



# Temple Times

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## Rabbi's Message: Our Prayers

Jews are supposed to pray. 2020 gave us a lot to pray for and about. We asked God for safety and peace. We thanked God for health and abundance. Yet, something felt different for me this past year. The words of devotion and appeal felt more global. Perhaps because we are all impacted by the pandemic, I found that more often, my prayers included others. Our tradition says this is good.

In the Torah, Moses' Midianite father-in-law, Jethro, offers beautiful words in praise of God. After Moses tells him all that God had done for the Israelites, Jethro offers: "Blessed is the Lord, who rescued you from Egypt and the hand of Pharaoh, who delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians." (Ex. 18:10)

Do you see what is so special about his prayer? He offered praise to God, not for what had been done for him, rather, for what had been done for Moses and the people. His worship was on behalf of others.

It is good to give thanks for what we have in our lives. It is right to ask God for what we need. Jethro receives extra praise in the Talmud because his prayer to God is focused on others.

Much of our liturgy is written in the plural. Many Jewish prayers are for the community, which includes each one of us. Our ancient sages brilliantly structured our prayers this way. As well, each of us, in our own words of prayer, make requests on behalf of our families and our world, which again, includes us.



Rabbi Michael Shefrin

These are good and right ways to pray.

We should also make sure to pray for others.

There are so many who need our prayers. Those who are ill, those we worry about, those who have no one to pray for them. Even those whose way of being in the world bothers us can be prayed for. Offering prayers with others in mind is an act of humility.

I'd like to share something personal with you. When we offer our silent prayers as a community during services, my prayers are focused on others. They are focused specifically on you. I ask God to look after you, to answer your prayers, to give you everything that you want and need. Jethro taught me to do this. Perhaps you will do the same.

As we enter this new year, still physically distant from others, let us seek to be closer to God and to others through our prayer.

### EDITOR'S NOTE REGARDING THE CORONAVIRUS

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

Shabbat Services will be livestreamed at: [WWW.SARASOTATEMPLE.ORG](http://WWW.SARASOTATEMPLE.ORG)

**Stay healthy and well.**

God, help us in 2021 to be like Jethro. Let us praise You for all that You do and offer more prayers with others in mind.

*Amen.*

**Rabbi Michael Shefrin**

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## President's Message

Hanukkah Sameach to my temple family. I hope your festival lights during this holiday have brought you a sense of reflection and appreciation of the life and liberties we all enjoy. Throughout this pandemic the rabbis continue to lead services with occasional guest speakers and musical soloists. In addition, committees are bringing forward innovative and interesting programs for all to enjoy. Going into 2021, we can look forward to more interesting programs via livestream, zoom and in-person outdoor events. Stay tuned for those outdoor in person events.

As many things stay the course, we also have exciting announcements and changes that make our temple stronger and create greater value for our members. At the November Board of Trustees meeting I announced that Jeff Kessler has accepted the position of Chair of the Technology Committee. During the past year, temple members, Ronni Loundy and Dr. Gayle Yaverbaum have assisted many members with accessing zoom and dealing with a variety of smartphone issues. Thanks to both Ronni and Gayle for their dedication and efforts particularly during the high holidays. Jeff will be initially working on establishing goals for the committee and reaching out for members wishing to join.

Jeff has worked in the information technology field his entire career, after graduating from New York University with a MBA in Information Systems. He started his career as a programmer/analyst and held a number of jobs in the industry, both as an individual contributor and in management. Eventually, he focused on the healthcare industry, serving in senior management positions for several hospitals. He finished his career, retiring in 2017, as the Chief Information Officer of Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston after 16 years as the CIO. Please join me in welcoming Jeff as the new Technology Committee Chair.

Barbara Gerber has accepted the role as chair of Hospital Visitations with the recent passing of our special friend and former temple president, Renee Gold. Barbara and the committee members

support our hospitalized temple members and those in short term rehab centers with phone calls and on-site visits whenever feasible.

Long time chair and former temple president Michael Richker, has announced he is stepping down as chair of the Philanthropy Committee after serving in that capacity since 2007. In that year, the committee was formed and Michael stepped up to be its leader. Through a majority of his efforts, the Cornerstone Society has grown to approximately 103 families. Michael's business background enabled him to look at the temple as a business and every temple member as a customer that needed to be treated with courtesy and respect. Michael walked the talk and that was evident with every role he took on over the last 13 years. Michael served on the temple board from 2006-2016 as 1st vice president, president and trustee. In addition, he chaired galas, participated in our three renovation projects and was a member of numerous other committees. Michael's interest is in insuring that the temples financial integrity is first and foremost. His presence at monthly board meetings is his way to stay informed. Michael may have stepped away from the responsibilities of the Philanthropy Committee but I'm sure he will maintain a certain presence here at the temple. We need more Michael Richker's!! Thank you Michael on behalf of the board and the entire temple for what you have done to make Temple Emanu-El the vibrant and successful temple it is today.

Other news to report is bittersweet. Ken Marsh and Tanice Knopp have informed us of their decision to relocate to Israel. They have been accepted to become Israeli citizens and the process will begin in late January for Ken and then Tanice will follow him sometime later.



Jeff Kessler

As Immediate Past President he will remain on the board through June, 2021 and plans to attend board meetings via zoom although the 7hr time difference will make it a late night. On behalf of the board we wish them both safe travels and safe keeping. Ken's presence on the board will be missed but not forgotten. Thanks Ken and Tanice for all you have done for Temple Emanu-El over the past number of years.

As this is my last message of the 2020 year I wish all of you a Happy and Healthy New Year, and let's all hope that we will be together in person praying, and socializing real soon.

**Barry Gerber,**  
President

**Sisterhood Presents  
A Virtual Tour of**



**Save the Date**

**Tuesday, February 16**

**at 1:30 pm**

**A Zoom Event**

Register at  
[www.sarasotatemple.org](http://www.sarasotatemple.org)



If you haven't already seen it, let me call your attention to our new emergency exit system, recently completed with guard rails (see photo, right). When you're in the neighborhood, stop by the campus, and admire. Brotherhood is proud to have helped make this a reality.



*New exit ramp at Temple Emanu-El*

As we head into 2021, Brotherhood sends to you, your family, and loved ones our wishes for a happy, healthy and Covid-free new year, and our hopes for a less stressful year ahead. At least, we ended the year on a high.

Our signature December event, "Los Trabas in Concert" was a huge success, thanks to the efforts of Don Malawsky teaming with Rabbi Elaine, and the expert videography team who filmed our wonderful High Holy Days services. If you attended our classical music event, closing your eyes now should recall the warm smiles you felt while experiencing those beautiful music moments created by Betsy Hudson Traba on flute, her husband Fernando Traba on bassoon, and Jesse Martins on piano. It was truly a wonderful concert.

It's January now, and for the seventh consecutive year Brotherhood, in sponsorship with Sisterhood and Social Action, will present a tribute to the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Sunday, January 17, 2021. We plan to make this event available through livestream to temple members and the Sarasota-Bradenton community. Our program will include as honorees the late Congressman John Lewis and the late Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, with readings of their respective views presented, while adding music reflective of the civil rights movement. If you haven't already done so, mark your calendars for this extraordinary program. For event details, check out Tuesday email announcements and the Temple Times.

Brotherhood is proud to have initiated Interest Groups for temple members who wish to share interests in investments, sports, and theater. Groups are now open to all members, with a no-obligation offer to check us out. The Investment Club supports members with all levels of experience. They meet twice a month on Mondays from 10:30 am to noon, with the initial session attracting fifteen congregants. Participation is

by invitation, so if you're interested send an email to Burgess Levin at [burgess.levin@gmail.com](mailto:burgess.levin@gmail.com). The Sports interest group is exploring four options: a sports trivia night, fantasy football, a college basketball March Madness pool (with play \$\$), and, when conditions permit, outdoor softball. Your feedback and suggestions are welcome. Please contact Ken Simon at [ksimon7396@aol.com](mailto:ksimon7396@aol.com). The Theater group for the foreseeable future will focus on play-readings, having recently read and enjoyed sketches from the show "Oy". If you are interested in participating, or being in our audience, please contact me at [richfine.tee@gmail.com](mailto:richfine.tee@gmail.com). We meet monthly on Thursday afternoons from 2:30-4:30 pm.

