

Temple Times

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Rabbi's Message: Grateful to Be a Member

I thank God for Temple Emanu-El. I have long felt proud of this temple and privileged to be your rabbi. When I speak to my colleagues in other communities and hear about their troubles, my feelings are reaffirmed. Since October 7th, though, I feel grateful simply to be a member here. I have never needed this community more.

I feel sad for Jews who are not members. They reflect on the horrors in Israel and the rise in antisemitism, and they are alone with their feelings. They feel isolated because they don't have a community.

I hear all the time from our members that their friends outside the temple are frustrated. They feel so helpless. They want to do something besides give money, but they don't know what.

Our members don't feel that way. We have 16 different ways to support Israel and each other through Project Amichai. Our members are giving money to Israel, and also writing letters to soldiers, lobbying our government, giving blood, researching the issues, fundraising, advocating, and praying. And many more.

And we are doing it together. And that is why I am so grateful to this temple. I want to do all of these things, and I don't want to do them alone. I don't want to be alone right now. I feel comfort with my fellow members as we pray together and wrestle with the issues together. I feel strengthened by our numbers.



Rabbi Brenner Glickman

I am so grateful to be a member.

P.S.: One of the biggest surprises of Project Amichai has been the challah-baking project. Dozens of members have signed on to bake challah and elevate their prayers for Israel. Among them are some grown men who have never baked before. The results have been mixed. But they are loving it! So, in the spirit of outreach, we are inviting all temple members to A Beginner's Challah Bake on January 18. Please register online. We can teach anyone how to make challah.

Rabbi Brenner Glickman

President's Message: A Temple for All Ages

I frequently hear that Sarasota is a retirement community, as reflected by all the white hairs (including mine) in our congregation. Yes, people do move here when they retire. And it is likely true that if you compare the age demographics of Temple Emanu-El to

the temple you left behind, there is a larger proportion of seniors here. But it is also true that we have a fair share of younger folks, and the diversity of ages is well represented in our programming. Recently, I mentioned one of our "younger age" programs to a member, who responded "We have that?!?"

So let's take a brief look at some of our offerings.

We'll start with our older population. Several temple members live at Aviva, and once a month get together for a KaffeeKlatsch, joined by one of our rabbis or senior staff. Once per year we hold a special Elder Shabbat with an elaborate kiddush before

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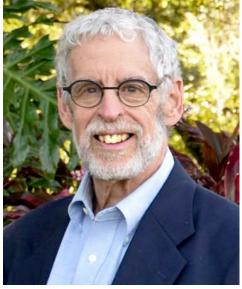
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services. We honor those members 80 and older, as well as people who have been members for at least 25 years. This year over 100 people attended that Shabbat! There is also a Social Single Senior group for those 60 and over.

Moving down a notch, we have a Members in the Middle group for those in their 40's and 50's. The group offers social gatherings, volunteer opportunities, special temple events, lunch meet-ups, outings to museums and shows, and much more.

One indicator of a younger population at our temple is the enrollment in our religious school. I'm pleased to report that this year's enrollment has surpassed our pre-COVID peak numbers. While some of this is due to the return to in-person classes, a large portion can be attributed to *Our Jewish Future*, the large donation which helps relieve



Bob Meisel

the financial burden for families with kids in the religious school. Thank you Papa Joe!

We also have a highly successful Tot Shabbat program. Once a month families with kids through age five gather at the temple. They start at the playground for some socializing, then move inside for bagels, crafts, songs, prayers, and a story.

The newest addition to the list is the formation of a Junior Sisterhood. Moms with kids in the religious school get together for a variety of activities, which have included a mah jongg lesson, decorating cookies, and going out to lunch. They also sponsor a Junior Shabbat once per month. Susan and I had the opportunity to recently attend one. What a joy! Families gathered in the sanctuary at 5:30 for a short kid-oriented service (songs, stories, prayers, and learning) led by Rabbi Shefrin, followed by an oneg in the conference room. The kids had a blast, as did we. I encourage you to attend for yourself.

> Bob Meisel Temple President

Executive Director's Message: "I Need to Do This": A Non-Jew's Perspective on the March for Israel

I want to go. I need to do this. These thoughts instantly popped in my mind when I learned about the March for Israel in Washington D.C. on November 13.

I tried to downplay my impulse to go but knew I had to. Since the brutal attack in Israel on October 7, people I care about have been suffering. They have shared their feelings and stories of sadness, anger, shock, fear, and helplessness with me. I have felt an urgent need to do something to work towards unity and support in the face of the horrors taking place, and God willing be part of a solution.

I soon learned that the Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee was coordinating a tremendous effort to bring

a group of local residents to attend the March for Israel together. When I received a text confirming I had a seat on the flight they had arranged, I felt a sob in my chest. I truly realized how important it was for me to be a part of this historical moment. Participating in the march was a tangible way to show up for the Jewish community I care deeply about, and to also stand up for what is inherently right.

I am not Jewish; however, I am the executive director of Temple Emanu-El, a local Reform synagogue. And let's be clear: This is not a Jewish or Israel problem. This is our problem, and it is our responsibility to be supportive and figure out a path forward.

Not being Jewish, I might have been considered an outsider at the march; yet I could not have felt more connected and accepted. Being present to witness the love, support, and peace that was shared among 300,000 people is unforgettable. Listening to the speeches that described the history



Christine Elliott

and struggles of Israel, hope for a way forward, the stand against antisemitic acts, and the demand for the hostages to be released will be something I always remember and teach my children.

When one of the hostages' family members was speaking, someone tried to make a negative comment. Before the comment could fully take hold, the crowd started chanting, "Bring them home," swallowing up the

attempt at negativity with a peaceful, united front. That moment resonated deeply. As Americans, we can do better, and have to do better, to support our Jewish friends, neighbors, synagogues, and all Jews.

When I shared with my family that I was attending the march, they were supportive, but my children were also scared. Sadly, they have grown up in the era of mass shootings, and they were concerned about possible violence at the march. Their texts came during the march to make sure I was okay; and when I told them I was safe and how meaningful and peaceful the event was, they replied: "Mom, we are proud of you. What can we do to help?"

I asked them – and I ask each of you – to stand with me to support our community and Israel. Together, we can make a difference.

Christine Elliott Executive Director

Christine Elliott thanks the Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee for enabling her to attend the march as a representative of Temple Emanu-El, where she serves as Executive Director.

This article was published in the Sarasota Herald-Tribune on November 29, 2023. Special thanks and appreciation to Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman for her support for my article.



This past year has been a difficult one for all of us. With the fluid situation in Israel, we can only hope for a meaningful hostage exchange. We can also hope for Israel to be permanently safe from terrorism. Consequently, Brotherhood continues to support the Temple Emanu-El and Project Amichai as its top priority.

