

Temple Emanu-El Temple Times

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Rabbi's Message: A New Dilemma

Judaism classifies Hanukkah as a minor holiday, but it feels major to us.

This year, the Festival of Lights falls early, and it will be over before we know it. The weeks between menorah lightings and latkes and our Christmas tradition of movies and Chinese food might make us especially conscious of our religious identity reminding us that we are not part of the Christian majority.

This December, a new dilemma presents itself. Will we resent the early disappearance of the chocolate gelt and blue lights? Or will we embrace the holiday season still surrounding us?

I vote for embrace. Here are some tips on how to do so.

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. Please watch for details in our weekly Message from the Temple. Those participating in person must wear masks and continue to socially distance from those outside their safety bubble. When entering the temple office, please wear a mask and be sure to sign the clipboard kept on the small table in the office lobby. We appreciate everyone's adherence to these important procedures as we maneuver through these difficult times.



Rabbi Michael Shefrin

1. Pause to appreciate the traditions and rituals of others. We love our Jewish customs. Take time to recognize the importance of the holiday observances of our non-Jewish neighbors.
2. Take an evening drive and enjoy the many colors and presentations of holiday lights. After our menorahs have shined, we can find joy in the bright displays around town.
3. Gobble up some gingerbread cookies, peppermint bark, or eggnog. True, they aren't Bubbie's latkes, but, they are pretty delicious.
4. Give your ears a treat with Barbara Streisand's recording of "Silent Night" and Sharon Jones & The Dap Kings performing "8 Days (Of Hannukah)".
5. Did you get a Christmas gathering invite? Say yes. Rabbi Mosher Isserles, in his comments on the *Shulchan Aruch*, notes that for the sake of neighborly goodwill, Jews

should join in the festivities and send gifts to non-Jews on non-Jewish holidays.

6. Stock up on Hanukkah merchandise for next year which will still be on the store shelves after the 8th candle is lit. While there, let the manager know that carrying Jewish items are appreciated. (Please also let them know that we don't eat matzah on every holiday!)
7. As the holiday season and 2021 draw to a close, join your temple family for special festive Shabbat services on the evenings of December 24th and December 31st. May God bless us all at this season and always.

Rabbi Michael Shefrin

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President's Message: Giving Thanks

The time between Thanksgiving and Chanukah is the most appropriate time to offer blessings of thanks. Coincidentally, the two holidays are days apart from one another this year. As we gather with family and friends for Thanksgiving, the focus isn't all about the food and its preparation but the opportunity to strengthen our personal relationships we have with one another. We recognize Chanukah as a holiday about offering thanksgiving for our own freedom to be Jewish, even while living in a society where we are in the minority. I would like to thank those this year that have made a difference in leading our temple through unprecedented times. They are:

Rabbis Brenner Glickman, Michael Shefrin and Elaine Rose Glickman- With extraordinary skill and dedication they have worked to keep our membership connected both spiritually and socially.

Christine Elliott, Executive Director- Christine's ability to multitask enables her to be extremely productive in an environment that is ever changing. Many thanks for her dedication, commitment and love for the temple and its members.

Officers and trustees that make up the temple's board- Thanks to you for your continuing dedication



Barry Gerber

and work ethic in leading the temple during these difficult times.

Committee Chairs- Thanks to you who have persevered during this pandemic to bring much needed programming to our members.

Temple Volunteers- Thanks to the many, many volunteers who without them, the temple would be just a shell. You are a blessing that I recognize every day.

Temple Staff- Thanks for your continued dedication to your jobs and your love for the temple. You are surely recognized by the temple membership.

SSELC and the Religious School Directors and Staff- Thank you for your ability during Covid to make the necessary changes to adapt to a new normal. You have demonstrated to the temple leadership that you can make necessary changes to survive and grow during changing times.



WELCOME!

TEMPLE EMANU-EL WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS

Batt, Amanda & Family

Bloom, Justin &
Summer & Family

Bloom, Max

Deuble, Richard & Berke, Eileen

Hudson, Emma &
Michael & Family

Mendola, Carolyn &
Pete & Family

Orenstein, Dr. Ruth &
(Gabriel, Anthony)

Zukas, Helene & Chris & Family

Our Temple Members- Thanks go out to all 1,354 individual members of Temple Emanu-El who have enabled us to sustain the recent pandemic and become even stronger in spite of it.

To all above, on behalf of the entire temple, thank you for being a member of the temple we call our home away from home. May you enjoy the upcoming holidays and I wish you safe travels and good health.

Barry Gerber
Temple President

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Christine Elliott

Executive Director's Message: Friendship: A Gift to Honor Caryl and Bob Magnus

Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines the essential meaning of friendship as “the relationship between friends, a friendly feeling or attitude, kindness or help given to someone.” Recently, I had the distinct pleasure of talking with longtime member Caryl Magnus and her friend, Patty Smith. Caryl shared with me how she and Patty have been friends for decades. They have the type of friendship that stands the test of time. A couple of years back, Caryl invited Patty, a practicing Catholic, to join her for Shabbat services. Patty immensely enjoyed the service, felt very welcomed, and saw firsthand how important Temple Emanu-El (TEE) was to her friend.

When Patty decided she wanted to honor Caryl and Caryl's late husband Bob, she knew the honor should be tied to TEE. Caryl and her beloved husband Bob joined

Temple Emanu-El in 1989. Sadly, Bob passed away in 2007. Both Caryl and Patty wanted a gift made to TEE that would help impact children's lives, consequently, the Susan Schwaid Early Learning Center (SSEL) recently received a donation of \$10,000 in honor of Caryl and Bob Magnus from Patty Smith. The gift is being used to help provide scholarships for children in need to attend the SSEL and help pay for teachers' salaries. This kind and generous gesture represents a cherished friendship spanning years and years. We should all be so fortunate to have caring, lasting friends such as these two.

And if you ever want to have an uplifting, witty discussion, call Caryl. At 90, she is a delightful conversationalist.

Temple Updates

The Covid Response Team (CRT) continues to track and monitor all of the factors surrounding Covid-19. The CRT updated Covid-19 protocols will be implemented in December. A dedicated email was sent out about this in late November so check your inbox.

Last month, I shared that the sentencing hearing for the alleged perpetrator that vandalized the temple was scheduled for November. Unfortunately, the hearing was pushed back again and is now scheduled for December. Follow-up information will be forthcoming.

The temple uses ShulCloud for our membership database and website. All members can create a login to access their account, register for events, make payments, access the member directory, and much more. If you don't have a login, please request one from Judy Dean at assistant@sarasotatemple.org. If you have a login, please make sure you log into your account to register and pay for events. This saves Dee, our controller, a lot of time!

Happy Hanukkah,

Christine Elliott
Executive Director

Brotherhood is pleased to recognize a member of our Board, who not only has distinguished himself creating quality programming for Temple Emanu-El over the years, but, has recently received an exclusive honor receiving a community award for meritorious service and contributions. Don Malawsky and his wife Tess Koncick, were named recipients of the 2021 Sarasota Circus Arts Conservatory Legacy Society Award. Congratulations to you both!

We have two exciting programs to offer you this month. On December 12 at 7 pm, Brotherhood will be presenting a marvelous classical music concert featuring Natalie Helm, principal cellist of the Sarasota Orchestra and Jesse Martins, pianist and conductor with the Sarasota Opera. Their program includes works by Rachmaninoff and Grieg. This event will be offered in-person and on Livestream. For those who wish to see this event live, the ticket price is \$10. For watching on Livestream, the ticket price is \$20 per household. Those registered via Livestream will receive a passcode prior to the concert. If you haven't already done so, especially if your desire is to experience this concert live, please register on the temple website. There will be limited seating available in the sanctuary. For any questions, please contact Don Malawsky at 941-359-2890 or dmalawsky@msn.com.

