



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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Schedule of Services

Friday, February 2

6:30 PM Zamru Shir (Sing a Song)
Kabbalat Shabbat Service for Shabbat Shira
7:30 PM Tu B'Shevat Seder (RSVP required)

Saturday, February 3

10:00 AM Shabbat in Nature
Ramada Group Area, Alum Rock Park
RSVP requested
(No minyan at Temple this week)

Friday, February 9

No services at Temple
6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service
URJ Biennial/Santa Clara Marriott

Saturday, February 10

No minyan at Temple this week
9:30 AM Shabbat Morning
Service
URJ Biennial/Santa Clara Marriott

Friday, February 16

6:00 PM Tot Shabbat
7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service
Guest Speaker: Vicki Harrison,
Director of Jewish Studies, San Jose State

Saturday, February 17

9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan

Friday, February 23

6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 24

9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan
10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Levy
coming in March .

Friday, March 2

7:15 PM Erev Shabbat Family Service

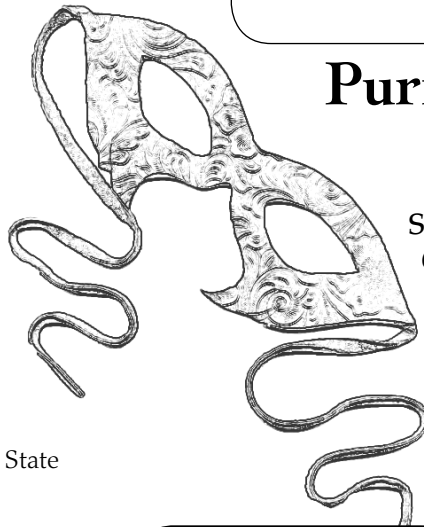
Saturday, March 3

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

Town Hall Meetings

Sunday February 4, 10:30 AM
Wednesday, February 7, 6:00 PM

Where we are and where we're going ...
Discussions based on feedback from the
membership surveys and more ...



Purim is coming! Purim is coming!

Saturday, March 3

6:00 PM Open for dinner
6:45 PM Havdallah
7:00 PM The Whole Megillah and
Musical Extravaganza
(an event for post-bar/bat mitzvah and
older)

Sunday, March 4

Purim Shpiel and Carnival

Starting at 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary
Come in costume!

Games! Bake Sale! Prizes!

See inside for more information on
advance ticket and food sales!

Candle
Lighting
Times:

February 2 - 5:16 p.m.
February 9 - 5:24 p.m.
February 16 - 5:31 p.m.
February 23 - 5:39 p.m.



**THIS JUST IN: Art for Darfur
Auction raised more than
\$8,000! Thank you to do-
nors and bidders! Mazel Tov to
Jordana Lilly on this project.**

From Rabbi Dana L. Magat and Cantor Intern Meeka Simerly

It is so hard to believe that Chanukah, the holiday of the Great Miracle and the year 2006 are already behind us. As Chanukah gives us an opportunity to pause and appreciate everyday miracles we might have experienced, so too does a New Year give us the chance to embrace those miracles which we want to encourage in the coming months.

Even though the Festival of Lights itself is behind us, the warmth of the holiday and the celebrations are still with us. As clergy, we were very fortunate to experience wonderful miracles this past Chanukah season, and the miracle of Tzedakah lighted much of what we did as a congregation during the week of Chanukah.

We began our week with a wonderful Erev Shabbat Service and the evening of family fun and music which followed during the Oneg. Then we visited the San Jose Family Shelter, where we sang, ate, lit candles and played dreidle with the shelter's children and their parents. It was truly glorious to see our children engaged with the children at the Shelter. Thanks to the families who came to sing and share the experience and to those



who provided cookies. It was not easy to differentiate between the Temple's children and the Shelter's children as they were all sitting and playing together, singing and stuffing their faces. We learned a critical lesson: when it comes right down to it, we are one family. The smiles and happiness were abundant, as we shared the joy of our holiday, together.

This year for the first time, we teamed up with the entire Jewish community and set up a booth at Valley Fair mall. Even though it may be the last place one wants to be during the week prior to Christmas, it was a terrific way to reach out to the non-Jewish community. Thanks again to those congregants who ventured forth to be there with us.

Then we were blessed to wind up our week at Chai House (which has become an annual visit). The veterans of life who live at Chai House celebrated with us, and to feel the joy and gladness that permeated the room was truly wonderful. Thank you again to the members of our congregation who shared in this miracle.

What a terrific way to say goodbye to 2006 with an entire week of Chanukah light.

But one week is not the only time to experience the warmth of Tzedakah. Please join our Tikkun Olam/Social Action Committee as we make Tzedakah an every day experience. May 2007 be a good year for all of us as we continue to kindle the light of Tzedakah throughout the year!

