



Temple Emanu-El Temple Times

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Rabbi's Message: B"H Let There Be Light!

I am writing this message amidst abundant light – during the holiday of Sukkot, as I sit in my sukkah surrounded by sunshine. But by the time you read it, the days will be darker. November is, after all, the month in which Daylight Savings Time ends, giving way to early twilight, lengthening shadows, longer nights – more hours spent in darkness and fewer spent with the sun. For many of us, this time of year can be challenging. Millions of Americans suffer from Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD), which brings depression during the winter months. Those who feel uncomfortable driving at night, or unsafe outdoors after dark, find our activities curtailed and our lives lonelier. And parents of young children come home from work to find little ones already asleep – or refusing to go to bed for the next million hours, but that's another story!

It's comforting, then, to look to Judaism for a different perspective. Here we find hope and light amidst the darkness that gathers around us.

My cousin, Larry Lesser, a professor of math but also a Jewish songwriter and poet, once pointed out how amazing it is that Jewish dates begin at sundown. What an act of faith to watch the sun disappear, the night to fall – and to proclaim that a new day has dawned! And how



Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman

powerful to welcome our holidays in the evening – and to mark them by kindling lights against the darkness. As Hanukkah arrives early this year – beginning at sundown on November 28 – we won't have to wait long to light up these long nights. For over two thousand years, our bright Hanukkah menorahs have brought not only literal light with their burning candles – but also the light of faith and hope into our communities, our homes, and our hearts. They are a reminder that not even the darkest of nights can extinguish the light of our spirit.

We read in the Torah that God's first words – God's first command – was "Let there be light!" Ken yehi ratson, may this be God's will – for all of us, at this season and in all the nights and days ahead.

Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman

COVID UPDATE

We continue to offer services and events in a hybrid manner. Some activities are both in person and via Zoom or Livestream. Others are virtual only. Please watch for details in our weekly Message from the Temple. Those participating in person must wear masks and continue to socially distance from those outside their safety bubble. When entering the temple office, please wear a mask and be sure to sign the clipboard kept on the small table in the office lobby. We appreciate everyone's adherence to these important procedures as we maneuver through these difficult times.

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President's Message:

Hope your holidays in September and October were joyous and full of meaning. The temple was so proud to produce a professional in-person and live stream experience for all to enjoy and remember. A hearty thank you goes to both rabbis and co-chairs of the High Holiday Services, Marian Raupp and Liz Klaber for making it come to fruition.

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting

Please plan to join me at the temple's semi-annual congregational meeting on October 31st at 10 a.m. via Zoom. The meeting will detail the successes of our religious school, early learning center, and committees over the last six months. Be present to show your support for all the volunteers that have contributed to TEE's success.

We finished the year in good financial shape mainly due to the generosity of you who stood up and stepped in during our time of need. While temples across the country saw membership drop anywhere from 5-25%, we at TEE only saw a 2% drop in membership from year to year. Todah Rabah to all who helped us during these unprecedented times. And now for this year. Our temple's budget is not balanced. We are anticipating a \$67,000 shortfall which we hope will be made up by a combination of the Yom Kippur Appeal and a fundraising brunch celebrating our temple 65th anniversary honoring Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman. Thanks to all of you who have made your generous donation. Those still wanting to donate, please call the office or donate through our website, www.sarasotatemple.org.

Mark your calendar for the temple's Sapphire Celebration on Sunday, February 27, 2022. Join us in celebration of our 65th anniversary and to honor Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman. Over the next few months, you will be receiving opportunities to be a sponsor or send in a tribute of your own. Invitations for the fund-raising brunch will be arriving in January. We are looking forward to making this event a memorable one.

Barry Gerber
Temple President



Barry Gerber

Executive

Director's Message: Gratitude and Appreciation

Yes, I am doing it. November is a perfect time to express gratitude and appreciation. Although, I never need a reason to brag or appreciate the fantastic staff we have. Not only do our staff honestly care about TEE and the quality of work they do, but they have also stuck by us throughout this roller coaster of a time for the past twenty months. Over and over, I am pleasantly reminded how blessed we are for the staff we have. Please help me acknowledge and celebrate them.

Rabbi Glickman: The temple is blessed beyond measure to have you as senior rabbi. Your compassion, caring spirit, intelligence, leadership, and wit are a few of your attributes that help guide us making TEE one of the best temples ever. A rabbi's willingness to be the ringmaster at the Brotherhood's circus fundraiser speaks volumes about how much you love your members. Thank you!

Rabbi Shefrin: The rock & roll rabbi certainly came to town with a loud bang five years ago, and the temple has prospered and grown because of it. You are an incredible teacher, listener, and leader, and we are blessed to have you. Thank you!

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Christine Elliott

Rabbi Elaine: Gosh, what do I say about the person who magically does it all so seamlessly? You are a blessing, immensely appreciated, and greatly admired. Thank you!

Bonnie Clarke: The true queen of the calendar and so much more. You help to keep us running with your efficiency, historical knowledge, and remarkable skills. What would we do without you? Thank you!

Judy Dean: How did we get so lucky to have someone with your willingness to help and with your professional experience? Members know they can count on you. You are the administrative assistant extraordinaire! Thank you!

Dee Lamberti: Our fiscal operations would not be the same without you and your attention to detail. The Temple benefits greatly from your incredible dedication and loyalty! Thank you!

Savannah Ross: You bring such enthusiasm and care to your versatile role working with our youth, engaging members, and leading events. We are most fortunate to have you on our team. You are a dynamo! Thank you!

Elaine Sharrock: Under your leadership, preschool children are lovingly and safely cared for in an

incredibly strong educational environment. We are fortunate to have a remarkable person managing the Susan Schwaid Early Learning Center. Thank you!

Sabrina Silverberg: TEERS is the fun loving, engaging, and enriching religious school it is because of you. Who else would create such a dynamic program that children cannot wait to attend? The temple is wonderfully blessed by your willingness to share your love and knowledge of Judaism. Thank you!

Fatima Soriano: Members break out into a huge smile when they see you heading their way. You are a gracious, caring host for all our events who ensures celebrations are successful and enjoyed by all. Thank you!

Tony Winningham: We are happy you joined our team. Temple members and staff appreciate your kind disposition and willingness to help. Thank you!

Our religious schoolteachers, Susan Schwaid Early Learning Center teachers, and support staff are all valued and important members of our team to appreciate and recognize for their contributions. Huge THANK YOU to Aaron, Andy, Bente, Connie, Emma, Farrah, Felicia, Lynne, Michelle, Milli, Nancy, Nora, Rivka, Samantha, Sherrie, Shosh, Sue, and Tatiana!

I would be remiss if I missed this opportunity to acknowledge and thank temple President Barry Gerber. Although Barry is not a staff member, we are beyond blessed to have an incredible and skilled leader such as Barry. Thank you for all you do!

With warm wishes,

Christine Elliott
Executive Director



WELCOME!

TEMPLE EMANU-EL WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS

DeRowe, Felicia & Family
Field, Barbara
Goldberg, Sanford & Shelley
Habbert, Helen & John
Queen, Norine

IMPORTANT UPDATE ON THE VANDALISM CASE

The justice system moves slowly in normal times and has been even slower due to Covid-19. The alleged perpetrator who vandalized Temple Emanu-El in April and July 2020 is scheduled for a sentencing hearing in November. The defendant requested not to have a trial, declined the proposed plea deal from the State Attorney's Office, and asked to be sentenced by the judge.

To us, the attack against TEE was not about an annoying use of black spray paint, sadly, it reflects the anger, hatred, and ugliness rooted in anti-Semitism in our world. Our temple took a personal blow. The feelings evoked by the vandalism will not disappear because a sentence is given, but I do hope it helps bring some closure. A follow up message will be provided after the sentencing hearing.

