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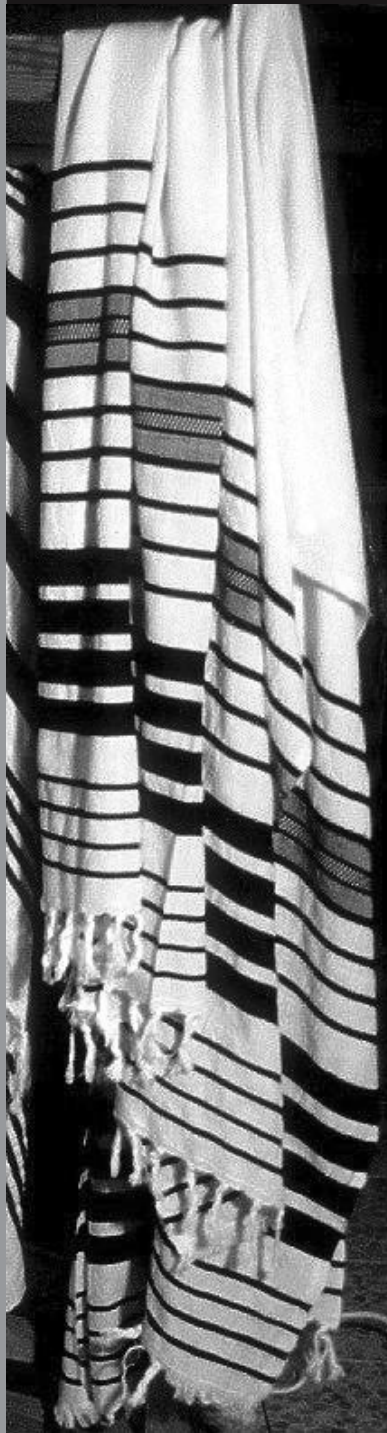
# Connections

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

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## Very Special in October

**Wednesday, October 6**

**7:15 PM**

**Erev Simchat Torah and Consecration**

We welcome students new to our Religious School and unroll a Torah scroll around the Sanctuary to celebrate the never-ending cycle of Torah. The festivities continue with Israeli dancing during the Oneg.

**Friday, October 15**

**Tot Shabbat at 6:30 PM**

**Prospective Member Wine & Cheese at 7:00 PM**

(RSVP to 292-0939)

Erev Shabbat Service at 8:00 PM

**Friday, October 29**

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service at 6:30 PM**

Special guests from Temple Emanu-El in Odesa, Ukraine and other members of the Russian delegation

**SOLOMON** by Georg Frederic Handel

**A Biblical Oratorio featuring**

A full orchestra

The Temple Emanu-El Choir

Members of the Schola Cantorum

Conductor Henry Mollicone and

Professional soloists

**Save the Date:**

**Shabbat Shira, Friday, January 21, 2005**

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## From the Rabbi

*Taken from the Rabbi's Erev Rosh Hashanah Sermon*

I don't know about you, but I don't mind saying good-bye to 5764. I called it the year of 'Oy' with all its good and bad experiences. Hopefully yours have provided strong growth and learning opportunities too.

Some of us come to this Rosh HaShanah with emotional pain or with unresolved issues with another. Some of us may have physical pain and unable to delve more than skin deep. We can look to others for the cause of what hurts us or we can reflect within. It is hard for us to be self-reflective when we are inundated with worldly problems, including the state of Israel and what that Land has to endure on a daily basis; our own country at war in Iraq and Afghanistan; economic lows that weigh on too many people, unemployment rates that are unacceptable, bizarre weather patterns causing havoc, spiraling health care costs, terrorist attacks, the physicality of our society, the perceived lack of compassion and love toward fellow human beings, and, I'm sure you can add to this list.



It is hard to reflect on ourselves with so much distraction. Rosh HaShanah [came] at a perfect time - when we needed to reflect within ourselves. Rosh HaShanah leads us to listen inward - the Shofar calls us to heed the inner voice, the voice that we do not take time to listen to frequently.

Isn't there a contradiction here between self-reflection and trying to be less self-centered? We come together as a community because it is so hard for us to look inward alone. Isn't it strange that we need to come together to have the opportunity to be alone and to look within?

We are a kahal, a congregation, an extended family, which much of the liturgy we recite on Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur addresses. Being in community helps us brave the storm of T'shuvah, the act of seeking repentance. When asking for forgiveness, we do not say, "for the sins that I have committed, we say, "for the sins that we have committed." We say this together because if there is one person amongst us who has committed that sin, we demonstrate our support for that person by saying "we," because we get through these things together.

