



Schedule of Services

Friday, April 1
7:15 PM Erev Shabbat Family Service
(Grades 1, 2 and 7 participating)

Saturday, April 2
9:00 AM
Shabbat Morning Minyan

Friday, April 8
8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service
Rabbi will speak: *Judaism and the
Current State of Interfaith Dialogue*

Saturday, April 9
9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan
(Gimel Class leading)
10:30 AM Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin
Mishkanian

Friday, April 15
6:30 PM Tot Shabbat
8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service
Rabbi will lead a discussion on Pesach

Saturday, April 16
9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan
(Hay Class leading)

Friday, April 22
6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 23
9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan

Sunday, April 24
10:00 AM Pesach Morning Service

Friday, April 29
6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service
followed by Town Hall Meeting:
"Finding Our New Cantor"

Saturday, April 30
9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan and
Pesach Yizkor Service

Passover Seders

Sunday, April 24 – 5:00 PM

Temple Emanu-El Congregational Second Night Seder



A fully catered Passover Seder
led by Rabbi Dana Magat and Rachel Michelberg

RSVP no later than April 18 to be assured of a space.
Adults: \$36 Seniors (over 65): \$30 Children 10 & under: \$18

Send your check to the Temple office.



Thursday, April 28 – 5:30 PM Women of Temple Emanu-El's Women's Seder



A special time, a special Haggadah.
Service led by Michelle Indianer.

\$10 per person/\$8 per person for WOTE members
plus a vegetarian side dish or dessert to share.

RSVP by April 20.



From the Rabbi

With Purim behind us we look forward to the wonderful holiday of Pesach (Passover), when we enjoy our time with family and friends, matzah and more matzah. Pesach has not only delicious foods but so many powerful meanings attached to those foods. Each year in our Religious School, we talk a great deal about the overall meaning of Pesach. Pesach reminds us about the importance of our liberation from Egyptian bondage. As American Jews, we often take our freedom for granted. And so Pesach affords us an incredible opportunity to reflect on the meaning of freedom. I do not believe that we can celebrate our freedom knowing that there are people in our world who are not free to be who God made them to be.

And so, during this month of liberation and reflection, I ask you to consider your responsibilities to our fellow human beings -- those in our country and those outside our country. I am sure you are aware of the genocide that is taking place in Darfur, Sudan. I ask you to help me educate those in your lives and to help make a difference in this terrible tragedy. We of all people should be quick to respond to the needs in Darfur. As many as 400,000 people may have been killed. More than a million have been displaced. I ask you simply to go to savedarfur.org and learn the facts for yourself. I have a green wrist band that I wear which can be ordered from the Save Darfur website. Every time someone sees my wrist ban, they ask what it is. I am then given the opportunity to explain what is happening in the Sudan. Please join me as we try to make a difference this Pesach season.

We are working to have some Sudanese nationals as guest speakers later in the spring who will be able to tell us first-hand what is happening. Please look for more information.

I encourage you to participate in one of our upcoming Town Hall Meetings. We have scheduled them on different days and at various times to make them available to as many congregants as possible.

Cheriel, Shira, Raya and I send you our wishes for a meaningful Pesach season.



Rabbi Dana L. Magat

Town Hall Meetings

Friday, April 29 after the 6:30 PM service
Sunday, May 1, 10 - 11 AM
Wednesday, May 11, Noon (Lunch & Learn)
Wednesday, May 18, 7 PM
Sunday, June 5, 10-11 AM

President's Message

I recently attended the Biennial Convention of the Pacific Central West Council of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ). Rabbi Eric Yoffie, President of the URJ and a fantastic speaker, spoke to temple presidents on a variety of topics. I'd like to share a few of his comments and then pose a question as to how they pertain to Temple Emanu-El.

Rabbi Yoffie stated that 40%-60% of Reform Jews were raised in a non-Reform environment. This is a key reason why Reform Jews often have difficulty finding a common, comfortable format for services. Rabbi Yoffie went on to say that while Reform Judaism is "healthy," growing, and represents about 40% of Jews affiliated with synagogues (Conservatives make up about 30% and Orthodox make up about 20% of affiliated Jews), only about 20% of Reform Jews say that Judaism is important to them, and their commitment to Judaism and Israel is less than that of other groups.

