



Temple Emanu-El

Connections

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

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WEDNESDAY June 2
Congregational Annual Meeting
Wine & Cheese Reception at 6:00 PM
Meeting at 7:00 PM

FRIDAY June 4
Erev Shabbat Service at 8:00 PM
Installation Shabbat

SUNDAY June 6
Congregational Picnic
Oak Meadow Park, Los Gatos
10:30 AM - 2:00 PM
RSVP to the Temple office.



SUNDAY June 13
Wine Tasting and Silent Auction
4:30 - 7:00 PM
at Fanny & Alexander



Musical Notes

CANTOR Michelberg?

So why aren't you a Cantor? And what is a Cantorial Soloist, anyway? (A cantorial soloist is someone who sings the musical part of the liturgy, but is not ordained clergy.)

It is confusing, isn't it? Trying to figure out all these titles...and why I don't call myself Cantor. The truth is, I've never been invested as a Cantor, and therefore am not entitled to use that title. However, if all goes as planned, that will change in about five years....

In the Reform movement, Rabbis are ordained and Cantors are invested after a five-year, post-graduate program of study which also results in earning a master's degree. All rabbinic and cantorial students must spend at least one year in Jerusalem. The degree program for rabbinic students takes place at one of four Hebrew Union College (HUC) campuses: New York, Cincinnati, Los Angeles or Jerusalem. However, cantorial students were required to attend the New York campus to achieve investiture (simply put, to become Cantors.)

It soon became clear that for many cantorial candidates, moving to New York was simply not a viable possibility. For those of us with families, spouses with jobs, and our own current employment at temples, it would truly be a hardship. It is for this reason that the Cantorial Certification program was created. In this program, an accepted candidate would embark on a self-study program equivalent to the HUC program. The candidate would work with a mentor-Cantor and be required to pass all of the same exams given at HUC New York.

Assuming I am accepted to this self-study program, this is my plan for the next five years (the maximum allowed time once you are accepted to the program): I'll be taking my first exam in the fall to be considered an Associate Member of the ACC (American Conference of Cantors - the Cantors union) at which point I'll be officially known as Intern Cantor. The course of study is extensive and will include Jewish history, nusach (chant), all of the trope systems, translation of Torah and Haftarah, Reform repertoire for Religious School, Life-Cycle ceremonies, Shabbat, Holy Days and the Three Festivals, and of course sight singing and musicianship.

So why, after 20 years as a Cantorial Soloist, am I finally deciding to "bite the bullet?"

(I'd prefer "take the plunge...." And she never does define cantorial soloist...).

You'll have to read the next edition of **Connections** to find out. Stay tuned!

Rachel Michelberg



From the Office

We do listen to your comments and requests and are pleased to share with you that your periodic statements will have a different look to them as of June 1. (We hear your cheers all the way to the admin offices...)

From now on you will see all the areas to which any check you submitted to the Temple was allocated. For example, if you send us a check for a quarterly dues payment plus a quarterly Building Fund payment and a contribution in memory of a loved one, the total contribution might be \$460. In your new style statement, you will see where each of the allocations was made: to your Dues commitment, to your Building Fund commitment, and to a contribution schedule. When you have met your Dues and Building Fund commitments, they will still print out with a \$0 balance. We believe this format will alleviate a lot of the frustrations we have been hearing about for quite some time. After seeing your new statement, if you have additional suggestions, please email me at jjacobson@templesanjose.org.

In addition, we have asked our accounting service to have all statements prepared and in the mail on the first of the month, beginning on June 1. This will give you more opportunity to plan your Temple outlay. Again, once you have experienced this for a cycle or two, please email me with any suggestions for additional improvements.

We do listen and try to make accommodations.

Have a good summer.
Jane Jacobson

Please return your 2004-2005 Dues Commitment forms as soon as possible.

This will help us set up our books so that we will be able to begin billing promptly on July 1.

Bulletin Ads

Once again, Temple is offering you the opportunity to run an advertisement in the Temple Bulletin, Connections. Yes, it is legal for those of you who are in the banking, credit card, insurance, and travel businesses. You may be interested in posting a business card type of advertisement.

Please forward to dvorazim@templesanjose.org or mail your card to the Temple office.

Our Neighbors: College Park Neighborhood Association

Recently, Dan Lee, Laura Winter, and Jane Jacobson met with Tom Comey, President of the CPNA, and Megan Doyle, a representative from Councilman Ken Yeager's office, to talk about the Temple community's frustration with the parking restrictions in our area. The meeting was quite productive. The CPNA is not bent on choking our use of neighborhood parking facilities, rather they are concerned that their ability to enjoy their homes and their environs is being compromised by the many activities organized by Temple, as well as Bellarmine High School nearby.

