

Connections

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Times:

Sept. 2- 7:19 PM
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Sept. 28- 6:39 PM

L'Shana Tova Tikatevu

From Your Temple Emanu-El
Family!

2011/5772 HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

Havdalah, Selichot & Study ~ Sept. 24 at Temple Emanu-El

7:00 PM Study
8:00 PM Reception
9:00 PM Havdalah & Selichot Service

Erev Rosh Hashanah ~ Sept. 28

6:00 PM Family Service (Grade 1 and up)
8:00 PM Rosh Hashanah Service

Rosh Hashanah Day ~ Sept. 29

9:00 AM Children's Service (Preschool - K)
10:00 AM Congregational Service
10:00 AM Geshet Program (K-Grade 4)
1:00 PM High Holy Day Experience
5:00 PM Tashlich at *Oak Meadow Park*

Shabbat Shuvah ~ Sept. 30 at Temple Emanu-El

6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service/Shabbat Shuvah
& Board of Trustees Installation

Kever Avot Service ~ Oct. 2 at Oak Hill Memorial Park

1:00 PM In the Chapel of Roses

Kol Nidre ~ Oct. 7

6:00 PM Family Service (Grade 1 and up)
8:00 PM Kol Nidre Service

Yom Kippur ~ Oct. 8

9:00 AM Children's Service (Preschool - K)
10:00 AM Congregational Service
10:00 AM Geshet Program (K-Grade 4)
12:30 PM (approx) Sermon Discussion
1:30 PM (approx) Tikkun Olam Discussion
2:30 PM Afternoon Healing Service with Haftarah
3:30 PM Musical Interlude
4:30 PM Yizkor and Neilah Service
6:15 PM (approx) Break the Fast (RSVP Req.)

Erev Sukkot ~ Oct. 12

6:00 PM BYO Dinner & Sukkah Decorating
7:15 PM Erev Sukkot Family Service

Sukkot Morning ~ Oct. 13

9:00 AM Sukkot Morning Service

Erev Simchat Torah ~ Oct. 19

6:30 PM Erev Simchat Torah & Consecration
Service (Grades k+)

Simchat Torah ~ Oct. 20

9:00 AM Simchat Torah Morning & Yizkor Services

Words from the Rabbi and Cantor



Slichot and Kol Shofar – Wear White, Start Anew

On Saturday, September 24th, the entire community, including men, women and children, are invited to join us at Temple Emanu-El for a very special, intimate and powerful service, called Slichot. This year, with the help of members of our Ritual Committee, we came up with an idea for a “different, more introspective and down to earth Slichot Service.”

But first, what is Slichot, and what will be so special or different about it? Slichot literally means apologies, regrets, forgiveness. This ritual is held on the Saturday night before Rosh Hashanah.

This year, we encourage everyone to wear comfortable white clothes, and join us for a study session on comfortable pillows (chairs, of course, will also be set up). The study session will also include the experience of guided meditation, which will end with a piercing long blast of the Shofar.

Reception (aka schmoozing or oneg) this year will be provided by members of our congregation. Special dishes will include Blintzes, crepes and other dairy products, as well as fruit, dried fruit and nuts – to symbolize our connection with nature and the earth.

Following the reception, we will all go into a darkened Sanctuary, where tranquil live music will be playing, which will set the mood for Havdalah and our Slichot service. This year we will be blessed to have cellist Peter Gelfand and pianist Misato Weber to accompany a group of our wonderful TEE’s choir members in singing.

The musical interlude will set the mood and atmosphere of the entire Slichot service of Temple Emanu-El: we will read, sing and engage in quiet reflection. A beautiful service created by our ritual committee will lead us through a wonderful journey.

We will conclude the service with another blast of the Shofar, a long, loud blast, to pierce our hearts and penetrate our souls.

High Holy Days are here; a year is now ending its cycle, it is time and an opportunity to start anew and receive it with contemplation and deep thought. It is time to go inside, begin our Heshbon Nefesh (introspection) and to take responsibility for our actions and commit to improving ourselves. It is time to do the work of Teshuvah to return to our proper path.

L’ Shana Tovah! May we all have a good, healthy and peaceful year.

