



# 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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## **Schedule of Services**

### **Friday, February 7**

6:30 PM  
Services at the UAHC Regional Biennial  
Santa Clara Marriott Hotel

### **Saturday, February 8**

9:30 AM  
Shabbat Morning Minyan at the UAHC  
Biennial

### **Friday February 14**

7:15 PM  
Erev Shabbat Family Service  
Bet Hebrew/Grade 6

### **Saturday, February 15**

9:00 AM  
Shabbat Morning Minyan (Chapel)

### **Friday, February 21**

6:30 PM  
Tot Shabbat (followed by potluck  
dinner)  
8:00 PM  
Erev Shabbat Service  
Discussion of the Pilot Prayerbook

### **Saturday, February 22**

9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan

### **Friday, February 28**

6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service

There will be no services at Temple Emanu-El on Friday, February 7 or Saturday, February 8. Please join us at the UAHC Biennial at the Santa Clara Marriott Hotel.



*You are invited ...*

## **TEMPLE EMANU-EL'S 47TH INTERFAITH SHABBAT**

**Friday, March 7, 2003  
8:00 PM**

*Rabbi Magat will speak.*

*Featuring holiday and life cycle displays in  
Temple House following the service.*



*A wonderful way to  
introduce your non-Jewish  
friends to our synagogue  
and Judaism.*

## From the Rabbi

I thought this month I would talk about the fact that we will be at the Civic Auditorium for the High Holy Days. Then I thought I should mention that we are currently piloting the new Reform prayerbook and give some thoughts about that process. Then on the weekend of January 17 and 18th (way past the time that I should have turned in an article) I was hit by an emotional truck that I have never experienced before.



How often does one's child become a Bat or Bar Mitzvah? Well my darling daughter became a Bat Mitzvah this past weekend and I am on Cloud 9...except for the fact that I feel like a truck hit me! I kid you not. I have thought about Shira's Bat Mitzvah ever since she was born. And as much as I have been focused on this amazing life cycle event, I would never have dreamed it could be as fantastic as it was.

If I say so myself, Shira did really well. I am such the proud Papa.

I was also impressed with how the congregation showed their support. I really felt like my extended family was present. The Women of Temple Emanu-El and Brotherhood added so much to the experience. Anita Medeiros and Bunny Roth help to coordinate the Kiddush luncheon and Friday night Oneg. I thank them and all of you who helped to make this such a memorable experience for my family and me. The support that we felt was truly remarkable and we are all so thankful for that support.

I am still blown away by all of this. I remember Shira's birth like it was yesterday, and then in a blink of an eye, Shira takes her place in the unfolding chain of our tradition. Wow!!! What an experience.

Thank you, Temple Emanu-El, for an unforgettable weekend.

L'shalom  
Rabbi Dana Magat

Parking restrictions will go into effect some time in February. You can get an explanatory map from the Temple office or on the Shalom Table.

Visitor day passes will be available in the office. Please watch for the signs when they are posted on the streets.

## From the President

As I sit here Monday, January 20 writing this article (I know, Deborah, I'm late again), I realize I have just experienced the most inspirational Friday, emotional Saturday, and exciting Sunday possible.

Inspirational Friday was Shabbat Shira. The musical evening, planned and coordinated by our Cantorial Soloist Rachel Michelberg, could not have been better. The music was dynamically performed by our choir, Rachel Michelberg, and musical accompanists. Conducting was Cantor Stephen Richards, who also wrote the music. Cantor Arlene Bernstein (from Rabbi Magat's former congregation in San Diego) also shared her wonderful voice with us. A packed sanctuary was completely enthralled for the entire service.

Emotional Saturday was the Bat Mitzvah of Shira Magat, our Rabbi's daughter. Cantor Bernstein officiated at the service. Shira, while leading the service, proved to everyone she is a poised, intelligent and cheerful young lady. As the Torah was passed from generation to generation, and her parents spoke to Shira, there was not a dry eye in the house. Everyone on the bimah shared in the box of tissues normally present. Those in the congregation turned to each other in search of eye-drying material. The perfect morning concluded with the kiddush luncheon organized by Women of Temple Emanu-El.

