



Temple Emanu-El

Connections

The Torah is a tree of life to those who hold fast to it

Temple Emanu-El, San Jose

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Schedule of Services

Friday, December 7

7:15 PM Erev Shabbat Family and Chanukah Service
(Gimel and Grade 6)
with Choir, followed by Chanukah festivities

Saturday, December 8

9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan

Friday, December 14

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 15

9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan

Friday, December 21

6:00 PM Tot Shabbat
7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 22

9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan

Friday, December 28

6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 29

9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan

Friday, January 4

7:15 PM Erev Shabbat Family Service (TJS)

Saturday, January 5

9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan
10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Amelia Chacon

Friday, January 11

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 12

9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan

Rabbi Lennard Thal

Senior Vice President, Union for Reform Judaism

Only Northern California presentation -
one week before the
national URJ Biennial in San Diego



Saturday, December 8 at 7:30 PM

Havdallah, Rabbi Thal's presentation:
"Current Issues Facing the Reform Movement"
A light reception will follow.

For Temple members:

Sunday, December 9 at 10:15 and 11:30 AM
Text Study

RSVP to 408.292.0939 or mweiss@templesanjose.org

Chanukah Celebration

Friday, December 7

6:00 PM Congregational Potluck Dinner
(note earlier time)

If you wish, bring your chanukiah
(Chanukah menorah), candles and
matches.

7:15 PM Erev Shabbat Family Service with Choir
Come sing some Chanukah songs!

Bring something for the Oneg --
sufganiot (jelly donuts) will be provided.



Every Day is Mitzvah Day

But sometimes it's nice to do something as a Temple community. Come on down!
Sunday, December 16th for camaraderie and activities. Details inside on page 13.

From the Rabbi

Last year at this time, I mentioned the idea that dedication and commitment are two of the most important ways we actualize our Jewish identity. As a congregational family, we are given many opportunities throughout the year to demonstrate our sense of commitment to our synagogue, community and ourselves. Being Jewish without giving our commitment a concrete expression can create an empty Judaism. An empty Judaism, void of meaning and action, is tragic.

Chanukah reminds us of the importance of commitment in our lives. Just as the Maccabees were committed to the pursuit of religious freedom of our people, we too must remember that without religious freedom and commitment, we no longer have deeper meaning in our lives.



Although Chanukah is considered a minor holiday, it is a time when American Jews light up our homes, sharing the flame with the loved ones around us. Another spark that we have a chance to ignite is that of Tikkun Olam, repairing our world from its brokenness.

Chanukah has an additional meaning to us in America. We show our love for each other by exchanging presents. Some give their children a gift each night after the lighting of the candles in the chanukiah. Others may give just one gift. Why do we exchange gifts? Is this how we compensate for not having Christmas? I think it may be for some. For me, it is another way to say to those I love and cherish that I appreciate them in my life. By doing this, we rededicate ourselves to our family and demonstrate to them that we do not take them for granted. But we must remember not to dilute the true meaning of Chanukah and the opportunity it affords us each year.

As important as it is to be thankful for one another, we also need to dedicate ourselves to those whose candles burn low or may already be extinguished. It is crucial to understand that giving on Chanukah is far more important than receiving. Last year I invited you to join many of your fellow congregants who started a new tradition in their homes. Instead of exchanging gifts with one another for one of the nights of Chanukah, take the money you would have spent and buy a gift for a child in need. Or, as a family, do an act of Tzedakah together. Go to Chai House, a homeless shelter, join us for Mitzvah Day (December 16), volunteer for Sacred Heart. There are so many opportunities to remind us what our own religious freedom really means.

I wish you a healthy and happy Chanukah and may the light of the chanukiah burn brightly within each of us as we commit ourselves to making this world a better place by bringing a little light into someone else's life.

L'Shalom,
Rabbi Dana Magat

New Members

We welcome the following families to our congregation:

Edgardo and Andrea Laber (Micaela and Florencia)

Bill and Natalie Mauskopf

Arthur and Idelle Cagan (returning members)

Matt and Julie Sachse (Gabriel)

President's Column

Thanks for the Memories

I hope none of you are tired of hearing about "Rhinestone Cowboy," our highly successful fund-raiser held in October. This will go down in our Temple history as one of the best events we ever produced. Despite the size constraints in the Temple House, the decorations committee turned that room into a classy Western Ballroom, complete with a large mural behind the bar and a huge balloon cowboy with a lariat that lighted up. There were both a Disc Jockey and a live Western Band. The frosting on the cake was our own Cantor Meeka Simerly, who is a terrific country western performer. And then there was our very own Black Bart, Rabbi Dana Magat making rounds all evening with his big ole cigar hanging from his lips.

I do not even know how to express my amazement at the auction baskets. Each basket contained multiple gifts all related to a selected theme. Because there were so many wonderful items being auctioned, most of our guests went home with beautiful gifts at very reasonable prices. Over the years I have chaired and attended many auctions, but rarely have I seen such a wide variety of items so beautifully presented.

Our guests had a terrific time at the casino tables followed by those who were winners taking home great raffle prizes. An excellent beer and wine bar, good music, comfortable western garb, a bit of gambling, a barbecue western style buffet, and much fun all added up to a marvelous time had by all. As exciting as our large profit is, even greater was the energy and camaraderie that brought us all together on October 13th. Our Temple House really "rocked" that night!!!

A large committee of dedicated volunteers worked to make the evening the huge success it was. Chaired by the amazing and talented Pam Hoffman, whose commitment to "Rhinestone Cowboy" was extraordinary, this event was our Temple's most profitable fund-raiser in recent history. There were many who worked very hard in several capacities to bring a complex evening together, and I personally want to send my deepest thanks to each of you for a job extremely well done. In particular I wish to acknowledge co-chair Shari Krandel, financial chair Lori Ghan, and decorations chair Martha Jepsky for their dedication to this event and to our Temple. A special thank you to Jeff Hoffman, Pam's husband, for sharing Pam with us for many months and for all his assistance. Last, but certainly not least, much gratitude to the Senior Youth Group for their invaluable help for the entire evening.