The meeting resulted in providing a clearinghouse of frustrations and ideas on resolving our parking situation. While we must wait for final approval by the CPNA and the San Jose Department of Transportation, we see some relief on the horizon. We are hoping to gain approval for area parking for religious holidays and live cycle observances (weddings, funerals, b'nai mitzvah, etc.). We will gladly let you know as soon as the plans have been approved.

In the meantime, we remind you that we are part of a residential neighborhood and need to be courteous neighbors. Following are some issues that were brought to our attention and that can be resolved easily:

1. Do not park in the middle of the driveway of a home
2. When leaves and other items have been swept into a pile in front of a home awaiting garbage pick-up the next day, do not drive over/through and do not park in the middle.
3. When leaving a Temple function (service, committee meeting, etc.) in the evening hours, do not stand in the street and talk in a loud voice. Our neighbors may be trying to sleep.

Think how you would react if someone came to your neighborhood and disturbed your peace. Let's all try to be good neighbors here in the College Park neighborhood, as well as in the neighborhoods where we live.

Wish List:

Many folding chairs -

ours are in such bad shape

New baking sheets - Pre-school, TJS and Religious

School use them for baking

Arm chairs and/or desk chairs (the ones in the

BFR are really worn out)

Thanks to WOTE for our new letter folding machine

*Thanks to Bernice Gaon for our new
pitchers in the kitchen.*

*Please contact the office if you are interested in
helping.*

Brotherhood Notes

The Future of Brotherhood Starts with You!

I've got some good news and some bad news. The good news is that my year as Brotherhood Co-President is finally over. The bad news is that I've been re-elected and I have another year to go.

I cannot start listing the many successes we had this year without acknowledging my Co-Presidents, Harold Welch and Uri Gottfeld. Their camaraderie, guidance, leadership and just being there when nobody else would step up is what got us through this transitional year. Even though there were three of us, we still couldn't have done this job without the experience and insight that Dan Winter brings to the game. Thank you, thank you, thank you all!

I'd like to impart a little of what I learned this year. In addition to meeting a lot of great members, the first thing is that it seems that most people don't really know what Brotherhood does for the Temple or the Community. Some people think of us as those guys that sit out in front on Sunday mornings and sell bagels (thanks to Cary Green and Jeff Levine for being there all year). Others think of us as that group that feeds them at those Diaspora and Havdallah dinners. The TJS kids know us as the guys that make them eat something (healthy!) other than pizza once a month.

Well, although I've spent a lot of time this year in the kitchen, we are not just one of the basic food groups. This year we started out by refurbishing the bimah pieces for the High Holidays and then helped to provide security during the services. In order to preserve the bimah pieces for years to come, the storage area in the youth lounge was completely rebuilt by Brotherhood. In January, we sponsored the annual blood drive and collected more than 50 units of whole blood that have helped to save numerous lives. Some of the profits from the Diaspora Dinners have been funneled back to our twin congregation in Odessa. The water in the Religious School and many of their supplies were donated by Brotherhood. We helped send your children to camp by contributing to the Temple's camper-ship funds. We sponsored the candles you lit at Yom HaShoah and fed the InnVision folks. This is just some of what we accomplished this year.

We had a few disappointments this year, mostly due to scheduling conflicts or a lack of volunteers. We fell short of our goal on the number of Havdallah and Diaspora dinners and although we tried, we didn't have a joint Brotherhood event with the Youth Group. I am looking at these shortcomings as opportunities for the future.

The core group of your leadership is now in place for next year along with a new set of bylaws, both established at our final meeting of the year. We now have an infrastructure that should enable an even more productive Brotherhood. The biggest thing missing at this point is YOU. Of our 100+ members, there is hardly ever more than a group of 10 - 15 that are involved. We want your opinions, experience and help in any of our many activities. Most of these take no more than an hour or two a month. Come to our monthly meetings and enjoy lox and bagels with us. If you aren't volunteering for something now, please drop me a line and let me know why. I will accept most excuses other than "I don't have the time". If you don't, I expect to see you at our next meeting in the fall!

Have a great summer,
Jeff Marsh
President

Temple Emanu-El Brotherhood
skibum@ispwest.com

Women of Temple Emanu-El

Our Donor Luncheon was a HUGE success, our new Board has been elected, and a new year is beginning. But, before we begin, I would like to thank those of you who have helped make this last year a "Year to Remember."