I can only hope we have started a tradition for Shabbat Shira that will continue for many years to come.

Sunday was the exciting day (but that has one more chapter yet to be written), a conclusion to a perfect weekend.

Steve Greenberg

### Temple Emanu-El's Phantom Ball

the non-event-of-the-  
season

Your invitation will be  
in the mail soon!

## Musical Notes

After a hiatus last year, the Cantor's Concert is back. "It's a Grand Night for Singing" will be presented on Sunday evening, March 23rd at 7:00 p.m. In past years we've highlighted one composer, but this year will be a potpourri of greatest hits from musicals and opera. Selections include songs from your favorite shows, such as Phantom of the Opera, Les Miserables, Fiddler on the Roof, and Man of La Mancha (to name just a few!)

I'm thrilled to be joined once again by Cantor Kay Greenwald of Congregation Beth Am in Los Altos Hills, Cantor David Margules from Congregation Rodef Sholom in San Rafael, baritone Michael Taylor (also our High Holiday choir conductor) and Russell Norman on piano.

We hope to see you there!

I want to express my thanks to so many for the wonderful "Echad!" service on January 17: to the choir members, who worked incredibly hard; to the instrumentalists, whose music added so much to the experience; to Cantor Stephen Richards, for sharing his vision of the music; to Cantor Arlene Bernstein for bringing her voice and person; and to the many congregants and members of the South Bay community for coming to hear the music. From the comments I've heard, the evening was really memorable.

The choir sings periodically throughout the year, so you have more opportunities to hear wonderful choral music. Please watch future issues of Connections for upcoming dates.

Rachel Michelberg

### Maccabi 2003 An experience of a lifetime!

*August 10 - 15, St Louis & Houston*

**Who:** 13-16 year olds

**What:** Sports such as baseball, basketball, swimming, chess, inline hockey and more.

**When:** Try-outs March 2 at the ALS Jewish Community Center in Palo Alto

Pre-register at [www.sfmaccabi.org](http://www.sfmaccabi.org). Scholarship help is available. For more information, contact Paul Gendler, 281-1020.

## "It's a Grand Night for Singing"

### A Cantor's Concert

Sunday, March 23rd, 2003 7:00 PM  
19 Adar II, 5763

Featuring songs from hit musicals including:  
Phantom of the Opera, My Fair Lady, Les  
Miserables, and Kiss Me Kate.

On or before March 17:  
Adult \$15 - Students/Seniors \$12  
After March 17 and at the door:  
Adults \$18 - Students/Seniors \$15

## Mazel Tov

To Susan and Phil Hammer, on the birth of their fifth grandchild, Mateo Hammer-Longosz, son of Michelle Longosz and Matt Hammer.

To Jake and Pauline Braunstein, on the engagement of their daughter Deborah to Andrew Seaberg of New York.

To Carol and George Hofheimer, on the birth of their second child, a daughter, Sarah Anne, on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Sarah joins big sister Lily, age 2.

To Maurice and Kirstie Kugler, on the birth of their second child on December 25, 2002. Emanuel (the name was chosen even before they found our synagogue) now makes three-year-old Antonella a big sister.

The family of Marcy Epstein Wolff wishes to express appreciation to Rabbi Magat for his continuing love and support during Marcy's illness, and to the congregation for your concern and condolences.

Sandy and Burt Epstein

# Women of Temple Emanu-El

WOTE was happy to be asked to help organize the Kiddush Luncheon following the Bat Mitzvah of Shira Magat. Thanks to all those (WOTE and non-WOTE members alike) who supported this event with their delicious contributions.

We would also like to thank those of you who graciously helped with both set-up and clean-up. Many of you have asked for recipes, so we are assembling them now and will list them on the Temple website under "Shira's Luncheon," cross-referenced under the name of the dish.