The December 17th classical musical event was really special this year. Our program entitled **Two Violins Encore** featured Chung Von (Cy)
Hong and Anne Chandra, both violinists with the Sarasota Orchestra. They performed music of Charles Auguste de Beriot along with an array of music by the Beatles. Their performance in the sanctuary was exceptional. Given our current world situation, the music was extremely moving and emotional.

On January 14th, Brotherhood will co-sponsor with the Social Action Committee and Sisterhood, the 10th annual Martin Luther King Tribute. This event enables the community to recognize the valuable contributions of this outstanding leader.

On January 27th at 9:30am, the annual Bocce Ball tournament between



Ken Simon

Temple Emanu-El and the Cascade Ballers Supreme will be the main feature. All are welcome, even if you never played bocce. No skill is required, just strategy, and fun and games. Stay around for pizza.

Our interest groups continue to flourish and expand. The travel interest group and the temple community are invited to attend a complimentary travel seminar on February 6th from 3pm-7pm at the Palm Aire County Club. The registration link is https://www.bookthatescape.com/form/SLTF%202024. Over 20 vendors will be presenting their unique offerings and holding individual sessions for those interested.

Brotherhood Sports Nite on February 25th at 6PM will provide insights into the Super Bowl with guest speakers, Aaron and Jake Jacobson, morning sports announcers from Tampa radio.

Brotherhood looks forward to a rich schedule of events throughout the year, partnering with Sisterhood, the Israel committee, the religious school and the community.

Check the temple web site, the Temple Times, and flyers by the gift shop for more details.

Susan and I wish everyone a Happy New Year. Let's hope that 2024 is a year that brings all of us peace, happiness, and health.

> Ken Simon Brotherhood President



TEMPLE EMANU-EL WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS

Chafetz, Stephen "Steve" & Carol

Cramer, Ashley & Matthew "Matt" & Family

Felsenthal, Steven "Steve" & Deborah "Debbie"

Greenberg, Kenneth "Ken" & Kimberly & Family
Gross, Dr. Louis "Lou" & Janet
Grusin, Martin "Marty"
Rosenthal, Dalia & Marv
Shatoff, Larry & Carol & Family

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Happy New Year everyone! We're looking forward to an exciting, interesting, and most importantly, fun year ahead. It may be difficult to top last year's offerings, but we will do our best to try by presenting you with a variety of excellent programs.

2024 programming begins right off the bat with Sisterhood's popular book club on Tuesday, January 2 at 1:30 pm. We will be discussing *Kunstlers in Paradise* by Cathleen Schine. If you want to read ahead, the February 6 selection is *The Wind Knows My Name*, Isabel Allende's latest offering. For more information, contact teebookclub@gmail.com.

Mark your calendars for the Martin Luther King Tribute on Sunday, January 14 at 2:00 pm. We cosponsor this event each year with Brotherhood and the Social Action Committee and this year with Federation. This year's program, featuring music by the talented performers of Greatness Beyond Measure, promises to be special, as we are celebrating the 60th anniversary of Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech.

Our annual Paid-Up Luncheon, free to all Sisterhood members in good standing, will take place on Sunday, January 21 in Benderson hall. After we've enjoyed a lovely lunch, we will be treated to a fashion show presented by Evelyn & Arthur with outfits modeled by our own TEE sisters. Please join us for a wonderful afternoon by registering on the temple website (ShulCloud).

Looking ahead to next month, we hope you'll save Monday, February 12 at 11:30 am to join us for a Lunch & Learn featuring Carrie Seidman, who will share her thoughts on available mental health services in Sarasota – how far we've come in the past decade and what is still missing We miss her column in the Herald-Tribune and look forward to hearing from her once again.

A gentle reminder: your purchases at the Sisterhood Gift Shop help make a substantial contribution to the end of year gift we make to the Religious School. Alice Cotman maintains a beautiful selection of Judaica, and we encourage you to patronize the shop. It is open before and after services and temple events or by appointment with Alice.

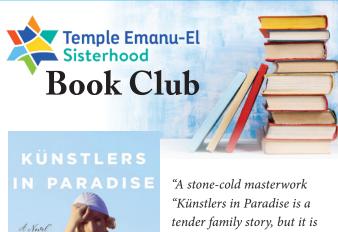
We look forward to seeing you at our next event.

Judy Fine and Susan Simon Sisterhood Co-Presidents





Susan Simon and Judy Fine



"A stone-cold masterwork
"Künstlers in Paradise is a
tender family story, but it is
also a profound meditation
on the nature and power of
storytelling, inheritance, and
legacy, the malleability and
perdurability of memory."

—Boston Globe

Tuesday, January 2 @ 1:30 pm Benderson Family Hall

Contact Karen Androphy For More Information at TEEBookClub@gmail.com



"Lunch with the Rabbis," Temple Emanu-El's Popular Monthly Program, Continues Wednesday, January 3, at Noon

Bring a brown-bag lunch and join Senior Rabbi Brenner Glickman and Associate Rabbi Michael Shefrin for lunch, discussion of current events and topics of Jewish interest, and conversation and mingling with old and new friends (We'll provide homemade dessert!)

We look forward to sharing "Lunch with the Rabbis" - and with you!



Calling All Mitzvah-Minded Knitters and Crocheters!

Do a KNITZVAH and use your talent to bring joy to others in Sarasota and Israel!



Who: Everyone who wants to participate - all are welcome!

When and Where: Thursdays, January 4 and 18, at 10 a.m. at Temple Emanu-El. Our group meets every first & third Thursday

What: Please bring yarn, needles, and your favorite pattern for a blanket, sweater, or more. We have extra yarn and patterns as well!

Why: We will spread love and joy by delivering our handmade creations to local organizations including JFCS, and also hope to send them to be enjoyed by expectant mothers and infants in Israel!

Please join us for knitting, socializing, good deeds, and sisterhood!

For more information, please email lklein98@gmail.com or judyg704@gmail.com



Forgetfulness + Cognitive Decline

The Mental Health Initiative presents:

Danielle Valery, BS, CDP of Sarasota Memorial Hospital.

Danielle will present on the differences between Forgetfulness and Signs of Cognitive Decline.



MONDAY, JANUARY 8 AT 1:00 PM Benderson Family Hall

Light refreshments will be served.

