



# Temple Emanu-El

# Connections

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a good year for  
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## Schedule of Services

### Saturday, September 1

9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan

### Friday, September 7

6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service

### Saturday, September 8

9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan

10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Frances

Pangilinan

9:00 PM Havdallah and Selichot Service

### Wednesday, September 12

#### Erev Rosh Hashanah

6:00 PM Family Alternative Service

8:00 PM Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

### Thursday, September 13

#### Rosh Hashanah Day

9:00 AM Children's Service

10:00 AM Rosh Hashanah Morning Service

1:00 PM Community High Holy Day

Service (open to all without charge)

5:00 PM Tashlich Service & Picnic

(Oak Meadow Park)

### Friday, September 14

Shabbat Shuvah

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

### Sunday, September 16

1:00 PM Kever Avot Service

(Oak Hill Memorial Park)

### Friday, September 21

#### Erev Yom Kippur

6:00 PM Family Alternative Service

8:00 PM Kol Nidre Service

### Saturday, September 22

9:00 AM Children's Service

10:00 AM Yom Kippur Morning Service

4:30 PM Yizkor & Neilah Service

### Wednesday, September 26

6:00 PM Bring Your Own Dinner

6:30 PM Erev Sukkot Service in the Sukkah

### Thursday, September 27

9:00 AM Sukkot Morning Service/Yizkor

### Friday, September 28

6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service

### Saturday, September 29

9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan

### Wednesday, October 3

6:30 PM Erev Simchat Torah Service

Consecration of New Students

### Friday, October 5

6:30 PM Potluck Dinner

7:15 PM Erev Shabbat Family Service

### Saturday, October 6

9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan

10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Elyssa Hurwitz

(A complete listing of High Holy Day Services may be found on page 3.)

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## From the Rabbi

Sitting on the beach in Aptos, overlooking the beautiful coastline, I could not imagine a better way to start the first part of my sabbatical. With the waves crashing against the shore, I began the process.

My goal was to clarify what sabbatical needs to be for the congregation and for me. I knew I wanted to develop my skills as Temple Emanu-El's Rabbi. Working with my rabbinic coach, I took a personality assessment test and processed the results with him. This helped me better understand the strengths and challenges of my personality. As I begin this journey, it is obvious to me that this is, and will be, an eye-opening and humbling experience. It is never easy to be completely honest with oneself; it can be very scary, yet having this opportunity is truly a blessing. I am so thankful that our Temple family believes so strongly in my ability to be your Rabbi that I am afforded the opportunity to become the best I can be. Thank you.

Being raised in a Jewish home helped instill in me a tremendous commitment to the Jewish community. As much as this process requires some self-absorption, growth does not happen in a vacuum. Therefore, this journey must involve my family, friends and our community. Having support and feedback from each of these groups is crucial to integrating what I am learning.

When we picked our theme for the High Holy Days and



for this year's school programs, Mishpacha (family), little did I know how wonderfully it would coincide with my personal process. I find it amazing how sometimes things just fit together – they make sense, it is as if they were meant to be. Yes, *bescherrt*. Sometimes things happen for a reason. And, in this case, I am so thankful to have this opportunity to embrace the *bescherrt* of this moment. I look forward to spending time with you during this holiday season as we explore what Mishpacha really means to us.

Rosh Hashanah reminds us that everything has a process, that change is an essential element in everything, for without change, how would we grow? Our tradition has blessed us with the opportunity to see the *bescherrt*, to reconnect with our tradition, family and ourselves.

I couldn't have conceived of a better way to begin my work, overlooking the Pacific Ocean, feeling that sense of *keshet* (connection) with the environment and my family. It helped me reconnect with myself and become excited about Temple Emanu-El's future.

May this New Year give each of us an opportunity to reflect on our identity; as individuals and as members of our families and the greater community, and bring us greater knowledge and understanding of all we seek.

L'Shana Tova U'metukah,  
Rabbi Dana L. Magat

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## From the President A Cheerleader at 72?

I find myself wanting to get up and lead a cheer. I am much too old for this, but please bear with me as I try to share my thoughts with you, my fellow congregants. In 1956 my mother and I moved to San Jose from Gulfport, Mississippi. True, we were joining my sister and brother-in-law here, yet we had much fear about how we would fit into a new community. My family assured my mother, a recent young widow, that in the few years they had lived here they were delighted to be members of Temple Emanu-El. My mother immediately joined the Temple, I returned to Newcomb College (the women's division of Tulane University) in New Orleans to complete my senior year and also to further explore a growing relationship with a great guy named Bob Krandel. A year later in 1957 Bob and I were married here by Rabbi Joseph Gitin ..... and the rest is history.

Temple Emanu-El was the only synagogue in town at that time. As a result of the population boom of the 1950's and 1960's, we grew to a very respectable 1200 families. Many of our members were new to the area; we all knew that if we wanted to meet other Jewish families, there was one place to go. Temple Emanu-El was the heart and soul of Jewish life in the greater San Jose area in those days. Sisterhood and Brotherhood events were huge and their memberships grew each year. Our Religious School student body grew to 1100 - we were thriving. However we were complacent, never dreaming that other synagogues would be established and that our membership would erode over the years. We were Temple Emanu-El and nothing could impede our growth - wrong! Our valley continued growing, but we did not heed the signs of the great need to protect our excellent, yet aging, facility.

