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Rabbi's Message: The Jewish Hello

It was over a year ago when I gave a sermon on "The Jewish Goodbye." The extended time Jews take to leave an event. I was able to give that sermon because, for most of us, it was generally easy to be physically around other people. The pandemic changed that.

During the past year, we have not been able to say goodbye or greet others as we have for many years. Do you remember your first elbow bump? Or when you almost went for the hug and stopped before you did?

Over time, I found my way of physically communicating without a handshake or kiss on the cheek. I place my hand on my heart and slightly bow towards another person, acknowledging that I am honored to be in their presence. It also signals I am not available for physical contact. Each day, more people are vaccinated and we are beginning to exit our societal quarantine. It is exciting. It is

EDITOR'S NOTE REGARDING THE CORONAVIRUS

All services and events are currently being held virtually or outdoors with safety guidelines in place. Please look for news and updates on the temple website and in our Eblasts.

Shabbat Services will be livestreamed at: WWW.SARASOTATEMPLE.ORG

Stay healthy and well.

also uncomfortable. As people gather in-person more, that awkward hello has returned. In these moments, our varied comfort zones are exposed.

When discomfort arises, I turn to Jewish tradition for guidance. A famous piece of Jewish Wisdom reminded me what to do. Pirke Avot (1:15) teaches us that Shammai would say *Kabel et Kol HaAdam B'Sever Panim Yafot*, "Greet every person with a cheerful and pleasant countenance."

Since we are often wearing masks, a smile can't always be seen. How can we live out this instruction? What would be "The Jewish Hello?"

As we take baby steps towards one another, I learn from Shammai that we should be compassionate and warm. When we see a friend in the flesh, or anyone, our demeanor can be gentle and lighthearted. We can kindly ask what their social distance practice is, and share with them our comfort zone that day. Some will be more comfortable than us, and others less so. We are in this together. That means each of us deserves to be greeted by a cheerful and pleasant countenance, and it is our responsibility to do so when we are the greeter. As I write to you, I'm not ready to hug or remove my mask, yet. I look forward to the day, having returned to the sanctuary, when we will place our arms around each other while singing and swaying as we pray Tefilat HaDerech at the end of a family service. Until then, and I pray after as well, let us greet every per-



Rabbi Michael Shefrin

son with "The Jewish Hello." Let us bring a kind, compassionate, forthcoming, and cheerful presence to the moments we are able to physically be together with others.

And, for good measure, you might also say, "Shalom".

Rabbi Michael Shefrin

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President's Message: Chag Pesach Sameach

CHAG PESACH SAMEACH to my temple family. As we celebrate the Passover holiday during this pandemic we must continue to be vigilant about the safety, and wellbeing of ourselves and our loved ones. This year, many who have been vaccinated may celebrate with family or friends. Know that your temple will be offering an opportunity for you to participate in a virtual Seder as well. We are here for you!!!

March 11th of this year marks the 65th Anniversary of Temple Emanu-El. Plans are underway to offer a series of events that will honor our sacred temple's last 65 years of existence. Susan and Bob Meisel have agreed to co-chair our kickoff event. A planning committee which includes Karen Androphy, Phyllis Dreyfuss, Barry Gerber, Harriette Krasnoff, Kim Sheintal and Gloria Weed are hard at work organizing events that will culminate with an in-person fundraising gala in early 2022. Stay tuned for details on many exciting activities honoring this great anniversary. Please mark your calendars for our Annual Congregational Meeting to be held via zoom on Sunday, April 18th. At that time I, and others will share with you how the temple has performed in spite of the pandemic. Additionally, you will be asked to vote on the motion to approve two new trustees to the board effective, July 1, 2021. They are Joanne Haiby and Dennis Reens. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

The Governance Committee, chaired by Vice President Bob Meisel gave a progress report to the board at the February meeting. High priority is being given to the following initiatives: development of a board

matrix, recommendations for succession planning, development of a new board member orientation and continuing education, board self assessment, job description for board officers and trustees, and updating of the temple's by-laws and policy manual. All recommendations by the committee will ultimately require the full approval of the board before being instituted. This committee is comprised of temple members at large and board trustees. As we approach another Passover holiday without our usual Seders held at the temple I give thanks to our rabbis, staff and all committees that have made the past 12 months a period of re-invention and renewed energy.



