



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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2004/5765 High Holy Day Service Schedule

SELICHOT

Saturday, September 11

At Temple Emanu-El

7:00 PM Study

8:00 PM Reception

9:00 PM Havdalah and Selichot Service

ROSH HASHANAH

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, September 15

At San Jose Civic Auditorium

6:30 PM Children's Service

8:00 PM Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

Rosh Hashanah Day

Thursday, September 16

At San Jose Civic Auditorium

9:00 AM Family Service

10:30 AM Rosh Hashanah Morning Service

5:00 PM Tashlich Service and Picnic (at Oak Meadow Park)

Shabbat Shuvah

Friday, September 17

At Temple Emanu-El

6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service (Sanctuary)

Kever Avot Service

Sunday, September 19

1:00 PM at Oak Hill Memorial Park

YOM KIPPUR

Kol Nidre

Friday, September 24

At San Jose Civic Auditorium

6:30 PM Children's Service

8:00 PM Kol Nidre Service

Yom Kippur

Saturday, September 25

At San Jose Civic Auditorium

9:00 AM Family Service

10:30 AM Yom Kippur Morning Service

1:00 PM Sermon Discussion with Rabbi

1:30 PM Social Action/Tikkun Olam: Israel

2:30 PM Healing Service and Haftarah

3:45 PM Musical Interlude

4:30 PM Yizkor and Neilah Service

SUKKOT AND SIMCHAT TORAH

Erev Sukkot

Wednesday, September 29

At Temple Emanu-El

6:00 PM Potluck Dinner

6:30 PM Evening Sukkot Program

Sukkot ~ Thursday, September 30

At Temple Emanu-El

10:00 AM Sukkot Morning Service

Erev Simchat Torah

Wednesday, October 6

At Temple Emanu-El

7:00 PM Simchat Torah Service & Consecration

Simchat Torah

Thursday, October 7

At Temple Emanu-El

10:00 AM Simchat Torah Morning Service and Yizkor

L'Shana Torah

From the Rabbi

This month, as we prepare for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we are again afforded the opportunity for self-examination. How have we done over the past twelve months? Could we have done better? This annual personal pilgrimage for the month of Elul is such a gift. While we can be reflective throughout the year, this special time when we are required to do so is another wonderful part of the Jewish year's full circle. We each have a chance to renew our covenantal relationship with God as we promise to try to do better in the year ahead. There have been some important changes this year, as I shared with you the words from Rabbi Michael Berk last month. As we approach the High Holy Days, I want to share with you some of my thoughts, concerning our covenantal relationship: rabbi and congregation.



What does it mean to be Senior Rabbi of Temple Emanu-El? Does it mean senior prices at the movies or discounted restaurant early bird dinners? I think not. Does it mean a Junior Rabbi is on the way? Well, not yet. Does the job change by this new title? No, it is the same as when I was hired over 5 years ago. So, nu? What is the big difference?

On some level nothing changes and on another level many things do. Let me explain. The job, for all intents and purposes, is the same. I still am expected to officiate at congregants' life cycle events, lead worship, provide pastoral counseling, teach, preach, represent us in the community and all the other things that have become the "norm" for the rabbi of Temple Emanu-El. How is it different? By making me Senior Rabbi, the Board of Trustees (on behalf of the membership) is expressing their support for what I have done as Rabbi and endorsing the potential of what I can become over time for this congregation. By offering me a contract and adding to my title, the board is asking me to be here as long as you and I chose to be in this relationship together. With this new title the Board of Trustees cannot remove me without a 2/3 vote of the congregational membership. I have been granted tenure and so long as we agree on contract details and you want me as your rabbi, we are in this together!

More importantly for me is that this title is a statement of our relationship. Temple Emanu-El has stated that it believes in Dana Magat and by signing the contract and staying on as your Senior Rabbi I am making the statement that I believe in you. Much has gone well in my first five years as your rabbi. It has been wonderful to be a part of the building of our Preschool and development of our Religious and Hebrew School program. The development of our adult education program parallels the success of our youth educational programs. Being able to pray together on the High Holy Days is much more fulfilling than in the past. Being part of a strong and committed staff that works as a team has been incredibly rewarding. I am inspired by the work that committees such as Membership, Religious School Board, Ritual, Dues, and Preschool Board have done. We are in the process of strengthening other committees as well: Tikken Olam/Social Action, Youth, Interfaith, and Leadership Development. Having a new school building for the fall is a profound statement about how we feel about our future.

From the President

"A time to build up."

