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so charming. When we gather now at the luncheon, we cannot help but talk about them. It is good to be with people who knew them. These were our friends.

But something more is lost with the passing of every Holocaust survivor. We lose the first-person testimony.

We must remember the Holocaust so that it will not happen again, not to us, and not to anyone. We must remember the Holocaust so that we can honor those who were lost. They do not have descendants to say Kaddish for them. For so many, their entire community was wiped out. We must remember them, because we are their family now. We are their legacy in this world.

And so it is all the more

important that we preserve their memory. This month, the Temple is hosting the Community Yom Hashoah Service. We are honored to uphold this tradition. This year we will be inviting survivors and children of survivors to share precious items that belonged to loved ones lost in the Holocaust. We will hear the stories of what these items meant to those who were lost, and how the items came to be preserved. We welcome everyone to join us on Sunday evening, April 23, at 7:00.

We will remember those we lost. We will honor the survivors in our community. And we will take on the duty to witness.

Precious Witnesses

We are losing our Holocaust survivors.

The Temple hosts a luncheon every year for survivors in our community. We all talk about it. How can we not? The number grows smaller every year.

The loss is personal because the people missing were our friends. We miss Frank Schaal who chaired our Social Action Committee. We miss Trude Noack who came to services every Friday and was always

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Brotherhood

It is April and that means warmer weather and the beginning of the major league baseball season. Over the past two months, the Brotherhood has had numerous sporting programs and events that have captured the interest of both Brotherhood and Temple members as well.

In February, Brotherhood hosted a dinner program featuring key note speaker Doug Fernandes, sports columnist for the Herald Tribune. Doug spoke to the 50 plus attendees on subjects ranging from baseball to football. His Q&A allowed for a wide variety of topics to be discussed. Doug has interviewed Tim Tebow and Michael Jordan among others. Special thanks to Don Malawsky and Alvan Morris for arranging the speaker and Bob Meisel for the menu choices from Brooklyn Catering.

In March, 40 Temple members attended a spring training baseball game between the Baltimore Orioles and the



Doug Fernandes, Sports Columnist for the Sarasota Herald-Tribune

Pittsburgh Pirates. Thanks to Steve Leavitt for handling the ticket sales and and publicity for the outing. Also in March, 50 Temple members journeyed to Arcadia, on a luxury bus for the 88th Annual Championship Rodeo. The rodeo consisted of bull riding, calf roping and a host of other entertaining events. Event Coordinator, program chair and cowboy enthusiast Don Malawaky

coordinated the ticket sales and bus arrangements. Job well done!!! Special thanks go to Alvan Morris for coming up with the idea of going to the rodeo. Who would have thought? Finishing off the month of March, the Brotherhood and Sisterhood held their Golf Tournament benefiting the Victims of Terror Fund in Israel and Temple Emanu-El at the Palm Aire Country Club. Eighty golfers played in a scramble format followed by a luncheon, awards ceremony and silent auction/raffle.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all the Brotherhood members who helped in so many ways for the rummage sale. Enormous gratitude and thanks go to both Laura and Bruce Zalkin for the time, effort and resources they provide the Temple to make this activity so successful.

Shalom,
Barry Gerber
Brotherhood President

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Chag Pesach Sameach!!

Happy Passover!!

April is Seder time, and Sisterhood is hosting our second "Women's Seder" on April 2 at 4pm. Why a "Women's Seder?"

Let me quote from "The Why of Women's Seders" by Rabbi Susan Fen-drick:

"If it were simply the need for feminist critique that motivated the emergence and persistence of women's seders, dayeinu—that would be enough. But there is more: the Passover story is, at its core, one of freedom from oppression, from the expectation that one group of people will be subservient to another. It is fundamentally a story of liberation—a story the telling of which feminists not only critique, as above, but also embrace, as elemental to our own journey as Jewish feminists."

The first feminist seder was organized by Esther Broner, Marcia Freedman, and Naomi Nimrod in Haifa in 1975, and led to the production of the *The Women's Haggadah*, which followed the traditional seder outline but used that structure to speak of Jewish women in our ancient past as well as contemporary Jewish women's experience. Since then, feminist haggadot have continuously emerged paying tribute to women past and present, raising feminist questions, re-interpreting familiar rituals and prayers, and articulating a feminist vision of redemptions yet to come."

OUR Women's Seder is all that, plus delicious food, dancing, and music! Please join us! Contact person and event chair is Lanie Klein at laniek115@gmail.com.

Many thanks to Brotherhood and Sisterhood Committee Chairs and volunteers who made our March golf tournament such a successful Temple



fundraiser.

And special thanks again to Laura and Bruce Zalkin for their incredible job organizing our annual rummage sale, and to all the volunteers who made it possible.

Both of those events are huge fundraisers and months of effort go into promoting and organizing such complex projects. It is a pleasure to work with people who have such dedication to Temple Emanu-El, and to be a part of the greatest congregation ever.

Have a wonderful Passover!