Christine Elliott
Executive Director

How often have we heard the words ‘Covid’, ‘Delta variant’, and ‘social distancing’ over the past 18 months? Enough already, right? Well, maybe there’s not much we can do to change the course of this pandemic, but we can take heed from our friends in recovery who live by the group Serenity Prayer: *“G-d, grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, courage to change the things we can, and wisdom to know the difference.”* I wish we would know when a ‘sense of normalcy’ will return; it will, and when it does, we’ll celebrate. In the meantime, I offer you a musical moment, with apologies to Johnny Mercer. If the mood strikes you, feel free to sing my fractured lyrics to “The Days of Wine and Roses.” “The days of Covid closings—thought we saw a lull, wanted life less dull / Hoping to return to programs and our tasks, without those choking masks...”

Speaking of returning to programs, we were thrilled to have Barry Gerber once again engage us at our Oct.24 Brotherhood Lecture Series. Barry updated us on the bald eagles of Sarasota County. It was well received, and hopefully will lead to a follow-up trip to view these proud birds up close and personal.

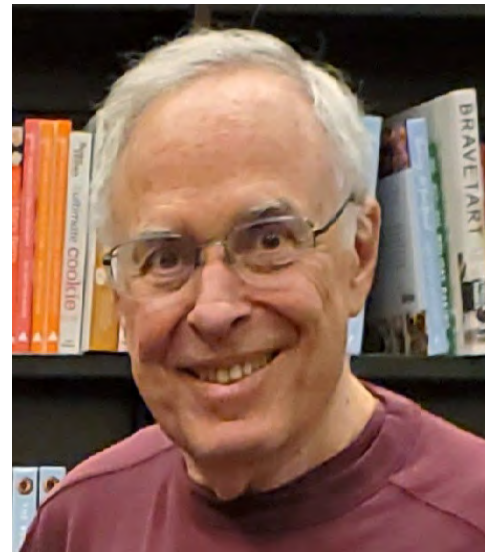
We have two additional programs to announce. To offer Brotherhood members an opportunity for a live connection event, we are in close contact with our Covid Response Team and hope to announce a Meet and Greet program before this issue of the *Temple Times* goes to press. In December, for the third consecutive

year, Brotherhood will sponsor a classical music concert featuring the principal cellist of the Sarasota Orchestra, Natalie Helm, with returning pianist from the Sarasota Opera, Jesse Martins. These soloists will be appearing exclusively for Temple Emanu-El members in a one-hour performance. The concert will be on Sunday, December 12th at 7 pm. Stay tuned for program details. Tickets can be purchased for \$20 and will be available shortly on the temple website.

During the holidays, in response to our Rabbis’ request to provide food and dollars to All Faiths Food Bank, Brotherhood sent a letter to all members reminding them to support this drive. I’m happy to share that our letter campaign generated significant contributions. In addition to an earlier contribution, one brother donated an extra \$250 while a second donated through his personal fund.

With the High Holy Days behind us, Brotherhood helped initiate the Sukkot season with the installation of the Sukkah ably completed with the support of TEERS’ parents. Thanks go out to Richard Schwartz, Jason Friedman, David Lowell, Nicole Chapnick, Robert Familant, and Steven Leavitt for a job well done.

Interest Groups are thriving. Our Temple Photography Group is looking for photographers passionate



Rich Fine

about improving their skills and getting constructive feedback on their work. You will need to be a member of Brotherhood or Sisterhood to join. If interested, contact Rich Goldman at richardjaygoldman@gmail.com. There have been inquiries about starting additional interest groups. If you’d like to explore this option, and are a Brotherhood member, contact me at richfine.tee@gmail.com. If you haven’t yet joined Brotherhood, this is the perfect time to do so and make new friends, participate in activities of interest, and influence our events programming. For questions on membership, please contact our Membership Chair, Ken Simon at ksimon7396@aol.com.

Rich Fine
Brotherhood President

OUR MEMBERSHIP EXTENDS DEEPEST SYMPATHY

To Ray Pendleton, Elaine Pipe, Susan Rosenbaum, Savannah Ross, Rabbi Michael Shefrin, Rabbi Mimi Weisel and their families on the death of a loved one so precious and dear.

Our membership mourns the loss of Herb Vogel.
May God’s strength and our support bring comfort to one and all.



The best laid plans . . . A few months ago, when planning events for this year, it looked like COVID was waning, and we would be able to hold our meetings and events in person. Unfortunately, the Delta variant took hold, and we have been scurrying to adjust to the concerns and reinstated restrictions we find ourselves facing. Last spring, it seemed like a good idea to schedule our end-of-year joint picnic with Brotherhood for this fall. After all, we had to cancel last May's picnic. It was with great disappointment that, with Brotherhood's agreement, that the picnic be returned to its traditional spring date. We had also hoped to hold our New Member Tea in person; and though our meet and greet was held over Zoom, a good time was had by all. Thanks go to Karen Androphy and Betty Crane for organizing an

enjoyable afternoon!

The first People of the Book event, co-sponsored by Sisterhood, Brotherhood and Adult Education was an enjoyable and enlightening experience, whether experienced in person or via livestream. Jake Cohen's talk on his cookbook, Jew-ish: A Cookbook: Reinvented Recipes from a Modern Mensch, was delightful!

Never fear in spite of the challenges we are facing due to the pandemic, Sisterhood will continue to offer interesting, enlightening and varied programming. Next up on our schedule is the First Annual Sisterhood Member Mixer on November 8th, which promises to be an afternoon of fun, good company, and light refreshments. On December 19 we will be hosting a game night – hopefully in person, COVID-permitting, but in Zoom format (as we did last year) if we can't be in Benderson. Save the date for a fun evening!

The Sisterhood book club continues to meet monthly via Zoom on

the first Tuesday at 1:30PM. New members are always welcome. Thank you again to Janis Gold who led a thoughtful conversation last month about The Marriage of Opposites by Alice Hoffman. Upcoming books and meeting dates are: 11/2 *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristin Harmel and 12/7 *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks. For more information, contact Karen Androphy at: teebookclub@gmail.com.

Our Sisterhood Gift Shop continues to be "the go-to place" for not only Judaica but also simcha gifts and tribute items such as Tree of Life leaves and pew plaques. These tribute items are on sale for 50% of their usual price from now until the end of the year. Keep in mind that profits from Gift Shop sales are donated to the Temple Emanu-El religious school.

We look forward to seeing you and sharing good times at upcoming and future events!

Judy Fine and Harriette Krasnoff
Sisterhood Co-Presidents



Greetings From
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Temple Emanu-El's 65th Birthday

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

On March 26, 1956, the Sarasota *Herald Tribune* published an article, under the less than artistic headline,

"Reformed (sic) Jewish Congregation is Being Formed Here", in which Temple Emanu-El's founders set forth their reasons for creating Sarasota's first Reform synagogue:

"Our decision is based on the conviction that Isaac Mayer Wise pointed the way for Judaism to [adapt] to modern conditions... We believe that in these modern times, services should be conducted in the vernacular rather than in Hebrew [and] that many old practices which were meaningful when initiated have lost all significance in our time and should not be artificially revived."

Our founders were supporters of Rabbi Joseph Asher, a Reform rabbi, who was one of a series of rabbis (both Reform and Conservative) at Temple Beth Sholom in the 1950s. When he left Sarasota in 1956 (for Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and then Greensboro, North Carolina), our organizers decided to set out on their own.

They were influenced not only by the preference for Reform liturgy, but also by Rabbi Asher's commitment to social causes, including civil rights and world hunger. This commitment has been a hallmark of our temple's history.

Early on, our founders, men and women, worked for the establishment of a mental health clinic in Sarasota, created a "community chest", raised funds for UNICEF and

other humanitarian causes, and supported Israel.

