

Temple Emanu-El Temple Times

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Rabbi's Message: B"H

Thank You, Temple Emanu-El Family!

By the time you read this, April will be arriving. God willing, we will be enjoying Sarasota's beautiful springtime days, able to find a dinner reservation after 4 p.m. and before 9:30 at night, and preparing for our first in-person Temple Emanu-El Seder since 2019. But I am writing this just two days after our beautiful Sapphire Gala, and I am still overwhelmed with gratitude for the generosity, kindness, and love of my Temple Emanu-El family.

Since my husband, children, and I joined Temple Emanu-El in 2006, we have found a warm, sincere Jewish community; wise and visionary leaders; committed and devoted members; vibrant and engaging programs; a campus alive with learning, laughing, and giving; and a place for people of every age, background, experience, and identity to belong. We have found opportunities to pray, sing, mourn, and rejoice together. We have found ways to support each other in times of need, to celebrate holidays and simchas, and to make our lives richer, happier, more meaningful, and more fun through the connections we've built with one another.

All of that is true. But there is another truth I want to share – but I can't quite put it into words. There is a feeling that comes with being part of the Temple Emanu-El family that lies just beyond the reach of language

– a sense of goodness, a sense of love, a sense of friendship, a sense of caring that can't fully be described.

It can't fully be described, but I guess the word that comes closest is 'holiness.'

In the seventh chapter of Deuteronomy, Moses tells our people in God's name: "You are a people holy to Adonai your God...not because you are the most numerous of peoples...but because of God's love for you." Since coming to Temple Emanu-El, I have felt that I am part of a holy people. Among you, I have been blessed to feel God's love for me, and for us all. And I know from speaking with so many of you that I am not the only one.

I thank the pioneers who founded Temple Emanu-El just over 65 years ago, and those who kept our congregation alive during some very difficult years. And I thank each of you who has chosen to become part of, to support, and to uphold this beautiful community.

Together we are the Temple Emanu-El family. Together we create holiness. Together we seek the Divine, and together we feel the love of our God.

**Rabbi Elaine
Rose Glickman**



Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman

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President's Message: Sapphire Gala Celebration Was a Huge Success

I am devoting this month's article A record number of 355 guests attended Temple Emanu-El's Sapphire Gala on February 27th to honor Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman and celebrate TEE's 65th birthday. The gala was held under a magnificent tent on the temple's green on a glorious sun-filled day. The gala was the hard work of co-chairs, Gloria Weed and Michael Richker and their respective committees.

All attendees were served a full brunch catered by Michael's on East. After a delicious array of desserts and coffee, the program followed highlighted by Rabbi Michael Shefrin officiating as Master of Ceremonies. For many of those in attendance, it was their first time in two years participating in such a large event. It was a time to renew friendships and see temple friends in-person and not on Zoom.

After Rabbi Michael welcomed the guests, remarks were given by gala co-chairs Gloria Weed and Michael Richker, thanking the committee members for their help. Barry Gerber, Temple President, spoke about the journey that started in February 2021, identifying Rabbi Elaine as the honoree for the fundraising gala. Judy Lauder, mother-in-law to Rabbi Elaine, shared some sweet words of endearment. Following Judy was Rabbi Elaine's mother who told stories reflecting when Rabbi Elaine was child, a teen, a college student and ultimately a rabbinical student. Numerous gifts were bestowed on Rabbi Elaine for all her volunteer service to the temple and the community. Culminating the program, Rabbi Elaine shared her thanks for being honored which was followed by Rabbi Brenner Glickman giving thanks, reflection, and personal meaning to the day. It was a day to remember for all in attendance.

Annual Congregational Meeting

On April 24th Temple Emanu-El will hold its Annual Congregational Meeting. Plans are for this meeting to be held in-person with a bagel breakfast for all in atten-

dance. The meeting will highlight my State of the Temple address along with voting on a new slate of officers for the upcoming 2022/2023 year and approval of some temple bylaw changes. Stay tuned for more specifics on the annual meeting.

Barry Gerber
Temple President



Barry Gerber

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YOU'RE INVITED!

Please join Temple Emanu-El and PJ Library Sarasota-Manatee for a fabulous Passover-themed Tot Shabbat

Saturday, April 9, at 10 a.m.

Temple Emanu-El, 151 McIntosh Road in Sarasota

Meet us on the playground!

Passover goody bags!
Shabbat Blessings!
PJ Library Storytime!
PJ Library Passover Craft!

This wonderful event is **free and open to the community**, registration required.
Visit: sarasotatemple.org/event-registration.html, or call 941-379-1997 for more information.

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Temple Emanu-El

Executive Director's Message: Just What We Needed

Wow, wow, wow! The Sapphire Gala celebrating Temple Emanu-El's 65th birthday on Sunday, February 27, to honor Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman was AMAZING! Perfect weather. Bright blue skies. Cool breezes. Delicious food. Great big party tent. And hundreds of smiling people came together to honor and recognize Rabbi Elaine for everything she does for Temple Emanu-El. The right honoree was certainly selected. This was truly reflected in the heartwarming speeches by Rabbi Michael Shefrin, Mrs. Judy Lauder, Dr. and Mrs. Larry Rose, and Rabbi Brenner Glickman.

As the event progressed, the Gala truly felt like a gift and a special reward to all of us for encountering and conquering so many challenges over the past two years. Maybe I am being too sentimental, but I felt like God said, "Enjoy, you all deserve this." President Barry Gerber nailed it when he called it a "Lovefest." The outpouring of support came from everywhere...temple members, family, friends, neighbors, and professional and community connections.

When the Gala Committee started planning, we were confident we would fill Benderson Family Hall. Boy, we were wrong. Once news of the Gala was shared, the interest was astounding. We quickly realized we needed a bigger space to safely hold the event. One tent was ordered. Then a bigger tent was ordered. The Committee was committed to including everyone who wanted to attend.

Michael Richker and Gloria Weed expertly co-chaired the Gala and led two committees. They and their teams worked for months. Thank



Christine Elliott

you, Michael and Gloria! Thank you to everyone on the committees who helped make the Gala magical. This includes Rachel Benderson, Joan Blum, Rose Chapman, Denise Cotler, Judy Fleisher, Barbara Gerber, Barry Gerber, Rhea Hughes, Sharon Kunkel, Priya Weiman, Michele Wieckowski, and Alicia Zoller. Kim Sheintal made up her own committee coordinating the personalized gift bag for Rabbi Elaine. Temple



WELCOME!

TEMPLE EMANU-EL
WELCOMES THE
FOLLOWING MEMBERS

Goldstein, Bruce & Marjorie
Shogel, Francine &
Crapser, Steven

staff, Bonnie Clarke, Judy Dean, Dee Lamberti, and Fatima Soriano were instrumental too. Thank you all!

The proceeds from the Gala will be strategically used for the Religious School, Susan Schwaid Early Learning Center and temple operations. Every donation and sponsor are immensely appreciated. We are most grateful.

Christine Elliott
Executive Director

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COVID UPDATE

We continue to offer services and events in a hybrid manner. Some activities are both in person and via Zoom or Livestream.

Others are virtual only.

The last month or so has been a busy one for Brotherhood. At the end of February, we had a reprise of Sports Night with the return of Doug Fernandes of the Sarasota Herald-Tribune.

He did a recap of the Super Bowl and did his usual fantastic job of fielding questions. At the beginning of March we helped the religious school with their annual Purim carnival. In the middle of the month, we brought back March Madness with a twist. Having whet people's appetites last year with a fun contest, this year we converted the contest to a 50:50. Half of the proceeds supported Brotherhood's great work, while the other half served as prizes for the winners. Okay, so we covered football and basketball. Later in March we had our annual outing to Orioles' Spring Training. Well, almost annual. It was nice to see the game again after last year's hiatus, and we sold out of tickets very quickly. Towards the end of the month we finally had Shabbat Italiano, co-sponsored with Sisterhood. Yes, finally. This was originally planned for March 2020, cancelled for obvious reasons. Italian food, wine, and music were enjoyed by those who attended, and people learned about Italian Jews during Rabbi Glickman's sermon. At the end of March we offered a new event – an outing to Big Cat Habitat. It was quite the experience. Our event included two shows – a Bird Show and the Exotic Animals Encounters – both with special reserved seating. In addition, we had our own personal guided tour and access to the petting zoo. Of course throughout the month our interest groups carried on. The Investment Group, Bicycle Group, and Book Club all had activities.