Our second December program is for new Brotherhood members as well as those new to Temple Emanu-El who have not yet joined



Rich Fine

Brotherhood. This Meet & Greet will be held in the Benderson Social Hall on Sunday December 19 at 10 am. We look forward to helping you make connections either through serving temple as a volunteer or through personal interests. Volunteer opportunities include becoming a greeter for services and at other temple functions, perhaps becoming a shomer, or serving on a mitzvah committee. If you have a desire to meet people with similar personal interests, Brotherhood's Interest Groups Program is for you. Today, we offer five such groups: Investments, Theater, Sports, Photography, and our newest, a Men's Book Club. This club, searching for additional members, is opening their December meeting to all congregants. They will be discussing *The Orpheus Clock* written by Simon Goodman, dealing with the

looting by the Nazis and subsequent recovery of personal family art, as well as the author's personal recovery. For details on this December 16 program, please contact Mal Schwartz at malcolmschwartz@gmail.com, or 908-803-8918. Any questions on Membership, please contact Ken Simon at ksimon7396@aol.com, or at 914-393-9632. Brotherhood is considering adding to our Interest Group portfolio. Surveys have been submitted to all adult male congregants to determine which of the following groups are of interest. Under consideration are Poker Club, Cooking/Wine Group, Travel Club, and Classic Cars. We are tallying results and will report back shortly on our findings.

January will be highlighted by our MLK Tribute event. For the eighth consecutive year the Brotherhood, Sisterhood and Social Action Committee will co-sponsor the Temple's Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Sunday, January 16, 2022. This free event will feature an exceptional array of music, readings and highlights of Dr. King's contributions to civil rights during the tumultuous 1960's. The performance will be presented live at the temple and virtually to a large audience as in past years. Stay tuned for details next month.

Rich Fine
Brotherhood President

OUR MEMBERSHIP EXTENDS DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Faith Goldman, Dr. Herbert Silverstein, Emilie Weil
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.

When this edition of the Temple Times is received, we will be celebrating Chanukah. Many of you will have already been in our Gift Shop to purchase candles, dreidels, menorahs and other tchotchkes. You had not planned to buy anything, but, when Alice Cotman displays them so beautifully, they could not be passed up. To lessen the guilt, we remind ourselves that our purchases help the Religious School. To further weaken our resistance, we have, in addition to Alice, Paula Hayden, and Joanne Maguire, who even behind masks, have friendly, warm smiles, making it impossible to resist.

The annual Game Night is scheduled for December 19. We look forward to seeing everyone, whether

in person or via Zoom. Watch the weekly email for registration instructions.

Lita Katzer led an excellent and insightful discussion during the November book club on *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristin Harmel. The next book discussion on December 7th at 1:30pm will be *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks, led by Nina Levitt. To prepare for January 4th, *The Convert* by Stefan Hertmans will be discussed.

It is our hope with the January Temple Times publication that Sisterhood will have interest groups to announce in addition to the successful book discussion group.

Also, on January 10th there is a

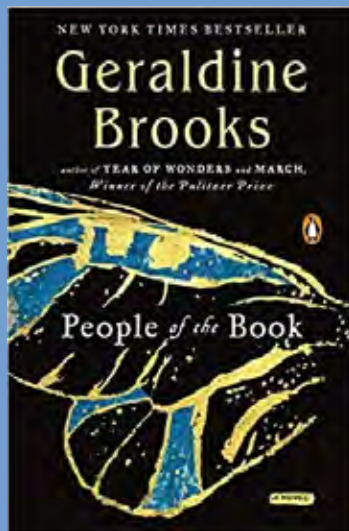


day trip to *Nailed It* planned, and optimistically, taking place. This is a hands-on experience, requiring no previous experience or skill. Check the website to learn more. Enjoyment and lunch included.

May your Chanukah candles burn brightly, lighting your lives as 2021 comes to a close.

**Judy Fine & Harriette Krasnoff
Sisterhood Co-Presidents**

2021-2022 SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB Zoom Book Club Meeting and Discussion



**Tuesday
12/7/2021
1:30 PM**



**Tuesday
1/4/2022
1:30 PM**

Register at www.sarasotatemple.org

For more information contact Karen Androphy at: TEEBOOKCLUB@gmail.com

Temple Emanu-El's 65th Birthday

This article is part of a series in recognition of Temple Emanu-El's 65th Birthday.

Which fact is true about Temple Emanu-El?

- a) The site was formerly a citrus grove.
- b) The parcel of land cost \$1000.
- c) Peacocks roamed the temple's campus.
- d) All the above.

Temple Emanu-El's campus is the result of vision and foresight by our founders, successive boards of directors and congregants spanning 65 years to date. The result is today's appealing and practical architecture that endures now and will in the future because of its function and design.

Founded in 1956, Sarasota's first reform congregation did not have a permanent home until its dedication in 1961. In the interim, Temple Emanu-El conducted religious services at the Sarasota Woman's Club now the Florida Studio Theater. If our services were still there, we could clap and shout for encores after our rabbis' sermons.

The temple property has expanded across the years. At the time of the temple's dedication, it was a single structure comprised of a sanctuary featuring big glass windows. During silent prayer, you might gaze at the peacocks strutting their feathers.

The perpetuation of Judaism has always been the synagogue's highest priority. Without a religious school on-site, the classes took place in the art studio of Syd Solomon. As a member of Temple Emanu-El,

he was a world-renowned Abstract Expressionist painter. Educators suggested that this early exposure to art cultivated a lifelong love of the arts by the students.

The first phase of expansion was to install portable classrooms to launch the religious school on the campus. With the sanctuary and school in place, it was time to build a rabbi's study, an administrative office, and restrooms!

Over the decades, the temple's footprint expanded to meet the needs of a growing congregation. National architectural firms and builders created the Temple Emanu-El of today. Like runners in a relay race, each firm carried forward the founders' vision. With generous donations and contributions, Temple Emanu-El continually experiences development that has transformed a citrus grove with wildlife to the living, breathing entity we call home.

Soon, we will resume our activities in person. Sisterhood's tradition to prepare Break-the-Fast and to bake Purim hamantaschen will

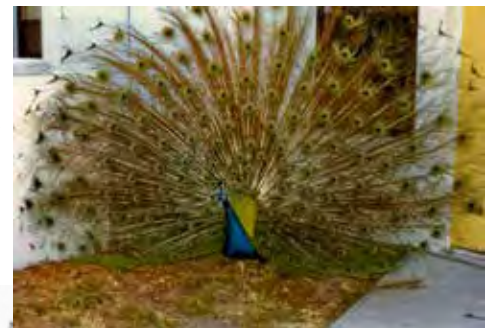
resume when the kitchen reopens. Temple Emanu-El will reduce its carbon footprint generating advanced energy efficient solar power.

Next time you are at temple, slow down at the entrance to observe the new freestanding monument proudly proclaiming Temple Emanu-El "You Belong Here" designed by Paula Murray. The message is simple and conveys that our congregation is open, welcoming, inclusive and a place that provides a sense of belonging for all.

Temple Emanu-El is more than the sum of the decorated walls, beautiful art, and sculptures that adorn the physical plant. In the 65 years since its' founding, each generation continues our legacy to ensure that Temple Emanu-El remains a thriving Jewish center for prayer, learning, and celebration. Future generations will cherish their inheritance and continue Temple Emanu-El's mission to serve our congregation, the Jewish community, Israel, and the United States.

Karen Androphy

Fancy peacock roaming Temple Emanu-El grounds



Temple Emanu-El building site, 1961



Endowment Fund: What Legacy Means to Me

Becoming philanthropic was a process for me throughout my life. In the earliest of days, my Russian grandmother, whom I adored, would welcome me to her apartment across the street with a cookie and a penny. She lifted me up to a blue box inside the pantry where she had me drop it into the slot, kissed me, and then gave me a cookie. In Yiddish, she would praise me for helping Israel. I had no idea what I was supporting, but a smile and a cookie were proof enough to keep doing it.

From my parents, I learned that philanthropy, shared with an institution, was never on their radar because they supported their own siblings and parents. They joined and dropped out of synagogues for my brother's Bar Mitzvah and my Bat Mitzvah at the age of 12. Raised in Baltimore, many of my friends' families practiced their religion and affiliation the same way. It seemed normal because I never knew that there were temples that had been founded in the 1850's by wealthy Europeans leaving their country to find a new Jewish life in America. They were establishing Reform congregations that differed from the Orthodox and Conservative practice of Judaism. They understood that this was a step that would insure and protect the needed funds to take them and their descendants forward into the future to maintain what they had begun. Thus, the Endowment fund was the way to do it.