The tone is now set by our rabbis and devoted lay leaders. Rabbi Brenner Glickman serves on the American board of Leket- Israel's national food bank and has chaired both the Capital Campaign and Philanthropy Committee of the All Faiths Food Bank of Sarasota. Our temple, led by the Social Action Committee, has participated in a number of donation drives and partnerships with local agencies helping those in need and has repeatedly won awards for being the most generous donor to All Faiths. We have the plates to prove it!

The Starfish Initiative has brought our members into Wilkinson Elementary, a local Title 1 school, where we have spearheaded an award-winning program to super-serve the kindergarten students in a variety of important ways.

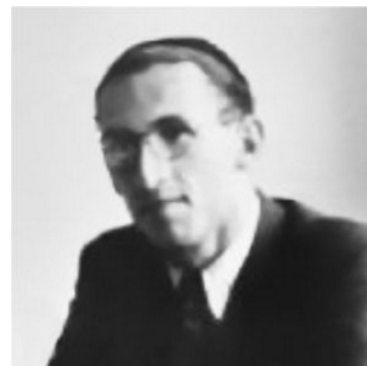
Guided by the Brotherhood and Sisterhood as well as the Social Action Committee, we host an annual tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Following the killing of George Floyd in 2020, Rabbi Shefrin introduced us to local civil rights leaders, Pastor John Walker, and Trevor Harvey, chair of the NAACP; Rabbi Elaine Glickman engaged in a Zoom conversation with Mr. Harvey.

In 2016, in consultation with then-President Toby Halpern, she (Rabbi Elaine Glickman) served as founding chair of the Israel Committee to bring together temple members who want to share their love of Israel and to educate the community

Founders

**Phillip Barkus Monroe Coblens Benjamin Eisenstein Hallet Foster
Herman Katz Joseph Leonard Stephen S. Lippe Oscar Loewe
Paul Mansell David B. Sonneborn**

Commemorative plaque to recognize founder members of Temple Emanu-El, 1956



Rabbi Joseph Asher inspired founding of Temple Emanu-El, Sarasota's first Reform Synagogue

about the contributions Israel makes to mankind.

To further demonstrate the connective tissue between our founding and present times, recently, at the September 2021 meeting of "Lunch with the rabbis", we discussed the plight of Afghanistan refugees. *Immediately*, a committee was formed to sponsor an Afghan refugee/family.

This commitment to *tikkun olam* has been passed down through the 65 years, and, no doubt, will be perpetuated by future generations. One only needs to witness the participation of our youth on *Mitzvah Day*, or our seventh-grade students participate in the innovative social action-based Geshar program created by Director of Education

Sabrina Silverberg, MARE, to know that our future is in good and caring hands.

Michael Katzer

Sunday Movie Discussions

at 4:00 pm with Howard Kilman
Zoom Events

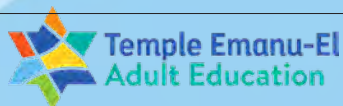
November 7
"Avalon"

November 21
"Infidel"

December 5
"Ask Dr. Ruth: A Hulu
Documentary"

Watch our Message from
the Temple for updates.

Register online at
www.sarasotatemple.org

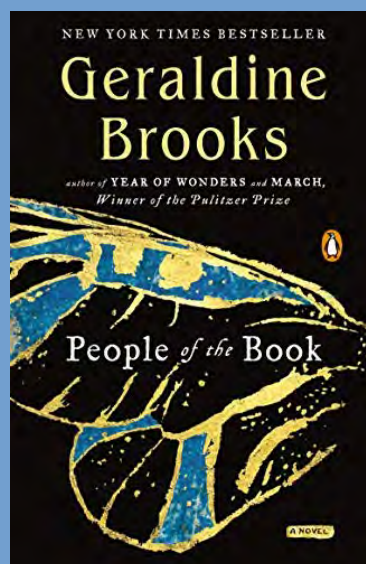


The advertisement for Toale Brothers Funeral Home, Crematory & Prearrangement Center. It features a large black and white photo of a family of five (two men, two women, and a child) standing together. Overlaid on this photo is the text "Family Owned. Family Focused." in a large, bold, blue serif font. Below this, there are three smaller images: a group of people standing outside, the Toale Brothers logo (a blue square with a white stylized 'T' and 'B'), and a woman sitting at a desk. The logo text reads "TOALE BROTHERS FUNERAL HOME, CREMATORY & PREARRANGEMENT CENTER". At the bottom, it says "Proud to be a part of Sarasota's history. Honored to be a part of your family's celebration of life." and provides the phone number "941.955.4171" and website "www.ToaleBrothers.com".

2021 SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB Zoom Book Club Meeting and Discussion



Tuesday
11/2/2021
1:30 PM



Tuesday
12/7/2021
1:30 PM

Register at www.sarasotatemple.org
For more information contact Karen Androphy at: TEEBOOKCLUB@gmail.com

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Barbara Mazer



Barbara Mazer

Many of us in the TEE family have had life experiences and made choices that ultimately determine who we are and what we may choose to reveal to others. As we know, we have had some remarkable and unexpected moments with TEE members who give us the opportunity to see what makes them so special.

Barbara Mazer, a performer of traditional and contemporary Jewish songs, is a member of TEE and, often, a welcome presence on our bimah. Born in Nashville, 43 years ago, her parents, Alan and Frances Mazer, were very involved in their Reform temple as leaders in all areas. They raised their daughters, Barbara and Elizabeth in a home steeped in the traditions and love of all things Jewish.

Nashville, known as "Music City," was where she developed her interest in classical singing and later, contemporary Jewish music. Barbara's involvement with NFTY brought her in contact with excellent song leaders. The experience was indeed something of great interest to her even as she pursued classical voice training. By the age of 15, her connections to Jewish music did provide additional diversity and a new outlet for her talent.

While in high school, her temple cantor asked her to perform his Shabbat service duties in his absence one weekend and she discovered that singing at that service accompanied by her guitar brought her such joy that she wanted to find opportunities that would allow her to share her passion with others. She explored opportunities to sing contemporary Jewish songs (Debbie Friedman et al) and/or ritual songs and prayers at Reform temples. Incorporating the discipline required by classical training was an excellent use of her talents. Any music requested by the many temples she has worked with over the years, is privy to her classical training, diverse capabilities and flexibility. She IS the person she wanted to be as a teen and continues to be one as an adult. Barbara views it as a privilege to do both.

Attending Washington University in St. Louis gave her access to a Jewish community where her voice and music continued to be heard. At Wash U., deciding whether to pursue a combined BS/MA Program



in Psychology versus applying to Hebrew Union College to become a cantor was a difficult choice at a critical moment. She chose to make a career of non-profit organizational management and share her passion for Jewish music as an expression of her love for Judaism.

She sees her parents, Alan, a real estate attorney and Frances, now a retired elementary school teacher, as beloved models for living Jewishly in her own home. Her children are raised and live with Jewish core values, and she hopes to guide them to follow the same path that she did... that is her mission and her goal.

Following a move to St. Pete, she now divides her time between there and Sarasota, bringing her beautiful voice to TEE. With two young children at home, she has a lot to juggle but knows that Jewish music is a

way to engage her family in our faith. It keeps it alive for them and for others in our community. Recently engaged to Eduardo Marin, who lives in Sarasota, she has two bases of operation within our Jewish communities. Barbara manages this while holding a full-time job in St. Pete in nonprofit management. Life is very busy yet very satisfying.

In addition, her introduction to Sarasota includes the unexpected...our many retired cantors and rabbis...music as a key part of our community as seen in the sheer number of theaters, our historic opera house, and both professional and non-professional choral groups as well as enough synagogues and temples to keep her involved.