I'd like to thank Ellie Gerstley, her assistant, Sally Siegel and their crew for ending the year on a very high note by bringing us all together for a spectacular Donor Luncheon. Also, Abby Perr Baker who, for the second year in a row, accumulated and presented us with a wonderful array of prizes. Our Donor could never have been as much of a financial success without the generous contributions of our Donor Angel, Marcia Riggio, who underwrote the cost of the delicious lunch, and Ruth Krandel, our Reception Angel, who treated us to classy passed hors d'oeuvres as well as an open bar – helping loosen us up for the silent auction and raffle ticket purchases. We are grateful for the support of the Temple Senior Staff and the Board of Trustee members who supported us by attending this event; Rabbi Magat, Rachel Michelberg, Jane Jacobson, Deborah Zimmer, Paula Marsh, Barbara Smead, Jean Richards, JoAnn Shank, Sybil Sommer, and Dan Lee.

This year we have seen a continuation of successful programs and some new and exciting ones. We have continued our financial support of Temple and Religious School Programs. This month alone we presented a check for \$5,000 toward the Religious School Building Renovation Campaign. In addition, we have contributed over \$11,000 to the Religious School and student-related activities this year, including more than \$5,000 in camperships. We have also continued to support our Temple with other donations totaling more than \$3000. None of this would have been possible without your support.

I would especially like to acknowledge the women who do so much to make these events happen. Myrna Cohen, Past President; Harriet Reisner, Administrative V.P. and my all around right hand (wo)man; Bunny Fisher, Fund Raising V.P. and Passover Cooking Class Instructor; Janis Decker, Fund Raising V.P., National Convention Representative and Catering Co-Chair; Eva Stanley, Membership V.P.; Bernice Gaon, Programming V.P.; Judith Stubbs, Religious and Education V.P.. Our Secretaries, Margie Goodman, Janet Wood, and Elly Burnett; Treasurer and Lunch Bunch Chair, Marjorie Hoover; Helen Gendler, Temporary Secretary and Game Night Chair; Michelle Indianer, Women's Seder leader; Leslie Kaplan, Catering Co-Chair. Our Campership Chair, Sandi Cohen; Peggy Frederick, Gift Shop Chair, New Member Contact, Earring Instructor, Temple Fundraising Committee Representative, Woman of Distinction, etc, etc, etc; Harriet Saltzman, Mah Jongg Cards and B'nai Mitzvah Contact; Laura Danoff, Rosh Chodesh; Cheriell Magat, Rosh Chodesh and Passover Cooking Class Instructor; Maggie Newman, Assistant Coordinator of Religious School Festivals, Official Hamantaschen Baker and Teen Program Cook; Sandy Stein, Remembrance Fund Chair; Catering Co-Chair and all around advice giver, Rita Loren; Holiday Boutique Chair, Candy Halbig, Gift Wrap Chair and Gift Shop Scheduler, Pamela Schuur; Gift Shop Display Arranger, Martha Engber; Bridge Club Chair, Bea Silin; Challah Cooking Class Instructor, Paula Marsh; Jewish Book Club Chair and Israel Shabbat Chair, Sue Maltiel; Donor Ticket sellers Bev and Tom Hardwick; Religious School Board Representatives, Marcie Gerston and Laura Winnick; Deborah

Zimmer, who is always there for us; Jane Jacobson, for her strong support; Roberta Frank, our all around assistant to almost everyone; JoAnn Shank, representing us and our synagogue as a Member of the Governing Board of the Union for Reform Judaism; Circle of Service Chair, District Board Representative and donor seating organizer, Bette Myers; and Henrietta Mintzer who has been coordinator of Religious Festivals for longer than anyone can remember. I would like to congratulate the new W.O.T.E. Board, Bunny Fisher and Harriet Reisner, who deservedly received the Woman of Valor and Lee Axelrad Malach Award respectively, and JoAnn Shank who received an award for completing her third Circle of Service.

To all of you, and to those of you I haven't mentioned – Thank you and keep up the good work.

Anita Medeiros,
Outgoing WOTE President

Don't Miss WOTE-Sisterhood 2004 In Action

Check out our mighty WEBSITE!!! We have photos from our 2004 Events: Women's Spirituality Day, Women's Seder and our incredible Donor Event at La Rinconada. Don't miss it.

<http://www.templeanajose.org/groups/sisterhood.htm>
(GO TO SISTERHOOD then click on NEW PHOTO PAGE - USE SLIDESHOW FEATURE)

Calendar Updates

June 4, WOTE and Temple Installation Shabbat

June 10, WOTE Calendar meeting at Temple in BFR. Dinner at 6:00 PM -- bring a side dish to share. Come and meet Congregation Sinai Sisterhood to plan shared events!

July 18, Women of Reform Judaism Annual Summer Institute is to be held at Shir Hadash, Los Gatos. Come for a day of learning about local and worldwide WRJ projects, "Exploring the Image of Sisterhood." See how you can make a difference in your Sisterhood and beyond, includes lunch. All WOTE-Sisterhood members are invited to attend at no charge. Contact Bunny Fisher for details at bunnysf@pacbell.net.