**Rich Fine,  
Brotherhood President**



**WELCOME!**

**TEMPLE EMANU-EL WELCOMES  
THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS**

Drago, Cameron & Christopher  
Murphy, Gwen & David

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*Offices in Bradenton,  
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### Our other offices:

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684 S. Indiana Ave.  
Englewood, FL 34223  
941 475-3839

We are writing this on December 3rd for the January issue of the Temple Times. We are still basking in the glow of the wonderful program presented by Rosalie Leon. Rosalie's program, *Women of Valor*, gave us a peek into the lives and influence of six women and a representative song for each. Rosalie's performance was flawless. The stories she told were happy, beautiful and poignant and gave the 60 people who attended food for thought and songs to hum throughout the rest of the day.

The Sisterhood's Book and Author Chat series was a great success! Last month's conversation between Rabbi Aviva Berg and Jennifer Rosner, author of *The Yellow Bird Sings*, was emotional, authentic, and heart-felt. We look forward to another conversation with Jennifer when her next novel is released.

The Sisterhood Book Club meets monthly on ZOOM on the first Tuesday of every month at 1:30 pm.

For 2021, we have selected award-winning literature and nonfiction books that have a Jewish connection. Our book selections are:

- January 5 - *House on Endless Waters* by Emuna Elon
- February 2 - *Color Me In* by Natasha Diaz
- March 2 - *My Own Words* by Ruth Bader Ginsburg
- April 6 - *Memento Park* by Mark Sarvas
- May 4 - *America's Jewish Women* by Pamela Nadell
- June 1 - *The Third Daughter* by Talia Carner

For more information, contact Karen Androphy at: [teebookclub@gmail.com](mailto:teebookclub@gmail.com).

### Coming in January

Do you love team trivia? Another team trivia is being planned for Sunday, January 10, 2021. More details to come.

For all you Bingo enthusiasts, Bingo will be back on Sunday, January 31,



Rosalie Leon singing *Bei Mir Bist Du Schoen*

2021, co-sponsored by Brotherhood and Sisterhood. This event is open to all (18-years or older) for a cost of \$5 for a pack of five different bingo cards. Pre-registration is required and can be done on the temple website [www.sarasotatemple.org/event-registration.html](http://www.sarasotatemple.org/event-registration.html).

Tuesday, January 5 at 7 pm, ZOOM with Kim Sheintal as she presents "Looking Back as We Celebrate 65 Years of Temple Emanu-El". This will be a photo presentation with Kim's narration to celebrate Temple Emanu-El's 65th birthday. Please help us celebrate and provide the cake.

Sunday, January 17 at 2 pm, Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and SAC will present a free Livestreamed tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and also celebrate the lives of Congressman John Lewis and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. On behalf of the tribute, you may make a donation to All Faiths Food Bank.

You can still order dinners for Fridays through our Shabbat-To-Go program. Look for

menus each week in the Message from the Temple or in the eblasts to Sisterhood and Brotherhood members. Thanks to everyone who support this program. Net proceeds are used in support of the temple.

Alice Cotman is available to help you shop in the Sisterhood Gift Shop.

Contact Alice [alicecotman@gmail.com](mailto:alicecotman@gmail.com) or call 941-359-6451 to make an appointment.

Our best wishes to all for a happy, healthy and safe 2021. Hopefully it will include hugs, travel and visits to family and grandchildren.

**Susan Simon and Susan Meisel,**  
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

## Executive Director's Message

**New Year's Day:** I found myself in a little bit of a quandary this month. When I sat down to write my article, I asked myself, "Do I mention the New Year since it is a secular holiday and not Jewishly significant?" It is extremely important to me, both personally and professionally, to be respectful and inclusive. Anyone who knows me expects questions when we talk. I am "that one" - the one who asks the questions and wants to know more. So, I took a little poll and asked my Jewish friends about their feelings regarding New Year's and I also did a Google search with my favorite Jewish sources. Overall, I found consensus that my Jewish friends celebrate both Rosh Hashanah and New Year's Day with there being a distinct emphasis on the religious renewal versus secular goal setting and one being significantly more important than the other.

Celebrating New Year's Day can be full of exciting new promises to start fresh. I am a self-devoted strive to be better and do more type of person all the time, so setting goals because it is a new year is not a huge motivator for me. I find this to be even truer since March. With the changes and struggles we have all encountered for the past nine months, I found myself really needing to focus on decreasing my stress each day in a healthy manner. Initially, I started walking at night because my days were long, and it was the only time I could do it. I have always been a walker but rarely walked at night because of scheduling and safety. To increase my safety, I recruited my husband to come with me. My new routine has turned into our new routine. Our late evening walks have become an essential way for us to slow down and connect. The start of the new secular year can be an opportunity to try something new for yourself or just an excuse to have a little fun and celebrate. If the past nine months have



Christine Elliott

time to make safety and security improvements on our beautiful campus. A couple of significant projects are nearly finished and awaiting final touches and inspections. Pictures to come. I am most pleased to report all doors and windows in both buildings are now impact resistant. This is huge progress on our campus! The special funding required for this large undertaking came from the lovely gala that was hosted last February to honor Susan and Randy Mallitz. THANK YOU to the fabulous Mallitz family and each and every person who participated and donated!

The second significant project that is awaiting a final inspection is the expansion of the sanctuary emergency exit. The steps outside the exit were expanded, and a ramp was created immensely improving the overall safety of this area. The funding for this project came from the Brotherhood's gift to the temple and from temple reserve funds. We appreciate Brotherhood's generosity to help make this project happen!

Both of these projects relate to creating a safer campus for our members, staff, and guests. Security and safety remain a predominant focus. Overall, we aim for a multi layered approach with seeking to make modifications as recommended by our Security Committee and external security experts. I am happy to report we are also working with Jeff Solomon, the new security director hired by the Federation of Sarasota-Manatee and Secure Community Network (SCN). Mr. Solomon is scheduled to fully evaluate our campus in December. Strong community partnerships are vital.

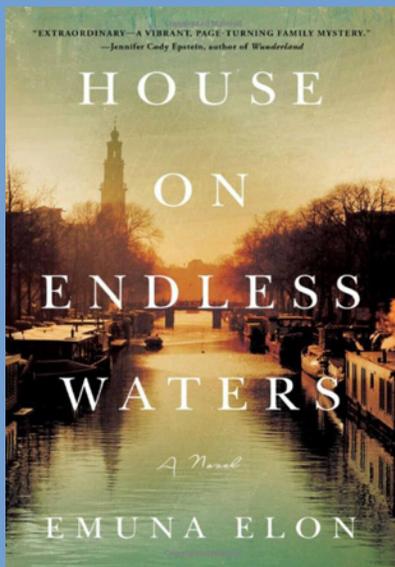
Wishing you good health,

**Christine Elliott,  
Executive Director**

taught me anything, it is to appreciate what truly matters and make time for what is important. Be sure to wave and honk if you happen to pass me. #lat-nightwalkingclub

**Temple Projects:** Since the building has been predominantly closed since March, we have taken advantage of this

## 2021 SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB Zoom Book Club Meeting and Discussion



**Tuesday  
1/5/2021  
1:30 PM**



**Tuesday  
2/2/2021  
1:30 PM**

**Register at [www.sarasotatemple.org](http://www.sarasotatemple.org)**

**For more information contact Karen Androphy at: [TEEBOOKCLUB@gmail.com](mailto:TEEBOOKCLUB@gmail.com)**

# LOOKING BACK..... TEMPLE EMANU-EL IS TURNING

# 65!

Tuesday, January 5, 2021 @ 7:00 pm

Join us via Zoom. Enjoy old photos and memories.  
We are wishing Temple Emanu-El a very happy birthday!  
Please, no presents.

RSVP by Jan. 3: <https://www.sarasotatemple.org/event-registration.html>





## Susan Skovronek

Our Spotlight Member each month reminds us that our Temple family is made up of individuals, each with a different path to becoming who they are...people who give of their time and energy to Temple Emanu-El as dictated by their heart... just ask them and they will say “yes.” Susan Skovronek is one of them. Susan, a Brooklyn native, identified herself as a “gastronomic” Jew in her childhood. She said, “not much ritual but as a Jewish family.” However, as the years have gone by, and with raising her boys, Eric and Alex, in a Reform Temple, she now identifies as a “happy and joyous” Jew. Music inspires her at our Temple as does being a part of a warm, loving, friendly Jewish community sharing all of the values she cherishes in her life.