Barry Gerber

To all, on behalf of myself, and the entire Board of Trustees Thank you, Thank you and Thank You!!!!

Barry Gerber Temple President





Congratulations to the fearless women of Temple Emanu-El who emerged victorious at Brotherhood's Battle of the Sexes challenge. Led by Captain Adrienne Krouse, and ably supported by Harriette Krasnoff, Heather Labinger, Savannah Samberg and Susan Schlossberg, the women started strong and never trailed. Rumors are rampant that the men are preparing for a rematch---stay tuned!

Our most recent program, a Sunday afternoon virtual learning event, featured elder care attorneys with the Sarasota firm, Advocates in Aging, who discussed the essentials of estate planning and related issues. This session was especially valuable for new arrivals to Florida and those who wished to review their individual estate planning needs. Brotherhood thanks Don Malawsky

for preparing and delivering the program and Judy Dean and Jesse Bauer for assisting Don.

On the 20th of this month, at 7pm, the Israel Committee, supported by Brotherhood and Sisterhood, will introduce us to the World's Jewish Museum. This new museum, to be constructed in Tel Aviv and scheduled for completion on by May 2023, coincides with the 75th anniversary of Israel's independence. This museum will be a place where Jews and non-Jews can be inspired and learn and be entertained. For reservations, please go to https://www.sarasotatemple.org and click on 'Events'.

By the time you're reading this article, temple men may have already received calls from the Brotherhood Board. We are interested in enhancing our capabilities and are searching for those who have fund-raising, membership or event planning experience to join us. We welcome your involvement and will make every effort to integrate you with our team. If you have any questions about how a Brotherhood membership can benefit you, please feel free to contact me at 612-845-2465 or at richfine.tee @ gmail.com.

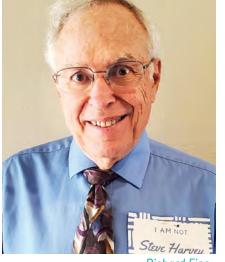
Perhaps you'd like to share a hobby and start an Interest Group. We currently have four such groups:



Investment Club, Sports, Theater, and our newest, Photography. To learn more about the Photography Group, please contact Rich Goldman at richardjgoldman @gmail.com or at 610-812-8630. The Sports Group, led by Ken Simon and expertly assisted by Ken Taksen in the recently completed NCAA Basketball bracket contest, came with prizes awarded from our Temple Gift Shop. At

the most recent meeting of the Investment Club, members discussed the way that economic tools have evolved since 1929, and if they are sufficient to keep us from another depression. They also discussed how to take advantage of responses to climate change.

Sisterhood is sponsoring a fund-raiser this month by presenting an original who-dun-it murder mystery comedy safely offered to you over Zoom. If you haven't already made reservations, why wait? You will be entertained by a "Fine" cast!



Richard Fine

Rich Fine Brotherhood President



TEMPLE EMANU-EL WELCOMES
THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS

Schlachter, Dr. Jeffrey & Linda Spellman, Michael

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Happy anniversary to Temple Emanu-El! Our temple opened in March of 1956 and is celebrating its 65th year!

Thanks to everyone for their marvelous support for Mishloach Manot. We had many generous sponsors and underwriters for the gift bags and bakers of fabulous hamantaschen. There were also the wonderful volunteers who helped fill the bags and more volunteers to hand out the bags at the drive-by on February 26th (see photo).

You are all invited to attend Sisterhood's Annual Fundraiser now scheduled for April 18 at 7 pm on Zoom. This is going to be a very special event. Harriette Krasnoff, a temple member, is the writer and director of Sugar and Spice, Murder *Isn't Nice.* You will be able to help McBride, the police detective, decide which one of the six suspects is guilty of murdering Frances Flambe. All of the actors are members of our congregation. Please support Sisterhood and our Religious School by attending this amusing mystery. Admission is \$18 per household. Registration is on the temple website, www.sarasotatemple.org.