L'Shalom,

Rabbi Dana L. Magat & Cantor Intern Meeka Simerly



THIS SPRING IS THE TIME TO VISIT ISRAEL!

And in what better company than your Temple friends?

Have you been to Israel before? Have you never been? What about May 24 - June 5, 2007? The itinerary includes 2 nights in Tel Aviv, 2 nights in Haifa, 2 nights in the Galilee and 6 nights in Jerusalem. Hotel accommodations in the 4 star Dan Hotels. You don't want to miss the visit to the Hadassah Hospital and the Chagall stained glass windows. Come share the experience with Rabbi Magat as he takes you to some of his favorite places he visited during his year in rabbinic school in Jerusalem. The trip is coordinated by ARZA World Tours, who created the program in consultation with Rabbi Magat and Fagie Rosen. There are still some spaces left, so get in touch with Fagie soon (408)988-3270 or bubbie_rosen@pacbell.net. It's going to be a great experience!

Mazel Tov

To **Marian Bergoffen** on the birth of her third grandchild, Maya Rae, daughter of Evan and Chris Bergoffen of Long Island, New York.

To **Ginny Hoffman and Brad Wall** on the renewal of the wedding vows in December, celebrating their 25th anniversary.

To our accompanist and member **Veronika Agranov-Dafoe** who was the Opera San Jose featured artist of the month in December. Veronika is a voice coach and accompanist for OSJ. This means she coaches singers on phrasing, diction, and all other musical aspects necessary for the opera performance. She has also worked with singers at the West Bay Opera and has been the choir accompanist and soloist for Palo Alto Unitarian Church. Born and Raised in Leningrad, Russia, Veronika studied piano at the Leningrad Conservatory of Music. She earned a Masters of Music from the San Francisco Conservatory. We are very fortunate to count such a talent among our membership.

To **Stacey and Andrew Nussbaum** on the birth of their daughter, Mira. Grandparents are Joanna and Dave Snyder.

The President's Column:

Potpourri (a little bit of this; a little bit of that)

High Holy Days 2007/5768: At its January 2, 2007, meeting our Board of Trustees approved conducting 2007 High Holy Day services at the Heritage Theatre in Campbell. This decision was the culmination of an extensive search of various venues throughout the area convenient to most of our members. We owe a debt of gratitude to Dan Lee and his committee, which consisted of members of the Ritual Committee, WOTE, Brotherhood, the Board of Trustees, and professional staff. Many locations were not available or cost prohibitive. If you would like a copy of the report the Board received, call me and I will mail or email you a copy.

A large plus of the Heritage Theatre is the abundance of FREE onsite parking with over 700 parking slots and another 300 free spaces in a municipal garage two blocks away. Among other positive features are: tiered seating, ample seating for the disabled, elevators, clean modern rest rooms, freshly painted rooms and hallways, adequate indoor and outdoor space to congregate and schmooze before or after services.

Temple Survey and Questionnaire: As I write this, we have received approximately 135 responses to the survey questionnaire. Thank you! Thank you to all who responded online or in written form. To those of you who have not responded, please do so. Your input is essential in providing critical information regarding activities you would be interested in, enabling your Board of Trustees, working in partnership with our Rabbi and staff, to make your temple life more meaningful and enjoyable.

School Building Remodel Capital Campaign: Many members responded to Rabbi Magat's plea for advance payments on outstanding pledges. The accelerated payment on these pledges have permitted us to reduce our outstanding loan \$700,000 in August 2006 to our current balance of \$400,000. These prepayments are instrumental in reducing our monthly interest obligations to less than \$3,500 per month. However, it is essential for the financial health of this congregation that the bank debt be eliminated. For that reason, our Capital Campaign is being reactivated. Our goal is to have every member participate in this campaign. It is our obligation as Jews to make sure that a safe and positive learning environment be created for future generations. Likewise, it is essential that we maintain a financially viable Temple Emanu-El to house and support the operations of the educational activities conducted in the Levin Family Learning Center. One cannot exist without the support of the other.

Union for Reform Judaism membership: As I outlined in my High Holy Days address, Temple Emanu-El was placed on suspension for being delinquent in our URJ dues. At its January meeting, our Board of Trustees approved a payment schedule that allows us all privileges of URJ membership, including URJ camps for our children, member participation in Biennials, NFTY events for our teens and placement services for Jewish professionals should they arise. As we move forward, we must adhere to the payment plan approved by your Board of Trustees.