Even the weather cooperated for us with a dry, warm evening. Both of our courtyards were decorated to help make our guests feel comfortable, and of course everyone joined back in the Temple House for our live auction and casino.

This remarkable evening was dedicated to my late husband, Bob Krandel. The outpouring of love for him was amazing, and there was no one who would have enjoyed our Western night more than my Bob. His vision for our synagogue and dedication to the greater Jewish and secular community will be his legacy. I know he would join me in thanking all of you for your participation and contributions to this most special event. Pam Hoffman and her outstanding committee have created wonderful memories for us, and we can only hope that there will be more fun-filled evenings ahead in our future.

With my appreciation and love to all of you,
Ruth Krandel

Meekantor's Kol Tuv

Salam, Shalom

You've probably heard me sing in more than one occasion the song "Salam" which means 'shalom, peace' in Arabic. It's true that I've sung this song so many times, mostly as a closing or opening song to one service or another, that over time I've almost stopped paying attention to the special message and spiritual 'kavanah' (intention) expressed in its words. Salam was written by Mosh Ben-Ari, a member of a group called Sheva ('seven' in Hebrew), for the seven musicians representing different religions and cultural groups in Israel. In this article I'd like to share with you a captured moment when this song became so meaningful to me, where I was reminded again of the power of music to deliver a message of yearning for acceptance and unity among all humans.

The complete title of the event in which I participated for the first time was "Third Annual Celebration of the Religious Richness of Silicon Valley," and the logo on the flyer read, "Keep The Diversity; Seek The Harmony." So here I was, wearing my high holidays robe, standing just outside the Museum of Art in an assembly line next to Rabbi Magat, taking from him a small Styrofoam box, adding a piece of tempting Baklawwa (sweet & rich Mediterranean dessert), and passing it over to a young woman who was wearing an impressive colorful headwear. This woman, a Hindu, was passing the same box to another woman, who was wearing an enormous cross around her neck. Diane Fisher (Jewish Community Relations Council of Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley) joined us, taking the box of food from a Mormon woman, adding some dates into it, then passed it on to a female Reverend.

For a moment I just stopped, and looking around me, this is what I observed: here we were, a few women of different religions and cultures, and one male Rabbi (who set an incredible example to all, on so many levels; thank you Rabbi Magat). We were standing together and joking about how this ever-so appealing food should end in our mouths and not in the boxes (okay, I have to admit I couldn't resist, and I kept sneaking a piece here and there into my mouth, hoping that nobody was looking, bad-bad me...). Differences of gender, religion, and

language did not play a role here at all. We were simply busy working on providing and sharing a taste of our traditional foods with anyone who'd join us later on, and I was thinking to myself, "when it comes to basics, we're all in it together: we feed our bodies, while nourishing the hungry souls."

If there are so many different religions in our world, then God, or Allah, or Adonai simply meant for them to be here for a reason. If there are ways to get along and embrace differences while celebrating personal choices, then it is our duty to find the doors that will lead us to those paths. It is our Mitzvah (command) to unlock these doors, open them wide, and take the first step in. This event was definitely one of the doors available to us, and I feel so blessed to have had the honor of walking through and participating.

About 300 people of different religions and cultures gathered in the Circle of Palms in downtown San Jose on October 2nd, sang and stood together in unity, listening to each other's musical, religious and spiritual expressions. Members from Temple Emanuel and Congregation Shir Hadash formed the "Jewish Choir of Silicon Valley" (thank you all TE members who joined us!). We sang Salam together, and ended with Kol Ha'olam Kulo: "The whole world is a narrow bridge, and the most important part is not to be afraid." Most everyone joined us in clapping and singing, without necessarily understanding each and every word, but the *Ruach* (spirit), filled us all with the kind of exuberance that goes beyond words. It was amazing to observe how many non-Jews were familiar with Salam.

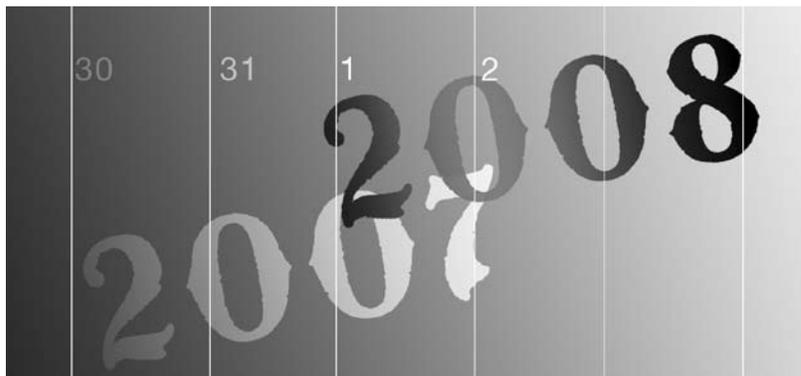
All of us who joined together in celebrating this amazing event schmoozed and talked and laughed, all the while feeling that even the smallest gesture, the extension of an inviting hand, is one more step forward in Tikkun Olam; mending and healing of our contact-starving world. "Od Yavo Shalom Aleinu, ve'al Kulam. Salam, Shalom, aleinu ve'al kol ha'olam, Salam, shalom!" May peace come upon the entire world and all of its inhabitants. Amen Selah.



Year End Contributions

As the end of 2007 approaches, please keep Temple Emanuel in mind as you make decisions regarding tax-deductible donations.

You may choose to make an additional contribution to the synagogue, or, if it would be beneficial to your tax-situation, you can accelerate your payments of dues (in whole or in part) for the rest of the fiscal year.



Please contact Jane Jacobson in the office to make any special arrangements or if you have any questions (292-0939).