I am proud to tell you that we now have a Board of Trustees

and an Endowment Committee that is going to make certain such complacency never happens again. Our future as one of the premier Reform Jewish houses of worship in the south bay is a priority, and we are actively exploring ways to secure our future for the next generations. No longer can we sit back and expect members to flock to our doors. Do any of you know unaffiliated families who might enjoy the wonderful programming and religious education available at Temple Emanu-El? We need your help to find new members and have them join our Temple family.

In my fifty-one years of active participation in Temple Emanu-El, I have never been prouder of our congregation than I am today. We are a re-invigorated group of members who are continually attempting to be better than we were yesterday. The energy and vitality that are so apparent are truly contagious. Our Havurah program is thriving; the adult education events are excellent and well attended; programming continues to grow to meet our congregants' needs and desires; our pre-school is so outstanding that we have won a notable community award and will be hosting a national professional conference this winter; our new youth group advisor will help us enhance the activities of our three youth groups; our Religious School is truly outstanding, etc. etc.

Do I sound like a cheerleader? Yes I do - and I want every one of you to understand how hard we are working to regain the status in our community that we once took for granted.

We need more members! My hope is that our High Holiday services will encourage more families to join with us as we continue to progress. We need all of your help in this effort; and in doing so, I deeply hope you begin to feel the joy that comes with being part of your Temple family. Then I hope all of you will want to join

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# Meekantor's Kol Tuv

## Shalom from Israel – Reflections on a magical moment

It is hard to believe that a full year has gone by so fast since I started my journey as Temple Emanu-El's Cantor Intern, and here we are, getting ready for one more cycle of High Holidays' choir practice and services. Summer is a golden opportunity for reflections: for taking a moment to think, evaluate what was, is and will be; it is also a great time to allow ourselves to take some real time off, and rest our bodies, minds and souls.

This is my experience of the ultimate, complete vacation (see photo attached):

It is 5:45 a.m., the sun is slowly breaking through the mountains. I am not talking to anyone and no one is asking anything of me. TV is blissfully off; my cup of Turkish coffee is half full. My feet are up on the table, and I am looking from the 6th floor of my balcony at The Ambassador Hotel in Eilat (Israel's southernmost city), at the most beautiful view of the Red Sea: the Gulf of Aqaba across the Jordanian border, palm trees surrounding two amazingly blue swimming pools below. A small boat is pulling a water-skier; I can see the beach and more palm trees of various kinds and sizes. I am getting almost too warm, the sun is now completely revealed: red, orange, purple and yellow are the dominant colors. I'm almost done reading yet another novel by my favorite American contemporary author (Jodi Picoult), and it's almost time for breakfast at the hotel's restaurant.

Complete and unbelievably festive breakfast meals are included in many hotels in Israel; I can smell fried onions and eggs. Children are laughing and 'spritzing' water at each other in the pool below, and I am already wiping the sweat off my forehead.

Good morning Eilat, Boker Tov Yisrael. Life is simply wonderful today!



Meeka Simerly, Cantor Intern

## From the President, continued

my squad of cheerleaders. This is OUR Temple and we should be proud to belong to a congregation that so values each one of us.

At this time of year we take the opportunity to be introspective. As Jews, it is important that we stand together to become strong. We live in very difficult times, yet our strength comes from the love and caring we have for each other. That is the essence of being part of a Temple family. We at Temple Emanu-El are always available for you, through good and difficult times. This is one time when we truly need each of you to help make our Temple all you want it to be.

May this New Year be one of peace and joy as we join together as an extended family to harken to the sounds of the Shofar. May those sounds stir our hearts to help us meet the goals of our daily lives. On behalf of your Temple Board of Trustees, I wish all of you the very best for the year ahead.

L'Shana Tovah.

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# 2007/5768 High Holy Days Service Schedule

Services will be held at the Heritage Theatre in Campbell, unless otherwise noted.

## ROSH HASHANAH

### Havdalah, Selichot and Study

7:00 PM  
8:00 PM  
9:00 PM

### Saturday, September 8

at Temple Emanu-El  
Study  
Reception  
Havdalah and Selichot Service

### Erev Rosh Hashanah

6:00 PM  
8:00 PM

### Wednesday, September 12

Family Alternative Service  
Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

### Rosh Hashanah Day

9:00 AM  
  
10:00 AM  
  
1:00 PM  
  
5:00 PM

### Thursday, September 13

Children's Service (Preschool - 2nd grade)  
Rosh Hashanah Morning Service  
High Holy Day Community Service (open to members and non-members)  
Tashlich Service and Picnic  
at Oak Meadow Park

### Shabbat Shuvah

7:30 PM

### Friday, September 14

at Temple Emanu-El  
Erev Shabbat Service and Shabbat Shuvah

### Kever Avot Service

1:00 PM

### Sunday, September 16

at Oak Hill Memorial Park

## YOM KIPPUR

### Kol Nidre

6:00 PM  
8:00 PM

### Friday, September 21

Family Alternative Yom Kippur Service  
Kol Nidre Service

### Yom Kippur

9:00 AM  
  
10:00 AM  
  
12:30 PM (approx.)  
  