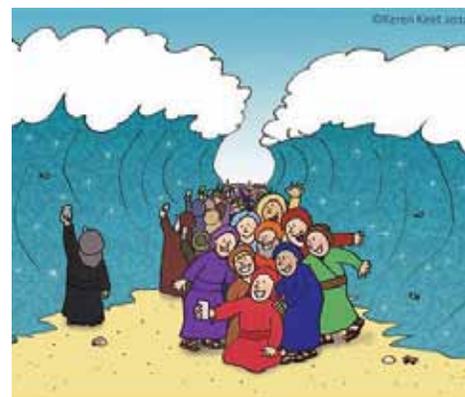


Warmly,

Deb Stengel and Daryl Bayer
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

Israeli Comic of the Month

Temple Emanu-El's Israel Committee is pleased to present the Israeli comic strip of the Month! Part of the Israel Committee's commitment is to bring a touch of Israel—whether a Hebrew word, a report on current events, or just a bit of humor—into the Bulletin each month. Enjoy this funny comic by Keren Keet of the "Israel Thrives" blog, selected by Israel Committee member Janis Forgotton. Shalom!



If there were cellphones at the Red Sea

Enjoy the Israeli Comic of the Month!

COMING EVENTS

Carly Mallitz Bat Mitzvah

It is with great pride and joy that we announce that our daughter Carly Brooke Mallitz will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah at Temple Emanu-El on April 29.

Carly is a seventh grade student at the Out-of-Door Academy. She excels academically and maintains an A average. She enjoys socializing with her friends, and her favorite subject is History.

Carly's biggest passion is tennis. She plays on the ODA varsity team as a seventh grader and has practiced faithfully over the last few years to improve her game. Playing competitively and managing her schoolwork have taught



Carly time management, focus and prioritizing her responsibilities. Carly is the middle sister of three girls, and enjoys spending time with her family and friends.

For her Bat Mitzvah project, Carly volunteered over the summer at the Buddy Up Tennis program. She spent several Saturday's being a buddy to kids with Down Syndrome, and assisting them in playing tennis. This was exceptionally rewarding for Carly as she met some unbelievable kids and got to put smiles on many new friends' faces.

We are so proud of Carly for her hard work and achievement of becoming a Bat Mitzvah and can't wait to celebrate!

Michelle and Craig Mallitz

Lindsay Soss Bat Mitzvah

The Soss Family is proud to announce their daughter Lindsay will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, April 22. Lindsay is a seventh grader at The Out of Door Academy where she enjoys playing on the tennis team. When Lindsay is not curled up reading a book, you will find her enjoying her other favorite activities including sailing, painting, gardening and rock climbing. She is an avid lover of animals and did her mitzvah project volunteering at Nate's Honor Rescue. The organization is close



to visit the dogs at Nate Place while they waited to be adopted.

Lindsay spends the summers in Rhode Island with her extended family, making memories while collecting sea glass, building sandcastles and paddling in her kayak. She has grown into a kind, thoughtful and generous young lady filled with creativity and curiosity. We could not be more proud of her!

Sarah and Marc Soss

to her heart as one of her favorite activities over the last 5 years was

COMING EVENTS

Temple Emanu-El Will Host Community-Wide Israel Program on April 30

Temple Emanu-El's Israel Committee is proud to partner with the Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee to co-sponsor a community-wide Yom HaZikaron and Yom HaAtzmaut (Israeli Memorial Day and Israeli Independence Day) commemoration on Sunday, April 30, at 2 pm in Benderson Family Hall.

"We are honored to join with the Jewish Federation for this important program," stated Israel Committee chair Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman. "Our Israel Committee is only a few months old, and this will already be our second major event following our fantastic Israel Shabbat on February 10. We look forward to sharing our Zionist spirit with the entire community."

This year is especially significant for the State of Israel; 2017 marks the centennial of the Balfour Declaration, which formally stated Britain's plans for and commitment to the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine, as well as the fiftieth anniversary of the Six-Day War and the liberation of Jerusalem. It is also just one year after the fortieth anniversary of Israel's heroic and legendary rescue of her citizens at Entebbe.

All of these elements will be a part of the April 30 event. Attendees will be able to examine large-scale replicas of original documents including the Balfour



Representing the Israel Committee at their inaugural event, Israel Shabbat, were Harry Lifsec, Jay Forgotson, Dr. Dori Goldfarb, Helene Davis, Mary Alterman, Marni Mount, Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman, and Janis Forgotson. The Israel Committee's next event is a community-wide commemoration on April 30.

Declaration and Israel's Declaration of Independence, collected by Israel Committee member Dr. Uzi Baram. These documents will be read aloud in Hebrew and English as part of a brief Yom HaZikaron service to honor the memories of those soldiers and victims of terror who gave their lives for the State of Israel. After the service, attendees will have the opportunity to watch the acclaimed documentary *Operation Thunderbolt* about the rescue at Entebbe. The mood will then shift to celebratory and festive as all enjoy the happy mood of Yom HaAtzmaut over discussion, socializing, and an expansive spread of delicious Israeli-inspired light bites and desserts

prepared by Michael Lauber.

The cost for this wonderful event is \$10 with advance reservations or \$18 at the door, with proceeds benefitting the Victims of Terror Fund. Students and veterans of the Israel Defense Forces will be admitted free. Reservations may be made at www.jfedsrq.org/events, or by mailing a check with the names of attendees to Temple Emanu-El Israel Committee, 151 McIntosh Road, Sarasota, Florida 34232. All are welcome!

For more information, call 379-1997.

COMING EVENTS

Register Now for Mitzvah Day!

The Mitzvah Day Steering Committee is delighted to announce that registration has begun for Temple Emanu-El's 11th annual Mitzvah Day! Slated for Sunday, May 7, beginning at noon, Mitzvah Day is a very meaningful, inspiring, and fun afternoon of hands-on community service and donation drives.