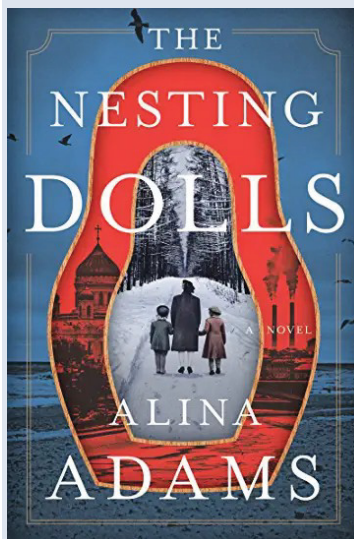
Coming up quickly is the book and author chat co-sponsored by Brotherhood and Sisterhood. Save the date – it's April 5 at 7 pm, on Zoom. There's still time to register. *The Last Kings of Shanghai* tells the extraordinary forgotten history of two Jewish families who helped transform China into a global powerhouse. Jonathan Kaufman, the Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and author, will discuss his book with our very own Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman. We will take a break after all this so that everyone can have a fantastic Passover. Check out next month's *Temple Times* to see what else Brotherhood has in store.

Steve Leavitt
Preaident

Sisterhood Book Club

Tuesday May 3rd at 1:30PM

Virtual Zoom Discussion



"Spanning nearly a century, from 1930s Siberia to contemporary Brighton Beach, a page turning epic family saga centering on three generations of women in one Russian Jewish family - each striving to break free of fate and history, each yearning for love and personal fulfillment - and how the consequences of their choices ripple through time."

Amazon review

New Members Welcome

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Sunday Movie Discussions

at 4:00 pm with Howard Kilman
Zoom Events

April 10

"Viral Antisemitism"

April 24

"Beneath the Helmet: From High School to the Home Front"

May 15

"When the Smoke Clears"

Watch our Message from the Temple for updates.

Register online at
www.sarasotatemple.org



Before mentioning the many upcoming events in April, there are some that recently took place that are worth highlighting. *Misloach manot* for Purim, chaired by Bettianne Marcus, along with a group of bakers and members who assembled the bags, and not only provided Purim treats, but the participants were delighted to meet in person--rare happening during the past two years.

March ended with another delicious event co-sponsored by Brotherhood and Sisterhood. This was the Italian Shabbat Dinner enjoyed by our congregants.

April happenings start with an incredible evening co-sponsored by Brotherhood and Sisterhood on the April 5th at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Jonathan Kaufman, the Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and author of *The Last Kings of Shanghai: The Rival Dynasties That Helped Create Modern China*, will headline a Book and Author Chat hosted by Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman. If you have not yet registered for this memorable evening, there are a few days left to do so.

Paid up Sisterhood members have a wonderful event to look forward to on April 10, at 1:00 pm on Zoom. This will be a celebration of Sarasota's history with the Ringling Circus. One of the special aspects of this celebration discusses circus snacks which may be even more appreciated this year due to Passover and the eating of matzah within a few days of the circus program.

Passover and the seders cannot be mentioned without reminding readers that Alice Cotman is prepared for this important holiday with beautiful items including seder plates, matzah plates, and matzah covers, *haggadahs* and so much more. Check it out by visiting the Sisterhood Gift Shop. It never disappoints.

Good news continues as we are thrilled to announce that next month, Sisterhood's annual fundraiser will feature Rabbi Brenner Glickman starring in a night of comedy! Details of this special night to remember will be forthcoming soon.

Judy Fine and Harriette Krasnoff
Sisterhood Co-Presidents



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Kaplan Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Karyn Kedar Uplifts and Inspires

February 18-19 proved to be an unforgettable Shabbat for the Temple Emanu-El family as we welcomed Rabbi Karyn Kedar as our 2022 Kaplan Scholar-in-Residence. Leading two brilliant, uplifting, and inspiring sessions on “Faith, Courage, and Wisdom: The Language of Resilience” and “The Bridge to Forgiveness” – plus a special program for our Cornerstone Society – Rabbi Kedar brought a unique blend of scholarship, wisdom, empathy, compassion, and vision that elicited deep emotions – and deep bonding – among attendees.

Kaplan Scholar-in-Residence co-chair Wendy Wicks described the process by which Rabbi Kedar was chosen, and perfectly summed up the result: “When our committee started working on this year’s Kaplan Scholar-in-Residence weekend, the consensus was that we wanted a woman rabbi to honor the 50 years of women in the Reform rabbinate,” she explained. “[Co-chair] Ellen [Klein] and I spent hours listening to YouTube talks by many scholarly rabbis, and Rabbi Karyn Kedar was absolutely THE BEST. We were thrilled to be able to book Rabbi Kedar for our Scholar weekend.”

And WOW, did she ‘knock it out of the park!’” Wendy continued. “The feedback has been phenomenal, with comments about her warmth, empathy, sensitivity, and spirituality that clearly came through. We thought that having to have our scholar on Zoom yet again would be a disadvantage, but it worked extremely well as we all got to see Rabbi Kedar’s expressive presentation up close.

“We have heard from many congregants who would love to invite Rabbi Kedar to come for another Scholar weekend, next time in person!” she concluded.

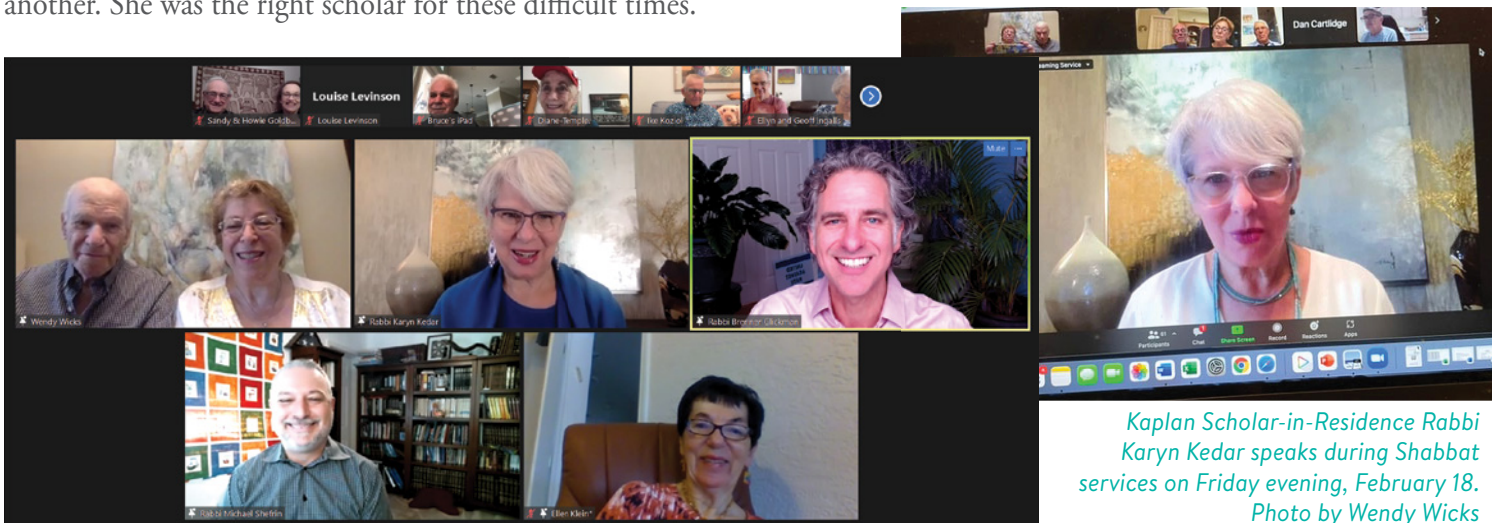
“It was gratifying to see how Rabbi Kedar earned the trust and respect of so many,” Ellen added. “She touched people’s hearts, and in return, participants opened up to one another. She was the right scholar for these difficult times.”

Senior Rabbi Brenner Glickman also noted Rabbi Kedar’s enormous impact. “In her brief time with our congregation, Rabbi Kedar was able to reach out through Zoom and touch many of our members in deep and profound ways,” he shared. “I think we were all surprised by how emotional our session became on Saturday morning, with tears shed by dozens of participants. I have spent the past few days pondering how that was possible, and I am still unsure. It was magical.”

“Our time with Rabbi Kedar was well spent,” Associate Rabbi Michael Shefrin agreed. “Her voice was all at once poetic and that of a sage. She brought our members to tears, to smiles, and to sacred spaces of reflection and Torah learning.

“What a gift the committee brought us in their invitation to Rabbi Kedar,” he summarized. “I am grateful.”