Susan remembers her first childhood volunteer assignment delivering her mother’s fresh baked hamentaschen to the Jewish neighbors, as an act of kindness. Memories of her father supporting his synagogue was also an early inspiration. As her desire to help grew, she insisted on being active in any group she joined.

As an adult, while raising her family, Susan was a tennis instructor and after the boys were grown, she owned a franchise printing business. At her Temple in Morristown, she believed in the education her sons received and she was drawn to the Temple. Susan was a member of the Social Action Committee, the Caring Committee and ultimately served on their Board for 11 years.

Upon retirement, in 2005, as part of a Road Scholars program, Susan and her partner, Gin, came to Sarasota for

the Spring Training Tour. Immediately, Sarasota became a favorite location for them to visit and they soon relocated permanently and got involved. As part of the Jewish Chorale, she performed at TEE and soon Rabbi Glickman and she discovered he had been the visiting rabbi at the nursing home where her aunt lived in Houston. Jewish geography... again! In addition, our Renee Gold, of blessed memory, kept giving her those long looks from her own seat in the sanctuary that meant it was time for her to join. She became a member of TEE, of course!



Christine Elliott

As she had before, in N.J., Susan joined the Caring Committee at TEE making visits to the then Kobernick House taking her iPad to the dementia ward where she played music and watched as the residents became energized. Also, she volunteered on the Social Action Committee and served as an Interim Chair and sang in the Temple Volunteer Choir. She’s also the person who picks up and delivers the clothing for Resurrection House and the food

for JFCS regularly. Susan is currently involved in reviving the Women’s Interfaith Network of Sarasota-Manatee with her new partner, Alice D’Souza, who is the facilitator for 2021. Two years ago, Susan and Alice were asked to create a TEE Elder Calling Committee to connect with isolated older members. It was a welcome outreach that became even more critical a year later when COVID arrived. Susan and Alice were then asked to become two of four Group Leaders of our *Members Calling Members*, a program for the membership-at-large, which has been the glue that has kept us together during these tough times. She has found it to be an often close relationship with members in need of personal contact, even if only by phone. To know someone is checking on you and engaging in your life is a relief to many people who may feel forgotten.

What she knows is that in the future, she will have to change from a “human doing” and become a “human being” and will continue to work with those always in need through the Caring Committee. She and Alice have recently become a part of an outreach effort in the LGBTQ community through the Senior Friendship Center. Susan is *In the Spotlight* wherever she donates her time and energy. Her need to become involved has benefited our Temple family in every way. We are grateful for her willingness to say “yes” and make a difference for so many of us. We are blessed. Thank you.

Interviewed by Phyllis Dreyfuss,  
Board Trustee

December 2nd, 2020

### Will We See You at Lunch with the Rabbis?

Wonderful monthly program currently being held via Zoom

#### Scheduled Dates

Wednesdays, January 6th and February 3rd @ Noon



## Caring for Our Seniors – in Sarasota & in Israel

Among the greatest challenges our community faces during the coronavirus pandemic is caring for our seniors – keeping them protected physically, active mentally, and nourished spiritually and emotionally. How can the necessity of physical isolation be reconciled with the importance of human contact? What can be done to keep our cherished seniors safe in every aspect of their health?

As members of the Sarasota-Manatee community, we are blessed to have an expert, caring professional – Pamela Baron, MSW, Director of Aging Services at Jewish Family & Children’s Service of the Suncoast (JFCS) – overseeing local efforts. And as Jews and friends of Israel, we are blessed to have Eshel – working with the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) to meet these needs all over the Jewish state.

On Thursday, January 14, at noon, Baron and Marc Codron – Director of Strategic Partnerships at JDC-Eshel – will engage in a conversation about their work, its successes and challenges, what we have learned about caring for our seniors during this pandemic, new initiatives in Sarasota-Manatee and in Israel, and how we can all work together to help protect and sustain this essential population. This special conversation will be moderated by Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman, and is sponsored by the Israel Committee, Social Action Committee, Starfish Initiative, and Adult Education Committee of Temple Emanu-El as well as JFCS, JDC, Eshel, and the Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee.

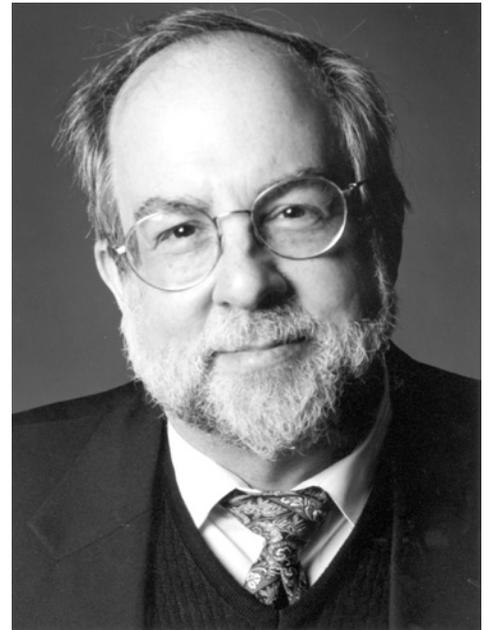
The event is free, and the entire community is warmly invited. For more information, please call Rabbi Elaine at 379-1997. To register and receive the Zoom link, please visit <https://www.sarasotatemple.org/event-registration.html>.

## Rabbi Ed Feinstein Will Serve as Temple Emanu-El’s Kaplan Scholar-in-Residence

Temple Emanu-El is honored and delighted to welcome Rabbi Ed Feinstein as this year’s Kaplan Scholar-in-Residence, and to invite our Temple family to learn with him Friday, January 22, and Saturday, January 23. This wonderful weekend is generously underwritten by Arny and Dee Kaplan and the Peck family.

The senior rabbi of Valley Beth Shalom in Encino, California, and a faculty member of the Ziegler Rabbinical School, the Wexner Heritage Program, and the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, Rabbi Feinstein lectures widely across the United States. He is the author of several award-winning books, including *Tough Questions Jews Ask: A Young Adult’s Guide to Building a Jewish Life*, *Jews and Judaism in the Twenty-First Century: Human Responsibility, the Presence of God and the Future of the Covenant*, and *Capturing the Moon*. A sought-after speaker and renowned scholar and preacher, he is also a close friend of our own Rabbi Mimi Weisel and an influence on both Rabbi Brenner Glickman and Rabbi Michael Shefrin.

Rabbi Feinstein will deliver the sermon during livestreamed Shabbat services Friday at 7:15 p.m., and his main presentation will be held via Zoom on Saturday at 11 a.m. Based on his newest book – *Chutzpah Imperative! Empowering Today’s Jews for a Life that Matters* – Rabbi Feinstein will examine the history of chutzpah.



Temple Emanu-El Kaplan Scholar-in-Residence  
Rabbi Ed Feinstein

“‘Chutzpah’ is Yiddish for nerve, audacity,” Rabbi Feinstein explains. “But ‘Chutzpah’ is much more. In the Talmud, ‘Chutzpah’ meant irrepressible life, moral courage.

“It is the quality that defines the Jewish people throughout our history,” he adds. “And a quality we desperately need right now.”

Kaplan Scholar-in-Residence co-chairs Larry and Wendy Barnet expressed great excitement about the program. “We are delighted. Rabbi Feinstein is transformative,” they stated. “This will be an amazing weekend.” Also serving on the committee are Rabbi Glickman, Toby Halpern, Philip Meltzer, Esther Rose, Rabbi Shefrin, and Wendy Wicks.

We look forward to a wonderful weekend of learning and to welcoming Rabbi Feinstein to Temple Emanu-El!

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# A Wonderful and Virtual Veterans Shabbat

For over a decade, Temple Emanu-El has had the honor of recognizing Jewish veterans during our annual Veterans Shabbat, held in conjunction with Veterans Day. This year's service, held Friday evening, November 13, was held virtually – but was as wonderful and meaningful as ever.