1:00 PM (approx.)  
  
2:00 PM  
  
3:30 PM  
4:30 PM

### Saturday, September 22

Children's Service (Preschool - 2nd grade)  
Yom Kippur Morning Service  
Sermon Discussion with Rabbi  
Social Action/Tikkun Olam Discussion  
Afternoon Healing Service (with Haftarah)  
Musical Interlude  
Yizkor and Neilah Service

# Brotherhood News

At the August meeting, we discussed the calendar for this fiscal year's social events and concluded that it was very important to focus on events that bring our members together, as well as family-specific and social action programs with our youth and seniors. As such, the first thing we are implementing is a Brotherhood-sanctioned 'micro-outing' plan.

As an example - I happen to love Asian art, and have been meaning to plan a trip in to San Francisco to visit the Asian Art Museum. Is this something I would put on the official Brotherhood calendar? No. However, there may be a few of you out there who share my interest in this area, and would like to join me to make it a 'day' among ourselves and/or our families.

Bob Levy, our tireless VP of Events, will create an evite and once a week, a Brotherhood email will be sent with a summary of all these events including links to the specific evite you might want to sign up for. Whatever your passion - concerts, art, movies, a day at the beach, model trains, skiing, a ball game, wine tasting - the sky is the limit here! Let Brotherhood be a way for you to find new connections between our members! We need a minimum of 3 weeks to set these up, to check the calendar for available dates.

Next, it is with great pleasure that I can announce the activation of our new Distinguished Speakers Program - and what a list of speakers we have lined up!

Our first speaker is a real treasure and a tremendous honor for our Shul - Rabbi Lennard Thal, the Senior Vice President and Chief Development Officer of the Union for Reform Judaism (aka the Reform movement) and the number 2 man in the whole organization. Rabbi Thal has generously accepted our offer to be a scholar-in-residence and speaker on December 8 and 9, only a few short days before the URJ Biennial in San Diego.

We also have a night that will set your memories in full-gear, and give you a real taste of old-school Jewish life. Dr. Gabriella Safran, Associate Professor of Slavic Languages and Literatures at Stanford University, will be talking about Yiddish language, culture and music at Emanu-El in the spring. Here



is your chance to learn why we say 'oy gevalt' and what some of those Yiddish phrases you hear around Temple really mean! More importantly, you will learn how Yiddish is not just a part of Jewish history. It is a living language and a foundation of Jewish culture, music and art.

Lastly, we have a panel of Holocaust activists coming to Emanu-El to talk about how they survived and resisted their individual genocides. Note that I did not say the Shoah - there have been many genocides in the last 65 years - World War II, the Cambodian Killing Fields, the Bosnian ethnic cleansing and Darfur, among others. We will have world-renowned speakers from these genocides coming to talk in a panel format about what they did to resist tyranny, fight back and survive these abominations of history.

As you can see, we have some great speakers lined up - world-class, in fact - with more to come. How much will it cost you to attend these remarkable events?

Nothing.

This is why you are members of our organization - so you can experience, learn and participate in opportunities like these, thanks to your dues payments. Non-Brotherhood Emanu-El members will pay a nominal fee, and non-Temple members will pay a not-so-nominal-fee to attend these events.

Please look for your annual membership letter in the mail - we would love to get our members renewed before the conclusion of High Holy Days. Membership levels are at \$54, \$72 and \$90 per year, each of which gives you different benefits and exclusive offers, to thank you for your membership. As one example, members at the \$90 and above level will be part of an exclusive meet-and-greet with Rabbi Thal as well as our other speakers. You can also renew your membership online at [http://www.templeсанjose.org/groups/brotherhood\\_membership.htm](http://www.templeсанjose.org/groups/brotherhood_membership.htm)

If you can afford to join at the \$54 level (or higher) - please do so. If you cannot afford to join at that level - write in an amount you can afford. It's that simple. We welcome all Temple members to join us and please do tell your friends about Brotherhood, if you haven't already.

Other activities we have planned through the year for our members (and their families, in some cases): Ongoing Poker night, Bowling, Comedy Club excursions, Concerts, Nature hikes, Ski Trips, A Trip to Old Town Sacramento, Go Kart Racing, Canoe trips, Ocean Fishing, Sports Bar Excursions, Baseball/Football/Hockey games...and a lot more.

We are hoping to arrange activities with XYZ and the youth groups. We are making a \$2000 commitment to fund Temple's membership in PACT for Social Action activities, and hope to make Social Action a cornerstone of our work this year, again is funded by our dues and income.

