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Rabbi's Message

Courage

It should have been spring break. Temple Emanu-El Religious School should have been closed. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, it was decided we would call Religious School back into session early. For the safety of all, our morning prayer service, communal assembly, and classes were all to be convened online, in a virtual space. This moment in time meant re-forming our approach to educating the future of the Jewish people.

Something remarkable happened. Even though we weren't supposed to be open, attendance

was up. Almost every one of our students gathered in cyberspace. It was important, fun, and even brought some parents to tears of appreciation.

Stories like this are happening all across the temple.

Much of what we are used to at temple happens face-to-face and in person. That has changed for the moment. We have needed to reimagine how we connect to one another as well as to Judaism during this time of isolation. In recent weeks many seemingly familiar temple experiences have felt new, unfamiliar, and sometimes daunting.

These feelings are not new to the Jewish people.

Throughout history, Jews have faced great challenges and proven to be a resilient people. We know from disruptions to daily life and plagues. Jews have not only survived these times, but thrived. That thriving was a result of faith, re-imagination, adaptation, and courage. I believe this to be a moment in history where these tools are needed again. I see these tools being used amongst our temple family. I am inspired and proud.

Since we are not gathering in person due to the virus, people like you have answered the call to mobilize, volunteer, and try new things as a community. The results are palpable.

Over one hundred of our members are helping other members



Rabbi Michael Shefrin

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EDITOR'S NOTE REGARDING THE CORONAVIRUS

All events and services will be livestreamed or held via Zoom and our Facebook page until further notice. Please look for news and updates on the temple website and in our Eblasts.

Friday Services will be livestreamed at:

www.sarasotatemple.org

Be safe and good to one another

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and in turn making friends, some of whom they haven't stood in front of yet. The numbers of people joining our livestreamed prayer services are bigger than ever. The smiles during our Social Hours and Lunch with the Rabbis on Zoom are huge.

This is happening temple-wide. Our membership, from our most

senior members all the way down to our youngest, has been brave in exploring new technologies and showing up for newly created opportunities. In spite of not being able to gather in proximity to one another, Temple Emanu-El is thriving. It is a bright spot during a dark time.

I want to express my gratitude for our temple's leadership, volun-

teers, staff, and members for all of this. It is an amazing example of Reform Judaism at its finest. Together, we are reimagining, adapting, and courageously confronting the challenges of the world we are living in and leaning on our tradition to guide us. May this continue until we can safely be together again and beyond.



VIRTUAL Mitzvah Day 2020

Covid-19 can't stop Temple Emanu-El from doing mitzvahs! Although the coronavirus pandemic forced the cancellation of our annual in-person Mitzvah Day, Sunday, May 3, will still be a special day to celebrate good deeds and acts of loving kindness.

Beginning in March and continuing through Sunday, May 3, our Temple Emanu-El family has been invited to consider ways to help our community and our world. Participants have logged into Temple Emanu-El's Facebook page, clicked on the Virtual Mitzvah Day event, and posted comments or photos to share the "mitzvahs" in which they've been engaging. Suggestions and feedback were also offered by Mitzvah Day Committee members. Within the first weeks, a number of mitzvahs had been noted—including social distancing; checking in with older relatives; picking up and delivering groceries and medications for



Displaced college sophomore Moses Glickman showed off the friendly letter written by TEERS student Zachary Kurnov

households with elder or immunocompromised members; calling and creating cards for medical workers, nursing home residents, and displaced college students; donating blood; providing furniture for needy families; calling homebound members and attending to their needs; offering tech support by phone to those unfamiliar with the Internet; and so much more.

As a culmination and celebration of these months of good deeds and inspiring stories, Temple



Dr. Susan Beck donated blood as her children Abner and Josie looked on

Emanu-El will celebrate the original Mitzvah Day date of Sunday, May 3, as VIRTUAL Mitzvah Day 2020. Please join this Facebook event and be part of VIRTUAL Mitzvah Day and its special surprise announcements, prizes, and opportunities!

For more information about Temple Emanu-El's VIRTUAL Mitzvah Day, please contact Rabbi Elaine at 379-1997.

Save the Date for “Blessing of the Animals!”

This article is being written at the end of March with sadness as coronavirus precludes our ability to gather in person—but also with hope that Temple Emanu-El will be able to hold our wonderful “Blessing of the Animals” event as usual on Sunday, June 7, at 10 a.m. Please mark your calendar—and your pet’s calendar!—and plan to attend this special annual gathering celebrating God’s gift of animal companionship.

One of our most cherished events for pet-lovers, “Blessing of the Animals” is a unique opportunity to express our love for our pets Jewishly and ask that God’s blessings rest upon them. Rabbi Brenner Glickman and Rabbi Michael Shefrin will offer a brief talk about the importance of animals and kindness to animals in Judaism, then will give an individual blessing to each pet. Pet family portraits will be taken by ace photographer Alice Cotman, and veterinarian Dr. Hal Alterman will be available for free consults and pet care tips. There will also be an opportunity for pet-lovers—and their animals!—to socialize together; snacks for humans, dogs, and cats will be served.

“Blessing of the Animals” is co-chaired by Alice Cotman, Kim Sheintal, and Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman. Please note that



“Barney” Glickman thanked the “Blessing of the Animals” leadership team for a great event last year!

“Blessing of the Animals” may be postponed or held virtually if required for safety or public health reasons; for more information or to RSVP, please call 379-1997 or

email elaine-glickman@comcast.net.