Save a Date: Town Hall meetings will be held in our temple

Sanctuary Sunday, February 4 (10:30 a.m.) and Wednesday February 7 (6:00 p.m.). Please plan to attend at least one of these meetings. Among the topics to be discussed are the continued success of the temple and details of the URJ payment plan. Your participation is essential.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 408-266-3775 or at Bark36@pacbell.net. This is the last Connections before Purim. Ruth and I hope to see you at the Megillah Reading on Saturday, March 3 for all the fun and festivities that holiday offers. Please join us at the Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 4. It will be a fabulous event.

Bob Krandel
President

MEMBER SURVEY

Many thanks to those of you who have taken the time to fill out the Temple survey, either on line or on paper. The number of responses was very gratifying and the information provided will be very helpful. If you have not yet given us your input, please click on the Member Survey button on the Temple website, www.templeanajose.org (the preferred method), or request a paper copy from the office.

We hope to see you either Sunday, February 4 at 10:30 AM or Wednesday, February 7 at 6:00 PM for one of the Town Hall Meetings.

Thank yous:

- **Diane and Arnold Simon** - for donating a camera for a new religious school project.
- **Alan Weissberger** - for his contribution for the purchase and repair of Sanctuary ritual items.
- **Everyone who has stepped forward and submitted their Learning Center renovation pledge on time and ahead of schedule.** Every penny we can pay to lower the mortgage saves us in our monthly interest payments. (see a list of all contributors in the bulletin)

In Memory of Herbert and Rena Preis

Bimah Menorahs will be dedicated at Peninsula Sinai Congregation,
499 Boothbay Ave., Foster City, CA 94404
Saturday, March 24, 2007 at 9:30 AM

Mark, Gayle, Jeff and Eric Lutvak, former members of Temple Emanu-El, now living in Foster City, invite all Temple current and former members to attend.

RSVP to Mark Lutvak at (650) 678-8454.

Ritual Committee

Tu B'shevat - A Celebration Of And In Nature

The holidays are behind us, most of us are remembering to date our checks with a year ending in "7" rather than "6," and from the cold and crisp winter we begin to look forward to the first tentative signs of spring - a time of renewal in nature celebrated by Tu B'Shevat.

The meaning of Tu B'Shevat (literally, the 15th - tu - of the month of Shevat) has evolved over the centuries. 2000 years ago Tu B'Shevat was designated the end of the year for various agricultural laws, such as the yearly period during which a farmer must give away one-tenth of his crops. Tu B'Shevat became a way to celebrate our connection to Israel (marked in the 16th century by the Kabbalistic creation of a Tu B'Shevat Seder, in which fruits of Israel were eaten); in the last few decades, Tu B'Shevat has emphasized ecology and the planting of trees, bringing it full circle back to its agricultural roots. Today, Tu B'Shevat is a day for us to reawaken to the beauty and wonder of God's creation -- our natural world.

How better to rekindle your appreciation of nature than to surround yourself with it? On February 3rd, the Ritual Committee will host the next Shabbat in Nature - a celebration of Tu B'Shevat at Alum Rock Park, in the foothills of the Diablo mountain range on the east side of San Jose. This program, as developed and implemented by Ginny Hoffman and Nancy Weintraub, is an opportunity for each of us to experience a reconnection to the wonders of nature and the spirituality that connection engenders. As Rabbi David Wolpe of Sinai Temple in Los Angeles said, "Our spiritual life unfolds not only in books, learning and the products of mind, but also powerfully in the majesty of nature." Shabbat in Nature truly allows us to experience another dimension of the spirituality in each of us.

The February 3rd Shabbat in Nature will include a 10:30 a.m. minyan service led by Rabbi Magat and a potluck lunch, with ample time for hiking and discussion. We have reserved the Ramada Group picnic area until the park closes at sunset. You are welcome to come when you would like and stay as long as you want.

The Midrash calls God an artist, a *tsayar*. The natural world is, therefore, God's divine artistry, and we are its caretakers. The Torah teaches us that even when besieging a city in time of war, an army may not destroy its trees. "The rabbis took this idea and expanded it, formulating a concept called 'Baal Tashcheet.' Protecting the natural world becomes both a legal and ethical imperative." (Rabbi Jonathan Schnitzer, Tu B'Shevat)

In keeping with our roles as caretakers, please consider bringing gloves and plastic bags with you to Alum Rock Park on February 3rd to help clean up the trails in the park.

Please plan to join us for this wonderful Shabbat and Tu B'Shevat experience.

*If what a tree or a bush does is lost on you,
You are surely lost. Stand still. The forest knows
Where you are. You must let it find you.*

– David Wagoner

For the Ritual Committee
Evann Aronoff

Brotherhood

Brotherhood has been busy indeed over the last two months, supporting our members and Temple in a variety of ways:

We inaugurated our first monthly Poker game, held at Paul Gendler's house. A number of Brotherhood members threw cards, showing a highly subversive lack of respect for their President by cleaning him out during the first game. I am anticipating sweet revenge during our next gathering. If you wish to participate in the festivities, email brotherhood@templesanjose.org and let us know you are coming.