In addition to serving Congregation B’nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim in Deerfield, Illinois, as Senior Rabbi, Rabbi Kedar is a certified Spiritual Director, acclaimed teacher of mindfulness practice, and prolific writer. Among her many books is *Amen*, currently for sale in our gift shop. Abundant thanks were expressed to Kaplan Scholar-in-Residence chairs Ellen Klein and Wendy Wicks for expertly overseeing this amazing weekend; to Arny and Dee Kaplan for generously underwriting the program and to Charles Peck, who also contributed to the program in memory of his beloved parents and longtime Temple Emanu-El members Mal and Joyce. Kaplan Scholar-in-Residence Committee members included Cindy and Dan Aminoff, Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman, Toby Halpern, Dr. Janet Hiller, Adrienne Hutt, Arny Kaplan, Dr. Ike Koziol, Philip Meltzer, Esther Rose, and Ellen Zipin, with support and guidance from Rabbi Glickman and Rabbi Shefrin.



Kaplan Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Karyn Kedar was greeted before her Shabbat morning presentation by chairs Ellen Klein and Wendy (with Conrad) Wicks, Rabbi Glickman, and Rabbi Shefrin

Kaplan Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Karyn Kedar speaks during Shabbat services on Friday evening, February 18.
Photo by Wendy Wicks

What's Your Name?

You come to services. You see someone you know but cannot remember their name. In December 2009, the Membership Committee discussed personalized name badges for members to be distributed at services. The badges arrived the next month and debuted at the New Member Dinner in January 2010. Since that then, all badges were put in a basket as people left so that badges could be filed. Over ten years ago when Eden Glickman was in kindergarten, she filed badges after services. Eden was the best name badge filer at Temple for several years.

Ten year later, in February 2020, the badges were reprinted with the Temple's new logo. Two weeks later, the pandemic came, and services went virtual. To prepare for a return to in-person services, the Membership Committee ordered peel-off name tags with the new logo on which members as well as guests could write their name. Handwritten name tags proved quicker to distribute rather than members waiting in line for personalized name badges.

Even though the Temple has grown (516 adult member badges in 2010 grew to 1042 badges in 2020), and peel off stickers are being used, everyone is still warmly welcomed at services whether inside or on the Temple Green and identified with a name tag. The *Cheers* theme song describes Temple Emanu-El services: "Sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name and they're always glad you came."

Leslie Podolsky & Kim Sheintal
Co-chairs Membership Committee



Kim Sheintal and Edén Glickman file name badges in 2011



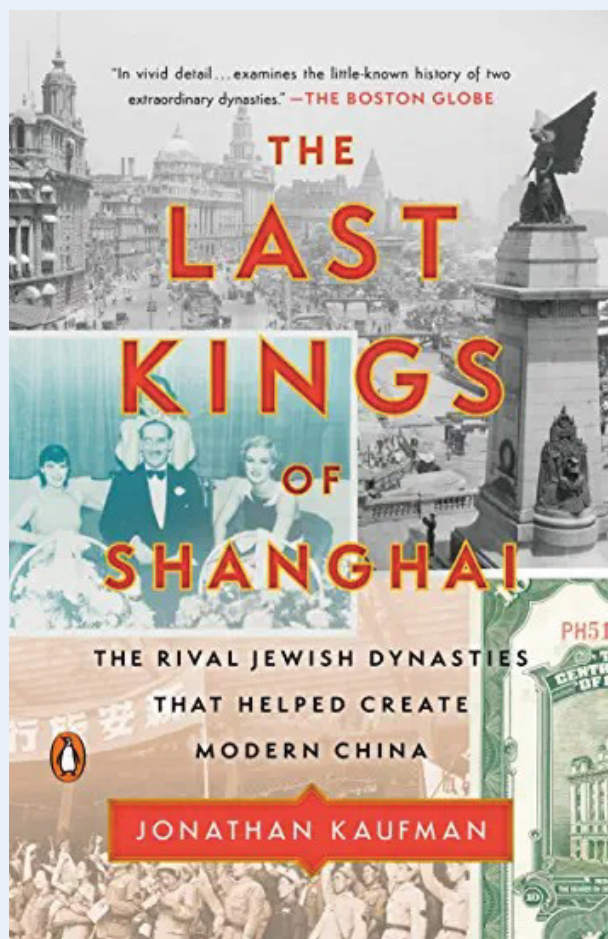
Emilie Weil finds name badge for Alisha Leopold in 2017

United Against Hate Rally

On the afternoon of February 20th, hundreds of Sarasotans gathered at the Sarasota Bayfront Park for a rally against hate sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee. Prompted by the appearance of anti-semitic flyers left in front of homes in two neighborhoods, the week before, the rally speakers spoke out against anti-semitism, and how important it is to speak up and not be silent. Shep Englander, CEO of the Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee, Representative Vern Buchanan, Mayor Erik Arroyo and City Commissioner Hagen Brody were speakers. Two other speakers were from Temple Emanu-El—Sepi Ackerman and Associate Rabbi Michael Shefrin.

Sepi Ackerman, a dynamic speaker, galvanized the audience. Sepi had taken charge of organizing her community to fight against these vile acts which strongly upset her neighbors. When asked about the incidents, she said: "My neighbors and I were very disturbed. It was very alarming to find those flyers. We had to do more than just report it. We started the campaign United Against Hate. We are also pleased that [the campaign] has grown beyond our neighborhood and it is heartwarming to know we have the support of the entire community, regardless of race or religion."

For more information about the campaign United Against Hate, or if you want to report an incident, contact the Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee at JFEDSRQ.org/safesrq.



Present
Tuesday, April 5 at 7PM
Author Live on Zoom
Jonathan Kaufman
Pulitzer Prize Winning Journalist
Bloomberg News - Wall Street Journal

...The Extraordinary Forgotten History of
Two Jewish Families Who Helped Transform
China Into a Global Powerhouse...

Hosted by
Rabbi Elaine Glickman

Register at: www.sarasotatemple.org
on the EVENTS page
\$10 per household TEE members
\$18 per household non-members
Email: TEEBOOKCLUB@GMAIL.COM

ISRAEL'S SPECIAL IN UNIFORM PROGRAM

Presented by Jewish National Fund-USA



The Israeli military has a secret weapon — a highly trained squad of elite soldiers that's entirely made up of disabled and autistic teens. Special in Uniform is a Jewish National Fund-USA program that integrates young adults with disabilities into the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) and, in turn, into Israeli society. Its core belief is that everyone belongs and has the right to reach his or her full potential.

Sunday, April 10 @ 10:30am - via ZOOM

Joining us for this event will be Special in Uniform co-founder Lt. Col. (Res.) Tiran Attia. With a profound appreciation for the value of every life, Tiran had the vision that continues to inspire the integration of people with all abilities into Israeli society.



Don't miss this exciting opportunity to hear about an extraordinary program of inclusion and integration inside Israel's culture of military service and society.

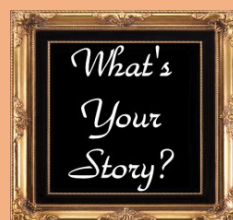
Register at www.sarasotatemple.org



Tuesday,
April 26
10:30 am
with
Bruce Black
Location TBD

Memoir Writing: Join Bruce Black, editor of Temple Emanu-El's "Our Jewish Stories", for a one hour class on memoir writing. He'll guide you through the process of reviewing events in your life for memorable moments and help you shape these moments into stories that you can share with loved ones and friends. No previous writing experience is necessary.

Bruce is the author of *Writing Yoga* (Rodmell Press/Shambhala) and editorial director of *The Jewish Writing Project*. He received a BA from Columbia University and his MFA from Vermont College. His stories and poems have appeared in *Tiferet Journal*, *Hevria*, *The Jewish Literary Journal*, *Chicken Soup for the Soul*, *Yogi Times*, *Blue Lyra Review*, and elsewhere.



Jewish Disabilities Awareness Month

Please note: The following is an excerpt from a presentation by Lita Katzer, given in recognition of Jewish Disabilities Awareness, Acceptance and Inclusion Month. The full presentation is available at: <https://youtu.be/ZkjVLVm53Jk>

Jewish Disabilities Awareness Month is a unified effort among Jewish organizations worldwide to raise awareness of people with disabilities and those who love them. Significantly, the name has evolved and is now referred to as “Jewish Disabilities Awareness, **Acceptance and Inclusion Month**”.

I have had a career as a Special Education teacher in our Albany, New York's Conservative synagogue Religious School. After teaching children with special needs for several years, our daughter, Beth, was born, having neurological developmental delays and disabilities. So, I have been on “both sides of the desk”, as a parent and as a teacher. I know the pain of seeing your child struggle to make his or her way in the world.