He referred to Judaism as a "peoplehood," or community, for a variety of reasons. He mentioned our belief that Moses gave the Torah to *our people*, the fact that *communal prayer* is an essential part of our Jewish experience, and he recognized that there is a *worldwide bond* among Jews – something that is hard to convey to non-Jews.

So I pose the question, "Do you feel a sense of community at and a commitment to Temple Emanu-El?" I'd like to know why you joined our congregation, what appeals to you now, and what additional programming you would like to see. Please send me an email at dan.shirleylee@sbcglobal.net, or call me at my home at 268-0926, or drop off a note at the Temple office.

I also hope to learn answers to these questions through the discussions that Rabbi Magat initiated at last month's Kabbalat Shabbat service; we'll continue these discussions at each Kabbalat Shabbat on the last Friday of each month, April 29 and May 27. We're also scheduling meetings with our Auxiliaries, our Havurot, on Sundays when parents of Religious School children can easily attend, and perhaps some other times as well. When you have an opportunity to participate, I hope that you'll respond "Hinei!" - here I am.

Shirley and I both wish you a happy Passover.

Dan Lee

Save the Dates

Wednesday, June 1
Congregational Annual Meeting

Friday, June 3
8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service
Installation of Temple Boards
Musical Program in honor of Rachel
Michelberg

Membership News

Life is Too Good in America!

My grandmother, Annie, who left Vilna when she was a teenager, never to see her parents again, said, "Life is too good in America." You might ask, "How can something be TOO good?" When I was a child, I didn't understand. As an adult, it's become very clear. Life is so good in our country that we don't appreciate what we have. We take our comfortable homes, abundant food, our many shopping centers, endless recreational opportunities, and even our imperfect healthcare for granted. If you are reading this article, stop for a minute and appreciate these blessings.

Don't forget to include our own Temple Emanu-El, which is a source of spiritual comfort, social opportunities, and provides a network of caring people. If you would like to become more involved in our temple family, please contact me.

Behold, how good it is when brethren dwell together!

Hello new member
Julie Moore - Julie was a Shabbat greeter and a member of Women of Temple Emanu-El even before she joined!

Shirley Lee
Membership Chair
408-268-0926
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Havurah

Did you know that...

- Temple Emanu-El currently has 11 havurot?
- Havurah is the Hebrew word for fellowship (havurot is the plural form)?
- All Temple members can be a part of a havurah?

Havurot are formed to allow Jews to expand their Jewish experience whether it's in the area of study, prayer, celebration, community or social action. Each havurah determines how many members it will have, how often it meets and the types of activities that will take place.

Temple Emanu-El's havurot include long-time temple members who are retired, and some of our newer havurot include families with young children.

If you are currently in a havurah, here are some ways your havurah can support the temple:

- Consider hosting a Friday night Oneg
- Be greeters at Friday night services
- Help out at the Purim carnival
- Provide dinner one evening to our InnVision guests

If you would like to join a havurah, start one of your own or just learn more about them, please contact Debbie Michels havurah chairperson, at (408) 927-5857 or debbiemichels@yahoo.com.

Stay tuned for Havurah Spotlights in upcoming

Connections.

Single Parents: Are you interested in forming a Havurah with other single parents for fun activities with your kids? Contact Debbie Michels at (408) 927-5857 or debbiemichels@yahoo.com.

Musical Notes

So long, farewell



Since I have announced my resignation at the end of June, many congregants have graciously expressed their sorrow to see me leave. I have been so touched by everyone's good wishes and compassion for my desire to spend more time with my family.

Making this decision was one of the most difficult choices I have ever had to make. As you can imagine, my work here has been gratifying both spiritually and emotionally. It is truly a gift to be present for the memorable occasions of our congregant's lives. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of them.

The good news is that you can't get rid of me that easily! My family and I will continue to stay involved with temple life, and you may even see me on the bima on occasion throughout the coming year.

Solomon



Many, many thanks to all who contributed to the enormous success of our Shabbat Shira program, Handel's *Solomon*. In particular I would like to thank Jeremy Zimmer, who gave generously of his time and talent to produce a CD. Jeremy also lent us his keyboard which was an integral part of the concert. Jeremy truly exemplifies the meaning of the word mitzvah.