As a community we are responsible for each other. I love that about Judaism. That is why, in order to be Jewish, one must be part of the Jewish community. That is why traditionally we have a minyan, a group of ten people who come together to pray, always a group. One of the blessings of being in community is to have the support, comfort and love of others in the midst of T'shuvah, repentance. If you look in a Thesaurus at the root of the word, you'll see that it also means to turn. It recognizes that we need to turn back to the spiritual path, T'shuv. Know that Tikun Olam, repairing the world, making it a better place, begins with each of us. Repairing that brokenness starts today, it starts right now. It is what we bring to this experience not what we take from it that matters.

Each of us has hurt or caused another person pain. Each of us needs to take responsibility for the big sins, as well as the little ones. This season is a time to reflect, but also a time to take responsibility, a time to act, to acknowledge the pain we have

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## Membership Committee

### WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Tracy and David Hovda, Tammy and Dan Isaacs, Arick & Bernadette Levine, Shelley Stone and Steven King, Veronica Agranov and Barton Dafoe

### MOMMY AND ME

Please join new and existing Temple members at our bi-monthly "Mommy and Me" playgroup. We meet on the second and last Wednesday of the month and our locations rotate monthly. The ages range from 3 mos. - 3 years. If you are interested in joining or learning more about this opportunity, please contact Kim Jackman at kbjsanjose@yahoo.com.

### NEW MEMBER EVENT

Save the Date! Friday, December 3, Dinner & Shabbat Service to honor all members who joined after December 2003. Babysitting will be provided with advanced reservations. Look for your invitation with details.

### PLEASE HELP US SAY "CHAI" TO ALL NEW MEMBERS BY SPONSORING A CHAI WELCOME BAG.

These bags, which contain wine, candles and other Judaica, are provided to new members to help welcome them to our congregation. Please send a check (made out to Temple Emanuel) in the amount of \$18 (or any multiples of \$18) to Teri Kane, 2621 Thrasher Lane, San Jose CA 95125.

### GREETERS

Each Friday night for over a year, we have had Greeters warmly welcome our members and guests to services. It's a wonderful way to get to know people and to feel connected to our temple family. Although it's an easy job-smile and handout prayer books-it is a most important one. If you would like to be a greeter, contact Philip Schwarz by phone 736-8560 or by e-mail pdschwarz@aol.com.

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### From the Rabbi, continued

caused others, and to tell them what might be the three most difficult words in the English language: I am sorry.

The Ten Days of Awe give us an opportunity to do the work of T'shuvah, to repair relationships and to stop blaming others - not an easy process. But the more we engage in T'shuvah, the more we will get out of the process. Forgiveness is difficult whether you are the one who asks for or grants it. We must recognize that regret is the first step to real change. Without earnest introspection and forgiveness of ourselves and others we will not change.

Our tradition calls this the Accounting of Our Souls. As difficult and challenging as it may be, there is solace and comfort knowing that we are going through this process together as a community.

As a child, as a teenager, as an adult I have always felt connected to synagogue life. Synagogue has always provided me that sense of community, of connection and comfort. I hope you open yourself to the possibility of the experience of synagogue life. I pray each of us takes this opportunity to do the work of T'shuvah. Do not wait for another year. Be brave, be courageous, and be strong. You are not alone. We are in this together. How blessed we are to be together as a community. Amen

Rabbi Dana L. Magat

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# From the President: The Synagogue and Jewish Identity

My comments this month are from my speech on Rosh Hashanah.

Several people have asked me “why would you want to become president with all of the challenges facing us this New Year?”

- We’re renovating our 50-year old Religious School building,
- We’re sharing our facility with Congregation Sinai while theirs is rebuilt , and
- We’ve asked you for significant dues increases.

First of all, there are many answers to this question, but the most important one for me - and one that I’m sure influenced past presidents - is that the synagogue is a central part of our Jewish identity. The synagogue plays a fundamental role in the continuation of our tradition - as we say, *mi’dor la dor* - from generation to generation. Secondly, thankfully, many talented and dedicated people are helping to address these challenges.

To illustrate the answer to my original question, I’m going to share with you 3 stories of how the synagogue affects our Jewish identity- beginning with my own.

When I was growing up, my father was in the United States Navy, so we moved from one naval base to another just about every 1-1/2 to 2 years. I had no real roots, and had no Jewish friends until high school. Although my father was born into an Orthodox family and always considered himself Orthodox, I received very little Jewish training at home, I didn’t identify with Orthodox Jews, and I didn’t know what it meant to be Jewish.

As an example, during the 1950’s my father was stationed in French Morocco in North Africa, where I attended an American Navy school on the local naval base. It was the custom at that time for Navy schools to provide religious training once each week, and my choices were to attend either Protestant or Catholic classes. I chose to attend the Catholic classes. Despite my lack of Jewish identity, Catholic catechism did not feel quite right, and after two weeks I sat out of all religious instruction. Needless to say, this was a wakeup call for my parents, who then found a sailor who would tutor me in Hebrew. My parents finally joined a congregation when we moved to Norfolk, Virginia, where I became a bar mitzvah - at age 14.