Our **Book Club** will be meeting on Wednesday, February 26th in the Temple House at 6:30 PM to discuss *The Bone Weaver*, by Victoria Zackheim. For those of you who find it difficult to attend on Wednesday evening, the group will also meet on Sunday, March 30th.

Thanks to all of you who helped support WOTE by purchasing tickets to Westfield Works Wonders. With your help, WOTE earned \$650. Thanks to our chairwomen, Bunny Fisher and Janis Decker and to all of you – A BIG Thank you to Pam Schuur and all the gift wrappers who worked at the ORT Giftwrapping booth during Holiday Season at Valley Fair. Thanks to all your hard work, WOTE raised \$432.40. WOW! that's a lot of wrapping paper.

WOTE will be participating in **Mitzvah Day** this year by providing a continental breakfast for all those attending. Mitzvah Day is on March 2.

In March, we will be hosting our **Annual Interfaith Shabbat**. Please see the boxed article for more information.

Our **Hamentaschen Baking Class** will be held on March 11 at 7 PM in the Temple House. Look for more information in our February Newsletter. Maggie Newman will be leading the class. The Hamentaschen baked that evening will be sold at the Purim carnival, but you will get dough to take home to make your own.

On March 13 our own Bernice Gaon will be honored at the **Women's Division Connection Dinner** as Temple Emanu-El's Woman of the Year. We hope many members of Temple Emanu-El will be able to attend this important event in support one of our most valued members.

Mark May 29 on your calendars so you won't forget to attend our **Annual Donor Luncheon**. Chaired this year by

Please join Women of Temple Emanu-El at our monthly Rosh Chodesh Celebration, a holiday marking the new moon. Come be renewed and inspired in a small group setting, as we do ritual prayers, sharing, poetry, music and meditation. This monthly cycle is important both for personal and community renewal. In Biblical times it was a festive day!

NOTE: DATE CHANGE

Date: Sunday, Feb 2, 2003

Time: 7-9 p.m.

Location: Laura Sternberg's House  
1596 Puerto Vallarta Dr, San Jose, 95120

Phone: 997-7272

RSVP [spiritualjudith@yahoo.com](mailto:spiritualjudith@yahoo.com) or call Laura

## Save the Date

Women of Temple Emanu-El Donor Luncheon

Thursday, May 29, 2003

11:30 AM at Silver Creek Country Club

The luncheon will be hosted by Marcia Riggio. The reception will be hosted by Doris Davis. Watch upcoming issues of Connections for more details.

Marcia Ratner, it looks like it is really going to be something to remember. Sponsored again by our Donor Angel, Marcia Riggio, the event will be held at the Silver Creek Country Club. Prizes are already coming in for a terrific raffle and silent auction being organized by our Raffle Chair, Abby Perr-Baker. Among the prizes we already have: an overnight stay at the downtown Radisson Hotel, tickets to the San Jose City Orchestra and a two-night getaway at the Hersch's cabin in Lake Tahoe. If you have anything to donate, please contact Abby at 867-0150.

If you would like to help solicit prizes, a downloadable donation letter can be found on our web site at <http://www.geocities.com/wote2001/>

Remember to patronize our beautiful Judaica Shop where all profits stay in our own Temple community. New merchandise comes in weekly. It's a great place to register for special events such as weddings and b'nai mitzvah. We also carry a complete line of engraved invitations, personalized kippot, ketubahs, tallit, etc. and can do special orders.

Don't forget to visit our web page at <http://www.geocities.com/wote2001/> for more information and for pictures of our past events.

## Experience Our Interfaith Shabbat! Sponsored by WOTE

Do you wish you had a way to describe the "Jewish experience" to people? Do you have non-Jewish friends who ask or are curious about what it is like to be Jewish? Invite them to our annual Interfaith Shabbat. This 46-year-old tradition will again be hosted by Women of Temple Emanu-El. The event takes place at 8 pm on Friday, March 7.

The evening will begin with a Shabbat service, followed by the Oneg Shabbat, which will include displays of the various Jewish holidays, life cycle events, ritual objects, and food that are part of our Jewish heritage. Many members of our congregation contribute their time and talent to this event. It is an educational, fun evening, as well as a feast for the eyes and palate!