Expertly chaired by Ethel and Dick Gross and Betty Crane, Veterans Shabbat 2020 was livestreamed and led by our rabbis and Dan Cartlidge. In addition to a visual salute to our courageous members who have served in the United States Armed Forces, a special prayer for veterans, and patriotic music, the service included the presentation of a mayoral proclamation formally designating November 13 as Veterans Shabbat. The highlight of the service was a sermon by Rear Admiral Rabbi Harold Robinson, who spoke movingly about the dedication of the cemetery at Iwo Jima by Rabbi Roland Gittelsohn. A Zoom reception especially for veterans followed the service.

“Due to the pandemic, our annual Veterans Shabbat service was somewhat different this year, but so much more meaningful,” Betty Crane commented. “In addition to a beautiful service, the Zoom Oneg with our veterans was the icing on the cake. Not only did they have the opportunity to speak about their military experience, it also was a wonderful way to connect with one another.

“Thank you to all the veterans for their service to our country!” she added.

Ethel Gross agreed. “What a wonderful Veterans Shabbat – our guest speaker, the patriotic songs, the listing of our Temple veterans. But most of all our Zoom get-together.”

The Zoom gathering was also the highlight for Rabbi Shefrin. “Veterans Shabbat is always filled with honor at Temple Emanu-El,” he commented. “This year was extra special thanks to our inspiring and interesting guest speaker who taught us about love of God and country.”

But “for me, the greatest honor of the night was participating in the Zoom oneg for our veterans,” he concluded. “Listening to their stories and camaraderie showed me another layer of the depth of service our temple has brought to our country and to our people.”

We salute our veterans, and we thank Ethel and Dick Gross and Betty Crane for a very special Veterans Shabbat!



Rear Admiral Rabbi Harold Robinson delivered a beautiful sermon at Veterans Shabbat



Temple Emanu-El veterans socialized with Rabbi Glickman and Rabbi Shefrin at the Zoom oneg

Brotherhood & Sisterhood  
Bring You:

## SHABBAT-TO-GO

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



All prepaid orders must be received by Sunday at midnight for the week you are ordering.

Order online at [www.sarasotateemple.org](http://www.sarasotateemple.org)

Each meal comes pre-portioned, ready to heat and eat.  
Heating instructions included.

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

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

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

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

For more information or questions, contact Susan Meisel 585-797-4189 or [susan.meisel@gmail.com](mailto:susan.meisel@gmail.com)

## Hebrew Word of the Month: Mahane Yehuda Market

In the aftermath of Thanksgiving, it seems appropriate to highlight the Mahane Yehuda Market or Shuk Mahane in Jerusalem. It is Israel's most famous market.

It was founded at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Through the years the market has experienced much expansion and renovation. Geographically speaking, it is bounded by Jaffa Road to the north, Agrippa Street on the south, Beit Yaakov Street to the east and Klack Street to the east and is both an open air and covered market. Its 250 vendors sell fresh fruits and vegetables, sumptuous baked goods of every variety, fish, meat, brightly colored spices, and large assortments of cheeses and nuts. Famous for its seedless watermelon and the enormous size of its tomatoes and peppers, the Shuk has branched out from foodstuffs to clothing, shoes, wines and spirits and interesting Judaica pieces. There is no end to the variety of products on sale!

Visited by locals and tourists alike, it is also famous for its amazing falafel, the myriad kinds of halva in the shape of huge cakes, and its shaslik and shawarma, just to name a few delicacies. One needs to bring one's appetite on a visit to the Shuk!

On Thursdays and Fridays, the market teems with shoppers seeking Shabbat provisions. They give new meaning to the phrase "shop 'til you drop" which they do until Friday afternoon when the sounding of a bugle indicates that the market is closing for Shabbat.

In recent times, until the Covid outbreak, the Shuk has become a mecca of lively Jerusalem nightlife. Popular restaurants, cafes and bars featuring live music dot the landscape. Tours are also available that include food tastings. In short, the Shuk is quite the happening spot.

Mahane Yehuda Market should be on every visitor's bucket list upon visiting Israel.

**Toby Halpern,  
Past President & Member, Israel Committee**

## Endowment

The temple is our family and has treated us as family. We want our estate planning to reflect that bond, so this year we adjusted our will to leave a larger portion to Temple Emanu-El.

When we arrived in Sarasota, we found a wonderful building and community provided by those who came before. We want to express our gratitude by providing for those who will come after us.

Please join us in the Legacy Society.

**Rabbis Brenner and Elaine Glickman**



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**Online Via Zoom**

**Sunday, January 10, 2021  
7:00 pm**

**Zoom room will open at 6:45 pm**

**Please log on by 6:55 pm**

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**Free admission**

**TEAMS WILL BE RANDOMLY ASSIGNED**

**(a chance to meet new people!!)**

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**Questions: Contact Bob Meisel, 585-797-4255  
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*Rabbis Brenner and Elaine Glickman*





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# Israel: From Vision to Reality



Learn about innovative and entrepreneurial solutions directly affecting the Israeli Society and the environment from the Florida Shaliach (Israel Emissary) of the Jewish National Fund.

**Thursday,  
January 21  
at 7 pm**



Presenter: Zohar Vloski  
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**WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE?**

# TEE Starfish Programs Continue Despite COVID Restrictions on Volunteers in Schools

Children delighted in Wendy Barnet's first Starfish Dramatic Storytelling Program session of the school year—the Gingerbread Boy. Wendy had to make adjustments as she and her “support staff,” husband Larry, presented to students in our three Starfish Kindergarten classrooms at Wilkinson Elementary School via Zoom from their living room. Although this was very different for the Barnets and Wendy, always wanting the best for the children, fretted a bit about how this would work. But these students entered school this year under COVID safety conditions and knew no difference. Wendy performed the story first, then again, engage the children in the story through language and movement. “The students just loved Miss Wendy and Mr. Larry and screamed with excitement when, after the performance, they each received their very own copy of the book generously provided by Elaine and Akiva Pipe.” We were able to begin the Dramatic Storytelling program when the district recently gave limited permission for approved programs to read to classrooms through Zoom.

Because we have no volunteer-student contact, we also were able to implement our Starfish Book Buddy Program. You can see by their smiling faces that the students were very excited to receive their books specially selected by their Book Buddy based on their drawings. Program coordinator, Wendy Rudd, did a masterful job revamping the procedures to ensure our volunteers a COVID-safe book purchase and donation system. Many of the Book Buddies enjoyed the drive-through drop-off option for delivering their books that

provided a safe opportunity for volunteers to touch base.

Not to be deterred, by COVID challenges, Larry Barnet and team were able to continue the Wilkinson Food Pantry supplied by All Faiths Food Bank at alternative community locations while the school was not accessible. However, he has worked with the food bank and school principal, Susan Nations, to arrange for the pantry to return to the school in January, allowing Starfish to serve our school families and other community members.

And kudos to Judy Levy, TEE Starfish Sensory Garden developer, Judy Thibault, and Master Gardeners Fred Thibault and Dr. Jill Hallman, for their meaningful work and dedication in installing and maintaining this garden that will serve as a learning context for all grade levels at the school. Especially exciting is news that Dr. Halman procured official support from the UF/IFAS Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Program for both the Sensory Garden and the school's Butterfly Garden—a setting enjoyed year around by our Starfish Rockin' Readers and their students. This support is a great gift to the school



as it provides for two learning settings that make little demand on school staff.

Although our hearts sank when COVID safety measures prevented our Starfish volunteers from being on campus, we are excited that we have been able to improvise and continue our support to this school for the fourth year! Starfish volunteers definitely miss being with the students and seeing one another on campus. Fingers crossed for a change in 2021!

**Dr. Tanice Knopp,**  
TEE Starfish Initiative Chair

## Sisterhood Gift Shop

Masks are going to be needed well into the future. Joanne Maguire handcrafts these 3-layer, 3-D design masks customized by fabric and size. Jewish designs, solids, and others are available. These masks keep the fabric away from your face for a more comfortable fit. Includes a bendable nose piece and easily adjustable soft elastic ear straps. Machine wash and hang dry. \$15 each. Order by calling Alice Cotman at 941-359-6451.