Ritual Committee

On behalf of the Ritual Committee, it is our great pleasure to focus this month on a remarkable Jewish learning opportunity for Emanu-El members.

Brotherhood has invited Rabbi Lennard Thal, the Senior Vice President of the Union for Reform Judaism, to Emanu-El as a Scholar-in-Residence from December 8 - 9. As one of the Reform movement's great Torah and Talmud scholars, Rabbi Thal is renowned for his teaching skills - the ability to use humor and eloquence to make clear even the most difficult Torah and Talmud passages.

His well-deserved reputation for congeniality and wit make him a sought-after speaker throughout the World and we are honored to have him in his last public appearance before the URJ Biennial and his retirement.

Rabbi Thal has been the number two leader of the Union since his appointment as vice president when Rabbi Eric H. Yoffie was elected president. Rabbi Thal received an A.B. from Princeton University, a J.D. from Stanford University Law School, and an M.A.H.L., Rabbinic Ordination, and a D.D. from Hebrew Union College.

If you have ever wanted to get a 'taste of Talmud and Torah' - this is an amazing opportunity to do so with one of the great teachers of Jewish texts.

Rabbi Thal will be teaching on Sunday, December 9 at 10:15 AM and 11:30 AM. The title of his session is: 'Toward A Re-interpretation of Pirke Avot'

As noted by Rabbi Thal: "We generally look to this unusual tractate from the Talmud for its practical wisdom and guide to daily living but, in fact, Pirke Avot may reflect a religious revolution during one of history's most fascinating periods." Come and learn with us!

RSVPs are required for this session, as Brotherhood will be providing an amazing bagel and lox brunch for participants at no charge - this will be gourmet fare and needless to say, it is important to have an exact count so proper quantities can be purchased. Please RSVP by email to brotherhood@templesan-jose.org with the subject line 'Study Session.' Again, there is no charge to attend this study session, though donations to offset the food and beverage costs will be happily accepted.

Having a scholar of Rabbi Thal's reputation and with his decades of commitment to Reform Judaism is a truly momentous occasion for Emanu-El. On behalf of the Ritual Committee, we hope that you will be part of this once-in-a-lifetime chance to study our sacred texts with one of its greatest teachers.

Jonathan Hirshon
On behalf of the Ritual Committee

Mazel Tov

To **Jay and Cindy Cohen**, on the birth of their first grandchild, Ella Morgan Shahaar, daughter of Elyse and Guy Shahaar, of Tel Aviv, Israel. Elyse is a graduate of Temple Emanu-El's Religious School and became Bat Mitzvah in our Sanctuary.

To **Jake and Pauline Braunstein**, on the election of their son, David, to the Belmont City Council in November.

Adult Education

New and Continuing Classes in January

Rabbi Magat will be teaching a two-session sampler of Rabbinic Literature: Sunday mornings at 11:30 AM, January 20 and 27. No charge for Temple members (donations accepted).

Cantor David Unterman will continue teaching "How to Study Torah" and "Jewish Ethics." Second semester classes begin January 13th. New students always welcome.



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Women of Temple Emanu-El

Upcoming Sisterhood Events

Please join us at any or all of these fun events:

- * **December 6th at 6 p.m.** Annual Potluck Dinner/ Chanukah Party/Gift Exchange at the home of Bunny Fisher
- * **December 10th at 7 p.m.** Rosh Chodesh at the home of Lorie and Shari Kaplan
- * **January 17th at 6 p.m.** Potluck Dinner Meeting/ Mezzuzah Demonstration in the Temple House

For more information, contact Anita Medeiros at ajmedeiros@comcast.net or (408) 773-1410

Arts & Crafts Program 2/3 Fully Funded

Thanks to your support, the Women of Temple Emanu-El have sold over 33 gift checks books. That's \$200 profit for the Religious School Arts and Crafts Program. The sale of 17 more books will meet our commitment. Get yours today for only \$12 at the Temple Gift Shop.

WOTE Membership Drive

Since the last bulletin, we have another 5 members bringing our total membership to 165, which gives us over \$3090 to continue our support for:

- Youth Group
- Confirmation Class gifts
- Bar/Bat Mitzvah gifts
- Teen Jewish Study Enrichment Classes
- Religious School Celebrations and Festivals

We're over half way to our goal of 200 members this year. You can help us continue to support these programs by paying your Sisterhood dues NOW! We would love to have all of you as active members – we'll settle for your financial support!

Coming soon!

Temple Emanu-El Religious School 2008 Passover Sale

Featuring
Barton's Passover candy
and
Promise Haggadahs

Order forms available in January.

Brotherhood News

As we move forward towards the end of the year, Brotherhood has been keeping itself busy with a wide range of activities for its members and the synagogue.

We finished a wonderful Diaspora Dinner, covering the Jews of Britain, South Africa, Australia and Nigeria. The attending guests sampled some amazing food - the Sherried Trifle with Strawberries and Homemade Lavender Shortbread was quite possibly our best dessert ever, and the presentation was also one of our most informative.

For those of you who couldn't make the Dinner - we hope to see you at our next soiree on January 19, covering the Jewish communities of Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and Egypt!

Brotherhood bowled up a storm with the Youth Group two

weeks ago, and our focus on event planning promises to make the next few months some of our most exciting ever!

Of course, the biggest opportunity for the year is our Scholar-in-Residence, Rabbi Lennard Thal, Senior VP of the Union for Reform Judaism - their number 2 executive and one amazing human being. Rabbi Thal will be coming to Emanu-El (and the Bay Area) exclusively December 8 and 9 to teach and share his thoughts on the future of Reform Judaism prior to the URJ Biennial in San Diego.

This is a truly once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and a major feather in the cap of our Shul to have someone like Rabbi Thal visit. I encourage everyone to get their RSVPs in early for the community event at 7:30pm on Saturday evening, December 8. Rabbi Thal is a marvelous and eloquent speaker, and is retiring after the Biennial - this is your only chance to hear one of the great leaders of the Reform movement! RSVP to the office at dvorazim@templesanjose.org or by phone at 408-292-0939.