Despite the disabilities of our daughter, she was quite verbal and could carry on lovely conversations with our friends. Her disabilities and challenges were not always evident to others. My husband Michael and myself always appeared to be handling everyday challenges with competence and fortitude. Because of this, we did not receive any assistance from friends or family.

I have learned that it is a skill to be able to ask for the help one needs.

It took 34 years for us to finally find a setting where Beth was accepted for the fine person she is. She is now in a supported community where she has a circle of friends and an active social life. As she often says to us, “I have started my new life.”

One student, Melanie, with whom I worked in Albany for Bat Mitzvah preparation, is on the autism spectrum and is a bright girl. Melanie and I explored her Torah portion “*B'Midbar*”, which means “In the wilderness”. Melanie related to the harsh conditions of the desert, and thought it toughened the Israelites for what they would face in the future. “What is truly important to me”, she wrote, “is now becoming a Jewish adult. I, too, was in the desert. Now I am seeing the ‘Promised Land’”. This Bat Mitzvah is my reward.” To this day, she keeps a copy of her D'Var Torah in her tallit bag when she attends Shabbat services.

There is often a sense of isolation for parents and siblings, as well as children who don't quite “fit in” with their peers. Friendships are yearned for and needed, but difficult to form. The Jewish French philosopher Simone Weil, has said, “Attention is the rarest and purest form of generosity”. At our Seder, we tell the Exodus story. We speak of the “Four Sons” or ‘Four Children’. Whatever your interpretation may be, the four children are differently abled. Their questions need to be answered in ways that will address their unique capabilities. None is rejected. And each is guaranteed a seat at the table.

Lita Katzer



New Art Committee Formed First Art Excursion Planned

Do you like the visual arts? A newly formed Art Committee is beginning to plan various programs for Temple Emanu-El members, including trips to different art venues in and around Sarasota. Of importance, we hope to create a camaraderie among like-minded Emanu-El members. The first outing of our newly formed Art Excursions group will be to the Venice Art Center on April 8th, where we will take a docent-led tour of the galleries and have a print making demonstration. The tour will start at 10 am after which we will share lunch together at their Art Café. (The café has both indoor and outdoor seating available.) The center can accommodate up to 30 guests. Reservations will be taken on a first come, first served basis. There will be no charge for the tour. For more information and/or to make reservations, please email Lynn Sacks at lynndsacks@yahoo.com.

Adult Education Update

The Adult Education Committee programs are rolling along and we have exciting programs coming up. It is especially nice to report that many upcoming programs are being presented by the gifted and talented members of the TEE community.

Thank you, Rabbi Shefrin, for your interesting and inspiring program about Reb Nachman. As usual, the feedback has been wonderful.

Upcoming Courses & Events



Hebrew Classes with Evie Shen-Tal are continuing. Look for future classes on the Temple website. The classes have been a wonderful addition to education.

April 26, 10:30 am: Memoirs with Bruce Black. Back by popular demand, Bruce Black will guide you through the process of reviewing events in your life for memorable moments and help you shape these moments into stories that you can share with loved ones and friends. No previous writing experience is necessary. On Zoom. Register at TEE website.

May 3, 7:00 pm: People of the Book series- "The Great Age Reboot" with Michael Roizen-Benderson Hall and Livestream. He will discuss the best decision about your brain, body and bank account as we age. See flyer for more information. Register at jfedrsq.org/books or call 941-552-6305 for more information.

May 11, 18, 23, 25, 10:00 am: Jewish Short Stories, Insight, Brilliance and Humor From 1875-1955, with Rabbi Brenner Glickman. Discover some of the greatest treasures of Jewish culture in the classic stories of the Golden Age of Yiddish short fiction.

Benderson Hall. See flyer and article by Rabbi Glickman for more information. Register at TEE website.

May 24, 10:30 am: Timeless Fitness for Body & Mind with Judith Koziol. She is a certified educator in this chair-based program called Ageless Grace-Brain Health. By using everyday movements accompanied by music, it enhances joint and spinal flexibility, brain stimulation, balance and fall prevention. Anyone can participate, regardless age or ability. Come in breathing and leave smiling! Benderson Hall. Register at TEE website.

June 3 & 9, 10:30 am: Trailblazing to the Pulpit, History of Women Rabbis in America, with Sabrina Silverberg. Watch for more information next month.

June 23, 10:30 am: Meaning and Archeology of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Malcom Schwartz. Watch for more information next month.


Sunday at the Movies with Howard Kilman continues with excellent selections. See the Temple website for upcoming movies. Register online at www.sarasotatemple.org.

Join us for these excellent programs.

Judith Koziol
Chair, Adult Education Committee

Saturday Morning Torah Study

2022 | 5782




TORAH STUDY
11:00 AM

Come Study with Us

| SATURDAY | TORAH PORTION | PRESENTER |
|----------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| March 5 | P'kudei | Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman |
| March 12 | Vayikra | Rabbi Michael Shefrin |
| March 19 | Tzav | Rabbi Mimi Weisel |
| March 26 | Sh'mini | Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman |
| April 2 | Tazria | Rabbi Mimi Weisel |
| April 9 | M'tzora | Sabrina Silverberg |
| April 16 | Yom Rishon shel Pesach | Rabbi Brenner Glickman |
| April 23 | Acharei Mot I | Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman |
| April 30 | Acharei Mot II | Rabbi Mimi Weisel |
| May 7 | K'doshim | Bruce Black |
| May 14 | Emor | Sabrina Silverberg |
| May 21 | B'har | Rabbi Michael Shefrin |
| May 28 | B'chukotai | Rabbi Brenner Glickman |

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Passover Seder

At Michael's on East
1212 S. East Avenue
Sarasota, FL 34236

Friday, April 15 at 6:00 pm
Led by Rabbi Brenner Glickman

\$80 for Adults ~ \$40 for Children 12 and Under

Haggadahs will be provided

Menu:

Gefilte Fish, Matzo Ball Soup,
and Your Choice of:

- Brisket
- Vegetarian (Mediterranean Stuffed Cabbage Rolls)
- Half Roasted Chicken with Lemon, Garlic and Rosemary

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MITZVAH DAY TEMPLE EMANU-EL



**Sunday, May 1, 2022
Beginning at Noon**

The Mitzvah Day Committee happily announces that registration is open for Temple Emanu-El Mitzvah Day 2022 – back in-person after a two-year hiatus due to covid! Slated for Sunday, May 1, beginning at noon, Mitzvah Day is a meaningful, inspiring, fun afternoon of hands-on community service and donation drives.

Please note that there will be many options to participate in Mitzvah Day – including safely indoors, outdoors, and distanced. Virtual options will be available as well. Our volunteers' safety and comfort is paramount!

Temple Emanu-El's Mitzvah Day has grown larger and more exciting each year, and we are hoping that the energy continues in 2022. With many mitzvah projects – including the opportunity to decorate cards for soldiers, hospitalized patients, and nursing home residents; wrap books for disadvantaged schoolchildren and sports equipment for needy kids; knit blankets and other items for needy infants; help with clerical work for local charities; host musical entertainment and socializing at a local senior center; volunteer at the food bank, animal sanctuaries, and therapy horse stables; prepare bag lunches and hot meals for the homeless; assemble gift bags for disadvantaged girls, hygiene bags for homeless veterans, reading bags for Starfish Initiative students, and comfort

bags for chemotherapy patients; make toys and treats for homeless animals; host a garden party for foster children and a picnic for families in Newtown; decorate cookies for firefighters and enjoy a visit from the firetruck; prepare stakes to help Mote Marine mark sea turtle nests; and support our library – as well as donation drives for food; nail polish/cosmetics/hair accessories/toiletries; diapers and wipes; socks and underwear for children and for older veterans; sports equipment; 100 tubes of Chap-Stick; dental items; and pet food and toys, plus a blood drive, tzedakah car wash, voter registration, and Compeer information table, there is an opportunity for everyone to get involved and engage in *tikkun olam* – repairing the brokenness in our world. This year, Goodwill Manasota's GivingMobile will also be on-site, collecting clothes, shoes, household items, and electronics – enabling us to do good while also doing our spring cleaning! – and Brotherhood will once again generously sponsor a pizza lunch.

We have moved to online registration for Mitzvah Day this year! Please watch your inbox and Messages from the Temple for the Mitzvah Day registration form; it is also available on our website at www.sarasotateemple.org – just click on the Mitzvah Day tab at the top right of the page. (And if you have trouble registering online, you can always contact Mitzvah Day chair Rabbi Elaine for help!) The registration deadline is April 17, although early registration is recommended as some projects fill early.