Need a Mezuzah for the doorpost of your home? What about a Kiddush cup or Candlesticks? Beautiful Judaic jewelry .... Stars of David, Hamsas, Tree of Life necklaces all make beautiful Bat and Bar Mitzvah gifts or a gift for yourself! The Sisterhood Gift Shop is open by appointment only. Masks required. Call Alice Cotman at 359-6451.



# Learning About the “Empires of Israel”

What nations and cultures ruled over the country we know today as the State of Israel? On Sunday evening, December 6, over 110 Temple members and guests gathered to hear the answer at “Empires of Israel,” a fascinating Zoom program sponsored by the Israel Committee and facilitated by Moses Glickman.

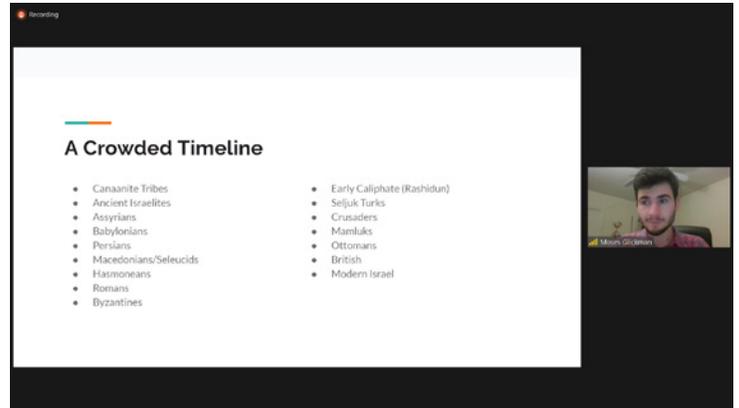
Beginning with the wryly-named slide “A Crowded Timeline” listing the 16 (!!) different civilizations – including Canaanite tribes, the Byzantines, the Mamluks, and of course the Ottomans and British – whose holdings encompassed what is now Israel, Moses then focused on three empires in great detail: the neo-Assyrians, the Babylonians, and the Achaemenids. The most powerful state in the world at the time, the neo-Assyrians conquered the northern kingdom of Israel in approximately 722 BCE and made the southern kingdom of Judah into a vassal state. Moses explained how this empire exiled the inhabitants of the northern kingdom – leading to the tradition of Israel’s “Ten Lost Tribes” – and the neo-Assyrians’ lasting impact on Diaspora Jewry. Moses also examined the Babylonian Empire and demonstrated that even though the Babylonians ruled the land of Israel only briefly, their conquering of the southern kingdom – including the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and the Babylonian Exile – served as one of the seminal events in Judaism and tremendously influenced our history, culture, and theology. Finally, Moses described the Persian, or Achaemenid, Empire, which was led by King Cyrus – who permitted the Jews to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the Temple, earning him the title “messiah” in the Bible – and endured for two centuries, until it was conquered by Alexander the Great. Moses also taught about the Zoroastrian religion, which was made central by the Achaemenid Empire, and how it relates to Judaism.

At the start of “Empires of Israel,” Moses may have been known to many attendees primarily as the son of Temple Emanu-El Rabbis Brenner and Elaine Glickman – but by the end of his presentation, they were likely to be known primarily as Moses’s parents! Although Moses’s major areas of study and expertise lie in economics, statistics, politics, and global markets, he is a deeply curious intellect as well as a committed Zionist – and even attendees who have studied the Middle East extensively were engaged by and learned from “Empires of Israel.”

Many thanks were offered not only to Moses for his wonderful program but also to Nina Levitt, chair of the Israel Committee, and all those who made “Empires of Israel” possible. We look forward to more stimulating and enjoyable programs brought by the Israel Committee!



*Moses Glickman smiles as he teaches about “Empires of Israel,” sponsored by the Israel Committee. Photo by Alice Cotman.*



*Moses Glickman shows his first slide in “Empires of Israel,” sponsored by the Israel Committee*

## Parent & Me Mini

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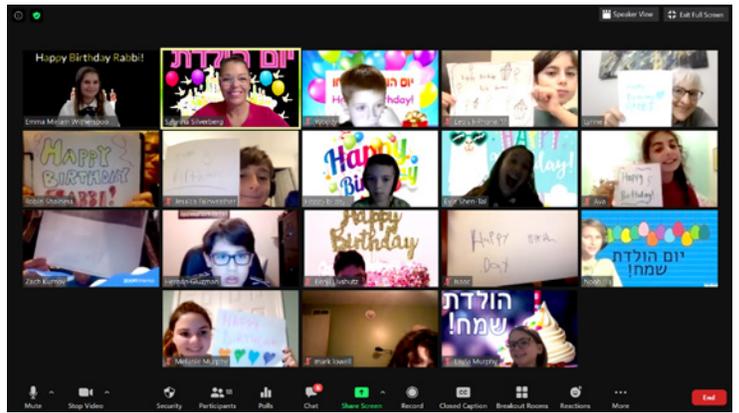
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# Special Moments from the Temple Livestream

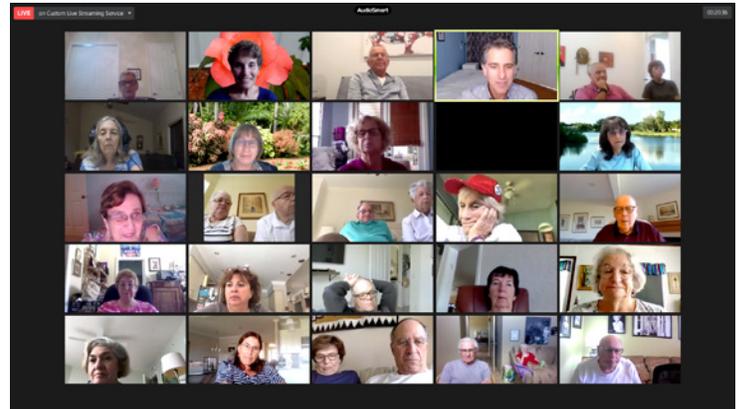
In a new monthly feature, we are happy to share some special moments from our wonderful, livestreamed services and Zoom events! As you can see, our Temple Emanu-El family remains close, warm, spirited, and engaged while we keep one another safe and physically distant. If you have some photos of your own to share, please send them to Rabbi Elaine!



Trained in opera, guitar, and songleading, special musical guest Barbara Mazer inspired and delighted our Temple Emanu-El family when she joined our rabbis in leading Shabbat services on November 20



Morah Sabrina Silverberg, MARE, and some Hebrew school students surprised Associate Rabbi Michael Shefrin with a happy birthday Zoom on November 11



Alice Cotman took this picture of happy attendees enjoying "Lunch with the Rabbis," facilitated by Senior Rabbi Brenner Glickman

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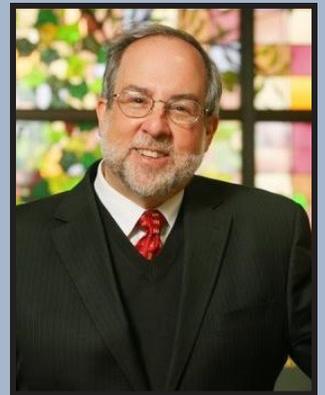
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## Rabbi Ed Feinstein

January 22 and 23



**Preliminary Presentation**  
Friday Night Services at 7:15

Join us via Livestream as  
Rabbi Feinstein delivers  
a sermon during services.

**Saturday Program**  
Via Livestream and Zoom.  
**Featured Presentation: 11 am**

*The History of Chutzpah:  
Empowering Today's Jews  
for a Life that Matters.*

Rabbi Feinstein is the senior rabbi of Valley Beth Shalom in Encino, CA, and a faculty member of the Ziegler Rabbinical School, the Wexner Heritage Program, and the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem. He is the author of many award-winning books. We are fortunate to have Rabbi Feinstein as he is a renowned scholar and preacher sought after throughout the globe.