Everyone reading this article should have received an invitation letter in the mail to rejoin (or join) Brotherhood. I cannot overstate the importance of becoming part of our Auxiliary - for one thing, we have a tremendous program of events and other great opportunities for the men and members of our synagogue. Membership in Brotherhood makes you part of a wonderful group of men who make our synagogue a light to the eyes.

And, we happen to be a great group of guys - join us, and see for yourself!

That's all for now - please do get those RSVPs in for Rabbi Thal and do join us in Brotherhood!

Regards,

Jonathan (co-President) Hirshon
brotherhood@templesanjose.org



We note with sorrow the passing of

Betty Faye Nosanov, mother of Vicki Nosanov Goldman
Sophie Price, aunt of Sue Maltiel
Bill Cox, father of Judith Gottfeld
Ivy Thomas, step-father of Bob Cant
Kenneth Douglas, great-uncle of Robin Hurwitz
Norm Gershanov, step-father of David Graubart

Bat Mitzvah



Amelia Gabrielle Chacon, daughter of Andrea and Humberto Chacon, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, January 5, 2008 -- her thirteenth birthday. Amelia is a seventh grade honor roll student at Willow Glen Middle School in San Jose. She enjoys taking dance classes, hanging out with her friends, babysitting, and participating in the National Charity

League. For her Mitzvah project, Amelia is collecting (and accepting) donations of diapers and wipes for Sunday Friends. Amelia and her family are looking forward to celebrating this special day with friends and family, many of whom are coming from great distances.

Campership Update

A Jewish camp experience can be a life-changing event. Life-long friendships are made as children celebrate being Jewish in a completely Jewish setting. If your child has never before attended a Jewish camp, maybe this is the year. There are shorter and longer sessions, appropriate for first-time and older campers.

There are several campership funds at Temple Emanu-El, and funds may be requested for students who will be attending a Jewish overnight camp, participating in a camp as a CIT (counselor-in-training), going on an organized trip to Israel, or attending the Maccabia Games. Camperships will be awarded based on merit or financial need. Some camp sessions fill quickly, so be sure to get the registration forms in to the camp offices as soon as possible.

Materials on local Jewish camps (Tawonga and Newman) will be available soon, and representatives from Tawonga will be at Temple on Sunday, December 2. Campership applications are available online, in the Temple Administrative office, the Religious School office, and on the Shalom Table. The deadline for returning applications is Sunday, February 10th.

Campership recipients will be acknowledged in the spring at a Shabbat service.

Please consider a contribution to one of our campership funds. It is such a wonderful opportunity to help reinforce the Jewish identity of our synagogue's children, even if you don't have a child of camp age. Other members of the Campership Committee include Bruce Matzner and David Gitin.

Karen Levine, Campership Chair

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Preschool Notes

As I write this, we in the Preschool are all busy preparing to host the ECERJ (Early Childhood Educators of Reform Judaism) Conference which will be in San Jose the weekend of January 11-13, 2008. Our months of planning for accommodations, workshops and speakers, Shabbat services and dinners will pay off, and the preschool directors and teachers coming from all across the country will see what San Jose and San Francisco have to offer. The theme for this year's conference is "Inclusion" and we are especially highlighting the team approach which characterizes our work here at Temple Emanu-El.

We acknowledged the many things for which we are thankful in November, and are looking forward to celebrating Chanukah in the preschool, and with all our families at the annual potluck and auction on December 11th.

It's not too early to mark your calendar for Tuesday, February 5th. From 5:00 - 7:00 PM we will hold the Preschool Open House. It's a wonderful way for families with young children to get a sense of the classrooms and the program we offer. Children are eligible to start when they are two years old, but that class is small, and it fills quickly. You can put a child on our lists at any time.

We look forward to seeing you on February 5th. If you cannot make it at that time and would like to schedule an appointment, please feel free to give me a call or send an email. The Preschool will be closed for Winter Break from December 24th through January 4th.

Barbara Smead, Preschool Director
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"Mommy and Me" Playgroup

Are you looking for new friends, for yourself and your young children? Come connect with the Mommy and Me playgroup! Please join us as we enjoy each other, support each other, and laugh a lot. We have been meeting at various homes during the day (usually on alternate Fridays at 1:00 with some other dates to, accommodate people's schedules as well), with our babies, toddlers, and, preschoolers. We are a great group of women who would love to have you join, us. For more information, please contact: Sharon Genkin at 408-268-8989 or, shosh4511@comast.net.

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Religious School Corner

Class Happenings

As fall turns to winter, and the darkness comes a little earlier each day, our Religious School students and teachers illuminate our lives. Here are a few highlights from some of the classes from Pre-Kindergarten through Teen Jewish Studies:

- * Pre-Kindergarten has been learning about the Havdalah service (with a real spice box and real spices), the bible stories of Noah's Ark and Jonah and the Whale, and the holiday of Hanukkah.
- * Grade 3 is studying the Ten Commandments and has just learned the Third Commandment as well as learning about the Book of Exodus. For their year-long Mitzvah project, they are collecting toiletries to send to our armed forces serving in Iraq.
- * Grade 6 continues their studies of Jewish life cycle events that revolve around birth, marriage, and death. Each student will have an opportunity to share their favorite life cycle with the congregation at the Family Service in December.
- * The fall Teen Jewish Studies classes included the choice of either a film class taught by Rabbi Magat or the Madrichim-in-Training workshop taught by Laura Danoff Robinson.
- * The film class taught by Rabbi Magat watched films that ran the gamut of topics, from Jewish identity to the transport of children away from the perils of Nazi Germany. The class even had the opportunity to go with the Rabbi to the San Jose Jewish Film Festival!
- * The Madrichim-in-Training workshop has spent a significant amount of time learning about child development and discussing the ins and outs of assisting teachers in a classroom setting. They will spend the rest of the school year volunteering in various Hebrew and Religious school classrooms. We will be able to start off our next school year with a great group of newly trained madrichim, as well as have the pleasure of seeing many of our veteran madrichim return.