As this is being written, sign-ups for the January 28 blood drive are well underway. Look for a report next month on how successful we were in helping serve the needs of the community. Thanks to Bob Levy for chairing this (and we missed the presence of Herb and Rena Preis, who were always here, preparing the lox and bagel plates for our blood donors).

We are looking at new ways to provide service to Temple members as well. Watch for our upcoming Brotherhood speaker series concerning Holocaust Remembrance Day, among others!

Brotherhood has also been there for Temple, helping to pay for repairs to the kitchen dishwasher. We also raised nearly \$300 for the Senior Youth Group, during our dinner and a movie night during Chanukah. More than 20 people enjoyed the food, camaraderie and special entertainment, and donated for the dinner - thank you all for this! We plan to expand the general theme for this with new offerings next month and through the remainder of the year. Watch for details!

Lastly, we are looking forward to a friendly sports challenge against our counterparts at Shir Hadash Brotherhood. Not content with losing to us last year, they have requested a rematch to avenge their shame. Being the mensches we are, we have accepted their challenge and will meet them on the lanes of honour (bowling that is) shortly. Seriously, we are looking forward to this.

That's all for now. Best wishes and talk to you next month
J (co-prez) H
(Jonathan Hirshon)



Temple Emanu-El is proud to present our *Women of Distinction:*

Judith Stubbs, representing Women of Temple Emanu-El, who has served as Vice President of Ritual and organized the Women's Seders and Spirituality Days

Jordana Lilly, our Young Woman of Distinction, who was called to Torah as a Bat Mitzvah in January and created "Picture Peace: Art for Darfur" as her Mitzvah Project.

Judith and Jordana will be honored by Women's Division of Federation, along with women representing synagogues, schools and organizations throughout the South Bay. Invitations will soon be in the mail for the tea on Sunday, March 11 at 3:00 PM. The cost of the event is \$65 per person.

Sisterhood

Reflections - Looking Back...and Forward

As I look back on 2006, I am amazed to find what we, the Women of Temple Emanu-El, have accomplished. As I look forward to 2007, I am excited about what we have planned for the coming year.

Last year saw the following activities, thanks to the planning skills of Janis Decker, Marcy Weiss, Harriet Reisner, Peggy Frederick, Candy Halbig and Bernice Gaon.

- * BBQ and pool party at the JCC
- * Road trip to Larkspur to see "Jewish Girls Gone Bad"
- * Jewish Heritage Night at the SF Giants
- * Healthy snacks on the first day of Religious School
- * Viewing and discussion of "The Tribe" with Teen Jewish Studies
- * WRJ Pacific Regional Convention in Los Angeles in November
- * Successful and fun Holiday Boutique
- * Auxiliary Member Appreciation Dinner and Service
- * Craft and cookie decorating at the Chanukah party (thanks our helpers, Estelle Kadis, Josh Applebaum, three young ladies and the Aronson clan)
- * Fundraising with gift check books made \$350 (thanks to your support and to Lorie Kaplan, who sold over 30 books)

Our January meeting was combined with a discussion led by Rebecca Schwartz, MSW, Regional Program Coordinator, URJ Department of Jewish Family Concerns. Eva Stanley learned about Rebecca's work at the Regional Convention and arranged for Rebecca's visit. Rebecca spoke to us about how to create a "Caring Community" at Temple Emanu-El. Sisterhood will be actively beginning work on this project. Look for more information soon. At the same meeting, we were also treated to an exchange with the President of Temple Emanu-El's Board of Trustees, Bob Krandel. As always, Bob was full of informa-

tion. Our Spirituality Day at the end of January proved to be a delightful experience. The event was planned by our Religious and Education V.P., Judith Stubbs, who is also Temple Emanu-El's Woman of Distinction. Meeka Simerly, our Cantor Intern, provided the spirituality, leading us in the morning Shabbat service and song. We enjoyed a wonderful lunch, after which there were workshops full of sharing, reflection and creativity. Check out our pictures at <http://geocities.com/wote2001/>

Judaica Shop

Our Judaica Shop continued to thrive in 2006. Thanks to Peggy Frederick and her wonderful staff of volunteers, new items arrive regularly and are arranged in beautiful displays. Come by and check out what we have for Passover: Seder plates, matzo holders, haggadot, books for children and more. We look forward to even more sales in 2007, as we have decided to accept credit cards. Remember, because we do not pay rent (thank you, Temple Emanu-El) and are staffed by volunteers, our prices are low AND all profits go right back into our Temple community.