Last year's donation of \$10,000 for the Tree of Life Matching Fund turned into \$40,000 for the Religious School building fund - we could never have done this without our paid-up members and their dues, so thank you all for that (and to all of you who bought leaves and rocks!).

We have a tremendous year planned for you, our members. Please, be part of it by participating and making Brotherhood a meaningful part of your Temple life.

With all good wishes for a healthy and peaceful new year,  
Jonathan (co-prez) Hirshon

## Check out the Judaica Shop for all your Rosh Hashanah needs!

Cards, games, children's books, honey dippers, and more.

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

Open during regular office hours, after the motzi on Friday nights, and by special appointment.

Contact Peggy Frederick at 354-1084.

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# Women of Temple Emanu-El

During the month of August we had three very successful events. We hope you were able to partake in them.

- The WOTE Summer Shabbat was held on August 10th in our beautiful patio. Members of Sisterhood participated in the service by leading prayers and by sharing some of their favorite writings. Judith Stubbs, our V.P. of Religion and Education gave a moving D'var Torah. The service was lead by one of our favorite women of Temple Emanu-El, Meeka Simerly. Following the service, we all enjoyed a delicious oneg provided by our women. A big thank you to those who help make this a success.
- Our "Return to Rosh Chodesh," at the home of Lorie and Shari Kaplan, was wonderful. Ten of us gathered for a spiritual and thought provoking evening. It was appropriate for us to 'begin again' in the month of Elul, a month noted for beginnings. Our next Rosh Chodesh will be on October 15th at 7 pm.
- The Annual Temple Emanu-El End of Summer Barbeque was held at the SVJCC on August 19th. It was a great day filled with delicious food and fun in the sun. A big thank you to Brotherhood for manning the grill and to the Membership Committee and, of course our Sisterhood volunteers for helping make this day special. Hope to see you all again next year.

## Coming up

- The month of September brings with it our High Holy Days. This year, WOTE is honored to coordinate the Break the Fast at the Heritage Theatre. We are pleased to be in a location which makes it possible, and really looking forward to bringing back to our Temple community this

sorely- missed tradition. We are offering members of our congregation the opportunity to sponsor this occasion for \$72.00. If you are interested in doing so, please contact Anita Medeiros at 773-1410 or ajmedeiros@comcast.net. This mitzvah will count as your yearly oneg commitment, and will be recognized in the High Holy Day handouts and in the October bulletin.

- On September 14th the Women of Temple Emanu-El will participate in the Temple's Installation of Officers.
- October 11th will be our next Sisterhood meeting. Join us for a potluck dinner meeting at 6pm.
- October 15th will be our next Rosh Chodesh at the home of Lorie and Shari Kaplan. Space is limited to 10 women, so call Lorie and make your reservation now.

We are happy to announce that two women stepped up to the plate to volunteer for WOTE. Nani Noverita is our new WOTE Board Representative on the Religious School Committee and will be the new assistant to our Religious School Festivals Chairwoman. Ester Burton has agreed to chair the WOTE portion of the Temple's Open House Shabbat again. Thanks, ladies!

The WOTE calendar is posted on the internet at <http://calendar.yahoo.com/wote2001> Please, visit it often.

The WOTE membership drive has begun. So far, we have 99 paid up members. My goal this year is to make it to 200. Please help by sending back your membership pledge today.

WE WELCOME YOUR SUPPORT!

Anita Medeiros, President

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## eScrip...Remember in September

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PLEASE NOTE: Safeway is again asking all of us to renew our Safeway cards. I am in the process of doing the job for everyone.

L'Shana Tovah! May we all be blessed with good health, peace and the desire to become more involved in our Temple family.

Lorie Kaplan, eScrip coordinator  
408.267.4563

### *Experience it all at the JCC!*

*Check out our new Fall Program Guide at [www.svjcc.org/programs](http://www.svjcc.org/programs)*

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# Religious School Corner

## Opening Day and New Beginnings

September is a month filled with exciting new beginnings. The first event will be on September 9th, the first day of Hebrew School and Religious School. And only three days later on September 12th will be Erev Rosh Ha Shanah, the beginning of the New Year for our Religious School families and Jews all over the world. L'Shanah Tovah to all of you. We are looking forward to a fulfilling and creative year for all returning and new students in Religious School.

*There will be no student enrollment on September 9th.*

If you have not already enrolled your child/ren for Religious School, please do so as soon as possible so they can attend school on Opening Day.

## Opening Day Schedule

8: 15 AM	Brotherhood Pancake Breakfast
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Mandatory Parent Participation Meeting
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	If you can't make the first parent meeting, you can attend at this time. <b>You only need to attend one meeting!</b>

The Family Participation program is continuing this school year. All families are asked to spend a minimum of 6 participatory hours between September 2007 and May 2008. Each family who attends one the mandatory parent meetings listed above will earn one of these hours.

Vital information about the upcoming school year will be presented at the meetings. It will also be the time so check over your personal information on class rosters, get class snack lists, find out about the Rhinestone Cowboy Class Basket guides, Shabbat in Nature and other classroom information.