Mitzvah Day Chair Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman and the dedicated and wonderful Mitzvah Day Committee members Cindy Aminoff, Loretta Bauman, Rachel Benderson, Jaspreet Bindra, Randee Bunin, Diane Cohen, Betty Crane, Helene Davis, Sherrie Eisenberg, Barbara Gerber, Janis Gold, Sandy Goldman, Ethel Gross, Judy Grossman, Nevin Hofing, Donna Jonas, Lita Katzer, Lori Klein, Laura Kramer, Harriette Krasnoff, Judith Leader, Gail Leavitt, Alisha Leopold, Nina Levitt, Roz Lieberman, Faith Lipton, Gwen Murphy, Leslie Podolsky, Susan and Gary Rosenbaum, Irv Ross, Savannah Ross, Howard Schapiro, Susan Schlossberg, Melissa Schwartz, Cindy Silverglat, Lynne Spencer, Sally and Jay Steele, Shauna Wagner, Rebekah Weber, Emilie Weil, Priya Weiman, Linda Weiss, Wendy Wicks, Brenna Wilhm, and Karyn Wortman all look forward to sharing Mitzvah Day 2022 with you!

Mitzvah Day Donations Are Being Accepted

Mitzvah Day won't take place until Sunday, May 1 – but some of our donation drives are starting early! Items for many of our drives to benefit local community members and organizations in need will be collected beginning this month. Please read on for information about items to be collected, and please contact donation drive chairs for more information. We invite you to give generously to support Mitzvah Day and those in need in our community.

One item being collected is sports equipment – new soccer balls, footballs, volleyballs, and the like. This equipment will be festively wrapped during Mitzvah Day and distributed as presents through Jewish Family and Children's Services of the Suncoast. This drive is chaired by Linda Weiss and Ethel Gross. Also being accepted are new socks and underwear in sizes 2T through teen for families served by Mothers Helping Mothers. This new effort is chaired by Faith Lipton and will ensure that local children in need are dressed in dignity and can feel clean and secure.

Another opportunity to help young ones is chaired by Wendy Wicks. Diapers and wipes will be collected and donated to Second Chance Last Opportunity (SCLO) to help underserved infants and toddlers, and their parents and caregivers. Temple Emanu-El has partnered with SCLO several times to support the Newtown community and we are honored to do so again. If you have new cosmetics, new nail polish, perfume or makeup samples, hair accessories, or soaps and lotions, please consider donating these so Mitzvah Day volunteers can fill gift bags for needy tween/teen girls as well as women seeking shelter from

domestic violence. What a lovely way to bring support to this community. For more information about donating these items, please contact Lita Katzer and Janis Gold.

Our Mitzvah Day projects to help animals are always popular, and we are happy that Nina Levitt and Emilie Weil are also organizing a donation drive to benefit homeless cats and dogs. Please bring canned or bagged food to help feed pets awaiting adoption at local shelters. If you are feeling creative, the shelters welcome homemade toys as well!

Another new donation drive is the collection of dental items, especially new toothbrushes, toothpaste, and dental floss. This is a great opportunity to donate the dental care kits you receive after dental appointments, or to ask your dentist for support. Susan Schlossberg is chairing this drive, with donations going to CAN Community Health. Two new Mitzvah Day projects will rely on donation drives. First is a new effort to create comfort bags for cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy. Among the items to go in the comfort bags are ChapSticks; and a worthy goal to collect 100 ChapSticks has been set by chairs Loretta Bauman, Barbara Gerber, Roz Lieberman, Leslie Podolsky, and Karyn Wortman.

Last but certainly not least is a collection of items for homeless

veterans. While new underwear and socks for men and women in all sizes are prioritized, we would also love donations of new or very-gently-used towels and washcloths. These items will be bagged into hygiene kits for veterans served by the Salvation Army. Both the donation drive and project are chaired by Lynne Spencer and Melissa Schwartz.

Donations of these items may be brought to the labeled donation boxes in the conference room during business hours, or when attending services and programs at Temple. If you may need help dropping off a large amount of donations or a heavy item, please contact the donation drive chair in advance to make arrangements. Thank you so much!

Donations to offset the costs of Mitzvah Day are also gratefully accepted. If you wish to donate to a particular drive or project, or simply to Mitzvah Day in general, please make a note on the memo line of your check. And if you have any questions about the Mitzvah Day donation drives, please call Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman, Mitzvah Day 2022 chair, at 941-379-1997.

Temple Emanu-El's Mitzvah Day Committee – and especially the many people who will benefit from your kind donations and care – express gratitude for your generosity! Thank you for being a part of Mitzvah Day 2022!

In this throwback Mitzvah Day photo, Mitzvah Day Committee members Beverly Austgen, Irv Ross, and Linda Weiss, with Eli Lieberman, showed off sports equipment to be donated to Jewish Family & Children's Service



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Endowment Recognizes Major Donor

At a small gathering of the Endowment Board, several Temple leaders, and friends and family of our honoree, Dick Orenstein, heard a story involving a recent donation that is quite different from other stories we have heard before and its path to our doors is one worth sharing. The gift itself, \$500,000, is the largest our Endowment has ever received. It allows us to feel more secure in knowing TEE will be here for the next generation of Sarasota Jews. There is more to be done, but now we have a much stronger foundation. In recognition of this generous donation, the Temple's Choir Loft will be dedicated to the Daniel E. Offutt III Charitable Trust. Dick, a Temple member for three years, is the Trustee of the Daniel E. Offutt III Charitable Trust. This responsibility has consumed much of the past five years of his life. Hired by Dan to manage his portfolio and to help him develop his estate plan, Dick is neither a relative or professional executor. For over 40 years, they have simply been friends. Dan was an all-around handyman with a penchant for multiple artistic hobbies and watching the stock market and his portfolio. With his technology knowledge, Dick was able to help Dan manage the complexities of his computers. It was a good match. Years later, Dan, with no immediate family nearby asked Dick to help him manage his estate documents and serve as the executor of his estate and trustee of his trusts. Dick had an idea of the ultimate size of the estate and accepted since his friend had asked him. He and Dan together clarified Dan's wishes and following Dan's passing, Dick set about to complete them.

The Old Testament provides multiple references to the role of friends in Biblical times. It notes that God wants us to have others in one's life as a companion for multiple reasons. Reading the actual passages, the Torah shows that Biblical friends had close relationships with each other. However, having another person to manage their most private information related to finances was not one of them. The friendship and trust between these two men is to be admired and is one of true faith. The wishes Dan shared with Dick as to the distribution of his estate were meticulously followed and continue to be administered.

It is incumbent for all of us at TEE to guard the legacy that we and others before us, 65 years ago, built physically and spiritually. The Endowment is the means by which we can stand on the shoulders of those before us. Dan and Dick together have provided a new set of shoulders that are to be celebrated in the future.

Doris Ross, Endowment Chair



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

APRIL 2022

Friday, April 1

Life & Legacy Shabbat / 7:15 pm

Friday, April 8

Shabbat Unplugged / 7:15 pm

Friday, April 15

Seder Dinner / 6:00 pm

Friday, April 22

Last Day of Passover
Service with Yizkor / 10:30 am
Erev Shabbat / 7:15 pm

Friday, April 29

Israel Shabbat / 7:15 pm

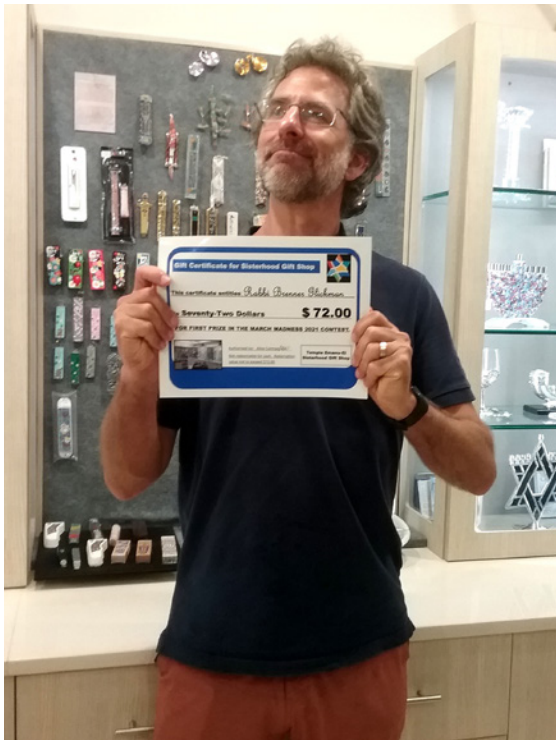
Sisterhood Gift Shop

Pesach begins on April 15th. Do you have everything you need? Seder Plate? Matzah cover? Charoset and Salt Water Dishes? All these items and more can be found in the Sisterhood Gift Shop.