WOTE Catering

Our Catering Committee had the honor of preparing three Kiddush luncheons and one full luncheon for b'nai mitzvahs, two special Oneg Shabbats, and a "buncheon" to honor the High Holy Day volunteers. In April, Catering is looking forward to preparing an upcoming wedding kiddush lunch and a brunch for a joint WOTE/Brandeis program. Catering is available for all your simchas, from Onegs to full dinners. Please call Rita Loren to schedule your next event at (408) 379-8681 or RitaLoren@sbcglobal.net.

Coming up

February 28: WOTE Dinner Meeting and Hamentaschen Baking

March 9: Open House Shabbat (formally know as Interfaith Shabbat)

March 11: Federation Women of Distinction Tea honoring Judith Stubbs and Jordana Lilly

March 14: WOTE Dinner Meeting and Fused Glass Class

For more calendar information, check out our calendar at <http://calendar.yahoo.com/wote2001>

Looking forward to your joining us,
Anita Medeiros, WOTE President

GREAT FOOD AT REASONABLE PRICES

Sisterhood Catering

- ONEG SHABBAT
- KIDDUSH LUNCHEON
- HOT BUFFET

profits help fund the many projects of the
Women of Temple Emanu-El
that support our Temple Community

Menu available at
www.geocities.com/wote2001/catering.html
Contact Rita Loren (408) 379-8681



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Come to the URJ Regional Biennial!

February 9-11, 2007
at the Santa Clara Marriott Hotel.

There are workshops and presentations on many aspects of synagogue life.

Worship services are free and open to the community:
6:30 - 7:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service on Friday night with D'var Torah by Rabbi Michael Berk, Regional Director, Pacific Central West Region, URJ
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Shabbat Morning Service with sermon by Rabbi David Saperstein of the Religious Action Center (an amazing experience by itself).
Contact the temple office for more information.

Membership Committee

25 to go....

It's hard to believe that seven months (by the time you read this anyway) have gone by since I took over as Membership Chair. I must say that the time has flown by and has proven to be fun, exciting and challenging. The committee has accomplished several things, which ultimately resulted in new members - 15 of them since July 1! We began with an ice cream social, which we will hold again this year, and then hosted a welcome back coffee/nosh for all preschool families. Next, we sponsored the oneg for the Simchat Torah service and what an exciting event that proved to be. A very important project we continue to work on is our Membership Integration Campaign. We contact existing temple members and try to engage them in some aspect of temple life, along with soliciting feedback and ideas about how to improve the temple. This is not a one-time effort either; our goal is to maintain contact with these individuals periodically. Our committee helped formulate the volunteer survey, which I hope all of you completed. Our biggest event of the year was our new member dinner which coincided with the first night of Hanukkah. I have to say it was an enormous success. Thanks to all of the new members who attended, as well as the Board of Trustees and Membership Committee for all of your wonderful cooking and baking!

Although we successfully added new members to our congregation, we have a huge task ahead of us - to reach our goal of 40 this fiscal year. Although I am terrible with math, that means we need 25 more by June 30! What this means is: we need your help. Please email or call me with ideas and suggestions for attracting new members. What events would you like to see us hold, not only for new and prospective members, but for our current congregation as well? Have you signed up to volunteer on a committee yet? I encourage you to join our group of highly motivated and energetic individuals who are willing to take all new ideas into consideration. We have some exciting things planned for this year, but are ALWAYS looking for other ideas and events, so, don't be shy, give me a call. With your help, we CAN reach our goal of 40 new members this year.

Kim Jackman, Membership Chair
kbjsanjose@yahoo.com/408-448-4376
ample room for childcare too

Time of Weds 2/7 meeting: he says 6:30 PM....

Preschool

Preschool Open House

Tuesday, February 6, 2007
5:00 - 7:00 PM

Come see classrooms and meet the staff!
Children welcome (activities will be available)!

Do you have a child who will be 2, 3 or 4 years old in September? Are you considering Temple Emanu-El Preschool? Now is the time to apply! Registrations are being accepted for Fall 2007 and classes fill up quickly. Full and part-time schedules can be arranged to fit your family's needs. Temple members receive priority registration, as long as space is available for your child's age, and as a temple member receive a tuition discount.

I hope to see you at the Open House on February 6th. If you have additional questions, please give me a call at 293-8660.

Barbara Smead,
Preschool Director

A Taste of Judaism

A very basic introduction taught by Rabbi Magat
March 15, 22, 29 - 7:00-8:30 PM

If you have friends who might want to learn more about Judaism, if you are married to someone who is Jewish, or are considering converting ... this class is a wonderful first step. Open to the community at no charge.

RSVP (toll free) to Shira Butler, 888-756-8242 or call the Temple office.

We note with sorrow the passing of

Ben Rock, husband of Frances Powell
Cecile Aronson, mother of Ivan (Judie) Aronson,
grandmother of Ben (Kathy) Aronson
Toni Marsh, mother of Paula Marsh (Harold Welch).