I really like the High Holy Days: I find the prayers particularly meaningful, and the music is some of the most beautiful in our religion. "Avinu Malkeinu" always brings tears to my eyes, and it's a family joke that year after year I forget to bring Kleenex or a handkerchief to deal with it. I also like the High Holy Days because we reconnect with Temple friends whom we do not see on a regular basis. I always look forward to "schmoozing" after services.

Finally, the High Holy Days signal the start of our Jewish New Year.

While proofing the Membership Chairman's (my wife's) article for this month's "Connections," I saw that she used as her theme the famous passage from Ecclesiastes: "For everything there is a season." This same passage provides the theme for my term in office: there is "a time to build up".

This New Year is the time to build up at Temple Emanu-El physically, spiritually, and financially, and that can only be done by you – its members.

Our congregation has as its foundation our rich Jewish heritage, and its cornerstone is 143 years of Jewish tradition in San Jose originating with the Bickur Cholim Society. We're (re)building our Religious School building "brick by brick" (forgive my poetic license here), but the real building blocks of this and every congregation are active, involved members who feel connected and who collaborate with one another to provide a strong organization.

So, how about it! How about starting this New Year by getting involved! Call me at 408-268-0926 and I'll try to match your interests with one of our committees or activities. And if you haven't yet contributed to the renovation of the Religious School building, I think that would be another terrific way to kick off the New Year. It is a time to build up!

Shirley and I wish all of you a healthy, happy, and prosperous New Year.

L'Shana Tovah,
Dan Lee

from the Rabbi, continued

I am thankful for this opportunity that the board has given me and I am grateful to my family, fellow staff members, board members and congregation for your incredible support. I am truly honored.

Being in my early forties, I have much to learn. I apologize for moving too fast in certain areas when our congregation was not ready, or for hurting anyone individually along this five-year journey. Please know that my intention is to be at a congregation that wants to be the best it can be.

Together we have a future filled with exciting challenges. It will continue to take our courage and a loving partnership between the board, the congregation and the senior rabbi. I am so excited about our future and so proud to be your Senior Rabbi.

I look forward to seeing each of you through the High Holy Day season, as we set out into a new year full of promise and hope.

L'shalom and Shanah Tovah u'Metukah,
Dana L. Magat, Senior Rabbi

Religious School Renovation Update

Renovation Progress

For those of you who have been to the Temple recently, you must be impressed with the scope of work that is taking place in the hard-hat construction area. As of this writing, we are more than eight weeks into the project with another eight lying ahead of us. We have a great team leading this project: John Miller leads the architectural work, and Executive Vice President Dan Breeding and his on-site foreman Kelly Gutierrez of Toeniskoetter and Breeding (TBL, for short), lead the actual construction.

We've encountered several challenges as we've opened up the walls of our 50-year old building.

Our contractor found and quickly corrected water and termite damage, as well as a corroded sewer pipe which, had it not been found, would have caused us problems in the not-too-distant future. We've made the building safer by upgrading it to comply with applicable building codes, not to mention that we will now comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which makes the building more accessible. Despite these challenges, we still expect to open as planned.



When you are at the Temple, be sure to take a look at the tile, flooring samples and internal and external paints on display. Also look at the photos to see how much of the building will have been replaced.

We can't miss this opportunity to mention the generosity of some of our congregants and Temple supporters in providing sub-contractor support on this project: Larry and Mike Goldberg of Lawrence Contract Furnishings; Larry Fox of Valet Organizers; Sy Hoff of Pacific Security, and Steve Frankel of IT Solvers.

Finally, Uri Gottfeld, Steve Greenberg, Jane Jacobson, Paula Marsh, MaryAnn Orlowski and Barbara Smead have contributed an immeasurable amount of time and expertise to make this project a success.

Shortly, the walls of the building will begin to be enclosed and it will become more difficult to see what is going on inside. While we encourage each of you to peek through the fencing to look at what is taking place, we beg you not to enter the hard-hat construction zone and to be absolutely sure to keep your children out of the area. We put up signs and barriers, but you must bear the burden of keeping them out of this enticing area.

What about our challenge grant?

You know that this desperately needed renovation project was initiated through the vision and generous leadership gift of Sydney Levin and the Richard and Emmy Lou Levin Foundation. It was driven forward through the tenacity of Steve Greenberg, Ruth and Bob Krandel, Rabbi Magat, and their committee and is supported through the generous donations of many of you - as listed below.