With all the religious challenges going on today, help us build tolerance and understanding! For more information, contact Judith Stubbs at (408) 496-1660, e-mail [spiritualjudith@yahoo.com](mailto:spiritualjudith@yahoo.com), or contact the Temple office at (408) 292-0939.

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# The Education Page

Mitzvah Day is scheduled for Sunday, March 2, and we encourage the entire community to get involved. Colloquially, we refer to any good deed or act of kindness as a "mitzvah." However, "mitzvah" actually means commandment. As Jews, the performance of a mitzvah is not an option but an obligation. By performing mitzvot we help make the world a better place — "tikkun olam" (repairing the world). We can all help in tikkun olam by participating in Mitzvah Day: donating items for the shelter, making special decorations for the elderly at Chai House, drawing books for hospitalized children, and so on.

## Parents and Teens

Keep your calendar open for the evening of Tuesday, March 4. The Jewish Federation of Greater San Jose will be hosting the nationally renowned author Rabbi Bradley Artson for a teen program to be held at Congregation Beth David. Rabbi Artson is the Dean of the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies and Vice President at the University of Judaism in Los Angeles. The author of 4 books, most recently *The Bedside Torah: Wisdom, Visions and Dreams*, he served as a congregational rabbi in Southern California for 10 years. Over the years he has helped over 200 people convert to Judaism.

## Mishpachot

The next Sunday Lunch Bunch takes place on Sunday, February 2 following religious school. Everyone is invited to enjoy a community lunch together. Cost is \$2 for Mishpachot members and \$3 for non-members. This month: hot dogs and fixings.

Recently our second grade did a special mitzvah (commandment) through an act of tzedakah (righteousness). In response to an appeal from the Magen David Adom (Red Cross of Israel), our Grade 2 students donated all their tzedakah money collected since the beginning of the year. With the donation, they sent a lovely letter: "We are the second grade class at Temple Emanu-El in San Jose, California. For the past few months our class has been collecting tzedakah which we would like to send to you to help during this tough time for Israel. We hope things get better soon." This letter was signed by all the children. The students are learning and practicing the Jewish traditions of mitzvot and tzedakah.

## Upcoming Events

- Sunday, February 2 – Camp Swig/Newman Presentation 10 am in the Sanctuary
- Sunday, February 2 – Family Education Day, Grades 6-7
- Friday, February 14 – Family Service, Bet Hebrew leading and Grade 6 participating. Potluck at 6:00 pm; service at 7:15 pm
- Sunday, March 2 – Community-wide Mitzvah Day 9:00 Hebrew / Religious School students and parents meet in Sanctuary for T'fillah

## There is NO school on the following dates:

- Sunday, February 16
- Wednesday, February 19
- Sunday, February 23

L'Shalom,

Rosie Pick, School Administrator  
Paula Marsh, Religious School Coordinator  
Barbara Persin, Primary Team Leader  
Ann Roque, Secondary Team Leader  
Joelle Wolf, Hebrew Team Leader  
Rabbi Dana L. Magat, TJS Team Leader

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## Preschool News

I just can't believe that January has already come and gone, and it is time to begin enrollment for the fall of 2003. On February 11th from 5-7PM, we will be holding our second annual Open House for the preschool. This will be a fun evening for families to come and check out the preschool and see what we have to offer. The preschool board and preschool staff are preparing activities for the children and we will all be on hand to meet the families.

If you haven't had a chance to visit the preschool, please consider visiting us on the 11th. We are all very proud of what we have created and we would love an opportunity to show it to you!!

