



SaveTheDate

Calling all Religious School Alumni

In recognition of the education building renovation, a reunion is being planned for May 1 – at the very end of Passover – a wonderful time to plan a family get-together weekend - even for folks from a distance.

We need your help gathering contact information. Please forward names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses by email: admin@templesanjose.org or regular mail: Religious School Reunion, Temple Emanu-El, 1010 University Avenue, San Jose 95126. While we can take information over the phone, these written methods will be more efficient.

Time is short... please reply promptly.

Want to be on the committee? Be in touch with chair, Mort Berlant.

The planning committee is very excited about this project. We hope you will be too.

Please respond.

From the Rabbi

Since the devastating tsunami in Asia, much has been written about the question of God’s role. Did God cause this tsunami as a reaction to humanity’s lack of faith? Why would God allow something this devastating to take place? Specifically, people have asked for a Jewish response to this horrific event.

How do we answer these questions? From my perspective, the tsunami was the result of the natural process of our earth’s growth, the by-product of the earth’s plates colliding against each other. As our planet evolves, these types of events will occur. This is not a response from God for the sins of humanity.

For those who believe that God is active in history and in our world, the tsunami is the result of God’s unhappiness with our world. For most liberal Jews, this is not an act of God, rather an act of nature. Regardless of one’s theology, it is painful to deal with the devastation and tremendous loss of human life. Knowing that warning systems could have been in place adds frustration to our pain.

Does God play any role in this tsunami? For me, what is divine is humanity’s reaction to the devastation. The support sent to this region has been incredible! Acts of tzedakah (righteousness) and Gemilut Chasadim (loving kindness) include medical professionals flying to the region to give physical aid and children donating money in their schools for disaster relief and more. Where is God? God is in our reaction to another’s suffering. When we stand up to be counted, when we put action

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Schedule of Services

Friday, February 4
7:15 PM
Erev Shabbat Family Service
Scout Shabbat
led by Bet 1 Hebrew class

Saturday, February 5
9:00 AM
Shabbat Morning Minyan

Friday, February 11
8:00 PM
Erev Shabbat Service (choir)

Saturday, February 12
9:00 AM
Shabbat Morning Minyan

Friday, February 18
6:30 PM
Tot Shabbat
8:00 PM
Erev Shabbat Service
Open Discussion: “The Future of Temple-El”

Saturday, February 19
9:00 AM
Shabbat Morning Minyan

Friday, February 25
No Erev Shabbat Service at Temple
6:30 - 7:30 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Santa Clara Marriott

Saturday, February 26
No Minyan at Temple Emanu-El
9:30 AM - noon
Shabbat Morning Service
Santa Clara Marriott

President's Message

TEMPLE EMANU-EL – A PLACE FOR ALL OF US

- Dec 5 - **The Education Building re-opened!** Beautiful, airy, and spacious, it is our commitment to the future of Judaism- our children- and the future of our congregation. We will recognize all donors on Sunday, Feb. 13, 2005. I hope you will make that contribution that you've been thinking about. Pledges can be made over 5 years, and no amount is too small.
- Dec. 5 - WOTE held it's **Paid-up Member Event "Tea and all that Jazz"**, with music provided by the Homestead High School Jazz Choir.
- Dec. 5 - Brotherhood and Sinai Men's Club held a **First Annual Poker Party**
- Dec. 12 - XYZ (Extra Years of Zest!) enjoyed a **seniors lunch date at Max's** restaurant
- Jan. 15 - Brotherhood had its first **2005 Havdallah, Dinner and a Movie** and it was over-subscribed by 50%!
- Jan. 21 - **Shabbat Shira - Handel's oratorio "Solomon"** provided music for our souls and brought more than 400 people to Temple.
- Jan. 22 - WOTE and the Congregation Sinai Sisterhood sponsored a **luncheon and women's study afternoon** with a scholar and educator from Uganda which brought over 130 people to the Temple for Shabbat.
- Feb. 5 - Brotherhood continues its **Diaspora Dinner** series with the *"Jews of Austro-Hungary"*. Already, over 100 people have reserved a spot.
- Feb. 25-27 - **Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) Biennial Convention in Santa Clara** will offer wonderful seminars, speakers, and Shabbat services. Please see Nora Rouso's article in this issue for further information.