I think my real “awakening” as a Jew began when I dated my wife-to-be Shirley, who received her Jewish education in Sacramento, where her father was president of a Reform Congregation and her mother was principal of the religious school. Finally, it was joining this synagogue - Temple Emanu-El, socializing and celebrating the holidays with Jewish friends, sending our daughter to religious school, and having to answer her questions that really helped me clarify and reinforce my Jewish identity.

The second story is about our own congregation, which

was founded as the Bickur Cholim Society over 143 years ago. The early Jewish settlers “advertised in the local press for their fellow Jews to meet at City Hall ‘for the purpose of organizing a Hebrew Society’ “. Although their intent was to create a society for visiting the sick (“Bickur Cholim”), they understood the importance of banding together, and their organization evolved into much, much more. I think they would be proud of what we have become today. Interestingly, I read in our history of the synagogue that services in the early 1900’s “were a synthesis of Orthodox and Reform styles in an attempt to appease both elements of the congregation”.

My final story takes place in a country where Judaism was so oppressed that many people lost their identities as Jews. Earlier this year, Rabbi Magat and our members Jonathon Hirshon and Dawn Chaffin traveled to Odessa in the Ukraine to visit one of the few Reform congregations in the former Soviet Union. They brought with them and donated one of our torahs and other items much needed by this young congregation. More

importantly, they delivered a message of hope and support from us - their fellow Jews. One of their stories that caught my attention is about a woman who thinks she is Jewish but cannot prove it because all of her old family documents were destroyed under Soviet rule. This woman’s sense of being Jewish was so strong that she underwent conversion, and the congregation gave her the Hebrew name “Sarah” to affirm her identity. It is because of this new congregation, named Temple Emanu-El in our honor, that she can call herself a Jew.

We are fortunate to live in these great United States where we have freedoms unimaginable in other societies. Freedom of expression and freedom of religion enable us to identify openly as Jews without fear of repression. We must never take for granted our freedoms, nor can we become complacent

about our synagogue, which requires support from all of us to fulfill its role as a house of worship and learning and as a place to come together.

Finally, I’d like to share a thought by Rabbi Menachem Spira that I read in a booklet of High Holy Days commentaries provided by the Jewish Federation. He states “Rosh Hashanah is a new beginning and the shofar is the alarm clock that awakens us to our purpose in life. It startles us out of our routine, forcing us to refocus our goals and re-channel our energies.” I ask you to re-channel some of your energy this year into Temple Emanu-El. We welcome your ideas, your energy, your enthusiasm, and perhaps in the process you will bolster your Jewish identity as well.

Next month I will provide a financial update on the renovation of the Religious School building.

It is a time to build! Let us do it together! Let us do it now!

Dan Lee  
President



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## Bat Mitzvah



**Aviva Hannah Jacobstein** will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, October 16, 2004. Aviva is an 8th grader at RB Academy in Milpitas. She has maintained an A+ GPA since 5th grade. She enjoys swimming, hip-hop dancing, arts and crafts and, also going to the movies and hanging out with her friends. This year Aviva is going to be a madricha for the Religious School art teacher.

Aviva and her parents, Deborah and Bennett, invite the congregation to celebrate with them on this special day.

## From the Ritual Committee

Someone named Henryk Skolimowski once said, "The first act of awe, when man was struck with the beauty or wonder of Nature, was the first spiritual experience." Now, don't get me wrong, I love our Sanctuary, but, for me, there is nothing like nature for a spiritual high and one does not have to go very deep into the wilderness to experience it.

We are so fortunate to live in the Bay Area where, with a little effort, we can be in any number of natural environments any one of which can provide the experience Mr. Skolimowski was referring to. It is for this reason that the Ritual Committee is sponsoring the Nature Ritual Series.

The first in this year's series is scheduled for October 30th when you can experience Shabbat at Sanborn Skyline Park in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Surrounded by majestic redwoods, we can gain an understanding and appreciation of what Joseph Campbell meant when he said, "God is the experience of looking at a tree and saying, 'Ah.'"

We reserved the Costanoan Group area for the entire day. While we have scheduled a few group activities - a morning service led by Rabbi Magat, discussion, a group hike, Havdalah - you can come and go as you please and participate in whatever suits you. After all, it is your Shabbat!

In the spring, we will be going to Uvas Canyon for a group hike along the Waterfalls Trail, an amazing walk that gets us up close and personal to several waterfalls. After the hike, we will share food (of course!) and conversation, ending with Havdalah.