Temple Emanu-El's Mitzvah Day has grown larger and more exciting each year. With many mitzvah projects—including the opportunity to decorate cards for soldiers; wrap gifts for hospitalized children; assemble survival kits and prepare bag lunches for the homeless; knit for needy infants; help with clerical work for local charities; make lovies for Manasota BUDS and thank-you crafts for firefighters; hold a Lego and sports party for foster children; share our talents at a local nursing home; volunteer at the food bank and animal shelter; wash cars to raise money for tzedakah; and refurbish our library and beautify our community—as well as donation drives for food,



children's books, toiletries, suitcases/duffel bags, nail polish/cosmetics, diapers, and coloring books/puzzles/crayons, plus a blood drive, there is an opportunity for everyone to get involved and make a difference by engaging in tikkun olam—repairing the brokenness in our world.

"Mitzvah Day is one of the best days of the year!" event

chair Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman stated. "Participants come together in such a beautiful way. We do so much good, and feel so good about doing it."

Please look in this Bulletin for the Mitzvah Day registration form. The registration deadline is April 21, although early registration is recommended as some projects fill early. For more information, please contact Rabbi Elaine Glickman at 379-1997 or elaine-glickman@comcast.net.

Mitzvah Day Steering Committee members include Beverly Austgen, Suzy Benjamin, Susan Bernstein, Pamela D'Ambrosio, Sherrie Eisenberg, Rabbi Brenner Glickman, Eden Glickman, Renee Gold, Bill Haiby, Linda Hoffberger, Laura Kramer, Michael Lauber, Steven Leavitt, Alisha Leopold, Melissa Lerner, Andi Lieberman, Sarah Link, Faith Lipton, Michelle Mallitz, Amy Meese, Alvan Morris, Marni Mount, Michelle Pearson, Leatha Pfanmiller, Stacy Rosenberg, Irv Ross, Rochelle Seldin, Robin Shapiro, Sally Steele, Eleanor Wachs, Linda Weiss, Abigail Zion and Rebecca Zion—and they all look forward to sharing Mitzvah Day with you!

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Mitzvah Day

Sunday, May 7, Noon

Mitzvah Day is a congregation-wide day of community service where Emanu-El reaches out to make a difference. From the youngest to the eldest, all join together on this special afternoon. We will visit the elderly, feed the homeless, and bring joy to children in need. In so many ways, we will touch the lives of others.

Starting Time

Please arrive at noon to participate in drives, make cards for American and Israeli soldiers, and register to donate blood. Brotherhood will offer pizza. Mitzvah Day will take place rain or shine, though rain may affect some projects.

On-Site Projects

-  1. Gift-wrap presents for hospitalized children
- 2. Prepare bag lunches for the homeless
- 3. Refurbish temple library
- 4. Clerical work for children's charities
- 5. Assemble gift bags for needy teen girls
-  6. Young family craft for firefighters & truck visit
- 7. Knit for needy infants - beginners welcome
-  8. Assemble baskets for homeless families
- 9. Car wash (Confirmation Class and Youth Group)
- 10. Make lovies for Manasota BUDS
- 11. Clean up McIntosh Road

Off-Site Projects

- 12. Perform at Anchin Pavilion (talent required)
-  13. Legos & sports with kids at Everyday Blessings
- 14. Help with animals at Honor Animal Sanctuary
- 15. Sort food at All Faiths Food Bank

Collection Drives

- Food Children's Books Toiletries
-  New Coloring Books, Puzzles, Crayons
- Nail Polish/Cosmetics Diapers
- Suitcases & Duffles

Blood Drive 9:30-1:30

Registration Form: Please return to temple by **April 21**. Questions? Call Rabbi Elaine at 379-1997

Names of Participants _____

Email _____ Phone _____

_____ Enclosed is my voluntary contribution to help defray the cost of Mitzvah Day.

Please write in the project numbers: First Choice #___ Second Choice #___ Third Choice #___

Blood Drive (circle a time to register) 9:30 9:45 10:00 10:15 10:30 11:00 11:15 11:30 11:45 noon 1:00 1:15 1:30

COMING EVENTS

April Brings Two Great Tot Shabbat Events!

Young Jewish and interfaith families will find double the fun as Temple Emanu-El Tot Shabbat holds two events this month!

On Saturday, April 1, we will hold our first-ever family challah-baking workshop. After several successful challah-baking workshops for teens and adults, Rabbi Elaine will teach families and young children to make delicious challah. Children, parents, and grandparents alike will have a wonderful time measuring, pouring, mixing, kneading, and braiding their very own challah loaves—and will explore how to make Shabbat more meaningful and special as a family. It should be a wonderful morning! Call Rabbi Elaine at 379-1997 for more informa-

tion and to reserve your family's spot.

The end of April brings more family Shabbat fun as we hold another Tot Shabbat gathering on Saturday, April 29, at 10:30 am. It will be a special morning of outdoor play, crafts, a bagel breakfast, blessings, songs, stories, and movement. It also marks our Tot Shabbat kids' first time on our beautiful, newly renovated playground.