Questions? Contact Barbara Schenk blschenk42@gmail.com

REGISTER ONLINE BY JANUARY 7: SARASOTATEMPLE.ORG



TORAH STUDY SATURDAYS AT 11:00 AM VIA ZOOM					
Date	Torah Portion	Presenter			
Dec. 2 Dec. 9	Vayishlach Vayeishev/Shabbat Chanukah	Rabbi Brenner Glickman Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman			
Dec. 9	Mikeitz	Rabbi Mimi Weisel			
Dec. 23	Vayigash	Dan Aminoff			
Dec. 30	Va-y'chi	Sabrina Silverberg			
Jan. 6	Shemot	Rabbi Michael Shefrin			
Jan. 13	Va-eira	Rabbi Mimi Weisel			
Jan. 20	Во	Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman			
Jan. 27	B'shalach	Rabbi Brenner Glickman			
Feb. 3	Yitro	Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman			
Feb. 10	Mishpatim	Rabbi Michael Shefrin			
Feb. 17	T'rumah	Rabbi Mimi Weisel			
Feb. 24	Scholar in Residence	(No Torah Study)			

Instructor subject to change.

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Last month I shared how Hamas' terrorist attack has filled us with a need to support Israel's Defense Force and those families impacted by the ongoing horrific events. Temple Emanu-El's Project Amichai has been a wonderful resource to fulfill that need. The hateful anti-Semitic occurrences in many American cities and college campuses, have greatly added to our concerns.

With these events in mind, Temple Emanu-El's continued strength and **long-term** outlook takes on an even greater level of importance. For these reasons, I and the entire Endowment Board of Trustees are even more dedicated to seeking your assistance to help us provide a long-term pathway for the Temple's future. Today's unfortunate events are a reminder that there is so much more that needs to be done.

Our current Life & Legacy members have provided a good foundation through their estates, insurance policies, IRA's and cash donations. We need to build on this ground-

work. Our goal is to support and provide assurance that Temple Emanu-El will always be at the forefront in meeting the needs of both its current and future members. Our efforts will help sustain Reform Judaism's presence throughout our community for our children, grand-children and those who follow.



Doris Ross Endowment Board of Trustees Chair

I and the other members of our Board are always available to help you determine the way that will best fit your personal situation to support us in this important endeavor. Please join us!

If you have any questions, please write to teeendowment@gmail.com or call 941-320-4091.

Doris Ross Endowment Board of Trustees Chair



BUILDING

BIENNIAL BRUNCH GALA

11 A.M. SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024 SARASOTA YACHT CLUB



Proceeds will further
Temple Emanu-El's efforts
to build a safe and thriving community.

Honoring Barbara Brizdle

Barbara is being honored for her generous spirit, her dedication to leadership development at temple, and her commitment to building community.



Membership Committee: Something for Everyone

The TEE Membership Committee coordinates many events each year for members who have things in common. Some of these include members living in the same zip code or neighborhood, social senior singles, members in the middle (45-65), new members (meet and greet), Temple Emanu-El elders (80 and better), and Havurah groups just to name a few! There is something for everyone here and we want you to be a part of it.

Please contact Kim Sheintal, klapshein@aol.com, 941-9211433, or Leslie Podolsky, podolsky135@gmail.com for more information on any of these programs.

Recent gatherings include an extremely successful neighborhood gathering in University Park. According to Rabbi Brenner Glickman: "The event was HUGE. I think we had 55 people. People were so happy to be together, especially now."

The college committee also got together lead by Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman to assemble Hanukah care packages for almost 40 TEE college students.

Leslie Podolsky and Kim Sheintal Membership Committee Co-Chairs



Michael Richker and Joan Blum (34201 hosts), Rabbi Brenner Glickman, Barbara and Larry Newman (34201 neighborhood ambassadors)



Stacy Bayer, Michelle and Brad Pearson, Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman, Dori Goldfarb and Dana Rubin

Social Action Committee: News

Thank you for your generosity in providing holiday gifts for children at the Boys and Girls Club of Sarasota.

At 1:00 pm on January 8, 2024, in the Benderson Family Hall, the Mental Health Initiative Committee will host Danielle Valery, BS, CDP, the Program Manager for the Memory Disorder Clinic at Sarasota Memorial Hospital, who will present the program: Differences Between Forgetfulness and Signs of Cognitive Decline. Please register online on the Temple website for this important program. Light refreshments will be served.

Social Action will be sponsoring its annual drive for SPARCC in February. Please look for details in the weekly email and next month's Temple Times.

Please remember that the money collected in the Temple's Tzedakah Box goes to the Social Action Committee who will be working with Project Amichai to donate it to charities in Israel.

The Social Action Committee is especially looking for men to join our committee! If you want to join us in our effort, please contact Susan Rosenbaum at 410-707-5076 or at srosenbaum28@gmail.com.

Susan Rosenbaum Social Action Committee Chair



Kings, Conquerors & Cunning Women



GREAT BIBLE STORIES FROM THE PROPHETIC NARRATIVES

4-PART PROGRAM

Jan 11 10:30am - Noon

Jan 16 10:30am - Noon

Jan 18 10:30am - Noon

Jan 22 10:30am - Noon

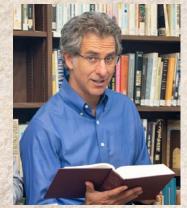
BENDERSON FAMILY HALL

FREE - Join us for 1 part or all!

RSVP REQUIRED

Register at SarasotaTemple.org

Questions? Contact Sara Weinberg at saraweinberg28@gmail.com



Instructor: Rabbi Brenner Glickman

Jael and Sisera by James Northcote, 1787



AGELESS GRACE with JUDITH

MIND-BODY FITNESS CLASSES

This "timeless fitness class for the body and mind" uses 21 simple tools one needs for aging gracefully and youthfully. The class will help with mobility and brain health. The movements are done in a chair so that anyone can participate. All ages, body types and physical abilities will benefit from this fun class. **Try It!**

WHEN:

Dec04, 2023 Jan 30, 2024

Feb 05, 2024

WHERE:

Benderson Family Hall

INSTRUCTOR:

Judith Koziol

REGISTER ONLINE:

SarasotaTemple.org

QUESTIONS?

Contact Judith Koziol at judkozl@gmail.com

TIME:

10:30 - 11:30am





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MIRIAM'S WELL

A creative movement practice for women

inspired by the prophetess Miriam, who led the women in dance and song after the Red Sea parted.

Cost: \$10 - cash or check at the door, PayPal available by request

Open to all women:

Temple membership not required

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Benderson Family Hall 151 McIntosh Road Sarasota, FL



2023-2024 Schedule

In-Person Classes Thursdays at IO AM Oct 5 & I9, Nov 2 & I6, Dec I4 & 28, Jan 4, Feb I, Mar 7, Apr 4, May 2,

*Note: additional dates in 2024 may be scheduled



Questions? Email lindajoffe534@gmail.com or call 941-376-5162

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Adult Education Update

The Adult Education Committee wishes all our Temple Members a very happy and healthy 2024. We closed 2023 with a heartfelt program featuring the Spiritual Journeys of Rabbis Shefrin & Weisel. Thank you to both rabbis for sharing your stories with us. Adult Education has many exciting programs to look forward to in 2024. We invite you to join us at TEE in 2024!