Halutza

Hebrew word of the month

Located in the Northwest Negev, just a kilometer from the Gaza border, Halutza was founded in 2005, after the dismantling of the Gaza settlements of the Gush Katif communities. At the time of its founding, Halutza was a barren desert, characterized by prominent sand dunes. In fact, it was the most unlikely place to start of new community. In addition to the town of Naveh, Halutza comprises the towns of B'nei Netzarim and Shlomit. Originally, there were 30 founding families. Today, Halutza is home to 2,500 people. Because of its proximity to the Gaza and Egyptian borders, and the inherent dangers of that location, housing is much more affordable in Halutza than in other areas of the country. As a result, young families

(primarily of Orthodox persuasion) are migrating in droves to Halutza. Seventy percent of Halutza's population is between the ages of one and eighteen. Key projects include the Halutza Medical Center, a dental clinic, three synagogues, parks, playgrounds and the Young Farmer's Incubator Project. High tech projects are also in the development stage.

While the dangers from nearby Gaza and Egypt are omnipresent, Halutza residents are forging ahead, focusing on building their partnership with the Jewish National Fund—USA. In fact, the incredible progress occurring in Halutza is a prime example of JNF's Blueprint Negev Strategy. They started from zero and are literally making the desert bloom.

Yedidya Harush, JNF's spokesman for Halutza, speaks of the positive

mindset of residents of the community: "When terrorists throw rockets, we build communities. We plant a tree and build a park and bring new families to the area. This is our answer to terror..." The hopes of Halutza are to create a sustainable area in which thousands of people will live—in keeping with David Ben Gurion's dream of building the Negev. In partnership with JNF, the residents of Halutza are working feverishly to bring this dream to fruition.

The name for Halutza is derived from the Hebrew word halutz—which means a Jew who immigrated to Palestine as part of the movement after WW I to create Jewish settlements.

*Toby Halpern,
Immediate Past President and
Member, Israel Committee*

Endowment

We all would like to have our impact be FOREVER. Fae has. Look at her grandson's eyes. We hope to have our values continued. Our friend Don Bernstein proposed a novel way to make sure that your values, your cultural loves, the music that carries you back to your childhood, the stories that have guided your life, virtually last forever. It is a simple move that will make your family proud. Think about 20:1, twenty to one. Con-



Fae Beloff and grandson

sider how much that you share with our temple each year. Let's say it is \$3,300 annually. If you add a \$66,000 thousand dollar legacy to your end of life estate and it generates five percent annually, that donation of \$3,300, will sustain the community, your values, temple hymns, and rabbinic teachings that you have enjoyed... almost into perpetuity. We propose that you consider an end of life donation. Contact the office at temple to find out how, or msharff@gmail.com

May 2020
Schedule of Services
Live Streamed

Pending the Covid-19 status, services may be livestreamed only. Please check

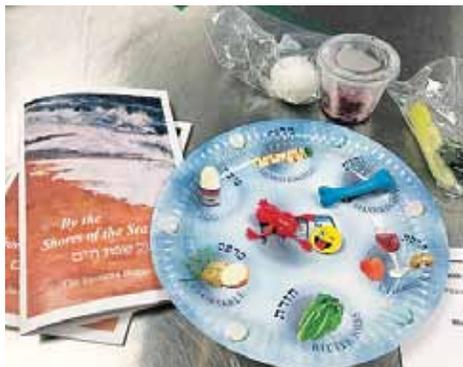
our website, www.sarasotatemple.org, and weekly emails for details.

Photo Gallery

Passover Celebration

Temple Emanu-El's Passover was like none other we've experienced in this lifetime! Unable to gather in person and physically distancing amid the coronavirus pandemic, the Temple Emanu-El family nevertheless managed to observe this holy season with connection, celebration, and even joy. Our amazing staff and volunteers—led by our Rabbis, Ritual Chair Marian Raupp, Executive Director Christine Elliott, Events Manager Fatima Soriano, and Facilities Manager Jesse Bauer—assembled Seder kits and arranged touch-free pickup to ensure that we each had the ritual items needed to hold a Seder, plus some special fun surprises. Generous donors also stepped forward to ensure that every person in our Temple family could enjoy a delicious Seder meal prepared by Fresh Start Café, Brooklyn Catering, or Michael's on East. Finally, Temple Emanu-El Rabbis Brenner and Elaine Rose Glickman “hosted” a beautiful and meaningful first-night Seder, which was livestreamed into our members' homes, followed by Rabbi Michael and Shayna Shefrin's engaging and delightful second-night Seder especially for families.

Among the kind words used to describe Passover this year at Temple Emanu-El were: “heartwarming,” “special,” “memorable,” “wonderful,” “connected,” “feel the love,” “perfect,” “happy,” “meant the world,” and—in summary—“felt like Passover.” We all were blessed to feel and even deepen the connections among our Temple family, and to celebrate our people's timeless faith in God's saving and redeeming power. Next year in Jerusalem—next year on McIntosh Road—next year may all be healthy and safe and free!