Thanks again to the following:

Members of the Temple Emanu-El Choir
Women of Temple Emanu-El for hosting the pre-concert reception,
Jane Jacobson and Deborah Zimmer for their support with logistics,
Evann and Mike Aronoff for coordinating the dessert reception, Chavurah Zayin for providing wine for the oneg, Rabbi Magat, Dan Lee and the Board of Trustees for believing in the value of music.



Rachel Michelberg

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER BRUNCH

Temple Emanu-El invites all prospective members to a Brunch, on Sunday, April 10, at 10:30 AM, in the Benefactors Room. If you have friends who are not currently members of a synagogue, invite them to find out more about the temple and have a chance to talk to some of our leaders.

To RSVP, call Michele Healey, 268-4032.



WOTE Notes

Thoughts of sacred circles and Echad (I am one) are part of my reflections today. We are only one person each individually making a difference in our own sacred circles. We don't always realize the effect we have on others, whether we know it or not. I've attended quite a few WOTE and Temple activities this last month and would like to share my experiences.

In January, we celebrated Shabbat Shira with our sisters from Congregation Sinai Sisterhood and together we came together for a Shabbat morning service and program filled with songs of faith and our love of Judaism with Tziporah Sizomu, from the Ugandan Jewish Community of Abayudaya. We all felt truly lucky when she shared that she walked two miles a day for water - and they are working on getting fresh water for a mikvah! We donated \$500 to this amazing community.

In February, I attended the third and fourth grade family Shabbat dinner and service. WOTE provided the entrée and I couldn't help but notice the large intergenerational crowd. We had kids and adults of all ages enjoying a Shabbat meal and service together. Mrs. Marsh's third and Ms. Regev's fourth graders were well prepared in their prayers and songs. We were all very proud of our Religious School students.

In March, we started up a Woman's Support Group facilitated by Michelle Indianer. It is an inspiring group of women who get together to bring a powerful energy to this sacred circle in the context of our Jewish identity. I hope you will plan on attending next month's group on April 17th, from 12:30 - 2:00 PM, The cost is \$12 WOTE/\$14 non-WOTE in the Learning Center, Room #20. Madrichim will supervise school-aged kids (\$5 per child). Contact me with any questions at bunnysf@pacbell.net or 272-7598.

Adar II brought in a Rosh Chodesh to remember when Laura Danoff-Robinson brought women together to make Purim masks (what fun!!) and talk about the strength of Esther and the meaning of Purim as a time to have fun and think about our playful side. We even learned why there is an extra month thrown in seven times in a nineteen-year calendar cycle. Join us this month for an interesting musical Rosh Chodesh on April 14th. RSVP to Laura at ellisdee51@aol.com.

At your Passover Seder table this year, put a Miriam's cup next to Elijah's and remember to honor the women in your life who give of themselves to make sacred circles around loved ones, friends and those they may never know to whom they make a difference in this world.

Bunny Fisher
WOTE Co-President

Save your boxtops for Education from
General Mills products! The Preschool
is still collecting them.

Bring them to the office.

WOTE SPRING CALENDAR

April 3, 10:30am - Tupperware & Party Lite (candles) (coffee, tea and cake provided)

April 13, 6pm - WOTE Meeting

April 14, 7pm - Rosh Chodesh at Laura Danoff-Robinson's Home

April 17, 12:45pm - Women Support Group

April 28, 5:30pm - Women's Seder - Reservations Required

May 1, 12:45pm - Woman Support Group

May 9, 6pm - WOTE Meeting

May 11, 2pm - Israeli Artist & Book Signing

May 15, 12:45pm - Women's Support Group

May 15, 7pm - Sinai Sisterhood Book Club

May 19, 11am - Donor Luncheon - Los Gatos Opera House

SINAI SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB

"The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown May 15, 7pm

"Ordained to be a Jew, A Catholic Priest's Conversion to Judaism" by John Scalamonti, June 26, 7pm