## Class Schedule for September 9th

9:00 - 10:00 AM	Hebrew School (Aleph through Dalet)
10:15 AM - 12:30 PM	Religious School (Preschool through 7th Grade)
10:15 - 10:30 AM:	Welcome back assembly - T'fillah in the Sanctuary
11:15 AM - 12:30 PM	Shalom Chaverim

## Mishpacha

Our theme for Religious School this year is *Mishpacha*, or family (*mishpachot* = families), so we would like each family to bring in **one** photo to add to our Religious School bulletin board on the first day of school.

## New Teachers

We have three wonderful new teachers to welcome to the Religious School this year.

- **Suellen Haggerty is our new Grade 4 teacher.** Suellen is the mother of two students in Religious School, Jacqueline and Isabel. She has been a member of the Religious School Committee and was a substitute teacher for us last year. Suellen was also responsible for managing our successful "Chai Circle," helping the Religious School raise almost \$3,000 to pay off the school building fund.
- **Hila Bar-Zion is our new Grade 5 teacher.** Hila is a full time graduate student in speech pathology at San Jose State University. Hila was born in Israel, but was raised in California. Although her parents reside in Southern

California, many of her extended family live in Israel and Hila speaks Hebrew fluently. She taught Bet Hebrew at a synagogue in Southern California while obtaining her undergraduate degree. We will be seeing a lot of Hila at Temple Emanu-El this year because she is also our new youth group advisor.

- **Molly Guadamos is our new Dalet teacher.** Molly is the mother of two Religious School students, Isabella and Ariela, and was a member of the Religious School Committee. Last year, Molly taught the Adult Bet Hebrew class on Sunday mornings. She is also a full time Spanish teacher at Monta Vista High School in Cupertino.

Please join us in giving a warm welcome to our wonderful new teachers and thankful welcome to all of our fabulous returning teachers.

## Room Parents Needed

Thanks to all families for supporting your child's classroom. The teachers appreciate your child arriving promptly and ready for learning and fun. Some grades are still in need of room parents. If you are able to provide this important service, please contact Robin Hurwitz at 408-257-2583 or [travelmaven@gmail.com](mailto:travelmaven@gmail.com). Room parent families earn 5 Family Participation Hours.

We look forward to seeing all Religious School students and families on September 9th. Always feel free to contact the Religious School Office if you have any questions or we can be of any further help.

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## Preschool Notes

We begin our new school year with full enrollment, fond memories of a wonderful summer and the excitement of a new school year.

Our summer was filled with crazy hair days, bounce houses, water play, picnic lunches, special Shabbat helpers (Miss Jane, Miss Deborah and Miss Marcy all joined in over the summer), Cantor Meeka and her infectious smile and the return of the much missed Rabbi Magat. We said goodbye to more than 30 children and we are welcoming in just as many.

This school year will bring an exciting event to Temple Emanu-El and to Temple Emanu-El Preschool. Our preschool was asked to host the 2008 National Conference of Early Childhood Educators-Reform Judaism in January. This conference, though hosted by the preschool, is a wonderful example of the teamwork that is shown on a daily basis at Temple Emanu-El. Rabbi Magat and Cantor Meeka will each play a key part in the conference workshops and Rabbi Magat will work with Rabbis from Congregation Emanu-El in San Francisco at the installation of the ECE-RJ board and havdallah.

We decided on the title "B'ruchim Ha-ba'im" Opening our Communities, Opening our Hearts, Opening our Minds and Opening our Doors. The main topic of our conference will be respect and inclusion. The conference attendees will come to Temple Emanu-El for Shabbat services and a tour of our school building on January 11, 2008. We are all excited to show the country what makes Temple Emanu-El Preschool so special.

Wishing you all a peaceful and happy New Year.

Barbara Smead  
Preschool Director

## Youth Group: Introducing Hila BarZion

I am the new youth group advisor at Temple Emanu-El. I will be working with Noar (grades 4-6), Kadima (grades 7 & 8) and EESY (Emanu-El Senior Youth, the high school students).

The opportunity to work with pre-teens and teen-agers is very exciting as well as challenging. It is my hope to help the Temple Emanu-El youth groups

grow and develop. I am inspired by those who make a difference in the world and thankful to those who have shaped and influenced my life. I feel it is the right time for me to help those who are at an important time in their lives. More than just organizing events, I hope to help these students establish strong friendships and connections; confidence in themselves and their beliefs; and develop a stronger understanding of their minds and feelings.

A little about me personally: I was born in Israel and speak Hebrew fluently. I grew up in Southern California, and completed my general education at the local community college. During that time, I taught second year Hebrew in a Reform congregation. I moved north three years ago to complete my undergraduate degree in speech pathology at San Jose State University. I am currently working on my Master's Degree. During my first year in graduate school, I was president of the SJSU Chapter of the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association.

I wish all of you a healthy and happy holiday... *Shanah Tovah U'Metukah*. I look forward to meeting many of you through the year. Feel free to contact me at [barzion@hotmail.com](mailto:barzion@hotmail.com).