On an ongoing basis, we have

- **Religious School and Hebrew instruction** for children of all ages and **youth groups** for our middle school- and high school-age youth.
- **Erev Shabbat Services and Shabbat Morning Minyan;** I particularly enjoy the services led by our Religious School children - they're all so poised and well-prepared by Cantor Intern Rachel Michelberg and their teachers!
- **Adult Education of all kinds:** Jewish studies, including Kaballah and studies of Judaism on Sundays with Rabbi

How often does **Connections** arrive and you simply glance at it because you're busy with other things? I "caught up" on **Connections** during the holiday season, and found that Temple Emanu-El truly provides something for everyone. Here's just a sampling of recent activities

Magat and Cantor David Unterman sharing their expertise; Introduction to Judaism (co-hosted with Congregation Shir Hadash) on Tuesdays; Lunch and Learn with the Rabbi on Wednesdays, to name just a few.

- **Choir** led by Rachel Michelberg. Listen carefully during Erev Shabbat services when the choir is not participating on the bimah and you'll often hear our choir members in their seats harmonizing with Rachel.

We have so many ways to make new friends and share with old friends in a spiritual, intellectual, nurturing, and purely social environment! And if the current activities don't meet your needs, get on board with our Board, our Auxiliaries, standing committees, or suggest and plan a one-time event! I'd love to have your help!

"Yasher Koach" - well done! - to all those congregants who take the time to write articles, as well as to our staff members who put together **Connections**. Most of all, Yasher Koach to the heart and soul of our congregation: the volunteers and staff responsible for planning and carrying out our wonderful programs and activities.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our many events.

Dan Lee

From the Rabbi, continued

on the line, when we react to the plight of another, our actions speak with a sense of divinity.

Being Jewish is about doing mitzvot (obligations) for our fellow human beings. We do this because it is the right thing to do. We do this because if we do not, who will?

I find it fascinating that it takes a tragedy for many of us to wake up to our obligations. As Jews, we have many obligations. We are obligated to humanity, nature and to our People's survival. What would it take for us to demonstrate a stronger commitment to our Temple? I hope it would not be a tragedy. I hope that many of you have contributed in some way to alleviate the suffering of our brethren on those islands in the Pacific. If you have not, yet, and are looking for a place to contribute, you are encouraged to contact the Union for Reform Judaism, which is collecting to donate as a single entity. Or, more locally, you can make your contribution through our Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley.

Closer to home, for those who have contributed to the Temple Emanu-El Religious School Building Renovation, you, too, have fulfilled a mitzvah - that of educating future generations of young Jews in the traditions and culture of their People. For those of you who have not already done so, please contribute. This is a noble project and we still have a significant way to go.

I always find it helpful and therapeutic in times of trouble to look at how I can make our world a better place. I think we need to start at home and, for me as I hope it is for you, Home includes our Temple.

Rabbi Dana L. Magat
Senior Rabbi

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Brotherhood: Last Call!

Wrapping up our annual membership drive, we're coming up a little short this year. Our goal was to increase our membership by 10% and, as I write this column, we are not even at last year's level. Brotherhood offers many fine programs. Your dues not only get you the quarterly publication, Achim, from our National sponsor, but they go to help you, the Temple, the Religious School and the community as a whole. Our recent Blood Drive was a success, once again, in part because of your dues contributions. If you have not already sent in your (minimum of \$36) dues, we would greatly appreciate if you would do so now.

A quick recap of events since my last column:

- The Annual 1st Day of Religious School Pancake Breakfast was enjoyed by many students and their families in early December. Many thanks to Bob Kaufman for donating all the fixings and coordinating the cooking, once again.
- During Chanukah, we prepared hundreds of latkes with toppings of sour cream and applesauce that were eagerly devoured by the students. Thanks to all who braved the hot oil to help keep up with the enormous demand.
- In January, we showed our first Movie of the year following Havdallah and a delicious pasta Dinner to an overflow crowd. We continued the tradition of sponsoring the annual Blood Drive on the 23rd and collected many lifesaving units for the community.
- We look forward to our first Diaspora Dinner of the year (4th in the series) on Saturday, February 5th, that will focus on the Jews of Austria-Hungary. If you haven't responded to this very popular event, please do so ASAP - the 5th is rapidly approaching and we are filling up fast!

Writing a column in the past for the future is always a challenge. My primary intent has been to communicate the activities and events of our Brotherhood to our members and to the Temple community as a whole. We have plenty of activities and events and I could write pages about each one of them. Another of the challenges is getting you, the reader, to actually read this column. So, in order to write about something that you really want to read and to prove me wrong about not reading this column, I am challenging you, the reader, to drop me an email and let me know what topics.