RSVP to Shirie Eshel 265-1261 or shiriek@yahoo.com

Quarterly Donations List

\$200 Israeli Artist Program with Hadassah at Temple Emanu-El *** \$200 InnVision Program at Temple Emanu-El ***
WOTE china for Levin Learning Center Building Dedication
*** General Fund donation and reception appetizers in honor of Shabbat Shira Cantorial Program *** \$500 donation to Abayudaya Community *** \$2000 allocated for 2004-2005 Camperships *** "Tree of Life" Donation Sculpture *** Food and volunteers for Mitzvah Day

WOTE-ONLY Campership Forms Due by April 25th: To obtain WOTE Campership forms please contact Anita at WOTE2001@yahoo.com or the Religious School office. These awards are available for children or grandchildren of WOTE members to be used for a Jewish camp or activity. Forms are also located on our web page. NOTE: you must be a WOTE member to apply for these WOTE-Only Camperships.

Financial help is also available for NFTY sponsored events. These forms are available on-line or from our Temple Youth Advisor. All members of EESY are eligible.

Women's Seder: April 28th from 5:30pm - 7:30 at Temple Emanu-El in the BFR for our annual Women's Seder. Michelle Indianer will lead the service and has put together the haggadah. Bring a side dish or dessert containing appropriate Passover ingredients; entrée will be provided. Last year we had over 80 women so make your reservations early. Contact Judith at spiritualjudith@yahoo.com.

Women of Temple Emanu-El Donor Luncheon

An Afternoon at the Opera

Join us at the Los Gatos Opera House

May 19, 2005

Beginning at 11:00 a.m.



Enjoy an afternoon of
exquisite surroundings
luscious food
magnificent music



Hors d'oeuvres sponsored by Ruth Krandel and JoAnn Shank
crudités with dill dip and baked brie



Luncheon sponsored by our donor angel, Marcia Riggio
chicken with portabella mushroom
penne pasta with champagne gorgonzola cream sauce
salmon with cucumber dill dressing



Operatic and Broadway Favorites, featuring Mezzo-soprano Rachel Michelberg,
Baritone Michael Taylor, and Pianist Veronika Agranov-Dafoe
Sponsored by Doris Davis and Joan Fox



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Look For Your Invitation In The Mail

Brotherhood

Job Opportunities

This is the time of year when Brotherhood starts laying the foundation for next year. We are combing the master Temple calendar for those few and far between dates when we can schedule more of our very successful events, like the unprecedented attendance seen at our recent Havdallah, Dinner & Movie series and additional sold-out Diaspora Dinners. These, and all of our events, are only successful because of our dedicated officers that chair, coordinate and supervise the volunteers. They take care of the details that are necessary to enable the events. If you would like to see more of these events, or you would like to expand the types of events that Brotherhood sponsors, then now is the time for you to step up and offer your services for the Brotherhood Executive Board. Please contact Dan Winter if you would like to place your name in the running for the position of President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer. The election will be held at our annual meeting, on May 8th, when all members are encouraged to attend.

Recent Events

The month of March saw our 2nd Annual Game Night, co-sponsored with WOTE. About 40-50 fanatics met and played games to their heart's delight. Thanks to Paul Gendler, Myrna Cohen and all their helpers for coordinating this event. We had two Mitzvah Day activities this year. We prepared over

Mommy & Me

Come join the fun with your little one at our Mommy and Me playgroup. We meet monthly at various locations (parks, temple, etc) for a couple hours of adult/child playtime. If you are interested in joining us or want additional information, please contact Kim Jackman at kbjsanjose@yahoo.com or 408-448-4376. Hope to see you soon!

Todah Rabah

Cindy and Brian Fox - an area rug for the Library
Mimi Bloom - 100 folding chairs



Hilary Rodoni, General Manager
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500 boxes of Yom HaShoah candles that will be shipped off to you for lighting on the night of May 5th. Joel Osias led about a dozen helpers to get these ready for mailing in April. (Please let me know if you haven't received your candle by the end of April. We will have extras.) Our other mitzvah was to fingerprint about two dozen youngsters so that their parents would have a record of this for their files. Thanks to Larry Hirsch, who has helped perform this service for several years now along with his wife Karen, who took the photos. For the Purim Carnival, Uri Gottfeld and his helpers, moved the games from storage, pounded a few nails to spruce up the old games, and helped to return them to safety for another year when the festivities were over at the end of the day. At the end of the month, we prepared a meal and joined our guests from InnVision for this annual dinner.