Do you need B'nei Mitzvah gifts? We have those, too. Jewelry, a shofar, candlesticks, kiddush cup and more. Gift Certificates are also available.

The Sisterhood Gift Shop will be open before and after services if services are held indoors. If held outside, the Gift Shop will be by appointment only with Alice Cotman at 941-359-6451. 100% of the proceeds go to our wonderful Religious School.

Alice Cotman
Sisterhood Gift Shop Buyer/Manager



A Meaningful Gift from the Mitzvah Knitting Group

The Temple Emanu-El family is happy and grateful that our wonderful Mitzvah Knitting Group has been revived – and we are not the only ones! In February, little Maya, granddaughter of our Temple members Wendy Starr and Jeffrey Kessler, was gifted with one of the Mitzvah Knitting Group's beautiful handmade creations when Rabbi Glickman officiated at her naming. Making the moment even more meaningful was the fact that the blanket was crafted by Margarita, a survivor of the Holocaust and a regular presence at Temple Emanu-El's annual luncheon for Holocaust survivors. Many thanks to Margarita for this special gift, to our knitting group chair Lori Klein, and to our founding chair Susan Bernstein for making this moment possible.

The "Knitzvah Knitters" warmly invite all knitters and crocheters to join their wonderful sisterhood, and to spend time with old and new friends while creating handmade items for babies born into our Temple family and children in need here and in Israel. For more information, please email Lori Klein at lklein98@gmail.com.



Sweet Maya is all smiles in her beautiful handmade blanket

Temple Emanu-El Is Again the Top Fundraiser for All Faiths Food Bank

Temple Emanu-El is proud to share that we have been honored as the top fundraiser and food drive for All Faiths Food Bank for the sixth year in a row. Each year during the High Holidays, our congregation holds a food drive to support All Faiths Food Bank, collecting both monetary and food donations. In 2020, our generous members donated \$45,252. But in 2021 despite the challenges faced by the pandemic, we surpassed our record and donated \$49,350! We also collected 4,094 pounds of food, which translates to \$7,123. Temple Emanu-El is especially proud that there were 214 individual donors who supported this effort, showing the full congregational support of providing this mitzvah during our holiest time of the year.

The Social Action Committee organized this event and helped make it an amazing success. Temple members also volunteered in November at All Faiths' Ed Smith Stadium Thanksgiving turkey distribution, in which they helped to pass out frozen turkeys and side dishes to those in need during the holidays. Temple Emanu-El is proud to be a committed partner of All Faiths Food Bank, sharing tzedakah with those in need in the greater Sarasota/DeSoto County area. Senior Rabbi Brenner Glickman, who frequently expresses his pride in exhibiting the award plates in the lobby of our synagogue, commented: "I am so amazed by the generosity of our members. People gave and gave. There were no standout gifts that were especially large; the enormity of the food drive was because so many people gave and gave generously."

"So many people brought in food. So many people sent checks," he concluded simply. "Everyone participated. I am so proud of our temple."

Susan Rosenbaum
TEE Social Action
Committee



Representing Temple Emanu-El's Social Action Committee, Rabbi Glickman, Carole Friedman, and Bettianne Marcus attended a special reception for volunteers at All Faiths Food Bank, and proudly accepted the plate on behalf of our generous congregation



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Opher Library News: Banning Books

In January, a Tennessee school board banned Art Spiegelman's graphic novel, *Maus*, for inappropriate language and nudity. This once again brought into focus the suppression of books. Art Spiegelman expressed his disappointment and bafflement with the banning by commenting that the school board appeared to want to teach the Holocaust but wanted a friendlier Holocaust to teach. In the aftermath of the decision, booksellers have offered to donate free copies of the novel to Tennessee students and the sales of *Maus* have surged online and in bookstores.

The banning of books is not new. Throughout history books have been forbidden based on ideas, language, behavior, and political views. For 400 years the Index Librorum Prohibitorum provided a list of books that Catholics were forbidden to read. America's first official banned book was Thomas Morton's *New English Canaan*, published in 1637, banning it because it was seen as an attack on Puritan customs. Some authorities believe Jews under King Antiochus were forbidden to read the Torah, and made do with a substitute, the Haftorah.

Other notable books that have been banned over time are *The Odyssey*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *The Catcher in the Rye*, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, *Beloved*, and *The Kite Runner*. The Nazis not only banned books of Jewish authors, pacifists, Marxists, and foreigners, they also organized massive book burnings where an estimated 4,000 books went up in flames. Such a book burning was featured in *The Book*

Thief by Marcus Zusak. While never banned, *The Diary of Anne Frank* has been censored based on Anne's curiosity about her growing body.

An excellent way to protest book censorship is to keep them in libraries, making them available for all to read.

TEE's library collection of Judaic books includes Art Spiegelman's *Maus: A Survivor's Tale: My Father Bleeds History*, *Maus II: And Here My Troubles Began*, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, and of course, *The Torah: The Five Books of Moses*.

Coincidentally with our focus on banned words and thoughts, Sisterhood and Brotherhood chose Jonathan Kaufman's *The Last Kings of Shanghai: The Rival Jewish Dynasties That Helped Create Modern China* as their joint reading selection. The Sassoon and Kadoorie family dynasties were instrumental in building modern China. They fled, along with their skills, as the Communists took power. Thanks to a generous contribution by Karen and Gary Androphy, our library has five copies to lend. Join a Zoom chat with the author April 4th, at 7:00 pm by registering on the TEE website.



Anyone with a TEE library card may borrow books from our library. Questions? Contact Rosalind Lieberman, 941-922-4517 - Simone9@comcast.net, or Cindy Aminoff, 847-433-0153 - cinamino@gmail.com.

"Remember, books can be dangerous, the best ones should be labeled, 'This could change your life!'"

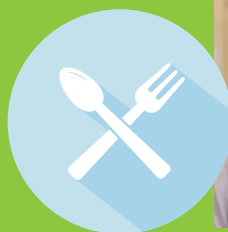
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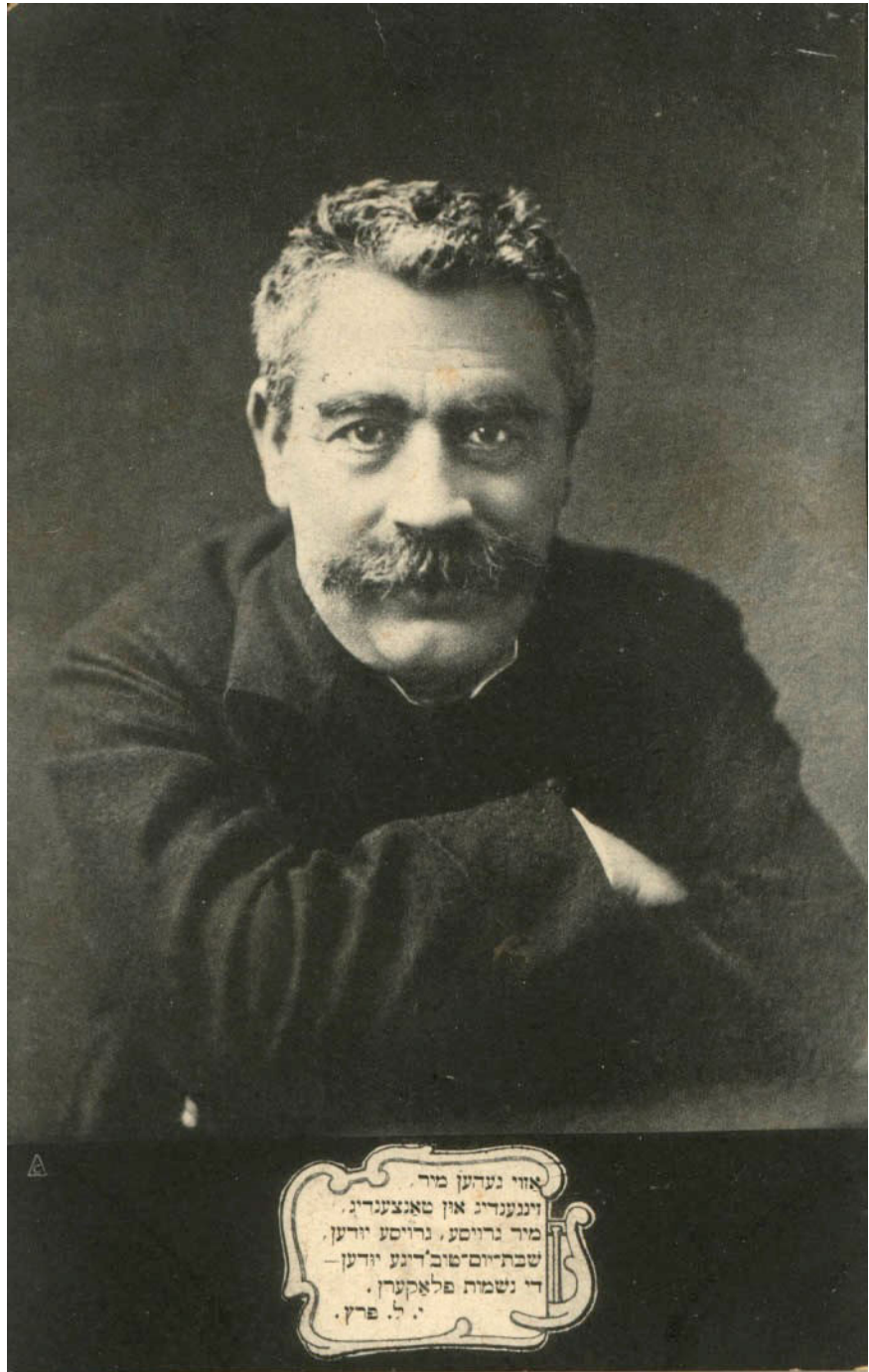
Wednesdays, Apr 6th
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Rabbi Glickman Offers Course on Classic Short Stories