Each Seder Kit contained these ritual items for our families to hold a Seder meal in our own homes



Carl and Judy Levy raised their kiddush cups as they watched the livestream Seder



Rabbis Brenner and Elaine Glickman – with son Moses – virtually joined Dr. Eleanor Wachs's Seder table



Past President Michael Richker shared the Seder table with the Glickmans



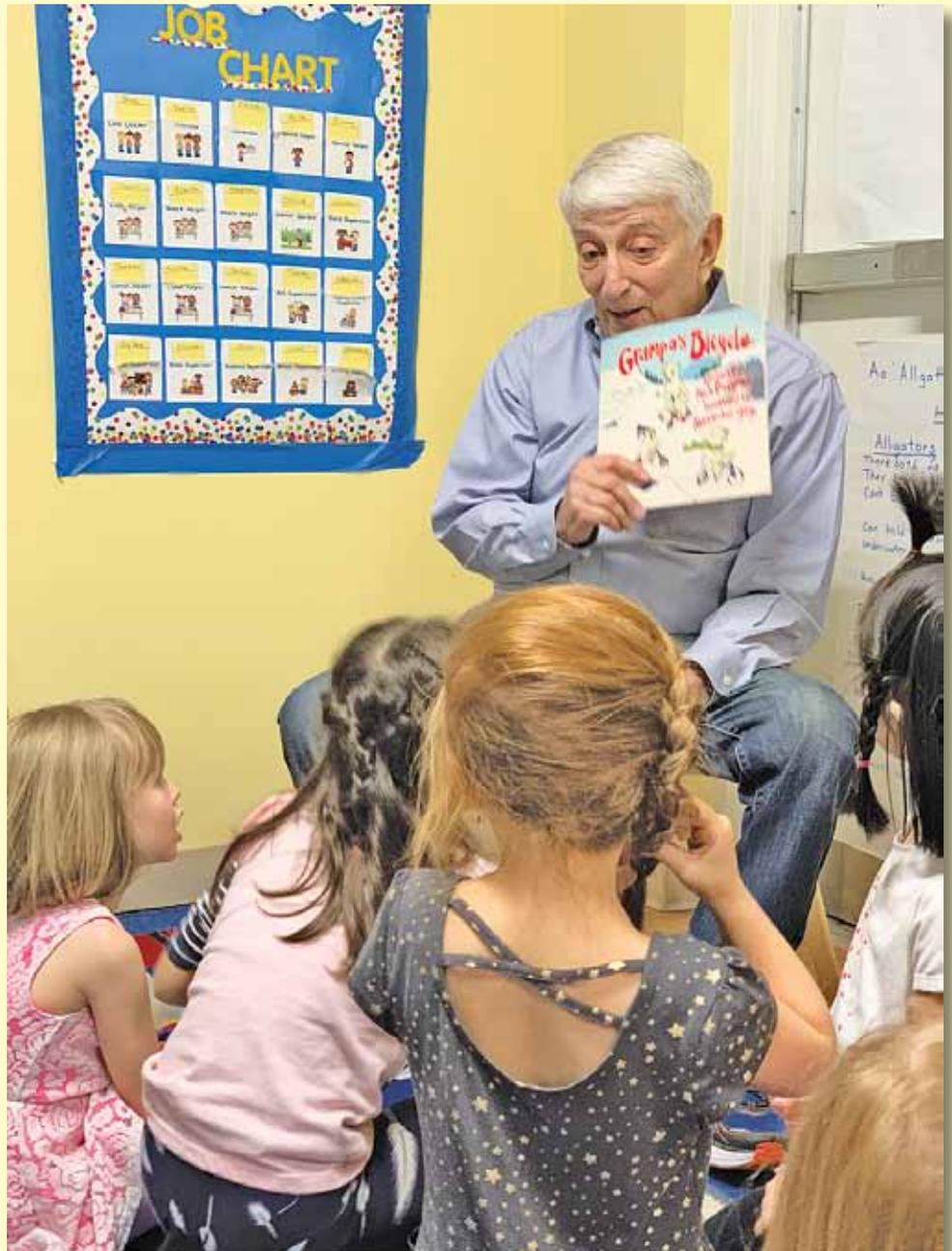
Associate Rabbi Michael, Dr. Shayna, and Jacob Shefrin wore matzah-patterned masks created by Sandy “Grandma Bunny” Ainbinder to stay safe while showing their Passover spirit

Susan Schwaid Early Learning Center News:

Written in Early April 2020

We are all living in a challenging time right now; despite this, our Susan Schwaid Early Learning Center (SSELC) is doing everything that it can to make the best of a difficult situation for the children in our care. It is apparent that every member of the SSELC staff wants to be with the young children in our charge, but everyone must do their part to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus in our community. We are all in this fight together. In an effort to maintain some sense of normalcy for our students, our SSELC staff has been hard at work to lessen the impact of this situation by continuing to educate their young minds, and, perhaps more importantly, support their social, emotional, and spiritual well-being.

It is important during this time for the children to maintain their social-emotional well-being. We are so lucky to have such an experienced, caring, and knowledgeable staff. To aid parents in this effort, our preschool teachers have been reaching out to connect with the children in many ways in order to help these impressionable children understand that we and they are still there for them. Teachers have made phone calls, mailed hand-written notes, and Facetimed with the children. Ms. April has sent families a video with scrolling pictures to remind the students of the wonderful memories they had throughout the year at the SSELC. They are also learning to use Zoom to “check-in” virtually with their students so that they not only see their teachers but also see the other SSELC friends they are missing so dearly. We cannot wait to see all their smiling faces and reactions!



Earlier this spring, author and Temple Emanu-El member Rich Bergman delighted our students by reading them his new children's book

The SSELC staff plans to maintain these connections throughout the school's closure due to the novel coronavirus. We are going to do everything in our power to make sure that this does not have a lasting psychological effect on these children. When it comes right down to it, they are going to remember these efforts more than any academic lessons we provide. However, we are going to do our best to maintain these efforts as well.