Future Events

Our last Havdallah, Dinner and Movie of the year will be on Saturday, April 2nd. The "Hebrew Hammer" will be viewed following the always-popular Moroccan Chicken dinner. RSVPs are mandatory due to the tremendous response and shortage of food at the last event. Since this movie is rated "R", there will also be a kid's movie in the Religious School for those not yet 17 or who don't have parental approval.

Make your reservations now for this year's last Diaspora Dinner, The Jews of Persia, to be held on Saturday, May 7th. Not only are reservations required for this event, but also due to limited available seating, payment will be required in advance. Look for your invite or a flyer to make the necessary arrangements. Not on our email list? Drop me a line and we'll add you.

In the past two issues of this newsletter, I challenged you, the reader, to prove you were reading my column by sending me a quick email or by calling. The count now stands at a grand total of eight, six of which are women. If I did not respond with a personal "thank you" to each of you, please accept this as my gratitude for reading my column. Where are all the men?

Hope to hear from you soon,
Jeff Marsh

brotherhood@templesanjose.org - (my preferred means of communication), or 408-270-2384 a few rare evenings when I'm not attending a meeting



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From the Religious School

In addition to making Purim masks, students in our Teen Jewish Studies program baked hamentaschen that were served at the Megillah reading and at the Oneg on Friday, March 25. Students in the TJS cooking class are learning complete holiday meal preparation for five different holidays. The parents are happy to sample the food, if it lasts the trip home! The month of April will bring a special treat, a celebration of Pesach with the annual Chocolate Seder.

We are looking forward to model seders in the classroom on April 17, and we express our appreciation for the work of the room parents, WOTE and others who help make the seders possible.

Please note that there will be no school on Sunday, April 24 or Wednesday, April 27.

Each month, different classes participate in the Erev Shabbat Family Service, and now our older Hebrew students will be leading the Shabbat Morning Minyanim. You have an opportunity to see the Gimel students on April 9th, and the Hay students on April 16. Come and see how their confidence is growing and their Hebrew competence as well.

Paula Marsh, Principal

Last Family Service of the Year

Friday, May 6 at 7:15 PM
Teacher Appreciation Shabbat



Our Aleph Hebrew students will lead the service.

A special Oneg to follow, in honor of all the teachers and madrichim in our Religious School, including Israeli dancing with Shirley Burr, director of the Purim shpiel.

Potluck dinner at 6:00 PM. RSVPs are required. Call the school office at 292-3223 if you plan to attend.

I want to express my thanks for the Fundraisers coordinated by Religious School Board.

Thanks to Marci Gerston, Lori Telson and Laura Winick for taking the lead on these. Almost \$300 was made in the Barnes & Noble fundraiser the first weekend in March; and almost \$1000 from the sale of Miss Chocolate's Passover Candy and family haggadot. Results from Purim Carnival and silent auction will be available soon.

Dan Lee, Temple President



TJS Purim Masks

Preschool Notes

Happy Spring!

Spring has hit the preschool! Somedays it seemed like the rain just wouldn't end, but boy were the preschoolers happy when the sun came out and they could once again enjoy their playground, sandbox and making shadow bodies on the ground. I am always amazed at the instant change in attitude and energy when spring finally makes an appearance.

March was a super busy month. We enjoyed our study of Purim and everyone had so much fun at the Purim Carnival. Thank you to all who supported our Scholastic Book Faire. Because of the efforts of so many we sold just over \$2000.00 in books. This means the preschool will receive almost \$700.00 worth of books to be added to our classrooms. We will then take many of our slightly used but much loved books and donate them to a local shelter to benefit others. The gift of giving just continues on....

Our study of Passover will begin early this month. We are looking forward to doing seders in the classrooms, munch on Matza and learn the Four Questions. Every year, this is a very exciting time.

We have very limited space left for our Summer session, and Fall 2005 is almost full as well. If you are interested in a spot in the preschool please give us a call (293-8660) so we can schedule a tour.