Barbara met Rabbi Glickman at her grandmother's shiva several years ago. It was an important connection with TEE. In becoming a member, she discovered that our temple family was one where friendships and relationships easily formed. She found it a comfortable community, and she is delighted to hear and read so many members' stories. Being able to be with her family of aunt, uncles and cousins, all TEE members, was clearly a plus ...Aunt Rita and Uncle Barry Mazer, Savannah Samberg Ross and her cousin, Lauren Kurnov. Her addition to our Shabbat and holiday services is a delightful complement to our choir. Our younger members were introduced to contemporary song as the same time she was. Thus, they are very familiar with all of the music. Our older members have quickly adapted to contemporary Jewish song through the years and sing along, as well.

We are very fortunate to have Barbara reveal her special talent to us and display her love for all music that touches our spirit whenever she sings. As noted, it almost feels like Shabbat Alive when we can sing out the songs that changed the landscape in 1995 when Debbie Friedman came into our lives. Looking ahead to her future goals, she hopes to continue to provide a good example for her children in the growth of their own Jewish identities, and to continue her own path through music and learning. Our Spotlight on Barbara is all about a member who delivers warmth and love for Judaism as soon as she touches her guitar and begins to sing. We give thanks for her uplifting presence.

Phyllis Dreyfuss

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

NOVEMBER 2021

Friday, November 5

Family Shabbat / 7:15 pm

Saturday, November 6

Benjamin and David Livshutz

B'nai Mitzvah / 5:00 pm

Friday, November 12

Veterans Shabbat / 7:15 pm

Friday, November 19

Erev Shabbat / 7:15 pm

Friday, November 26

Erev Shabbat / 7:15 pm

Family Shabbat Services Are Back!

In the words of Associate Rabbi Michael Shefrin: "It's our first in-person Family Shabbat Service in a looooooong time" – and it will be a great one! Please join your Temple Emanu-El family of all ages on Friday, November 5, at 7:15 pm for the long-awaited return of Family Shabbat Services. Featuring our wonderful religious school students leading prayers, our wonderful rabbis telling stories based on the weekly Torah portion, our wonderful Family Shabbat Band members (now including Barbara Mazer), and a wonderfully warm, happy spirit, this service promises to be, well, wonderful! During the service, we will also honor our Director of Education Sabrina Silverberg, MARE, for a milestone year of her dedicated and visionary leadership at Temple Emanu-El Religious School – and, since we are the People of the Book, we will supplement our oneg with a book sale!

Family Shabbat Services will continue the first Friday of each month at 7:15 pm – and we hope to share them with you!

Adult Education Update



Upcoming Courses & Events

Sadly, Paula Reich had to resign as AE Co-Chair due to the illness and subsequent passing of her husband, Larry. Her leadership and dedication will be missed. We send our sincere condolences to the Reich family.

It is with pleasure that we announce that Danny Weiss has agreed to co-chair the Adult Education Committee. Danny is new to TEE and brings many skills and ideas to our committee. The coming year has a full complement of excellent programs. Please check the TEE website for upcoming events and registrations. Programs will be on Zoom or in-person.

Hebrew classes with Evie Shen-Tal start next week and there is still time to sign up. For questions email Evie at eviesrqwork@gmail.com.

November 16, 10:30 am: Soul Collage with Rabbi Mimi and Judy Fleischer. Soul Collage is a creative collage process that will help you discover an aspect of your soul. Materials needed are glue, glue sticks, scissors, and your open spirit. Limit 20 attendees so sign up now. This program is in person at the temple.

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

January 11, 7:00 pm: People of the Book Series - Lunatics with Dave Barry and Alan Zweibel Benderson Family Hall and Livestream.

January 13, 7:00 pm: The Yom Kippur War - Co-sponsored by the Israel and Adult Ed committees. Itzhak Brook, MD, author of "In the Sands of Sinai, a physicians account of the Yom Kippur War" Historical perspectives and person experiences of a battalion physician.

Tuesday, January 30, 10:30 am: The Life of Ben Gurion - Co-sponsored by the Israel and the Adult Ed Committee: Historian Dr. Adi Sherzer will discuss the life of Israel's first Prime Minister.

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

Judith Koziol and Danny Weiss
Co-Chairs

ADULT EDUCATION PRESENTS

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



Rabbi Brenner Glickman

Thursday
December 16
10:30 am

Location
TBD



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- Sunday, November 28 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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Alice Cotman
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Membership Committee: Social in the Sukkah

This fun event was hosted by TEEM Plugged IN (members in 20's-30's) and **Members in the Middle** (members in 40's-50's) on Thursday, September 23rd. We had a wonderful group of about eighteen people gather in the sukkah to celebrate the holiday. Rabbi Brenner Glickman spoke about the meaning of Sukkot and led prayers for the holiday. Everyone had a chance to shake the lulav and etrog, and then socialize while enjoying wine and cheese. If you are interested in TEEM Plugged IN or Members in the Middle, please contact Savannah Ross at steemyadvisor@gmail.com or Leslie Podolsky at podolsky135@gmail.com.

Leslie Podolsky
Membership Committee Co-Chair



Brad Pearson shakes the lulav and etrog



TEE members socialize with wine and cheese at the sukkah



Rabbi Brenner Glickman leads prayers in the sukkah

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Rabbi Mimi Weisel

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TEMPLE EMANU-EL TEMPLE PLAYERS



TEMPLE PLAYERS began last season as Brotherhood's Theater Interest Group. The group launched its season in 2021 with a Zoom reading of *The Doctor*, a short comedy by Sholem Aleichem. He was best known as the author of short stories inspiring *Fiddler on the Roof*. Join us:

THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 11 AT
2:30 PM
VIA ZOOM

WHERE WE WILL READ

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TEMPLE PLAYERS meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at 2:30 pm on Zoom. One member acts as a director, selects the play, distributes the script, and chooses the cast.

Participation is open to all temple members.

For more information, or to join TEMPLE PLAYERS, contact Lee Vickman at 847-507-5711 or LJVCsv@gmail.com.

The Siegler Family Virtual Fund Is Established at Temple Emanu-El

Temple Emanu-El is thrilled and grateful to announce a new major gift from the Siegler family for the establishment of The Siegler Family Virtual Fund.

With the donation made in honor of beloved congregants Morton (of blessed memory) and Carol Siegler, The Siegler Family Virtual Fund will underwrite “all related needs to sustain or create virtual religious services, presentations, and events.” This incredible gift – perfectly described by a new plaque in the lobby as “dedicated to Creating Community” – is an expansion of Mort and Carol Siegler’s original and visionary funding of Temple Emanu-El’s livestreaming capabilities and was made by Carol and their daughters Meg Callahan, Kim Schaffer, and Jan Kliger.

“Carol and Mort Siegler started Temple Emanu-El on an incredible journey when they had the foresight to fund the initial gift that helped the temple get into the Livestream business,” recalled Executive Director Christine Elliott. “The additional endowment to establish the Siegler Family Virtual Fund will literally connect thousands of people together, bringing immeasurable joy into their lives. The Fund will provide the resources for the temple to continue providing quality virtual programming for years to come. What an extraordinary gift for us to acknowledge and celebrate!”

Associate Rabbi Michael Shefrin concurred, calling The Siegler Family Virtual Fund “one of the most impactful and important” for Temple Emanu-El ever. “When they first addressed our need to bring worship from our sanctuary into homes, hospitals, and to those who couldn’t come to the building, it immediately changed people’s lives,” he explained. “The appreciation from someone ill to hear their name read and the sounds of our congregation gave strength, comfort, and hope. Along with being so very kind and lovely, Carol and Mort are visionaries.”