July 30 WOTE - Sisterhood Shabbat, 6:30PM Patio Service please bring something to share for Oneg. Contact Judith Stubbs at spiritualjudith@yahoo.com.

August 15 WOTE BBQ Meeting at Kona Kai Swim Club (location tentative) contact Harriet Reisner for details at reisnerh@onemain.com.

September 8 Wednesday WOTE meeting 6:30PM at Temple Emanu-El in Temple House, potluck dinner to share.

Holiday cooking classes to be announced. If you would be interested in attending, call Bunny Fisher or Harriet Reisner!

Emanu-El 49ers

Sunday June 13 A Fireside Chat (with no fire)

2 - 5 PM at Chai House.

RSVP to April (298-4181) and she'll give you directions. A great time for new members to get to know us. Paid members free, non-members \$8. We'll be serving mini-bagels, sushi, cheese and crackers, wine and juice, desserts (of course) and more.

Sunday, June 27 Tech Museum IMAX "Bugs" movie at 2:00 PM

\$8 for seniors for just the movie. We'll meet at 1:30 PM. Dinner at Spaghetti Factory. Come for one or both. RSVP to April by June 24.

Car Donations

support Jewish Family Service

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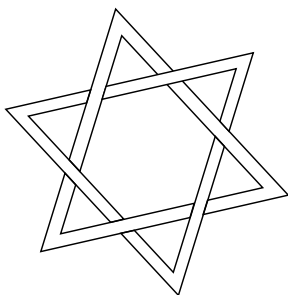
Matching Grandparents

We are considering a program that would connect Temple seniors with families with young children.

If your grandchildren live far away, or you do not have grandchildren and would like to be matched with a Temple family with children, or if you are a family without a grandparent in the area, please contact the Temple office.

Calling All College Students

Help us stay in touch with your students who are away at school. Send us their email or snail mail address to dvorazim@templesanjose.org.



From the Preschool

Whew!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We did it! We have successfully moved the preschool out of the Religious School building and into its new temporary home in the Temple House. The task of emptying out the building was overwhelming at best, but thanks to some amazing volunteers and a very dedicated staff, we were able to succeed.

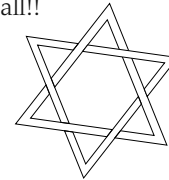
Most of May was spent really focusing on sorting and packing the building while at the same time enjoying the final month of the school year. We had a very successful year-end potluck dinner on May 8. Everyone enjoyed watching an great slide show of our preschool year made by David Michelberg, and we loved singing along with Meeka to many of our favorite preschool songs.

This month we will end our school year with a small graduation ceremony on June 11 and then jump right into our summer program on June 14. Over the summer we will enjoy fieldtrips to Happy Hollow, Bamboola, Off the Wall soccer, neighborhood parks and nature walks. Water play will be a major part of the summer as well as many fun weekly themes.

We appreciate all of the cooperation that we have received as we enter into this time of major transition. We are all excited about the new building and we know it will be well worth the time and energy spent.

Thank you to everybody who turned out for our Fresh Choice fundraiser in May. It was a great turnout.

Happy summer to all!!



Hugs and happy faces,
Barbara

Congratulations to the Pre-Kindergarten Class of 2004

Michal Dahan
Tamar Ervin
Henry Harkins
Vincent Huang
Noah Jackman
Hayley Levine
Miguel Matos
Sammy Mazo
Joshua Michelberg
Shiri Warshawsky
Kendall Warther
Jordan Weinberg

From the D'var Torah given by Randy Levinson, member of the Board of Trustees, on Friday, April 30.

Most of us are familiar in some fashion with the "Pirkei Avot," or Ethics of Our Fathers that serve as a staple of our faith. Tonight I would like to introduce Pirkei Yeladim, or Ethics of Our Children. In essence, things we can learn from our children.

I am the father of two boys, Noah (age 5) and Elijah (20 months old). As I am sure my wife will agree If we had gone to graduate school for PhDs in Nuclear Physics that would have been less work than raising children, and, I imagine, less educational as well.

Everyday, through my children, I either learn or am reminded of what it means to be human, to be a Jew, to be a citizen, and to be a part of a community.