Hope to hear from you soon,
Jeff Marsh

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

P.S. We are looking for a few volunteers to person (note the gender neutrality) the bagel table on Sunday mornings. This is an excellent opportunity to schmooze with your friends and meet new people, as you sell bagels while helping out the Religious School. Careful, though, next thing you'll be Brotherhood President. That's how I got started!

Musical Notes

Shabbat Shira was a great success, and I am indebted to many people for their assistance, support and encouragement:

- The Temple Emanu-El Choir, who worked so hard to learn very difficult pieces. It's not every day the choir sings Baroque music and they rose to the occasion with great dedication.
- Members of the orchestra deserve tremendous kudos for their beautiful playing; they all volunteered their valuable time to share their talents with us.
- Evann Aronoff did marvelous work designing and producing the program.
- Dawn Chaffin coordinated materials for the choir and willingly lent an ear while I was stressing out.
- Jane Jacobson and Deborah Zimmer for assisting with...well, everything, as usual, and Jeremy Zimmer for recording the performance.
- Lastly, and most importantly, I want to thank Rabbi Magat and the Board of Trustees for believing in the value of music.

Rachel Michelberg
Cantorial Intern

Dawn Chaffin:

Temple Emanu-El's Women's Philanthropy Division Dinner Honoree

Thank you, Dawn, for all you do for Temple Emanu-El. We recognize your many contributions.

Dawn has been a Temple Emanu-El member for more than twenty-five years. She sang with the choir when it first began. She served on and now chairs the Ritual Committee. Dawn began the tradition of a Women's Seder in her own home – it continues at the synagogue. She helped create Shabbat services and the Healing Service for Yom Kippur. She helped get our Torah scrolls repaired, driving to and from Los Angeles with them. One of her most significant experiences was traveling to Odessa, Ukraine, with Rabbi Magat and Jonathan Hirshon, to deliver one of our Torahs to the progressive congregation there. "To see how little they have and yet how joyous their embracing of Judaism is ... it was truly inspiring."

Come celebrate with Dawn as she is honored along with seventeen other active women in the Jewish community. To attend the dinner on Thursday, March 10, contact the Temple office. The cost of the dinner is \$65, plus a donation to the Women's Division.

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Women of Temple Emanu-El

For the New Year, WOTE-Sisterhood is kicking into high gear as we evaluate last year's activities and look to the future. Our future will include new and exciting programs and fund-raisers, as well as a new program we are developing called *The Echad Initiative*.

The Echad Initiative is based on the belief that one (*echad*) person can make a difference. We don't expect you to attend every event and meeting, but ask each of you to think about what is important to you . . . what fulfills you . . . then give Sisterhood a chance to be a part of your life by participating as much as you can during the coming year.

We hope you will take the *initiative* to attend at least one (*echad*) more program, one (*echad*) more event, or volunteer one (*echad*) more time than you did last year. Help us to continue supporting the Jewish community, by being part of the Sisterhood community.

A WRJ Prayer for the Victims of the Asian Tsunami

On Shabbat Sh'mot we begin telling of our people's Exodus from Egypt, our journey from slavery to freedom, from servitude to covenant. We recall that moment of deliverance at the Sea of Reeds when we miraculously passed through the waters, yet witnessed the watery death of others. Rather than rejoice at our own survival, we are taught to hear the cries of the victims; God silenced the angels who would celebrate the survival of the Israelites, proclaiming "The work of My hands is drowning in the sea."

We remember the loss of tens of thousands of God's

children just recently killed in the Asian Tsunami. We pray that the survivors find strength and comfort. We pray that those who search for missing loved ones be sustained with courage and hope. We pray that those who have lost so much have the fortitude to rebuild their lives. Loving and gracious God, who created the earth in all its fullness, grant them comfort, healing and peace. Be their help, in this, their time of need.

Wote 2004 Donations To The Temple

- ✧ A "stair" in response to the Education Building Renovation Campaign - \$5,000
- ✧ Kitchen dishwasher upgrade (no more water spots!) - \$541
- ✧ Vacuum cleaner for the Religious School - \$516
- ✧ Donation to Religious School teachers for their classroom supplies - \$800
- ✧ High Holy Days honey cake & challah - \$152
- ✧ Handmade baby items to send to Reform Jewish congregations in Argentina

Community Support

To Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) - WOTE donated to the WRJ Tsunami Relief Fund

For Temple: Camperships, Bar/Bat Mitzvah gifts/Confirmation gifts, Judaica Shop, Sisterhood Bake Shop and Catering Services.