Rabbi Dana L. Magat & Cantor Meeka Simerly

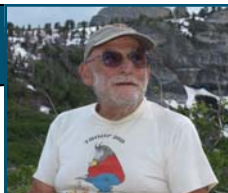
Ritual Committee

My friend Dan is passionate about understanding Hebrew so that he could connect directly with the prayers and blessings. I empathize with Dan’s passion. This past June three graduating teens did a superb job in conducting a Shabbat service and one of the teens, after his expert reading of a passage, commented “but I have no idea what it means”. I asked a few congregants, albeit statistically not a sufficient sample, and they were just about the same as the teen. It appears as though after the Bar / Bat Mitzvah, Hebrew study slows down as other things in life take over, pushing continued Hebrew study down the list. This leaves the gap that Dan is so passionate about: the passion to know and understand what he is reading.

We know the richness in the melodic chanting of the prayers and blessings, but the spiritual connection is complemented in the words that can be understood. Dr. Mike Cahn had a suggestion that the English be read first and then slowly add the Hebrew, beginning with key words, so that the mix eventually merges to a meaningful synergy.

The Minyan, or a nosh afterwards, may be a nice place to introduce Dr. Mike’s idea: select a small part of the English that is on the right hand page and relate a few words to the Hebrew. I have a few Hebrew words already thanks to Joelle Wolf. One or more key words each parshat, followed by a little spare time homework, could increase one’s Hebrew vocabulary and later provide a fuller religious experience. I think Dan would like this; I think I would too.

John Nemeec



Although many of us were on vacations this summer, the Temple was not. Serious preparations and planning were accomplished by various individuals and committees.

These include preparations for the Torah Project, High Holidays, and all of the other events relating to our congregation's 150 year anniversary.

In spite of staff changes our Temple office has done an excellent job of anticipating and meeting needs.

Baseball season is winding down, but it still teaches some lessons relating to synagogue life. It is time to get off the bench and step up to the plate. Temple, like baseball, is done by a team. We need a strong bench. We have that in our board. When one member is away or unable to do what needs to be done we have pinch hitters who do an excellent job. Like a good team, we are comprised of solid consistent hitters. We don't count entirely on stars, although we certainly have some.

All of us must step up to the plate, and not merely be spectators. Check Connections for committees that appeal to your interest and volunteer. Are you really paying your fair share of cost of running a congregation, or are you counting on someone else's hitting?

We can neither print money nor raise the debt ceiling. We would rather not cut necessary services. Everyone's help is needed.

Summer is over and it is time to get back to work. Are we all doing and giving our fair share? More importantly we must ask ourselves, "Am I doing my share"?

Oh? That picture? Lisa told me she needed a picture for this column. We were canoeing on Angel Lake near Wells, Nevada. Mark took the picture and sent it. Blame him!

Dr. Mike Cahn

We Welcome...

Aatiqa Pirbhal and Alec Brouk
Melanie Ruth Rudnick

Randall and Barbara Shev

Deborah Zimmer and Elizabeth Shivell



...as New Members!

Why Join a Temple?

I've been the Executive Director here at Temple Emanu-El for only 3 months but have done this job for over 10 years in total, and this is a question that I hear at times. After some consideration, I want to share my thoughts with you, our existing, new and potential congregants, on some reasons to join a temple, or specially, join or remain Temple Emanu-El congregants.

Some thoughts:

I've come up with a few choice words of answer to those who come in, and ask just that question. These are not the only answers, but these are the ones I've come up with so far. Please help me add to the list:

1. To be connected to a temple, to a Rabbi, to have access to Rabbis and Cantors and other Jewish professionals during various life cycle events that are so important to us, making those days special and stand out versus our "everyday lives".
2. To raise their children with Jewish traditions and customs, whether they had that upbringing or not (we have many Jews by choice who have chosen a Jewish life for themselves and for their children.)
3. To support the local Jewish community.
4. To support a Jewish way of life, and to offer those who choose, a place to worship and belong.
5. To directly or indirectly support the Jewish State of Israel, especially in times of need, such as these times have been as of late.
6. To experience fulfillment, by belonging, by praying, and sometimes, simply just by being, with those around you who believe in the same Jewish values, customs and traditions.
7. To feel a sense of belonging, with an inner peace that comes from being part of a much bigger, older-than-time concept – going back to our ancestors, and all the generations before us, and after us.
8. To experience the feeling of knowing it's "The Right Thing to Do" – to help ourselves, our families, our neighbors, our community, our nation, and the State of Israel.
9. And, to feel the fulfillment of Tikkun Olam, healing the world. We, as Jews, have taken the burden of making this earth a better place to be, and have done so with vigor, and with a sense of purpose.