If this idea interests you, look for a flyer about Shabbat in Sanborn Park. Or, for information about anything related to the Nature Ritual series, you can contact me, Ginny Hoffman, at 259-4061, or by email at [ginny032849@yahoo.com](mailto:ginny032849@yahoo.com).

And, on another note.....

I hope that everyone who attended any or all parts of the High Holidays at the Civic Center found the experience personally satisfying. Now that the holidays are over, the Ritual Committee will be asking for feedback from you. This is your opportunity to let us know what works for you and what doesn't. In this way we can continue to strive for a meaningful experience for the greatest number of people.

If you really want input, you may want to consider joining the Ritual Committee! If you think your ideas are just too "out

## Brotherhood: The Days of Awe

We are in the midst of the Days of Awe as I write this article for the October Connections and there is much to be in awe of this year. First, I am in awe of the number of Brotherhood members who came to Temple to help with the annual migration of the Ark, chairs, tables, boxes upon boxes of High Holy Day machzorim (prayer books), risers for the choir, etc., on Erev Rosh Hashanah. [Rabbi, I think we need a bracha for what is becoming an annual ritual.]

I am also in awe of the beautiful new doors in the Youth Lounge that made this move so much easier than in years past. On behalf of the Brotherhood, I wish to thank the contractor who donated the doors as well as the labor to install them. All this work was coordinated by our immediate past Co-President, Uri Gottfeld, to whom we owe our gratitude. If you see Uri, please let him know you appreciate the outstanding job he has done again this year.

I am also in awe of the turnout for services. Brotherhood has been well represented this year. As Brotherhood President, I would like to connect a face with each name on dues checks we receive and I am getting that chance when talking to many of you before and after services. If I did not get the chance yet, let me invite you to come to any Brotherhood meeting and introduce yourself. The dates are listed on bookmarks handed out at the doors to the Civic Auditorium or they were distributed with your programs. We would certainly welcome your ideas for events, fundraising activities, social action causes or ways to promote brotherhood amongst our members.

Our next meeting will be held at the Temple on Sunday, October 10, 2004. We will enjoy a lox and bagel breakfast followed by a brief meeting. The main focus of the day will be stuffing the Annual Membership Drive envelopes to be sent to all Temple men.

A word or two about the schedule for this year's Brotherhood events: The annual Blood Drive is scheduled for January 23, 2005, and the 2nd Annual Game Night, a joint event with WOTE, will take place on February 26th. Look for more dates and details in the next Connections. Some events we will schedule include at least one more of the highly successful Diaspora Dinner series of lectures and gourmet dining experiences, the more informal "Havdallah, Dinner and a Movie" series, and our annual Brotherhood Shabbat service.

A year from now, I would like to look back in awe at all the great things Brotherhood accomplished. Without you, that will not be possible.

Hope to see you at our next meeting,

Jeff Marsh

[brotherhood@templesanjose.org](mailto:brotherhood@templesanjose.org) -

(my preferred means of communication), or

408-270-2384 occasional evenings when I'm not at a meeting

### *Ritual Committee, continued*

there," rest assured that the committee is hardly of one mind when it comes to subjects like ritual and spirituality. Meetings can be lively but always friendly and very open to divergent views. Please feel free to contact any Ritual Committee member me or to discuss how you can participate.

Ginny Hoffman

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# Women of Temple Emanu-El (WOTE) – Reach For The Stars

There is a slight evening chill in the air and we have that lingering spirit of making fresh starts in our lives. The Temple and WOTE Boards this year are very deliberative in making decisions for the betterment and future of our congregational family.

First of all, I want to thank Dan Lee, Temple President for attending our September WOTE meeting; Dan shared his thoughts about the future of Temple and addressed our concerns in a direct and thoughtful manner. We are working together on a "Tree of Life" donor sculpture; this has been a longstanding WOTE project to benefit the Religious School and Temple. This will certainly be an exciting new year with the Religious School remodel completing and a full year of programming with Congregation Sinai Sisterhood. We are including a WOTE event section, so you can update your 5765 calendars!

We've had many women come up to Harriet and me to ask how they can help. We certainly do have amazing women at our congregation! No task is too small - we appreciate all your volunteer mitzvah efforts, every article, every web page, every event you chair, every dish baked, events you sponsor or attend, Westfield Works Wonder's ticket or gift checkbook purchases or other fundraising activity; your support directly benefits our Temple community. We welcome your ideas and input and include volunteer opportunities. We all make mistakes and as an organization we must remember that we are all volunteers - so please be understanding. We cannot live up to all expectations, but we really do try our best to make this a warm and welcoming place for everyone to find connection - REACH OUT!

WOTE is looking for you - a capable person to chair our annual Donor Lunch; tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 19. In addition, we will need volunteers for committees such as raffle/auction, sponsor, ticket, and phone committees. As our major fundraiser for the year, please consider this important opportunity. We need your help!