For Families: Religious School holidays, e.g., challah, apples and honey for Rosh Hashanah, Family Lunch Bunches, entree for each Family Shabbat Dinner.

Programs For Fun: Flower Arranging, Identity Theft Program, WOTE/Brotherhood Game Night.

Programs For Your Spiritual Side: Rosh Chodesh group, Women's Shabbatot, and Women's Seder.

Spring Calendar

February 16, WOTE meeting at Temple, 6p.m.

March 5, WOTE meeting 10 a.m. Identity Theft program 1:30 p.m. after Lunch Bunch

March 6, WOTE meeting and Identity Theft Program, 10:00a.m.-1:30p.m. - lunch

March 16, Hamantaschen Baking, 6-8:00p.m.

April 28, Women's Passover Seder, 6:00p.m.

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May 19th Women of Temple Emanu-el Donor Event!

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this special occasion. Make your
commitment now - no matter how
large or small!

For more information, contact the Temple office.



Membership News

Jewish Geography

Last November, my whole family, including grandsons, went to a cousin's Bar Mitzvah in Newton, Massachusetts, held at a Conservative Congregation, also called Emanu-El. It was a special time for us since all of Dan's cousins on his dad's side were there—a real family reunion. As a special treat, it snowed the first two days of our trip—soft, gentle snow, and my 2 grandsons, who had never seen snow, were enthralled.

The service was mainly in Hebrew, which I don't read, but I still felt a warm connection to this congregation as they chanted the familiar words of our ancient prayers. Also, as part of our trip, we went to Newport, Rhode Island and saw the Touro Synagogue, the oldest in the United States.

As you can surmise from this and from my last article about Australia, Dan and I always seek out the Jewish connection when we travel. We enjoy finding out the different ways our fellow Jews observe their faith around the world. It is comforting, too, to find the similarities in the ancient words, music, and symbols that unite us.

On our Boston trip, we had a bonus. Across the continent we found connections to our own Temple Emanu-El in San Jose. When he was a child, Dan's cousin, who grew up in St. Paul, Minnesota, had as a babysitter Margie Blickman, who is a member of our congregation. At a family brunch, we discovered relatives by marriage who were good friends with the daughter of one of the couples in our Havurah. At the same brunch, we met a man who works in the Reform movement (URJ) with one of our "oldest" and dearest friends.

Small world? No, just Jewish geography. Although we are a scattered people, we find connections with other Jews wherever we go.

If you are currently part of our temple family, become more involved – even in a small way – to strengthen your Jewish ties. If you are a prospective member, please consider joining with us, to make new connections. It will enrich your life! Please contact me for more information.

Shirley Lee, Membership Chairman
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Our sympathies to:

Janet Berg, on the loss of her aunt, Tillie Handlin

Vicki Nosanov Goldman, on the loss of her great-aunt, Millie Goldstein

Judith Stein, on the loss of her mother, Bessie Hurwitz

Carolyn Fabisch, on the loss of her son, Sidney Fabisch

Irving and Jewel Altman, on the loss of Irving's sister-in-law, Rose Altman

Bobbi Levine on the loss of her uncle, Judge Martin Rothenberg

Burt Epstein on the loss of his cousin, Marcela Erinberg

New Members Shabbat Dinner

Last December we honored our newest members at a dinner followed by a Shabbat service. While many individuals were involved in this very successful event, special thanks go to co-chairs **Annette Ladowitz** and **Philip Schwarz** and to **Kim Jackman** for all her added support.

MOMMY & ME Playgroup Thrives at Temple!

We had a great turnout in January and will continue meeting in at the Temple House from 10 - 12:00 on Thursday, Feb. 10 and Thursday March 10. Further dates will be announced. Perfect for younger siblings of preschool students and anyone else with an infant or toddler. To RSVP or for more information, contact Kim Jackman via email kbjsanjose@yahoo.com or by phone (408)448-4376. We look forward to making new friends!



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URJ 24th Biennial Convention

Elsewhere in this edition of **Connections** you will see an ad for the Union for Reform Judaism's 24th Biennial convention.