In addition to maintaining the students' social-emotional well-being, we are striving to maintain their academic progress. Teachers have been locating, creating, and sending age-appropriate resources for our students to keep up their minds active. We are also serving as a “relay station,” as parents share activities they are using as well, which we are then redistributing among our families. VPK (Bridge to Kindergarten) is

an especially critical time in a child's academic development. We are striving to ensure that these children are ready for the transition to the public-school system next year. Leading this effort is Ms. Deborah Kaufmann, our VPK teacher, who has been creating lesson plans for the families. She has spoken individually to the children's parents, and, based on the evaluations provided by the Florida Department of Education she has used throughout the school year, is providing individual recommendations and resources to parents to continue their academic growth. She is also reading stories to the children on Facebook, as "story time" is often a student favorite.

Speaking of student favorites, let's talk Shabbat! On the spiritual side, Rabbi Brenner Glickman and Rabbi Michael Shefrin are hosting virtual Shabbat for the SSELc students. Rabbi Shefrin debuted virtual Shabbat by singing a Shabbat favorite, "The Dinosaur Song," to many students' delight. However, the rabbis also created as traditional a Shabbat experience as possible in the virtual setting. The students always love seeing the rabbis on Friday leading

Shabbat. They love singing the songs and listening to the lessons provided by our wonderful temple leaders. I have heard many parents say that their students were missing their Friday tradition.

We would like to thank the Temple Emanu-El members and leadership, for all the support you have provided and are continuing to provide to the SSELc. The children need to know that we, as a community, are there for them when their parents, grandparents, and other relatives are facing challenging times. Though social distancing protects all of us from the virus, we need to continue to work together to lessen the impact on these young children. Maintaining these connections is important to their emotional, social, spiritual, and academic well-being.

Again, I thank you, the staff thanks you, and, most importantly, the children thank you. We will all get through this together.

Blessings,

*Elaine Sharrock, Director
Susan Schwaid Early Learning Center
at Temple Emanu-El*



Jacob Shefrin celebrated Purim with his very own crown

Our membership extends deepest sympathy to Scott Anderson, Lori Klein, Barbara Lifsec, Dr. Martin Max, Leslie Podolosky, Gary Rosenbaum, Sam Roth, Dana Rubin, Sam Samelson, Jud Werbelow, Sandra Zimmel and their families on the death of a loved one so precious and dear.

May God's strength and our support bring comfort to one and all.

Sarasota Arthritis Center



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TEERS Launches Virtual Learning and Worship

Covid 19, quarantine, social distancing, pandemic, flattening the curve, shelter-in-place: When these words and terms became part of our daily lexicon, the CDC soon followed with orders to close schools. As a Jewish supplementary school, we were facing unprecedented times and attempting to navigate uncharted territories. Over the past 19 years, Temple Emanu-El's Religious School (TEERS) closed twice for a week, both times for a hurricane. This situation was very different.

When the news of the pandemic first emerged, TEERS was on spring break. Families were away on vacation, skiing, hiking, camping, visiting friends and enjoying a break from work and school. This carefree living ended abruptly. Many families scrambled to find their way back home only to face a new worrisome and unsettling reality.

At TEERS we followed the CDC and the Sarasota School Board recommendations and initially closed school for a week. One week turned into three, and then it became very apparent that schools would most likely close for the remainder of the school year. When the news first broke about the pandemic, our rabbis partnered with TEERS, mobilizing a plan to serve our children and young families. Reaching out to express care and maintaining a sense of community framed all the efforts that ensued. Rabbi Shefrin recorded a loving message for TEERS' families expressing concern. Our dedicated Religious School chairs Heather Labinger and Stacy Rosenberg, along with TEERS staff, called each family to check in and to offer help. TEERS' teachers reached out to each of their students to say hello. We were all feeling a sense of



Morah Sabrina Silverberg, MARE, gives the Marcus family their books

separation and experiencing an urgent need to reconnect.

TEERS leadership and staff worked swiftly to restore Jewish learning for students and young families. Sunday, March 22, although still on spring break, Rabbi Shefrin and Morah Sabrina broadcast the first virtual school assembly and *Tefilla* on Facebook Live. A textbook pick-up was organized, and the first Hebrew class followed on March 25 via Zoom. Sunday classes launched on March 29.

Launching virtual learning required much work and a steep learning curve. Many of our teachers were not familiar with the new learning platforms and this new way of teaching. It is heartwarming and reassuring to witness everyone rising to the occasion with care and love. TEERS' efforts were met with gratitude and appreciation. Our class and program attendance are at a new high! As one parent expressed: "You all are doing an amazing job! Thank you so much



again and again for loving our kids and bringing the joy of Judaism into our homes!"

We pray that we are all together again soon. Until then we will do all that we can to help maintain a sense of normalcy for our families, show them that they are cared for, and provide them with meaningful and engaging Jewish learning.

Ken yehi ratzon—let it be so,

*Sabrina Silverberg, MARE
TEERS Director of Education*



The wonderful TEERS community gathers via Zoom

Don & Bobbi Bernstein



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Celebrate Shavuot with Annual *Tikkun Leil Shavuot* on May 28

The holiday of Shavuot is coming up in late May, which gives us hope that Temple Emanu-El's much-anticipated *Tikkun Leil Shavuot*—also known as the Night of Jewish Learning—might be held in person. But whether we gather in person or virtually, please join your Temple Emanu-El family Thursday evening, May 28, for this special event commemorating the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai.