Mazel Tov to Myrna Cohen as our new liaison to the Temple's Social Action Committee joining Gerry Gassman and other Temple leaders to drive socially conscious community projects. We want to recognize Julie Gleaves as our new WOTE Religious School Board Representative and Laura Sternberg to our Fundraising Committee. A big thank you to Anita Medeiros, our WOTE website maven. Check us out at [www.templeсанjose.org/groups/WOTE](http://www.templeсанjose.org/groups/WOTE).

Our deepest sympathies to Cheriell Magat and her family on the passing of her father, Herb Turnbull. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

## **November 4 thru 7, 2004 Isha L'Isha, Lev L'Lev - Woman to Woman – Heart to Heart**

The 47th Biennial Convention Women of Reform Judaism, District #24, The Western Federation of Temple Sisterhoods - Oakland Marriott City Center Hotel. WOTE sponsors all interested members to attend daily and weekend programs. This is a wonderful weekend of sharing, learning and friendship development with other Reform Jewish Women. Take advantage of this rare opportunity to attend a local convention with women from the Western US region.

## **Women Of Temple Emanu-el 2004 Events Calendar**

**October 2, Saturday** - Temple Emanu-El and Congregation Sinai Family SUKKOT Dairy Dinner and Havdaleh Service. WOTE welcomes Congregation Sinai Women at the 6:30pm dairy potluck dinner (WOTE is preparing the salmon and blintz soufflé.) followed by Havdaleh Patio Service in the Sukkah. All families welcome. Please bring a family size side dish and cookies to share. RSVPs are required - to Temple at 292-0939 or [admin@templeсанjose.org](mailto:admin@templeсанjose.org).

**November 4 - 7** - District #24 Biennial Convention Women of Reform Judaism, Oakland CA

**November 14** - WESTFIELD WORKS WONDERS - Tickets are \$5

### **2004-2005 WOTE Meetings**

**October 13, Wednesday** at Temple (BFR), 6pm potluck dinner/ meeting

**November 10, Wednesday**, 6:00 PM potluck dinner/ meeting

**December 15, WOTE Meeting, 6:00 PM Chanukah party** at home of Harriet Reisner

### **Congregation Sinai Book Club Events**

**November 7 - 7:00 PM**, "The Color of Water" by James McBride

### **WOTE Volunteer Opportunities**

New member phone contacting for welcome and roster update; Seeking chairwomen for Remembrance Fund; Tree of Life Committee; Donor, and Interfaith Shabbat

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## **Youth Group**

### **EMTY Update - September/October 2004**

EMTY (Temple Emanu-El's Senior Youth Group) would like to wish our whole congregation a hearty Shana Tovah and thank Rabbi Magat and Larry Hirsch for involving us in various aspects of the High Holy Day celebrations. In addition to ushering at Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services, we also held our first event at Homestead Lanes recently. Seventeen members and prospective members attended; everyone had a blast.

Looking forward into October, we will be leading Friday night services on the 1st, and going mini-golfing on Sunday the 3rd.

As always, if you know any 9-12 graders who are looking to get involved, or just want to spend an evening hanging with other Jewish teens, email [youthgroup@templeсанjose.org](mailto:youthgroup@templeсанjose.org) and someone will contact you with more information.

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# In The Community

## Addison-Penzak Jewish Community Center Honors FAGIE ROSEN

November 6, 2004, marks a major fund-raising event to augment the Addison-Penzak Jewish Community Center Senior and Pre-school as it honors Fagie Rosen for her thirty-six years of devoted service to the local Jewish community at a gala at the Fairmont Hotel. Fagie has served our community longer than any other Jewish communal worker in San Jose history.

Since 1968 Fagie has held a multitude of titles, including Acting Director. After eighteen years -- her first 'Chai' -- Fagie was appointed Director of Senior Services. Fagie and her energetic group are among the most active members of the JCC, busy planning activities, classes, trips, and social events. In addition, Fagie coordinates the San Jose Jewish Film Festival, which celebrates its 13th year this October. She also coordinates with the Jewish Family Service for special events, serves on the Jewish Council on Aging and the Los Gatos Senior Consortium, and works with volunteers and Senior Outreach. Upon completion of her second 'Chai', Fagie is deserving of this community honor.

Fagie and her family are longtime members of Temple Emanu-El. She was married here as were several of her children. We encourage her many friends to join the Jewish community as they honor Fagie for her unselfish and loving contributions to San Jose Jewish community.

Miriam Bassian  
Member, Senior Activities Committee

## Yavneh Day School Informational Open House for prospective families on Sunday, November 7, from 10 am to noon.

Tour classrooms, meet teachers, and learn about Yavneh's curriculum and philosophy. Activities and snacks will be available for children. To RSVP or for additional information, please call 408-984-6700.