When my boys were young, my own family joined a large 170-year-old congregation in Washington, DC. I only knew that the building fund and the annual donation were a stretch for my family. We gave what we could whenever there was a campaign. We assumed everybody else was doing the same except for older members with high profiles who gave names to rooms and sponsored families to go to Israel. I donated time, supported committees, learned Hebrew, and watched my boys take their place in our Jewish community. Our large congregation continued to be well funded by the next generations of our founders. As an active member, I began learning how money was raised and distributed, never wondering about the Endowment fund. As the years went by and our family financial situation improved, it was natural for me to want to

give. As a young woman, I was lucky enough to be mentored by some wonderful older members and became an Executive Board member. Watching and listening, I began using a percentage of a formula of what I had each year and donated to programs, committees, and annual fundraising. Still, the Endowment fund remained a mystery to me even though it had always been a part of the temple. I assumed that the original founder's descendants were keeping it a priority.

Coming to TEE six years ago, Life and Legacy was a wonderful way to ensure both of those words would represent the future. It was where I started to see how the temple opened and closed its doors, paid its staff, ran simultaneous programs, and finally understood how the financial structure worked. It was time to learn where I could direct funds to ensure the future of our temple, including the buildings, the grounds, the places of learning and worship, along with the ability to provide leadership dedicated to keeping our temple open and operating for all. Life and Legacy funds will be delivered after I am gone, but the Endowment is for today while I am living. Even in the unprecedented hours that have descended upon us this past year and a half, congregations had no idea how income streams were going to grow. We needed to keep the operating fund stable and were fortunately blessed with donors who stepped up and made it happen. However, the Endowment is the heart of what the future needs. I looked at our campus and our rabbis, staff, and congregants and wanted the warmth and love I feel to continue for the next generation. In this time of life, the spiritual uplift of our services, the faith and sermons our rabbis share, and the congregational love has been the greatest gift of all. The joy of now contributing to Life

and Legacy and the Endowment fund makes sense and is necessary. Unedited, real Bible stories show how the loss of practicing our religion led to chaos at times in history. With the Endowment funding our future and seeing its growth, we can ensure that will not happen.

I hope you will consider making the Endowment fund part of your life today by following its growth and feeling the satisfaction of embracing a future where our growing community can look back at us with gratitude. I know that I am grateful for being able to be a part of it.

Phyllis Dreyfuss
Life and Legacy Member



Temple Emanu-El Welcomes A Record Number Of New Students With A Beautiful Consecration Service

Sukkot culminates in the happiest and most meaningful Jewish holidays of all- Simchat Torah (rejoicing with the Torah). The Torah is the heart of Judaism. It is especially meaningful to note that the last letter of the Torah is Lamed, and the first letter of the Torah is Bet. Together they spell the word Lev, or heart in Hebrew. Simchat Torah is a day when we rejoice in the Torah. We finish reading the last words of the Torah and begin reading it all over again in the same breath.

It is traditional to hold Consecration, a celebration of new students, on or near Simchat Torah. Just as reading the Torah never ends, we welcome new students into the fold of Judaism and hope that our people will always endure.

On Sunday October 3, we were happy to say Bruchim Habaim- welcome, to a record 27 new students and 16 new families to Temple Emanu-El Religious School. We enjoyed a beautiful morning that included a Simchat Torah and Consecration service and dancing with

the Torah around the Sanctuary. The Consecrants received certificates and their own little illustrated Torahs, highlighting the special meaning of this joyful occasion. We also took a moment to recognize the 2020 Consecrants that had their ceremony on Zoom last year. The event culminated with an outdoor cake and punch reception. It was a day full of joy and promise.

Mazel tov to our Consecrants and their families and to all Consecrants beginning their Jewish education everywhere!



Nathaniel Marcus holding his certificate and Torah



The Consecration class of 2021

Celebrating Cynthia Roberts-Greene's 25th Anniversary with Temple Emanu-El

On October 15th, Temple Emanu-El celebrated Music Director Cynthia Roberts-Greene's quarter-century of music, creativity, brilliance, and kindness in an exceptional Shabbat service. The week's Torah portion – Lech Lecha – was the same one on which she led her first service back in 1996.

Cynthia is also a renowned organist, composer, singer, arranger, and conductor who holds both a bachelor's and a master's degree in music and has shared her talents throughout the west coast of Florida. Temple Emanu-El values Cynthia for her liturgical and musical gifts, warmth, sincerity, and visionary leadership both on and off the bima. The service featured some of Cynthia's favorite musical selections. She also received a beautiful glass sculpture award and a gift of jewelry from Ritual Chair Marian Raupp, Ethel Gross, and Mona Salomon and words of appreciation from Senior Rabbi Brenner Glickman. "This portion begins with a summons, a call," Rabbi Glickman noted. "You have known, as Abraham before you, a calling – to be summoned to religious service. I can imagine that when you were a young woman winning organ competitions and scholarships, studying music, and earning your degrees – if someone said, 'Cynthia, you are going to be a Jewish music director in a synagogue for 25 years – you

would have been as surprised as Abraham was that day! “Yet that has been your destiny,” he concluded. “And like Abraham before you, you have been a blessing.” The Temple Emanu-El family offers mazel tov to Cynthia and her husband Paul on this remarkable milestone and looks forward to many more years together.



Rabbi Glickman, Cynthia Roberts-Greene, and Rabbi Shefrin



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Adult Education Update

The Adult Education Committee is hard at work bringing you a variety of programs for your enjoyment and enlightenment.

Co-Chair Danny Weiss recently underwent surgery in NYC. We wish him all the best for a speedy recovery. We look forward to his return. His enthusiasm and wisdom are invaluable.

We are pleased that we are adding new members to our committee. They bring energy and good ideas as we continue our planning for the coming months.

Upcoming Courses & Events

Hebrew Classes with Evie Shen-Tal. Please see the flyer for classes, dates and times. Register on the temple website.



December 16, 10:30 am: Jewish Dietary Laws: Where do They Come From and Why? by Rabbi Brenner Glickman. What Jews eat distinguishes us from other people and distinguishes us from other Jews. But where do these laws and customs derive? Why does the Torah prohibit shrimp? Why does the Talmud demand we separate milk and meat entirely? Why did the earliest American Jews see these laws as an impediment to being a fully actualized Jew? We will address all these questions and more in a stimulating discussion featuring primary source material from the Torah, Talmud, and medieval scholars, including passages from Orthodox and Reform sources. We will conclude with an examination of the temple's kosher policy, and what we feel ought to be the rule for meals served at temple. This program will be on Zoom.

January 11, 7 pm: People of the Book series – “Lunatics” with Dave Barry and Alan Zweibel – Benderson Family Hall and Livestream. This Federation program is being co-sponsored by Adult Education, Sisterhood and Brotherhood. Register at jfedsrq.org/books or call 941-552-6305.

January 13, 7:00 pm: In the Sands of Sinai, A physician's account of the Yom Kippur War. Co-sponsored by the Israel and Adult Ed committees. Itzhak Brook, MD, author of *In the Sands of Sinai, a Physician's Account of the Yom Kippur War Historical Perspectives and Person Experiences Of A Battalion Physician*. This program will be on Zoom. See flyer for more information.

Jan 30, 10:30 am: Ben Gurion: Crisis, Challenge and Opportunity- co-sponsored by the Israel and Adult Ed committees. Historian Dr. Adi Sherzer will discuss the life of Israel's first prime minister. This program will be on Zoom. See flyer for more information.

Feb. 16 & 23, 7:00 pm: The Outpouring Soul of Rebbe Nachman of Breslov- Rabbi Michael Shefrin. Join the rabbi in exploring Rebbe Nachman of Breslov - a spiritual figure of universal importance. Come and be awakened by some of the most entertaining stories ever told, uplifting teaching and insights into the human condition. Learn about the Hasidic spirit and kabbalistic mystery of Rebbe Nachman. Location to be determined.


Sunday at the Movies with Howard Kilman continues with excellent selections. See the Temple Times flyer for details.

Judith Koziol
Co-chair Adult Education Committee


Hebrew Classes

Winter 2021-2022 VIA ZOOM

You must register and pay online at www.sarasotatemple.org



Evie Shen-Tal



\$50 for Temple Members
\$60 for Non-Members
Fee is for entire course. Dates are subject to change.
Register at:
www.sarasotatemple.org

ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE SENT TO YOU VIA EMAIL.