A centuries-old innovation of Jewish mysticism, the *Tikkun* is inspired by the passage in the Book of Exodus which states that the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai was preceded by thunder, lightning, the sound



Rabbi Shefrin, Rabbi Elaine, and Rabbi Glickman shared a smile at last year's *Tikkun Leil Shavuot*—Night of Jewish Learning

of the shofar, all sorts of noise and tumult. Our sages therefore deduced that the Israelites must have fallen asleep awaiting God's Revelation, and that God employed these phenomena to wake them up! Succeeding generations, these sages vowed, would not repeat this error but would remain alert, focused, and engaged in study as the holiday of Shavuot, tradition-

ally regarded as the anniversary of the giving of the Torah, dawned.

Our *Tikkun* is traditionally held from 7 to 9 pm and comprises two study sessions taught by Rabbi Brenner and Rabbi Elaine Glickman. In between the sessions, attendees enjoy a reception of dairy desserts—by tradition eaten on Shavuot. The past few years have included Rabbi Michael Shefrin's late-night bonus session beginning at 9 p.m. for those who wish to immerse themselves in extra study. If we can meet in person, this wonderful schedule will continue; if not, we will adapt the *Tikkun* for meaningful and inspirational online learning and sharing. Please watch your inbox for updates.

We wish you *chag Shavuot same-ach*—happy Shavuot!

Virtual Tot Shabbat, Genuine Connections!

Although Covid-19 forced Temple Emanu-El's vibrant and happy Tot Shabbat programs to go online, our wonderful young families have rallied to maintain their connections with one another, with Temple Emanu-El, and with Judaism.

As coronavirus took hold in Florida, Temple Emanu-El immediately began offering a weekly virtual Tot Shabbat every Saturday morning, and families were encouraged to participate in the virtual Parent and Me and story time offered by the Susan Schwaid Early Learning Center and to attend Temple Emanu-El's weekly online Family Shabbat Services. The Tot Shabbat Facebook page also became an important gathering spot for enjoying Tot Shabbat, posting photos



Alexandra Marcus was all dressed up for Virtual Tot Shabbat

and updates, and keeping families connected to Temple Emanu-El and to each other. Our families also participated in mitzvahs such as giving blood, calling medical professionals to express gratitude for their service, donating goods to needy families, making cards for shut-in seniors, and more.

We are so proud of our Tot Shabbat community, and hope to see everyone again in person for our May



Asher Weber was wished a happy birthday at Virtual Tot Shabbat

Tot Shabbat Saturday morning, May 16, if safety and public health allow. In the meantime, we send virtual hugs to our little ones and their families!

It's Time to Share Your Jewish Stories

In challenging times, you can count on Jews to share stories to calm our fears, ease each other's worries, and enable us as individuals and as a people to look forward with hope and faith.

As the Covid-19 spreads across our country and around the world, each of us has an opportunity to reach out with our stories to offer support and hope to one another. What story will you tell?

Thanks to Temple Emanu-El's "Our Jewish Stories" website (<http://ourjewishstories.wordpress.com>), you can add your story to the many stories that

other temple members have shared and become part of a project that offers us a chance to help each other better understand what it means to be Jewish.

We invite you to tell a story about:

- someone who inspired you to live a Jewish life;
- a moment when you became aware of your connection to the Jewish people;
- an incident that sparked your desire to live a Jewish life.

Still unsure where to begin? Maybe a few more questions will help you get started:

- When have you felt proud of being a Jew?

- When have you felt scared and asked God for help?
- When have you wanted to hide your Jewishness?

Please consider taking the time in the days ahead to share a story about an aspect of your Jewish experience with your Temple Emanu-El family.

Start writing... and see what happens.

When you're ready to share your story, you can send it to temple member Bruce Black, who gladly volunteers as editor of "Our Jewish Stories." Visit <https://ourjewishstories.wordpress.com/about/> for more details or feel free to reach out to Bruce with questions at bruceblack@gmail.com.

Members Helping Members

Our Mission: To create a warm, caring community through phone calls, emails, and other support, while observing the temporary "social distancing" required of us now. Through this ordeal, we are the Temple Emanu-El family.—Susan Skovronek

As I write this article in early April, I am unsure what will be happening when you read it in early May. Currently, Florida has over 10,000 cases of COVID-19. Malls, beaches, and public parks have been closed. Restaurants are only doing take out or delivery. The local schools just announced they will extend distance-learning until May 1.

Less than two weeks ago, Rabbi Glickman contacted me about a new Temple Emanu-El initiative, one he called *Members Helping Members*. It would be a way to reach out to our temple family in this time of crisis. Since the first email went out asking for volunteers, I have received over

150 responses. Our members were definitely ready to help!

The first task was to contact every one of our 620 families by phone. With the help of the amazing Mish-pucha call Chairpersons, Ethel Gross, Alice D'Souza, and Susan Skovronek, and the 90 volunteer callers, we have completed that goal. The effort was appreciated by all our members, young and young at heart.

But we didn't stop there. A Technology Committee was formed. Ronni Loundy and Gayle Yaverbaum stepped up to chair it. They have 15 volunteers who have offered their services to help congregants remotely with any technology-related issues. These include streaming temple services and programs so everyone can stay connected.

We also created a Delivery Committee chaired by Diana and Jerry Goodman, who have taken the north end of town, and Sherrie Sirkin Eisenberg, who is covering the south

end. This committee includes over 30 members willing to deliver essential goods to those unable to leave their homes at this time. The major most recent project was delivering Pass-over care packages, which the temple endeavored to get to everyone before the holiday.

