially those who come from the east or Midwest) these temperatures are mild in comparison. Everything is relative. Thankfully, there have been many bright spots these past couple of months to offset the weather.



In December, I attended the Union of American Hebrew Congregations Biennial in Boston (that week it was warmer than San Jose!). Also in attendance from our congregation were our religious school principal Havah Hope, UAHC Board member JoAnn Shank, Vice-President Laura Danoff, as well as Women of Temple Emanu-El President Myrna Cohen and representative Bernice Gaon. It was a wonderful convention as 6,000 reform Jews gathered to study and pray together. One of the many highlights for all of us was President Eric Yoffe's Saturday morning sermon when he announced his goals for the next two years. I recommend that you read his sermon. You can find it online at <http://uahc.org/yoffie/> Or, let me know and I can send you a hard copy. The board of trustees discussed the contents of his sermon at the January board meeting.

Another bright spot for our synagogue was the wonderful brunch we had honoring Rabbi Joseph and Rosalie Gitin's 65th wedding anniversary. I thank the committee who helped to put this wonderful event together, especially Sherm Naymark, who spoke so beautifully, Sheri Prizant, for her organizing, and Charles Atlas for the floral arrangements.

For Cheriell, Shira, Raya and myself, we had another bright spot. At the end of January we moved into our new home! This house (which is owned by Temple Emanu-El for the next five years) was made possible by many members of the congregation and we thank each of you who contributed to making this dream a reality. We especially thank Bob and Ruth Krandel, Steve Greenberg, Gloria Melmon Ascher and Bob Hersch, for making this happen, as well as the other members of the Rabbi Housing Committee who worked toward this goal. What a statement to my family and me about how you value us. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Even in the cold winter, I feel a sense of warmth and comfort from my congregational family.

L'Shalom  
Rabbi Dana L. Magat

## Connections 2002:

### *"In Harmony with Our Community"*

Temple Emanu-El is pleased to announce that **DR. ELSA LEITER GORDON** is our synagogue's honoree this year for the annual dinner to be held at the Fairmont Hotel on Wednesday, March 13 at 6:00 PM. Join the Women's Division of the Jewish Federation of Greater San Jose on Wednesday, March 13 as the Women of Distinction representing the spectrum of Jewish community organizations in the South Bay are honored for their commitment and dedication. The cost of the event is \$62 plus a tax-deductible minimum commitment of \$118 to the 2002 Annual Campaign. For more information, or to be seated at the Temple Emanu-El tables, please contact Deborah in the synagogue office.

*Friday, March 1*

### *Interfaith Shabbat*

*presented by the Women of Temple Emanu-El*

*Rabbi Magat will speak on  
"What does it mean to be a modern Jew?"*

*Bring your non-Jewish friends and co-workers  
to experience the warmth of Shabbat.*

*Join the table hostesses during the Oneg  
for presentations of Jewish  
holidays and life cycle events.*

Want to send a congratulatory greeting  
to Temple Emanu-El on the occasion of the  
140th Anniversary?

You can help make this a successful fundraiser.

Messages start at \$50 each for an 1/8 page.

See the insert in this month's bulletin  
for more details.

On behalf of our congregants with allergies,  
asthma and breathing difficulties,  
we respectfully request that you refrain  
from wearing perfume or cologne  
when attending services.  
Your cooperation is appreciated.

# Our First One Hundred and Forty Years

## Part 5

For the next five years following the death of Rabbi Nathanson, many changes took place not only in San Jose, but the nation as a whole. Bickur Cholim once again used the very knowledgeable laymen of the congregation to lead the services and teach the children. (But this raises the question, "Where were the women?" The distaff members were very active in the religious school, fundraising, and generally keeping the name of the congregation in the social pages of the daily newspapers.) In 1917, however, the congregation did join the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. This is the association of Reform synagogues which continues to this day. Although rabbinic and lay leaders had many ties to other congregations in the Bay Area, especially San Francisco, Bickur Cholim was now linked to congregations all over the country as well as to Reform rabbinic training seminary in Cincinnati.