Upcoming Programs

On-going Mondays: Conversational

Hebrew I & II. Classes are taught by Cheryl Cohen who lived in Israel. Hebrew I introduces basic vocabulary including greetings, weather, and food. Accommodations will be made for those who need to learn the Alef-Bet. Hebrew II builds upon this vocabulary. For questions call Cheryl at 941-355-2870 or email her at sarasotaclrc@yahoo.com.

January 11, 16, 18 & 22, 2024, 10:30 am, Benderson: A special 4-part series: "Kings, Conquerors, Cunning Women" *Great Bible Stories from the Prophetic Narratives* led by Rabbi Brenner Glickman. This promises to be a popular series. Register Online at SarasotaTemple.org

January 28, 2024: Sunday at The Movies: "Beaufort", 1:00 pm, Benderson: Co- sponsored with the Israel Committee. This movie portrays the end of the Lebanon war when a group of Israeli soldiers defends an isolated mountain outpost next to a 12th-century fortress called Beaufort Castle. Moving through a maze-like underground structure, the soldiers are under constant bombardment and stress. Admission: \$5.00 p/p for members; \$10.00 p/p for non-members. Register online at SarasotaTemple.org

January 30, 2024, 10:30 am, Benderson: Co-sponsored with the Membership Committee. "Ageless Grace with Judith Koziol." Register online at SarasotaTemple.org

February 21, 2024, 10:30 am, Benderson: "The History & Purpose of Jewish Theater in Sarasota" Presented by Carole Kleinberg, Artistic Director of Sarasota Jewish Theatre, retired Director of Education and Outreach for the Asolo Rep and Artistic Director of the Banyan Theatre. Ms. Kleinberg will also reminisce about the general history of Sarasota's Jewish community.

March 19, 2024, 10:30 am, Benderson: "Our Constitution in the News" by Judge Judith Barzilay. Co-sponsored with the Social Justice Committee. Judge Barzilay is a retired Senior United States Judge of the US Court of International Trade. This timely class will review the structure of our Constitution, the materials covered by the seven Articles of

our Constitution and a general review of the Bill of Rights and the first ten Amendments.

We hope to see you at these exciting programs. For further information or questions contact Sharon.G.Miles@gmail.com or SaraWeinberg28@gmail.com.

Sharon Miles & Sara Weinberg
Adult Education Committee Co-Chairs







Sara Weinberg and Sharon Miles

"Faith in Israel Blood Drive" Helps SunCoast Blood Centers Save Lives

Temple Emanu-El partnered with SunCoast Blood Centers for an innovative blood drive to support the Sarasota community as well as Israelis victimized by Hamas' brutal invasion on October 7. The "Faith in Israel Blood Drive," held November 12 at Temple Emanu-El, welcomed 50 donors and collected 47 units of blood – enough blood to save "an astounding 141 lives," reported SunCoast Blood Centers Senior Donor Group Representative Cassie Vassallo. "This achievement is a testament to the incredible impact of these efforts and the dedication of our community."

About a week before the Faith in Israel Blood Drive, all of the volunteer slots had been taken, leading to SunCoast Blood Centers sending an extra bloodmobile to accommodate all of Temple Emanu-El's donors. Even with the two bloodmobiles, the blood drive was extended for 90 minutes to allow everyone who wanted to give blood to do so.

Because of SunCoast Blood Centers' partnership with Magen David Adom – the Israeli equivalent of the Red Cross – the blood collected would have been sent to Israel had there been a need. Although the blood remained to aid the local community, Temple Emanu-El's Project Amichai made a generous contribution to Israeli charities in honor of the blood donors.

"The event went so smoothly and was a great success for everyone!" stated SunCoast Blood Centers Board President Tess Koncick, who is also a member of Temple Emanu-El and served as the event chair. "The professionals were helpful, kind, and attentive. I could not be prouder of SunCoast Blood Centers."

OUR MEMBERSHIP EXTENDS DEEPEST SYMPATHY

to Lori Dorman, Adrienne Krouse, Caryl Magnus, Claude Nahon, Bonnie Ross, Lynn Sacks, Ron Shapo, and their families on the death of a loved one so precious and dear.

Our membership mourns the loss of Jay Sacks.

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

SunCoast Blood Centers CEO Scott Bush praised Koncick, Temple Emanu-El volunteer Anne Bishop, and Project Amichai chair Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman for making the "Faith in Israel Blood Drive" possible, thanking them "for the incredible support and for signing up so many people for this endeavor. It's engaged sponsors and drive chairs that really make drives ultra successful."

Temple Emanu-El members filled out registration forms at the "Faith in Israel Blood Drive"





Temple Emanu-El members – like Ruth Skole! – shared a proud smile after donating blood at the "Faith in Israel Blood Drive"

Gabrielle Meese Bat Mitzvah

The Meese Family is excited and proud to announce that Gabrielle will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, January 06, 2024.

Gabrielle is an 11th grader in the International Baccalaureate Program at Riverview High School. It may seem odd for a high school Junior to be celebrating her Bat Mitzvah, but it is very much a testament to who Gabrielle is and what is important to her. Her Bat Mitzvah was originally scheduled for the summer when she turned 13, little did we know there would be a pandemic. The most important thing to Gabrielle is her family, many of whom live outside of Florida in places like New York and North Carolina. While she could have shared her Bat Mitzvah ceremony with them remotely, she did not want a "zoom-mitzvah." While it is unconventional, we are looking forward to celebrating her "Sweet 16 Mitzvah" at Temple Emanu-El very soon.

Gabrielle is a perfect representation of her name: in Hebrew Gabriella is Pazit, Gabriella/Gabrielle is translated as "G-d is my strength" or "heroine of G-d". Pazit means "golden". Gabrielle was born with an incredible head of curly, bright blonde hair that has evolved into a deep strawberry blonde. She is outwardly strong and physically imposing. Her physical strength is matched by the strength of her character. Gabrielle cares deeply about what is right, will enthusiastically defend her perspective, and takes a powerful stand about how people should be treated or act. There is also a softness about her; along with all that power comes a sweetness and compassion for others that is just delightful.

For her Mitzvah project, Gabrielle began volunteering with NXT Generation Wellness and Adventure for All when she was 12 years old.