Family Services, Past and Future

The Dalet Hebrew and Grade 3 classes did a wonderful job leading the congregation in the Family Service on November 2nd. Join us on **December 7th**, when Gimel Hebrew, Grade 6 and the choir have special plans in store to delight us for the holidays. Due to the fact that this is during Hanukkah, we will begin our Temple-Wide Potluck at 6:00 PM (1/2 hour earlier) so that everyone will have an opportunity to light their family hanukkah and watch the candles burn during dinner! Please remem-

ber to bring your favorite hanukkah (i.e., menorah used during Hanukkah), matches and candles to this potluck experience.

Mark your calendars for **January 4th**, the first Family Service of 2008. Our teens will be leading this Erev Shabbat service. What a wonderful way to begin the New Year!

Volunteer Appreciation

Our Religious School thanks all who continue to volunteer time to support our wonderful classrooms and programs. From the parents who help Hila Barzion with the popular youth group game nights, to bagel schmearers, to those helping with the Temple-Wide Mitzvah Day on December 16th. We have a great group of parents and students who make these activities possible and successful.

As we look toward spring, we find ourselves in need of volunteers to help with the following activities and events:

- * Purim Carnival - help with making signs, publicity, clean up, coordinating volunteers and co-chairing the food committee
- * Traffic monitors
- * Passover Candy Sales Coordinator - "super easy" (according to last year's coordinator)
- * Haggadah Sales Coordinator - "super super easy"

If you can help with any of these volunteer opportunities, please contact the Religious School Committee at emanuel.rsccommittee@gmail.com.

Come Perform Mitzvot as a Family at the Temple-Wide Mitzvah Day

Being Jewish means lots of things, and performing mitzvot (i.e., literally meaning "commandments") rises to the top of the list. On Sunday, December 16th, families will have an opportunity to perform these mitzvot together. This is a family education experience (i.e., each student, regardless of age, must be accompanied by an adult). More detailed information is found elsewhere in *Connections*.

Mark these dates on your calendar:

December 4, 2007	Hanukkah begins (lighting of first candle)
December 7, 2007	Erev Shabbat Family Service led by Gimel Hebrew and Grade 6 - including Choir Potluck dinner at 6:00 PM, service at 7:15 PM
December 16, 2007	Temple Wide Mitzvah Day

December 23, 2007 - January 7, 2008

Winter Break (no school, Religious School Office is closed)

January 4, 2008	Erev Shabbat Family Service led by Teens
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As our families gather together to celebrate and give thanks for our religious freedom by lighting candles in the winter darkness, consider that the real miracle of Hanukkah isn't just that ancient Jews rebelled against Roman oppression. The real miracle is that our children continue to light Hanukkah candles 2000 years after Judah Macabee lit the flames we kindle this season.

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ANNUAL WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY DAY

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DATE: January 26, 2008
 TIME: 10:15 AM Registration
 PROGRAM: 11 AM to 3:30 PM
 PLACE: Temple Emanu-El
 Cost: WOTE members \$30 (by January 15);
 non-members \$36.

Includes wonderful lunch, workshops for learning, laughing, any materials needed, personal reflection and sharing. Bring a friend for this wonderful day. Your check is your reservation. Mail checks payable to WOTE to the Temple office. Questions? Contact Judith Stubbs (408) 496-1660 or spiritualjudith@yahoo.com.

Tikkun Olam Committee

By now, I hope you are all aware of the Listening Campaign being conducted by our Temple volunteers. The campaign is our effort to contact all our Temple members in order to get better acquainted. We have already met with almost 100 congregants and we have begun to collect your stories, interests and concerns in a way that we expect will create a new sense of connectedness to the Temple, and a strong sense of Temple family ties among our members.

As we begin to understand our members' relationships with the Temple and the community, we will be better able to identify social issues that would be of significant interest to our members. Already, we have heard about concerns regarding health insurance, public safety, senior transportation, education, affordable housing and elder care, just to name a few. Among these, I am sure we will be able to find an issue that we all care about and would be willing to support to make a move for better community changes.

Our campaign is on-going, so if you haven't been contacted yet, I am sure you will be in the near term. If you want to participate now, please contact me or the Temple office and we will be happy to put you together with one of our listeners.

Rich Albert
socialaction@templesanjose.org

Rhinestone Cowboy Gala Fundraiser Exceeds ALL Expectations

The Rhinestone Cowboy Gala Fundraiser turned into the event of the year for Temple Emanu-El and our community of friends. Upon arrival, guests were greeted and photographed as a Wanted Poster. Once the guests entered the Temple House, it was evident that the decoration committee worked hard to totally transform the room into a Western theme party. Hay bales and Wanted signs were everywhere as the Brotherhood Saloon served the 230 attendees wine and beer provided by Siena Bistro and local wineries. The super posse of Jeff Hoffman, David Weisner, Greg Turetsky, Jeff Marsh, Ruth Krandel and Scott Gordon rounded up wine from Paraiso Vineyards, A Taste of Monterey, J. Lohr, Hagafen Cellars, Vista Vineyards and Joseph George distributors. The Western style BBQ done by Restaurant O Catering was worth the wait!! Soon the country western tunes spun by DJ Michael Black of A Classy Affair were providing the beat for some line dancing, and later in the evening the live sound of Sidesaddle & Company with our own Cantorial Soloist, Meeka Simerly gave a true country feel to the room. Class Casino Rentals helped to entertain the guests with your choice of casino games.

As if that was not enough entertainment, Jeff Applebaum had the group in stitches as he used his personal style of humor to work his magic for the Live Auction. There was something for everyone, as the Silent Auction had over 200 gift baskets and items to bid on. When the night was over, we had raised more than \$56,000 for Temple Emanu-El.