Of lasting import, however, was the entry of the United States into World War I. As is well known, political leadership tried to keep the United States out of the war which had actually begun in 1914 in Europe. By 1917 it was clear that we would be morally forced to enter the conflict. It must be noted that for the Jews of America, many of whom were still of the immigrant generation, it was a heartbreaking realization. Here in Santa Clara Valley and San Jose, the food industries became a major focal point as the armed forces, notably the Army, had to be fed thousands of miles away. Our leadership urged congregants to participate by buying Liberty Bonds, volunteering for the Red Cross and to use conservation so that vital materials could be directed to fight the battles on the European fronts.

Finally in 1921, a new rabbinic leader was engaged, Rabbi Harvey Franklin. In general, there was an air of prosperity in the country and our congregation began a series of improvements under his watchful eyes. A new addition was built next to the synagogue to house the growing religious school. In 1923 a series of four small lovely stained glass windows were installed in the sanctuary at Third and San Antonio. (Today, all of us can enjoy their simple beauty whenever we are in the chapel.) Repairs were also done on the exterior and the landscaping.

But Rabbi Franklin also had his challenges, nearly the same as that of his predecessor, Rabbi Nathanson. Many members of the congregation were not altogether comfortable with the New Union Prayer book, and the more radical of Reform practices. In order to placate these more traditional members, Rabbi Franklin held two services for the High Holy Days, one traditional and one following the Reform practice. This was so successful that Rabbi Franklin even wrote a brochure that he

named the "San Jose Plan" and the Stanford Press published this brochure, which Rabbi duly sent to the national leadership as an example of how to meld and make diversity work.

Sadly, in 1928, Rabbi Franklin accepted a position in Southern California, and once again we were without continuing rabbinic leadership. But it was "bershert" that Rabbi Franklin would play another role in the life here in San Jose. For in January of 1936, he married Rosalie Carl and a young Rabbi Joseph Gitin. It seemed that young Miss Carl had family in the congregation that Rabbi Franklin now served in Long Beach.

And once again, the affairs of the world affected those in the "Valley of the Heart's Delight." In 1929, the stock market crashed and so began over ten years of depression. But in 1933, another young knowledgeable man took the reins of leadership. His name was Joseph Karesh, and he served until 1939. In later years, he would become the Honorable Judge Karesh of San Francisco. One of our members today, Don Atlas, recalls that Judge Karesh officiated at his Bar Mitzvah and that his confirmation in 1939 was one of the last "rabbinic" duties of Joseph Karesh.

Jane Schwartz

### You asked for it - We're doing it! A Drama Chug (club)!!

We will be producing "The Role Model,"  
a musical play about Jewish heroes.  
There are both singing parts and non-singing parts.

It will be directed by Phillip Walker, a professional actor, drama coach and director. Mr. Walker has worked on such notable films as "Bicentennial Man," "Sweet November" and "Peggy Sue Got Married".

The play is open to all children in grades 3-12. Cost: \$125/ Temple members \$150/non-members. A minimum number of students is required to fill all the roles Rehearsals will be on Sundays after Religious school and weekday afternoons. A full schedule will be available at the first meeting. For more information, please call Havah in the school office, 292-3223.

This program is made possible by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater San Jose.

*If you know of someone who is ill or hospitalized,  
please call the Temple office so that  
the Rabbi and Caring Committee can be notified.  
We cannot reach out until we know there is a need.*

## Mazel Tov to

Deborah Ong and Jerald Josephs on the birth of their daughter, Sela Naomi, on October 4.

To Sandy Epstein, on her election to the presidency of the Good Samaritan Hospital Auxiliary. Anyone interested in volunteering at the hospital is invited to contact Sandy at (408)268-2721.

To Havah Hope, our Religious School principal, on her new membership in the National Association of Temple Educators. She was also nominated to serve on the Programming Committee of the Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education.

To Rachael Phillips, daughter of Stuart and Evelyn Phillips of Morgan Hill, on her selection to the National Youth Leadership Forum on Law, held in Los Angeles in January for 350 students from across the country.

To the students in our religious school who supported the Magen David Adom in Israel with \$531.30 in tzedakah money. MDA provides ambulance, first aid and blood services throughout Israel.