Enjoy the sunshine!!
Barb Smead

Upcoming Youth Group Events

Casino Night

Saturday, April 16, 7-10 PM
In Temple House

Organized by EESY (Emanu-El Senior Youth) 8th graders are invited to their first Senior Youth Group event. Our teens will be joined by SHAGY, Shir Hadash Senior YG. Bring your Jewish friends! ALL Jewish 8th-12th graders are invited to attend this formal event. RSVPs are required to David Streeter, 358-7528.

MARK YOUR CALENDERS

Yom Ha-atzmaut BBQ on the patio

Sunday, May 15, 2:00 PM

All EESY members, and especially 8th graders (future EESYites) are invited.

(The 2005-06 EESY board will be announced at this event)

"Doing The Right Thing"

A Community-Wide Tikkun Olam Program

Tuesday, May 24, 6-8 PM

For all South Bay Jewish teens.

Everyone in a high school program will be invited.

If you/your teen is not enrolled, please send an email to zzimmer@templesanjose.org. This program is underwritten by grants from the Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley and the Koret Foundation.

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Your Place To Connect For Summer Camp

APJCC's Camp season is just around the corner and the exhilarated anticipation of summer is mounting! We offer a full range of camps from preschool to teens and our exceptional staff ensure a safe and nurturing environment for all participants. Whether it be outdoor adventures, exploring nature, enhancing swimming and tennis skills, or walking the circus ball, campers will discover their talents, make friends and come away with a fun-filled experience that they will treasure forever. For more information call (408) 358-3636 or visit our website: www.sanjosejcc.org.

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Bar Mitzvah



Benjamin Mishkanian will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, April 9. Ben is a 7th grade honor student at Bret Harte Middle School in San Jose. He is an active member of California Junior Scholarship Federation and has earned high school credit in mathematics. His favorite sport is basketball. In his spare time, Ben enjoys reading, playing video games and surfing the 'net. His hobby is making movies and slide shows on his computer. Ben's great sense of humor always bring smiles to his family and friends. Ben, his parents, Michelle and Parviz, and younger brother Michael look forward to sharing this special day with family and friends.

Funds Available For Jewish Youth Events

Planning on participating in a Jewish camp or event this summer? Hoping to attend an NFTY convention or retreat?

WOTE has funds available to help you on your quest!

You can apply for a NFTY or a WOTE-ONLY award NOW.

Read more about it in the WOTE article and fill out an application (located in the Temple or Religious School Office or on the WOTE website).

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Mitzvah Day Summary

A hearty *"Todah Rabah"* to everyone who brought many items to the synagogue, to those who participated in the many activities, and to those who helped bring the results of our work to the various organizations we support. Briefly:

- 8 people joined Social Action Chair Gerry Gassman and helped with the clean-up at Home of Peace Cemetery.
- 21 walkers completed a total of 97 laps around the block in support of URJ Disaster Relief. \$74 was collected, which was supplemented by money in donations from the Family Service Tzedakah. Certificates of participation for walkers will be given out at the April family service.
- The book sale resulted in sales of \$74.00 which will benefit the library.



Elyssa and Robin Hurwitz, organizers of the Project Linus activity

- More than 125 kitten toys were created for the Humane Society.
- 11 fleece blankets and 8 scarves of various sizes were made for Project Linus.
- 6 new eScrip subscribers were signed up.
- 28 potential donors registered for the Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation.
- 23 Drawing Books of Kindness
- 3 large boxes of books were donated to the Valley Medical Center Pediatric Library.
- Letters were written and sent to American soldiers
- 43 people signed up to be removed from the junk mail list (see box on this page).
- Shoah candle boxes were stamped, assembled and stuffed.
- Placemats and floral centerpieces were made for Chai House.
- Brotherhood fingerprinted 22 children
- More than 30 dozen cookies were made by our families and taken to the Julian Street Inn.



Baking cookies



Making Catnip Toys



Creating placemats for Chai House

- A carnival game and prizes were made for Sunday Friends
- The box for "Secure the Call" was completely filled with phones and accessories!
- Countless numbers of toiletries, toothbrushes and personal care items were collected.

And more.

As we plan for Mitzvah projects for next year, whether on a single day or spread throughout the year, if you have a project you would like to lead or if you would like to be involved in preparation for Mitzvah Day activities, please contact the Temple office.