Tot Shabbat is a wonderful way to find a warm, friendly, supportive, and happy Jewish community for our children, and we are so grateful to Tot Shabbat Leadership Team members Liana Sheintal Bryant, Emily Duffy, Stefanie Guido, Amy Korenman, Alisha Leopold, Sarah Link, and Regina Rodarte for creating such a special experience. For more information or to receive email invitations to Tot Shabbat events, please call Rabbi Elaine at 379-1997.



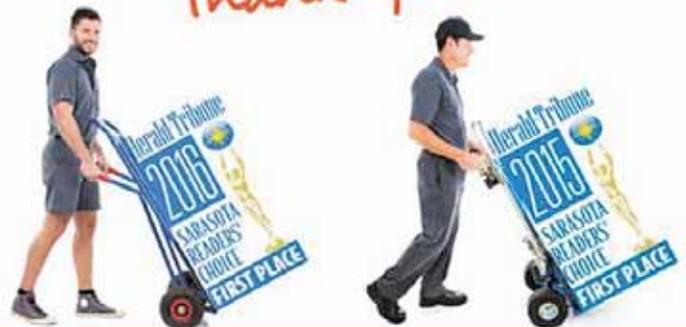
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HAPPENINGS

A Wonderful Shabbat of Music and Art

Temple Emanu-El celebrated a very special Shabbat filled with music, art, community, and spirit on Friday evening, February 17.

February 17 marked the winter installment of our wonderful all-musical Shabbat Alive! Service. As always, Temple members and guests filled the sanctuary as a band of professional and volunteer musicians and vocalists created a worship experience of soulfulness and exhilaration. With the traditional prayers set to contemporary arrangements ranging from upbeat and wild to meditative and serene, Shabbat Alive! is a favorite at Temple Emanu-El—and it is easy to see why! Many thanks to bandleader Cynthia Roberts-Greene and the talented band for bringing to life Shabbat Alive!

The extraordinary evening continued as worshippers adjourned to the lobby for a formal dedication of the Temple's beautiful new artwork. After 18 months of careful consideration, Temple Emanu-El's Beautification Committee—Judy Fleischer, Judilee Sterne, and Gloria Weed—had finally located the perfect piece of art to serve as the central focus of our Temple lobby. The painting is a triptych of doors in the old city of Jaffa created by Israeli-born artist Smadar Livne. She custom-painted the lintels of one of the doors with the Hebrew words "v'ahavta l'reyecha kemocha," meaning "And you shall love your neighbor as yourself" just for our Temple.

"It is so hard to select art for the temple!" Rabbi Brenner Glickman shared in a Message from the



Bobbi and Donald Bernstein generously purchased the beautiful triptych for our synagogue lobby

Rabbi. "It should be bright, but not garish. It should be elegant, but with feeling. We wanted something Jewish, but Jewish in a way that reflects our diverse and egalitarian community."

on our walls. Among those seeing the art for the first time were new Temple members Bobbi and Donald Bernstein, who generously purchased the piece as a wonderful gift to our Temple, sight unseen! The congregation offered sincere and abundant thanks to the Bernsteins and to the visionary Beautification Committee.

We are so grateful for this special Shabbat, and invite everyone to enjoy the beautiful art dedicated that evening!



Rabbi Brenner Glickman honored Beautification Committee members Judy Fleischer, Judilee Sterne, and Gloria Weed, and benefactors Bobbi and Donald Bernstein during the dedication

As the piece was dedicated and the coverings removed, everyone was stunned and thrilled by the beauty of the triptych and how perfect it looked

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HAPPENINGS

Tot Shabbat Families Enjoy “Strawberry Fields Shabbat”

March 4 was a very special Shabbat as Temple Emanu-El’s Tot Shabbat families headed back to Hunsader Farms for our fourth annual “Strawberry Fields Shabbat!” With beautiful March weather, tons of new friends and familiar faces, a refurbished play area with farm animals to feed and an aviary to explore, yummy bagels with Brooklyn-made dough, Shabbat songs and prayers with Rabbi Michael Shefrin—and of course plenty of strawberries to pick!—“Strawberry Fields Shabbat” was the perfect way



The Tillman and Klang families explored the aviary together at “Strawberry Fields Shabbat”



Skylar picked a fresh strawberry at “Strawberry Fields Shabbat”

for grandparents, parents, and children to spend Shabbat thanking God for the natural world and celebrating the blessings of nature together!

For more information or to receive invitations to upcoming Tot Shabbat events, call Rabbi Elaine at 379-1997.

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HAPPENINGS

Temple Emanu-El Celebrates Tu B'Shevat

Tu B'Shevat—the birthday of the trees—was an occasion for great celebration among the members of Temple Emanu-El! From the Temple to the trams and orange groves of Mixon Fruit Farms, to the beautiful backyard and community garden of a Temple family, Temple Emanu-El members and community guests of all ages savored the holiday and thanked God for the blessings of trees and nature.

Temple Emanu-El Religious School kicked off the Tu B'Shevat celebrations on February 5 with a fantastic day of family learning. Over 120 children, parents, and grandparents gathered for a lesson about tikkun olam—repairing the brokenness in our world—and Tu B'Shevat, then enjoyed an original play written by Director of Education Sabrina Silverberg and performed by the sixth and seventh graders. After the play, attendees participated in a leaf etching scavenger hunt, flower planting, and Tu B'Shevat Bingo. They noshed on fruit kebabs, created family sun prints with commitments to engage in tikkun olam, and decorated placemats to brighten the meals of Anchin Pavilion residents. Sincere thanks were offered to Michelle Mallitz, Sasha Rosin, Lauren Navas, Marni Mount, Alicia Zoller, Courtney Eiseman, and Mindy Bloom for planning the special morning.