To Dr. Lawrence and Ruth Ross, on the birth of their granddaughter, Sara Jill Ross, December 11. Her parents are Keith and Nancy Ross of Rancho Palos Verdes, and the proud great-grandmother is Mrs. John Reznikov of El Paso TX and Fair Oaks CA.

## eScrip Update

Thank you so much to the new supporters of Temple Emanu-El via eScrip. As of the last report, we now have 41 members signed up, and their donations to the synagogue total \$1313! It's quick, it's easy to enroll. Forms are available on the Shalom Table or in the Temple office. Or you can call me (267-4563) and I'll mail them to you. Remember, everyone shops, everyone eats. This is just a way of having a percentage of your regular purchases benefit Temple Emanu-El.

Some of our local participating merchants include Cosenstino's, Lunardi's, Safeway, Whole Foods,

Lorie Kaplan,  
eScrip Chair

*Thank you, San Jose National Bank,  
for your excellent service.*

## From the Preschool

Exciting changes have been taking place in the preschool recently. It began with a beautiful new coat of paint throughout the entire preschool. Each room and even the bathrooms have been painted off-white and then accented with bright primary colors. Our next big change involved the classroom doors. We were fortunate to be able to have the classroom doors cut and turned into "Dutch doors". The classrooms feel so big and open and yet the kids are still safely inside. Another change we are making is in the stairwells. We are very lucky to have an artist volunteer his time to draw murals on the walls of the stairwells leading down into the preschool. In the coming weeks we will begin to see a scene with Noah's Ark and also a Tree of Life and a garden.

It is definitely an exciting time to be part of the preschool, but we could not make these fantastic changes possible without the help of some unbelievable volunteers. A special Thank You to the following people who gave up a Sunday to paint the preschool and make a huge difference for our kids: Jackie Levinson, Randy Levinson, Barbara Persin, Lorna Hornby, David Hornby, Jason Persin, Christopher Smead, Jim Rubino, Mike Malick, Bret Levine, Danny Saucedo (and his dad), Joel Massuda, Josh Tofig and Warren Barton.

Even more exciting changes are in store, but for now the kids are becoming excited about celebrating Purim and attending the Purim Carnival. We will begin our study of Purim by creating masks, groggers (noise makers) and even illustrating parts of the story. The kids will enjoy a special cooking time with Mrs. Magat as they make their own apricot, prune and chocolate hamantaschen.

**We are having our first ever Open House on Monday, February 4, 2002, from 4:30-7:00pm.** If you have not yet had the opportunity to visit us, I hope you will be able to attend our Open House and let us show you what we are working so hard to create.

Feel free to call me at 293-8660 if you have any questions about our program.

Barbara Smead  
Preschool Director

### UAHC Camp Newman Winter Weekends

Grades 3-6: February 22-24 (at Swig)

Grades 5/6: March 15-17

Grades 2-4: April 12-13 (one night only)

Family Day: Saturday, April 27

Special Needs Retreat: May 3-5

Look for information coming home with your students,  
or call the Religious School office, 292-3223.

# From the Educator

The month of February brings us Purim. There are four mitzvot associated with Purim.

1. To read Megillat Esther (or to hear it read in the synagogue).
2. To have a festive meal.
3. To give gifts of food to your friends.
4. To give gifts to the poor.

We will be holding a Purim carnival for the children during Sunday school hours on February 24th. Adults can fulfill the mitzvah of hearing Megillat Esther (the Purim story) on Monday night, February 25 at 7:00 PM. There will be dinner and study preceding the reading, starting at 6:00 PM.

It is traditional to celebrate with a festive meal during the daylight hours of Purim (Tuesday, February 26). In keeping with the day, many people do goofy things during this meal. Often it is eaten while still in costume.

The gifts to friends and family are known as *mishloach manot* (sent portions). It should include food that can be eaten at the festive meal and more than one type of food. The Hebrew (*mishloach manot*) is plural, which tells us that the mitzvah is to give more than one kind of food per package. Many people send hamantashen (*oznei haman* - Haman's ears, in Hebrew) and a small bottle of grape juice or wine. It is customary to give at least two different kinds of food in each gift, and give to at least two different families. Since the Hebrew translates as "sent portions," many people employ others to deliver these gift baskets.