This incredible event could not have been done without the fabulous work of key members and staff in planning, coordinating, decorating, soliciting, calculating, and so much more. A thanks is hardly enough to the following people for all the extra hard work in making our Rhinestone Cowboy Gala Fundraiser a smashing success. Judie and Ivan Aronson, Barbara Berlant, Suzy Berlant, Janis Decker, Alyssa Dubrow, Sheri Frumkin, Ellie Gerstley, Marci Gerston, Lori Ghan, Pam Hoffman, Robin Hurwitz, Kim Jackman, Jane Jacobson, Martha Jepsky, Shari and Steve Krandel, Ruth Krandel, Shirley Lee, Karen Levine, Bobi Levine, Anita Medeiros, Debbie and Grant Michels, David Mimeles, JoAnn Shank, Barbara Smead, Sybil Sommer, Mark Tannen, Marcy Weiss, Shirley Wiesner, David Wiesner and Deborah Zimmer.

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Diaspora Dinner XIV: The Jews of Indigenous Africa

The next in the outstanding series of food for the body and food for the intellect, combining a five-course gourmet meal with a historical presentation on the Jews in various locations around the world. Your check guarantees your reservation.

Saturday, January 19, 6:00 - 9:30 PM

Cost: \$40 for Brotherhood members; \$49 for non-members; \$18 wine pairing optional

Think Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria and Egypt, with tantalizing flavors and fascinating history. These dinners often sell out, and seating is limited to the first 80 diners. Mail your check payable to Brotherhood to the Temple office, no later than January 10th. You don't want to be left out!

Caring Committee

Because we care enough, we'll do our very best.

Our temple theme for the year is "*Mishpacha*" -- family. As a family, we celebrate together, we pray together, we learn together. And like all families, we are there for each other in times of illness, in times of mourning, and just to give a helping hand.

In order to meet the needs of the congregation on an ongoing basis, a group has met to begin restructuring the Caring Committee. In addition to many new faces, we are fortunate to have Elsa Gordon, Donna Schaechter, Deborah Zimmer, and Mort and Barbara Berlant -- all of whom have been involved in caring for our temple community for many years -- to give us expertise and support.

This year we are going to focus on two aspects of caring:

- * Rides to services and other Temple events
- * Visits and contact with the elderly and ill

Consider doing a *mitzvah* – a small act of caring – for your temple family. We need people to drive, make calls, visit, and cook. We need people in different zip codes to coordinate help in a small area – "neighbor-to-neighbor." We need more people on our steering committee to share their ideas.

Please mark your calendar for these activities:

- * Sunday, December 16th: Mitzvah Day (come do a mitzvah for our congregants and others in our community)
- * Saturday, December 22 at 10:00 AM ((come for minyan first at 9:00 AM): Training on hospital and home visits with Rabbi Magat
- * Wednesday, January. 9, 2008 at 7:00 PM: Next Caring Committee meeting (all welcome).

If you are able to help in any way, please contact us:
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Dan and Shirley Lee, Co-Chairs



Meet Our Members- Pam Hoffman



The Temple House was filled with two hundred thirty-five revelers dressed in cowboy hats and boots and other western wear. This sold-out crowd was busy eating barbecue, gambling, and bidding on scores of gift baskets and luxurious treats. The woman who chaired this amazing event, which raised over \$50,000 for Temple Emanu-El, is Pam Hoffman.

Pam joined Temple Emanu-El in 1980, and was married to her husband, Jeff, here in 1981. She converted to Judaism prior to her marriage, and loves sharing that she is a Jew by Choice. She has three children: Jenelle and Taryn, in their 4th and 2nd year of college respectively, and Marcus, who is a freshman at Saratoga High School. All three of Pam and Jeff's children attended religious school here and celebrated all their life cycle events here. Pam served as a room parent in Religious School and was a member of the Choir for two years.

This is Pam's second year teaching the three and four year olds in our Religious School. She became a teacher because she misses being around the sweet natures of little children, and her students become like her own children. She confesses that this is a way to fill the yearning she has for grandchildren while she waits for that to happen. Pam says she tries to be the kind of teacher she would want her own children to have. I know she is successful because my own son, Joshua, has been thrilled to be in her class, and rushes into her arms for hugs when he sees her.

Pam has a degree in Interior Design and at one time had her own firm. She became a stay-at-home mom and a full time volunteer in her children's schools, filling various positions on the P.T.A., Music Boosters, Sports Boosters, and Education Foundation. She now works in the Los Gatos Saratoga High School District as a Healthy Lifestyles Facilitator, working with teens on drug, alcohol and tobacco issues.

Pam loves being a member of Temple Emanu-El and adores Rabbi Magat because he brings a personal touch to each person, making them feel that this is their home away from home. She feels this is a warm and welcoming community.

Pam talked about meeting with Bob Krandel, along with her good friend Shari Krandel, back in January to discuss a grand scale gala fundraiser. Bob was very supportive of the idea, helping to formulate the plans. After his untimely death, she went forward as Chair of the Rhinestone Cowboy event, which was a tribute to Bob. Pam worked with a committee of about fifteen core people and another ten who helped in various ways. The most important outcome of the evening was uniting all segments of the congregation, including the preschool, religious school, the Board of Trustees, XYZ Club, Sisterhood, and Brotherhood, in contributing to its success.

Pam Hoffman is a warm and wonderful member of our Temple community. I hope you enjoyed getting to know her in writing and that you will say 'hi' to her when you see her in person around the Temple.

Submitted by Sharon Genkin
on behalf of the Membership Committee

Tot Shabbat

If you have children age 2-6 and want to meet other young families, Tot Shabbat is just right for you!
3rd Friday of each month: December 21 and January 18
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OCTOBER 26

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NOVEMBER 2

Families of the students in Dalet Hebrew class and Third Grade, in honor of their participation in the service.