### September Youth Group Events:

Sunday 9/9, 12:30-2:00 PM Senior Youth Group Meeting  
Wednesday, 9/19, 4:00 - 6:00 PM, Pizza & Game Night  
(4th-7th grades)

### Save the Date:

## Fall Shabbat in Nature - October 27

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## Meet our Members

### Charles Atlas



Charles Atlas has the distinction of being the Temple Emanu-El member with the longest continuous membership, which will be 90 years when he celebrates his birthday this December. Charles joked that he was literally born into the temple because his parents, Morris and Elsie Atlas, and his grandparents on his father's side were already established temple members. His ties to the temple ran even deeper in that his great uncle, Sigmund

Eisner, had been the first secretary of the Bickur Cholim Society, as the congregation was originally called.

Charles was raised on Martin Ave., not far from the temple's current location, although during his youth, the synagogue was located on 3rd and San Antonio. He laughingly recalled that his family took up an entire bench in the sanctuary and since the benches were hard oak, his grandfather had a special, extra long cushion made so the family could sit comfortably during services.

Charles' grandfather, Jacob Atlas, had an auto wrecking business in downtown San Jose and his lot often included the used cars from Sarah Winchester, of Winchester Mystery House fame. Jacob also worked as a contractor who built commercial buildings and homes in the San Jose area. If you head east along the Alameda past Race street and turn right, you will find yourself on Atlas Ave, the street built and named for Charles' family.

Charles graduated from Cal Berkeley in 1940. During college, he worked in retail men's clothing, which he would have stayed in, but he wanted to do more for the war effort. In 1942, he worked at the shipyard on Mare Island and ultimately enlisted in the Navy as a seaman. He was on the USS Sirona, an attack cargo ship where he ran the ship's supply store. Although he was never in battle, he was up and down the China coast, the Philippines and the South Pacific.

When Charles returned home in 1946, he established a business in San Francisco called, Parties Inc, whose slogan was, "Be a guest at your own party." He staged parties with interesting and unique themes and he handled everything from the design of the invitations to flower selection, location staging, catering, and music. His business was featured in Coronet Magazine because it was so unusual at the time.

Charles had plans to grow what was becoming a very successful enterprise, but he gave it up when his father became ill and needed someone to run his insurance agency. Charles returned to San Jose where he married and raised his two sons, Mark and Ted, and ultimately founded his own insurance business, which he ran for 42 years. He was proud to report that his clients, many of whom were temple members, stayed with him throughout all his years in business.

In the mid-1980's, Charles was hired by the upscale Royal Cruise line to be a passenger host/dance partner for the many single, divorced and widowed women who vacationed alone on the cruises. Charles, himself now a widower, had always been a good dancer and the job gave him a chance to go on a cruise twice a year, meet new people and travel the world. He stayed

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## *Thank yous*

✧ To those of you who responded to our Yahrzeit update request. Staff was overwhelmed at the number of congregants who replied. We are happy to have entered many new names into our Yahrzeit register - names of people important to you.

✧ To **Bee Silin** for the lovely silver items that will make our Oneg and Holiday tables look so much more beautiful.

✧ To our **XYZ ('Xtra Years of Zest)** auxiliary, that generously sponsored the successful music program following Shabbat Services on Friday, August 17. The program, organized by Cantor Intern Meeka Simerly and performed so beautifully by Peter Gelfand and the San Jose String Quartet provided us with a wonderful introduction to and entry into our weekly Shabbat observance. The peace and tranquility that came over those of us who listened to the music imbued us with the true spirit of Shabbat.

✧ To **Alan Weissberger** for his generosity and support of the Levin Learning Center renovation (you'll see a room dedicated to his father), his twenty leaves on the Tree of Life that compounded with the Brotherhood matching challenge grant, and for his generous contribution that will allow the Ritual Committee's to repair and replace many of the aging ritual items we use on the bema each week throughout the year. Your actions, Alan, are admirable. Thank you!

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## Meet our Members, continued

with the Cruise line for nine years.

Charles remains active at Temple Emanu-El. He still attends services on occasion and he volunteers every Friday in the temple office. His family is also important to him and he is a proud grandfather of four and a great grandfather of two, the second of whom was just born on August 2, 2007.

At the end of our meeting, I found myself wishing I had more time to talk and a much longer column to capture more of the fascinating stories of this warm and charismatic member.

Lynn Offenhardt  
For the Membership Committee

# Membership Commitment Committee

The Dues Committee has a new identity: the Membership Commitment Committee. The first and most obvious change is the new name as the committee redefines itself. The synagogue provides a broad range of services that support our heritage, religious beliefs, and spirituality through religious school for children, adult education, ritual, life cycle events, social events, etc.

All Temple members commit to supporting all these activities for the good of the entire synagogue membership, whether individuals take advantage of these activities or not. If they only attend High Holy Days services and nothing else, if their children attend religious school and participate in nothing more, member financial commitment still must support all Temple programs and activities. (Of course, it would be wonderful if everyone took advantage of what is offered here.) This is similar to all of us paying property taxes that are used for civil services, but not everyone uses everything.