This leaves us with gifts to the poor. The gifts can be anything, but should be something that helps the poor to celebrate the festival (assuming that they are Jewish). Traditionally, one gives money or food baskets.

The Jewish concept of *tzedakah* (often translated as charity) is different from the American concept of charity in some important ways. Most importantly, charity is optional, while *tzedakah* is not. Judaism teaches that everyone has something to give. Whether it is time or money, we can all contribute to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Involve your children in your *tzedakah* projects. Even young children can help. Make food baskets (my toddler loves to get things from the pantry and bring them to me), or go through your closets - there are probably many clothes and toys that you could pass along to a family in need. If you give money, you can also involve your children. Pick several charities to which you would like to donate, then explain to your children what they do. Let your kids help in the decision about how much money to send to each charity. Older children can even research charities online. You will be passing on not only your Judaism, but your values as well.

But perhaps the most important difference between *tzedakah* and charity is that charity is based on the needs of the poor, while *tzedakah* is an obligation of the giver. Judaism seeks to keep us aware of our Creator. Even if there were no poor people, we would still have a mitzvah to set aside *tzedakah*.

Many people have heard of Moses Maimonides' 8 levels of *tzedakah*. While even the lowest level still counts as *tzedakah*, the higher the level, the better.

Starting with the lowest:

1. A person gives directly to a poor person but is glum or grumpy while doing so.
2. A person gives directly to a poor person and is happy to do so, but gives less than s/he should.
3. A person gives directly to a poor person but only when asked, although they give an appropriate amount.
4. A person gives directly to a poor person, but gives without being asked.
5. A person gives so that the recipient knows who the donor is, but the donor does not know who the recipient is. (ex: donating to a shelter and getting a thank you from the residents).
6. A person gives in such a way that the donor knows who the recipient is, but the recipient does not know who the donor is (ex: leaving money on someone's doorstep that you know is in need).
7. A person donates to a fund anonymously so that neither the donor, nor the recipient knows who the other is.
8. Giving someone a job or money to tide them over a rough spot in life, so that they do not need to rely on *tzedakah* in the future.

You can see that the higher levels all involve sparing the recipient the embarrassment of having to take *tzedakah* and preventing him from feeling beholden to you. Reb Shlomo Carlebach taught that one of the worst things you could do to a person is to embarrass him. Judaism is about loving our fellow people, not embarrassing them.

Does this mean that if you see a beggar on the street you should not give him money? Of course not. But you should do it in the least embarrassing way possible. Go up to him and look him in the eye; let him know that you are not ashamed to be seen with him. Tell him to have a nice day, just as you would any other person you were meeting for the first time. You will be amazed at how much a little human contact means to some people.

Another way of teaching your children about the importance of *tzedakah* is to join the religious school for mitzvah day on April 21. The entire synagogue community is invited to participate. More details will be available soon.

I wish everyone a happy and fulfilling Purim.

Havah

**Who:** All High School students and their parents  
**What:** A presentation by the Jewish Federation of the East Bay about the Israel Experience trips.  
**When:** Wednesday, February 13, 6:30 PM  
**Where:** Temple House

## From The President of Women of Temple Emanu-El

### Boston Biennial 2001

Uplifted. Inspired. Grateful to be a Reform Jew. Lucky to have had the good fortune to attend. These are some of the feelings I came home with from the Boston Biennial, the national convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. I also wish that every member of Temple Emanuel could have the opportunity to go to at least one Biennial. Can you imagine sharing Shabbat with nearly 6,000 Reform Jews?

There was so much to learn and do. I know a lot more about the founders of Reform Judaism and some of the people who have been instrumental in making the movement blossom and grow. There was a wealth of good ideas gleaned from the workshops that the attendees can bring back to their congregations. We had opportunities to discuss and learn about current and relevant world issues. Most impressive was the number of talented and brilliant people that are involved.

The highlight of the Women of Reform Judaism's part of the Biennial was the completion of the Torat Nashim. Its purpose is to personally connect women and men throughout the world to the Torah of Women of Reform Judaism. People sponsored sections of the Torah and were even given the opportunity to help the scribe do the actual writing. There is a video available of the ceremony of the unveiling of the Torah.