The Siegler’s commitment to making Temple Emanu-El’s services and programs accessible via

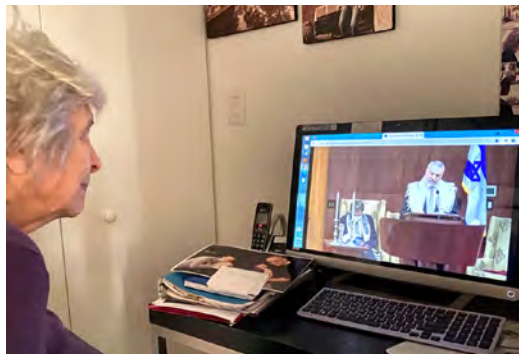
Livestream has been transformative, noted Senior Rabbi Brenner Glickman, since pre-pandemic days. “In normal times, we saw the critical importance of broadcasting our services on Livestream. When Mort and Carol first made this possible for us years ago, we were stunned by the impact,” he related. “We heard from so many of our homebound elderly that it was the greatest blessing. They could be part of temple again, and pray on Shabbat, and be included on the holidays. It was life changing. And now, with the pandemic, it has served us all,” he continued. “Throughout the past year, our temple has been sustained by the Livestream. We have shared Passover seders, and Kol Nidre prayers. And we have done so together, and in sanctity.”

According to Rabbi Shefrin, The Siegler Family Virtual Fund will prove impactful even when Covid is but a memory. “With this gift from the Siegler family, we are assured that these connections will continue to happen long after the pandemic has ended,” he predicted. “Community will be built, prayers will be offered, the study of Torah will inspire. The future of Jewish connectivity has been established. Countless people and future genera-

tions will have access to our temple from all over the world, thanks to the Siegler family.”

Temple Emanu-El President Barry Gerber said, “Today, your donation is a gift that will be appreciated by many for years to come.”

The Siegler Family Virtual Fund underwrote the Livestreaming of Temple Emanu-El’s High Holiday services and funds the weekly Livestreaming of Shabbat services (every Friday at 7:15 p.m.) and other services, events, and programs. The Livestream can be accessed through the top right button reading “Livestream” on our website, www.sarasotateemple.org, and through our Temple Emanu-El Facebook page. For more information about programming provided by the Siegler Family Virtual Fund, please consult your weekly Message from the Temple email or call 371-2788.



Siegler Family Virtual Fund benefactor Carol Siegler watches Temple Emanu-El services through the livestream funded by this generous and visionary gift



Beloved congregants Mort (of blessed memory) and Carol Siegler

SSEL

It is so wonderful to be back in action at the Susan Schwaig Early Learning Center! We started the year with many returning families and some new ones as well. We also welcomed new staff members who jumped in and maintained the excellence of our program. We started off the year by helping everyone feel comfortable and excited to be back at school. This year there are quite a few children who have never had a school experience; we are working hard to make it fun and welcoming for them.

In August our teachers focused on establishing classroom procedures and routines to help the students know what to expect. This allows the children to feel secure and happy while ensuring the classroom is a safe, welcoming environment. The children explored their new classrooms and found their favorite centers. Everyone spent some time enjoying the playground and the “Big Room” as well. Students love riding the bikes and driving the cars!

In September we celebrated lots of holidays and enjoyed some very fun Shabbat Fridays! The students learned about Rosh Hashanah in the classrooms and got to see Rabbi Michael Shefrin blow the Shofar during Shabbat. He showed them how the different Shofar’s make different sounds. Everyone was very impressed with how long he could blow the Shofar! We also celebrated Sukkot with classroom activities and a little field trip outside to the Temple’s real Sukkah. The students loved seeing the decorations and learning the meaning behind the beautiful structure.

This school year is extra special as we re-open our doors to the community. We are so thankful to our families, staff, and to the Temple for their support. We are continuing to enroll ages 15 months-VPK. Please reach out if you are interested in learning more! We can be reached at 941-377-8074 and preschool@sarasotatemple.org.

Great Reads

Back in September, Rabbi Glickman gave a sermon about “passing”. Ironically, I had just started reading The Mezuzah in the Madonna’s Foot, Marranos and Other Secret Jews by Trudi Alexy. I thought the story was going to be about the inquisition. It wasn’t. The story begins at the start of the Holocaust. The author’s father announces that they are: converting to Lutheran, then are becoming Catholic, then moving to Spain. The remainder of the book is a mixture of Trudi rediscovering her roots and interviews with other people who had experiences in Spain during the Holocaust. It turns out that Spain was one of the safest havens in Europe during World War II for Jews. It is an excellent resource about that episode in history, although it was published almost 30 years ago.

Another book that I have been reading is Ashkenazi Herbalism, Rediscovering The Herbal Traditions of Eastern European Jews by Deatra Cohen and Adam Seigel. I wanted to explore this book because I am fascinated with how people lived in the past. I also thought that with the pandemic raging this might be a good time to dust off some suggestions from the past. This book is not a substitute for vaccines! The first part of the book did discuss life and healers in the area of the Russian empire where Jews were ordered to reside, known as the Pale of Settlement. Alas, most of the knowledge was wiped out by the Holocaust. However, the authors used the fact that both Jews and Christians shared their knowledge as a resource. The remainder of the book is a compendium of herbs and their medicinal uses.

I hope you all stay in good health, but Bubby’s chicken soup, raspberry tea and an interesting book from the library couldn’t hurt.

Before I finish, I want to thank Cindy Aminoff for her help in the library.

Remember we have plenty of great reads that you can borrow from the library. We also have books on sale. They make great Hanukkah gifts.

Happy reading,

Rosalind Lieberman
 Librarian



TEERS In Person School Brings Joy After Nearly Two Years of Virtual Learning

On September 12, nearly 200 students, parents and family members congregated on Temple Emanu-El's campus to officially launch a year of meaningful Jewish learning, community, and joy. The first day of Religious School at Temple Emanu-El is always exciting, but this year, the back-to-school event was just exceptional. The feeling of being back in person after almost two years of virtual learning is difficult to describe. We were delighted to welcome back our students, families, and faculty.

The program commenced in the sanctuary with words of welcome and a blessing from Rabbi Michael Shefrin. Director of Education Sabrina Silverberg greeted TEERS stu-

dents and talked briefly about all the exciting plans for the year. STEEMY (youth group) Adviser Savanah Ross shared information about upcoming Youth Group events for kids of all ages. The children then joined their teachers for a get-to-know-you activity in the school building while parents stayed in the sanctuary for an address by Barry Gerber, temple president. Dr. Marc Loundy represented the CRT- The Covid Response Taskforce, describing the work of this committee and the efforts that were established towards a safe return to campus.

All involved expressed TEE's commitment to Jewish education, community building and Tikun Olam

(world repair). The program concluded with Schmeer and Shmuse, a social hour outdoors that included a packaged bagel breakfast and a special dessert surprise- a visit from a Kona Ice truck with delicious ices for everyone. This provided an opportunity for parents and students to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. As 1st grade mom Brittany Gates expressed: "It is exciting to be part of such a special community in Sarasota; a place that is warm and welcoming to my blended family. I can feel comfortable with family and friends while exploring and reconnecting with my roots."

Sabrina Silverberg
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Left to right: Sabrina Silverberg, Ben Baram, Libby Lurie, Armando Friedman, David Liveshutz, Miriam Baram



Front left to right: Asher Weber, Samantha Wagner, Rebekah Weber, Avi Sigal-Verier, Fane Sigal-Verier. 2nd row: Cooper, Felix and Theo Levey-Baker. Back row: Carolyn and Nina Mendola, Dylan Gates. Sasha, Ava and Bryce Rosin

TEE Starfish Initiative Begins Its Fifth Year—with Some Losses and Exciting Gains!

We are proud to announce that the *Temple Emanu-El Starfish Initiative* is beginning its fifth year, albeit with some growing pains as we bid goodbye to some key members of our Starfish team.

First, we sadly bid a fond but understanding farewell to **Wendy and Larry Barnet** as they move to be near family in Falls Church, VA. I know that most of you have heard this story before (probably several times), but it bears repeating because there would be no Starfish initiative if it were not for the Barnets. The spark for the initiative came from Larry who, already volunteering through two programs in the school district, asked me a seemingly simple question: *How can I do more?* Shortly after, Ken and I put our heads together with the Barnets and the *TEE Starfish Initiative* was born.