Many of you made generous five-year commitments toward the project. We have a guaranteed loan from our bank that will see us through the construction phase. We still welcome pledges from the entire Temple community in order to complete

Brotherhood

Our Annual Dilemma

Every year around this time, Brotherhood has a dilemma. Should we begin our annual membership drive before or after the High Holidays? If we start too early, will our request be overlooked amidst all the ticket request forms, calls for honors, etc? There's also back-to-school to consider and the expenses associated with that. If we wait too long, will our potential members be tapped out? What's a Brotherhood Board to do?

Our goal this year is to exceed last year's membership by at least 10%. That means we want to have all of last year's members return and more than 10 new members. I'm not going to repeat all of the great things that Brotherhood has done for the Temple, the Religious School, the community and its members, but I can say that this year we will be more than just a service organization. We will do something for ourselves that relates directly to men's issues. One suggestion is a discussion on men's health issues; another concerns Judaism and our interactions with our sons. We will be happy to take any and all ideas you have, in addition.

So, when should you start looking for those little membership envelopes? They'll go out in the mail after our Brotherhood meeting, Sunday morning, October 10th. You can enjoy a lox and bagels breakfast and help stuff them! Our annual dues will stay the same this year, with a suggested minimum of only \$36.

If you haven't already volunteered to help with this year's High Holiday activities, there are still opportunities to help move Bimah pieces to and from the Civic Auditorium (Wednesday, September 15 and Sunday, September 26), usher at any of the services, or other important tasks. Contact me or the Temple office to offer your services.

See you at the Civic!

Jeff Marsh

tebh@sbcglobal.net – my preferred means of communication, or 408-270-2384 evenings, when I'm not at a meeting

School Renovation continued

the finances. There is still room for additional small and large contributions to the project.

That being said, there are naming opportunities. What does that mean? While each and every contributor's name will be displayed in an appropriate manner that is currently being explored, Joan Fox and JoAnn Shank are heading a committee to work with contributors donating at a level that will allow that family or group's name to be displayed in a significant way. If you are interested in learning more about these naming opportunities, please be in touch with Joan at 408-867-0128. This may be appropriate for your auxiliary or organization. If you work for a company that has a 'matching gifts' program, consider investigating if the project qualifies.

If you have any questions about the renovation project, please contact the office. We will direct your question to the person who can best address it.

In the meantime, please include the successful conclusion of this project in your High Holiday prayers, and know that good things are taking place on the Temple Emanu-El site.

Musical Notes

Choir News

Choir rehearsals for the High Holy Days are in full swing. We are pleased to welcome some new members to the choir, as well as welcome back all of our choir "veterans."

As I prepare the music every year, I often become concerned about those veterans...dedicated singers who have been with the choir for many years (in some cases, since its inception). Are they bored? Do they get tired of singing the same pieces year after year? Wouldn't they rather be sitting in the congregation on Erev Rosh Hashanah?

"Oh, no," says Dawn Chaffin, a soprano who has sung with the choir since 1991. "Every year is a new challenge. There are always new pieces to learn, and we are continually striving to sing the best we can. Also, new people need our support and they bring special skills to the choir which really serves to make it interesting."

Dawn points out that a few women from the choir (Jeanne & Rebecca Bronstein, Laura Danoff, Nancy Gerston, and Diane Hirshon) have formed their own singing ensemble and have been performing occasionally for community and temple events. "But we still love the big choir," Dawn exclaims. "While we love singing with our small group, there's nothing like being part of a 30-voice choir, often singing in 4- or 5-part harmony."



Certification Update

Thanks to all of you who have been so supportive of my certification plans. Periodically I will keep you updated as to my progress:

Currently, I am studying for the Associate exam, which will take place in Los Angeles at the end of October. Upon passing this exam, I will become an Associate member of the American Conference of Cantors (ACC) and will officially be permitted to begin formal studies toward certification. Then (and only then) will I have earned the right to change my title to Intern Cantor.

The Associate exam is extremely rigorous and comprehensive. I will be tested in the following areas: Torah and Haftarah trope, Siddur and Torah translation, religious school and life-cycle ceremonies repertoire, sight singing, Reform and Traditional repertoire for Shabbat, Three Festivals and High Holidays, and general Jewish knowledge.

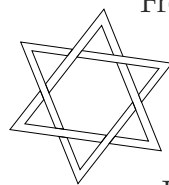
Did you know that there is a special Mi Chamocha for Shavuot (and Sukkot, Pesach and Chanukah)? Did you know that they all have different melodies - and, of course, that the text changes for the morning service?

There's so much to learn. Yet, the pleasure I am finding in the knowledge has already been made clear. Thanks again to the Board and the Congregation for supporting me in this process.