Mixon Fruit Farms was the site of a community-wide Tu B'Shevat and Shabbat celebration as Temple Emanu-El Tot Shabbat partnered with the Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee and PJ Library for a wonderful morning on Saturday, February 11! In a program expertly planned by Stefanie Guido, a capacity crowd boarded the tram for a tour of Mixon's wildlife rescue area and fruit-growing areas. On the tour participants explored the beautiful grounds of Mixon Fruit Farms and learned about the groves and orchards. They also enjoyed animal encounters with all kinds of new and exotic friends!



Temple Emanu-El Religious School parents and students promised to participate in tikkun olam – repairing the brokenness in our world – at a special Tu B'Shevat day of family learning on February 5



Temple Emanu-El and PJ Library kids happily participated in a Tu B'Shevat service of songs, blessings, and stories led by Rabbi Michael Shefrin at Mixon Fruit Farms. Photo by Seth Berman.

Families then enjoyed free time at Mixon's expansive play areas, savored a delicious bagel breakfast, and celebrated Shabbat and Tu B'Shevat with blessings, songs, and stories with Rabbi Michael Shefrin. This very special event was many months in the planning and reflected a wonderful partnership between our Temple and the greater Jewish community. It was truly a Tu B'Shevat treat for all!

But the celebration was not over yet! That evening, almost 60 Temple Emanu-El members and guests gathered at the home of longtime Temple members Steve and Amy Weinberger. The Weinbergers have gener-

ously established a community garden in their yard, allowing all Temple members to maintain plots and plant fruits, herbs, and vegetables in conjunction with our Year of Healthy Living. After watching a beautiful sunset and enjoying havdalah, friendly socializing, and a wonderful bonfire with Smores, attendees helped bless and affix a mezuzah to the garden area. It was the perfect way to celebrate the birthday of the trees, the blessings of nature, and the welcoming warmth and kindness of our Temple Emanu-El family.

Happy birthday to the trees—and happy Tu B'Shevat to all!

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Confirmation Class News



Confirmation class members Owen Eiseman and Abigail Alcock, with TEERS student Cullen Pfanmiller, volunteered to help at the Purim carnival on March 5

Temple Emanu-El is proud to host not only the largest Confirmation class in the area—but one of the most vibrant and meaningful in the country! Our model of monthly gatherings with our wonderful rabbis, with students choosing topics of study, has resulted in an amazing number of teenagers staying connected to Temple and our Religious School after B'nai Mitzvah—and continuing their Jewish learning and deepening their friendships. Confirmants are also encouraged to volunteer together at events such as the Purim carnival and Mitzvah Day. How beautiful!

In recent months, the Confirmants have explored gender and equality,

read and discussed classic Yiddish short stories, and participated in a program about Jewish identity and Israel with community shaliach Oded Israely. Each Confirmation gathering allows time for socializing over healthy snacks as well as an opportunity to meet informally with Rabbi Glickman and Rabbi Shefrin. This month's Confirmation class will be a favorite—a challah-baking workshop with Rabbi Elaine as well as a study session with the rabbis!

Confirmation class is open to all of Temple Emanu-El's eighth through tenth graders, with generous scholarships available. For more information, call the religious school office at 378-5567.

Are You Coming to Lunch with the Rabbis?

It's almost the first Wednesday of the month at noon...so pack a brown-bag lunch, whet your appetite for deli-

cious homemade desserts, and head to Benderson Family Hall for "Lunch with the Rabbis" at Temple Emanu-El. With friendly companions, two marvelous rabbis, engaging and spirited discussion of current events and topics of Jewish interest, and a terrific atmosphere, our monthly "Lunch with the Rabbis" is

truly the place to be.

This month's "Lunch with the Rabbis" will be held Wednesday, April 5, at noon—please plan to join us. We're saving a seat for you.

The Knitzvahs Just Keep Coming...



The knitzvah sisters hold up handmade items that will be sent to needy families in Israel

The “knitzvahs” just keep coming with the wonderful ladies of Temple Emanu-El’s Mitzvah Knitting Group!

Meeting the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 10 am, the Mitzvah Knitting Group (also known as the “knitzvah sisters”) has become one of our Temple’s most special features. Participants socialize and build bonds of sisterhood and friendship while using their talents at knitting and crocheting to create beautiful handmade items for members of our Temple and for families in need. Whether it is delivering a box of gorgeous sweaters, blankets, and booties to SPARCC, Jewish Family & Children’s Service, or Mothers Helping Mothers, shipping packages overseas to our brethren in Israel, or delighting Temple friends with surprise gifts, the Mitzvah Knitting Group brings joy to all!

This has been a special season of knitzvahs for the group! After months of surreptitious planning and knitting, the Mitzvah Knitting Group presented a beautiful handmade afghan to our wonderful Facilities Manager Jesse Bauer. It was a gesture of thanks and gratitude for all that Jesse does at Temple, and a token of friendship and appreciation.