Gabrielle Meese

Gabrielle found a home with these organizations and truly believes in their missions. Both NXTGen and AFA provide programs for individuals with exceptional needs and learning differences. Through fitness activities, academic programs, and challenging adventures they support and motivate this neurologically diverse community of students to achieve great things. Gabrielle continues to volunteer with them today. Through her work with this community, she was introduced to Rise Up Café. Their employees will be providing the dessert at Gabrielle's reception. Gabrielle encourages everyone to join the "inclusion revolution" and support these organizations through your patronage, volunteerism, and donations of tzedakah.

Gabrielle, you are such a powerful young woman who shows up in life every day with a dynamic mix of intelligence, heart, compassion, and joyfulness. Your passion for the things you care about and commitment to what you believe in inspires us. We are so happy to finally celebrate this day. Our hearts are full of pride and love for you!

Amy and David Meese



Susan Schwaid Early Learning Center: News

Thanksgiving was a joyful time at the Susan Schwaid Early Learning Center. We celebrated a Thanksgiving Feast with all our school families. The children performed Thanksgiving and Fall themed songs, and we enjoyed a catered Thanksgiving meal from Der Dutchman.

This January we will be starting enrollment for the 2024-2025 preschool school year.

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TRIBUTE TO **REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**



SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024 @ 2PM

FEATURING MUSIC BY

Greatness Beyond Measure

Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of Dr. King's "I Have A Dream" speech, with some history and words of wisdom and prayer.

AT: TEMPLE EMANU-EL, 151 MCINTOSH RD, SARASOTA
REGISTER ONLINE: WWW.SARASOTATEMPLE.ORG
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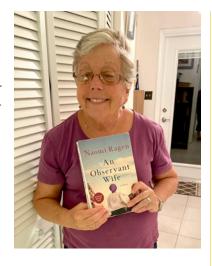
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Opher Library: News

I remember when I was taking a writing class at Brooklyn College when a professor stated that *The Chosen* had to be written by a Jew. "A gentile would spend too much time worrying about how a yarmulke stays on in a windstorm." I thought about that comment while



reading *An Observant Wife* by Naomi Ragan. It occurred to me that a great many of her books take place in the Haredi communities I found an autobiography of Ragan and discovered that she had lived for a time in Borough Park, Brooklyn, and in a Haredi community in Israel and seemed disillusioned by both communities.

An Observant Wife takes place mostly in Borough Park. It is a sequel to An Unorthodox Match. It follows baalos teshuva (a woman who returns to Judaism and becomes religiously observant) The novel is about Leah and her ultraorthodox husband in their new life together. Not only does the novel highlight the differences in their upbringing, and relates the community's suspicion and nonacceptance of her, but it also is about the problems of the oldest daughter, Shaindele, who is preoccupied with making a good shidduch (match). Matchmaking is one way to keep the community's conformity. Eventually Shaindele rebels. Her actions expose the community's hypocrisy, pedophilia, and bullying. But the community will do anything to cover up its problems and not expose them to the outside world. These crises were eventually resolved to an almost but not quite satisfactory ending. The villain of the story was stopped but not punished. After all, that would mean exposing the group's problems to the rest of the world.

The story would make you think "Shame on them" for acting that way. Listen to the collective gasp and flinch if a fellow Jew does something wrong!

We want to thank everyone who helped make our library book sale a success,

Any questions or suggestions contact: Rosalind Lieberman, 941-922-4517, simone9@comcast.net or Cindy Aminoff, 847-433-0153, cinamino@gmail.com. Happy Reading!

> Rosalind Lieberman Librarian

Junior Sisterhood: News

After over a year of discussions amongst parents of students in Temple Emanu-El Religious School (TEERS) and younger families at Temple Emanu-El, the Junior Sisterhood Committee has taken off and we have an exciting year planned. Shera Friedman and Cheryl Kindred will be co-chairs of the committee, and many TEE members have signed to help lead our events and programs.

We have held two Junior Shabbats and two social events this year, including Bingo and a fun moms' night out at Board and Brush. We also had a great Hanukkah photo shoot organized by Elise Ramer and a terrific afternoon of Hanukkah cookie decorating organized by Cheryl Kindred with homemade-cookie bakers, Shari Vermulen, Shayna Resnick, and Shera Friedman.

There are three more Junior Shabbat dates on the calendar: January 19, February 16, and April 19. Outings and social events are planned for January 13, February 24, April 20, and May 11.

We are looking ahead to adding educational programs, such as a parent/child book club for our children in 4th through 7th grades.

Information about Junior Sisterhood and all the programs and events we will be having can be found on the TEE website. Please email teejuniorsisterhood@gmail.com with any questions or to get involved!





Junior Sisterhood co-chairs Shera Friedman and Cheryl Kindred posed for the Hanukkah Minis photo session with their families



Temple Emanu-El

Junior Shabbat is a project of Temple Emanu-El's Junior Sisterhood.

For more information, please contact Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman.



Genealogy:

Sometimes the Old Way Works Even Better

The Membership Committee presents Ken Bravo,
Past President of the International Association of Jewish
Genealogical Societies and Past President of the JGS
Cleveland, who will give a Jewish genealogy program
showing how sometimes the old fashioned way works
better than modern technology.

Friday, January 19, 2024 • 10:00 am Members and guests welcome at no charge.

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TEERS:

Introducing Moving Traditions

As we start the new calendar year, we are looking forward to another great half year of wonderful Jewish education in our religious school at Temple Emanu-El. Thanks to our NEFESH fund, we have been able to add new programs and fun activities into our school curriculum that involve parents and students.

One of the wonderful additions to the school calendar is our sixth and seventh grade curriculum, the Moving Traditions program. Temple Emanu-El Religious School (TEERS) has chosen to partner with Moving Traditions (www.movingtraditions.org) to pioneer an enriching approach to the process of becoming Bnai Mitzvah. This program includes family education and preteen sessions that are run by our sixth and seventh grade teachers together with the guidance of Morah Snait. During the summer of 2023, teachers went through an intense four-hour training and got familiar with the content of the sessions and the goals of the program.

One of the goals of the program is to connect Jewish wisdom and values into our students' learning and to enhance interpersonal and social skills between parents and their children. Once a month, students meet for a two-hour session that includes a dinner from our students' favorite restaurants. (Usually, it is Chick Fil-A.)

Twice a year, parents join for an after-school session with their children and we discuss issues that are related to coming-of-age rituals. We created a space for an open conversation about the meaning of becoming Bnai Mitzvah, different family traditions, and various ways that families choose to celebrate this event.

Moving Traditions is built as a two-year cycle program. Our current sixth grade students will continue with this program next school year as seventh graders and our current fifth graders will join the program when they start sixth grade next year.

It is one of the main goals for our school to make Jewish learning relevant and fun for our students. We are constantly looking for creative and innovative ways to enrich our students with Jewish values and heritage. The Moving Traditions program is one of many ways we do so!