For more info please call me at 293-8660 or email me at [Barbara@templesanjose.org](mailto:Barbara@templesanjose.org)

Barbara Smead, Preschool Director

## Temple Emanu-El Preschool's Second Annual Open House

Tuesday, February 11th  
5:00-7:00 pm

- visit our child-oriented classrooms
- see our exciting new playground
- meet our wonderful staff
- experience developmental and Judaic curricula

**We hope you will join us for  
an evening of fun!**

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# Brotherhood Update

## I Can't Believe They Didn't Say That!

WE'VE FAILED ourselves and our children! Many of my Jewish friends have spent the past year shocked at how the media have reported the actions and statements of Israel, Jews, Palestinians, and Arabs. We see "stories" about the "massacre" at Jenin and other claims of Israeli "atrocities" "reported" with almost no attempt at balance and perspective.

I think they were shocked only because they had become complacent. The TV news and newspapers report stories most Jews agreed with on a wide variety of topics, and so my friends thought that when it came to Israel and terrorists, the media would give these topics the same "fair shake." I have not been shocked, because I knew several years ago that we had failed to hold our media accountable for providing a balanced perspective based on actual research.

Over vacation I read a book by 28-year CBS News veteran Bernard Goldberg, "Bias—A CBS Insider Exposes How The Media Distort the News," which helped drive home how biased the media have been for many, many years, and how we have allowed them to be so, often because we agree with the bias reflected in their reporting. In the middle of this book (which is a fast read) is a chapter on bias in reporting about men's issues. Countless examples of said bias are documented, including hateful and violent speech directed at men by "objective" national news anchors and reporters.

Warren Farrel, author of "Women Can't Hear What Men Don't Say," documents the lack of media coverage (and outright distortion) of serious men's issues. Goldberg brings to light a story about men in Los Angeles County who are being forced by the District Attorney to pay child support for children that are not theirs and to women they do not know. To find out how all of this is possible in America, you will have to read Goldberg's book. CBS, the LA Times and the rest of the mainstream media sure won't tell you.

Which brings us back to how we've failed ourselves and our children by failing to hold the media accountable. We only notice when our own ox is gored. As Americans, Jews, and a minority people, our only protection is shining the light of truth, and we must fight to make sure the truth is reported, even if we don't always agree with it. One day a week, search out alternative news sources. Since the majority of my sources are politically Conservative or Libertarian, I check out Mother Jones and other more liberal sources. Sometimes their coverage makes me angry (and I channel that anger into action). Sometimes it helps me to see important questions that my regular sources fail to consider, and I let the editors and reporters of my regular sources know. In any case, I am better informed, and I can defend what I think is right when people discuss these important issues.

I am proud to see Jews and other Americans defending what is right about Israel and attacking what is wrong about the Palestinian and other terrorists. Especially helpful is the lecture series Sue Maltiel has

brought to our community with good speakers like David Meir-Levi. From these presentations, we can get insights that would never have been seen in the mainstream media, but the information is widely available to anyone who wants to do a little research and reporting. I am also proud of Jews and other Americans asking what Israel can do better and how we can help the Palestinians even as we fight their leaders. We must hold editors and reporters accountable for what they report. We must make them shine the light of truth (even if we don't always like what it shows) rather than report selectively.

If you'd like a list of books and websites that I have found insightful on Men's issues, Parenting, and a wide range of other topics, drop me an e-mail. If you run into a great site, book, or article, I'd love to hear about it too. You can also check out the Brotherhood Bookshelf in the Religious School library for books donated by Brotherhood and our members.

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## Upcoming Events:

Thanks to Mort Berlant for donating his copy of The Hank Greenberg Story and to Jonatan Shmidt for donating the projector for the January Havdallah Dinner and Movie.

On **March 2nd**, Brotherhood will be leading 2 Mitzvah Day projects: Missing Child Photo Registration and Packing Shoah Candles for mailing to our community. If you can help with either of these worthy events, let me know. Thanks to Mark Sommer and Larry Hirsh for their guidance on finger-printing technology.

Brotherhood is also coordinating a **Night at the Shark Tank** on March 24th. The Sharks are playing the hot Tampa Bay Lightning. Tickets are \$52 and include a buffet dinner and 2 drinks in the upper plaza area. This event is open to all Temple members and friends and tickets are limited, so RSVP soon. Thanks to Jeff Marsh for making this event happen.