### Upcoming WOTE Events:

**February 10**, Mishpachot lunch and board meeting at the Temple

**February 12**, Rosh Chodesh

**March 1**: Interfaith Shabbat, 8:00 PM

Thank you for helping with Holiday Gift Wrapping with ORT at Valley Fair Shopping Mall: Bunny Fisher, Irene Silverman, Myrna Cohen, Anita Medeiros, Lori Kohler, Bunny Roth, and Barbara Okun.

Thank you to Maggie Newman for helping to cater the TJS high school dinners on Wednesday evenings.

Thank you to Jeanne Bronstein and her wonderful daughters Rebecca and Sarah for helping to chair the Chanukah boutique, Tot Shabbat ice cream social, and the Purim carnival coming up at school!!

Myrna Cohen

## XYZ Activities

**On February 3**, the group will have an outing for lunch at a local restaurant. These meals are always enjoyable. This group is for seniors age 55 and above. Please call Carolyn Fabisch for more details, at 734-5683.

**On Sunday, March 10**, our meeting will be at 1:30 PM in the Benefactors Room.

## Brotherhood Keeps Making a Difference

Brotherhood provides opportunities every month for people to help our temple, our youth, and our community. December and January were great examples. Our annual religious school latke fest was a great success. Our blood drive was outstanding. Even though it was scheduled for a non-religious school day, we had more donors than last year. The January Havdallah, Dinner, and Movie night was excellent. None of these great events would not be possible without the tireless efforts of our Brotherhood and other temple volunteers. Thanks to everyone who worked to make these events a success.

We are gearing up for our annual Yom HaShoah memorial candle distribution, and will need 10 people to make this great community mitzvah happen. We'll be stuffing candles and letters from 9 AM to 1 PM on Sunday, February 9. Give me a call if you can help out.

We are tentatively planning to attend a Sharks game with Shir Hadash on March 18 (pending ticket availability). They will be playing the LA Kings. This event will be open to Brotherhood members, their families and friends. Watch for a flyer once the details have been firmed up.

As a reminder, all Temple Emanu-El men are invited to attend our monthly meetings. Join us February and March 10 at 9 AM in the Youth Lounge for free lox and bagels, casual conversation, and to help us plan for upcoming events.

Dan Winter  
Brotherhood President, 408-295-3191  
DWinter@templesanjose.org.every1.net



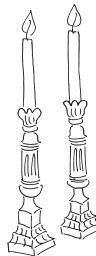
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on Sunday mornings  
and by appointment.



Call Peggy Frederick, 354-1084.

## Results of Temple Emanu-El's 22nd Annual Blood Drive

The 22nd annual Temple Emanu-El Blood Drive (20th consecutive year with the Stanford Blood Bank) sponsored by the Brotherhood and held on Sunday, December 16 was moderately successful. Of the 73 people who made appointments, only 46 people came in to donate. However, every one of them was welcomed. The effect of the September 11th events has died down. The 46 donors who came down resulted in the following:

Presented 46	Deferrals 9
Productive Units 37	First time donors 8

Since each donation is separated into at least three different components, the generous blood donations from Temple Emanu-El's community saved the lives of approximately 111 patients in our local hospitals. Some specific details are:

O+ man - hip replacement	O- woman - aneurysm
A+ man - motor vehicle accident	O+ woman - liver failure
B+ man - gastrointestinal bleed	O+ boy - heart surgery
AB+ man - coronary artery bypass	

Your donations are greatly appreciated and the details above illustrate why all donors are heroes. We need to also thank the members and friends of Brotherhood who worked hard to make this year's drive a success. Profuse appreciation is offered to Herb and Rena Preis and Mark Emanuel who been there in the kitchen and helping out for all 22 years. Many thanks also to Dan Winter without whose efforts the event would not have been nearly as successful and to all the Brotherhood members and friends who diligently made their phone calls. Please schedule Sunday, December 15th, 2002 for the next blood drive.

Howard Levine  
Blood Drive Chairman

## GLBT Havurah Kick-Off Meeting and Purim Event

**Thursday, February 7 at 7 PM is the first meeting.** All are welcome; it's not necessary to be a member of Temple Emanuel to participate. This is a new havurah, and we hope you will come and help make this group special. For more information, call Havah in the school office at the Temple, 408-292-3223.