Morah Snait Ben-Herut, MJED Religious School Director



TEERS Moving Traditions families enjoy getting to know each other



The Levey-Bakers participate together in Moving Traditions



Moving Traditions helps parents and students grow closer in preparing for B'nai Mitzvah

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Project Amichai Affirms: Am Yisrael Chai!

In the devastating days after October 7, over 300 members of Temple Emanu-El came together to affirm, "Am Yisrael Chai! The people of Israel lives!" by participating in Project Amichai. With 14 different initiatives - including opportunities for Personal Practice, Community and Support, and Advocacy and Truth - and special events such as the Faith in Israel Blood Drive and Amichai Reads book and discussion group, there has been an amazing outpouring of action, connection, and support for Israel and for one another. Here, some of the Project Amichai leaders share information about their initiatives, accomplishments, and emotions:

Rabbi Brenner Glickman,

"Observe a fast day and ritually donate tzedakah for Israel"

The fast day was deeply meaningful for everyone who participated. I felt connected to generations past who had suffered pogroms and feared for their community. I also felt empowered by our fellow temple members, knowing that over 100 people were also fasting on this day. The fast connected me to our people in Israel, our community at temple, and to generations that have come before.

Elizabeth Bornstein and Jill Fischberg, Amichai Community Support Initiative:

Our focus has been recognizing our humanness and the need for compassion, connection, and community as we stand with Israel. We affirm that authentic self-expression and practicing needed self-care are essential in times of incredible adversity.

Feedback has been very positive. "I think the mission of this group is so important" -Participant

Ultimately caring for ourselves and one another brings hope and unity to us as individuals, loved ones, and our Temple Emanu-El community – and sets an intention for bringing hope, healing and peace to Israel! Am Yisrael Chai!

Kary Wortman, "Communicate with Israeli soldiers and the families of fallen soldiers"

Project Amichai is a multi-faceted opportunity for TEE members to help Israel during these dark days of terrorism, antisemitism and war. The letter writing initiative is a way for us to connect with, and support, IDF soldiers and the families of fallen soldiers.

David and I are humbled to announce that many of our fellow congregants were inspired by this initiative and were moved to write 211 letters to IDF fighters and 64 letters to families of lost soldiers. Rabbi Elaine also joined us in sending words of encouragement and support.

The FIDF made it possible for us to reach the brave, virtuous women and men fighting for our precious homeland, and those grieving the loss of a family member who made the ultimate sacrifice in this battle of good versus evil. I am grateful to all who joined this initiative, shared feelings, lifted the morale of soldiers and helped comfort the bereaved. As an added effort to care for IDF soldiers, we included Hydro Seal Band Aids with our letters, one of

the most highly requested items to help heal their worn and blistered feet.

A special thank you to Jaime Vieira who partnered with Snait Ben-Herut, our religious school director, to help the older students write letters of appreciation and support to IDF soldiers. What could be more heartwarming to a stressed, exhausted and war-torn soldier than beautiful, innocent, inspiring messages, and drawings from children?

I know you join us in praying that Israel, and all that is good in the world, prevails against the wicked forces. We pray the soldiers remain vigilant, strong, and healthy and that the families of those lost will soon find peace. Am Yisrael Chai!

Extra note: Photos and videos were shared with Religious School Director Snait Ben Herut of some of the letters written by our religious school students for Israeli soldiers — these letters were attached to bagged lunches prepared for the soldiers, so we could see firsthand our work being delivered to the brave men and women of the IDF. We even received a video message from the soldiers thanking us for these thoughtful and heartening letters!

Rabbi Mimi Weisel, "Guided Meditation and Contemplation"

Our Amichai Meditation has been meeting weekly, once on Zoom on a

Tuesday evening and the alternate Wednesday morning in person at the Temple. Joining us are experienced meditators and novices, so all are welcome. Following the meditation, we have been debriefing what our experience was and this has



Temple Emanu-El Religious School students display their handwritten letters of thanks and messages of strength to the soldiers of the IDF



A drawing and letter to say "todah, thank you" to the brave defenders of Israel

opened us up to learning more about each other than we previously knew. We have witnessed deep insight and sensitivity among our TEE members.

The goal of our meditations is to quiet our busy minds, relax our bodies, and maybe come to new awareness. All of this so that we can replenish ourselves to do the sacred work of supporting Israel, which can deplete our energies.

Some of what we have done includes focusing our attention on Abraham's declaration of "Hineni," "I am here. I am fully present." We did a guided meditation on Tuesday, when Jews around the country rallied in DC, including fellow members of TEE and our broader SRQ community. Since we were not on the trip, we went through the journey, from start to finish, in our imaginations. We are so grateful for the Amichai Project to give us time and space to renew ourselves so we can continue to go forward supporting Israel.

Ali Baltodano, "Baking challah to amplify our prayers for Israel"

The Challah Bakers are a group of 20+ people who enjoy baking challah on a weekly basis. The bakers of this

Amichai group add an extra ingredient to their recipes, a prayer for Israel. It is believed that prayers are amplified when creating challah dough.

Extra note: Amichai Bakes – a Temple-wide challah bake – will take place on Thursday evening, January 18, under the leadership of Ali Baltodano and Rabbi Glickman. Please save the date and watch for details to come!

Nina Levitt and Judy Gibbs,

"Learn to advocate for Israel with elected officials" and "Promote reliable news sources and combat disinformation"

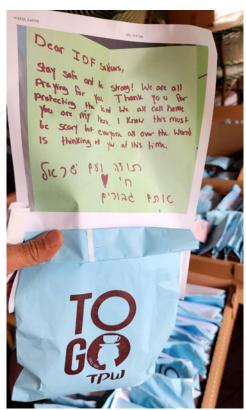
The Advocacy Initiatives of Project Amichai includes advocacy training for supporting Israel by Nina Levitt and the development of talking points for defending Israel by Judy Gibbs. The advocacy training by zoom focused on effectively communicating with Members of Congress.

The communication tools and supplemental materials provided are also useful for advocating with government officials, university administrators, friends, family, and anyone else. Israel especially needs the United States to maintain its support diplomatically, financially, and militarily.

The document on defending Israel and the accompanying resource guide are critical references for combating misinformation not only about the Israel-Hamas War but also about the history of Israel and her struggle with the Palestinian people. It is essential now with so much anti-Israel rhetoric and actions on the street, at universities and in the media, that all pro-Israel advocates be armed with the facts and speak out in support of Israel. Am Israel Chai!