Our **Blood Drive** is going to be held April 13th from 8:30-12:30. We need 15 volunteers to call temple members and set up appointments. If you are available to work the phone tree or would like to donate, please contact Dr. Howard Levine at 267-2088.


We will be cooking for the **Teen Jewish Studies** program Wednesday night March 5th and April 2nd from 4:30-6:15. If you can help out let me know. Thanks to Paul Gendler and Marjorie Hoover for their continued support of this activity.

Upcoming **Brotherhood meetings** will be March 9th and April 13th (rescheduled from April 6th). Meetings are 9-10 AM. Join us for free lox and bagels as we make final plans for the end of the school year.

Dan Winter  
Brotherhood President  
408-295-3191 or Dan.M.Winter@Intel.com

## Emanu-El 49ers

A group for single Jews, age 49 and up. Join us for camaraderie. Friends help extend your life!

 On Sunday, February 9, at 1:30 PM, the 49ers are sponsoring an event open to the whole community: "*Unexpected Treasures*," with a presentation by Judy Johnson.

You may have things in your basement (well, we do live in California) or attic that might be worth something. Judy will give you tips on how to evaluate what you have, or find things of value at flea markets and resale stores. There is no charge - bring your friends. For more information, contact April Miller, 298-4181.

On February 15, we'll do a Valentine Dine-out at Fratello, 1712 Meridian, behind the Arco station near the post office. Dean Edell says pasta is a healthy choice, and there's a jazz trio playing at 6 PM. Afterwards, we'll head to Bette Myers for dessert (\$3 for non-members, free for members). Come check out the chocolate fondue, among other treats. RSVP to April.

We'll attend services together on Friday, February 21, and shmooze at the oneg. Please RSVP so we know you are

**Senior Youth Group**  
**Saturday, February 8**  
**Comedy Sportz @ 7:30 PM**

**Saturday, March 1**  
**Cosmic Bowling**

If you are a high school student in grades 9 - 12,  
come fill your EMTY-ness!

To RSVP for these events or for more information,  
contact Emilia Varshavsky at (408)448-8679 or  
emilia391@yahoo.com.

## XYZ (Xtra Years of Zest)

If you are age 55 or older, come join this group of seniors and make some new friends. On February 9, we will be going to lunch at a restaurant. On March 2, we will meet in the Benefactors Room at 1:30 PM. For more information about this group, please call Oda Livchitz, 292-5968.

## Oneg Shabbat

The following families have provided the treats we share following Shabbat services. If you have someone you would like to honor, or a yahrzeit to remember, sponsoring an Oneg, in whole or in part, is a wonderful way to do it. Cards are sent home to all member families approximately once a year. To arrange a particular date, please contact Anita Medeiros who (among many other things) serves as Oneg Coordinator. Anita can be reached at 773-1410 or ajmedeiros@attbi.com.

DECEMBER 20, 2002

Henrietta and Sam Mintzer in honor of their 60th Wedding Anniversary; Bruce and Peggy Frederick; Bernice Gaon, Armeda Fischer, Ginny Siegler, Tamara Zunich, Peggy Frederick, Anita Medeiros, Mitzi Sapper, Millie Segal, Ida Heyman, Rita Loren, Margie Cahn, Pauline Braunstein, Sally Siegel, Ellie Gerstley and the Sisterhood Bakeshop in honor of Henrietta and Sam Mintzer's 60th Wedding Anniversary; Bernice Gaon, in memory of her father, Morris Shulman.

JANUARY 3, 2003

Friends and family of Joshua Marsh in honor of his Bar Mitzvah

JANUARY 10, 2003

Melvin and Helen Grant; Arlene and Stephen Greenberg; Al and Louise Greenberg in honor of their grandchildren, Millie and Mike Sprintz and their two children, Zachary and Gregory, moving into their new home; Enrique and Molly Guadamos; Rhonda and Robert Hanson; Jo Anne and Bob Hersch; families of the Fourth Grade students, in honor of their participation in the Family Service; WOTE Bakeshop

JANUARY 17, 2003

Friends and family of Shira Magat, in honor of her Bat Mitzvah; members and friends of the Temple Emanu-El Choir, in honor of Shabbat Shira.