Let me explain by telling you a story that happened just this week. I took my sons to a park in Santa Clara. It just so happens that this park may very well have the last unsafe play structure in California. A wooden structure made of logs too big for children to get their hands around topping off at about 15 feet in the air. It was the intention of the architect that children would climb up ladders on one side and go down the slide on the other. But this play structure has four sides. The side we'll talk about is the side that kids like to climb. 15 feet straight up with only logs and a thin layer of sand over hard earth to break a fall. Noah, who is 5, decided to follow a 12 year old on this treacherous climb. As I watched him from below, prepared to be a better fall-break than the park could offer, my heart skipped beats as I thought of how much my wife would kill me if she saw what I was allowing him to do. We are firm believers in letting our kids explore the world around them and set boundaries for themselves, but this climb was pushing me to reconsider that kind of parenting. So I called up to Noah in an encouraging yet firm tone, "You're doing great, buddy, but this is the last time, it's too dangerous." And then he said to me as he climbed over the last log to reach the top, he said, and I'm not kidding, he's only 5, he said, "Dad, sometimes I need to do what a man needs to do." I was stunned, flabbergasted, and in awe all at the same time. I clarified, "Noah, did you just tell me that sometimes a man's gotta do what a man's gotta do?" "Yeah" he said. I couldn't believe it. I've told this story about 50 times this week and I still can't get over it. And yes, he didn't fall, but that was the last time he made the climb.

When I was asked to give the D'var Torah tonight, I realized that there was a reason for this to happen this week. Thinking about it, while not the most politically correct statement, "Sometimes a man's got to do what a man's got to do" is a good way to tell the history of our people.

Abraham broke his father's idols, what do you think he told his father? "Sometimes a man's got to do what a man's got to do."

When Noah, the Noah in the Torah that is, was told to build an ark under clear skies, what do you think he told his wife? "Honey, sometimes a man's got to do what a man's got to do."

When Moses' sister Miriam offered her mother's

nursemaid services to the Pharaoh's daughter who found Moses in a basket the water she knew "sometimes a woman's got to do what a woman's got to do."

When Moses went to Pharaoh time and again asking that his people be let go, he knew, "Sometimes a man's got to do what a man's got to do"

Tough as it was wandering in the dessert our people persevered and made it to the Promised Land because, "Sometimes people got to do what a people got to do".

There are so many example of this principle, so much of it boils down to one word for me. Courage.

While I was nervous standing under my son while he climbed, I was also very proud of the courage he exhibited. So many things in our life require us to muster up some kind of courage; it was exciting to see it in my son and good to be reminded that we all have it in us.

But how does this translate to a real Ethic? How do we differentiate courage from recklessness or ignorance? Well, for that I'll briefly turn to another experience I had this past month. As you may know we here at Temple Emanu-El hosted a program through an organization called InnVision where we had

15 men who are otherwise homeless stay here at the Temple for 4 weeks.

During that time we visited with them, provided meals for them, and ate with them.

The experience of participating in this program exemplified courage on so many levels. The courage it takes these men to join such a program, to ask for help and accept the help that is offered. The courage of those in our congregation that participated; caring, preparing, and partaking with these men. The courage of a community to reach out and help those in need not just by giving it lip service or throwing money at the problem, but by actively doing something about it. That's courage. That's when we can say, "Hey, sometimes a congregation's got to do what a congregation's got to do".

My son taught me this week that courage lives in all of us, that it is inherent in who we are as human beings and as Jews. Whatever you do, don't hesitate to recognize the courage in yourself and others, and especially in your children.

Okay, last quick lesson from my kids, and this I think they actually got from Moses. We know that Moses had to go back to Pharaoh multiple times and kept asking again and again, "Let my people go" until he finally wore Pharaoh down and Pharaoh essentially said, "Enough already, just go -- anything to make you stop asking."

How many of us, as parents, have gone through this, How many times have we heard the same question asked again and again and again until we are worn down to the point where we will do anything to make it stop. When this next happens to you, and it will soon, I'm sure, keep in mind that your child is emulating the same courage it took Moses to get us set free.

But no matter how many time my Noah asks, it will be years before he makes that climb again.

"Sometimes a man's got to do what a man's got to do."

"Sometimes a congregation's got to do what a congregation's got to do."

B'nai Mitzvah



Nicole Sarah Hansen will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, June 5. Nicole is a seventh grader in the accelerated program at Ida Price Middle School where she has maintained a 4.0 grade point average since the sixth grade. She is involved in leadership and yearbook, has performed competitively on the color guard and winter guard teams, and was the fall seventh grade representative in the Student Council. Nicole's artistic nature is fulfilled with piano, singing and tap dancing lessons.

She also enjoys drawing, swimming, sledding, snow boarding and spending time with her friends. Nicole, her parents Rhonda and Bob, and her sister Rachel invite the congregation to join them on this special day.