Jaime Vieira, Facilitator for Amichai Reads:

After October 7, I found myself sad, angry, and more and more devastated each time I dove into the news. I knew I needed to lean on my Jewish community. I started looking for ways to help. Within two days, a good



A Project Amichai letter to an Israeli soldier, attached to bagged lunches prepared for the IDF

friend of mine in Jerusalem started raising funds to donate needed items directly to IDF soldiers. My family collected funds to gift a new pair of boots to an IDF soldier at the border of Gaza, and we were touched by the video he made as a thank you. My friend raised a significant amount of money in about two days, sharing videos with her American friends showing the gratitude and appreciation from the troops on the ground. It uplifted me, and I wanted to do more.

When I saw Rabbi Elaine's Amichai initiative, I was ready to get to work. As I scanned through the projects trying to figure out where I could best be used, I saw an initiative in writing letters to the IDF soldiers. I reached out to the group leader and inquired about working with TEERS students in writing letters. Since then, I have been able to visit several classes, share uplifting videos of IDF soldiers and their wonderful spirit, and helping students to write the sweetest letters to our IDF soldiers.

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Young Jewish and interfaith families are warmly invited to join Temple Emanu-El Tot Shabbat in the strawberry fields!

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The film takes place in the year 2000, the year of the IDF withdrawal from the Israeli Security Zone in southern Lebanon. It chronicles the daily routine of a group of soldiers positioned at the 12th-century Crusader stronghold of Beaufort Castle fortress (captured by Israel in 1982 invasion), their feelings and their fears, and explores their moral dilemmas in the days preceding the withdrawal and end of the 18-year South Lebanon conflict.

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When Rabbi Elaine asked me to facilitate the Amichai Reads book group, I read the book *Israel: A Simple Guide to the Most Misunderstood Country on Earth*, by Noa Tishby. Wow, did I learn so much! I truly looked forward to facilitating the book discussion with temple members. I am proud to be part of this group working together to support Israel when she needs us the most.

Lisa Naiburg and Mark Criden,

"Explore and donate to Israelsupporting charities"

The Israel Charity Initiative is in full swing. The first meeting was held on Zoom on November 14, and was very fruitful. Presented with a list of approximately 36 charities, both national and local (on the ground in Israel), we started to prioritize which charities would be suggested to the congregation on a weekly basis.

It is the committee's intent to select a charity of the week, and ask congregants to make a donation either directly or through TEE. Thus far, the charities presented were Leked, Shaar HaNegev, Friends of IDF, Magen David Adom, Bayit Cham, Bayit Brigade (Lone Soldier), Eran. No gift is ever too small. Think of it as putting a quarter into the JNF Blue Box (what Rabbi Brenner Glickman refers to as the pushky).

Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman,

"Daily Prayers for Israel"

I am proud and delighted to communicate weekly with the 200-plus Temple members who have committed to praying for Israel every day. In addition to our Temple prayer for Israel, we have explored prayers from members' congregations up north, creative contemporary prayers, and even the words of our biblical prophets. May our prayers ascend to the highest heavens and to all who are in need!

Israel Committee: Hadashot Toyot

I want to share with you what's happening with the Israel Committee! First, I want to say how grateful we are for the generous donation by Norman and Diane Cohen, which will enable the Israel Committee to fund in-person presentations by experts on Israel for the congregation. As a result of their generosity, two temple members, Religious School Director Snait Ben-Herut and I, the Israel Committee Chair, were able to attend the DC March for Israel as representatives of Temple Emanu-El. It was an incredible experience to be with over 290,000 supporters of Israel and to hear from Israeli President Isaac Herzog, Members of Congress, and families of the hostages.

The Israel Committee has been actively involved with Project Amichai through two advocacy initiatives. There has been advocacy training by Nina Levitt on how to communicate with Members of Congress, government officials, university administrators, and others about the Israel-Hamas War and the history of Israel. A document created by Judy Gibbs on defending Israel and com-

bating misinformation is also available to all Temple Emanu-El members.

A relevant and timely in-person presentation on **Anti-Semitism on College Campuses** on November 27, 2023, sponsored by Norman and Diane Cohen, was especially meaningful as we Jewish Americans confront anti-Israel and anti-Semitic rhetoric and action on college campuses throughout the nation.

As American Jews, we ask: What can we do for Israel? Besides donating to worthy Israeli organizations and American pro-Israel organizations and standing with Israel and speaking out on behalf of Israel, we must work to ensure continued support for Israel by the U.S. government. We can help reach that goal by focusing on educating the generation of 10-34 year olds, of whom less than 30% support Israel.

Join us for the first events of the new year: **Israeli Cooking Demonstrations**, and an in-person presentation on the **Yom Kippur War at its 50th Anniversary**. Information for registering will be on the temple website.

Am Israel Chai!

Nina Levitt Israel Committee Chair



Gathering For Hope in the Face of Hate

Washington D.C. was awash in positive energy on Nov. 14 as hundreds of thousands of Jews and their supporters gathered on the National Mall. The goal was threefold: To assert Israel's right to exist; to demand return of the 240 people kidnapped by Hamas; and to fight the scourge of antisemitism.

To put the Washington D.C. march for Israel in perspective, one pundit stated that one out of every 50 Jews worldwide was there. In other words, nearly 300,000 people gathered on the National Mall. It was the single largest gathering of American Jews ever.

Thousands of people wore Israeli flags tied around their necks like a cape. Others had small flags poking out of pockets or braided into their hair. Still more carried full size flags on poles. American flags abounded too.

So many of the marchers were young. Large groups of teens in matching outfits. Girls squealing when they spotted friends from camp. Boys singing Hebrew songs together. Their joy at being together was muted only by the posters they carried, with photos of other kids who just a month ago were kidnapped by Hamas terrorists in Israel.

The adults were more intense, as speaker after speaker came to the podium with uplifting messages. Politicians of all stripes — including Israel's President Herzog who spoke live from Jerusalem — musicians and actors, community leaders and activists, all came to stand in unity with Israel.

"America and Israel changed the world," said Soviet dissident and author Natan Sharansky.

"Our light will shine until the darkness is defeated," said actress Debra Messing.

The crowd cheered for Israel. They cheered for returning the captives. They cheered for fighting antisemitism. They sang our national anthem

and Israel's. They were peaceful and positive and hopeful.

For me, the most moving speeches were by three family members of hostages. And the most moving moment of the day was when a speaker called for a moment of silence in honor of the captives. In an instant, 300,000 people fell completely silent, and many held up signs bearing the names and photos of the 240 hostages.



Rabbi Jennifer Singer at the March for Israel, in Washington D.C.

It was uplifting to be part of a group of 170 people from Sarasota and Tampa who spent some 20+ hours traveling to stand in solidarity, thanks to the efforts of the Sarasota-Manatee Jewish Federation.