Rabbi Brenner Glickman will present *Jewish Short Stories: Insight, Brilliance, and Humor from 1875-1955*. Join him for four morning sessions at 10:00 on May 11, 18, 23, and 25 in Benderson Social Hall. Please register online.

Discover some of the greatest treasures of Jewish culture as we read and discuss classic stories from the Golden Age of Yiddish short fiction. Featured authors will include Sholom Aleichem, I. L. Peretz, and Isaac Bashevis Singer, with one session devoted to female writers. The stories are at times haunting and at times absurd, but they are consistently and marvelously clever. Their brilliance will delight you.



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TEE Peace Wall Project

Going to Israel in the summer of 2019 with Temple Emanu-El “Returnees,” was an extraordinary experience. One of the many highlights, was visiting Moshav Netiv Ha Asara and participating in the “Path to Peace” project. Netiv HaAsara is in the northwest Negev, bordering the Gaza Strip. Walls have been erected to protect the community from missile bombings.

There is constant fear. Living with shelters, alarms and missiles, a resident of Netiv HaAsara and a professional artist, Tsameret, felt a need to beautify and project hope and unity while engaging the community in an artistic project. What better way to bring the people together? “Path to Peace” is a mosaic by thousands of people who place tiles on the border wall between Israel and the Gaza strip. This unique project allows visitors to take an active part in the peace process.

Each person in our group chose a ceramic tile decorated with hearts, peace doves, flowers, or words. We wrote a personal message on the back of the tile, and then glued each tile to the wall. The intensity of this experience cannot be measured.

We immediately felt the need to bring this project home. Through the kindness and generosity of sponsors Dr. Jane and Stephen Goldner, we are going to make this happen. Tiles have already been purchased from the artist

in Israel and sent to us. Our goal is to have all the religious school children write a message on the back of his/her tile. These tiles will then be sent back to Israel and glued to the peace wall. They will be grouped in a Temple Emanu-El section. Pictures will be taken so the children can see their tiles on the wall and locate their section within the larger “Path to Peace” project. This is Part One of our vision. We hope to complete this by the conclusion of the school year.

Part Two is to create a Temple Emanu-El “Path to Peace” wall in our religious school. This will bring the project closer to home and generate a more personal connection between Israel and our students. Each student will create his/her own ceramic tile with designs and appropriate messages. An overall design will be created, and each student will glue his/her creation to the design. We hope to complete this project by the conclusion of the school year 2022.

The ownership of this project for the children will be everlasting.

We would like to thank Sabrina Silverberg, TEE Director of Education, for her continuing guidance, and Barbara Peltz, our Sisterhood Representative, for her spirit and experience.

Helene Davis & Paula Hayden
Peace Wall Project Co-Chairs
TEE Israel Committee



Susan Schwaid Early Learning Center

In February we celebrated our annual Friendship Shabbat. Rabbi Glickman joined us for Shabbat prayers and songs. We celebrated all the great friendships that have formed with an ice-cream sundae! Students got to choose delicious toppings and sit with their friends in the Big Room to enjoy the special treat. On February 14, students created great Valentine's Day art in the classroom and brought in Valentine's to share with their friends.

Our afternoons are also filled with great activities for the students. Sherrie Sirkin, a Temple member, is the afternoon teacher for our 3s and VPK classroom. She joined us for camp last summer and has been a

valuable member of the team since. Sherrie Sirkin has been an educator for over forty years. In Pennsylvania, she earned bachelor's and master's degrees in education and taught pre-k, kindergarten and third grade. Before coming to the SSELC, Sherrie served for twenty-one years as the elementary guidance counselor of Sallie Jones Elementary School in Punta Gorda. She and her husband, Joel Eisenberg, have been members of Temple Emanuel-El for thirteen years and actually met at a singles event hosted by Rabbi Glickman!

Sherrie ensures the fun is continued in the afternoons at the ELC. Afternoons begin with a review of

the morning's academics, followed by reading to the children. Snack time is followed by arts and crafts where the children can choose from painting, cutting, and pasting, glitter, or play dough. Then they head to the playground. When they come inside, the students have center time or can choose one of the many games we have on hand. Finally, they head to the Big Room for bike riding. It's a fun filled afternoon for sure!

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TEE STARFISH INITIATIVE



Starfish Volunteers Find Creative Ways to Continue Safely Despite the Pandemic

Dedicated to the max, volunteers with the *Temple Emanu-El Starfish Initiative* continue to find ways to support Kindergarten students and teachers at Wilkinson Elementary School while remaining safe and creating partnerships along the way! Rita Mazer continues Wendy Barnet's *Starfish Dramatic Storytelling* program with Jill Berry and Cheryl Parnes joining her, enhancing literacy instruction safely by moving the performances and literacy-linked art experiences outside! When preparing to perform *Caps for Sale* and *The Little Red Hen*, Rita's *Venice Theater* fellow-actors were excited to join her in the *Ren Hen* production. Jill and Cheryl prepared the art materials (60+ sets!) and led the students in making finger puppets of a *Caps for Sale* character. Then each student received their own copy of the book for their home library, funded by Elaine and Akiva (z"l) Pipe.

Susan Meisel continues the good work started by Larry Barnet by leading her *Starfish Food Pantry* team

in distributing food at the school and a community site in collaboration with *All Faiths Food Bank*. Our *Starfish Book Buddies* continue to gift books to the Kindergarteners based on their themed drawings. Lynn Friedman and Tanice Knopp teamed to keep this program going until Julie Kupersmith can resume her program leadership, hopefully in time to lead the end-of-the-year parties when the final book of the year is gifted to each student in person by their Book Buddy. The students are always so excited to learn the identity of their adult buddy who, up until the party, has been known to them only by name! Dr. Jill Halman continues to nurture both the TEE Starfish Sensory Garden and the partnerships that emerged from the garden among the school, the synagogue, *University of Florida*, *Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Volunteer Master Gardener program*, the *Youth Experiencing Art (YEA) Program* at Ringling College of Art and Design, and the Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Man-

atee's Daffodil Project. And last but not least, some stalwart Starfish *Rockin' Readers* completed training in the newly enhanced program and are reading weekly with students.

We hope that next year the pandemic will be just a memory so that all of the *Starfish* programs will be back in full swing. So, please make a note to watch for notice next August, as we begin our sixth year, for how you can support this program that is both meaningful for the children and fulfilling for the volunteers!

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The “Shabbaton” Is Back!

One of Temple Emanu-El’s most-anticipated Shabbat experiences is returning! After a two-year hiatus due to Covid, Temple Emanu-El Religious School (TEERS) and Tot Shabbat families will once again gather on Siesta Key Beach for our annual “Shabbaton” – a delicious casual Israeli Shabbat dinner under the covered pavilion, followed by a beautiful sunset service right on the beach – on Friday, April 1, at 5 p.m. Rabbi Michael Shefrin; Director of Education Sabrina Silverberg, MARE; students at TEERS; and the Family Shabbat Band will lead us in Shabbat song and prayer as we give thanks to God and welcome Shabbat in a gorgeous and inspirational natural setting. The Shabbaton’s unique atmosphere and camaraderie are not to be missed; and you are encouraged to wear “Shabbat whites” to add to the spirit of this special evening!