May their memories be a blessing.

Religious School Corner

What's been happening in the classrooms:

First Grade

The first grade class, under the guidance of Morah Maggie Newman, wowed the congregation in November at Family Services with their insights and wisdom in the book they collectively wrote and illustrated, entitled *WHERE WE FIND GOD*. Here's what they had to say:

God is in the sky. -- Justin
God is in the sky; God is in a body. -- Henry
God celebrates with us. -- Quinn
God is everywhere in the world. -- Adam G.
God is in everyone; God is one. - Lily

God is in the universe. -- Adam K.
God is strong in the solar system. -- Hayley
God is in the jungle, God is in the world. -- Philip

God is in me. -- Nicole
I think God is under things. -- Will
God is in us.-- Brooke
God is at the forest.-- Kyle
I think God is everywhere.-- Elena

God is in the stars.-- Rebecca
God lives in us. -- Rachael
I think God is in each galaxy. -- Connor
God is in your heart; God is in the forest. -- Nathan

February Religious School Family Board Contest

This month at the Religious School, students (and siblings and parents!) are invited to think about the theme: Jews and the Environment. Take a moment to consider your relationship to nature and then write or draw something that captures some elements of this relationship. Or do a mitzvah for the natural world around you, then write about it or draw a picture of it to share on the Religious School bulletin board by the Religious School office. Drop off your entries anytime this month at the Religious School Office.

Mark Your Calendars: March 4 Purim Carnival and Silent Auction

This event is enjoyed by people of all ages. Stay tuned for more details. It's not too late to volunteer - help is needed before, during, and after the Carnival. Please send an email to emanuel.rscommittee@gmail.com or call the Religious School office at 408-292-3223 if you would like to help.

The Purim Carnival needs your help. Please volunteer your time to work craft tables, food service, setup, cleanup, prize redemption, silent auction, ticket sales, sign making, activities, and more! Please contact emanuel.rscommittee@gmail.com or call 408-292-3223. Discount food and game tickets will be available on Sundays, February 4 & 11.

What's been happening in the classrooms: Third Grade

What do third graders have to say about being Jewish? A lot! Morah Missy Marsh's class has these gems to share. What would you add?

I like being Jewish because we get to celebrate Chanukkah. - Melissa
I like being Jewish because I can get presents on Chanukkah. - Dylan
I like being Jewish because we get to eat apples and honey for Rosh HaShanah. - Davis
I like being Jewish because we have Chanukkah (Menorah, latkes and presents). - Ben
I like being Jewish because we get to eat the sweet foods on Rosh HaShanah. - Mia
I like being Jewish because not many people are. - Matt B.
I like being Jewish because we got the Torah. - Ariela
I like being Jewish because I love the morning services. - Brittany (She adds: My family is Great.)
I like being Jewish because I love my holidays, Rabbi and, of course, my Hebrew School friends. - Natasha
I like being Jewish because I can celebrate Chanukkah with my family and I get to play Hanukkah games! - Kira
I like being Jewish because of our holidays! - Katie M.
I like being Jewish because we get a lot of fun holidays! - Leigh
I like being Jewish because we get to learn Hebrew and we give blessings for people who die. - Katie S.
I like being Jewish because I can be with my family on holidays. - Lauren
I like being Jewish because we have more holidays. - Kayleigh
I like being Jewish because we get to celebrate holidays like Chanukkah, Passover, Sukkot, Rosh HaShanah, Tu B'Shevat and Purim. - Ari
I like being Jewish because I get to learn Hebrew and now I know how to write my name in Hebrew. -- Raya

Save the Date: March 30 Teacher Appreciation Shabbat

Save the date for Teacher Appreciation Shabbat, at the 6:30 p.m. service that this year will provide us the opportunity to recognize teachers from the temple's Religious School, Hebrew School, Adult Education and Pre-School programs. These dedicated individuals nurture and educate the children and adults in their classes, from the youngest toddlers, curious school age children and questioning teenagers to adults continuing their Jewish education. Plan to join us on March 30th in saying "Thank You" to these amazing teachers.

Cemetery Prices Increased

Special Consideration For Temple Members

As we approach the 153rd anniversary of the founding of Home of Peace Cemetery, owned and operated by Temple Emanu-El since 1869, we have finally come to the point where we must develop all of our remaining land. We hope this area will provide burial spaces for the next fifteen years, but since the average annual number of interments has been continually increasing, this may not be the case.

To cover the cost of development and some necessary improvements to the existing mausoleum buildings, we have had to increase the price of graves and crypts by a minimum of thirty per cent. These price changes went into effect January 1, 2007. Even at that, a recent survey showed that Home of Peace Cemetery is still one of the most reasonably priced Jewish cemeteries in the entire Bay Area.