“It took months to coordinate” the project, stated Mitzvah Knitting Group



The Mitzvah Knitting Group presents a beautiful handmade afghan to a delighted Jesse Bauer

facilitator Susan Bernstein, “with several knitzvah sisters knitting the panels and one superstar knitzvah sister crocheting it all together. We were beyond excited to gift it to Jesse, but the most wonderful part turned out to be how genuinely touched and surprised Jesse was to receive this loving knitzvah gift.”

The Mitzvah Knitting Group’s kindness was also felt in Israel after they prepared five huge packages of handmade items to be donated to needy families in Haifa through the Leo Baeck Education Center. “Because of the overwhelming response of appreciation from the Leo Baeck Education Center in Haifa to our previous shipments, we decided to send them all of our currently finished items made with

knitzvah love,” Susan said. “Approximately five huge bags were loaded into Sandy Ainbinder’s car to take to Laura and Bruce Zalkin, her wonderful daughter and son-in-law, who step up to the plate for us to pack and ship our knitzvah items to Israel; thank you so much, the knitzvah sisters love you.

“Also, many thanks to the TEE Brotherhood who continue to sponsor the cost of postage,” she added. “It truly takes a TEE village to make these knitzvahs happen!”

The Mitzvah Knitting Group is always welcoming new members and invites the community to gatherings. For more information about this wonderful group, email Susan Bernstein at susanhope22@comcast.net.



STEEMY members and chaperones got ready to board the bus for Spring Kallah the weekend of March 3-5

STEEMY April News

This has been a fantastic spring for our high school youth group STEEMY—Sarasota Temple Emanu-El Mitzvah Youth! From a beach clean up and havdalah event to STEEMY board elections to sending another huge delegation of members to the regional spring kallah in Miami (thanks to STEEMY

advisor Sherrie Eisenberg and Shana Rosenthal for chaperoning!), February and March have been amazing. And this month, STEEMY is getting ready for an “Intertwining of Cultures” event with teenagers visiting from our sister city of Tel Mond in Israel. The teens will gather at Temple Emanu-El on Wednesday evening, April 5, for an evening of Chipotle food, games, community

building, and getting to know one another. Many thanks to Temple Emanu-El’s Israel Committee and community shaliach Oded Israely for helping to coordinate this great event! For more information about being a part of STEEMY, please call 378-5567 or look for STEEMY on Facebook and Instagram!

April, 2017 Schedule of Services

Saturday, April 1
Robert Witherspoon Bar Mitzvah 10:30 am

Friday, April 7
Erev Shabbat 7:30 pm
Benjamin & Miriam Baram B’nai Mitzvah

Saturday, April 8
Morning Service 10:30 am
Torah Study 11 am
Benjamin & Miriam B’nai Mitzvah 5 pm

Tuesday, April 11
First Day of Passover

Friday, April 14
Erev Shabbat 7:30 pm

Monday, April 17
Last Day of Passover
Service w/Yizkor 10:30 am

Friday, April 21
Erev Shabbat 7:30 pm
Lindsay Soss Bat Mitzvah

Saturday, April 22
Lindsay Soss Bat Mitzvah 10:30 am

Friday, April 28
Shabbat Alive! 7:30 pm
Carly Mallitz Bat Mitzvah

Saturday, April 29
Carly Mallitz Bat Mitzvah 5 pm

Have You Made Your Reservations for Seder?



Look at these beautiful Temple Emanu-El Seder tables!

Let all who are hungry come and eat! We hope you are planning to join your Temple Emanu-El family for a meaningful, festive, and delicious Passover Seder in Benderson Family Hall on Monday, April 10, at 6 pm. Assistant Rabbi Michael Shefrin will make his debut as our Seder leader using Temple Emanu-El's original Sarasota Haggadah. Michael's on East will cater a traditional Passover meal with all the trimmings. Call the Temple office for last-minute information about the Seder.

"I am looking forward to another fantastic Seder this year with Rabbi Shefrin leading us in the recitation of our Sarasota Haggadah," commented Temple Emanu-El Ritual Committee Chair Marian Raupp. As are we all!

Thank you so much to the Ritual Committee for overseeing this beautiful Seder. We wish everyone a joyous Passover holiday and every blessing at this season of redemption.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May, 2017 / Iyar-Sivan, 5777

Schedule Subject to Change

May

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| <p>2 Yom Ha'atzmaut</p> <p>3 Lunch with the Rabbis 12 Noon
Religious School 5:30 pm</p> <p>4 Judaism 101 12:30 pm</p> <p>5 Teacher Appreciation/Family Shabbat 7 pm</p> <p>6 Saturday Morning Service 10:30 am
Torah Study 11 am
Sisterhood Derby Event 4:30 pm</p> <p>7 Religious School 9:30 am
Brotherhood Board Meeting 9:40 am
Confirmation Class 10 am
Mitzvah Day 12 Noon</p> | <p>8 Executive Committee Meeting 7 pm
Israeli Dancing 7 pm</p> <p>9 Mitzvah Knitting 10 am</p> <p>10 Sisterhood Board Meeting 10:30 am
Sisterhood Gardening Event 1 pm
Religious School 5:30 pm</p> <p>12 Sisterhood Shabbat 7:30 pm</p> <p>14 Mother's Day
Religious School Closed
Membership Committee Meeting 10 am</p> <p>15 Jewish Book Club 10 am
Ritual Committee Meeting 7 pm
Religious School 5:30 pm</p> <p>18 Judaism 101 12:30 pm</p> <p>19 Brotherhood Dinner 5:30 pm
Brotherhood Shabbat 7:30 pm</p> | <p>21 Annual Congregational Breakfast & Meeting 9:30 am
Religious School 9:30 am</p> <p>22 Board of Trustees Meeting 7 pm</p> <p>23 Mitzvah Knitting 10 am
Philanthropy Committee Meeting 5 pm</p> <p>24 Social Action Committee Meeting 1:30 pm</p> <p>26 Confirmation Shabbat 7:30 pm</p> <p>29 Memorial Day
Office and Early Learning Center Closed</p> <p>30 Tikkun Leil Shavuot
Office closes at 4 pm
Night of Jewish Learning 7 pm</p> <p>31 Shavuot
Office Closed
Service w/Yizkor 10:30 am</p> |
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Early Learning Center