Both Wendy and Larry immediately became initiative leaders/developers and active volunteers in both the *Rock-in' Reader* and the *Book Buddy* program and have served on the Starfish Steering Committee since its inception. Additionally, Larry saw a significant number of food insecure families at our Starfish school and immediately started the *Starfish Food Pantry* at the school in collaboration with *All Faiths Food Pantry*. Wendy brought her books, costumes, and performance experiences from New York and developed the *Starfish Dramatic Storytelling* (DST) program through which she engaged all Starfish K students in listening to and participating in presentations. She performed, in full costume throughout each school year, six books including *Caps for Sale*, *The Gingerbread Boy*, two *Pete the Cat* books, and more. Wendy extended her DST program to develop our Starfish *DST-Linked Literacy Art Experience* program, thus adding another new Starfish program and then engaged another friend to perform *Jack and the Beanstalk* and lead the K student in planting and nurturing their very own beanstalks.

Early in Starfish implementation, Wendy's DST program drew the attention of her neighbors and fellow congregants **Elaine and Akiva Pipe**. As a result, each year the Pipes have gifted copy of each book (almost 500 books yearly) to all of the K students, and Elaine baked 100 gingerbread cookies for the children when Wendy performed *The Gingerbread Boy*.

However, we are so saddened by the recent passing of Akiva Pipe. Akiva took such delight in attending Wendy's performances, interacting with the children, and handing out the books. I remember one time when



the Pipes were giving the students their books, they told them that the books were for their home libraries. At that, one student burst into tears, crying that he had no home library. When the Pipes explained that this would be the *start* of his home library, his tears gave way to a huge smile. We will always cherish that same kind of huge smile on Akiva's face when with the children!

Unfortunately, we recently suffered another loss a few months ago in the passing of our beloved Starfish volunteer **Dr. Alvan "Dr. Al" Morris**. Adored by students and teachers alike, Dr. Al was in the classroom twice a month providing unique music experiences to the students. He started by bringing his keyboard, thinking that he would teach the students some songs and a bit about the piano. But he quickly assessed the students' lack of music experiences and skills, which led to his designing and implementing formal lessons that included singing in rounds, rhythmic exercises, basic music skills with his homemade flashcards, and more! He even bought each child a harmonica and a recorder, which he taught them to play. He did all of this while dealing with his own severe medical challenges, always with a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye, while still intensely focused making sure the children had fun learning about music. I like to think that Dr. Al is watching over us as he leads a band of angels singing the children's favorite song he taught them--the meatball song, *On Top of Spaghetti*.

But with our losses come some dynamic additions to our team. **Rita Mazer** is stepping into Wendy Barnet's big *Pete the Cat* shoes to continue all of Wendy's *Dramatic Storytelling* performances. Rita has recruited **Cheryl Parnes** and **Jill Berry** to continue the *DST-Linked Literacy Art Experience* program. **Susan Meisel** has taken over from Larry as coordinator of the *Starfish Food Pantry* and **Julie Kupersmith** has committed to leading the Starfish Book Buddy program for the next two years, taking over

from the very capable **Wendy Rudd**.

Our other programs are continuing, too, with the 2021-22 Starfish Steering Committee members and others leading as follows:

- **Dr. Tanice Y Knopp** – Initiative Coordinator and *Rockin' Reader* Coordinator
- **Susan Meisel** – *Starfish Food Pantry*
- **Rita Jackson** – *Dramatic Storytelling (DST)* and *DST-Linked Literacy Art Experiences* in collaboration with **Cheryl Parnes & Jill Berry**
- **Helene Davis** – Corresponding Secretary and Programs Support
- **Lynn Friedman** – Finances & Budget Coordinator and Programs Support
- **Dr. Jill Halman** – *Starfish Sensory Garden* Coordinator with Judy Levy
- **Harriette Krasnoff** – *Starfish Thespian Troupe* Coordinator
- **Julie Kupersmith** – *Starfish Book Buddy* Coordinator
- **Wendy Rudd** – *Book Buddy* support

At this time, we are seeking volunteers for the Starfish Initiative programs listed below. We will provide information about other program and support needs as they arise.

Starfish Book Buddy Program - We are gathering names and contact information for Book Buddy volunteers. Being a Book Buddy is a no-contact way for volunteers to help children from lower-income homes develop a love of books and reading. Throughout the school year, a Book Buddy provides four books to a Kindergarten or PreK student based on a themed drawing sent from the child. This year the program coordination is transitioning from Wendy Rudd, who has done a phenomenal job for several years (especially overcoming pandemic challenges), to Julie Kupersmith—thank you Wendy Rudd for your outstanding leadership in this program! Please contact Julie Kupersmith with questions or to become a Book Buddy: kupersmithjulie@gmail.com

Starfish Rockin' Reader Program - Through this program, a volunteer reads with one K or PreK student for 30 minutes a week at the school with the same student throughout the school year. The school district has implemented some new program components this year, so all new and returning Rockin' Readers are required to complete an orientation session. Please contact Tanice Knopp with question or to volunteer: teestarfishinitiative@gmail.com

We are eager and excited to get our programs up and running after most were suspended during the 2020-21

Enlivening the "Ruach"/ Soul Collage

**Tuesday
November 16
at 10:30 am**

Soul Collage is an easy, enjoyable, intuitive collage process for self-discovery and community. Using images from magazines, calendars, Jewish sources, and more. Each participant creates their own collage with the leaders' guidance. We will furnish supplies except pen and scissors (please bring your own).

No experience is necessary. Rabbi Mimi will introduce information about the Jewish soul. Then we will begin our creative process and make discoveries about ourselves!

LIMITED TO 20 PARTICIPANTS.
Register online at www.sarasotateemple.org
Tentative location: Temple Social Hall



Judy Fleischer



Rabbi Mimi Weisel

school year due to the pandemic. Through future issues of *Temple Times* and the temple Tuesday e-blasts, we will provide ongoing information about how those interested can volunteer for Starfish or support the initiative in other ways.

Larry's vision came to be beyond anything we could have ever imagined -- an accomplishment due entirely to the giving, caring, and dedication of volunteers from Temple Emanu-El. So, remember, if you have an idea for a new Starfish program, just follow Larry Barner's example that started Starfish five years ago and ask, "*How can I...*"

Dr. Tanice Knopp
TEE Starfish Initiative Chair



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Thanksgiving Season Mitzvah Opportunity

As we prepare to give thanks, Temple Emanu-El is happy to offer an opportunity to give back – with the return of our annual Thanksgiving season mitzvah project in partnership with All Faiths Food Bank on Thursday, November 18.

There are two opportunities to participate in this special day. For those who are comfortable with an in-person outdoor activity, Temple Emanu-El has been given the honor of providing the volunteers for All Faiths Food Bank's turkey distribution at Ed Smith Stadium from 3 until 6:30 p.m. Shifts are available through a SignUp Genius link that you can access on the Temple Emanu-El website's Events tab or through the weekly Message from the Temple email – or by contacting Rabbi Elaine directly. This is a wonderful way directly to support hungry families and individuals who are in need of our kindness and generosity to make their Thanksgiving holiday special.

If the turkey distribution volunteer slots are filled, or if you prefer a contactless way to give back, Temple Emanu-El will also be holding a drive-through food drive from 5-6 p.m. that same day. Please help us fill a pallet with nonperishable food items – and receive a Thanksgiving greeting from your Temple family and a small gift from All Faiths Food Bank as you do!

This meaningful Thanksgiving season mitzvah opportunity is a joint project of Temple Emanu-El's Social Action Committee, Mitzvah Day, and All Faiths Food Bank, and is chaired by Rabbi Elaine. For more information, please check your Message from the Temple email or call Rabbi Elaine at 379-1997. Happy Thanksgiving – and Happy Giving Back!