On Wednesday, April 21, we will have a fabulous Lunch N Learn presentation by John McCarthy, Vice President of Historic Spanish Point Campus of Marie Selby Gardens. He will be speaking about the history of Spanish Point, Bertha Honore Palmer, and Native American settlements in our area. Mr. McCarthy is one of the premier historians in Sarasota. Make your lunch and tune in on Zoom. Please register on the temple website, www.sarasotatemple.org.

Sisterhood Book Club News:

Thank you again to Cheryl Kindred who led a thoughtful conversation last month about My Own Words by Ruth Bader Ginsburg. It was insightful to understand how Judaism was a core influence driving her career and her tenure on the Supreme Court. On April 2 join the discussion, led by Roberta Berson, of Memento Park by Mark Sarvas about a son who learns more about his father than he ever could have imagined when a mysterious piece of art is restored to him. The May 4th book will be America's Jewish Women: A History from Colonial Times To Today by Pamela Nadell. She weaves together the complex story of Jewish women in America from colonial-era matriarch Grace Nathan and her great-granddaughter, poet Emma Lazarus, to Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. And on June 8 at 7 pm, we will be hosting a Book and Author Chat with Talia Carner, author of *The Third Daughter*, open to the entire congregation. The Third Daughter takes on the important topic of sex trafficking. The story is a frightening journey into the New World of the late 1800s, told by a trusting young woman lured from Russia and forced into prostitution in Argentina. The book club meets via Zoom on the first Tuesday of every month at 1:30 pm, except when noted. For more information,

contact Karen Androphy at teebookclub @ gmail.com.

Honor a milestone in your life or in another person's life by purchasing a leaf for the Tree of Life in the temple social for the special price of \$75 per leaf. Purchase a pew plaque to be placed in the sanctuary for the day when we're back in the sanctuary at the sale price of \$125 per plaque. For more information or to make a purchase, contact Paula Hayden at 646-831-5337 or paula.hayden.ny @ gmail.com.

Preview Israel's most anticipated new museum, designed by architect Frank Gehry, *World's Jewish Museum*. Tuesday, April 20 at 7 pm on Zoom. Co-sponsored by Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and Israel Committee. Register online at www.sarasotatemple.org.

Alice Cotman is available to help you make a purchase from the Sisterhood Gift Shop. Contact her at alimaecot @ gmail.com or call 941-359-6451, to make an appointment.

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your support during the past year and in years to come. All of our proceeds are donated to the Temple Emanu-El Religious School.

Looking forward to a brighter future,

Susan Simon and Susan Meisel Sisterhood Co-Presidents



Joyous time distributing Sisterhood's Mishloach Manot

Laney's Bat Mitzvah Announcement

We are happy to announce the upcoming Bat Mitzvah of our daughter, Laney Addison, on April 17, 2021. She has made the decision to move forward with this tradition despite the unfortunate reality that it would not occur in the manner she has always envisioned--in the Temple with the Rabbis, Mora Sabrina, and surrounded by family & friends. She has learned all her Torah portions, Haftorah portion, and Blessings by Zoom. Laney is prepared to make the best out of this regrettable situation, and we could not be more proud.

Laney is a 7th grade Dean's List student at Carlos E. Haile Middle School in East Bradenton. Laney's passion is dancing. She started at age four and has been on competitive teams for the past six years. She also likes to participate in rowing, tennis, and volleyball clinics when she is not at the dance studio. During the summer she spends time at URJ's Camp Coleman in Cleveland, Georgia.

Sugar Volunteers of Lakewood Ranch kindly allowed Laney an opportunity to work with them on the program "Be a HERO" for her Bat Mitzvah Project. HERO stands for Homeless Empowerment Reach Out. This program assists homeless kids in the Manatee County school district. She was



shocked to learn how many kids are struggling in her own community. Due to Covid, Laney relied exclusively on social media to set up a drive to collect food and essential items for nearly 350 children without homes of their own.