Thank you to the Temple Emanu-El community for all the good wishes on the occasion of our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. May we celebrate many more simchas together in the future!

Sam & Henrietta Mintzer

## Mark your calendars:

**Sunday, March 16**  
Purim Carnival

**Monday, March 17**  
Adult Purim Study & Megillah Reading

## Adult Education

### Death and Dying (Part I)

2-session class, Tuesdays, March 4 & 11  
7:00 - 9:00 PM (in the Benefactors Room)  
Taught by Rabbi Magat For those who are grieving, or those who want to find out what the liberal Jewish tradition says about end-of-life and after-life issues.

### Spring Gitin Lectures

Thursday, March 6  
"Is It Good for the Jews? Liberalism and the Challenges of the 1960's"  
Prof. Marc Dollinger, Goldman Chair in Jewish Studies and Social Responsibility at San Francisco State University.

Wednesday, May 8  
"1948: The Origins of the Arab-Israeli Conflict"  
Fred Rosenbaum, Founding Director of Lehrhaus Judaica.

There is no charge for these lectures, offered in cooperation with Lehrhaus Judaica. The Gitin Lectures honor the life work of our Rabbi Emeritus in fostering learning and understanding. Both begin at 7:30 PM in the Benefactors Room.

### Upcoming Israel 101 Lectures:

Sundays at 10 AM

February 9: Jews and Muslims on College Campuses  
Brynn Speizer, Hillel Coordinator of Jewish Campus Life and other student representatives.

March 9: Israel and America  
Larry Gerston, Professor of Political Science, SJSU

## Sunday March 2 Community Wide **MITZVAH DAY**

Tikkun Olam is a family affair.  
Many on-site and off-site activities.

Please bring your old cell phones, eyeglasses and coins to the Temple or Religious School offices.  
We are collecting them for Mitzvah Day projects.

RSVP's due February 14.

If you did not receive a brochure in the mail,  
please call the Temple office.

## Bat Mitzvah



Ariel Welch will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, March 1, 2003. Ariel is a 7th grade homeschooler who attends weekly classes offered through Loma Prieta Independent Home Study Program. Her current course of study includes physics, judo, literature and debate. In her free time, Ariel has been a regular volunteer in the Aleph classes at Temple Emanu-El. She also enjoys spending

time with her friends, playing the piano, knitting, and caring for her pet bird, La Dee. Ariel's sister Ilana, and their parents Harold and Paula, are very proud of her accomplishments and are looking forward to an awesome experience on March 1st, surrounded by friends and family. Please join them on this happy occasion.

### Entertainment Book Update

Sales this year were great!

Thanks to everyone who used this opportunity to support Temple Emanu-El.

We can still obtain some books on special order. Two orphan books would like a home (at reduced prices): Reno/Tahoe and Marin/Sonoma.

If you are interested, call or e-mail Burt Epstein 268-2721 or sandyandburt@aol.com.

### Just a reminder

Heritage Challah Mix is still available in the Gift Shop or the Religious School Office. Only \$5 per package. Proceeds benefit the Religious School.



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# Donations

We appreciate the generosity of the following congregants and friends who have made donations to Temple Emanu-El since November, 2002. Donations received after January 14 will be published in the March 2003 issue of *Connections*.

## General Fund

In memory of Howard Lubarsky  
Jean Lubarsky  
In memory of Esther Berg  
Faye A. Gendzel  
In honor of Grandson's Bar Mitzvah  
Joe & Armeda Fischer  
In memory of Ernest Marcus  
Mildred Sapper & Florence Marcus  
In memory of Mark Leon  
Arlene & Steve Greenberg  
In memory of Rose Hart Stein  
In memory of Minnie O. Perlstein, MD  
Drs. Ruth & Michel Stein  
In honor of Henrietta and Sam Mintzer's 60th Wedding Anniversary  
Florence Marcus & Mitzi Sapper  
E. Gerald & Gail Jacobs  
In Memory of Jacob Feldman  
Al & Louise Greenberg  
In Memory of Marcy Epstein Wolff  
Libby Kass  
Daniel & Shirley Lee  
John & Mary Anne Marceca  
In memory of Sidney & Rose Braunstein  
John & Mary Anne Marceca