For those of you who have other reasons why you've joined, I invite you to share them with me, so that I can share those excellent reasons with others who ask "Why join a temple?" People want a temple, their temple, to go to, to acknowledge their own life cycle, their own mortality, their families and friends, those who have come before us, and those who will be here after we've departed, and they want to do it with the clergy who they have known, and seen, all year long, for as many years as they've been coming.

So, that leads me to the last reasons people join a temple – Consistency & Continuity – with so many things changing in the world today, people want something that they can hold onto, and belonging to a temple gives people that satisfaction, that fulfillment, that completeness, that they seek. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Thank you, and to be continued.....

Irv Duchowny

High Holy Days Information

Temple Emanu-El is pleased to announce that Sisterhood will be providing a Kiddush Style Break-the-Fast following the Neilah service on Yom Kippur.

Break the Fast is open to the community and is a wonderful way to end Yom Kippur as a spiritual family.

There is no cost to attend, but your RSVP is requested so that we are able to provide enough food.

Below are the sponsorship opportunities available for this year and donations of all sizes are welcome.

All Break the Fast sponsors will be mentioned in the Yom Kippur handout.

Please visit the Temple website: www.templeanajose.org to request tickets and RSVP for Break the Fast.

Platinum Sponsors \$144

This will count as your yearly oneg contribution and you will receive four "front of the line" passes.

Gold Sponsors \$72

This will count as your yearly oneg contribution and you will receive two "front of the line" passes.

Calling all Volunteers



Once again, it is time to put your mind towards the coming High Holy Days and prepare to renew yourself through the ritual of prayer, repentance and the performance of good deeds.

One of the first acts of Tzedakah you can perform is to join many of your fellow congregants and volunteer during the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. We have different positions where you can be a great help to the Temple. Volunteers may be involved with ticket taking, being an usher along with other needed services. Thank you all in advance, we cannot do this without you.

Please contact Stephanie at (408) 292-0939 or Stephanie@templeanajose.org to sign up and to let us know which services you would like to help with.

We Remember

Those We Have Lost Recently:

Evlyn G. Hubert, mother of Peter and Jim Hubert
Ann Nemeec, mother of John and Yvonne Nemeec
Marcus Brooks, husband of Sandy Brooks

And those we have lost in years past:

September 2 (6:30pm)

Pam Allison, Nathan Aronoff, Mary Brenner, Eileen Judith Cohen, Lillian E. Davis, Edward Fox, Edward Gold, Dora Golob, Sheila Heiman, Morris Heller, Fred Karpel, Isadore Koltun, Etta Krohn, Andres Laber, Joel Landau, Gordon Levy, Fred Paul Miller, Susan Moore, Jack Leon Passovoy, Nathan Primack, Elaine Purwin, Roberta Mendel Rivera, George Rosenberg, Ernest Rott, Irving Satler, Sophie Schatten, Sylvan Siegler, Florence Silvermann, Gladys Sussman Maxey, Herb Turnbull, James N. Walker, Bliema Billie "Walters", Francis James Wank, Louise Friedland Weis, David Werba, Michael White, Adolph Ziegler.

September 9 (7:30 pm)

Naftali Behar, Ruth Bernstein, Gene Brister, Sara Brockman, Gladys Cherkasky, Jack Cherkasky, Morton, Jerome Citron, Harry Forster, Evelyn Fox, Abraham Freiberg, Sarah Friedman, Leonard Gaon, Benjamin Goldberg, Al Greenberg, Rose Greenberg, Louis Hoffman, Ron Hoffman, Judi Jurman Omens, Linda Landers, Irene Levine, Maria Lipovetsky, Yankel Lutvak, Sonia Meyer, Samuel Miller, Henry Mowry, Judith Lynn Jurman Omens, Karl Pearson, Meyer Polock, Ann Richman, Pauline Saltman, Winnie Schare, Sol Schneiderman, Sidney Shapiro, Lena Kasner Silverman, Amy Swartz, Henry Tucker, Louis Wolfson.