**Both events are free and open to the community.**

For Saturday's Zoom event, register at [www.sarasotateemple.org](http://www.sarasotateemple.org)

*This program is made possible by generous support from  
Army and Dee Kaplan, and the Peck Family.*

# Social Action News

I feel honored to be the new Chair of the Social Action Committee. It will be hard to follow the excellent leadership of Barbara Peltz, the past Chair. I want to thank her and Marcia Simon, who is also stepping down as secretary of SAC for their years of dedication. I am pleased to announce that Lisa Phifer has stepped up to assume the role of secretary.

Our mission continues to promote participating in Tikun Olam, "Repairing the World". As a Social Action Committee, we wish to live according to Torah by doing service and performing mitzvot, acts of lovingkindness. We strive to promote awareness and we share a sense of collective responsibility to help others, particularly those in need. In this particularly challenging and stressful time of a Pandemic, our mission is more important than ever, and we are working with the Temple's Re-Invention Committee to look at innovative ways to meet our mission.

Social Action started the fall season with a very successful re-imagined High Holiday Food Drive which my husband Gary and I co-chaired. Thanks to the amazing generosity of 265 Temple members, \$47,252 was raised for the All Faiths Food Bank, and 1200 pounds of food was donated to Last Chance Second Opportunity.

Members of Social Action Committee decided to personally donate toys for the Boys and Girls Club of Sarasota. Bettiane Marcus, a new committee member, shown here, coordinated this holiday effort.

Barbara Peltz coordinated the Share the Warmth Drive, which collected warm coats, hats, gloves for Turning Points during the month of December. We are again collecting clothing, socks, AAA batteries, and toiletries for Resurrection House and food for the JFCS. Thanks to Temple members for your generosity.



After a hiatus due to Covid, the Backpack program, coordinated by Lynne Pewterbaugh is again underway.

We are pleased to again co-sponsor Martin Luther King Day tribute with Brotherhood and Sisterhood on January 17, 2021 at 2 pm.

If you are interested in joining the Social Action Committee or want more information about any of our activities, please contact me at [srosenbaum28@gmail.com](mailto:srosenbaum28@gmail.com)

**Susan Rosenbaum,  
Chair, Social Action Committee**

## Temple Emanu-El New and 25+ Year Shabbat Service and Complimentary Dinner

Friday, January 22, 2021  
Livestream Shabbat Service  
7:15 pm  
Zoom Oneg Following Service



Share a Shabbat dinner together in spirit.

New and 25+ year members will be treated to dinner that can be picked up between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. on January 22 at temple.

If you would like a complimentary dinner, order online at [www.sarasotateemple.org/event-registration.html](http://www.sarasotateemple.org/event-registration.html) by midnight on January 18, 2021. Under Events, choose New and 25+ Dinner. Or email Barbara Gerber at [bsgerber@comcast.net](mailto:bsgerber@comcast.net) with your order. Dinners are complimentary to new and 25+ year members. Delivery on a limited basis to those not able to pick up their meals.



The Livestream Service features Scholar-in-Residence, Rabbi Ed Feinstein, followed by a Zoom oneg exclusively for new and 25+ members.



## Temple Emanu-El Sponsored by Sisterhood and Brotherhood



Sunday, January 31, 2021

Register by midnight on Thursday, January 28

Zoom Room opens at 6:45 pm

Please arrive by 6:55 pm Bingo begins at 7:00 pm

Cash Prizes!!!!



\$5.00 for a pack of 5 different bingo cards



The same pack of 5 cards will be re-used for all games played

Register at [www.sarasotateemple.org](http://www.sarasotateemple.org)

Please provide your name, email address, and the number of packs of 5 different bingo cards you wish to purchase

The bingo cards will be sent as a link to the email address given

Per Florida statute, you must be at least 18 years old to play

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## New Temple Emanu-El Group for Members in Their 20's Thru 50's

Temple Emanu-El aspires to be an innovative and engaging community for Jewish learning, spiritual growth, and the celebration of Jewish culture for all generations, in a manner that brings compassion and joy. The Strategic Planning Group has created a Task Force focused on increasing the engagement of younger family units, under the direction of Michelle Pearson and Leslie Podolsky. The Task Force is currently examining the spiritual, community, and educational needs of this demographic group. The members of the task force believe if you build relationships with younger people, they will continue to be members and participate. One of the first questions to be answered was, "How do we engage with different age groups to make a place where younger Jewish people have permission to be Jewish?" They turned to social media and created a Facebook group called **TEEM** (**Tem-**



*Enjoying a fun mahjong game at Nathan Benderson Park are Lisa Thomas, Marni Mount, Leslie Podolsky, Lisa Phifer and Lauren Hofing*

**ple Emanu-El Members) Plugged In.** TEEM Plugged In is a place where TEE members in their 20's through 50's can share and connect with one another through conversation, articles, stories, photos, recipes and all things related to Jewish Life. They are even planning socially distanced outside events for the group. If anyone would like more information on TEEM Plugged In, please contact Michelle at 941-812-5084 or Leslie at 419-343-7275.

### OUR MEMBERSHIP EXTENDS DEEPEST SYMPATHY

to Frank Tucciarone & Roberta Berson, Harry & Gayle Yaverbaum, and their families on the death of a loved one so precious and dear.

Our membership mourns the loss of Jerry Camens, Renee Gold and Marion Goldsmith.

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

# Jacob Mitchell Maggard Bar Mitzvah

It is with great pride and joy that we announce the upcoming Bar Mitzvah of our son, Jacob Maggard, on Saturday, January 16, 2021. Jacob is in the 7th grade at Pine View School for the Gifted, where he was recently inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. We are so proud of the fine, caring young man he is becoming! Jacob was born in Sarasota, and has lived his entire life in Bradenton and Sarasota along with his sister Julianna.

Singing is a passion for Jacob. He is currently in his second year of chorus at Pine View. He will often hum chorus songs around the house, and since he has been practicing for his bar mitzvah, we will also often find him humming Ata Gibor or the like. Jacob also enjoys biking and running.

Jacob was very excited to go to Camp Coleman in 2019 and he hopes to be able to have this experience again. He had a blast at camp developing friendships with other Jewish youth, and he even learned more about Judaism in the process. Luckily for us, Jacob also still enjoys spending time with his family. He's usually up for biking or walk/runs with the family, the occasional family dance party or watching movies with the family.

Like many 12 year olds, one of Jacob's favorite thing to do is simply hang with his friends. Of course with the current situation, most of this socializing has been virtual. Jacob has really

honed his gaming skills during the pandemic!

Speaking of the pandemic, we were very pleased with the way Jacob handled the news of the twist COVID-19 would put into his bar mitzvah plans. He was a real mensch and never complained. He decided that he wanted to go on with the show, so we regrouped and figured out the best way to have a bar mitzvah from home. He is excited about getting to have the Torah in our house. Who knew years ago that our hearth could double as a bimah? We will surely be filled with love and great naches when we hear him chant from the Torah in our bayit!

For Jacob's mitzvah project he had to get creative. He wanted to work with the Sierra Club to help remove invasive species in areas where their growth was harming native plants. These programs have been suspended during the pandemic, so with the help of Rabbi Glickman, Jacob found an area in Sarasota

where the invasive species were taking over. He worked to remove much of this invasive growth to help the native greenery thrive. In the future, when he is able to do so, Jacob plans to volunteer with Teen Court, as he is interested in possibly becoming a lawyer.

Jacob has been in religious school at Temple Emanu-El since kindergarten, so TEERS is the one school he has been at longer than any other! He has been blessed with amazing teachers and Rabbis here. We would like to thank these extraordinary people for helping Jacob become a happy, loving and caring person. We cannot thank Temple Emanuel-El enough for providing Jacob with such a wonderful Jewish foundation and camaraderie!

Jacob, we are so proud of you, your accomplishments, and your character. You have our unconditional love and support, now and always. Mazel Tov!

**Dori Goldfarb & Jeff Maggard**



## ISRAEL HIGH TECH INDUSTRY: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE



**Featuring Alexander Parnes,  
with comments by Carol Green  
on the Florida Israel Business Accelerator**

*A Zoom Event Sponsored by  
The Israel Committee and Adult Education*

**THURSDAY  
FEBRUARY 11 AT 7:00 PM**



**Alex Parnes** was born and raised in Israel, received his Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the Technion, Israel's Institute of Technology and a Master of Business Administration degree from the Tel-Aviv University.