The Committee established guidelines to help members determine at which level they can commit to supporting the Temple. Instead of asking for specific amounts, the Committee developed levels of giving from "Basic" at \$1800 per year for a family and \$900 per year for a single member to "Sustaining" level at \$2100, family and \$1050, single. There are five additional levels, with the highest being "Benefactor" at \$5,000 or more each year. We recognize that not everyone's financial situation allows them to pledge at these levels. We simply ask each member to do the best they are able.

Each member family received a list describing these levels when commitment requests were sent out in May. The response has been very encouraging. Many of you raised your commitments to the "Basic" level and beyond. For this, the Committee thanks you.

We acknowledge the following congregants who committed to the "Sustaining" level and above for the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

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Robert Hersch, Chair  
Membership Commitment Committee

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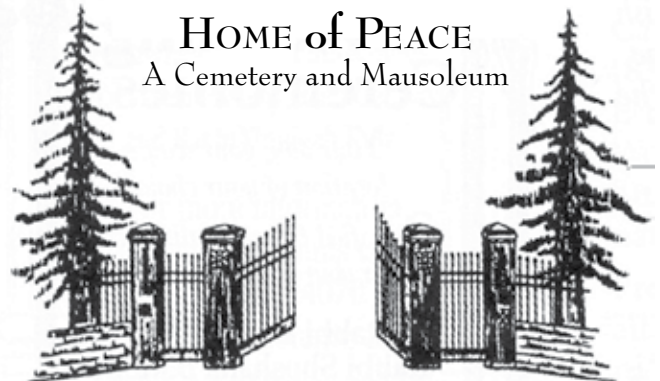
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# Adult Education News

New classes are starting this month, including Gimel Hebrew (intermediate conversation), Jewish Ethics (with Cantor Unterman), Judaism's Response to some of the Great Questions of Existence (Rabbi Magat's first mini-series), and more. The flyer with the course descriptions and times was included with your High Holiday tickets. Additional copies will be available on September 9th (the first day of Sunday School). The flyer is also accessible online, as well as from the School and administrative offices. As always, there is a reduced rate for Temple members, but our classes are open to all, so feel free to bring a friend.

We are in the second year of a two-year Adult B'nai Mitzvah program, but if you are interested in pursuing this life cycle event beginning in Fall 2008, please contact Marcy Weiss.

Rabbi Magat and Rabbi Aron from Congregation Shir Hadash co-teach the Introduction to Judaism class, a year-long program which begins after the High Holy Days. Classes alternate between the two synagogues and cover the range of Jewish belief, holidays, history and life cycle events.

This year will see three Diaspora Dinners (November, January and May) featuring the cuisine and history of Jews in the British Commonwealth, Indigenous Africa and the American West. This exciting program is offered in cooperation with Temple Emanu-El Brotherhood. Lunch and Learn/Torah Study will also continue on alternating Wednesday afternoons. We welcome new faces at these informal study sessions (bring your own lunch; drinks provided).

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Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all of you. May you be blessed with a year of goodness and fulfillment.

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- 3 Ellen Boisier
- 4 Leonard Schreiberstein
- 5 Stacey Dederling  
Tammy Isaacs  
Blanche Schwartz
- 8 Elias Zasloff
- 9 Gertrude Lepler  
Michael Malter  
Monique Mighdoll  
Betty Yules
- 10 Marc Terziev  
David Mighdoll  
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- 11 Shelli Dorf  
Diane Hirshon  
Walter Saltzman  
Perry Segal  
Gary Virshup
- 12 Bernard Rosenberg
- 14 Eric Jepsky  
Amy Sandler
- 15 Sandy Epstein  
Laura Jacobson  
Ted Lavine
- 17 Bernice Green
- 18 Jeanne Bronstein  
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- 20 Clayton Feldman
- 21 Susan Kostant
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- 30 Connie Carr  
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## B'nai Mitzvah



On September 8th, we celebrate with joy when **Frances De'Oro Pangilinan** will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah. Frankie has spent several years exploring the human purpose on this planet and through her studies with the temple community has embraced the study of faith and God through the traditions and teachings of Reform Judaism. Frankie is an accomplished artist and has shown her work throughout the South Bay. As a complete renaissance young woman, she has devoted

her self-directed studies to understanding the honey bee and, during the summer of '07, was invited to study the colony collapse disorder at the Bee Space at the University of Illinois. She is thrilled to celebrate this joyous occasion with her friends and family who are coming from the Bay Area and as far away as Iran. Frankie is the daughter of Ruth and Eric Pangilinan and the older sister of Marshall.