Our year is coming to a close at Temple Emanu-El Early Learning Center, with June 6 the last day of the school year. What an eventful year it has been, especially getting to know our wonderful new building and playground!

Our terrific summer camp is now open for registration. The Early Learning Center will hold two sessions of summer camp this year. (June and July) The staff has worked on a great schedule that is bound to keep your children entertained, active and educated. Along with our summer schedule, we are privileged to again have Jason Sharrock from Sarasota Middle School return in June to share his love for science by offering a "super science spectacular." During this program, students will participate in hands-on science activities and crafts related to atoms, astronomy, zoology, and engineering to name a few.

If you are interested in summer or fall classes (now also open for registration), give us a call, or come by the school. We are always happy to show off our new building. Our preschool programs as well as our VPK wrap around programs include gymnastics and music and movement. Please contact Temple Emanu-El Early Learning Center if you would like additional information at 941 377-8074.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Krista Herman
- 1 Joey Korenman
- 1 Mitchell Leon
- 3 Heidi Brown
- 3 Bernard Ehrlich
- 4 Marlon Decker
- 4 Dr. Ira Shoulson
- 4 Sara Werner
- 5 Chris Berkowitz
- 5 Marlies Gluck
- 5 Caryl Magnus
- 6 Dr. George Frank
- 6 Marty Katz
- 6 Dr. Martin Max
- 7 Alexis Clarke
- 7 Lori Dorman
- 7 Anthony Kendal
- 7 Phyllis Klapman
- 7 Dr. Harvey Schwaid
- 8 Jean Marie Lucas
- 9 William Behrenfeld
- 9 Sharon H. Garson
- 9 Mary Ellen Shapiro
- 10 Ronna Baum
- 10 Robert Duffy
- 10 Marvin Gross
- 10 Sasha Rosin
- 10 Wayne Ruben
- 11 Ardis Freedman
- 12 Fred Axelrod
- 12 Arlene Schwen
- 13 Dr. Jon Hoffberger
- 13 Harold Kaufman
- 13 Bernice Lasberg
- 13 Dr. Shayna Shefrin
- 13 Melvin Stone
- 13 Debbie Yonker
- 15 Jeanne Gerry

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Temple Emanu-El welcomes the following members:

Kaufman Jefferson, Tammy & Jefferson, Chris

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Our membership extends deepest sympathy to Judy Cahn, Jerry Kuskin, Fran Lambert, Bill & Carol Levine, Scott & Jill Levine, Jamie Viera and their families on the death of a loved one so precious and dear.

Our membership mourns the loss of Shirley Cutler, Bernice Siegel, and Louise Westelman.

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| 15 Rabbi Brenner Glickman | 25 David Leopold |
| 15 Aaron Kramer | 25 Brian Mount |
| 15 Alvin H. Liftman | 26 A. Toby Simon |
| 15 Steven Tillman | 26 Frank Wieckowski |
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| 19 Philip Zimmel | 28 Patricia Levin |
| 20 Lynda Wetherson | 28 Joan Zaroff |
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| 23 Joel S. Garson | 30 Jay Sacks |
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APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

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| | 15 Dr. Steven & Lauren Fineman |
| | 15 Michael & Sandy Levitan |
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| | 18 Randi & David Greenfield |
| | 19 Harold & Helen Weinstein |
| | 20 David & Alisha Leopold |
| | 22 Michelle & Brad Pearson |
| | 25 Craig & Ann Goldstein |
| | 26 Richard & Jill Simons |
| | 28 Emily & Robert Duffy |
| | 29 Susan & David Cohen |
| | 29 Barry & Nomi Schneider |

Annie Wolter loved helping Temple in so many ways



After a full life, Annie died in 2016---but she is renewing her support this year!
And next year, and the year after...she is doing it forever!

Annie was everywhere at TEE. Helping, doing, supporting whenever she could. Annie loved being part of our family here.

She chose to be part of TEE forever. Each year her charitable planned gift reminds us that she is.

You may have made estate plans, or intend to do so. Please tell us. We will thank you forever, but we would like to begin now.