But as we walked off the Mall, word spread through the crowd that 300 people from Detroit missed the rally because the bus drivers who met their planes at National Airport refused to drive them to the pro-Israel rally.

One headline read "bussing bigotry." The irony of antisemitism preventing people from attending the rally is heartbreaking. As outrage over the bus drivers' refusal spread, it felt to me that reality came crashing down. Both Jews and Muslims in our nation are accustomed to bigotry. We have long ceased to be surprised by casual racism, just as our Black neighbors have. But this was so egregious, such coordinated hate.

I do not understand the hatred that causes humans to treat other humans so badly. Neither do I understand the so-called Hamas "militants" who went on a murderous rampage against

unarmed civilians. They murdered entire families. They tied people up and burned them alive. They performed horrible atrocities.

Who does that? And yet, they and their supporters are so filled with rage over the checkered history between Palestinians and Israelis that there has been dancing in the streets of Arab countries, and pro-Palestinian rallies around the globe.

That is why this gathering mattered. Because each life matters. Because we desperately want the hostages returned to their homes and the war to end. Because Palestinian and Israeli children need to feel safe.

It is no simple feat to plan a giant March and draw hundreds of thousands of people from across the nation. It is far more difficult to heal wounds that are decades old. But that is our task. As the Talmud states, "It is not incumbent upon you to complete the task. But neither are you free to desist from it."

I am encouraged that for tens of thousands of people, the day was filled with positivity. Walking away from the Mall, one woman asked a police officer how he found the crowd.

His response: "I got a career's worth of thank yous in one shift today!"

May we all be blessed to remember that simple acts of gratitude and kindness matter.

Rabbi Jennifer Singer



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Would you like to get involved with the planning of this amazing event?

Please come to the Mitzvah Day Committee meeting Sunday, January 28, at 10 a.m.

– or contact Mitzvah Day Chair Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman to learn more!

"One mitzvah leads to another." - Mishnah Avot



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A Wonderful New Year for Tot Shabbat

2023 was a wonderful year for Tot Shabbat as Temple Emanu-El welcomed so many active, engaged, friendly young Jewish and interfaith families for our monthly gatherings! Whether getting in the Rosh Hashanah spirit at the New Year's (Shofar) Blast, dressing up for HavdalahWeen, saluting our soldiers at Veterans Day, or celebrating Hanukkah together, parents, grandparents, and children experienced the joy of Jewish life and the richness of Jewish community with meaningful and special programs in a warm and happy atmosphere. We were also delighted to relaunch Parent & Me – a weekly gathering for our littlest littles, and their grownups, to enjoy songs, fingerplays, musical instruments, parachute time, and more – all with a Jewish twist!

2024 promises to be another wonderful year! Fabulously facilitated by Tot Shabbat Assistant and B'nai Mitzvah Coordinator Marni Mount, Parent & Me will continue Fridays at 10:30 a.m. in the Susan Schwaid Early Learning Center – new faces and friends are always welcome, and registration is available on the Temple website! Tot Shabbat is also off to a fantastic start with our first program of 2024: our signature, much-anticipated Strawberry Fields Tot Shabbat at Hunsader Farms on Saturday, January 20, at 10 a.m. Other 2024 Tot Shabbat events will include a special Ahavah (love) themed morning, a pre-Passover celebration, our summertime Splash Shabbat, and much more!

Temple Emanu-El's Tot Shabbat is generously underwritten by an anonymous "angel" donor, and is the largest and most vibrant gathering of young Jewish and interfaith families in the area. Tot Shabbat is designed for families with children through age 5, and all are welcome!



Our littlest littles and their grownups welcomed the relaunch of Parent and Me

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

JANUARY 2024

Friday, January 5Erev Shabbat / 7:15 pm

Saturday, January 6Gabrielle Meese Bat Mitzvah / 4:30 pm

Friday, January 12Family Shabbat / 7:15 pm

Friday, January 19Junior Shabbat / 5:30 pm
Cornerstone Shabbat / 7:15 pm

Saturday, January 20 Tot Shabbat – Tu B'Shevat / 11:00 am

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Jacey and Nathaniel enjoyed the November Tot Shabbat together

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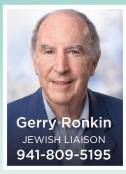
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a Jew and an American. Her book, "GI Jews: How WW II Changed A Generation" won the Washington Post Best Book of the Year award. Dr. Moore's talk on Saturday morning will focus on the suburbanization of American Jews as we spread across the country from the urban centers of the East Coast. Life was transformed dramatically in just one generation!





This program is made possible by generous support from Arny and Dee Kaplan

Friday, Feb 23, 2024 Starts at 7:15pm

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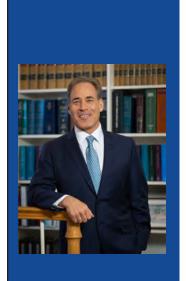
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Seidman has previously been on the staffs of the New York Times, the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner and the Albuquerque Journal and Albuquerque Tribune. Her professional career as an author and award-winning jour-nalist turned toward mental health writing after her adult son was diagnosed with a chronic mental health condition in 2010.



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1	Fluid Dance	17	Avi Shalev Bar Mitzvah	
2	Parent & Me	18	TEERS Closed Federation Film Showing 4:00 pm	
3	Virtual Torah Study	19	President's Day / SSELC Closed Conversational Hebrew 1	
4	TEERS		Conversational Hebrew 2	
5	Conversational Hebrew 1	20	Board of Trustees Meeting 6:30 pm Membership Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	
	Conversational Hebrew 2 11:00 am Zoom Social Hour 5:00 pm		Adult Education Committee Meeting10:30 am Zoom Meditation	
6	Sisterhood Book Club	21	TEE Photo Group	
7	Social Justice Meeting9:30 am Starfish Thespians10:30 am Lunch with the Rabbis12:00 pm	22	Fluid Dance	
	TEERS 5:30 pm	23	Parent & Me	
9	Parent & Me		S-I-R Potluck Dinner	
10	Tot Shabbat – Ahavah	24	Scholar-in-Residence Deborah Dash Moore, PhD10:30 am	
11	TEERS	0.5	Virtual Torah Study	
10	Israeli Cooking Class1:00 pm	25	TEERS9:30 am Brotherhood Sports Nite & Dinner 6:00 pm	
12	Conversational Hebrew 1	26	Conversational Hebrew 1	
13	Social Justice Committee Meeting9:30 am Blanket Bee1:00 pm	28	In Person Meditation10:00 am	
14	In Person Meditation		Caring Committee Meeting – Zoom10:00 am Philanthropy Committee Meeting10:30 am Social Action Committee Meeting 1:30 pm TEERS	
15	Mitzvah Knitters	29	Committee Chair Meeting	
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