To show our appreciation to you, the members of Temple Emanu-El, for your ongoing support and to provide additional membership benefits to you, the Cemetery Committee agreed to postpone the price increase for Temple members in good standing until April 1, 2007. In other words, if you purchase cemetery property between now and April 1 on a pre-need basis, you will save a minimum of 30%! In addition, pre-need purchases may be paid over a two-year period with no interest or finance charges.

You owe it to yourselves and your loved ones to take advantage of this unusual opportunity. Why wait for the inevitable and add to the financial and psychological burdens of those you leave behind? Call our Cemetery Administrator, Wayne Rose, Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. at 408-297-3636 to schedule a pre-need appointment. The peace of mind that comes from knowing everything is taken care of will be well worth it.

WOTE DONOR LUNCHEON

Save the Date:
Thursday, May 17, 2007



**Weddings
Bar/Bat Mitzvahs
Picnics**

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Bat Mitzvah



Rachel Lynn Levy, daughter of Bob and Judy Levy, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, February 24, 2007. Rachel is a 7th grade honor roll student at Moreland Middle School in West San Jose. She enjoys performing in the theatre arts program, singing, and talking on the phone with friends. Rachel asked her parents to join Temple Emanu-El in October 2003 after meeting Paula Marsh during the High Holy Days. Rachel expressed a genuine interest in learning about Judaism. Having

minimal exposure to Judaism before joining Temple, her passion and commitment to becoming a Bat Mitzvah have inspired all of those around her. She looks forward to spending her Bat Mitzvah day with her Camp Newman friends, school friends, and Temple friends, as well as family members and neighbors. Her parents, older brothers Eric and Aaron, Grandmother Nell Levy, aunts, uncles, and cousins will be supporting Rachel on her special day in all aspects of the service. Rachel looks forward to continuing her "spiritual journey" by learning Modern Hebrew, attending services, and going through confirmation.

"18 Weeks to the Chai Circle"

Our Children Contribute to School Building Renovation Fund

On Sunday, January 14, the Religious School kicked off an exciting campaign. Our children will be learning the joys of tzedakah and the pride of taking ownership in one's home by helping us retire the School Building Renovation loan. With 178 students enrolled in the school, and 100% participation in the program, our children can raise more than \$3,000 by the time the school year ends. "18 Weeks to the Chai Circle" invites each student in Preschool through Confirmation to contribute one dollar per week to the campaign. One less candy bar, one less order of french fries, one less iTunes download per week -- by the time the school year wraps up, each child will have painlessly reached the Chai Circle. This program is in addition to the current Tzedakah programs in each of the classrooms so students will also learn that there are multiple ways to give and sometimes choices to be made. The teachers and our Religious School Administration will incorporate lessons on Tzedakah and have fun games/decorations for the "folder/envelope savers" that students can personalize. We will keep the entire congregation posted on our efforts. "18 Weeks to the Chai Circle" will be fun, easy, satisfying and meaningful. All students who participate on the journey to Chai Circle will be recognized for their efforts and contributions. Please join us in the exciting effort by encouraging your children and your grandchildren to play. The entire congregation will benefit from the lessons our children learn.