As a technology executive at various high-tech companies in the US and Europe for over 25 years, he developed and oversaw the implementation of system solutions through the use software. As Chief Technology Officer of Cooper Industries Notification division, (now part of Eaton Corp.), Alex developed life-safety system solutions. Those systems were deployed at military bases, industrial plants, oil and gas, healthcare, and other facilities around the world.

**Carol Green**, a member of Temple Emanu-El, will describe the Florida-Israel Business Accelerator (FIBA), headquarters in Sarasota at the Jewish Federation campus. FIBA accesses Israel's most cutting edge - high tech companies, to connect them with investors and business partners and hopefully bring high tech, well paying jobs to Florida.



**Please register at  
[www.sarasotatemple.org](http://www.sarasotatemple.org)**

## Adult Education Update: Upcoming Courses & Events

The following programs will be presented via ZOOM. Please register online on the TEE website.



### Mark Your Calendars

**Imagination as Resistance during the Holocaust:** On International Holocaust Remembrance Day, which is also the day that the Auschwitz Death Camp was liberated, Dr. Racelle Weiman will present true stories of creative acts of resistance and survival carried out through the use of a secret weapon: imagination. She researched and personally interviewed these inspiring people who impacted the course of human history, science, and theology. Dr. Weiman is an international scholar in the field of Interreligious Dialogue, Post-Holocaust Theology, Genocide Prevention, and Minority Studies.

**DATE:** Wednesday, January 27, 2021, 10:30 am

**Israeli Innovation:** The TEE Israel Committee and TEE Adult Education are pleased to co-sponsor speaker Alex Parness- a graduate of the famed Technion Institute of Technology, retired Israeli Airforce officer, an Israeli engineer, and international technology and innovation expert. He will share his experience and observations regarding the Israeli high-tech industry and start-ups past, present and future from his personal perspective.

**DATE:** February 11, 7:00 pm

**Significant Financial Contributions of Ancient Jewish Women:** “We know of contributions made by Jewish women in our centuries. Their counterparts do not appear in the first readings of Talmud, but we can glimpse them if we look closely, explore contemporaneous inscriptions, and read against the grain. Together we will examine a selection of this ancient evidence and consider what it reveals.” - Dr. Rabbi Susan Marks is a Professor and Klingenstein Chair of Judaic Studies at New College of Florida, Division of Humanities.

**DATE:** Join Dr. Rabbi Marks on February 24th at 10:30 am

**Hebrew Conversation for Beginners:** Join instructor Evie Shen-Tal to communicate with her and with the rest of the class about everyday topics in Hebrew. Knowledge of written Hebrew is not required.

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

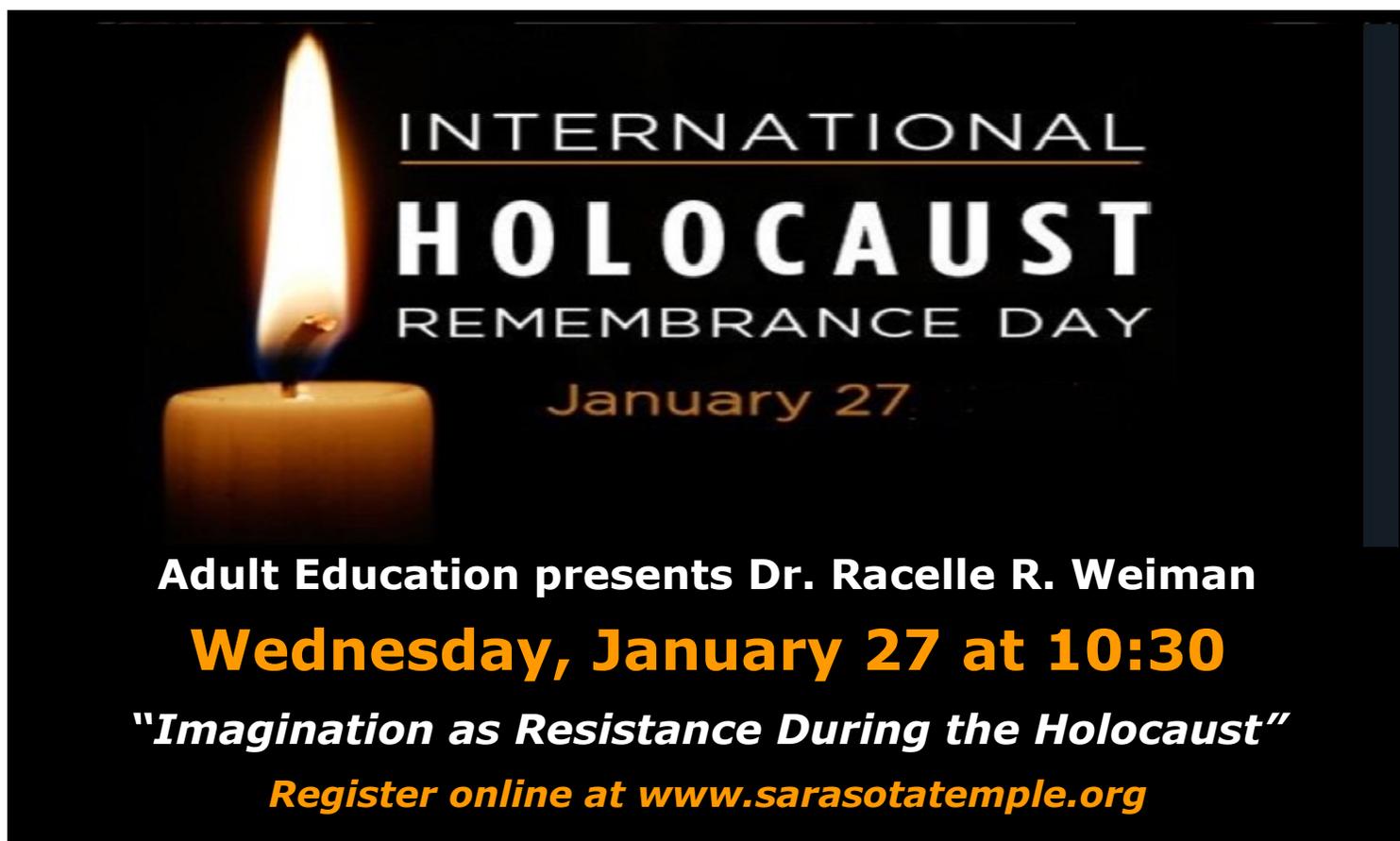
**DATE:** Thursdays, 9:15 am

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

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

**DATE:** Tuesdays, 9:15 am

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

A poster for International Holocaust Remembrance Day. It features a lit candle on the left side. The text is centered and reads: "INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY January 27". Below this, it says "Adult Education presents Dr. Racelle R. Weiman Wednesday, January 27 at 10:30" and "Imagination as Resistance During the Holocaust". At the bottom, it says "Register online at www.sarasotatemple.org".

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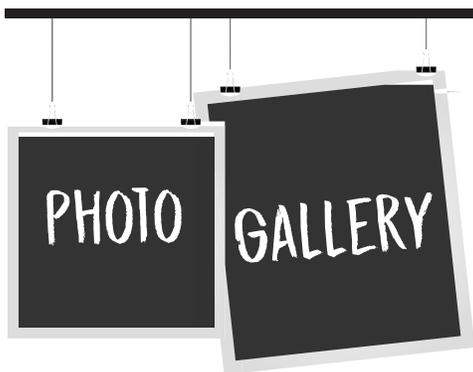
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# A Unique Fall for Temple Emanu-El's Young Families



2020 was definitely a year like no other for our young Jewish and interfaith families – but we are proud of their continued commitment to Temple Emanu-El, and grateful to our dedicated rabbis, educator, and staff for providing innovative and engaging opportunities for Jewish living and learning!