READING CLASS
Fridays at 9:15 am
November 12 & 19; December 3, 10 & 17;
January 7, 14 & 21

CONVERSATIONAL LEVEL 4: ADVANCED
Tuesdays at 9:15 am
January 4, 11, 18 & 25
February 1, 8, 15 & 22

CONVERSATIONAL LEVEL 3: UPPER INTERMEDIATE
Tuesdays at 10:15 am
January 4, 11, 18 & 25
February 1, 8, 15 & 22

CONVERSATION LEVEL 2: LOWER INTERMEDIATE
Wednesdays at 7:45 pm
January 5, 12, 19 & 26
February 2, 9, 16 & 23

CONVERSATION LEVEL 1: BEGINNERS
Wednesdays at 11:45 am
January 5, 12, 19 & 26
February 2, 9, 16 & 23

Still time to shop for Hanukkah!

The last night of Hanukkah isn't until December 5th, so there is still time to shop for the holiday! Menorahs, dreidels, toys, jewelry, hamsas and much more! Miniature Klezmer musicians from Israel are now back in stock. Great for gifts or to just sit on one of your shelves at home.

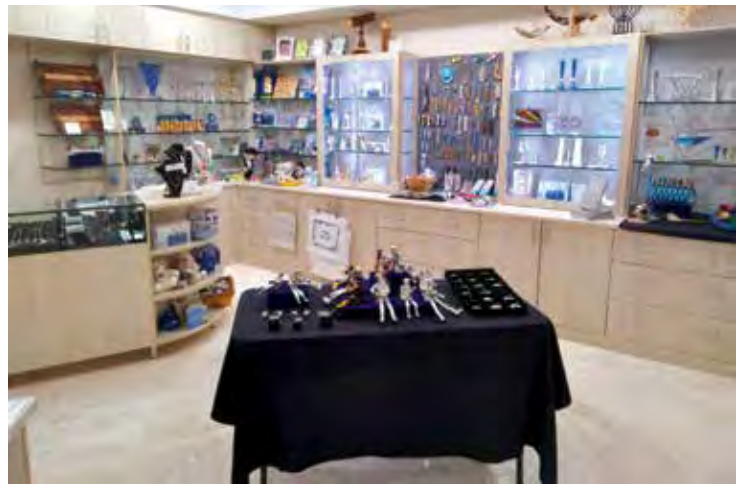
The Sisterhood Gift Shop also sells our Friday night prayer book, "Gates of Prayer". Honor someone with a leaf on our Tree of Life in the Benderson Social Hall or remember them with a Pew Plaque in the Sanctuary. Half-price sale ends December 31st.

Many thanks to the volunteers that have helped keep the gift shop open during these trying times and especially to Paula Hayden, tireless worker, and Joanne Maguire, mask maker. Also, thanks go to people who have donated items to the Sisterhood Gift Shop: Phyllis Isaacs, Ken Gold and Anonymous. Gift certificates and Gift Registry for Bar and Bat Mitzvahs and weddings are available. 100% of the net proceeds go to the Sisterhood for the Religious School.

And don't forget the Sisterhood Gift Shop is **open before and after services (open by 6:30 pm) on Friday nights and 1/2 hour before and after Special Events.**

The Gift Shop is also open by appointment with Alice Cotman (call 941-359-6451).

Alice Cotman
Sisterhood Gift Shop Buyer/Manager



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

DECEMBER 2021

Friday, December 3

Chanukah Shabbat / 7:15 pm

Saturday, December 4

Menorah Lighting on the Green / 5:30 pm

Friday, December 10

Erev Shabbat / 7:15 pm

Friday, December 17

Shabbat Unplugged / 7:15 pm

Saturday, December 18

Tot Shabbat / 10 am

Friday, December 24

Erev Shabbat / 7:15 pm

Friday, December 31

Erev Shabbat / 7:15 pm

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To reserve your spot (for one or more classes), email Linda at
lindajoffe534@gmail.com or call 941-376-5162
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Mask policy will correspond to the Temple's policy at the time.

Fluid Dance for Women is a movement practice that energizes the body and awakens the soul through a powerful, fluid dance repertoire set to world music and American classics. Typically done in bare feet, Fluid Dance includes choreography, improvisation and moving meditation, and can be adapted for any age or physical limitation. Linda designs her classes around her training in a variety of dance modalities and expressive arts to create an eclectic, relaxing experience that nourishes body, mind and spirit. No dance experience is necessary and students are encouraged to modify based on their own body's needs and limitations.



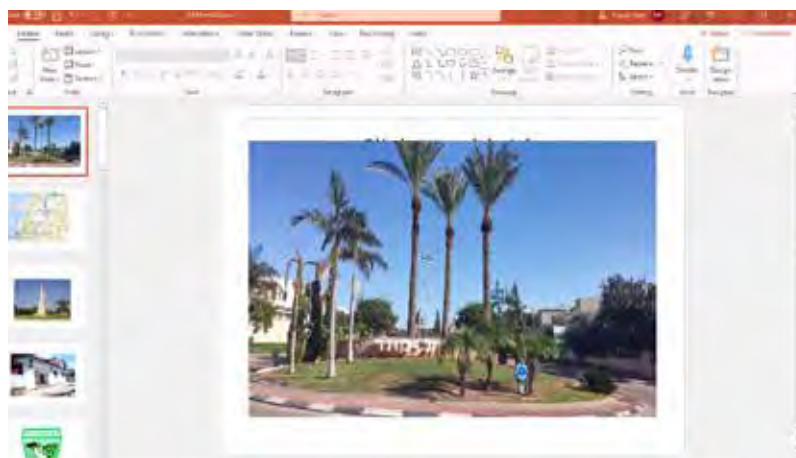
A lifetime lover of the arts, **Linda Joffe** earned a certificate in Art & Healing from the Ringling College of Art and Design in 2012. A longtime yoga practitioner and a modern dancer from an early age, Linda earned her white belt in NIA in the 1990s. She is now certified to teach **Shake Your Soul**, an approach to body-spirit fitness created by Daniel Leven of the Leven Institute for Life Movement in Lenox, Massachusetts, and **Let Your Yoga Dance**, a chakra-based movement program created by Megha Nancy Buttenheim; both are longtime faculty members at Kripalu, where Linda took her initial training. She also offers special workshops in collaboration with other practitioners.

Israel Committee: What Makes Tel Mond Special

On October 21st, Rabbi Jonathan R. Katz presented an intimate portrait of Tel Mond, Israel (Sarasota's Sister City) via Zoom sponsored by Temple Emanu-El's Israel Committee and chaired by Nina Levitt. Rabbi Katz explained the origin of the community's name and showed photos of prominent sites, picturesque streetscapes, and homes.

Rabbi Katz noted that Tel Mond, centrally located 25 minutes northwest of Tel Aviv and fifty minutes south of

more than thirty years ago before the settlement had any paved roads. Alice Cotman showed an embroidered artwork from Tel Mond that she displays in her home. Miriam Kramer, introduced as president of the Sister Cities Association of Sarasota, spoke briefly about the organization's mission and her own current involvement with Sister City Vladimir, Russia. Kim Sheintal conveyed memories from a scrapbook of photos she prepared following a wonderful visit to Tel Mond several years ago. They included several of Tel Mond residents who subsequently came to Sarasota to visit and perform.



Temple members, Sister City members, and community leaders enjoyed learning about Tel Mond

Haifa, had been established as an agricultural settlement in 1929 for the cultivation of citrus orchards. Today, with a population 10,000, it is regarded as one of Israel's most desirable places to raise a family, attracting many of the nation's leading high-tech executives to live.

Tel Mond possesses excellent schools and an active community center providing after-school care, karate, ballet, art, gymnastics, chess, and drama. Its library is named for legendary Sarasota philanthropists, Alex and Betty Schoenbaum. Like Sarasota, the city supports a range of cultural interests and has a considerable senior citizen and ex-pat population.

Since Tel Mond became a Sarasota Sister City in 1999, they've have enjoyed mutually beneficial relationship in several arenas including student exchanges, group visits, and civic projects.

Temple Emanu-El and Sister Cities Association of Sarasota members offered many interesting comments and questions following the presentation including sharing their own Israeli travel experiences. The Temple's Judith Koziol shared how much she personally derived from her involvement with Richmond, Virginia's sister city in Israel that just happens to be located close to Tel Mond. She and her husband made life-long friendships that continue to remain strong.