**Come celebrate Purim** a bit early with the GLBT havurah on Sunday, February 24 at 7 PM. Bring your friends! Costumes encouraged, but not required. We are looking forward to meeting more Jewish GLBT people and having a lot of fun with all of you at the party. Remember how much fun we had those Purim parties when we were kids? Let's do it again! For more info call Havah in the school office at the Temple, 408-292-3223.

## February Happenings with the 49ers

This is a month full of activities for our active Jewish singles, age 49 (or thereabouts) and up:

VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 11:00 AM - 2:30 PM; Crowne Plaza Cabana, Palo Alto. Special cash price: \$18. RSVP by February 7 before 9 PM to Ruth (650)697-4330 or April (408)298-4181.

FRIDAY, February 15, we'll attend Shabbat Services together at 8:00 PM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17 — 2:00 PM - Lox and ... at Chai House Celebrate Washington and Lincoln's Birthdays. Join us for a relaxing bite and shmooze. We'll eat first at 2:00 PM. We need more belly laughs daily. Bring your jokes. \$4 members, \$5 non-members.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 3:00 - 5:00 pm ... Jazz Concert at the Hyatt Sainte Claire, 302 South Market St., San Jose. We'll hear the Taylor Eigsti Trio; he's a brilliant young pianist. \$10 at the door. Free parking across the street. Maybe we'll go out to eat after at the Spaghetti Factory.

For more information about the 49ers and to get on the mailing list, please call April at 298-4181.

## Come Join A Havurah

Are you new to Temple EmanuEl or are you an old-timer? Here's an opportunity to get connected with a group of people and make new friends.

One of our goals as new Havurah chairpeople is to form new, active Havurah groups. The word 'Havurah' comes from the Hebrew word 'Haver' which means friend. A Havurah is a group of Temple members who join together to form a smaller unit within the large Temple community. A Havurah adapts to the interests of the members. Some Havurahs plan only social events; some have study groups; others plan a variety of events. Many Havurah members who are far from family feel they have a new, extended family with their Havurah.

Would you like to be part of a Havurah? Please fill out the enclosed application and return it to the Temple office. If you have any questions about the Havurah program, please contact us.

Please join us to meet other interested members and form new Havurahs. This will also be an opportunity to ask questions and learn about how Havurahs function.

7:30 PM • Wednesday, February 27, 2002  
in the Benefactors' Room

Please call the Temple office at 292-0939 to RSVP. If you would like to be part of a Havurah but cannot make the meeting, please return the enclosed application.

Gene Alberts (264-4889) and Sybil Sommer (267-7932)  
Havurah Co-Chairs

## In the Community

### South Bay Institute for Jewish Living & Learning

The series continues on February 14 with Leonard Fein, founder of MAZON and author of "Against the Dying of the Light: A Father's Journey through Loss." Fein has devoted a lifetime of commitment to Jewish causes and is a passionate and inspiring speaker. The lectures are held at Congregation Beth David, and begin at 7:30 PM. Series tickets are \$70 (\$50 for seniors; \$30 under 30), and single tickets are \$20 for general admission (\$5 additional at the door). RSVP by phone to 358-5918.

Subsequent lectures will be given by Joan Nathan (author of "Jewish Cooking in America" and "Foods in Israel Today") on Thursday, March 14; and Stephen Dubner (author of "Turbulent Souls: A Catholic Son's Return to His Jewish Family" on April 18.

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Yavneh Day School is currently accepting kindergarten applications for Fall 2002.

Spaces are also available in select older grades. For more information, contact the school office at 358-3413 or visit the website, [www.Yavneh-ds.org](http://www.Yavneh-ds.org) <<http://www.Yavneh-ds.org>>.

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### Spring Mah Jongg Tournament

Sunday, February 17, 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

At Congregation Beth David

\$25 per person includes tournament play, coffee and lunch.

Reservations due by February 10.

For more information contact Phyllis Zis, 257-5618.

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### It's another JCC Game-a-thon!