Ben Polgar, son of Douglas and Willma Polgar, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on June 12, 2004. Ben is a 7th grade honor student at Cupertino Middle School. Currently he is on the track team, running the mile and doing shot put. Ben loves many sports including basketball, soccer, and tennis. In his spare time, he enjoys playing the piano, hanging out with his friends, and chatting on the computer. Ben is very proud of his

Jewish heritage and plans to continue his Jewish education by attending Teen Jewish Studies next year. Ben, along with his parents and brothers Justin and Randall, would like to invite the congregation to join them in celebrating this special day starting with a potluck dinner following the 6:30 PM service on Friday, June 11. A kiddush luncheon will follow the Bar Mitzvah service on Saturday. The family is looking forward to sharing this simcha with friends and family. Please RSVP to the Temple office if you plan to attend the potluck dinner on June 11.



Annie Kaufman will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, July 24. Annie is a six-grade student at the Almaden Country School, where her favorite subjects are literature and history. She is also keenly interested in drama and has participated in several student productions. In addition to her academic work, Annie is an instructor trainee at the K.O. Karate School, where she has been studying martial arts for more than three years. In her spare

time, she enjoys reading, playing video games, and listening to her favorite bands. Annie's parents, James Kaufman and Gina Dimino, and her sister, Sarah, invite the congregation to join them on this happy occasion.

Michael Chacon, son of Umberto and Andrea Chacon, will be called to Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, July 31, 2004 at 10:30 AM.

Membership

Mommy & Me Playgroup

Temple Emanu-El is pleased to announce its newest addition – .a “Mommy and Me” playgroup! This group is offered to all temple members with children ages 3 mos. – 3 years looking to network with other moms (or dads) and connecting with the congregation. This informal playgroup will meet weekly (as of now Wednesday is the day) from 9:30 – 11:00 AM (longer or shorter if you wish) at a local park. Our first official play date will be Wednesday, June 9 at the Lincoln Glen Park (corner of Radio and Curtner in Willow Glen). Monthly rotations of park locations to come. If you are interested in joining or getting more information, please email Kim Jackman at kbjsanjose@yahoo.com. Hope to hear from you soon!!

Thank you, Shabbat Greeters!

The following Greeters have welcomed congregants and guests in recent weeks:

Julie Ross, Janice and Paul Roth-Soto, Sandy and Burt Epstein, Jodie Fischer, The Hoffman Family (Pam, Jeff and kids), Bob & Kelly Kaufman, Bernice Gaon, Eryn and Craig Neidle, Shirley Lee, and Philip Schwarz. While we have some people signed up through the summer, if you are interested in helping provide the warm welcome on Friday nights, please contact Shirley Lee (sabl@comcast.net) to pick a date.

Sanctuary Seat Plaques

Once again, we are encouraging members to purchase seat plaques to honor or memorialize loved ones. There are many seats in the Sanctuary still available. There may be one near where you often sit.

Purchaser's name

Phone/Cell Phone number _____

Enclosed is \$400 for each seat plaque \$ _____

Name to be honored/memorialized

School Building Refurbishment

What a week we've had preparing the Religious School Building for its refurbishment which began on Thursday, May 27. While the area is cordoned off for hard-hat entry only, you can peek through the metal gate and through the Temple House glass doors and get a limited view of what is taking place there.

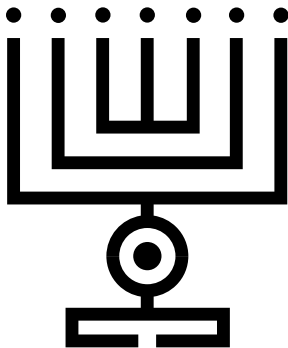
It was delightful opening a closet in the Rabbi Gitin Resource Center to find boxes filled with his 4x6 cards that he used as prompts during his sermons. I know that many of you have already smiled upon hearing this story with fond memories of Rabbi Gitin's sermons. We found several other items, shared them with his family, and are working with the Union for Reform Judaism to find an appropriate home for them.

There are still many plaques, photos, etc., that could use a sentence or two description for future "Temple Emanu-El Historiana" displays. If anyone is interested in working on such a project, please identify yourself to the office. You will be greeted with open arms.

Sunday, May 23, we held a sale of Religious School furniture and other items that were stored in various nooks and crannies of the Temple. It was an adventure... We found many works of art that were sold and will adorn the walls of people who will truly enjoy them before passing them on to the next family. We sold and still have a few small pre-school tables and chairs. They make great outdoor or playroom seats for little ones. While many of the chairs need refurbishing, they can be painted with bright colored enamels or acrylics and brighten a room. We sold over 40 desk/seating units to Kehillah High School - keeping them within the Jewish community.

We appreciate the help given to us by David Michelberg, Janis Decker, Doris Vela, and Sheila Gold on Sunday, Jeremy Zimmer who worked feverishly all week long bringing in friends and relatives to assist. Former member Bill Yanowsky brought a crew from San Jose State to help. Custodians Gerardo Cabada and Juan Herrera working endlessly finding hidden treasures, moving items all over the property, and supporting the Religious School and Administrative efforts to prepare for the renovation.