Rachel Michelberg

L' Shana Tovah

Wishing the congregation and community a happy and healthy 5765:



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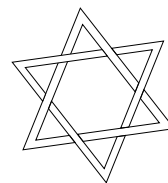
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Sandy Epstein; Joe and Armeda Fischer; Julian
and Frieda Forster and Family; Marvin and
Joan Fox; Elsa Leiter Gordon; Phil and Roma
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Annette Ladowitz and Family; Morton and
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Helen Matzner and Family; Bob and Wanda
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Harry and Marcia Ratner and Family; Dave
and Esther Reiser and Family; Joe and Marcia
Riggio; Wayne and Iva Rose and Family; Fagie
Rosen and Family; Paul and Janis Roth-Soto;
Ilean Rudin and Family; Richard and Eleanor
Rusnak; George and Lois Schneer; Bill and
Michele Schneiderman, Matthew and Jordan;
JoAnn Shank and Family; Manny and Ginny
Siegler and Family; Si and Bee Silin and
Family; Sid and Rosalie Sogolow and Family;
Selma Zinker.



Membership

For everything there is a season

"For everything there is a season – a time for every purpose under heaven." This quote from Ecclesiastes is one of my favorite Biblical statements. It not only sums up life with its ups and downs, positives and negatives, but it also reminds us that we live in a world of cycles. As we enter the time of year when we celebrate our High Holidays, I always feel that we begin a cycle looking to the past – a time of customs and traditions and, also, to the future – a time of renewal.

This past year the Membership Committee has begun some new and recalled some old traditions: Greeters, Chai Bags, Mommy & Me group, two new Havurot, Shabbat dinner for our newest members to name just a few. Now, in an attempt to meet the needs of our diverse and growing membership, we are beginning to look to the future hopefully to implement some new activities for singles, single parents, and holiday connections for people who often celebrate alone.

So many ideas for the Membership Committee come from YOU. If you would like to share your thoughts or become involved, please contact me. Think of me as the suggestion box for the temple. Together we can work to make your ideas a reality.

May you be blessed in the coming year with warm memories of the past and bright hopes for a future filled with peace and health?

"Behold how good it is when brethren dwell together!"

Shirley Lee, Membership Chairman
408-268-0926, SABL@sbcglobal.net

Welcome To Our Newest Members:

Michael Black & Monica Vital,
Monica McCready, Heather
Queyrel & Mark Burstein,
Andrew Sandler & Amy
Baker Sandler, Cindy &
Bruce Fox, and Faye Marsh.

Shabbat Greeters

I would like to thank the following greeters for the month of July: Manny and Ginny Siegler, Peggy Frederick, Paul and Janis Roth-Soto, Jeannie Bronstein, Claire Barnhart, Michele Healy, and Shirley Lee. If you would like to be a greeter for a Friday night service, please contact me by e-mail at Pdschwarz@aol.com or by phone at 408-736-8560. This is a great way to meet the members and introduce ourselves to our guests throughout the year.

Philip Schwarz
Greeter Coordinator

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 in the amount of \$18 (or any multiples of \$18) to Teri Kane, 2621 Thrasher Lane, San Jose CA 95125.

"Thank you" to
Peggy Frederick and Sally Siegel for organizing the
Prospective Members Brunch on
Sunday, August 29.

Mommy and Me

Please join new and existing Temple members at our "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 months – 3 years. If you are interested in joining or learning more about this opportunity, please contact Kim Jackman at kbjsanjose@yahoo.com.

Our sincere condolences to

Cathy Rubin, on the death of her sister, Elizabeth Schneider
Gladys Taub, on the death of her daughter-in-law, Leah Miriam Taub
Linda Levine, on the death of her mother, Ethel Kellner

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WOTE Notes

Help Wanted: WOTE Catering Coordinator

To organize and oversee events where WOTE has been hired to prepare the food.

- Qualifications: A love of cooking and a love for WOTE and our synagogue.
- Compensation: A lot of appreciation, and occasional nibbles.
- For more information, contact Bunny Fisher, 272-7598.

Renewing Ourselves and Our Visions in the Month of Elul

Bunny Fisher, WOTE Co-President
(inspired by Rabbi Elyse Goldstein and Tamara Cohen)

The Jewish month of Elul is traditionally a time for personal reflection and spiritual preparation for the New Year. It offers a structured opportunity to examine what is holding us back from being who we really want to be. If we use the period of Elul to take concrete steps towards becoming advocates for change, together we can make a difference!