Sunday, March 24

Refreshments at 6:30 PM 7:00 PM

Play begins in the Sosnick Auditorium

Duplicate Bridge, Party Bridge, Gin, Mah Jong, Canasta and Poker

\$25 per person.

Prizes, wine, desserts and coffee.

Additional info: Gloria Alabaster at 379-8432 or Judy Kaplan at 354-5599.

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## February Yahrzeits

### FEBRUARY 1

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### FEBRUARY 15

Moses Katz, Harry Kessler, Yetta Konits, Frieda Padnick, Frank Schwartz, Eva Siemon, Max Simon, Israel Borts, Flora Kass, George Koster, Marsha Lax, Joseph Lutvak, Dr. Sanford Pelz, Henry I. Weinstein, Nettie Young, Paul Gogol, Jean Hartman, Betty Shephard, Cameron Zwern, Meyer Berg, Baby Blauner, Lee Robert Silverman, Colleen Smith, Sadye Gizang, Zigmunt Golon, Lena Jaffee, Sadie Lavin, Theodore Lavin, Nathan Leon, Sylvia Silverman, Lillian R. Ackerman, Percy Bronstein, Clara Cohen, Alexander Faverman, Deborah Given, Violet Landers, Charles Polansky, Betty Burton

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Leon Grant, Lillian Hayfer, Paul Hayfer, Anna Hirsh, William Micklin, Isaac Oppenheimer, Samuel Alkin, Mollye Blumstein, Joseph Gordon, Sarah Grodnitzky, Irma Hartfield, Mary Samuels Levy, Miriam Resnick, Rose Weinberg, Joseph Garshon, Marlene Morrison, Sol Omel, Shirley Rosner, Daviene Shklar, Ann Sogolow, Morris Kaplan, Irving Kotlier, Herbert Lee, Harold Leroy Barnes, Joseph Harry Berg, Abraham Katz, Elsie Saul, Florence Carol, Avrech Gambord, Dorothy Goldfarb, Shirley Asch Handloff, Betty Rinsler, Marty Schwartz, Lillian Shapiro, Mae Siegel, George Samuel Abelson, Irene Bernard, Henry Guen, Sarah Herd Miller, Walter J. Morris, David Nathan, Samuel Padnick, Morris Saslaw, Rose Zacker

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In appreciation of the beautiful naming ceremony  
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In Memory of Sarah Rosenberg  
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Get well wishes to Melvin Cotton  
Arlene Ravel  
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Arlene Ravel  
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Arlene Ravel

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Get well wishes to Phyllis Messinger  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
					8:00pm Annual Scout Shabbat Rabbi Magat will speak	9:00am Shabbat Morning Minyan Service
<b>3</b> 8:45am Hebrew Program 10:00am Jewish Studies 10:00am Family Ed (Gr. K-1) 10:00am Prayerbook Hebrew 11:15am Jewish Mysticism	<b>4</b> 4:30pm Preschool Open House	<b>5</b> 6:30pm Cantor Search Committee (BFR) 7:30pm Intro to Judaism(TH)	<b>6</b> 4:15pm Hebrew Program 4:15pm Parenting Pre-Teens 6:00pm Teen Jewish Studies 6:15pm Grief Support 7:15pm 140th Gala meeting	<b>7</b> 6:30pm Adult Hebrew 7:00pm GLBT Havurah Organizing Mtg. (school)	<b>8</b> 6:00pm Potluck Dinner 7:15pm Erev Shabbat Family Service	<b>9</b> 9:00am Shabbat Morning Minyan Service
<b>10</b> 8:45am Hebrew School Board 9:00am Brotherhood Mtg. 10:00am Religious Studies 10:00am Prayerbook Hebrew 11:15am Jewish Mysticism 12:15pm Sunday Lunch Bunch 12:15pm Faculty Mtg. 7:00pm Healing Service in Sanc.	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 6:30pm Cantor Search Committee (BFR)	<b>13</b> 12:00pm Lunch & Learn 4:15pm Hebrew 4:15pm Parenting Pre-Teens 5:30pm Game Night / Youth Lounge 6:00pm Teen Jewish Studies 6:00pm TJS Israel Experience meeting 6:15pm Grief Support	<b>14</b> 7:30pm South Bay Institute Lecture: Leonard Fein at Cong. Beth David	<b>15</b> 6:30pm Tot Shabbat 7:00pm Tot Family Potluck 8:00pm Erev Shabbat Service Rabbi Magat will speak	<b>16</b> 9:00am Shabbat Morning Minyan Service
<b>17</b> NO Hebrew or Religious School	<b>18</b> <i>Presidents' Day</i> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>19</b> 6:00pm Executive Committee 7:30pm Board of Trustees 7:30pm Intro to Judaism @ Shir Hadash	<b>20</b> 4:15pm Hebrew 4:15pm Parenting Pre-Teens 6:00pm TJS 6:15pm Grief Support	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:15pm 40s-50s Singles Shabbat Dinner (BFR) 7:15pm Potluck Dinner (TH) 8:00pm Israeli dancing for all	<b>23</b> 9:00am Shabbat Morning Minyan Service
<b>24</b> 10:00am Purim Shpiel in the Sanctuary 11:00am - 1:00pm Purim Carnival 7:00pm Gay/Lesbian Havurah	<b>25</b> <i>Erev Purim</i> 6:00pm Pot luck dinner and Purim study 7:00pm Adult Megillah reading	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 4:15pm Hebrew 4:15pm Parenting Pre-Teens 6:00pm TJS 6:15pm Grief Support 7:30pm Havurah Organization Meeting (BFR)	<b>28</b> 6:30pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah		