Contact our Endowment Fund Chair, Howard Goldberg at (941) 379-8945

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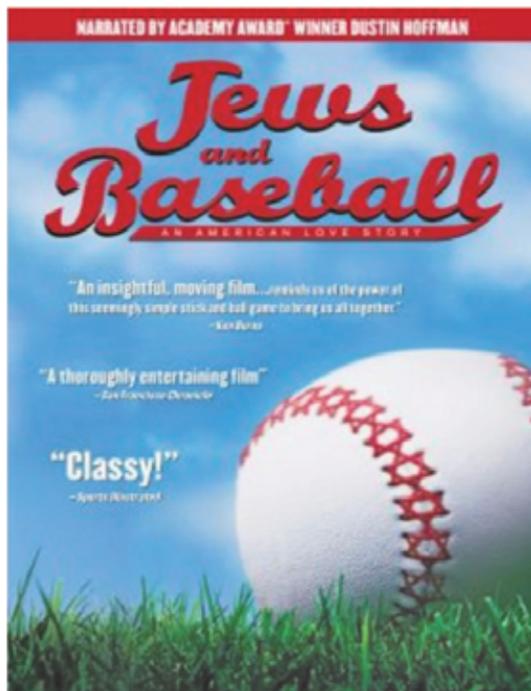
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Passover Seder

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\$60 for adult members and \$75 for adult non-members

Children ages 6-12 \$35, and under 6 are free.

Haggadahs will be provided

Menu: Gefilte Fish, Matzo Ball Soup, your choice of Roasted Chicken with wild mushroom sauce, Brisket or Vegetarian (Roasted Portabella Mushroom). All served with Smashed Tsimmes, Asparagus, Roasted Red Pepper & Squash, Flourless Chocolate Cake with Fruit and Fresh Whipped Cream.

Payment must be received by **April 3rd**

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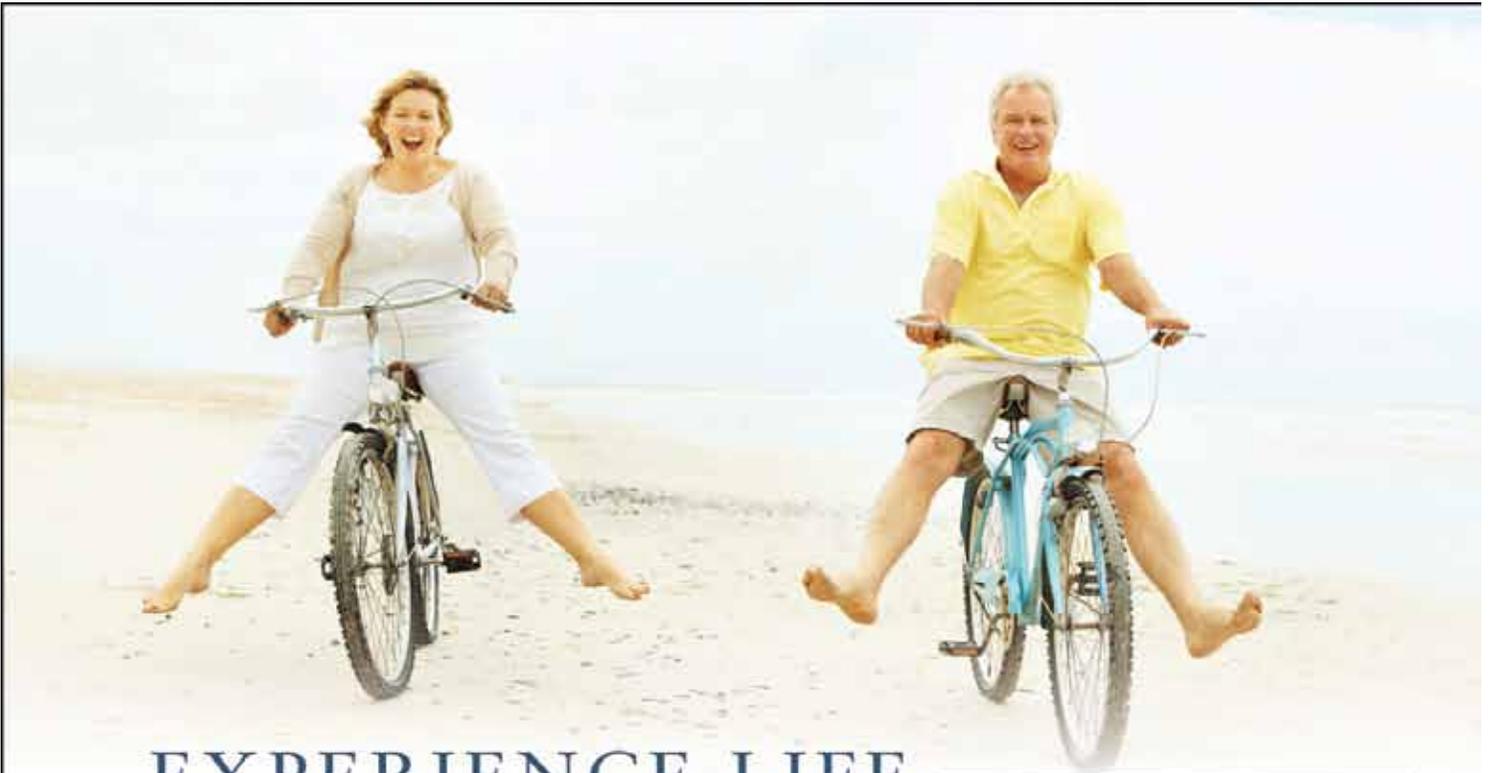
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 DECEMBER 7, 2016

The annual Women's Day luncheon provides an opportunity for women to come together around a theme they can all relate to while enjoying an inspiring speaker and a delicious lunch.

VIOLINS OF HOPE
 FEBRUARY 1 - 16, 2017

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 APRIL - MAY 2017

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