During this season in Torah we learn that the children of Israel, after 40 years of wandering, finally are allowed to go into the land of milk and honey. I wonder how grateful they really were? Practicing gratitude is an art. The Hebrew term for gratitude is hakarat hatov, which means, literally, "recognizing the good." Learning to see the good in your life, to see the glass as half filled, to work toward filling the other half because half is already done: recognizing the good in our lives should make us profoundly thankful.

Do we yearn for more spirituality in our lives? Thankfulness is a spiritual value. The more we practice it, the more spiritual we will feel. The more we say blessings – in whatever form, in whatever language, in whatever way – for all the good that touches us and rests down on us, the more we will see the good we can do for others.

We do not say 'thank you' enough. Not to our friends, not to our family, not to our coworkers. That is why we say *yashir koach* after a Torah reading or after a d'var Torah. That's the Hebrew way of saying, "Thank you. Thank you for preparing and giving extra to make this a meaningful experience."

But thankfulness can only come from mindfulness. It's hard to be thankful when we walk through life unnoticed, unaware, and unconnected. We know we are supposed to count our blessings. First we need to see our blessings. Then name our blessings. Then acknowledge our blessings. Then count them. May this year be a year of health and blessings for you and your family. L'shana tova!

Help WOTE Support Our Temple

Women of Temple Emanu-El supports our synagogue, our children, and you, year after year! We purchase equipment for the office, books for the library, art supplies for the Religious School. We contribute to major expense items such as playground equipment and carpeting for the pre-school, and made a significant contribution for the Religious School renovation. We prepare holiday celebrations, entrees for family dinners, and award camperships to Religious School students. We offer adult social activities, spiritual and education programs, and provide a community in which our Temple women can grow and thrive.

A new membership year is upon us. If you've joined in the

past, join again. If not, welcome! New member forms are available at our web site www.geocities.com/wote2001. Your dues will help us continue to be an integral part of our Temple family. Please send your check made out to WOTE to Janet Wood at 1621 Kalispell Ct, Sunnyvale, CA 94087.

Religion and Education

Another successful Women's Shabbat was held on July 30 as congregants gathered for a Kabbalat Shabbat on the patio. WOTE members were asked to do readings from the service as a thank-you for all they do to support the Temple and our activities during the year. Judith Stubbs coordinated the service, which was shared by bar mitzvah, Michael Chacon, Rabbi Magat's wedding blessings for Laura Danoff and Gordon Robinson, and Rachel Michelberg's beautiful singing. Judith gave a d'var Torah, which inspired congregants by its relevance to their daily lives. Judith says she enjoys the process of studying the weekly parsha and comparing different ideas about it. She hopes to offer a Torah study class from the woman's perspective. If this interests you, please contact her at spiritualjudith@yahoo.com or 408-496-1660.

Judaica Shop

Peggy Frederick, our Judaica Shop chairperson, has beautiful Rosh Hashanah items and hostess gifts in stock. We have a good selection of New Years cards and the new YES Fund Wedding cards, which support Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) activities. Please consider the Judaica shop for all your simchas and High Holy Day needs. The gender sensitive HHD prayer books used in the service are available for \$22. The shop is open on Friday nights after motzi and by appointment. For details calls Peggy at 408-354-1084.

SAVE THE DATE...

**December 5 for the WOTE
2004-2005 Paid up Members Luncheon.**

Regular membership: \$36 - Self-proclaimed senior: \$30

NEW Silver membership: \$72
(includes \$25 gift shop certificate)

NEW Gold membership: \$108
(includes \$50 gift shop certificate)

Congregation Sinai Sisterhood Book Club

Everyone welcome to join **Sinai Sisterhood Book Club** for book discussion and potluck meal.

Location to be determined.

RSVP to Susie Weitzman
at 408-369-1220

or 408-592-3323 or snowitz@sbcglobal.net

September 19, 7pm

"The Ghost of Hannah Mendes" by Naomi Ragen

November 7



Wote Meetings

Remember to update your e-mail address; send any changes to Harriet Reisner, reisnerh@onemain.com.

This year WOTE Meetings will be held at the Temple on Sundays or Wednesdays so that all may attend.

September 8th, Wednesday at 6:30 PM - Potluck with meeting to follow

October 13th, Wednesday at 6:30 PM - Potluck with meeting to follow

WOTE will have a table on the first day of Religious School on **October 31st**. Gift Check Books will be available for purchase. Please come by and say 'hello'. We want to get to know you!