September 16 (7:30 pm)

Benjamin Alfred Abelson, Morris Altman, Richard Bergoffen, Rebecca Borts, Mildred Brenner, Sussman Cohen, Benjamin Gabrilowitz, Anne Gambord, Adolf Herd, Leo Herscher, Thomas Ivy, Sarah Kaplan, David Meyer Katz, Gerald Kotlier, Robert Larsen, Faye Leiter, William Minkin, Jeffrey Nadler, Betty Faye, Nosanov, Ida Ofsaiof, Yetta Polansky, Jack Port, Bebe Prizant, Fanny Schonwetter, Ahron Segal, Fran Shussett, Arthur Silverman, George Slossberg, Fanny Stein, Rose Steinberg, Dorothy Unell, Helaine Wiesner, Edith Ziff.

September 23 (6:30 pm)

David Barowsky, Lana Barowsky, Abraham Cherkasky, Elaine Levin Cobb, Bill Cox, Nathaniel Davis, Bertha Doblin, Eva Emanuel, Anthony Ferman, Victor Ganz, Dorothy Golding, William Grant, Paul Greebler, Helen Greenberg, John Heldt, Bessie Horwitz, Samuel Jacobs, Richard Johnson, Eli Kostant, Rose Koster, Mo Livchitz, Evelyn Hammer Loth, Herbert Matties, Lee Jacob May, Arthur Milbert, E. Kenneth Miller, Irene R. Miller, Mary Pintoff, Clara Poley, Elvin Ress, Ruthe Rosenberg, Augusta Kaskell Rothholz, Mike Rudin, Marie Rusnak, Lillian Satler, Diane Schneider, Paula Senigaglia, Darlene Smilek, Mae S. Wilets, Else Wolff, Ralph Woods.

September 30 (6:30 pm)

Rose Berg, Anna Beriman, Anna Block, Ted Blumberg, Benjamin Bochner, Jules Brand, Ann Brecker, Benjamin J. Fadern, Leah Haas Frank, Eva Fredkin, Robert Friedman, David Heerwagen, Jacob E. Jones, Celia Pransky Kadis, David Lee, Jack Levine, Jules Loventhal, Lillie Mehr, Abram Merzlyak, Gussie Panikoff, Bessie Rosenberg, Irwin Rusnak, Israel Schneiderman, Mildred Shev, Hy Sokol, Sylvia Sokol, Anita Sommer, Ruth Timpson, Marion Wallace, Joseph Wasserman, Kurt Weinberg, Louis Weiner, Marvin Weissman, Ruth Wernick, Sara Widman, Virginia Williams.

Membership Memo

Membership Committee is Looking for Volunteers!

Interested in getting more involved in Temple Emanu-El? We are a fun group of women and men of all ages who like to laugh a lot, nosh a lot and make a big difference in our Temple community. We would love to have you join us. Please contact Sharon Genkin: membership@templesanjose.org or 408-268-8989

Chai Welcoming Bags

Help us say "Hi" to new members with an \$18 donation to support welcoming "Chai Bags."



Each bag includes Shabbat wine, candles, Judaica books, Gift Shop certificate, and a special Havdalah box made by the children (K-3) in the congregation. Our new members are always delighted to receive their personally delivered gift as a welcome from our temple family.

Make checks payable to the Temple:

Temple Emanu-El, 1010 University Ave, San Jose,
CA 95126

The Chai Society-Young Adults

Save the Date:

Sushi in the Sukkah

**Sunday, October 16
starting at 5 PM**



Join other young adults (ages 21-39) for a fun night of sushi and a movie! \$10 per person gets you a fantastic movie, great conversation, and all the sushi you can eat! Babysitting will be available free to Temple members and \$5 per child for non-Temple members.

RSVP at <http://tinyurl.com/sushisukkah2011>

Temple Emanu-El's Chai Society welcomes young adults, ages 21-39, both singles and couples, to our community. We provide meaningful opportunities to explore Jewish tradition and enrich our Jewish experience by connecting young adults to an engaging, diverse, Reform Jewish community.

eScrip

Remember in September

Remember Safeway's 10% back to Temple on all your yellow school bus purchases continues until Sept. 13, at no extra cost to you. Shop til you drop!