## David Levin Cemetery Fund

In Memory of David Levin  
Larry & Pearl Gossack

## Betty Rinsler Religious School Endowment Fund

In Honor of Sam & Henrietta's 60th Wedding Anniversary  
Libby Kass  
In memory of Jack Fisher  
Mildred Wolfson  
In memory of Marcy Epstein Wolff  
Beryl and Herm Greenberg  
Morton & Barbara Berlant  
Leo Rinsler & Family  
Sid & Doris Rosenberg  
Donation  
Christine & Stephen Sedler

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Rose Silen  
Walter and Harriet Saltzman  
In honor of Cecil's Aliyah  
Cecil & Nanette Weintraub  
In memory of Elias Cohen  
Gertrude Lepler  
Donation  
Susan Rae Kadish  
Paula & Bernard Klein  
In memory of Lillian Becker  
Maggie Cant  
In memory of Bernard Becker  
Bob & Maggie Cant  
In memory of Sidney Braunstein

Lori, Al & Shari Kaplan  
In honor of Sam and Henrietta Mintzer  
60th Wedding Anniversary  
Ethel Ress  
E. Gerald & Gail Jacobs  
In memory of Marcy Epstein Wolff  
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> 9 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan (BFR)
<b>2</b> 8:45 AM Rel. School Board 8:45 AM Hebrew 10:00 AM Camp Swig Presentation (sanctuary) 10:00 AM Jewish Studies 10:00 AM Family Ed: Gr. 6&7 10:00 AM Adult Ed: Torah Hebrew (BFR) 11:15 AM: Adult Ed: Comp Rel (BFR) 12:15 PM Lunch Bunch	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6:00 PM WOTE meeting (offsite) 7:30 PM: Intro to Judaism (Shir Hadash)	<b>5</b> 4:15 PM Hebrew 6:00 PM TJS 8:00 PM Israel Trip Information Meeting	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> UAHC Regional Biennial Santa Clara Marriott Hotel Erev Shabbat Services @ SC Marriott	<b>8</b> Shabbat Minyan @ UAHC Biennial 5:30 PM Kids Night Out Pajama Party (RSVP required)
<b>9</b> 8:45 AM Hebrew 10:00 AM Jewish Studies 10 AM Israel Lecture Series: Jews and Muslims on College Campuses 1:30 PM XYZ meeting (offsite) 1:30 PM Unexpected Treasures (BFR)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 5:00 - 7:00 PM Preschool Open House	<b>12</b> Noon: Lunch and Learn (The New Prayerbook) 4:15 PM Hebrew 6:00 PM TJS 6:00 PM Preschool Board Meeting (library)	<b>13</b> Th 2/13 7:30 PM SBI Lecture (Beth David)	<b>14</b> 6:00 PM Potluck Dinner 7:15 PM Erev Shabbat Family Service (Bet/Gr 6)	<b>15</b> 9 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan (BFR)
<b>16</b> No Hebrew or Religious School	<b>17</b> Preschool closed Temple Office closed: Presidents Day	<b>18</b> 7:30 PM Intro to Judaism (BFR)	<b>19</b> No Hebrew or TJS	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 6:30 PM Tot Shabbat and potluck 8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service (evaluating the new prayerbook)	<b>22</b> 9 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan
<b>23</b> No Hebrew or Religious School	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:00 PM Exec Committee Meeting 7:30 PM Board of Trustees	<b>26</b> 12 PM Lunch and Learn Torah Study (BFR) 4:15 PM Hebrew 6:00 PM TJS 6:30 PM Jewish Book Club (TH)	<b>27</b> 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (BFR)	<b>28</b> 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service	

We note with sorrow the passing of

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