Laney's Bat Mitzvah will be held at our home, via Zoom. She will be joined by her two brothers, Logan and Landon, both sets of grandparents, and several aunts, uncles, and cousins. Relatives and friends from around the world will be able to share in our joy from the comfort and safety of their own homes.

Jamie and Stacy Rosenberg







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"Honor your Father and your Mother"

This commandment of honoring our parents is presumed to be lifelong and beyond for the many who practice it. As children, we knew who was in charge of the family. As teenagers, we tested the boundaries; but, as grown children to our aging parents, it took on a different tone. By ushering them through good and bad times and age and illness,

we quietly shepherded them to their resting places. How do you continue to follow this commandment after they are gone?

One way is to support the people and organizations that they showed love and respect for in their lifetimes. In their memory, you can continue to honor what they saw as important in their lives. David and Lisa Spindler are an example of how that commandment led them to establish the Joan and Marvin Spindler Memorial Fund as part of the Endowment Fund in honor of their parents' love and dedication to Temple Emanu-El.

Joan and Marvin Spindler joined the Temple in 1998. Through the

years, David watched how much time they spent time volunteering. Joan maintained the Yahrzeit lists for years, carefully writing each reminder card, one by one. In addition, the Opfer Temple Library became an important part of her life. Marvin held positions on the TEE Board and other committees as treasurer and active committee member. Upon Joan's death, David and Lisa considered how much of their lives their parents had spent giving of themselves to the Temple in their own very personal way. How touched they would be if they knew how David and Lisa had followed that commandment even after their death.

TEERS Welcomes 19 New Students with a Beautiful Consecration Ceremony

Shabbat Family services were extra special on Friday February 5th. TEERS happily said Brucheem Habaim (welcome) to 19 new students and their families with a beautiful Consecration ceremony. Prior to the service, sealed surprise packages were delivered to each new student's home to be opened during the ceremony. They included a consecration certificate signed by Rabbi Michael Shefrin, Temple President Barry Gerber and Director of Education, Sabrina Silverberg. The packages also included a mini-illustrated Torah and honey sticks to symbolize the sweet learning that the children will experience at TEERS. The service took place on Zoom, allowing many grandparents and out of town relatives and friends to attend. The new students and their families received words of welcome and a blessing from Rabbi Brenner Glickman. A special presentation by

TEERS alum Josie Liederman followed; she shared her experience growing up at TEERS and the impact that it had on her life. To our families with new students, we would like to say a hearty Mazal Tov and thank you. We are grateful to you for sharing your wonderful

children with us and we are proud of you for recognizing the importance of Jewish education and establishing a firm Jewish foundation!



New students Eva & Isaac Hakim rejoicing with their family



Consecration Zoom, 2021

Executive Director's Message

April brings us into spring and a special time to gather to celebrate and honor Passover. When I started working here, I quickly heard about a legendary member, Marian Raupp, who organized and planned the annual temple Passover Seder dinner. I heard many intriguing and impressive stories about how Marian juggled seating requests and meal preferences and still managed to fit everyone into the Benderson Family Hall. Our Passover Seder dinner is a wildly popular event and Marian handles it all in stride with such grace.

Marian and her family joined in 1996. Her husband, Ken, is very supportive and loving, and loves to look through the Temple bulletin as soon as it arrives each month to let Marian know if she is in it. The Raupps' two sons, Jordan and Jeremy, started their Jewish education at Temple Emanu-El. They both attended religious school, had their Bar Mitzvahs and were confirmed here.

Jeremy also attended pre-school at our early learning center when he was two years old. Both boys have both been to Israel two times.

Marian has been the Chair of the Ritual Committee for about 10 years. She took the lead after Norty Bick stepped down. In her role, Marian manages an impressive array of temple functions. This includes helping to arrange and plan the ritual aspects for the choir, the holidays and life cycle events. She was on the search committees for both Rabbi Glickman and Rabbi Shefrin. She has also served in the roles of the Susan Schwaid Early Learning Center Chair, Religious School Chair, and different positions on the Board of Trustees. Oh, did I mention she also helps with our annual insurance renewals?