Remember as of **Aug. 1** Safeway asks all supporters to renew their commitment to Safeway by registering their Club cards. As your coordinator I will be doing the job for everyone. One less thing to worry about getting done.

Please, if you are not one of our 282 supporters, sign up at www.escrip.com and follow the prompts. Temple's ID# is 136985180. Or call me and I can register for you.

Give Temple a birthday present and even a Jewish New Year gift of joining our eScrip program.

L'Shana Tovah

Lorie Kaplan, coordinator maven
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Tikkun Olam Committee

As the High Holy Days approach, we have an opportunity to rekindle our thoughts and efforts towards Tikkun Olam, repairing the world. As we contemplate our actions, both good and bad, during the past year, we also turn our thoughts to the world around us, and our role as the stewards of Creation. There is no better way to celebrate the creation of the world during Rosh HaShanah than to recommit ourselves to improving our community.

The Tikkun Olam Committee will again sponsor a Social Action/Social Justice study and discussion session on Yom Kippur. Last year we told the congregation about our successful action to improve our community by reducing the amount of toxic waste produced by changing the way we recycle our old electronic products (e-waste). This year, I want to encourage everyone to attend this important session and contribute their thoughts about our next issue.

Building on the congregation's input, the committee is planning to develop an important strategy to improve our community by pin-pointing changes our elected officials can make to better the lives of our citizens. I am sure that your concerns for social justice and social action warrant your participation in our efforts. Please plan on attending our Tikkun Olam session on Yom Kippur, October 8, 2011, following the Rabbi's sermon discussion. We are dealing with critical issues and we need your support. You don't have to be a member of our committee to participate. Please contact me at to@templesanjose.org to keep abreast of how you can help. As a major tenet of the Jewish faith, Tikkun Olam is everyone's responsibility.

Rich Albert

Preschool Moments

Happy Birthday!!!! The preschool has been filled with birthday celebrations as we kick off the Temple's 150th and prepare for the preschool's 10th birthday! Over the past 10 years we have grown from one student to a full school with an ongoing waiting list, we have created a new playground, enjoyed a renovation, won a special award, hosted a national conference and most importantly touched the lives of many little people. We are so proud of the past 10 years and looking forward to 10 more!!

Over the summer we turned our playground into T.E.P.S Beach, Art Camp, Pirate Camp, Messy Camp and Dinosaur Camp. We learned about musical instruments when we were joined by a drummer, pianist, bass player, flutist and more on Musical Instrument Day. We also had special afternoon activities including our Tea Party Tuesdays, Wacky Wednesdays and special Thursday Dance. We also participated in the "Pack-a-Back" drive and helped provide school supplies for needy kids. Our summer has been amazing but now we are looking forward to kicking off the new year. We are starting our year with new and old friends, new adventures and lots of excitement. We are looking forward to blowing the Shofar, dancing with the Torah, growing our own potatoes, KNOPP and so much more. Happy school year!!!
Barbara Smead



Sisterhood Moments

L'SHANAH TOVAH! SISTERHOOD WISHES YOU A SWEET AND GOOD YEAR!

When we greet family, friends and fellow congregants at Rosh Hashanah, we often wish for them a "sweet and good year!" As we reflect on our many blessings, what makes this holiday and the following year especially "good and sweet" for you? The message of the holidays is to take stock of our lives, savor these experiences, feelings, prayers, healings and thoughts to keep them throughout the year!

Sisterhood's Sweet and Good

We have had a wonderful year! Here are some highlights:
*Hamentaschen baking -Yum *Sisterhood sharing Women's Passover Seder*Successful fundraising donor luncheon
*Wonderful Sisterhood Retreat "Make a Joyful Noise"
*Rewarding Sisterhood Shabbat *Enlightening visit to religious school art program *Stimulating and spiritual monthly Tea and Torah, a Shabbat Torah study *District WRJ All Sisterhood Day *Sisterhood-Brotherhood Annual BBQ at JCC *Sisterhood sharing at monthly potluck dinner-meetings

Sweet and Good Yet to Come

9/10 Tea and Torah with Cantor Simerly
9/11 Snacks, 1st day religious school
9/18 Sisterhood Potluck and Meeting
10/8 Delicious Break the Fast
12/4 Hannukah Boutique
12/14-18 National WRJ Convention

SAVE THE DATE: November 13, 2011, 1:00 p.m.