Linda Rosenbluth spoke of early visits to Tel Mond

Sunday Movie Discussions

at 4:00 pm with Howard Kilman
Zoom Events

December 5

"Ask Dr. Ruth: A Hulu Documentary"

December 26

"Hester Street"

January 9

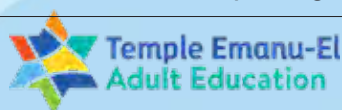
"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner"

January 23

"Ben-Gurion, Epilogue"

Watch our Message from
the Temple for updates.

Register online at
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Israel Trip Update!

Kena hora! the outlook keeps brightening for Temple Emanu-El's Israel trip to happen! This amazing journey is scheduled for March 9-19, 2022, and will be led by Senior Rabbi Brenner Glickman, Associate Rabbi Michael Shefrin, and Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman.

Like our blockbuster summer 2019 Israel trip, this journey comprises two buses – one for First-Timers and one for Returnees. Although all participants will visit Tel Aviv, the Negev, and of course Jerusalem, the itineraries are customized for each group. First-Timers will visit Old Jaffa, participate in an archaeological dig, explore Masada, Mount Herzl, and Yad Vashem, relax at a winery, float in the Dead Sea, and enjoy a wildflower overlook that is also the site of the battle of David and Goliath; while returnees stroll through the Agam Museum, explore amazing archaeological sites from the First Temple period, sample the best hummus in Israel, walk in the footsteps of the soldiers who defended Jerusalem during the 1948 War of Independence and liberated the holy city in the Six-Day War of 1967, relax in Jerusalem's bird sanctuary, and savor

the colorful and delightful neighborhood of Nachlaot. Both groups will enjoy the Tel Aviv beaches; be inspired by the builders of the Peace Wall and an artist who creates sculpture from the shrapnel of rockets fired into Israel by Hamas; see Ben Gurion's dream of "making the desert bloom" brought to magnificent life; pick fruit or vegetables to benefit hungry people in Israel through Leket, the national food bank, and spend plenty of time in Jerusalem and the Old City, including a moving experience at the Western Wall. Only a few spots remain on each bus, so please let us know right away if you are interested in learning more!

Building up the excitement for the Israel trip is a wonderful series of programs co-sponsored by Temple Emanu-El's Israel Committee. October's programs included Rabbi Glickman's outstanding session on The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict attended by over 80 people and has also received many additional views on YouTube, and Rabbi Jonathan Katz's delightful discussion on Sarasota's sister city in Israel, entitled "What Makes Tel Mond Special?" Many thanks to our facilitators and to the Israel Committee for this important partnership.

Israel, here we come! (kena hora!)

Havurot at TEE... You Belong Here

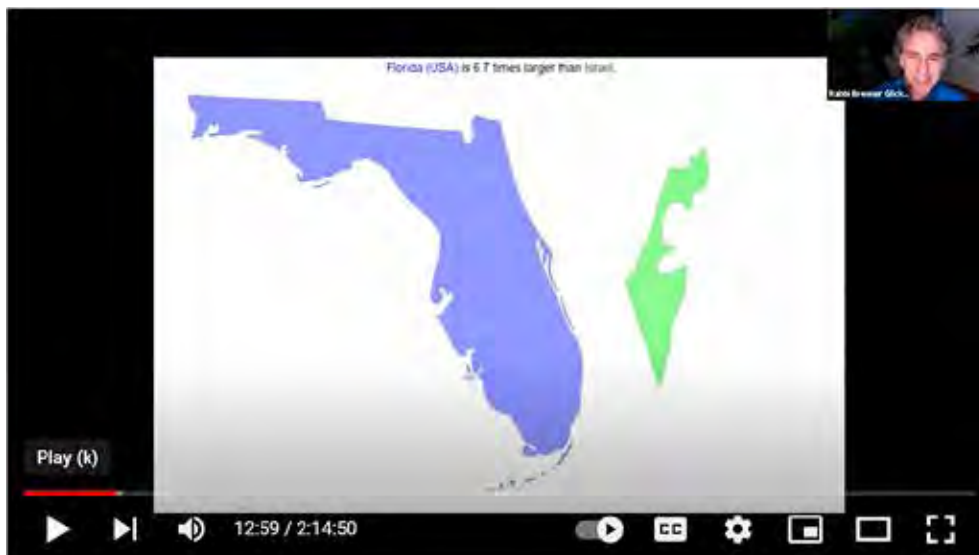
As we prepare to depart from the year 2021, we look forward to implementing some initiatives proposed during our long Zoom era. What better time than this to work on re-inventing ourselves...not because we are dotting our "i's", but because we want to honor our new mission statement:

Temple Emanu-El is a vibrant, inclusive, and welcoming

Temple where we come together for religious and spiritual fulfillment,

Lifelong learning, and memorable moments, and support for social justice, for Israel, and for each other.

Our congregation has more than doubled in size. We want to make a special effort to maintain what we have promised in our mission statement. What may have worked well for five hundred members must be addressed now; to meet that goal for a congregation now numbering over one thousand members. New members from other states often arrive here after leaving family and friendships that have lasted a lifetime. When they join TEE, before they walk into the Sanctuary, our greeters show them a warm smile and sincere welcome. Walking into services,



Rabbi Glickman taught a fascinating Zoom session on "The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict" on October 12



Rabbi Glickman, Rabbi Shefrin, and Rabbi Elaine can't wait to share Israel with you!

they can be seen looking around for a face they recognize and often do not know anyone. At our Meet and Greets, just beginning in person, we hope to help them make connections with other new members, but many have only experienced our efforts on Zoom where the spark that can happen in person, is not the same.

There are already multiple programs including small interest groups from photography to birding to theater, New Member Meet and Greets, adult education events, Lunch with the Rabbis, Torah study, movie groups, book clubs and more. You can be busy every day of the week. However, the one question, new members ask us, is how to make friends with people from all over the country who are also looking for other members to begin their new adventure in Sarasota together.

We are fortunate enough to have a Havurah program, some of which have been in existence, for many years. A Havurah is a group no larger than 10-12 members who come together to socialize, study, celebrate life and holidays, or go to theater and dinner, or have speakers. Ethel Gross shared that when she and Dick were new members a number of years ago, they were encouraged to create a Havurah (with the assistance of the Chair or Co-Chairs of Havurah) as a means of finding enough people in the group that they could relate to and perhaps, enjoy meeting once a month, to share a meal, celebrate a holiday dinner, develop a book club, go to theater, study topics of Judaic interest....there is an infinite world of ways to create more than just a passing wave to someone you meet. Renee Gold (of blessed memory) shared that once she moved to Aviva, an independent living building on

the Benderson Campus, Shabbat Dinner was served at a reserved table, for our members living there. She told me it was a new Havurah. The Rabbis would join them once a month in order to keep them connected to TEE and a bus brought the group to TEE for services, if they wished to come. Another couple joined a book club Havurah, for two years, and then shifted their interest to a new Havurah focused on writing and moved on...Rich Goldman, a new member two years ago, began a Photography Havurah where the members were able to share photos and field trips in search of great images. Ultimately, it was opened to all individuals in order to meet the needs of those interested in honing their craft.

A good Havurah is a **work in progress**. As time goes on, some groups will change their emphasis, others will expand their scope. Responsibility for activities rests with the Havurah, as each Havurah is self-directed. Generally, the group will ask for a volunteer to be the e-mail person who sends out info and invites for each gathering. Another person can keep the calendar with the dates of each meeting and the topic. Members, each month, will select a program, topic, or a field trip for cooking classes! A Chair is not required to do all of these tasks and your group chooses how to run it.

Most Havurot in America had their origins in the North American Jewish counter-cultural trends of the late 1960's- and early 1970's. During this period, groups of young rabbis, academics, and political activists founded experimental Havurot for prayer and study, in reaction to what they perceived as an "over-institutionalized and unspiritual North

American Jewish establishment." As the years have gone by, we recognize people now participate who, perhaps, bonded on a temple trip to Israel together and want to keep the memory of that trip alive through reading Israel writers or viewing Israeli film. Some want to study specific interpretations in the Midrash, or select an important figure in the Bible to discuss. Some live in the same Zip Code (and our Zip Code Ambassadors plan gatherings several times a year) and want to get tickets together to the theater with dinner before. Others just like having Shabbat dinner together once a month with each member picking a topic to discuss. Some of our older Havurot groups have become family and celebrate the Jewish holidays together. There are endless possibilities. You can be a part of a Havurah of members looking for a closer connection with others like yourself.