Marian is a key temple leader and does multiple things behind the scenes. She also works full time. Marian deserves appreciation and acknowledgement for everything she does to help temple run so smoothly. Temple Emanu-El's sacred rituals are



Christine Elliott

upheld because of the work Marian and her committee do in conjunction with the leadership of Rabbis Brenner and Elaine Glickman and Rabbi Shefrin.

Marian - Thank you for your kindness, devotion and hard work! I look forward to seeing you work your magic for the next Passover Seder dinner.

Christine Elliott Executive Director





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Bruce Black

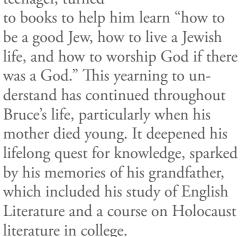
Sometimes, if we are lucky, we may find ourselves in the right place and time to pursue a lifetime interest in something very personal to us, as Jews. We have a member like that... Bruce Black. As a member of TEE for over 13 years, he developed a new program, Our Jewish Stories. It is a special project that encourages our members to reflect on their own Jewish upbringing and experiences and how they continue to live it by writing their story and then submitting it to Bruce who will edit it and post it on our website for others to read. The collection of stories, on the website, not only highlights the diversity and commonality of Jewish life, but on a personal level, allows Bruce and those who share and read their stories to gain a broader picture of how differently each Jew chooses a path for themselves, and their families, if applicable.

Born in New Jersey, his dad, whose parents were from Russia and his mother's from Poland, respectively owned a dry goods store and a number of bakeries in the New York area. His parents' relocation to New Jersey was the right place for Bruce and his brother to grow up. As Bruce writes, "his family was a Jewish home in transition," describing the process by which second-generation American Jews often sought to assimilate into society, unlike their parents. Raised in a Conservative shul meant the family maintained a somewhat

traditional Jewish home.

He cherishes the memory of his home as warm and loving. His Polish grandfather was the primary source of Bruce's own Jewish identity as he listened to him tell the stories of the Polish shtetl where he grew up with its oppressiveness and orthodoxy.

He admits that he was so fond of his grandfather that he began speaking with a Yiddish accent in high school (which didn't last very long)! At that time, Bruce was already seeking answers to what being a Jew meant and, as a teenager, turned



When reflecting on what parts of him were impacted by who his parents were, he admired the pride his father showed in being Jewish and being quietly charitable and from his mother, who was an artist, he watched her give to others by always listening carefully when they needed her. His own wish to give to others has evolved through the years as he continues to explore newly found avenues with new doors to open. In addition, he looks to his wife, Susan, who is a Reform Rabbi, as another

model as one who gives to organizations that make the world a better place.

Bruce, Susan and their daughter, Madeline, moved to Sarasota when Susan was offered a professorship at New College. They became members of TEE when their daughter asked



Bruce Black

to work with Rabbi Glickman for her Bat Mitzvah. Since becoming members, Bruce has worked as a writer and a volunteer here at TEE and the community-at-large, always focused on reading and writing with

young students hoping to share his own love for both.

In developing *Our Jewish Stories*, Bruce hopes he can encourage Tee members to write their stories so others can gain new insights about being a Jew from them. It is an innovative way to do a mitzvah and create a way for others to explore their own hearts and minds as they may not have before. For Bruce, he would be content to have done his part to help TEE and the Jewish community to "pass the torch to the next generation."

If you read the stories on our website, he hopes you will want to be a part of this program and the spotlight is on our congregants to help carry it forward. And as for Bruce, the spotlight is on him, with gratitude, for creating an innovative program in such a timely manner as we are preparing to celebrate our 65th anniversary as Temple Emanu-El.