Jewish Women Of The West-Paid-up membership luncheon.
We wish you and yours a healthy, sweet and good holiday and year! L'Shana Tovah!

Religious School Ruach

Enrollment: All school paperwork must be submitted by Thursday, September 8, 2011, to ensure that your child may attend on September 11. Traditionally, we do not offer registration on Opening Day.

Opening Day, Sunday, September 11th:

Pancake Breakfast – 8:15 – 9:45 AM

Confirmation – 9:00 AM

Hebrew School – 9:00 AM

Judaic Studies Classes – 10:15 AM

Welcome Back Assembly and T'fillah – 10:15 AM

Social Hour (especially for new families) – 10:30 AM

Mandatory Parent Meeting – 11:30 AM

Wednesday, Sept. 14th – First day of Wed. Hebrew and TJS

Hebrew School – 4:30 – 6:15 PM

Teen Jewish Studies – 6:15 – 8:15 PM

Parent Meeting (make-up session for 9/11) – 7:15 PM

Please be certain we have your most up-to-date email address. We will continue communicating with all families primarily via e-blasts. This will keep you informed of any important events or issues of concern.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Sunday, September 11th! Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Paula Marsh

Religious School Principal

school@templesanjose.org

408.292.3223

Brotherhood News

Did you know that the High Holy Days are almost here? Each year we enter the High Holy Days thinking and reflecting what we have done and what we can do better. As Brotherhood members we have an opportunity to renew our commitment to not only our temple but our community as well.

By becoming Brotherhood members we become part of a unique organization that routinely supports our temple and community by acts of loving kindness and friendship. As an act of kindness our kids have a Mitzvah Day project in which our Brotherhood helps support them in cooking and providing food for the hungry in homeless shelters across the community. As Brotherhood members we provide the leadership needed to promote and encourage others to be our future leaders. To show our physical presence I lead a pancake breakfast each year in a show of support for our kids while they learn the skills to become Bar and Bat Mitzvah.

I am truly blessed to be part of an organization that does so much to help its community and temple members. I am encouraging each of you to become Brotherhood members and show that we are supportive of both our community and each other. Being a member does not take a lot of skill or leadership; it just takes a little love and kindness. By doing all the above we show that we can make the world a better place to live. Do you think you'd like to become part of a truly unique organization that does so much for so many and all it takes is you? I thought so!

Shalom,

Gordon Robinson

Brotherhood President

Adult Ed

Summer has come to a close, and it's time to Hit The Books! As our children return to Religious School and Hebrew School, you have the opportunity yourself to learn something new.

Some of this Fall's offerings being organized by the Adult Education Committee include:

- "Tea & Torah" with Cantor Meeka
- "Beauty of the Megilot" - study the five Torah Scrolls ("Megilot") from Song of Songs to Esther
- "Jewish Wellness" with Rabbi Dana

and many more.

Our website is updated with our Fall 2011 schedule, brochures will be available at our High Holidays services, and we will be making announcements throughout September. If you have ideas for a class you would like to take – or even one you would like to teach – please contact the Adult Education Committee by leaving a message with the main office. All suggestions are welcome!



Remember to mark your calendar with these upcoming Lunch and Learn Dates:

September 14

October 12

October 26

All begin at 12:00 PM

Save the Date!

Join your congregational family, Rabbi Magat, and Cantor Simerly for a special Shabbat dinner following services on October 28.

More information about menu and cost to come

RSVP to the Temple Office



New Staff Member

Meet Stephanie, Our New Communications and Facility Director

Stephanie Pollock was born and raised in Los Angeles. She graduated from UCLA with a degree in English, and like a true Angelino she worked in the film industry for the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Along with her experience thriving in the fast paced Hollywood scene, Stephanie brings a knowledge of the printing world to the Temple's Communication and Facility Director position.



In her spare time, Stephanie is a voracious reader, amateur chef and frequent moviegoer. She looks forward to meeting congregants to discuss exciting Temple happenings and events as well as learn about your favorite book, movie or food.