Yavneh Day School offers secular and Judaic studies and a multi-level Hebrew program. Yavneh serves children in grades K-6, with grades 7 and 8 to be added in 2005 and 2006, respectively. Currently located at 3800 Blackford Avenue, San Jose, California 95117, the school's permanent site will be at the Gloria and Ken Levy Family campus in Los Gatos.

## InnVision Fundraiser

Saturday, October 16 at the Dolce Hayes Mansion, 6:00p.m., \$150 per person. The evening begins at 6:00 with a silent auction, wine, hors d'oeuvres, and a cash bar. Dinner will be served at 7:00 with live auction, comedian, and dancing to follow. Evening attire is requested.

All proceeds will directly benefit InnVision programs.  
Call 292-4286 to buy your ticket today! Space is limited.

## Chronicles for a Cure: Brightening Lives with Books

Want to help the community but just don't know how? Well, Chronicles for a Cure is here to help! I am collecting new or nearly new books that will be distributed to hospitalized children. Children up to the age of 18 will be able to enjoy your generous contribution. Please drop off your donations at the Synagogue through the month of November. Look for a box labeled Chronicles for a Cure: Brightening Lives with Books by the

Temple House. If you choose to donate new books, please place them in a Ziploc bag so children in Infectious Disease Controlled Units can receive them.

Never heard of Chronicles for a Cure before? You have a very good reason; it never existed before this year. I, Jacob Baker, created it for my community service project for my Bar Mitzvah which will be held at Temple Emanu-El in June. I hope you will be interested in helping hospitalized children. In order to truly help in the community, and that you will, please, follow through after reading this article. When you next come to Temple, please bring some books for my program, Chronicles for a Cure.

Thank you for your support!  
Jacob Baker

## The Anti-Defamation League, 2004 Partners Against Hate presents Harvard Professor, Alan

**Dershowitz**, Monday, October 11, 2004 at 6:00pm at the San Jose Fairmont Hotel. For more information, call the Anti-Defamation League, 408-981-3500.

## OCTOBER eScrip NEWS

Now hear this! The winners of our summer incentive contest are Enrique Guadimos, Harriet Reisner, and Elyse Cohen. Prizes may be picked up in the Temple office.

All of our loyal supporters need to renew their Safeway Club cards. This can be done on-line or by calling Safeway Customer Service at 1-877-SAFEWAY.

Remember to register your Macy's card by clicking on the Macy's logo on eScrip's home page or call 1-800-254-5404.

eScrip is a major fundraiser at no cost to you. If you are not already a supporter, please sign up online at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) or call me for forms to mail.

We now have 169 supporters eating and shopping for Temple. Thank you! We must do all we can to provide for Temple.

I plan to meet and thank everyone in person the first day of Religious School. Of course, I will have information and sign-up forms and will answer any questions about our eScrip program.

## Let's make 5765 come alive!

Lorie Kaplan, eScrip coordinator  
408.267.4563

## To Life!

**Jewish Cultural Festival**  
on California Avenue in Palo Alto.

**Sunday, October 24**  
**11:00AM-6:00PM.**

The WalkFest 2004 will be held the same day to raise money for Israeli families who are victims of terrorism. Check their website: [www.ToLifeFestival.org](http://www.ToLifeFestival.org)

# XYZ

XYZ meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday of the month from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Benefactors Room. Dates are October 10, November 14 and December 12 for the rest of this year.

On October 10th, our program highlights Carolyn Fabisch whose humorous presentation will tickle our funny bone. Please join us - refreshments will be served... Please call Claire to make your your reservation - 408-245-2837.

## Mazel Toys

To **Sandra Rosenberg**, on the birth of her 4th grandchild, Zoe Lara Marinos, on August 6th. Zoe's middle name is in memory of her late grandfather, Larry. Zoe is the first child for Lisa Rosenberg and Mike Marinos of Menlo Park. Sandra's son, Greg Rosenberg and Talila Baron welcomed their first child, Elsa Helene, in February.

To **Jim and Michelle Goldman**, on the birth of their second son, **Wyatt Heath Goldman**, on August 10th. Wyatt joins **Jebidiah**, who will be four years old in February.

## Our condolences to the following members of our congregation:

Cheriel, Rabbi Dana, Raya and Shira Magat, on the death of Herb Turnbull, Cheriel's father.

Stacy Dar, on the death of her grandfather, Emil Wolfson,.

Paul and Janis Roth-Soto, on the death of Paul's father, Hippolito Soto.

Rena and Herb Preis, on the death of their daughter, Lois Vishney Hubka.



## Musical Notes

### High Holidays

Once again the members of the Temple Emanu-El Choir have beautified our worship experience by lending us their time, talent and lovely voices. On behalf of the congregation, THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the choir this year - you truly perform a great mitzvah for all of us.