Confirmation Class Starts Off with a Blast



Rabbi Glickman welcomed 16 students to a new year of Confirmation class. As is our custom, the first day was spent selecting the topics for the year ahead. The students chose organ donation, gender and sexism, making challah, the Israel and Palestinian Conflict, among other topics. They began the first session learning about the Jewish view on the afterlife and how to blow a shofar.

Confirmation class meets monthly on Sunday mornings with the rabbis for student in 8th, 9th, and 10th grades. It culminates in a beautiful ceremony marking the completion of learning. On that date, each student will receive a gift from the temple: their very own shofar!



Temple Emanu-El and Aviva Senior Center Enjoy Sukkot Together



One of the most special aspects of Sukkot is the celebration of community. Sukkot provides a sacred opportunity to strengthen connections by sharing not only the holiday – but by sharing an actual sukkah. In this spirit, Temple Emanu-El and the Aviva Senior Center continued our wonderful partnership by enjoying Sukkot together!

On Tuesday, September 21, Associate Rabbi Michael Shefrin delighted Aviva residents by joining them in their sukkah to observe the first day of Sukkot. In addition to helping attendees wave the lulav and

etrog and recite the Sukkot blessings, Rabbi Shefrin also made the sukkah festive and friendly with inspirational words about the holiday and warm conversation. It was the perfect start to a joyous week of Sukkot!

And – thanks to Temple Emanu-El Religious School student Asher Weber and his parents Daniel and Dr. Rebekah Weber – even the sukkah itself had a Temple Emanu-El touch! Accepting the invitation of Activities Director Maria Leonardo to do a mitzvah by helping decorate the Aviva sukkah, Asher visited Aviva after religious school on September 19 to put up his own custom-made, dinosaur-themed creations.

Asher and I have been doing a lot of arts and crafts lately, and the projects have been piling up. When I saw the request for sukkah decorations, Asher and I agreed that his artwork

could be shared with the Aviva community,” Rebekah related. “We went to Aviva straight from Sunday school, where Asher learned all about Sukkot. It was perfect because all of the information was fresh in his mind.

“At Aviva, Asher hung his dinosaur artwork and I helped secure it,” she continued. “It was a very joyful moment for him to see his work hung up.”

Rebekah added that Asher’s mitzvah helped underscore the values of family and helping others. “He has a very close relationship with his grandparents and great grandparents,” she explained. “It was impactful for him to realize that Aviva is full of people who may be a Bubbe, Zayde, Nana, Poppy, Grandmama, or Papa. And that they would get to enjoy his mitzvah.”



One of Asher’s dinosaur sukkah decorations



Asher and Dr. Rebekah Weber shared a hug after decorating the Aviva sukkah



Rabbi Shefrin waved the lulav with Aviva residents during his visit to the sukkah

Temple Emanu-El Breaks Record with High Holiday Food Drive



We are thrilled to announce that – as of September 28 – Temple Emanu-El’s High Holiday Food Drive raised a record-breaking \$46,828 as well as 3900 pounds of donated food for All Faiths Food Bank! For the past four years, All Faiths Food Bank has recognized our High Holiday Food Drive as the most successful food drive in Sarasota County, and we are honored to feed even more hungry people with this year’s results.

As Senior Rabbi Brenner Glickman explained during High Holiday worship services, while Jews choose to fast on Yom Kippur as part of our Day of Atonement observance, many people throughout Sarasota County are forced to refrain from eating because they do not have access to adequate food or healthy meals. Sharing with the hungry and helping to feed those in need has become an essential part of our holiday practice – thanks to the Social Action Committee (SAC), High Holiday Food Drive leaders and volunteers, and of course, our dedicated and generous members.

“I am in awe of the generosity of our congregants who have again met the Jewish hallmark of Tikkun Olam, repairing the world, by participating in this tzedakah,” stated SAC chair Susan Rosenbaum. “I particularly

want to thank the SAC members who worked together during this difficult time of social distancing to make this important event a success.” Other outstanding High Holiday Food Drive volunteers included Youth Group Advisor Savannah and Joe Ross and siblings Aaron, Elizabeth, and Leah Lurie.

“This is incredible and such a blessing for our community!” concluded Executive Director Christine Elliott. “Thank you to the SAC team for organizing and leading this monumental effort!”



Youth group advisor Savannah Ross brought in donations for the High Holiday Food Drive



Social Action Committee Chair Susan Rosenbaum and High Holiday Food Drive volunteer Lisa Phifer



Siblings Leah, Aaron, and Libby Lurie were key volunteers at the High Holiday Food Drive

Simchat Torah Brings Rejoicing, Music, Dedication, and Gratitude



Simchat Torah literally means “Rejoicing with the Torah” and while Temple Emanu-El’s celebration of this holiday was indeed filled with rejoicing, it was also filled with music, dedication, and gratitude!

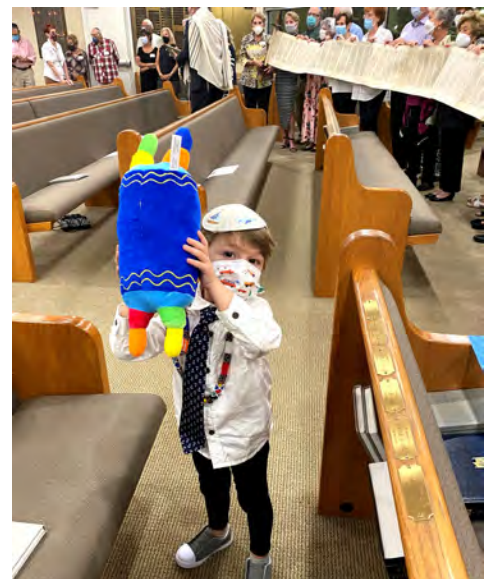
Our observance of Simchat Torah kicked off Tuesday, September 28, as Senior Rabbi Brenner Glickman hosted a watch party of a gala Simchat Torah concert, prepared by the Union for Reform Judaism and featuring leading Jewish musicians, liturgists, and performers from all over the country. Attendees enjoyed the wonderful and inspiring music as well as the opportunity to share the holiday and each other’s company.

The celebration culminated in our much-anticipated annual Simchat Torah Shabbat on Friday evening, October 1. An intergenerational, spirited group gathered in the sanctuary to mark the end of the yearly cycle of Torah readings and to immediately begin reading the Torah again! It was a

privilege in participating in unrolling an entire scroll around the sanctuary and marvel at its holiness and beauty. The honor of the aliyot, reciting the blessings before and after the readings, were humorously split between those who say “Good Yontif” and those who prefer “Chag Sameach,” and Rabbi Glickman and Associate Rabbi Michael Shefrin read the closing and opening portions of the Torah for all to savor, before leading a Torah parade featuring dancing and joy.

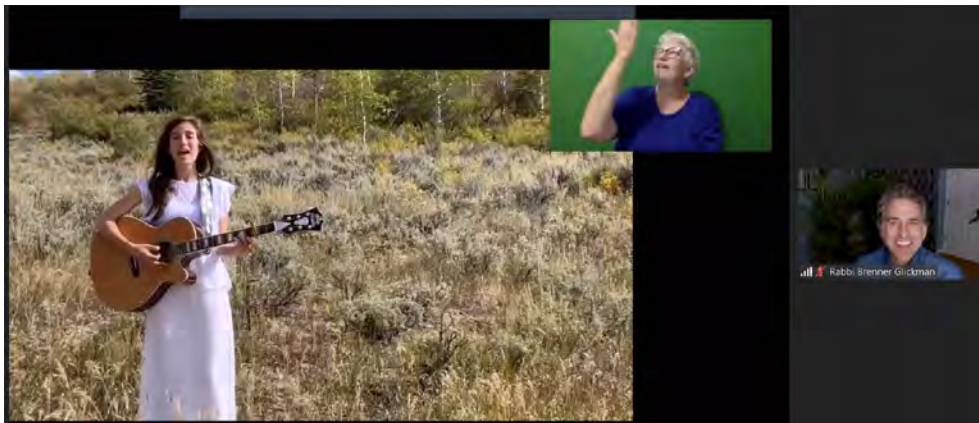
Making this Simchat Torah Shabbat especially sacred was the dedication of several new elements of Torah at Temple Emanu-El. “We brought the simcha to Simchat Torah this year with a joyous celebration!” Rabbi Glickman commented. “In addition to the usual Torah dancing and celebration, we also dedicated gorgeous new Torah covers that we have been anticipating for three years. We also rejoiced in the dedication of new Torah books in the pews.”