The event will be held February 25, 2005 at the Santa Clara Marriott. There are tons of workshops, worship services, lectures and meals planned. Registration fees depend on the number and types of events one wishes to attend, as well as whether one wishes to eat at the Marriott. All worship services (i.e. Erev Shabbat and Shabbat are free and open to the community). No worship services will be held at Temple Emanu-El the weekend of the Biennial, so you are totally free to go to the Marriott to welcome and celebrate Shabbat with "extended family."

In conjunction with the Biennial, Temple Emanu-El will proudly host the URJ's Pacific Central West Education Day on February 25 from 9:30-1:30. Education Day is designed specifically for Directors of Education and principals to meet, network and learn. Registration for the Biennial is not necessary in order to participate in the Education Day program.

The URJ is "calling all knitters." They are collecting knitted or crocheted items for donation to Reform Jewish Congregations in Argentina. Items are needed by February 5 and will be presented to Rabbi Sergio Bergman during the Biennial. Contact Sharon Silverman at mmacdonald@urg.org for details.

The URJ and the Pacific Central West Council websites (www.urj.org and www.urj.org/pcw have loads more information, plus registration packets to download. Or contact Nora Rousso (370-3772) for more information.

Drivers wanted

Think of someone older who doesn't live so close to the synagogue. Even if they are still driving, they may not venture out at night in the car, but may love to attend Shabbat services or other events here at Temple Emanu-El.

May we add your name to our list of drivers?

We need transportation from all locations in the San Jose area. People contact the office to find out if a ride could be arranged. What an easy mitzvah. If you are able to help, please contact Deborah in the Temple office, 292-0939, so she can put your name on the list - the right list to be on.

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Lorie Kaplan
eScrip coordinator
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MAZEL TOV TO

Theresa and Larry Schlocker on the birth of their daughter, Sarah, born August 2, 2004. Sarah joins big sister Alison who attends the Temple Emanu-El Pre-School.

Michelle and James Goldman on the birth of their second son, Wyatt Heath, on August 10. His older brother, Jebidiah, is almost 5.

Risa and Mike Jacobson, on the birth of their daughter, Maya Brooke, born November 24, 2004. Maya joins big brother Aidan, who turned 3 in December

Stacey Miller and Andrew Nussbaum on the birth of their son, Jared, born November 25, 2004 - Thanksgiving Day. The proud grandparents are **Joanna and Dave Snyder**.

Kelly and Bob Kaufman, on the birth of their second daughter, Georgia Grace, on December 9. Georgia's arrival makes Sophia, age 2-1/2, a big sister.

Michael and Annie Rubenstein, who were married on December 26, 2004.

Craig and Eryn Neidle, on the birth of their first child, Sarah Lynn, on December 29, 2004.

Shirat Negev-Berg and Joe Berg (a fifth grade religious school teacher and Temple Emanu-El Religious School alum) on the birth of their son, Ori Negev Berg, on January 9, 2005, and to grandparents, **Janet and David Berg**.

Michael Black and Monica Vital, who were married on January 16, 2005.

Preschool Notes

We are back and we love our new school!!

When the children and staff returned from winter break they found that spring came just a little bit early. As the kids walked out to recess on that first January morning, we heard happy screams as the kids ran up to touch the beautiful flowers painted on the Youth Lounge. A huge 'thank you' to Molly Guadamos for her efforts in repainting the outside of the Youth Lounge in preparation for painting a beautiful mural of blue sky, clouds, and a white picket fence covered with glorious flowers. She added a permanent piece of sunshine for us all to enjoy.

It is hard to believe that December was so long ago. Though we were only open for three weeks, we managed to enjoy our first KNOPP of the year, unpack the preschool and enjoy our 2nd Annual Preschool Chanukah Potluck Dinner and Silent Auction. Huge thanks to the entire Preschool Board for their work in making the night such a huge success. Mimi Weinberg and Wendy Kennedy spearheaded the event and with fabulous support from the rest of the board (Kim Jackman, Sharon Turetzky, Denise Gordon and Molly Guadamos), we were able to have many fantastic silent auction and raffle prizes. Local merchants donated gift certificates and merchandise. Closer to home, I would like to thank the following for their donations: JoAnn Shank of Almaden Valley Athletic Club, Greg and Sharon Turetzky, Jeff and Mimi Weinberg, Steve and Kim Jackman, Yvonne Kroiss, and the Temple Emanu-El Judaica Shop. Thanks to the efforts of our preschool board and preschool families, we raised enough funds to purchase two picnic tables and umbrellas and one long bench for the playground area. I am sure that children from both the Religious School and the Preschool will enjoy them.