Save The Dates

November 5 - 7 is the District 24 WRJ convention in Oakland. All WOTE members are encouraged to attend a weekend of Reform Jewish Women in Action. WOTE will sponsor all interested members to attend.

Our ever-popular "Sunday Lunch Bunch" will start up again on November 7th. These brunches will be held on the first Sunday of the month. Helpers are always welcome so please call Marjorie Hoover for details (246-1608).

November 21st - Hanukkah Boutique. We need lots of volunteers and vendors. Contact Candy Halbig 408-730-1965 for details. We need a volunteer coordinator to run a children's craft area.

Rosh Chodesh, women's celebration of the new moon, will begin again after the High Holidays; email updates will be sent as dates are scheduled.

WOTE welcomes Sinai Sisterhood

Havdallah in the Sukkah

Saturday, October 2
6:30 PM Dairy Potluck Dinner
(salmon entree provided)

followed by Havdallah and social program.
RSVP to the Temple office, 408-292-0939

Save the Date

Saturday, November 6
Addison-Penzak JCC honors
Temple Emanu-El's beloved

Fagie Rosen

Celebrating her 36 years of service to the South Bay Jewish
Community
More information to follow.

From the Ritual Committee

The committee has been hard at work over the last few months preparing for the High Holy Days. We thank those of you who have accepted an honor for this year's services at the San Jose Civic Auditorium.

We hope that everyone attending services will incorporate a sense of kavod (respect) into their presence on the bema and their participation in the service. Remember that we recognize the High Holy Days as the most solemn days of the year and deserving of a little extra effort in terms of decorum and dress.

- While this is an important time for people to re-connect with Temple friends, please do so in the hallways and foyer of the Civic Auditorium where it will be great to stop and schmooze, not in the aisles where services are underway.
- Please preserve the sanctity of the holy days and obey signs reminding everyone to turn off electronic equipment before being seated. Cell phones should not be turned back on until you are entirely outside the building.

With everyone's cooperation, I am sure these holy days will be memorable as we worship as one community.

The Ritual Committee does much more than prepare for the High Holy Days. Our monthly meetings continue throughout the year as we work with Rabbi Magat to enhance the ritual and spiritual life of our congregation. We invite and encourage anyone interested in participating on the Ritual Committee to contact me by email (dchaffin12@netscape.net) or call the Temple office.

In conclusion, on behalf of the Ritual Committee, we wish you a Shanah Tovah u'Metukah - a good and sweet new year.

Dawn Chaffin, Chair

Shabbat at Sanborn Skyline Park

Saturday, October 30

Shabbat Morning Service at 11 AM led by Rabbi Magat

Bring your own lunch; hiking; and more!

We'll finish with Havdalah. Complete information and map coming next month!

For more information, call Ginny Hoffman, 259-4061.

Organized by the Ritual Committee



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From the Preschool

"Oh where, oh where did the summer go..."

September is upon us and we are moving forward into high gear. The preschool is welcoming many new faces to our family and we are very excited about the upcoming school year. We will begin the year learning about Rosh Hashanah and the High Holy Days, followed by units on Fall, Harvest, transportation, and more. The kids will enjoy making decorations for the Sukkah and experience the fun of waving the lulav and etrog. Fall is always a time of new experiences and friendships.

Our summer went better than planned in our temporary location. The kids enjoyed many special fieldtrips, water play days, and special lunches on Fridays (thank you to Mimi Weinberg for all of her hard work on this!)

It appears we are on the downhill slide into our new building. Move-in day is just a few months away and we are looking forward to our new home in the new building. Although it has been extra work being in a temporary location, I would not exchange the experience for anything.

I feel that going through construction has brought many of us here at the Temple closer together. I have really enjoyed working very closely with Paula Marsh as we have worked to assure the building will meet the needs of our two schools. I have gotten to know Jane Jacobson very well. She definitely is a person of many skills and it seems as though she has been part of our family forever. Tuesday morning building meetings have given me an insight to the world of construction and what is needed to complete such a huge project. This process has reinforced my decision to be a preschool director and NOT a person who deals with construction. Uri Gottfeld's dedication to Temple Emanuel is so very strong and he shows it with the amount of time he is giving to the synagogue as the liaison for this adventure.

As many know, throughout the summer (and for part of the fall) we have had to move out the preschool on some Fridays and back in on Sundays. It is an adventure to empty out the Temple House and set it up again. Of course, getting a great "new" building makes it worth while. As with all adventures, there is a bit of fun thrown into the mix. I would like to thank all of the wonderful helpers who have come to our aid during the move in and out days. My own kids have made it a contest to see how fast we can accomplish a move. Our best time to date is 16 minutes to empty out the Temple House and 21 minutes to completely reset it. The time it takes us is based on the number



The school building and playground area are an official construction site.