NOVEMBER 9

Jeanne Bronstein; Ruth and Eric Pangilinan; Pamela Schuur in memory of her mother, Joan Poor; Sisterhood Bakeshop

NOVEMBER 16

Edith Pollock Kerr and Doug Kerr in honor of their April 16th wedding; Marcia and Harry Ratner; Fagie Rosen in memory of her father and grandfather; Eric and Kelly Snider; Sisterhood Bakeshop

If you have a special date on which you would like to celebrate a simcha or remember a loved one, please contact Anita Medeiros (ajmedeiros@comcast.net or 773-1410).



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Sidney and Doris Rosenberg
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In appreciation of Temple Emanu-El's generosity
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In honor of Ellen Terrell's birthday
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Charlotte Burriesci and family
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In honor of Julie, Matt and Gabriel Sachse joining Temple Emanu-El
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In memory of Max Emanuel
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Rhinestone Cowboy

In honor of Bob and Wanda Pollack
For get well wishes to Rubin Jurman and Joan Fox
Lorna and Richard Ziegler

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In memory of David A. Feldman, Geraldine Kahn Feldman and Dorothy E. Galin
Dr. Clayton and Sandy Feldman
In memory of Lillian Malen
Margie and Ed Cahn
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For a speedy recovery of Pearl Schneiderman, Rubin Jurman and Addie Kopp
For good health for Dave Reiser, Maxine Purwin and Hope Solomon
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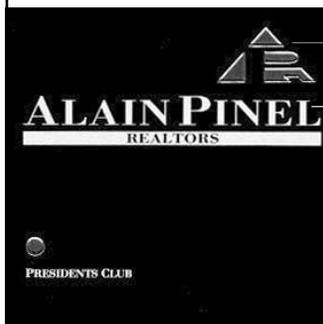
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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: Following are December and January congregational birthdays and anniversaries. If your name isn't listed here, it is because we don't have it on record. Please be in touch with the office to provide us correct information.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to each of you. May you be blessed with a year of goodness and fulfillment.

- DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**
- 2 Jackie Levinson
 - 3 Melvin Sommer
Judith Stein
 - 4 Joel Wolf
 - 5 Vivian Sessions
 - 7 Nancy Frank
 - 8 Karl Pfalzer
Harry Ratner
Dale Foster
 - 9 Peter Cocotas
 - 10 Charles Atlas
Fagie Rosen
 - 11 Irving Altman
Shirley Lee
 - 12 Frank Gusdorf
Selma Karchem
 - 13 Enrique Jevons
 - 14 Judith Bernstein
Robert Hersch
 - 15 Charlotte Burriesci
Gail Cahn
Mary Cohen
Valerie Pomerantz
 - 16 Lynda Chase
Ron Maltiel
Loui Tucker
 - 17 David Hinz
Carol Jevons
 - 18 Judie Aronson
 - 19 Helen Landman
 - 20 Roma Green
Walter Hurwitz
 - 21 Andrea Burke
Susan Hammer
 - 22 Mark Emanuel
Marian Greenfest
Virginia Siegler
 - 23 Eli Shachal
Nanette Weinberg
 - 24 Abraham Borts
Bernard Kotlier
 - 25 David Reiser
 - 26 Cindy Fox
Irwin Jacobson
Leann Makhni
Donna Schaechter
Christine Sedler
 - 27 Cary Greene
 - 28 Bobi Levine
Elina Rakhmilevich
 - 30 James Kochman
Sidney Sogolow

- DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**
- 1 Marvin & Betty Rossman
 - 2 Marvin & Joan Fox
Joseph & Edith
Rosenberg
 - 3 Aaron & Evelyn Berman
Marc & Melissa Israel
 - 4 Michael & Annie
Rubenstein
 - 9 Sidney & Roma Green
 - 11 Arthur & Idelle Cagan
 - 19 Carl & Roberta Handen
 - 20 Samuel & Henrietta
Mintzer
 - 21 Gary & Lonnie Hoffman
Raymond & Bobi Levine
William & Ilana
Westerman
 - 23 Jerome & Barbara Kristal
 - 25 Jay & Dorothy Frankel
 - 27 Hal & Jane Lax
Kurt Rubin & Lori Telson
 - 28 Arthur & Lynn
Napolitano
Sherman & Lois Zell
 - 15 Marc Powell
 - 16 Gloria Ascher
Dorothy Frankel
 - 19 Judith Gottfeld
 - 20 Nesya Fishstrom
Nora Rousso
William Poor
David Schwartz
 - 21 Jeffrey Ghan
Bernardo Saucedo
 - 23 Lori Ghan
Raylene Zatz
 - 24 Mitzi Sapper
 - 25 Marjorie Cahn
Melvin Grant
Henry Thailer
 - 26 Elena Lee Klaw
Russell Schneider
Paula Marsh
David Wolf-Bloom
Kathryn Zwern
 - 28 Michael Migdol
Deborah Zimmer
 - 30 Ida Heyman
Hal Lax
Deborah Schreiberstein
 - 31 Martha Jepsky

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Aaron Rubin
- 2 Marjorie Blickman
- 3 Neil Mendel
David Reiser
Joelle Wolf
- 4 Jerome Kristal
Grant Michels
Edith Rosenberg
Lori Telson
- 7 Iris Alberts
Melenie Noble Pearson
Craig Wiesner
- 8 Diane Hinz
Greg Paulsen
- 9 Lynn Napolitano
- 10 Joan Lowry
- 11 Sharon Genkin
Mimi Weinberg
- 12 Arlene Jurmam
Carol Lerner
- 14 Kelly Snider
Sherri Wiesner

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Rick & Doris Davis
Brad Wall & Ginny
Hoffman
- 5 Craig & Linda Wiesner
- 6 Jonathan & Raylene
Zatz
- 8 Wayne & Iva Rose
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Brotherhood Distinguished Lecture

Seth Ammerman, M.D.