Please send me an email (phyllis.sarasotateemple@psdsc.net) if you are interested in being contacted to be a part of this special group. Also, we are interested in speaking with anyone who has some experience with a Havurah and might want to be the TEE Chair or Co-Chairs to help our congregants get themselves started. We want to demonstrate that this IS where you belong because we value all of our members.

Jewish Dietary Laws ~ Where do they come from and why? With Rabbi Brenner Glickman



Rabbi Brenner Glickman

Thursday
December 16
10:30 am

Location
TBD



What Jews eat distinguishes us from other people and even from other Jews. But where do these laws and customs come from?

- ♦ Why does the Torah prohibit shrimp?
- ♦ Why does the Talmud demand we separate milk from meat?
- ♦ Why did the earliest American Jews see these laws as an impediment to being a fully actualized Jew?

We will address all of these questions in a stimulating discussion featuring primary source material from the Torah, Talmud, and medieval scholars, including passages from Orthodox and Reform sources.

We will conclude with an examination of the temple's kosher policy, and what we feel should be the rule for meals served at temple.

Register online at
www.sarasotateemple.org

Membership Committee Loves Our Collegians

In 2007, the Membership Committee coordinated sending periodic goody packages to our Temple Emanu-El collegians, but, stopped in 2010. Rabbi Brenner Glickman remembered the impact of getting college goody packages when he was in college. In 2015 he encouraged the Membership Committee to start sending the packages again. Lori Benderson stepped up to the plate in 2015 and coordinated the sending of the packages, followed by Monica Caldwell, and then Kim Sheintal. Since 2018, the Membership Committee has had a College Moms Committee led by Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman, coordinating the goody packages.

The College Moms Committee met over summer 2021 at Temple Emanu-El to pack Rosh Hashanah goodies for our 37 Temple Emanu-El members in college. Treats included an assortment of sweet foods, an apple stress ball, handmade cards by our Temple members and a racecar. The racecar was included as a reminder of the toy racecar in Rabbi Glickman's annual Yom Kippur Family Service story ("The Land of No Second Chances"). Many of our collegians grew up hearing the story and have so many happy memories. A .pdf of "The Land of No Second Chances" story was included as well. Our college students reside all over Florida (Sarasota, Bradenton, St. Petersburg, Tampa, Pensacola, Gainesville, Tallahassee, Boca Raton, Oviedo, Fort Myers, Lakeland, Orlando, Winter Park), as well as Ann Arbor, MI, Effingham, NH, Bloomington, IN, Boston, MA, Newark, DE, Houston, TX, Richmond, VA, and the United Kingdom.

Kim Sheintal
Membership Committee Co-Chair



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Sharon Kunkel, Leslie Podolsky, Laura Kramer, Sharon Alcock, and Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman are happy to pack the college goody packages

Temple News: Semi Annual Meeting Is a Treat

Held on Halloween morning – Sunday, October 31 – Temple Emanu-El's Semi Annual meeting was filled with treats, and not a single trick!

Ably facilitated by Temple President Barry Gerber and Executive Director Christine Elliott via Zoom, the Semi-Annual meeting featured important and interesting reports by Temple staff and lay leaders. Barry praised all the Temple committees and committee chairs who have served our congregation with such grace and dedication and shared the exciting news that the Temple Emanu-El family is bigger than ever with 630 households now part of our beloved community. Director of Education Sabrina Silverberg, MARE, shared that Temple Emanu-El Religious School (TEERS) recently welcomed a record 26 new students, and described the innovative ways in which TEERS has created a Covid-safe, vibrant, and active place of learning for students and families. Senior Rabbi Brenner Glickman gave an inspiring message and Executive Director Christine Elliott, Treasurer Neal Vorchheimer, Brotherhood President Rich Fine, Sisterhood Co-President Harriette Krasnoff, Larry Newman, and Andy Hertzfeld also provided meaningful and engaging updates.

As Temple Emanu-El considers future leaders to follow in the impressive footsteps of our current officers and trustees, we are blessed to have Immediate Past President Ken Marsh as chair of our Nominating Committee. We are also fortunate that during the Semi-Annual meeting, Savannah Ross and Kim Sheintal were elected to serve with him. Our future is in good hands!

Temple Emanu-El is an unusual and special place in many ways - a fact reflected in our semiannual and annual meetings. Where other congregations throughout the country

sometimes sadly see these meetings erupt in bad feelings or recriminations, ours are marked by appreciation and respect for our Temple leaders and for the individuals who make up our Temple family. In fact, during the period for questions and open discussion, the biggest concern voiced was that we do not take Barry's visionary leadership and care for granted, and that we continue to recognize all that his wife Barbara, a Temple leader in her own right, does to support our congregation.

Thank you to all who serve Temple Emanu-El, and to all who made the semiannual meeting such a delight!

Semiannual meeting attendees give an enthusiastic thumbs-up



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Opfer Library: News

True confession, I am not a very fast reader. Therefore, it came as a surprise to me that I gobbled up *The Best Boy in the United States of America: a Memoir of Blessings And Kisses* by Dr. Ron Wolfson in one day. The book was a delightful memoir of his zayde, himself and the rest of his family. His family tales were very relatable for anyone growing up Jewish in this country. Along the way he sneaks in life lessons on being a Jewish mensch and raising a Jewish family and fostering a Jewish community.

The second book I read was very different. It took me much longer to complete but was well worth it. The book is *Codebreakers, Spies and the Secret Struggle To Drive The Nazis From The Middle East: WAR of Shadows* by Gershom Gorenberg. This book told the history of the



North African and Middle Eastern theater of World War II and was chock full of spies, counterspies, and code-breakers, as well as generals and politicians. The “cast of characters” took up four pages. The story sounded like a James Bond novel. In fact, both Fleming brothers do make an appearance in the account. Sometimes truth is stranger than fiction.

By the time you read this, our BoGo Book sale will be history. I hope you all participated in it. We need the space for new books and newly donated books which are making their way to our library. If there are any books you would like to suggest for our collection, please let us know.

Happy Chanukah and Happy reading,

Rosalind Lieberman
Librarian

Social Action News

The Social Action Committee is proud to share the final numbers for the High Holidays Food Drive for 2021. Due to the amazing generosity of our Temple members, we raised \$49,350 cash for All Faiths Food Bank and donated 4094 pounds of food valued at \$7123.56!!

Many children will be in need during the upcoming holiday season. SAC is coordinating a toy drive for the Boys and Girls Club of Sarasota. Toys and gift cards can be dropped off at the temple during business hours or can be brought to services Friday evenings. Donations need to be made by December 10. Thanks to Bettianne Marcus for spearheading this effort. More details can be found on the temple website.

Planning is underway for adoption of an Afghan family. Under the leadership of new SAC member Bernie Hoyt, many details need to be worked out before this can become a reality. We will need full support of the temple and will share more information as it becomes available. If you want to work with Bernie and her committee, you can email her at hoyto@sbcglobal.net.

Please put May 22, 2-4 pm on your calendars for a temple wide program on mental health. More details will be shared in the future.

On a personal note, I can't thank our temple community enough for your prayers and support for me and my family during this past month with the passing of my father and my recent accident.

It meant the world to me.

Susan Rosenbaum
Social Action Committee Chair

The Social Action Committee is collecting \$20 Gift Cards for teens and toys & games for 6-12 year-olds!



Suggested Gift Cards

WalMart
Target
Chick-fil-A
Grubhub
Visa or Amazon
Bath & Body



Please donate by
December 10.

Suggested Toys & Games

Squishmallows
LOL Surprise
Star Wars Items
Tee Turtle, the Reversible Octopus
Fidget Toys
FurReal Pets
Board Games
Skateboards
Password Journal
Scooters
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Walkie Talkies

Donations may be dropped off at the temple office
Monday through Friday from 9 am until 3:30 pm,
or bring to services Friday evenings.

Gift Cards may be placed in an envelope addressed to Social Action & placed in Tzedakah Box.