Many, many thanks to everyone doing these mitzvahs. On behalf of our Rabbis and the temple leadership and staff, we are grateful to have our Temple Emanu-El family. It's important and beneficial work that reinforces Temple Emanu-El's motto: "You belong here."

I hope you are all still healthy, happy and safe as you read this. One thing I know—we should all be experts with ZOOM by now!

Leslie Podolsky,
Members Helping Members Chair

WELCOME!

**Temple Emanu-El welcomes the following members:
Goodman, Dr. Allen & Hankin, Dr. Janet**

Temple Emanu-El in the Age of Coronavirus

When coronavirus came—Temple Emanu-El responded. As February turned to March and April, and the extent and danger of coronavirus became clear, our temple family stepped up to accomplish what might have seemed unimaginable: keeping one another safe, connected, and close without physical gatherings or even physical contact. Services were moved online, and offerings were enhanced: Within a week, we had five weekly opportunities for Shabbat worship, study and celebration. Our weekly Zoom gatherings drew well over 120 attendees, and “Lunch with the Rabbis” was scheduled more regularly, with smaller breakout discussion groups added to allow for more intimate connections. Socials with different temple groups and demographics were launched; and programs for all ages of study and learning, movement and fitness, arts and culture, community service and much more were created, guided, facilitated, and sustained by our wonderful staff, visionary trustees, and dedicated volunteers. A conference call with committee chairs was specially arranged to provide guidance and ideas for moving their creative, dynamic, and engaging programming online; and our college students, Confirmation students, high school seniors, and medical professionals also received special outreach and attention.

Also receiving special outreach and attention were our wonderful seniors and those who needed extra help and care. Our amazing Members Helping Members Committee—overseen by Alice D’Souza, Leslie Podolsky, and Susan Skovronek, and assisted by tech support captains Ronni Loundy and Gayle Yaverbaum and call team captains Sherrie Eisenberg and Ethel Gross plus well over 80 volunteers—ensured that our older members received phone calls, offers of assistance, needed deliveries,

and one-on-one guidance to help them participate in our livestream and Zoom offerings. Temple Emanu-El Religious School students and Tot Shabbat kids were also encouraged to create greeting cards for our seniors in assisted living centers while respecting their safety needs and regulations regarding mail.

As Passover drew closer, and the impossibility of physically gathering for Seder became clear, our temple leaders again sprang into action. In addition to livestreaming two beautiful and meaningful Seders—one for the entire community and one designed especially for families with young children—Temple Emanu-El created and distributed Seder Kits to ensure that every household had a Seder plate, matzah, Haggadah, and everything necessary for a meal. And for those unable to afford a meal, generous donors stepped forward to fulfill the mandate of our Seder: “Let all who are hungry come and eat!”

Speaking of generous, Temple Emanu-El was well aware of the need to look out for others suffering financial difficulty amid the pandemic. A list of temple member-owned businesses was posted in order to encourage us to support one another, and all temple staff—including our preschool teachers—were fully compensated even as our campus and schools were officially shuttered. And the generosity flowed both ways as our staff worked above and beyond from home and—when needed, with safe distancing practices—on our campus to ensure that our operations and service to our members could continue uninterrupted. We express immense gratitude to (in alphabetical order) Jesse Bauer, Bonnie Clarke, Judy Dean, Christine Elliott, Rabbi Brenner Glickman, Dee Lamberti, Fatima Soriano, and Rabbi Michael Shefrin—and to temple president Ken Marsh and our Board of Trustees for inspiring and guiding them, and all of us.

Those temple leaders serving our youth deserve their own unique thanks and acknowledgement. Director of Edu-

cation Sabrina Silverberg, MARE, and Susan Schwaid Early Learning Center Director Elaine Sharrock share in the Temple Times their own compelling and beautiful articles, and STEEMY youth group advisor Savannah Samberg wonderfully organized online opportunities for our teens to stay connected.

As the Temple Times deadline of April 5 approached, Rabbi Glickman and Christine Elliott shared their perspectives on this extraordinary period, and our temple family’s extraordinary response:

“I’ve been so anxious and worried, wanting to make sure all of our members were safe and secure with the supplies they needed, but there were just too many people to call. And then our leaders organized, mobilized, and gathered volunteers and made teams in a roll-out that was astounding. When I got the call that every one of our temple members had been reached and their needs assessed, I felt such a sense of relief. I am so grateful and humbled by our volunteers and their enormous hearts and their skillful organization.”—Rabbi Glickman

“Wow, where do I start? The last few weeks have felt almost surreal with the vast changes and challenges put upon us; how quickly life has changed. In quiet moments when I sit back and reflect on the moments of kindness, generosity, creativity and love displayed by our rabbis, members and staff that jump out at me and reassure me. Because of these moments, I know Temple Emanu-El will not only be okay but will thrive. I have nothing but admiration for how quickly our team jumped into action to create the best situation possible for our congregation. Rabbis Glickman and Shefrin are the definition of leadership and strength! They frequently remind me of the Energizer Bunny... they just don’t stop!

“During challenging times, people either step up or step down. I would like to acknowledge and say thank you to a few of the ones who have greatly

stepped up. This includes Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman, Jesse Bauer, Leslie Podolsky and Members Helping Members, Sabrina Silverberg and her religious school crew, Elaine Sharrock and her teachers, Ken Marsh, and countless others! I may not like our current situation,

but I am proud of ALL of us for how we are handling it and supporting each other.”—*Christine Elliott*

As we express gratitude for the blessing of being part of our Temple Emanu-El family, we also express our fervent hopes for all who suffer—in our

community and beyond – and pray that God continue to enable us to help others. May God grant us light and hope, strength and healing, protection and comfort, love and redemption, in the days ahead and always.