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Sunday, January 13 at 10:30 AM

Dr. Seth Ammerman is a nationally known authority on adolescent medicine with a focus on at-risk teens. He is an Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine at Stanford University and is the founder and Medical Director of the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Adolescent Health Services mobile clinic program. The program provides services in San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara counties and is now in its 12th year.

Dr. Ammerman will discuss the Teen Van program as a nationally recognized “Model that works” in serving this population. The Heath Van will be present for touring. Dr. Ammerman's talk will be of significant interest to physicians, nurses, other health care providers including social workers and dietitians, parents and teens. The talk will be at Temple Emanu-El on January 13, 2008 beginning at 10:30 am.

Newly Named Fund to Honor Gitin Family

For many years, congregants have held Rabbi Joseph and Rosalie Gitin in high esteem and with great love and friendship. Several years ago, a temple Endowment Fund was created with the intention of collecting money for special projects. At the request of the Gitin family, the board is renaming the fund to honor Rabbi Joseph Gitin and in memory of Rosalie Carl Gitin. It will subsidize religious school projects outside the norm - possibly remedial or enrichment programs, special teachers' projects, etc. This is a wonderful opportunity that the Gitin family is encouraging the congregation to support, especially since it is in the names of two people for whom Jewish education and learning were paramount in their lives. You will see the new name in our Funds listing on the back of this newsletter and may wish to send a special contribution in the Gitins' honor.

Staying in Touch

If you or someone you know could use a call or a visit from our clergy, or if someone's name should be added to the healing list that is read on Friday nights, please call Marcy in the Temple office (292-0939). We cannot reach out unless we know there is a need.

Also, please let the office know (292-0939 or admin@templesanjose.org) if you change your phone number, email or home address. We want to keep our records as current as possible.

Mitzvah Day Sunday, December 16

Everyone in the congregation is invited to participate. If you have a favorite project that you would like to lead, please contact the Temple office (292-0939).

This is a Temple-wide Family Education Day. All students need to be accompanied by an adult. Hebrew will be from 9-10AM as usual. Come on down at 10 AM, and we'll start with music and an assembly in the sanctuary at 10:15 AM.

Planned projects include:

- Knitting and crocheting (you can even learn how) with Knitzvah Project/WOTE
- Making birthday and get well cards (for the Caring Committee)
- Baking cookies
- Making drawing books for hospitalized children
- Signing up: junk mail removal, catalog removal, Do Not Call lists.
- Walk-a-thon and collecting supplies for CARE (Companion Animal Rescue Effort) (sponsored by the 6th grade class)
- Making lasagna for InnVision (sponsored by EESY/Senior Youth Group)
- Cemetery clean-up (weather permitting)
- Planting and play presentation at Chai House (4th grade class)
- Preparing Shoah candles (Brotherhood)
- Fingerprinting of children (Brotherhood)
- Catnip sock toys for the shelter (Religious School)
- Letters to American soldiers serving overseas (Religious School)

We are also collecting a wide variety of items to give to various organizations serving those in need:

- Coats, jackets (kids & adult sizes), blankets
- Yarn, knitting needles, crochet hooks
- Diapers (all sizes/open packages OK), diaper wipes, formula
- Colored pencils, crayons, markers, stickers
- Hotel & sample sizes of toiletries and personal care items
- Old cell phones and chargers
- Old eyeglasses (prescription or reading glasses)
- New or almost new children's books & DVD's
- Non-perishable high protein food (no glass please) for Second Harvest



Preschool Open House

Tuesday, February 5
5:00 - 7:00 PM

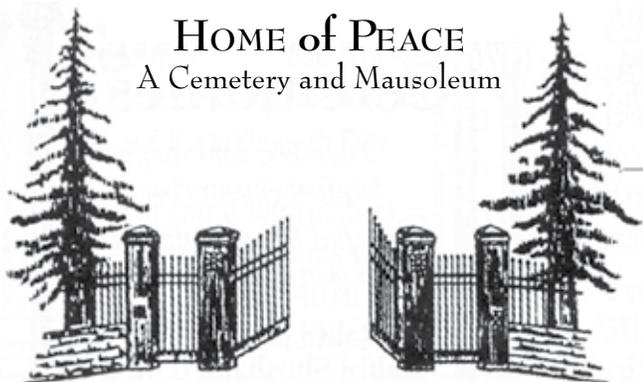
An opportunity to visit the classrooms and find out more about the programs offered.
It's not too early to sign up!

Opportunities for Helping: Sacred Heart Community Service

I spoke during services in November, but wanted to provide the following information for those of you who were not there. Sacred Heart Community Service is an interfaith non-profit organization that seeks to bring people together to address the injustice of poverty in our midst. The programs provide the most basic needs for our neighbors in the community - giving food and clothing to the poorest and hungriest, while also offering adult and youth education programs, job search assistance and mentoring - all free of charge and all intended to help create self-sufficiency. Sacred Heart is a largely volunteer-run organization that serves 50,000 children and adults each year. Please consider giving donations of your time, money, food, clothes, blankets, diapers, formula, etc. to help those less fortunate in our own community. Learn more by calling (408) 278-2170 or visit www.sacredheartcommunityservice.org.

Shalom,
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December Yahrzeits

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DECEMBER 14 (7:30 PM SERVICE)

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DECEMBER 21 (7:30 PM SERVICE)

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WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY DAY



Complete information on page 8.

Town Hall Meetings: Save the Dates

Sunday, January 27, 2008 11:00 AM- 12:30 PM
Wednesday, January 30, 2008 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Update on Temple finances, programs and more.
Two interactive sessions with Temple Board Members
and other synagogue leaders.
Mark your calendars and come be part of one of these
discussions.
More information coming soon.

December Dilemma

It's that time of year. What if someone in the extended family celebrates Christmas? What do you do in your own home? How do you handle holiday celebrations in the public schools? Rabbi Magat will lead an interactive, problem-solving discussion for parents and grandparents of all ages.

Sunday, December 2 at 11:30 AM in the BFR

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