B'nai Mitzvah

Florencia Laber, daughter of Andrea and Edgardo Laber, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, September 3. She is an 8th grader at Yavneh Day School. Flo has an older sister, Micaela, who attends Los Gatos High School. Flo loves to play with Bailey, her maltipoo. She has a passion for cooking and baking, and loves to dance and act .

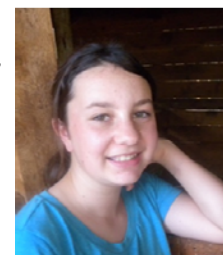


For her Bat Mitzvah project Flo did a few different things. She donated money to Larkin Street Youth Services. This money goes to a special program created by chef Daniel Patterson to teach homeless youth how to cook so they can learn new skills to get a decent job. She also volunteers at an elementary school by tutoring first grade students. Lastly she created 35 beautiful Easter baskets to donate to Valley Med Pediatrics ICU .

Sam Westerman, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, September 10. He is an 8th grader at Gideon Hausner Jewish Day School in Palo Alto. He loves school and learning, especially math, science, and Hebrew Studies, and is excited to be learning how to program for the iPad this summer. One of his favorite activities last year was the school's seventh-grade Avodah La'Olam project, where he researched, selected, and helped raise money to donate to the Save the Manatee organization. Outside of school, Sam enjoys snowboarding, video gaming, basketball, and reading. His family includes his brother and best buddy Max (fourth grade), mother and father (Ilana and Bill), and two fluffy Bichon Frise pups (Neeko and Lucy).



Kira Richelle Illana Turetzky, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, September 17. Kira was born on July 9, 1998. She is an 8th grader at Bret Harte Middle School this year, and enjoys attending with her friends. Her parents are Greg and Sharon, and she has a little brother named Connor, along with her dog, Dobby. Along with being an author on FanFiction, she likes to spend her time reading, writing, swimming, and horseback riding. Kira was also in the Bret Harte advanced band in 7th grade playing the clarinet.



For Kira's Mitzvah project she has done a couple local clean-ups to help beautify the California coast. She has also recently joined TownCats with her friend, an organization that helps cats find new loving homes. They have several locations you can visit, most located in your local PetCo or Petsmart.

Torah L'Dor V'Dor Update



For information on Torah L'dor V'dor please visit www.templeсанjose.org or call the office at 408-292-0939.



August 7th marked the beginning of the year-long process of writing the new Temple Emanu-El Torah with Sofer Neil Yerman. Do not miss out on participating in this extraordinary event. The Sofer will return in October to continue the process of writing with the congregation. Become a Torah writing sponsor today and you will be able to write a piece of history. Every dollar raised will be a gift to the future of Temple Emanu-El and will go into the Temple Emanu-El Endowment Fund.

Upcoming Writing Dates: October 23, 24 and March 25,26

Below are pictures from our first Torah writing session



Thank You for Your Generous Above Basic Membership Renewals

Abrams, Ken & Linnea
Atlas, Mark & Miriam
Bamburg, Marvin & Bonnie
Barowsky, Sharon
Berman, Aaron & Evelyn
Berns, Bertram & Barbara
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The purpose of the Endowment is to secure the future of the Temple in perpetuity while enabling our congregation to begin a long-term approach to planning and programming. Please join with your fellow members at an Informational Meeting to learn of the options available to you for participation in our future planning.

Ruth Krandel and Jim Heerwagen, Co-Chairs of the Endowment Committee

Informational Meeting for Endowment Fund

Thursday, September 15, 2011

7:00 PM to 9:00PM

Temple House/Sanctuary



Open to the Community
Pre-K Family Education
"MISHPACHA SHELI"
("My Family")

A program designed for pre-kindergarten aged children and their parents who would like a "whole family" experience. We offer an introduction to Jewish values, holidays, traditions and customs through singing, storytelling, art, movement games and cooking.

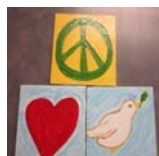
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2011 session dates: October 16, December 11
2012 session dates: February 12, April 1

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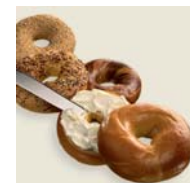


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The program will follow Minyan or Mincha Service, depending on the time of day.