For the safety of everyone, we ask parents to be responsible and keep their children away from this area.

Thank you!



of helpers. So....., if you have not yet been able to experience a move in/out day please give me a call, we would love to have you.

Barbara Smead

Thank you to our move in/move out helpers:

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From the Religious School The High Holy Days

The section of the Torah that describes Rosh HaShanah says: "In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall observe complete rest, a sacred occasion commemorated with loud blasts." (Leviticus 23:32) There is no mention of a "New Year." According to the Torah, the first month is Nisan, the month of Passover, and not Tishrei, the month of Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur. Why did the early Rabbis insist that this holiday of shofar blasts was the beginning of the year?

The matter was one of considerable debate 2,000 years ago. Spring was the anniversary of the redemption of the Jews from Egypt. For many, the springtime - the time of Passover - would be the natural time to think about beginnings and the start of a New Year. There is something poetic about things beginning to grow and turning green in the spring. Why start the year in the fall when trees lose their dead leaves and the world of nature grows dormant, seemingly dead?

It is precisely because of the somber nature of autumn that the Rabbis decided that it was appropriate to consider it the beginning of the world. Just as we have faith that the trees will bloom again in the spring, so we have faith that God will not abandon us in a world in which the days are growing constantly shorter. In fact, the Rabbis considered Rosh HaShanah to be the birthday of the world. The blasts of the shofar remind us of the birth of the world and of our faith in the future.

(From "Tastes of Jewish Tradition: Recipes, Activities and Stories for the Whole Family" published by the Jewish Community Center of Milwaukee and available for sale in the WOTE Gift Shop.)

Additional School Items

I hope all our school families have had exciting and restful summer vacations. You have a little bit more time before Religious School begins at the end of October. It has been a challenging summer as we prepare for a new school year in a "new" school building. The building process itself has been a challenge as we tweak, refine and adapt plans to help create a safe and exciting place to learn.

The first family service of the year on Friday, October 1, will be led by the board of EMTY, our senior youth group. Simchat Torah is the time when we traditionally welcome students new to our Religious School. We will completely unroll a Torah scroll in the sanctuary so that Rabbi Magat can read from the end of the Book of Deuteronomy and then from the beginning of the Book of Genesis, demonstrating the never-ending cycle of Torah. We will have Israeli dancing during the Oneg. The celebration will be on Wednesday, October 6, with the service starting at 7:00 PM. I hope to see you then!

Shanah Tovah u'Metukah
Paula Marsh, Religious School Principal

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We now have 165 supporters eating and shopping for Temple. Through May of this year Temple has earned over \$1642. We are concluding our summer incentive contest to thank two new supporters and one long-time one. Once eScrip provides us with an up-to-date list, the winners will be drawn.

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Youth Groups Starting Up Again!



Well, summer's almost over and school is about to start, and with that, an exciting year of social, educational and service programs is planned for EMTY (our senior TYG, and NFTY chapter) and our two junior youth groups, Noar and Kadima. The EMTY board had a retreat in July. This group of young leaders has a lot of energy and they work well together. There is hope for a year of growth, and exciting possibilities in years to come.

The year kicks off with Cosmic Bowling and Ice Cream on September 18th, which we hope will draw significant interest from the Jewish teen community in the San Jose area, and will ensure strong participation in our programs throughout the year. On October 1st, the EMTY executive board will formally introduce themselves to the congregation when they lead Family Shabbat Services. We hope you will attend this service and take the opportunity to meet the board members and hopefully share their enthusiasm for our program.

Noar (4-6th grade) will continue to host events monthly after Hebrew School. Game nights were successful last year, and the program will expand into other types of events such as Jewish storytelling and arts and crafts. Kadima (7-8th grade) will have a number of independent events in the first half of the year, and later the 8th graders will be invited to EMTY events as they prepare to transition into senior youth group and high school.

A word about the two Youth Group advisors:

Jeremy Zimmer is a recent graduate of UC Santa Cruz. He became a Bar Mitzvah and was confirmed here at Temple Emanu-El. Jeremy began work in the Religious School office over the summer. **Jacob Orrin**, who will be teaching 6th grade and Gimel Hebrew in the Religious School, is active in Hillel at San Jose State.