A special note of appreciation goes to our volunteers Dawn Chaffin and Evann Aronoff, who assisted with everything from organizing and filing music to managing the choir robes.

Members of the choir are: Mike and Evann Aronoff, Jerry and Claire Barnhart, Jeanne Bronstein, Greg and Sara Calkins, Maggie Cant, Dawn Chaffin, Laura Danoff, Nancy Gerston, Henci Goer, Tamara Herman, Ginny Hoffman, Jim Jenks, Gary Katz, Monica McCready, Carol Meyer, Paul Roth-Soto, Nora Rouso, Cathy Rubin, Dave Schwartz, Philip Schwarz, Kelly Snider, Judith Stubbs, Suzanne Tobin, and Debbie Wolfson.

### Shabbat Shira

It would be hard to compete with last year's Shabbat Shira (Jose Bowen's Jazz service). Instead we will be heading in the opposite historical direction and "Going for Baroque!" (sorry, I had to do it...). On January 21 the Temple Emanu-El choir, joined by members of the Schola Cantorum and the Winchester Symphony will present Solomon, a dramatic oratorio by George Frederic Handel. And yes, it will be unlike anything you've ever heard in our sanctuary.

If you are interested in singing with us for this remarkable musical presentation, please contact me at the temple.

Rachel Michelberg

## PORCELANOSA

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# Religious School

We hope you are looking forward to beginning another year of religious education in our newly renovated religious school building.

Construction of the building is moving along at a steady pace with close attention paid to every detail. We are grateful to those who have been intimately involved with bringing this renovation project to fruition. We ran into snags that cause us to push out our move into the building.

However, we believe you will be happy with the final results and know our children will be learning in a safer, more conducive environment.

## Here is how we will proceed with class schedules:

- Wednesday Hebrew classes (Aleph - Hay) begin on October 27, from 4pm-6:00pm with the first session in the Sanctuary.
- Hebrew classes (Aleph - Dalet) will meet on Sundays, beginning October 31 from 9:00am (not 8:45am) to 10:00am (remember to move your clocks on October 30). Class time changes on December 5 when Hebrew School resumes its regular start time of 8:45am.
- Teen Jewish Studies begins with dinner on Wednesday, October 27 from 6-8:00pm. The school year kicks-off with

an exciting four-week Jewish film course taught by Rabbi Magat. Popcorn will be served!

- Confirmation class starts on Wednesday, October 27, from 5-6:00pm in the Rabbi's Study. Confirmation students, refer to the course syllabus.
- B'nai Mitzvah class meets on Wednesday, October 13 and 20, from 4-6:00pm; starting October 31 they will continue on Sundays from 9:00am (not 8:45am) to 10:00am. B'nai Mitzvah students, refer to the course syllabus.
- Opening Day for Pre-kindergarten through 7th Grade Jewish Studies (Sunday School) will be on Sunday, December 5. All Sunday Jewish Studies classes will meet from 10am-12:30pm. (not 12:15pm) through the end of the school year (Sunday, June 12, 2005).

## On Opening Day, December 5:

- ✓ Come, sample delicious pancakes made by our wonderful Brotherhood, beginning at 8:00am.
- ✓ Hebrew classes resume; customary start time on Sundays at 8:45am.
- ✓ Jewish Studies classes begin at 10:00am.
- ✓ Parents are invited to join their children for T'fillah and, then, to gather in the Temple House to collect important information regarding classes and upcoming events.
- ✓ Please make a note of later ending time: 12:30pm.

- Shalom Chaverim - Cheriell Magat will contact each family to discuss changes to program dates.

## Religious School Naming Opportunities

Families who commit \$5,000 or more to the Levin Family Learning Center (which will house the Rabbi Joseph and Rosalie Religious School and the Temple Emanu-El Pre-School) are entitled to a naming opportunity in honor and/or in memory of loved ones or to commemorate a special or lifecycle occasion.

### The following is a list of naming opportunities:

\$800,000	Naming of Learning Center - <b>RESERVED</b>
\$150,000	Library (housing the Lollie Brickner Media Center) - <b>RESERVED</b>
\$150,000	Arched Passageway from Gate to Learning Center Entry
\$100,000	Playground
\$100,000	Courtyard between Temple House and Learning Center
\$ 75,000	Elevator
\$ 75,000	Preschool Office & Area - <b>RESERVED</b>
\$ 50,000	Art Room - <b>RESERVED</b>
\$ 50,000	Principal's Office
\$ 50,000	Administrative Office
\$ 25,000	Twelve (12) Classrooms - <b>2 RESERVED</b>
\$ 5,000	Front Stairs in Learning Center - <b>Some RESERVED</b>

If you have not already contributed to this major project and would like to do so, please contact Steve Greenberg (779-9383) or Ruth Krandel (264-5376). The Temple needs every member's participation no matter how large or small the gift.