Thanks to all of you who have donated to this project. It is really happening; we are very excited thinking of the improved learning environment our children will be experiencing in fall. We will keep you apprised as the project progresses and are always happy to learn of your interest.



From the Religious School

Thank you to everyone who helped make the end of the school year so special. Our Teacher Appreciation Shabbat on May 14 was a wonderful acknowledgement of the work of our teaching staff and madrichim (teaching assistants), as well as the donors who underwrote classrooms this year. The 6th grade re-wedding ceremony of Joe and Edith Rosenberg on May 16th was heartwarming. The last day of school on May 23 was full of classroom parties and taking home projects.

Our year-end move-out to prepare for the renovation of the school building was very exciting. A lot of people helped move, take down, pack, schlep, and generally clear the building. Special thanks go to Boy Scout Troup 75 (Los Altos) P4 patrol: Benjamin Lilly, Shawn Gongwer, Michael Marent, Daniel Safdie. Byron Lilly (their scoutmaster), Nancy Weintraub, Peter Chastain, Marci Gerston and Tina Virshup. Dan Lee and Lori Telson were also invaluable in this effort.

Fall Religious School Packets are in the mail.

**Please note the early bird discount
date of July 15.**

**There are some important changes in the
forms this year.**

**Return your packet soon! Call the school
office (292-3223) if you have any questions.**

Lost and Found

We have a box full of jackets and sweatshirts, one pair of children's eyeglasses, a pair of white gauze wings and a child's purse). Does one of them belong back at your house? Call soon. All items unclaimed by June 15th will be donated to a shelter.

Memorial Plaques

We encourage you to memorialize your loved ones by purchasing a memorial plaque that will be mounted in the Sanctuary Foyer on one of the memorial boards. Contact Jane Jacobson in the Temple office by phone (292-0939) or fax (292-7625) or complete the form below and mail it to her at Temple Emanu-El, 1010 University Avenue, San Jose 95126. It usually takes about 6 weeks to fill an order.

Memorial Plaque Order form

Purchaser's name _____
 Phone/Cell Phone number _____

Enclosed is \$600 for each memorial plaque \$ _____

Name to be memorialized _____

Date of Birth _____ Date of Death _____

Donations

General Fund

In memory of Walter Wolfson
 Millie Wolfson
 In honor of Laura Newman & The
 Confirmation Class
 Dan & Shirley Lee
 In honor of Ginny & Manny Siegler's 50th
 Anniversary
 Fagie Rosen
 In memory of Bess Steiner
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 In memory of Ben Weiss
 Steve & Arlene Greenberg
 In memory of Harry Hagler
 Rhea Hagler Carter
 In memory of Victor Donath
 Margie Goodman
 In memory of Dr. Eshagh Razban
 Razban Family
 In memory of Annette & Beth with our
 deepest sympathy
 In honor of Dr. Lloyd Ehrenberg's earning his
 Doctorate
 For Courage & Strength to Harry Schwartz as
 you face this New Challenge
 In honor of the Birth of Samantha Rose
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 In memory of Dr. Maurice Malen
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Betty Rinsler Religious School Endowment Fund

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 Joan & Bill Poor
 In honor of Lawrence & Ruth Ross's 50th
 Anniversary
 In honor of Lillian Malen's 100th Birthday
 Sidney & Rosalie Sogolow

Shank-Rockman Family Sound System Fund

For a Speedy Recovery to Rita Loren
 In memory of Ruth Krandel's Aunt
 In honor of Ruth & Lawrence Ross's 50th
 Anniversary
 In honor of Ginny & Manny Siegler 50th
 Anniversary
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 JoAnn Shank
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 Sandi Tucker Fish

Religious School Fund

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Tzedakah Fund

In memory of Isaac Miller
 In memory of Slava Frieda Miller
 Golda Miller
 In memory of Helen & Bert Hersch
 In honor of the Birth of Nathan Rockman
 Morton Leiter

June / July Calendar

Tues June 1

5:00 PM Exec Committee Mtg
7:30 PM Board of Trustees Meeting

Wed June 2

6:00 PM Wine & Cheese Reception
7:00 PM Annual Meeting

Thurs June 3

6:00 PM Ritual Comm Meeting

Fri June 4

8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service Installation Shabbat

Sat June 5

9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan
10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Nicole Hansen

Sun June 6

10:30 AM Congregational Picnic
Oak Meadow Park, Los Gatos
(see page ___ for details)

Weds June 9

12:00 PM Lunch & Learn: Foods of the Bible

Fri June 11

6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service: First Patio Service
7:30 PM Potluck Dinner (Polgar Bar Mitzvah)