As we learned more about protecting one another from covid transmission, we were able to offer safe opportunities for our families to gather in person. We found that many families felt comfortable with our practices – which include meeting exclusively outdoors, with masks and social distancing – and were grateful to have Temple Emanu-El as a space to be together and to celebrate. Several families, in fact, stated that Temple programs are the only community events they feel safe attending! Perhaps, then, it is not a surprise that our monthly Drive-In Tot Shabbats have become a highlight for young families – including our November 21 “Giving Thanks” Tot Shabbat, which featured Thanksgiving-themed goody bags; Shabbat prayers, songs, movement, and a story with Rabbi Michael Shefrin; birthday blessings; socially-distant playtime; and the opportunity to share moments of gratitude and thankfulness – topped off with a kiddush-style Thanksgiving toast! Tot Shabbat parents and children have also enjoyed a safe return to our wonderful playground at “Boker Tov! Playground Time” on Monday mornings, and are grateful that Morah Sabrina Silverberg, MARE has welcomed them to Temple



*Lily and Benny Labinger led “Bedtime Blessings”*



*Brody Gates explored the playground*



*Benjamin Silverstein enjoyed the kiddush toast at “Giving Thanks” Tot Shabbat*

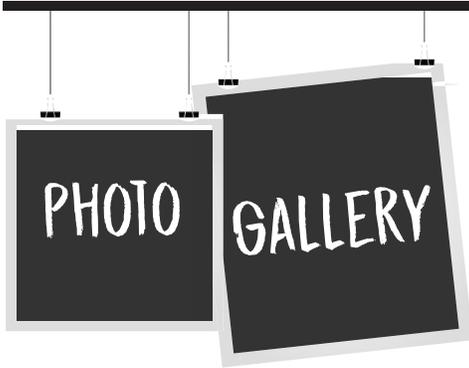
Emanu-El Religious School (TEERS)’s monthly in-person outdoor programming – enabling our youngest families to enjoy a taste of TEERS life as well as deepen their Jewish learning. This month’s Tot Shabbat in-person events include participation in TEERS’ Tu B’Shevat celebration on Sunday, January 24, and a PJ Library havdalah on Saturday, January 9.

Of course, meaningful and fun online programs continue as well! The fall installment of “Bedtime Blessings” – a bedtime story, Shema, and virtual tucking-in from our rabbis and special guests – was made extra special by the participation not only of Rabbi Brenner Glickman, Rabbi Shefrin, Rabbi Elaine, and Morah Sabrina but also Religious School Assistant Lynne Pewterbaugh, TEERS madricha Megan Meese, and TEERS co-chair and Temple trustee Heather and Dr. Seth Labinger’s family. “Bedtime Blessings” recordings are always available on our Facebook page; if you are interested in being a storyteller and joining the fun,

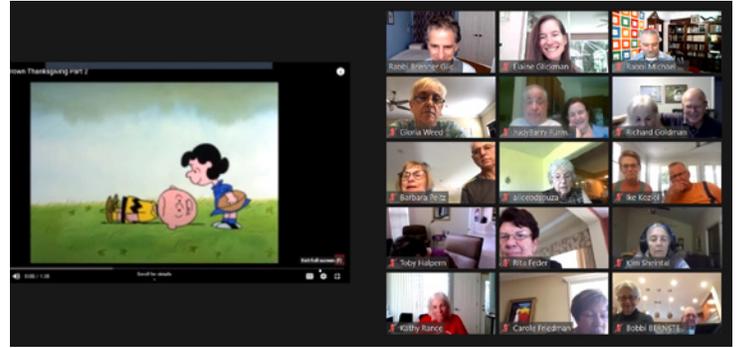
please let Rabbi Elaine know! And while Tot Shabbat families are always invited to Temple Emanu-El’s monthly Zoom family Shabbat service (usually the first Friday of the month at 6 p.m., postponed this month until January 8 due to New Years Day), our youngest children will also enjoy getting in the Shabbat spirit with songs, stories, playtime, and movement at Morah Evie Shen-Tal’s monthly Shabbat ShaZoom. This month’s Shabbat ShaZoom will be held Friday, January 15, at 9:30 a.m. – please email [eviesrwork@gmail.com](mailto:eviesrwork@gmail.com) for the private Zoom link and more information.

As 2021 dawns, we look ahead with hope for good health, for safety, for a covid vaccine, and for increased opportunities to be together and to watch the next generation of Jews learn, grow, celebrate, and enjoy at Temple Emanu-El! For more information about Tot Shabbat and programs for young families, please call Rabbi Elaine at 379-1997.

# A (Temple Emanu-El) Family Thanksgiving



Though many of us had fewer family members and friends at our Thanksgiving meal this year, we enjoyed gathering with our Temple family around the table via Zoom on Thanksgiving Day! We chatted with our rabbis, together watched Thanksgiving videos including “Thank You for Being a Friend” and excerpts from A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving, and then went into breakout rooms to share fun Thanksgiving memories and our favorite Thanksgiving foods. We talked about people whom we are worried about this holiday season, and explored silver linings we have found during the pandemic. It was a wonderful way to keep our Temple family connected with each other during this strange, challenging, yet beautiful Thanksgiving – and to share our gratitude for everyone who makes Temple Emanu-El so special!



*Temple members watched Lucy pull the football away from Charlie Brown (again!) in A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving*



*Alice Cotman took this screenshot of a Temple Thanksgiving Zoom breakout room*



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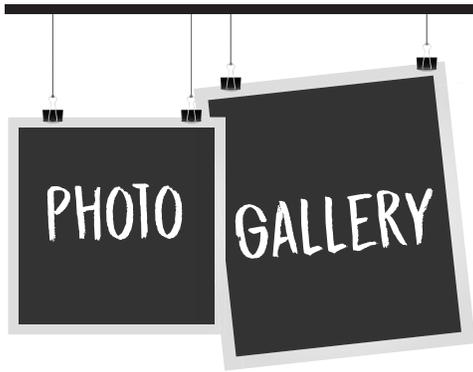
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# “Havdalah-Ween”



Associate Rabbi Michael Shefrin was joined for “Havdalah-Ween” by his mom, Rabbi Mimi Weisel, Shayna, and



Stacie Lowell held the spice box during the musical havdalah service that kicked off “Havdalah-Ween”

With the coronavirus pandemic upending so many traditional Halloween celebrations, Temple Emanu-El was excited to present a safe opportunity for our young Jewish and interfaith families to enjoy the holiday – with a Jewish twist! On Saturday evening, October 31, Temple Emanu-El Religious School (TEERS) joined forces with STEEMY and Tot Shabbat to host a festive and wonderful “Havdalah-Ween.”



Director of Education Sabrina Silverberg, MARE, channeled her inner Mary Poppins



TEERS student Kyle Draper and mom Karen posed for a “Havdalah-Ween” photo



TEERS student Alexandra Marcus and mom Rachel enjoyed socially-distant trick-or-treating

Featuring a havdalah service, Halloween-themed goody bags, a Jewish ghost story, a costume parade, a fabulous photo area custom-created by STEEMY advisor Savannah Samberg, and socially-distant trick-or-treat stations staffed by parent and STEEMY volunteers, “Havdalah-Ween” was organized by Rabbi Michael Shefrin, Director of Education Sabrina Silverberg, MARE, and Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman. “Havdalah-Ween” was inspired by TEERS mom Stacie Lowell and could not have happened without the support of Religious School Assistant Lynne Pewterbaugh and Joe Ross!



Denise and Isaac Shereff enjoyed the photo area

“The Havdalah-Ween event was fantastic!” Morah Sabrina stated. “It provided an opportunity for our children and their families to celebrate our rich Jewish tradition and have fun on Halloween, too! The children were overjoyed to join the costume parade and go Trick or Treating in our temple’s parking lot. The parents expressed that they were grateful for the opportunity to do so outdoors in a safe way.”

“Havdalah-Ween was a treat!” Rabbi Shefrin added. “Gathering safely and seeing so many kiddos, teens, parents, and grandparents taking over our temple parking lot and munching on candy was so sweet. There were many creative, adorable, and, as expected, super terrifying costumes!



The Protigal family joined the costume parade at “Havdalah-Ween”

“This special, spooky, and sacred gathering felt like it drove out some of the fear in our world,” he concluded. “As we said goodbye to Shabbat and hello to our festivities, one could just feel the smiles under the masks.”



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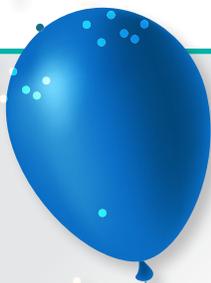
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