Benefiting



First Family Service Since 2020

Morah Sabrina Silverberg Honored



Friday, November 5, was an incredibly special evening at Temple Emanu-El as we held our first Family Shabbat Service since March 2020 and honored our wonderful Director of Education, Sabrina Silverberg, MARE, for her twenty-fifth year of service to our congregation!

The return of Family Shabbat Services brings back another one of our signature programs for young families. These monthly services held on the first Friday of the month feature prayers led by Temple Emanu-El Religious School (TEERS) students, storytelling from our rabbis, upbeat and terrific music (led in part by our own Barbara Mazer and Gary Kurnov), and fun, meaningful activities for our youngest attendees. The spirit, energy, and joy echoed throughout the sanctuary. We are so glad and grateful to be back!

Making the service even more special was its centerpiece: Our recognition of Sabrina Silverberg for a quarter-century of vision, dedication, inspiration, talent, and leadership. The growth of TEERS – now the biggest and most vibrant Jewish supplemental school in the area – and the unique, impactful,

and joyful learning experiences provided to our students and families are a testament to her outstanding service. Sabrina also teaches our Susan Schwaid Early Learning Center (SSEL) students to love the Hebrew language through her Pre-school Hebrew classes and shares her wisdom and expertise with our adults in Torah study and adult education courses. During the service, we had an opportunity to share our gratitude to and admiration for Sabrina with the presentation of gifts and words of appreciation. In true Temple Emanu-El style, we continued to celebrate with an outdoor cake reception at the Oneg!

“Getting to work with Sabrina on a daily basis is a gift,” commented Associate Rabbi Michael Shefrin. “She has been a wonderful leader, teacher, and vessel of Torah for a quarter of a century at the temple. So much wow.”

Senior Rabbi Brenner Glickman and Associate Rabbi Michael Shefrin recognized Morah Sabrina Silverberg on the bima



Ritual Chair Marian Raupp and Membership Chair Kim Sheintal congratulated Morah Sabrina Silverberg



TEERS students Mark Lowell, Emma Witherspoon, and Rachel Abrams socialized after services



Morah Rivka Drago led young children in a fun, meaningful activity during the service



Temple Emanu-El Raises Mental Health Awareness and Funds with NAMI Walk at Benderson Park



Over 75 members of the Temple Emanu-El family gathered at Benderson Park on Saturday morning, October 9, for a 5K walk to promote mental health awareness and to raise almost \$6,000 in donations for the National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI).

Inspired by Associate Rabbi Michael Shefrin's groundbreaking Yom Kippur sermon about mental health, our NAMI Walk team "gave in a multitude of ways," Rabbi Shefrin stated. "Seeing the smiles and support was absolutely inspiring for me, personally, and for so many in our community who have mental health challenges." We affirmed the day's hashtag #notalone. "When representatives from our local NAMI chapter showed up to cheer us on, I shed a tear of joy," he continued. "Knowing the impact of the good works of NAMI and of Temple Emanu-El, seeing them side by side in partnership, gave me hope for healing in our world."

Helping to make the Walk possible, meaningful, and special was NAMI Walk Team co-captain Janis Gold, who worked tirelessly with Rabbi Shefrin to organize the special day and with husband Dr. Kenneth Gold generously underwrote

the snacks and smiley face stress balls that greeted walkers at the finish line. Volunteer Geoffrey Gold was the event photographer. Rally speaker, Barbara Gerber, shared her own story along with Marni Mount, and Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman. Many thanks to all who participated in and supported this sacred effort!



Associate Rabbi and NAMI walk co-captain Michael Shefrin



Dr. Bruce and Lori Dorman and Steve Weinberger



NAMI Walk co-captain Janis and Dr. Kenneth Gold



Temple Emanu-El's NAMI walk team gets ready to start the 5K



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Temple Emanu-El's Young Families Celebrate HavdalahWeen



Temple Emanu-El's young families celebrated Halloween a bit early – and with a Jewish twist! – at the second annual HavdalahWeen on October 23.

Combining Halloween with Havdalah, HavdalahWeen was a festive evening that featured a costume parade, a HavdalahWeen photo corner, a themed craft – and trick-or-treating for plenty of Halloween candy. Parents also enjoyed chatting with old and new friends while children explored the playground. HavdalahWeen ended with a musical havdalah service, prayers, songs, birthday blessings, movement, and the story of King David and the spider, expertly retold by Associate Rabbi Michael Shefrin.

HavdalahWeen was “a huge success,” stated Rabbi Shefrin. “So many superheroes!”

This month's events for young Jewish and interfaith families include several Hanukkah celebrations (details in this issue of the Temple Times, and in your email inbox and on the TEE Facebook page!) as well as a wonderful Tot Shabbat planned for Saturday, December 18, at 10 a.m. For more information, or to receive personal invitations to Tot Shabbat and other young family programs, please contact Rabbi Elaine.



The Hudson family had fun together at HavdalahWeen



Ari, Samantha, Robert, and Penny enjoyed the HavdalahWeen photo corner

MOMentum Moms Welcomed and Blessed at Temple Emanu-El

Temple Emanu-El welcomed and blessed the newest cohort of moms participating in MOMentum – an Israel trip designed especially for mothers raising Jewish children and sponsored in part by the Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee – at Shabbat services on October 22 and at a sendoff picnic on October 27.

Temple Emanu-El is always well-represented on MOMentum trips and this year is no exception as Sharon Alcock, Lauren Hofing, Leslie Podolsky, and Priya Weiman will be part of this journey of a lifetime. Past MOMentum participants Rachael Feldman and Marni Mount also joined the moms to offer support and to share their excitement.

After inviting the MOMentum moms onto the bima and offering the traveler's prayer, Associate Rabbi Michael Shefrin handed out adapters – a very helpful gift as the electrical outlets in Israel are different from those in the United States. A few days later, Rabbi Elaine was honored to join the moms at a sunset beach event organized by Priya Weiman and Picnic Perfect and to give them another blessing.

We wish our MOMentum moms *nesiah tovah* (a wonderful journey) and can't wait to hear from them upon their return.



The MOMentum 2021 cohort, with leader Gisele Pintchuck

Rabbi Shefrin blessed the MOMentum participants during Shabbat services



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ANU Museum of the Jewish People is more than a museum. This unique global institution tells the ongoing and extraordinary story of the Jewish People. The Hebrew word ANU means "us". The ANU Museum is the renovated Diaspora Museum, and the largest Jewish Museum in the world. It took over a decade to build, and cost \$100 million. The Museum opened last year.

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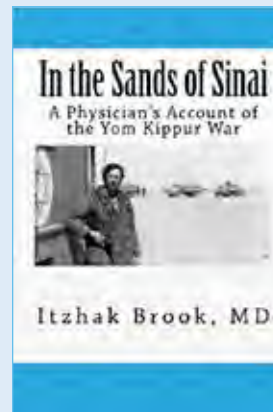
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The presentation by Itzhak Brook, M.D., includes a description of the historical background of the Yom Kippur War and its effects on the Israeli society. Dr. Brook will recount his personal experiences and challenges as a battalion physician in the Sinai. He will address the physical and psychological traumas his soldiers had to endure, the effect of religion on them, the cost of war in human life and suffering, and the daily struggle for survival in the difficult war which threatened Israel's existence.

Thursday
January 13, 2022
at 7 pm

Via Zoom

Itzhak Brook, M.D., MS, is a Professor of Pediatrics at Georgetown University School of Medicine in Washington DC. He was born and raised in Haifa, Israel and earned his medical degree from Hebrew University, Hadassah School of Medicine, in Jerusalem. He served in the IDF as a medic in the Six Day War in 1967 and as a battalion physician during the Yom Kippur war in 1973. Subsequently, he completed a fellowship in adult and pediatric infectious diseases at the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Medicine. He served in the medical corps of the US Navy for 27 years. Dr. Brook has authored several hundred publications in scientific journals and 10 textbooks. He authored the books: "In the Sands of Sinai: A Physician's Account of the Yom Kippur War" and "My voice - a Physician's Personal Experience with Throat Cancer." Dr. Brook is a speaker for the Israeli Embassy in Washington D.C. and is on the Board of Directors Friends of the Yom Kippur War Center.



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Ben Gurion: Crisis, Challenge and Opportunity

SUNDAY
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10:30 AM

VIA
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A journey into the six-decade leadership of the founder of Israel and Ben-Gurion's ability to turn predicaments into opportunities. What lessons can be learned today?