Indeed, four beautiful, colorful, custom-made Torah covers were unveiled, along with sparkling new silver Torah ornaments and brand-new wooden eitzei hayim created by our own master builder, Dr. Stephen Hiller, on which the Torah scroll was rolled out. Generous donors Don and Bobbi Bernstein and Marv Cohen were honored for this marvelous gift, and several committee



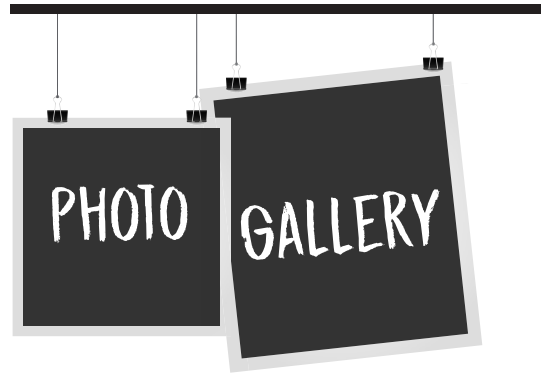
members who helped select the covers, Gloria Weed, Judilee Sterne, Dr. Eleanor Wachs, and Judy Fleischer, joined our rabbis on the bima to display them before the congregation. Larry Barnet, also a committee member, joined the celebration from home via Livestream. The new Torah books in the pews were a lovely gift from the children of beloved congregants, Dr. Bert and Renee Gold, of blessed memory, and enabled members who wanted to deepen their own Torah study to take the older books home with them. “It was a very happy night,” Rabbi Glickman stated.

“Seeing the Torahs being paraded, the flags being waved, the dancing and smiling eyes of our masked congregation was raucously fun,” added Rabbi Shefrin. “It is always special to see our temple family holding our Torah gloriously displayed for all to see. Most memorable is when someone tells me that this was their first time touching or being so close to the Torah. That is truly the beginning of a new relationship with our Torah!” he concluded.





Tot Shabbat Celebrates!



Temple Emanu-El's Tot Shabbat kids are always celebrating – so our Sukkot-themed Tot Shabbat on Saturday morning, September 25, definitely took the holiday's name of zman simchateinu, our season of rejoicing, to heart!

In addition to free play, socializing with old and new friends, and age-appropriate songs, prayers, movement, stories, and birthday blessings with Senior Rabbi Brenner Glickman and Associate Rabbi Michael Shefrin, young Jewish and interfaith families had the opportunity to spend time in the sukkah, make nature-themed sukkah decorations, enjoyed a Sukkot snack, and even shook the lulav and smelled the etrog. Because Simchat Torah immediately follows Sukkot, children also participated in a lively parade, singing, waving Simchat Torah flags, and marching around our campus. It was indeed a morning of rejoicing!

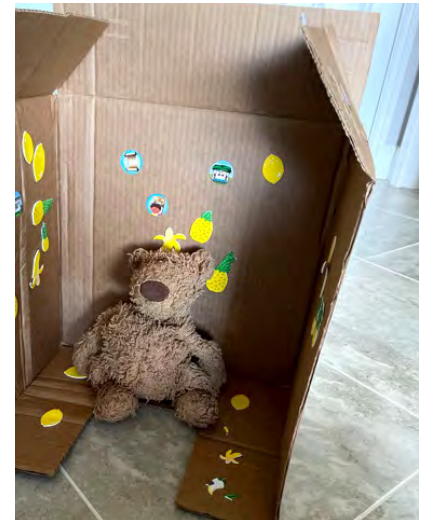
Knowing that our little ones remain ineligible for vaccination, we continue to offer Tot Shabbat outdoors to keep everyone safe and healthy. We continue to hear from appreciative families that this practice makes them feel comfortable and valued and we are honored by their trust and participation. We continue to be abundantly grateful for our anonymous “angel” donor who generously underwrites Temple Emanu-El's Tot Shabbat program so that it remains free of charge to all.

Mark your calendar for this month's Tot Shabbat on Saturday, November 13, at 10 a.m. as we get into the Thanksgiving spirit with a gratitude- and a mitzvah-themed morning! Although Tot Shabbat is designed especially for families with children up to age 6, all are welcome.

For more information, or to be added to the email list and receive personal invitations to Tot Shabbat, please contact Rabbi Elaine.

Shabbat Shalom!

Robby, Samantha, and Novalee enjoyed sukkah time and shook the lulav and etrog together



Tot Shabbat member Jacob Bunin was so inspired by the Sukkot-themed Tot Shabbat that he built a sukkah for his friend Teddy Bang Bang



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TEERS Sukkot



Melanie Murphy and Rachel Abrams made paperchains to decorate the sukkah



Sam Schwartz and Josh LaPorta led classmates to hang the paperchains in the sukkah.



Holocaust survivor Rivka Glatz said that creating sukkah decorations with the TEERS students filled her with hope for the future



Rabbi Shefrin showed TEERS students the lulav and etrog



Alana, Eliana, Dylan, Elle, and Eva enjoyed sukkah time together

“Sukkot at Temple Emanu-El Religious School (TEERS) lived up to its name – z’man simchatenu!” exclaimed Director of Education Sabrina Silverberg, MARE. “It was a holiday of community effort and joy.” The Sukkot festivities began on Sunday, September 19, as TEERS parents, under the leadership of Steven Leavitt, built the sukkah – and as TEERS students created and hung colorful decorations. “We learned about the whys and hows of Sukkot from Rabbi Shefrin and fulfilled the mitzvot of eating in the sukkah and shaking the lulav and etrog,” Morah Sabrina added. “It was a great day!”

The Sukkot celebrations continued the following week, as each class enjoyed special time in the sukkah with Rabbi Glickman, recited the Sukkot blessings, and had the opportunity to shake the lulav and etrog together. “This is my favorite Sunday of the year,” Rabbi Glickman said happily, “and it was all the more wonderful because we were finally back together.” Echoing Morah Sabrina’s words, he concluded, “It was just a great day!”



Teddy Leary shook the lulav and etrog

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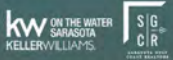
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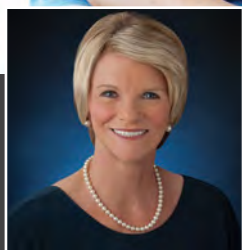


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8	Sisterhood Board Meeting10:30 am Religious School5:30 am Hebrew Level 2 Lower Intermediate...7:45 pm	24	SSELC Closed Erev Shabbat..... 7:15 pm
9	Fluid Dance10:00 am Theater Players.....2:30 pm	27	SSELC Closed Starfish Steering Committee Meeting .. 10:30 am Zoom Social Hour..... 5:00 pm
10	Erev Shabbat.....7:15 pm	28	SSELC Closed
12	Religious School9:30 am Confirmation Class10:00 am Brotherhood Music Program7:00 pm	29	SSELC Closed
13	Zoom Social Hour..... 5:00 pm	30	SSELC Closed Fluid Dance10:00 am
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