Letters will be sent to all contributors of \$5,000 or more to offer naming opportunities. For more information or to make your naming selection, please contact Joan Fox (867-0128) or JoAnn Shank (354-9617).

**We cannot register students on the first day of Hebrew School, or on the first day of Sunday School. If you have not already registered, please do so as soon as possible to avoid additional late fees.**

Based on our facilities and time constraints, we have created this new configuration to allow for the greatest number of instructional hours for students. Please note the changes to our Religious School schedule and feel free to call us if you have any questions (292-3223).

Teachers are standing at the ready and have wonderful educational opportunities planned for your children.

The school will welcome new teachers to our staff. Here's a peek at the line-up.

<u>Jewish Studies teachers</u>		<u>Hebrew Studies teachers</u>	
Shalom Chaverim	Cheriell Magat	Aleph	Maggie Newman & Paula Marsh
Pre-kindergarten	Bunny Roth	Bet	Rachel Regev & Merav Talmor
Kindergarten	Shula Raz	Gimel	Joelle Wolf & Jacob Orrin
Grade 1	Maggie Newman	Dalet	Valerie Frankel & Laura Danoff Robinson
Grade 2	Rebecca Sherman	Hay	Idit Katz
Grade 3	Missy Marsh	Hebrew tutor: Shula Raz	
Grade 4	Rachel Regev		
Grade 5	Joe Berg		
Grade 6	Jacob Orrin		
Grade 7	Laura Danoff		

Paula Marsh  
Religious School Principal

## Pre-School

Happy Fall!!

September was a flurry of activity in the preschool. We started off the new school year, enjoyed the High Holy Days, celebrated the preschool's 3rd birthday and enjoyed a fundraiser at Pasta Pomodoro. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped support our program.

The children spent many days making decorations for the Sukkah and had a great time decorating it. They are looking forward to learning about Simchat Torah, pumpkins, harvest, and, of course, the fun of Halloween. We are all also anxiously watching the development of the Religious School Building renovation. It is hard to keep up with the constant changes but we all enjoy watching the progress.

Just like a roller coaster with highs and lows, so goes the volume and energy level in the world of preschool. September typically starts off full of excitement and a bit of fear as children head out to begin their school experience. The kids usually start out a bit quiet and tentative in their actions; things are new and they carefully test the water. By October the honeymoon is over and they begin to get a bit more energetic inside and out, and a lot more social everywhere!! The month of October usually ends with a level of energy that should be bottled. Imagine taking the thrill of school, mixing it with the excitement of Halloween and adding in a bit of wind and multiplying it by about 73 kids....it is a sight to see!

By the time November 1st rolls around a sudden calm seems to take over and everyone just slides right in as though they have been with us forever. Granted, as all calms before the storm it is short-lived and December will bring it's own adventures, but that is for another time. Real roller coasters are something I just can't stand, but preschool roller coasters make me truly glad that I do what I do.

We have very few openings left in our program this year and applications are already arriving for September of 2005. If you are thinking about joining our family, please give me a call and we can schedule you for a visit.

I hope you enjoy the roller coaster ride.  
Barbara Smead



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3	4	5 7:30 PM Board of Trustees Meeting	6 Erev Simchat Torah 6:00 PM BYO Dinner 7:15 PM Family Service and Consecration	7 10 AM Simchat Torah Morning Service and Yizkor	8	9 9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan
10 10:00 AM Brotherhood Meeting (Sisterhood Lounge) 12 Noon Preschool Welcome Back BBQ (offsite)	11	12 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (BFR)	13 Noon Lunch & Learn (BFR) 6:00 PM WOTE Meeting (BFR)	14 6:00 PM Ritual Comm Meeting	15 6:30 PM Tot Shabbat 7:00 PM Tot Shabbat Potluck Dinner (TH) 7:00 PM Prospective Member Wine & Cheese (BFR) 8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service	16 9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan 10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Aviva Jacobstein
17	18	19 7:30 PM Intro to Judaism (BFR) 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (Sanc)	20	21	22 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service	23 9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan
24	25	26 7:00 PM SJ Jewish Film Festival Teen Screen (Camera 12)	27 12 PM Lunch & Learn Torah Study First Day of Weds classes: 4:00 PM Hebrew 5:00 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM TJS	28	29 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service (with guests from Odesa, Ukraine)	30 (no minyan at Temple) 10:30 AM Shabbat Nature Experience (Sanborn Skyline Park)
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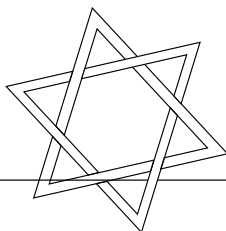
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