Written by Phyllis Dreyfuss

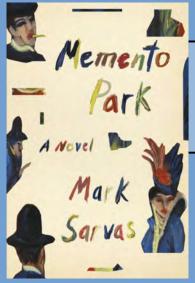




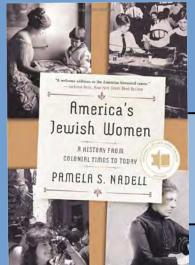
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Membership **Committee Honors** 25+ Year Members

Ever since January 2010, the Membership Committee has hosted an annual New Member Dinner for the new members. Prior to that, the Membership Committee hosted an annual New Member Breakfast. In 2015, the Membership Committee began inviting the 25+ year members to the Temple Emanu-El New Member Dinner. From 2015 thru 2020, the Temple Emanu-El Membership Committee hosted a New and 25+ Year Member Dinner in Benderson Family Hall. Each year, Howie Goldberg, a Temple Emanu-El member who loves photography, took a group photograph of the 25+ year members. On January 22, 2021, the new and 25+ year members were treated to a "Shabbat dinner to go" meal and a special oneg following services. The oneg gave the 25+ year members a chance to reminisce among themselves and the new members. There are now 26 family units who have been Temple Emanu-El members for at least 25 years. Who are these 26 family units?

Temple Emanu-El was founded in 1956. There are four family units that have been members since before 1980. Marvin Gross has been a Temple Emanu-El member longer than anyone else. Marvin was the president of Temple Emanu-El from 1963 thru 1965. He was instrumental in securing the land to build Temple Emanu-El. He owned Marvin's Gardens, a plant nursery behind Temple Emanu-El when Temple was built in 1961. Margery Shurburg originally joined Temple Emanu-El with her husband in 1963. Her husband, Rabbi Meyer Marx, served as Tem-



25+ Year Members: back row - Steve & Amy Weinberger, Kim & Jon Sheintal, front row - Margery Shurberg, Lorrie Pead, Fran Shapiro Darby, Caryl Magnus, Sylvia Waller, Herb & Ellen Lenk

ple Emanu-El's first full-time rabbi from 1963 thru 1965. In the mid-1960s, Margery and Meyer moved to Ohio; they returned to Sarasota to retire in 1979 and rejoined Temple Emanu-El. Rabbi Marx passed away in 1989. At age 104, Margery Marx is the oldest Temple Emanu-El member. Pauline Schonberg joined Temple Emanu-El in 1971. Her parents, Anne and Sam Marcus were already members at that time. Marc and Martha Grinberg joined Temple Emanu-El in 1978. Marc's mother, Nathalie Grinberg was a Temple Emanu-El member for many years before her passing in 2016 at age 106.

Ten of the 26 family units joined Temple Emanu-El in the 1980s. These members, in order of the

earliest to join, are Fran Shapiro Darby, Jon and Kim Sheintal, Fran Guberman, Ruth Feldman, Herb and Ellen Lenk, Sylvia Waller, Ursula Schiff, Joy Finnimore, Robert and Nancy Oppenheimer, and Caryl Magnus.

Twelve more family units qualify as 25+ year members having joined in the early 1990s thru 1996. These members, in order of the earliest to join, are Lorrie Pead, Jane Kritzer, Neil and Jamie Warren, Daryl Bayer, Rabbi H. Hirsch Cohen, Lucy Aker, Helene Rosenberg, Joseph and Ann Graff, Steve and Amy Weinberger, Isaac Azerad, Bernice Sterne, and Noah Hochberg.

All Temple Emanu-El members are special.

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Vampires, Demons, Golems – and Rabbi Elaine!

Temple Emanu-El's Adult Education Committee warmly invites you to a spellbinding and spooky morning with Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman on Tuesday, April 20, at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom!

Titled "Vampires, Demons, Golems, and the Jews," Rabbi Elaine's class will survey three vampires, demons, and monsters of Jewish mythology; relate their frightening and fascinating stories; examine how our ancestors understood – and sought protection from – these figures; and discuss what they might mean for us today.

"Before there was Dracula, there was Esau. Before *The Exorcist*, there was Ashmedai, the demon-king. And before Frankenstein's monster, there was the golem," Rabbi Elaine stated. "I look forward to sharing the dark side of Jewish folklore and exploring these legends together!"

All are welcome to this special class, which is offered free of charge. Please visit sarasotatemple.org/ event-registration.html to register, and please call 371-2788 for more information.