**InnVision  
Fundraiser Dinner/Dance  
and Auction**

**St. Francis Cabrini Church Hall  
Saturday, February 16, 6 - 11 PM**

Temple Emanu-El participates in this program by housing and feeding homeless men. Here's another way you can help. Tickets are \$20 per person for a full course chicken dinner. This Valentine's Party will feature the Mike Sloan Big Dance Band, which will also be playing at the 140th Gala on April 6. For tickets or more information, contact Charles Atlas, our temple rep, at (408)249-2708. Tickets sell out, so call soon. If you have items to donate for the auction, they would be much appreciated.

**Youth Group is Happening!**

*Mark your calendars:*

Saturday, Feb 9: NOAR (grades 7-8) will attend a symposium on the culture of youth violence and then play at Malibu Grand Prix.

Sunday Feb 10: Kadima (grades 4-6) will eat lunch with Mishpachot Lunch Bunch and then carpool to Nickel City.

Wednesday, Feb 13 is Game Night in the Youth Lounge (5:30 PM for 8th graders, 6:00 PM for everyone else)

Coming soon: a trip to Comedy Sportz, Golfland, and much more.  
For more information contact  
Sue Maltiel, 725-1106 or  
Anita Medeiros, 773-1410.

**Did you know ...**  
...there is now a mail drop for you to place checks and letters during times when the Temple office is closed?  
It's in the door off the patio, between the main office and BFR doors.  
Look for the bronze mail flap.  
We look forward to hearing from you!

**Dinners and Israeli Dancing  
on Kabbalat Shabbat**

Temple Emanu-El loves to dance! From now on, following our 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Services on the last Friday of each month, we'll have dinner together and then dance with the wonderful teachers in the South Bay.

Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share (be generous, think of feeding 10-16). No mixing of milk and meat, please.

*Special for singles: We'll provide a light catered dinner in the BFR at modest cost, and then join everyone else for dancing in Temple House. In February, it will be for those in their 40's and 50's; in March, for 20's and 30's.*

**Tot Shabbat is Fun!**

The next Tot Shabbat led by Rabbi Magat will be Friday, February 15 at 6:30 PM. This is a wonderful way to introduce the stories and songs of Shabba as you sit on the bimah with a child in your lap. Bring a dish to share and join the other families for a potluck dinner in the Benefactors Room.

**Remember to Save Your  
"Boxtops for Education"**

Check your Yoplait containers and General Mills Cereals. Place them in the can on the Shalom Table on Friday night, or bring them to the Preschool or Religious School office. Thank you for your support!!

*Thank you to Ryan Medeiros,  
for his dramatic readings of the words  
of Martin Luther King, Jr. during  
the Shabbat service on January 18.*

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