EMTY events/membership are open to all Jewish high school students in the congregation and the greater South Bay Jewish community. If your 9-12 grader has not been involved in Teen Jewish Studies, and might be interested in EMTY events, please contact the Religious School office: (408)292-3223, or school@templesanjose.org.

San Jose Jewish Film Festival Mark your calendars:

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Wednesday, September 29

Sukkot Dinner & Evening Sukkot
Program

Friday, October 1

6:00 PM Potluck Dinner

7:15 PM Erev Shabbat Family
Service

led by Senior Youth Group
in the Sukkah

*(Because seating is limited, reservations
are required to the Temple office,
292-0939.)*

First Family service of the New Year:

**Friday October 1 at 7:15 PM
in the Sukkah!**

We welcome students new to our Religious School this year and celebrate the never-ending cycle of Torah:



Wednesday, October 6

7:15 PM Erev Simchat Torah
Family Service and Consecration of
New Students

Israeli dancing during the Oneg.



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Phone/Cell Phone number

Enclosed is \$600 for each memorial plaque \$

Name to be memorialized

Date of Birth Date of Death

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Purchase a bronze seat plaque to honor or memorialize loved ones. There are many seats in the Sanctuary still available. There may be one near where you often sit.

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Let's start a "New Old Tradition."
 On Yom Kippur, let's wear white or light to
 demonstrate the newness of the year and the
 cleansing process of this holiday.

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8/13/04

Family and friends of Sammy Levine in honor of his Bar Mitzvah

8/20/04

Robin and Walter Hurwitz in honor of Elyssa's participation in the service

Melissa and Gary Katz

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8/27/04

The Kohler family in honor of the naming of Joshua Jose Herrera, son of Lori Kohler and Jose Herrera

WOTE Bakeshop

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Pam Allison, Gene Brister, Lillian E. Davis, Louis Entner, Edward Fox, Jennie Greenberg, Morris Heller, Fred Karpel, Mary Salkin Kaufman, Isadore Koltun, Etta Krohn, Joel Landau, Sonia Meyer, Fred Paul Miller, Jack Leon Passovoy, Elaine Purwin, Harry Resnick, Roberta Mendel Rivera, George Rosenberg, Audrey Rothschild, Winnie Schare, Sophie Schatten, Sidney Shapiro, Arthur Silverman, Henry Tucker, Dorothy Unell, James N. Walker, Bliema "Billie" Walters, Francis James Wank, Adolph Ziegler

SEPT 10 (8:00 PM SERVICE)

Ruby Barnett, Naftali Behar, Margaret Brammer, Morris Chassen, Gladys Cherkasky, Jack Cherkasky, Morton Jerome Citron, Nathaniel Davis, Harry Forster, Evelyn Fox, Abraham Freiberg, Sarah Friedman, Leonard Gaon, Evelyn Goer, Yetta Gold Lillian Hermelin, Ron Hoffman, Judi Jurman Omens, Rose Koster, Irene Levine, Clementine May, Rose May, Samuel Miller, Joshua Milman, William Minkin, Ida Mintz, Jeffrey Nadler, Sue Godet Noble, Ida Ofsaiof, Judith Lynn Jurman Omens, Ann Richman, Sol Schneiderman, Heather Shanas, Amy Swartz, Feige Weinreb
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5	6 LABOR DAY Temple Offices closed	7 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:30 PM Board Meeting (BFR)	8 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn (BFR) 6:00 PM WOTE meeting	9	10 8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service (Sanctuary)	11 9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan (BFR) 7:00 PM Selichot Study Session 8:00 PM Reception 9:00 PM Havdalah & Selichot Service (Sanctuary)
12	13	14 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal (BFR)	15 Erev Rosh Hashanah At San Jose Civic Auditorium 6:30 PM Children's Service 8:00 PM Erev Rosh Hashanah Service	16 Rosh Hashanah Day At San Jose Civic Auditorium 9:00 AM Family Service 10:30 AM RH Morning Service 5:00 PM Tashlich Service (Oak Meadow Park)	17 6:30 PM Shabbat Shuva Service (Sanctuary)	18 9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan (BFR) 6:00 EMTY Youth Group Bowling event
19 1:00 PM Kever Avot Service (Oak Hill Memorial Park)	20	21 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal (BFR)	22 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn Torah Study	23	24 Erev Yom Kippur At San Jose Civic Auditorium 6:30 PM Children's Service 8:00 PM Kol Nidre Service	25 Yom Kippur 9:00 AM Family Service 10:30 AM Yom Kippur Morning Service
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HIGH HOLY DAYS

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