Sat June 12

9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan
10:30 AM Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Polgar

Sun June 13

4:30 PM Wine Tasting Fundraiser
at Fanny & Alexander

Wed June 16

12:00 PM Lunch & Learn Torah Study

Friday June 18

6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Patio Service
7:30 PM Tot Shabbat Potluck Dinner

Sat June 19

9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan

Fri June 25

6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Patio Service

Sat June 26

9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan

Fri July 2

6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Patio Service
7:30 PM Potluck Dinner & Discussion: The Future of
America

Sat July 3

9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan

Mon July 5

Temple offices/Preschool closed

Fri July 9

6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Sat July 10

9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan

Weds July 14

12:00 PM Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Magat: Israel and
Politics

Fri July 16

6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Patio Service
7:30 PM Tot Shabbat Potluck Dinner

Sat July 17

9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan

Fri July 23

6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Patio Service
7:30 PM Potluck Dinner & Discussion: Israel and the
Middle East

Sat July 24

9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan
10:30 AM Bar Mitzvah of Annie Kaufman

Weds July 28

12:00 PM Lunch & Learn Torah Study

Fri July 30

6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Patio Service
led by members of Women of Temple Emanu-El

Sat July 31

9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan
10:30 AM Bar Mitzvah of Michael Chacon

Oneg Shabbats

Recent Onegs have been sponsored by the following congregants and friends:

APRIL 30

Bernice Gaon, in celebration of her 70th birthday

MAY 7

Friends and family of Sydney Mimeles, in honor of her Bat Mitzvah

MAY 14

Families of the students in Alef 2 and by many Religious School families in appreciation of our teachers

MAY 21

Friends and family of Robert Streeter, in honor of his Bar Mitzvah

JUNE 4

Friends and family of Nicole Hansen, in honor of her Bat Mitzvah, and by members of the Board of Trustees, in honor of Rabbi Magat's installation as Senior Rabbi and in honor of the Temple board for 2004-2005

JUNE 11

Family and friends of Benjamin Polgar, in honor of his Bar Mitzvah

Yahrzeits

JUNE 4 (8 PM SERVICE)

Louis Berman, Max Bloom, Ida Clayton, Larry Fabisch, Minnie Fagen, Dr. N. William Forest, Morris Gerston, Arthur Goldberg, Michael Goodman, Leon Gordon, Violet Hutchins, Sarah Kaufman, David Kellner, Herman Klein, Emily Grace Leiter, Harry H. Leiter, Gertrude Levand, Gertrude Levine, Lawrence Lewis, Jack Lodge, Al Ludwig, Siegmund Mendel, Reeva Pearlstein, Samuel Renkosinsky, Cy Rosenberg, Ycek Rosmarin, Abraham Rubenstein, Minnie Schaffer, Herbert Hermann Schwalbe, Isadore Seelig, Meyer Simon, Franziska Steinberg, Bertha Treister, Samuel Varshavsky, Frances Vilitis, Joseph, Hart Walters, Debbie Wolfson, Sasha Zimmerman

JUNE 11 (6:30 PM SERVICE)

David Annan, Elsie Ball, Louis Ball, Gertrude Beller, Helene Breslauer, Lollie Shaffer Brickner, Larry Chatoff, Gertrude Davidson, Albert Frankel, Herman Funk, Marvin Gallop, Leon M. Gellman, Sarah Goide, Eva Golden, Rose Goldstein, Samuel Golstein, Betty Gordon, Sidney Greenberg, Louis Grodnitzky, Stanley Kaisel, Sam Klugman, Minnie Lepler, Charles Albert Messmer, Pauline Milgrom, Sam Miller, Max Novikoff, Mickey Penner, Ted Pollak, Larry Rosenberg, Leah Rubin, David Saltzman, Raymond Shephard, Abraham J. Shragge, Anna Shuch, Sarah Silver, Martha Streeter

JUNE 18 (6:30 PM SERVICE)

Reba Alberts, Gladys Andelman, David Abraham Arick, Rebecca Blumenreich, Anna Bronstein, Larry Chatoff, Hilda Farber, Frieda Friedman, Helen L. Gates, Yakov Ger, Richard Hirsch, William Israel Katz, Harry Konits, Jack Krulan, Samuel Laskey, Louis Lepler, Amy D. Lowy, Sandra Medler, Sophie Meyerson, Joseph Nathan, Louis Nerenberg, Harold Newman, Susan Parnell, Mark Pearlman, Sam Penner, Jean Reiter, Sidney Sarnoff, Max Schonwetter, Mary Schwartz, Mark Siegel, Morrie B. Silverstein, Ben Woron

JUNE 25 (6:30 PM SERVICE)

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Israel Scholarship Fund
Prayerbook Tribute Fund
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