Recognizing Our Wonderful Confirmation Class

Among the casualties of the coronavirus pandemic has been Temple Emanu-El’s wonderful Confirmation classes – monthly gatherings of learning, socializing, and community-building for our post-B’nai Mitzvah students with Rabbi Brenner Glickman and Rabbi Michael

Shefrin – and the popular parallel parent education classes. Although Confirmation classes are continuing virtually, the meaningful, beautiful Confirmation service—originally scheduled for this month—will not take place in person. In order to allow our tenth grade Confirmation candidates to have the full Confirmation experience, and to allow our Temple Emanu-El family to properly honor their achievement and commitment, the Confirmation ceremony has

been postponed to a future date. In the meantime, however, we acknowledge and celebrate our wonderful Confirmation class of 5780/2020: Benjamin Baram, Miriam Baram, Eden Glickman, Aaron Lurie, Megan Meese, Danielle Rudd, Jayme Rudd, and Robert Witherspoon. Mazel tov to these dedicated students—who are the bright future of Temple Emanu-El and the Jewish community—and to their proud families!

Adult Education Update Upcoming Courses & Events

Due to the Coronavirus the following programs will be presented on **ZOOM**. Please register online on the temple website. Registrants will receive a **ZOOM** invitation to join in online.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:
Sholem Aleichem-The Jewish Mark Twain with Dr. Eleanor Wachs**

Mondays, May 4 and May 11 at 10:30 am on ZOOM

Shalom Rabinowitz (1859-1916) better known by his pen name, Sholem Aleichem, was known for much more than writing *Tevye the Dairyman*, the basis for the hit play *Fiddler on the Roof*. He also wrote hilarious short stories, novels, plays, newspaper articles and even children’s stories. Participants will read several short stories selected by Yiddish Professor and scholar of Jewish Literature, Jeremy Dauber of

Columbia University, who recently published, *The Worlds of Sholem Aleichem*. Dr. Wachs will lead a discussion about the author and these selected short stories.

Please note: After participants register they will be sent a link to access these stories online.

Dr. Wachs has a doctorate in Folklore and American Studies from Indiana University and has taught at Brown University, University of Massachusetts-Boston and MIT. She has worked with the Library of Congress, the Smithsonian and most recently, the Florida Folk Life Program.

Living on a Prayer II with Sabrina Silverberg, MARE

Thursdays, May 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 11 am on ZOOM

“Living on a Prayer” is an interactive four-class course that will engage students through personal connections to *T’fillah* (prayers). Participants will explore the ancient sources of 4

core Shabbat prayers, and learn how to chant/read the Reader’s Kaddish (*Chatsi Kaddish*), Evening Creation (*Maariv Arvim*), Evening Revelation (*Ahavat Olam*), and *Aleinu*. Students will be provided the resources and tools for practicing the prayers on their own. No Hebrew reading skills are necessary.

Please note: This course is part II of a series but is designed to function independently; part I is not a prerequisite.

Sabrina Silverberg has a Master’s degree in Religious Education from the Hebrew Union College and has served as the Education Director for Temple Emanu-El’s Religious School since 2001. She loves to share her passion for Judaism and love of liturgy with her students.

If you would like more information on these programs please contact Co-Chairs Ellen Zipin, or Dr. Janet Hiller at adultedtee@gmail.com



The fabulous Temple Emanu-El Purim Players!

Photo Gallery

Temple Emanu-El Purim Celebration

Our Temple Emanu-El family celebrated Purim with great joy and laughter this year—and with enough enthusiasm to help sustain us during the challenging weeks that would follow! Whether at our Purim-themed open house family service, Purim Shabbat service featuring the Purim Players bringing to life Kathy Rance’s *Fiddler on the Roof*-inspired *shpiel*, or Temple Emanu-El Religious School (TEERS)’s Purim Pandemonium featuring a Megillah reading, Director of Education Sabrina Silverberg’s original *Purimshpiel*, costume parade, and carnival extravaganza, all had a wonderful time. In the words of the biblical Book of Esther: “The Jews had light and gladness, joy and honor”—it was certainly true for our own Purim celebrations, and may it continue to be so!



Purim crowns made Purim Pandemonium extra festive—and royal!



Jan Rosenbaum and Dr. Stephen Hiller perform in the Purimshpiel



Director of Education Sabrina Silverberg and the TEERS Purim Players put on a great Purimshpiel



Emma showed off her facepaint



Even Superman joined in the fun!



Heidi and Libby showed their Purim spirit



TEERS moms (and their adorable assistant!) baked scores of yummy hamantaschen for Purim Pandemonium



Learning to Cook Israeli

On March 2 and March 11 Evie Shen-Tal presented two Israeli Cooking Demonstrations featuring Ashkenazic and Sephardic traditional recipes as well as dishes influenced by Arabic, Moroccan, Lebanese and Persian cultures. Evie's love of cooking and cheerful, engaging personality were additional ingredients resulting in rave reviews from the 16 people in attendance at each session. Special thanks to Karen Androphy and Fatima Soriano for their help with registration, set-up and kitchen assistance, and to the Israel Committee that sponsored these events.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 2020 / Sivan-Tammuz 5780

Calendar subject to change and some events may be livestreamed!