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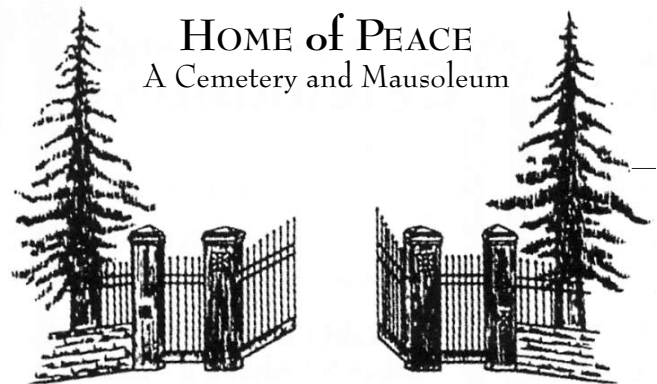
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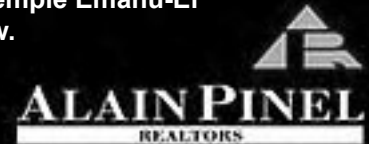
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<p>4 9:00 AM Hebrew Classes 9:00 AM Aleph Siddur Ceremony (Sanc) 10:15 AM Jewish Studies 10:30 AM Town Hall Meeting 1:00 PM 49ers present Dr. Walter Bortz "Healthy Aging"</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 5:00 - 7:00 PM Preschool Open House</p>	<p>7 4:00 PM Hebrew 6:00 PM TJS 6:00 PM Town Hall Meeting (Sanc)</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 No Shabbat Services at Temple Come worship at the URJ Biennial 6:30 PM at the Santa Clara Marriott</p>	<p>10 No Minyan at Temple Come worship at the URJ Biennial 9:30 AM at the Santa Clara Marriott</p>
<p>11 9:00 AM Brotherhood Meeting 9:00 AM Hebrew 10:15 AM Jewish Studies 10:30 AM Adult Ed: Aleph & Bet Hebrew, J. History 11:30 AM Adult Ed: How to Read Torah; Reform Jew? 11:30 AM Bnai Mitzvah Parent Orientation</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 7:30 PM Intro to Judaism</p>	<p>14 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn 4:00 PM Hebrew 6:00 PM TJS</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 6:00 PM Tot Shabbat 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service</p>	<p>17 9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan</p>
<p>18 No Hebrew or Religious School No Adult Ed classes</p>	<p>19 Presidents' Day Temple Offices/Preschool closed</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 No Hebrew or TJS</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service</p>	<p>24 9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan 10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Levy 7:00 - 10:00 PM SBI Night of Learning @ JCC</p>
<p>25 No Hebrew or Religious School No Adult Ed classes</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 7:30 PM Intro to Judaism</p>	<p>28 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn Torah Study 4:00 PM Hebrew 6:00 PM TJS 6:00 PM WOTE Hamentaschen Baking and meeting</p>	<p>March 1</p>	<p>2 6:30 PM Potluck Dinner 7:15 PM Erev Shabbat Family Service</p>	<p>3 9:00 AM Ahabbat Morning Minyan 10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Hansen</p>

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FEBRUARY 9 (7:30 PM SERVICE)

Belle Aronowitz, Israel Borts, Hyman Cohen, Sylvia E. Freed, Rena Friedland, Moses Katz, Yetta Konits, Sylvia Lane, Marsha Lax, Julia Levin, Seymour Levine, Jerrold Levitt, Jeanette Lewon, Anna Macdonald, Lillian Marchick, Hugo Matzner, Beatrice May, Lucille Medeiros, Frieda Padnick, Dr. Sanford Pelz, Cora Ravizza, Herman Rodoff, Elaine Rubenstein, David Saxon, Frank Schwartz, Belle Segal-Katz, Harold Siegel, Eva Siemon, Max Simon, Julius Stein, Beverley Strong, Sidney Tetinbaum, Stanley Turnbull, Mayer Zeidenweber

FEBRUARY 16 (7:30 PM SERVICE)

Lillian R. Ackerman, Frederick Bass, Meyer Berg, Israel Borts, Betty Burton, Daniel Cunningham, Sydney B. Davis, Alexander Faverman, Jon Gassman, Sadye Gizang, Sylvia Goldberg, Zigmunt Golon, Helene Graff, Leon Grant, Lillian Hayfer, Paul Hayfer, Flora Kass, George Koster, Violet Landers, Sadie Lavin, Theodore Lavin, Nathan Leon, Jerrold Levitt, William Micklin, Mina H. Osborn, Dr. Sanford Pelz, Pauline Senders, Lee Robert Silverman, Allan Weinstein, John Wilbur, Cameron Zwern

FEBRUARY 22 (6:30 PM SERVICE)

Kirk Ainsworth, Samuel Alkin, Florence Carol Avrech-Gambord, Harold Leroy Barnes, Irene Bernard, Mollye Blumstein, Percy Bronstein, Clara Cohen, Louis Friedman, Sarah Friedman, Steven Friedman, Joseph Garshon, Dorothy Goldfarb, George Grossman, Larry Grossman, Irma Hartfield, Morris Kaplan, Abraham Katz, Irving Kotler, Flossie Krandel, Michael David Lotman, Harry Miller, Sarah Herd Miller, Marcia Morris, Samuel Padnick, Betty Rinsler, Isadore Rosenthal, Morris Saslaw, Elsie Saul, Stanley Schneider, Marty Schwartz, Daviene Shklar, Mae Siegel, Bill Sieverling, Evelyn Singer, Ann Sogolow, Sylvia Teitelbaum Fowler, Mollie Thailer, Rose Weinberg, Rose Zacker

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Saturday- Sunday, April 28-29
Big Basin State Park
Starts 2:00 pm, ends Sunday after breakfast.

Join us for hiking, Torah study, Havdallah, singing, and an overnight campout.

Pick up a flyer with a map and complete details from the Shalom Table, the Temple office, or the Religious School Office. RSVP’s required so we can plan appropriately.

For more information and to RSVP (either for the afternoon/evening activities or the campout), please call Nancy at 650-694-4604 (nancyweintraub@sbcglobal.net) or Ginny at 408-993-1139 (gabby032849@yahoo.com). Overnight camping limited to the first 50 people.

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