September 10, 1:00PM - Mincha, Tea and Torah

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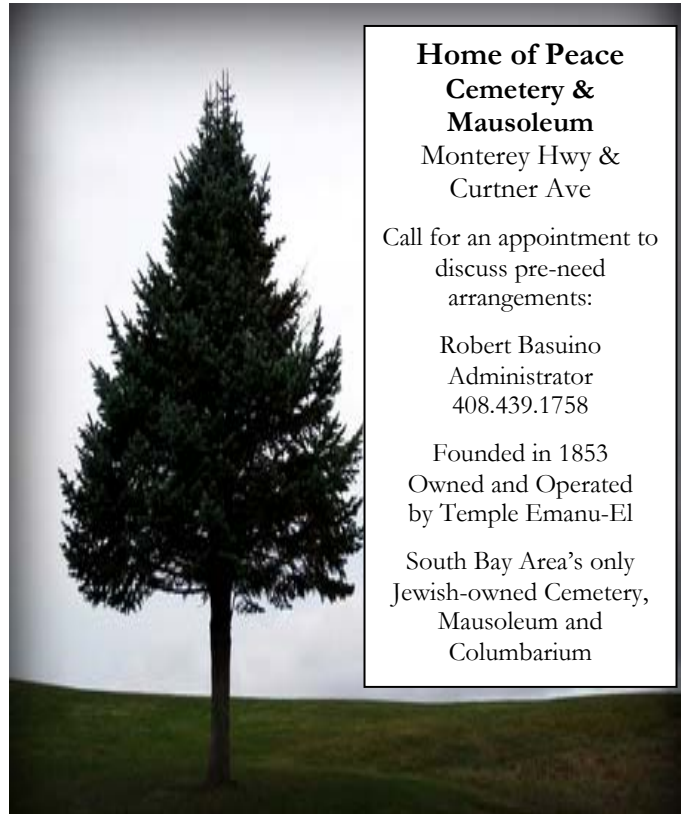
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4	5 LABOR DAY Temple Offices/ Preschool Closed	6	7	8 7 PM High Holy Day Choir Rehearsal	9 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service	10 9 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan 10:30 AM Bar Mitzvah of Sam Westerman 1 PM Mincha Tea and Torah 6 PM New Families Havdalah Reception
11 First Day of Sunday School 8 AM Pancake Breakfast 9 AM Brotherhood Meeting	12	13	14 First Day of Wednesday Classes 12 PM Lunch and Learn	15 7 PM High Holy Day Choir Rehearsal 7 PM Endowment Town Hall Meeting	16 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service	17 9 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan 10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Kira Turetzky
18	19	20	21	22 7 PM High Holy Day Choir Rehearsal	23 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service	24 9 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan 7 PM Selichot Study 9 PM Selichot Service
25	26	27	28 Erev Rosh Hashanah PreSchool closed No Wednesday Classes No Lunch and Learn 6 PM Erev Rosh Hashanah Family Service 8 PM Erev Rosh Hashanah Service	29 ROSH HASHANAH PreSchool and Temple Offices Closed 9 AM Rosh Hashanah Family Service 10 AM Rosh Hashanah Services 1 PM High Holy Day Experience	30 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat/ Shabbat Shuvah Service	

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Mazel Tov and Todah Rabah

August 2011

To Jake Braunstein, for diligently inputting membership renewal updated information
To Dan Lee, for installing the key boxes in our office
To Bob Hansen for the electric work on the menorah lights in the Sanctuary
To Mica Laber and Sue Sobel for their assistance with the Torah mailing project
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September 2011

Mitzi Sapper, Varda Friedman and Melenie Pearson, for their assistance with our Connections mailing.
Special "Thank Yous" go to Ruth Pangilinan (Torah Project), Jeff Marsh (Webcasting), David Mimeles (150th Committee) for heading up these activities during our 150th Anniversary weekend on August 5-8.
In addition, huge Kudos goes out to our wonderful "Volunteers All" for our fabulous 150th weekend festivities – the champagne reception, web-casted service, bagel brunch after Minyan, and Torah writing.

Thank you, we couldn't have had this amount of success without you!

Mazel Tov to Lisa Sobel and Benji Berlow on their recent engagement.

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