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Presenter: Dr. Adi Sherzer-Druckman of the Ben-Gurion Heritage Institute at Ben-Gurion, is an historian focusing on the relationship between Israeli republican culture and the Jewish past including Israel-Disapora relations. He was a Fulbright Fellow at The Helen Diller Institute for Jewish Law and Israel Studies at UC Berkeley.



HUMOR & PLAYFULNESS IN ISRAELI ART

Tuesday, February 22 at 10 AM

VIA SABRA ZOOM SESSION

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The program is brought to you by artist Sheril Horovitz. Virtually, she invites people from around the world to explore the fascinating world of Israeli art. In this program she will explore the place of humor and playfulness through a selection of contemporary Israeli artists. Her knowledge and love of art is contagious. Her works have been exhibited in museums and galleries across Israel and the US. Join us for an informative and entertaining program.

She earned her BFA from Bezalel Academy of Art and Design in Jerusalem and her MA (with distinction) from The Interdisciplinary Art program in Tel Aviv University. Shirel exhibited in major galleries and art festivals in Israel and across the US and is currently exhibiting a new sculptural installation in Bat Yam Museum of Art.

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Pop-Up Hanukkah Events from Temple Emanu-El



University Town Center will
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Morton's Market will host a Pop-Up Hanukkah



Lido Beach will host a Pop-Up Hanukkah

In addition to the fabulous Hanukkah events planned on our beautiful Temple campus – including celebrations for our teen youth group STEEMY, TEEM Plugged In, and Members in the Middle; the Temple Emanu-El Religious School-sponsored Hanukkah Dinner To-Go and Glow-in-the-Dark Hanukkah; the annual Hanukkah Shabbat Service; and a reprise of last year's wonderful innovation Menorah Lighting on the Green – Temple Emanu-El is excited to share the Hanukkah spirit with several Pop-Up Hanukkah events. All Pop-Up Hanukkah events will be held outdoors only to keep everyone safe and healthy. Please mark your calendars and hit the road for these public space Hanukkah celebrations – and feel free to invite family and friends to join the fun:

Pop-Up Hanukkah at Morton's Market: Visit our Happy Hanukkah table outside the popular Morton's Market, 1924 South Osprey near Hillview, on Monday, November 29, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 4-6 p.m., and Sunday, December 6, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. We'll have dreidels and gelt to give away, free raffle tickets, and Hanukkah smiles and cheer for all. There will be a menorah lighting both nights at 5:15 p.m. with our wonderful rabbis and attendees are encouraged to grab a Morton's meal-to-go and share dinner afterwards on their back outdoor patio!

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Pop-Up Hanukkah at The Green at UTC (OUTDOORS):

The hottest new outdoor space in town is The Green at UTC (University Town Center) – and Temple Emanu-El and Community Day School will take it over on Saturday, December 4, from 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. for an amazing, family-friendly Hanukkah celebration that is free of charge and open to all. The young and young-at-heart are warmly invited to join the Hanukkah fun, including making-your-own-menorah, Hanukkah manicures, Hanukkah story-time, olive oil tasting, fabulous entertainment, Hanukkah snacks, and special surprises. This promises to be a premier Hanukkah event for the entire community, and we are proud and grateful to (as of November 5) our friends at UTC – including Five-O Donut, Mademoiselle Paris, and Apollonia Grill – for helping us make possible Pop-Up Hanukkah at the Green at UTC.

We can't wait to see you at all of TEE's campus and pop-up Hanukkah events and look forward to sharing the light and magic of Hanukkah with our Temple Emanu-El family – and the community!



Giant Menorah Lighting

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Dave Barry has been a professional humorist ever since he discovered that professional humor was a lot easier than working. For many years, he wrote a newspaper column that appeared in more than 500 newspapers. Barry won the Pulitzer Prize for commentary, and has written more than 30 books, including the novels *Big Trouble*, *Lunatics*, *Tricky Business* and *Insane City*. Two of Barry's books were the basis for the CBS sitcom *Dave's World*.

Alan Zweibel started his comedy career selling jokes for seven dollars apiece to the last of the Borcht Belt stand-ups. Then one night, he caught the attention of Lorne Michaels and became one of the first writers at *Saturday Night Live*, where he penned classic material for Gilda Radner, John Belushi and all of the original Not Ready for Prime Time Players. From *SNL*, Zweibel went on to have a hand in a series of landmark shows – from *It's Garry Shandling's Show* to *Curb Your Enthusiasm*. He has won multiple Emmy and Writers Guild of America awards for his work in television.

Several of their books will be available for purchase and signing at the event.

Tickets are \$25 per person in advance and \$30 at the door to attend the event at the temple (includes a wine & cheese reception – health & safety regulations permitting) or \$10 per household on Zoom



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JANUARY 2022

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| 1 New Years Day | 16 MLK Tribute2:00 pm |
| 2 Brotherhood Board Meeting9:30 am | 17 MLK Day: Office Closed / SSEL C Closed |
| 3 Zoom Social Hour..... 5:00 pm | Philanthropy Committee Meeting.. 5:00 pm |
| 4 Adult Education Meeting10:30 am | Zoom Social Hour..... 5:00 pm |
| Sisterhood Book Club 1:30 pm | Board of Trustees Meeting6:30 pm |
| 5 Lunch with the Rabbis12:00 pm | Membership Committee Meeting...7:00 pm |
| 6 Fluid Dance10:00 am | 19 Religious School5:30 pm |
| 7 Hebrew Reading Class..... 9:15 am | 20 Fluid Dance |
| Governance Committee Meeting .. 12:30 pm | Brotherhood Book Club3:30 pm |
| Family Shabbat 7:15 pm | 21 Hebrew Reading Class..... 9:15 am |
| 8 Schoenfeld B'nai Mitzvah 5:00 pm | Erev Shabbat..... 7:15 pm |
| 9 TEERS Tu B'Shevat Celebration.....9:30 am | 22 Tot Shabbat10:00 am |
| Confirmation Class10:00 am | 23 Religious School9:30 am |
| Tel Aviv Museum Program10:30 am | Sisterhood Event11:30 am |
| Movie Discussion 4:00 pm | Movie Discussion 4:00 pm |
| 10 Sisterhood Day Trip 11:00 am | 24 Starfish Steering Committee Meeting.. 10:30 am |
| Zoom Social Hour..... 5:00 pm | Zoom Social Hour..... 5:00 pm |
| 11 Federation Event7:00 pm | 26 Social Action Committee Meeting .. 1:30 pm |
| 12 Sisterhood Board Meeting10:30 am | Religious School5:30 pm |
| Religious School5:30 pm | 27 Fluid Dance10:00 am |
| 13 Fluid Dance10:00 am | 28 Erev Shabbat..... 7:15 pm |
| Temple Players2:30 pm | 30 Mitzvah Day Planning Meeting9:00 am |
| Yom Kippur War7:00 pm | Religious School9:30 am |
| 14 Hebrew Reading Class..... 9:15 am | Ben Gurion Program10:30 am |
| Shabbat Under the Stars 7:15 pm | TEE 65 th Birthday Panel Discussion..7:00 pm |
| 15 Tu B'Shevat at Weinbergers 5:00 pm | 31 Zoom Social Hour..... 5:00 pm |

DECEMBER JANUARY 2021

Join Us for Our "Chai-brid" Programming!

[In person and virtual. If it is unsafe to gather in person,
live events will be converted to Zoom.]

Commediene Sharon Geller

DECEMBER 6, 2021 • 7PM

People of the Book – Ben Freeman

DECEMBER 8, 2021 • 7PM

Women's Giving Circle Open House

DECEMBER 10, 2021 • 10:30AM

People of the Book – Tracy Walder

DECEMBER 16, 2021 • 7PM

**SRQ Farmer's Market Day
with Federation**

DECEMBER 18, 2021 • 7AM

People of the Book – Tim Ellis

DECEMBER 21, 2021 • 7PM

People of the Book

JAMES MCAULEY

JANUARY 5, 2022 • 7PM

People of the Book – Ira Rosen

JANUARY 6, 2022 • 7PM

People of the Book

Alan Zweibel and Dave Berry

JANUARY 11, 2022 • 7PM

**International Holocaust
Remembrance Day**

JANUARY 27, 2022 • 7PM



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