Happy almost spring.
Barb Smead

Temple Emanu-El Preschool Open House

Tuesday, February 8, 5 - 7 p.m. in the Preschool

- Registrations now being accepted for Fall 2005.
- Tour the facility
- See the new building
- Meet the Director and Teachers
- Find out about the program
- Just come visit!
- Invite your friends who also may be interested.

RSVP to Barbara at 293-8660.

Thanks for your Patience

We have installed a new phone system. While our phones are answered during office hours (or longer if someone is in), you will soon be able you yo leave a personal voice message for any staff member.

Thank you for your patience and understanding while we get the bugs out of the new system.

Education News

The Religious School celebrated Tu B'Shevat on January 23. Against the backdrop of our beautified playground, students planted individual cups of parsley. With proper care and watering, these plants should be ready to harvest just in time for the traditional Pesach salt bath!

I invite each of you to visit us on a Sunday of your choice (just give a call during the preceding week). On Sundays, our building is buzzing with activity!

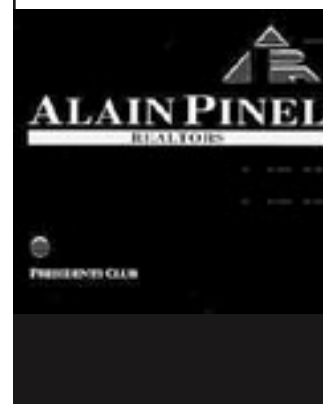
Mark your calendars:

- Barnes & Noble Fundraiser March 5-6 (pick up coupons in the office or on the Shalom Table)
- Mitzvah Day, Sunday March 13: This is a special day for the entire congregation.
- Purim Carnival and Silent Auction, Sunday March 20

Paula Marsh, Principal

BIG Thank-yous to:

- ◆ WOTE for the upgrade to the dishwasher - no more water spots!
- ◆ Mark Tannen for three brand new computer systems.
- ◆ Mimi Bloom for tables and chairs for the Education Building
- ◆ The Saviages for their contribution of a table to the Education Building
- ◆ Bernie Levine for contributions to the temple from his store, Details, on Lincoln Avenue
- ◆ Arlene Greenberg, Henrietta Mintzer, and Gail Jacobs for the beautiful knitted items that will be on their way to Argentina shortly
- ◆ Sherman Zell for underwriting TJS's latkefest.



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 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 - 7:30 PM
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Interim Youth Lounge Now Open!

Room 20 Wednesdays 4 - 8 PM (before TJS and after Hebrew School)
 Sundays after Religious School (grades 4 and up)
 Come and relax, study or shmooze.
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 More info: in the Religious School office, on the Shalom Table or email jzimmer@templesanjose.org.

L'Shalom,
 Jake and Jeremy

In The Community

Stay in touch with what's happening in the South Bay Jewish community

To get on The Jewish Federation of Greater San Jose the list, send an email to danelle@jvalley.org with your name and email address. Tell them know you are a Temple Emanu-El member.

The next Jewish Community Business Referral

Network is on Friday, February 4, at Marie Callender's on Foxworthy. Contact Harvey Checkman for more information, hcheckman@ieec.org.

Save the Date: Sunday, April 3, 2005

Jewish Family Service of Silicon Valley is celebrating its 25th year of helping those in need within the community, with a fundraising gala event at the Dolce Hayes Mansion in San Jose. The dinner and show event will feature musical selections from George Gershwin, Irving Berlin, Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart sung by professional entertainers Kari Howard and Bob Moreen. Also featured will be a live and silent auction. For information, please call (408) 551-0091 or visit www.jfssv.org.



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6 8:45 AM Hebrew 10:00 AM Judaic Studies 10:00 AM Adult Ed: Hebrew 10:00 AM Rel School Board 11:00 AM Judaism 102 11:00 AM Adult Ed: Kabbalah	7	8 5:00 - 7:00 PM Preschool Open House 7:00 PM Social Action Cmte 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (BFR)	9 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn 4:00 PM Hebrew 6:00 PM TJS	10 10:00 AM Mommy & Me Playgroup	11 8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service with choir	12 9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan
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20 NO SCHOOL	21 Presidents Day Temple offices and Preschool Closed	22	23 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn Torah Study	24	25 URJ Regional Biennial Convention NO Erev Shabbat Service at Temple	26 URJ Regional Biennial Convention No Minyan at Temple Emanu-El
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100 folding chairs

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