Moses Glickman took this photo of the attic in the Altenshul in Prague, where – according to Jewish legend – Rabbi Yehuda Loew's golem rests



Brotherhood & Sisterhood Bring You:

SHABBAT-TO-GO

Enjoy a Shabbat dinner together in spirit while physically-distanced at home!





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Curbside Pick Up Instructions: Fridays between 12:30 to 1:30 pm in the Temple Emanu-El parking lot near the entrance to our Religious School. 151 McIntosh Road, Sarasota 34232.

Please remain in your car / A volunteer will place the food in your car.

Soup will be in a microwaveable container. All other items will be packed in containers suitable for warming in the oven.

If you wish to microwave Items not in a microwavable container, transfer to a microwave-safe container before heating in microwave.

For more information or questions, contact Susan Meisel 585-797-4189 or susan.meisel@gmail.com



Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman

OUR MEMBERSHIP EXTENDS DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our membership extends deepest sympathy to David Abolafia & Lisa Thomas, Bill Myers, Renee Sheade, Alan Shuman, Michael Spellman 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.

Adult Education Update:

The TEE Adult Education Committee invites you to participate in our programs for the community via ZOOM. Please review the offerings that follow. Interview with Sonia Fuentes, Feminist Activist - In case you missed it, a ZOOM video recording of the engaging and inspiring presentation by Sonia Pressman Fuentes, co-founder of NOW which took place on March 4, 2021, is available to the TEE community. To request information, please check the TEE website or email Adultedtee @ gmail.com.

Upcoming Courses & Events

Please mark your calendars and register online on the TEE website.



Vampires, Demons, Golems and the Jews: Rabbi Elaine Glickman will share

"the dark side of Jewish folklore" exploring the legends of vampires, demons and monsters of Jewish mythology. She will examine how our ancestors understood and sought protection from these figures and will discuss what these legends might mean for us today.

DATE: April 20 at 10:30 am

Hebrew Conversation - Beginners: Evie Shen-Tal will teach you how to communicate with her and with the rest of the class about everyday topics in Hebrew. Knowledge of written Hebrew is not required.

DATE: Thursdays, 7:00 pm

Hebrew Conversation-Intermediate: Students who have completed Hebrew Conversation for Beginners or who have some experience with Hebrew are ready for this intermediate level class where you continue to build vocabulary and communication skills.

DATE: Thursdays, 9:15 am

Hebrew Conversation- Advanced: Students with some background and experience in speaking, reading, and writing Hebrew build on their knowledge of grammar and vocabulary through engaging classroom interactions with instructor Evie Shen-Tal and classmates.

DATE: Tuesdays, 9:15 am

FEE: 8 one-hour classes \$50/members, \$60/non-members

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



Sonia Fuentes

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Tot Shabbat Families Spring into Safe and Meaningful Gatherings



Love was in the air at Temple Emanu-El's Drive-In Tot Shabbat on Saturday morning, February 13, as young Jewish and interfaith families enjoyed a special morning celebrating the blessings of affection, friendship, and love. After receiving goody bags filled with crafts, snacks, toys, and fun surprises, children and parents participated in Shabbat songs, blessings, movement, and stories with Associate Rabbi Michael Shefrin and spent time together safely with old and new friends. The playground was also open for socially distanced outdoor play. A wonderful morning was had by all!

April brings more opportunities for safe outdoor gatherings for Temple Emanu-El's young families and community guests. This month's Drive-In Tot Shabbat, scheduled for Saturday, April 17, at 10 a.m., will be a celebration of Shabbat and Yom HaAtzmaut – Israeli Independence Day and the Jewish State's 73rd birthday. All are welcome!

Tot Shabbat families are again invited to join the fun of Temple Emanu-El Religious School (TEERS)'s in-person holiday gatherings; this month brings a Passover Tailgate Celebration featuring socially distanced stories, songs, hands-on learning stations, arts and crafts, snacks, and goody bags with fun surprises on Sunday, April 4, from 9:30-11 a.m., and a Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration on Sunday, April 18, from 9:30-11 a.m. And of course, Family Shabbat Services continue the first Friday of the month at 6 p.m. via Zoom!