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						<b>1</b> 9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Labor Day Temple Offices/Preschool Closed	<b>4</b> 7:00 PM Board Meeting	<b>5</b> 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn 7:30 PM HHD Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b> 6:00 PM Ritual Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Tikkun Olam/Social Action Listening Campaign	<b>7</b> 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service	<b>8</b> 9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan 10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Frankie Panglilan 7:00 PM Selichot Study Session 8:00 PM Reception 9:00 PM Havdallah & Selichot Service
<b>9</b> First Day of Sunday School 8:00 AM Welcome Back Breakfast 9:00 AM Hebrew Classes 10:15 AM Jewish Studies 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM To Life! Festival (Palo Alto) 12:45 PM EESY Board Mtg 4:00 PM Preschool Back to School BBQ (offsite)	<b>10</b> 7:30 PM HHD Choir Rehearsal	<b>11</b> 7:30 PM HHD Choir Rehearsal	<b>12</b> Erev Rosh Hashanah 6:00 PM Family Alternative Service 8:00 PM Erev Rosh Hashanah Service	<b>13</b> Rosh Hashanah Day Temple Offices/Preschool closed 9:00 AM Children's Service 10:00 AM Rosh Hashanah Morning Service 1:00 PM HHD Community Service 5:00 PM Tashlich Service & Picnic	<b>14</b> Shabbat Shuvah 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service	<b>15</b> 9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan
<b>16</b> 9:00 AM Hebrew 10:15 Jewish Studies 10:30 AM Adult Ed 11:30 AM Adult Ed 1:00 PM Kever Avot Service	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> First Day of Weds Classes 4:00 PM Hebrew 6:00 PM TJS 6:00 - 8:00 pm Pizza and Game Night	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Kol Nidre 6:00 PM Family Alternative Service 8:00 PM Kol Nidre Service	<b>22</b> Yom Kippur Day 9:00 AM Children's Service 10:00 AM YK Morning Service 4:30 PM Yizkor & Neilah followed by Break the Fast
<b>23</b> 9:00 AM Hebrew 10:15 AM Jewish Studies 10:30 AM Adult Ed 11:30 AM Adult Ed	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Preschool Picture Day	<b>26</b> Erev Sukkot No Hebrew or TJS 6:00 PM BYO Dinner 6:30 PM Erev Sukkot Service	<b>27</b> Sukkot Temple offices/Preschool closed 9:00 AM Sukkot Morning Service/Yizkor	<b>28</b> 6:00 PM Wine & Cheese Reception 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service	<b>29</b> 9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan
<b>30</b> 9:00 AM Hebrew 10:15 AM Jewish Studies 10:30 AM Adult Ed 11:30 AM Adult Ed	<b>Save the Dates:</b> October 5: 1st Family Service 7:15 PM October 12: Board Installation 7:30 PM service					

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- Donations earmarked for the Membership Committee/ Chai Bag fund, which makes it possible to purchase the items put in the welcome bags for new members.

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May their memories be a blessing to their loved ones.

## Yahrzeits

### SEPTEMBER 7 (6:30 PM SERVICE)

Pam Allison, Gene Brister, Sara Brockman, Ruth Burnstein, Morris Chassen, Jack Cherkasky, Nathaniel Davis, Fay H. Dworkin, Benjamin Fleischman, Harry Forster, Evelyn Fox, Abraham Freiberg, Leonard Gaon, Judi Jurman Omens, Rose Koster, Irene Levine, Sonia Meyer, Fred Paul Miller, Judith Lynn Jurman Omens, Jack Port, Elaine Purwin, Ann Richman, Lillian Satler, Sol Schneiderman, Amy Swartz, Henry Tucker, Herb Turnbull, Michael White, Louis Wolfson

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### SEPTEMBER 21 (8:00 PM KOL NIDRE SERVICE)

David Barowsky, Lana Barowsky, Rebecca Borts, Mildred Brenner, Elaine Levin Cobb, Carolyn Fearn, Henry Ferguson, Anthony Ferman, Benjamin Gabilowitz, Victor Ganz, Dorothy Golding, William Grant, Harold Graubart, Helen Greenberg, Adolf Herd, Leo Herscher, Bessie Horwitz, Samuel Jacobs, Richard Johnson, Robert Kass, Herbert Matties, E. Kenneth Miller, Irene R. Miller, Simon Panikoff, Clara Poley, Elvin Ress, Ruthe Rosenberg, Augusta Kaskell Rothholz, Mike Rudin, Marie Rusnak, Diane Schneider, Fanny Schonwetter, Ahron Segal, Louis Silverman, George Slossberg, Ralph Woods.

### SEPTEMBER 28 (6:30 PM SERVICE)

Rose W. Aronoff, Ted Blumberg, Jules Brand, Abraham Cherkasky, Peggy Dinneen, Dorothy Edinson, Eva Emanuel, Anita Faverman, Leah Haas Frank, Eva Fredkin, Stephen Freed, Paul Greebler, David Heerwagen, John Heldt, Celia Pransky Kadis, Aaron Katzman, Eli Kostant, Mo Livchitz, Evelyn Hammer Loth, Rene Marxheimer, Lee Jacob May, Jerry Rosen, Israel Schneiderman, Mildred Shev, Hy Sokol, Ruth Timpson, Marion Wallace, Joseph Wasserman, Louis Weiner, Ruth Wernick

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