June

- 3 Lunch with the Rabbis 12 Noon
- 4 Parent & Me 8:30 am
Fluid Dance: Miriam's Well 10 am
- 5 Summer Shabbat 6 pm

- 6 Morning Shabbat Service 10:30 am
Torah Study 11 am
Gabrielle Meese Bat Mitzvah 5 pm
- 7 Brotherhood Board Meeting
- 8 Book Club 11 am
- 9 Mitzvah Knitting 10 am
Adult Education Committee Meeting 10:30 am
- 10 Sisterhood Board Meeting 10:30 am
- 11 Parent & Me Class 8:30 am
- 12 Installation of Trustees Shabbat 6 pm
- 14 Movie: *Reinventing Rosalee* 2 pm

- 15 Philanthropy Committee Meeting 5 pm
Board of Trustees Meeting 7 pm
Membership Committee Meeting 7 pm
- 18 Parent & Me Class 8:30 am
Fluid Dance Class 10 am
- 19 Summer Shabbat 6 pm
- 20 Duke Pullam Bar Mitzvah 5 pm
- 21 Father's Day**
- 23 Mitzvah Knitting 10 am
- 24 Social Action Committee Meeting 1:30 pm
- 25 Parent & Me Class 8:30 am
- 26 Summer Shabbat 6 pm

Israel Committee

New College Anthropology Professor Uzi Baram Will Speak on Israeli Archaeology.

The Israel Committee invites you to hear Temple Emanu-El Professor Uzi Baram, Professor of Anthropology and Heritage Studies at New College. speak about the topic “Finding Liberty: What Archaeology Finds Out about Freedom-Seeking People, in Sinai and Gulf Coast Florida” on Tuesday, May 5, from 7 to 8 pm on ZOOM.

A renowned teacher, author and scholar, Professor Baram specialized in the culture and material landscapes of the Eastern Mediterranean, including Israel, before arriving at New College and

expanding his focus to the Gulf Coast. He leads the New College Public Archaeology Lab and its current excavations in Manatee County, which are revealing traces of the historic Angola community—early 19th-century freedom-seekers struggling against slavery. In addition to providing a behind-the-scenes update on his fascinating work, Professor Baram will compare the Angola community to the experience of the biblical Exodus, highlighting the challenges for archaeology when searching for a heritage of freedom.

Professor Baram’s presentation is among the highlights of this year’s Israel Committee activities, which include Israel Shabbat, Israeli Cooking Demonstrations, Temple Emanu-El’s booth at the Federa-

tion’s Yom HaAtzmaut celebration, and the Peace Tile Project with our Religious School. In addition, the Israel Committee has sponsored presentations on the Jewish National Fund (JNF) projects in Israel, “Miracles in Israel,” as well as a discussion on the book Thou Shalt Innovate and a video from Kibbutz Neviv on their Peace Wall on the Gaza border.

Next year, the Israel Committee will focus on Israeli innovations to promote Tikkun Olam.

“Come join us for the Baram presentation,” said Israel Committee chair Nina Levitt. “And if you love Israel, come join the Israel Committee!”

For more information email nina.g.levitt@gmail.com.

Will We See You at Lunch with the Rabbis?

Monthly Program at Temple Emanu-El

Scheduled dates: May 6 and June 3 at Noon

Live streamed event



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Sabrina was born in Cairo, Egypt and raised in Paris, France and Bar-Yam, Israel. She has a Master's Degree in Religious Education from Hebrew Union College, and has served as the Director of Education for the Religious School at Temple Emanu-El since 2001. She loves to share her passion for Judaism and love of liturgy with students of all ages.



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Shalom Rabinowitz (1859-1916) better known by his pen name, Sholem Aleichem, was known for much more than writing *Tevye the Dairyman*, the basis for the hit play, *Fiddler on the Roof.* He wrote hilarious short stories, novels, plays, newspaper articles, Zionist tracts, and even children's stories. Based on the recently published, *The Worlds of Sholem Aleichem* by Yiddish Professor and scholar of Jewish Literature, Jeremy Dauber of Columbia University, we will read and discuss several short stories by Sholem Aleichem selected by Professor Dauber.



Dr. Eleanor Wachs

Dr. Wachs, who has a doctorate in Folklore and American Studies from Indiana University and has done fieldwork in over 25 distinct ethnic groups, has taught folklore and Oral History at Brown University, University of Massachusetts-Boston, Tufts University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She has worked with the Library of Congress, the Smithsonian and most recently for the Florida Folk Life.

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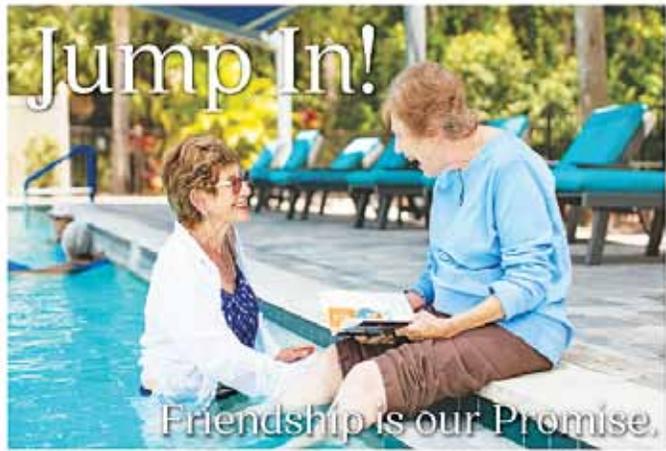



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