Although the Shabbaton is especially for school families, all are warmly invited. The young and the young-at-heart are sure to be moved by this wonderful event!

Reservations for the Shabbat dinner may be made online at www.sarasotatemple.org. For more information, please email TEERS at teers@sarasotatemple.org.



In this “Throwback Shabbaton” photo, Rabbi Glickman greeted Julianna and Jake Maggard. Julianna is now a college sophomore, and Jake became Bar Mitzvah last year!

Special Temple Emanu-El Religious School Moments

In select issues of the Temple Times, we highlight a few special moments from the past month with words and photos. This month, we are spotlighting Temple Emanu-El Religious School and our wonderful fifth grade through Confirmation classes. If you have special moments or photos to share, please let Rabbi Elaine know!

Photo Gallery



Temple Emanu-El Religious School students Ava Rosin, Lucy Familant, Emma Witherspoon, and Mark Lowell joined Associate Rabbi Michael Shefrin in learning about and exploring the mitzvah of laying tfillin



Every year, the fifth grade class enjoys a Kallah – a special morning with Senior Rabbi Brenner Glickman and Associate Rabbi Michael Shefrin to talk about becoming B’nai Mitzvah, to learn and share together, and to bond with their fellow students, family, and rabbis. We are so excited to welcome these special fifth graders to the beginning of their B’nai Mitzvah journey!



After learning about organ donation and Jewish medical ethics, the Confirmation class had the privilege of hearing our own member Gary Rosenbaum share his incredible story of receiving a heart transplant. Confirmation class is open to all post-B’nai Mitzvah students and culminates in a beautiful service for our tenth graders each Shavuot.



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Timeless Fitness for the Body & Mind
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This fun class will help you with mobility and brain health by using 21 simple tools one needs for aging gracefully and youthfully. These tools include joint mobility, spinal flexibility, brain stimulation, bone density, improved muscle tone, fall prevention, balance, and confidence.

Exercises are based on everyday movements that are neutral and fun. The movements are done in a chair so that almost anyone can participate. All ages, body types, and physical abilities will benefit from the exercises. *Come Try It!*

Register online at
www.sarasotateemple.org

Questions?

Contact Judith Koziol at
judkoz1@gmail.com.

Photo Gallery

Tot Shabbat Returns to the Strawberry Fields

Saturday morning, February 26, marked the welcome return of one of Temple Emanu-El's signature events for young Jewish and interfaith families: our "Strawberry Fields Tot Shabbat" at Hunsader Farms!

After having to take a year off due to the coronavirus pandemic, we were thrilled to welcome a sellout group of parents, grandparents, and little ones for a wonderful Shabbat morning, celebrating the beauty of our natural world. Attendees enjoyed exploring the grounds of Hunsader Farms – playing on the playground, feeding the farm animals, having a picnic lunch, participating in Shabbat prayers, songs, movement, birthday blessings, and a story with Associate Rabbi Michael Shefrin. A highlight of the special morning was a trip through the farm in the Hunsader swamp buggy!

"Once again, a fantastic time was had by all, including the animals at the petting zoo," Rabbi Shefrin commented. "I got to feed a llama!"

"It is so wonderful to connect to the beauty and fun of Shabbat surrounded by all the exciting things to do at Hunsader Farms," he added. "Jewish values are everywhere. I can't wait to go back next year." Strawberry Fields Tot Shabbat" and other Tot Shabbat programs, which are offered monthly and are generously underwritten by an anonymous "angel" donor, are open to the community and designed especially for young Jewish and interfaith families with children up to age 6. This month's Tot Shabbat will be held in partnership with PJ Library of Sarasota-Manatee on Saturday, April 9, at 10 a.m. and will enable attendees to celebrate Shabbat while getting into the Passover spirit. For more information about Tot Shabbat, or to receive invitations to upcoming Tot Shabbat events, please contact Rabbi Elaine at 941-379-1997.



Shauna, Samantha, and Robert Wagner enjoyed feeding the farm animals together



Jacob Shefrin liked riding the swamp buggy through the grounds of Hunsader Farm



The Tsorin family took a fun photo

Paving the Way to The Future Kindergarten Roundup

TEERS fourth annual Kindergarten Roundup took place on Sunday, February 27 on campus. This program was designed to provide young families with an opportunity to learn about TEERS and connect with other parents and children. We hosted five incoming students and their parents and presented an engaging and informative morning. The program started with the visiting children attending the K/1 classroom for a Purim activity. They were paired with a buddy, learned about Purim, and created colorful masks. Parents took part in an informative session with Rabbi Shefrin and Director

of Education Sabrina Silverberg, MARE. After introductions, parents shared their own experiences attending Hebrew School as children. They learned about TEERS, its philosophy, curriculum, and programs. We look forward to welcoming our new families and students to TEERS next year!

Sabrina Silverberg, MARE
TEERS, Director of Education



Purim girls, left to right: Vivian Masters, Arielle Ramer, and Ziva Sheslow



Back row- left to right: Director of Education Sabrina Silverberg, Rebecca Murphy, Matt and Emma Goldberg, Kim Dobson, Helene Zukas, K/1 teacher Felicia DeRowe, Stephanie Zack, and Rabbi Shefrin. Front row: Landry Murphy, Mason Goldberg, Andrew Dobson, Colton Zukas, and Julian Zack

In-Person Seder Is Back!

After two years of celebrating Seder virtually, we are delighted to announce that Temple Emanu-El's in-person Seder is back! Please plan to join your Temple Emanu-El family for a meaningful, festive, and delicious Passover Seder at Michael's on East on Friday, April 15, at 6 p.m. Senior Rabbi Brenner Glickman will serve as our Seder leader using Temple Emanu-El's signature *Sarasota Haggadah*, and Michael's on East will cater a traditional Passover meal including gefilte fish; matzah ball soup; main course options including brisket, chicken, and Mediterranean stuffed cabbage rolls; smashed tzimmes; roasted vegetables; and dairy-free chocolate mousse. Let all who are hungry come and eat!

Advance paid reservations are required for Seder and may be made on our website. If you or anyone you know might need financial assistance at this Passover season, please let our rabbis know. No one should feel left out or worried about missing a Seder meal.

Thank you so much to the Ritual Committee for overseeing this beautiful Seder and enabling us to welcome Passover together in person once again. We wish our Temple Emanu-El family a joyous Passover holiday and every blessing at this season of redemption!



Sally Steele, Jay Steele, Dr. Janet Hiller, Dr. Stephen Hiller, and Lynne Spencer were among the attendees at Temple Emanu-El's last in-person Seder – way back in 2019 - Photo by Leo Glickman

SAVE THE DATE!!



**Mitzvah Day
Temple Emanu-El**

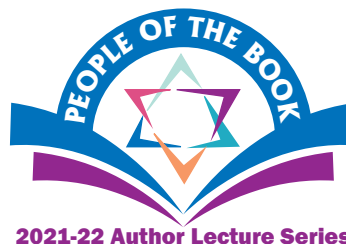
**Sunday, May 1, 2022
Beginning at Noon**

Temple Emanu-El's Mitzvah Day is back in 2022!
Mark your calendar and plan to be a part of our signature event!

On this very special day, Temple members of all ages and interests come together for an afternoon of donation drives and hands-on service projects to benefit our community and our world. Watch the Temple Times, Temple events, and your email inbox for more information in the coming months – we can't wait to share Mitzvah Day with you!

Want more information right away?
Please contact Mitzvah Day Chair Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman
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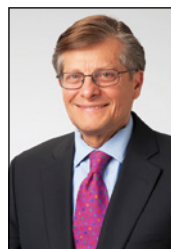
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He will also discuss several of his other bestsellers, including *What to Eat When*, revealing how the food choices you make each day – and when you make them – can affect your health, energy, waistline, attitude and the way you age.



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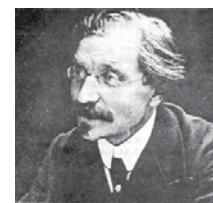
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| 4 | Lunch with the Rabbis12:00 pm Religious School 5:30 pm | 20 | Sisterhood Shabbat 7:15 pm |
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| 12 | Fluid Dance 10:00 am Temple Players 2:30 pm | 30 | Memorial Day – Office Closed Zoom Social Hour..... 5:00 pm |
| 13 | Shabbat Unplugged 7:15 pm | | |
| 14 | Tot Shabbat 10:00 am | | |
| 15 | Religious School – Last Day 9:30 am Movie Discussion – When the Smoke Clears...4:00 pm | | |

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