Temple Emanu-El Presents the 2nd Annual A WINE TASTING

At Sonoma Chicken Coop
200 East Campbell Avenue, Downtown
Campbell

Sunday, May 22, 2005 - 4:00pm to 6:30pm

Sample a selection of fine wines plus hors d'oeuvres and dessert. Enjoy a silent auction and raffle with wonderful and unique items

Tickets: \$36 per person by April 29th - \$45 per person thereafter, space permitting

Checks Payable to: Temple Emanu-El, A Wine Tasting,
1010 University Ave, SJ 95126

All proceeds will go to the **Temple General Fund**

Reserve early - "seating" is limited. This event is open to the public. Please invite your friends

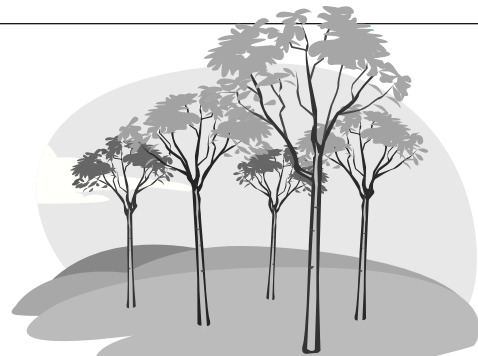
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Grant Michels (408) 927-5857

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Scott Gordon (408) 871-7921 sco_gor1@pacbell.net



Save the Date Shabbat in Nature

Saturday, May 14
Uvas Canyon County Park
(Bernal Road exit off Hwy 101)

Minyan starts at 10:30 AM, led by Rabbi Magat, followed by potluck lunch, hikes and more.

Pick up a flyer with map and complete details from the Shalom Table, the Temple office or School office. For more information call Nancy 650-694-4604 or Ginny 408-259-4061.

Emanu-El 49ers

On Saturday, April 16, we'll eat dinner at the Olive Garden at 5:00 pm.
2515 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. RSVP to Sol 650-348-7092 by April 13. If you are looking for a group of active Jewish singles, age 49+, please call April Miller at 298-4181 to get on the mailing list for the bimonthly calendar of activities.

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Mazel Tov:

To **Julie and Wayne Firsty**, on the birth of their second daughter, Alana Danielle, on February 13. Alana's arrival makes three-year-old Shayna a big sister.

To **Claire and Jerry Barnhart** on the engagement of their daughter, Alisa. The wedding will be in June.

To **Rabbi Dana Magat**, on being honored as one of Hillel's "Pillars of the Community" at their luncheon on April 10.

To **Burt Epstein**, on being honored by Jewish Family Services at their dinner April 3.

The **Jewish Community Business Referral Network** is having their business networking lunch on April 1 and 15th, 2005. All individuals who would like to attend please contact Harvey Checkman at hcheckman@ieee.org to ensure available space and the location.

Jewish Family Service is offering a new program – "Living with Grief" Support Group – for those who have lost a significant person in their life. Groups are now forming. Time and date to be announced. Cost: \$10.00 per session for more information, contact Karen L. Smith, MFT at (408) 556-0604 x20 or by e-mail: karen@jfsv.org.

Our condolences

to **Evlyn Hubert** and her sons, Steven, Peter and James, on the death of her husband and their father, David.

to **Jeanne Bronstein**, on the death of her father, John Wilbur

to **Maggie Cant**, on the death of her aunt, Mary Ann Kaisel

to **Sally Siegel**, on the death of her mother, Sylvia Goldberg

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Need A Seder, Share A Seder?

This year, the Social Action and Membership Committees are sponsoring a First-Night of Passover project for matching people who don't have access to a Seder with people willing to share their Seder. If you would like to attend a Seder this year or if you are willing to share your Seder with someone, please contact one of the Committee members listed below. We will match up the responders and arrange for a great year of friendly, interesting Seders.

Perfect strangers can make perfect guests. Both guests and hosts benefit when strangers are invited. Individuals or families who are not in a position to conduct their own Seder are deeply grateful for an invitation. Hosts gain in a variety of ways, some tangible and some intangible. Strangers contribute new songs, melodies, stories and interpretations, help out in the kitchen, and entertain the kids. Their questions can bring out new understandings and make the experience continually meaningful. New friendships and connections often emerge.