Tot Shabbat is designed especially for families with children up to age 6, but all are welcome. For more information or to register for any of these wonderful events, please contact Rabbi Elaine at 379-1997. We look forward to welcoming you and your little ones joyfully and safely to Temple Emanu-El!



The Lesnick family enjoyed February's Drive-In Tot Shabbat



Robert and Samantha Wagner shared fun time with Asher Weber at Drive-In Tot Shabbat





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was Ashmedai, the demon-king. And before Frankenstein's monster, there was the golem. Temple Emanu-El's Adult Education Committee invites you to join facilitator, Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman, as we survey three vampires, demons, and monsters of Jewish folklore. Rabbi Elaine will share their frightening and fascinating stories, explore how our ancestors understood - and sought protection from - these figures, and discuss what they might mean for us today.

Tuesday April 20 at 10:30 am Via Zoom





Register at www.sarasotatemple.org

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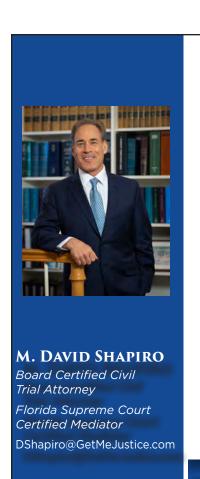
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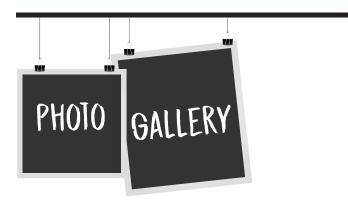
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Families Participate in Wonderful Fifth Grade Kallah



Fifth-grade students and parents enjoyed a very special morning with Senior Rabbi Brenner Glickman and Associate Rabbi Michael Shefrin as they prepared for the B'nai Mitzvah journey at the much-anticipated Fifth Grade Kallah on Sunday morning, February 7.

"Gathering with the parents and kids that will become B'nai Mitzvah in the not-so-distant future was fantastic," Rabbi Shefrin commented. "We did some great learning, we visioned what the future could look like, and we officially kicked off this super-special time in the life of a young family." The Kallah began with family introductions, an exploration of the history of B'nai Mitzvah and B'nai Mitzvah ceremonies and an opportunity for families to discuss what B'nai Mitzvah means to them. The group then shared their responses and talked about the new responsibilities, privileges, and blessings that await the students.

"This was our time to discuss the meaning of becoming a bar or bat mitzvah," Rabbi Glickman explained.
"Parents shared what they are most looking forward to. The children spoke about what they are worried about and what they are excited about.

"One parent spoke about his upbringing in Russia and how his parents never had the chance to become a bar or bat mitzvah," he added, "and why it is so important to him that his kids have that opportunity."

The Kallah concluded with Rabbi Glickman and Rabbi Shefrin's leading families in a prayer from the Talmud and a moving bestowal of the Priestly Blessing.

"The future of Judaism looks bright. These Jewish young people are outstanding," Rabbi Shefrin enthused. "I can't wait for them to take their place in the world as Jewish adults."



Fifth grade families joined Rabbi Glickman and Rabbi Shefrin for a very special Fifth Grade Kallah

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Purim Photo Gallery





Children enjoyed outdoor

games at the Purim carnival

Circus performers delighted the families attending Cirque d'Shushan

Purim 2020/5780 was the last precovid event at Temple Emanu-El and even though this Purim was different in many ways, the joy and celebration and spirit were as bright as ever! Our terrific Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood made sure that every member received a Misloach Manot gift bag with homemade hamantashen and Purim surprises - many were given out at a festive drive-through, and some were even hand-delivered to our homebound members! Rabbi Glickman and Rabbi Shefrin led us in a wonderful interactive Zoom Purim Shabbat service and Megillah reading (with that week's birthday celebrants ably serving as Megillah readers!), with the Purim Players delighting us with a fabulous original video coordinated by Kathy Rance. And of course Temple Emanu-El Religious School (TEERS) brought entertainment, laughter, and fun to Purim with

an amazing - and covid-safe! - circus-themed carnival titled Cirque d'Shushan.

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Chag Purim Sameach – Happy Purim!



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