Passover is a holiday of remembrance, a time to recall and retell the story of the deliverance of the Jewish people from generations of Egyptian bondage. But there is also a different kind of remembering that takes place each Passover, in which memory is personal, not scripted. We spontaneously recall, often vividly, the many different Seders we have attended over the years, as a child, as an adult and sometimes as a stranger.

Remember, by opening your home to others on Passover, you fulfill the appeal of the *Hagaddah* liturgy: "Let all who are hungry, come and eat. Let all who are in need, come and share the Passover meal."

Rich Albert, Social Action Committee
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Diaspora Dinner

The Jews of Persia: From Abraham to Empire
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Ritual Committee

As Passover approaches we prepare to fulfill the commandment to retell the ancient story of our Exodus -- a retelling that maintains unbroken the line from those who traveled out of Egypt, from generation to generation, to us today. Jews will soon gather together at Seders around the world to experience and celebrate our deliverance from slavery and our birth as a Covenant people.

As we prepare for this year's Seder, we may desire to share in the rebirth of the natural world, or the spiritual redemption of the individual. We may come to the Seder feeling shackled by the bonds of winter, distressed by the persecution of others, or confined by our personal limitations.

We will each open our Haggadah and participate in the rituals, prayers, warmth, music and (of course!) foods that commemorate our liberation and the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel. Whether the Haggadah is egalitarian, traditional, feminist, child-friendly or cutting edge, a portion is devoted to the central core of the Seder -- a retelling of the Exodus story. Each Haggadah also weaves a variety of readings and activities into the Seder to highlight the values of the Exodus and enable participants to contemplate the meaning of being freed by our God. No matter where in the world or with whom we participate in a Seder -- be it friends, family or new acquaintances -- we are one people, feeling the bitterness of slavery in Egypt and the sweetness of freedom.

The Seder gives each of us the opportunity to set into motion processes of growth, renewal of vision and efforts to work for freedom as we witness the flowering of a new year. Please plan to celebrate with our Temple family -- please join us **April 24th for Temple Emanu-El's Second Night Seder.**

**Mark your calendar for another upcoming event:
Saturday, May 14th: Nature Shabbat at Uvas Canyon Park**

Contact the Ritual Committee at ritual@templesanjose.org if you would like to help plan these or other worship experiences.

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Coffee and Cake with Judith Yellin-Ginat

May 11, 2:00 p.m. in the BFR

Coffee and Cake with **Judith Yellin-Ginat** - Israeli Artist - will talk about the recently-released biography of her 60 years as a student at the Bezalel Institute and her successful career as an artist in Jerusalem. Artworks will be on display and may be purchased. Co-sponsored by WOTE and Sharone Hadassah. RSVP to the Temple office - 292-0939.

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<p>10 8:45 AM Hebrew 9 AM Brotherhood Mtg (Media Room) 9 AM Aleph Siddur Ceremony 10 AM Jewish Studies 10 AM Adult Ed: Hebrew 10:30 AM Prospective Member Brunch (BFR) 11 AM Adult Ed: Kabbalah</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 7 PM Adult Ed: Preparing for Pesach 7 PM Social Action Cmte.</p>	<p>13 12 PM Lunch & Learn 4 PM Hebrew 6 PM TJS 6 PM WOTE Mtg (Rm 20)</p>	<p>14 7 PM Rosh Chodesh (at the home of Laura Danoff Robinson)</p>	<p>15 6:30 PM Tot Shabbat 8 PM Erev Shabbat Service</p>	<p>16 9 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan (Hay class) 7 PM EESY Casino Night</p>
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<p>24 No Hebrew or Religious School 10 AM Pesach Morning Service (BFR) 5 PM Second Night Seder (RSVP required)</p>	<p>25 Preschool and Religious School Closed</p>	<p>26 Preschool and Religious School Closed</p>	<p>27 Preschool and Religious School Closed 12 PM Lunch & Learn Torah Study No Hebrew or TJS</p>	<p>28 Preschool and Religious School Closed 5:30 PM Women's Seder (RSVP required)</p>	<p>29 Preschool and Religious School Closed 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service & Town Hall Meeting</p>	<p>30 9 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan & Pesach Yizkor Service</p>

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