

December Shabbat Service Schedule

Friday Shabbat Services

December 5

Congregational
Potluck Dinner

6:15pm

Erev Shabbat Family Service
with Gimmel A and

4th Grade Participation
7:15pm

December 12

Erev Shabbat
7:30pm

December 19

Tot Shabbat
Kindergarten Class
participating

6:00pm

Brotherhood Shabbat
7:30pm

December 26

Kabbalat Shabbat
Hanukkah Service

6:30pm

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### Saturday Morning Minyanim

All Minyan services start at  
9:00am in the BFR

#### December

6, 13, 20, 27

#### December 6

Minyan led by  
B'nai Mitzvah Class



## Hanukkah Party!

**December 26 at 6:30pm**  
**Kabbalat Shabbat Service followed by**  
**the lighting of the sixth candle**  
**on the community hanukkiah.**

Celebrate the miracle of the ritual oil lasting eight nights after Judah Maccabee and his band of brave men triumphed over forced assimilation.

Bring your hanukkiah, candles and matches. Enjoy friends, family, kids' activities, music and sufganiyot (fried jelly donuts) with Rabbi Magat, Cantor Intern Meeka Simerly and your temple family.

RSVP requested to [admin@templesanjose.org](mailto:admin@templesanjose.org)

The Sisterhood Gift Shop has all the Hanukkah supplies you'll need to light up your holidays!

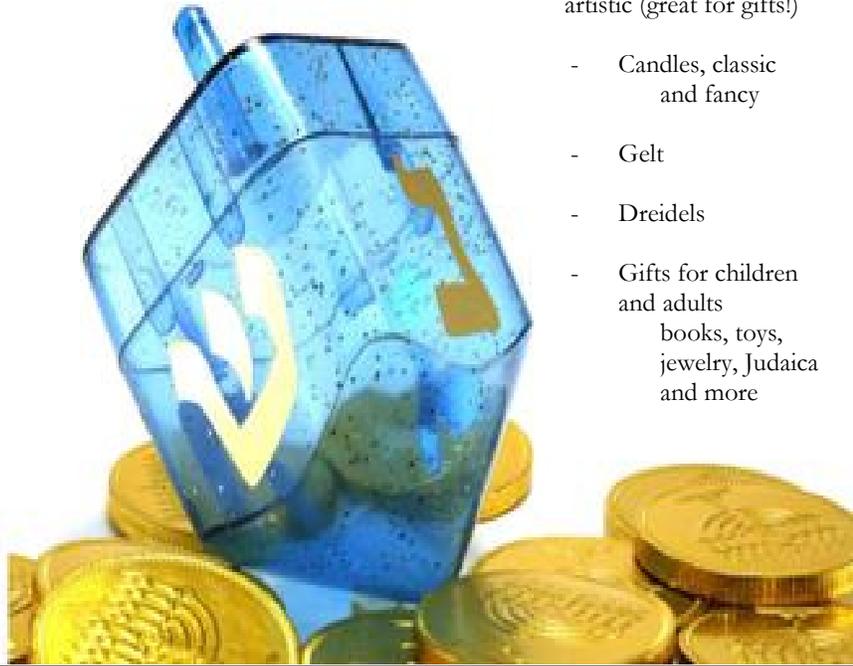
- Hanukkiot, simple and artistic (great for gifts!)

- Candles, classic and fancy

- Gelt

- Dreidels

- Gifts for children and adults  
books, toys,  
jewelry, Judaica  
and more





## A Jewish Value?

On Saturday, November 15, after our wonderful Saturday morning minyan, several of us went to San Jose City Hall to be a part of the protest against the passing of Proposition 8. With as many people there were there, it was a non-violent and thoughtful demonstration that was an extremely powerful community-building event. I was pleasantly surprised to see quite a few members of

our congregation in attendance. One of our families with a teenager and eleven year old were on the curb of Santa Clara Avenue expressing their thoughts and cheering during the moments when we were asked to respond to "What do we want?" and "When do we want it." I was also a proud father when my son, Raya, informed Cheriel and me that he wanted to attend the rally.

After the historic vote for President, it was terribly disappointing to many of us that Proposition 8 passed. What saddened me the most was how many Americans could vote for Proposition 8 and so willingly take away the civil rights from some of our fellow citizens. Watching the upset of some of our own congregants who were married this summer has been a truly painful experience. The grief and pain on their faces should be a reminder to all of us that Proposition 8 was never about protecting marriage, for what ultimately protects marriage is how we behave in our relationship with our spouse. To take away another's right is un-American and denies the essential truth of every major religion, which is to treat another with respect.

I am also upset by those who voted for Proposition 8 based on a close-minded belief that there is one truth and one way to believe for everyone. I feel sad for anyone who does not truly understand the blessing of being an American. As Americans, we have the gift of diverse cultures and beliefs around us. If we do not embrace others equally, we are not embracing our American values. We are all equal. How would you like some of your rights taken away because you are considered different? As Jews, we know first hand how this can affect us. Regardless of how we define God, we must see that there are many ways to express our beliefs.

We live during challenging and difficult times. I believe the more we judge each other, the more challenged our society will become. The more loving we are to one another, greater is the chance that our society will thrive.

I am proud to be the leader of a religious institution that understands that how we treat one another is directly related to how we relate to God. If we do not protect the rights of all Americans then we are all unprotected.

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## Music is Live and Kickin' at Temple Emanu-El!

As I am now approaching the last six months of being a student of Cantorial Studies at the Academy for Jewish Religion in Los Angeles (God willing, I will be graduating in May 2009), I wanted to take this opportunity to write about the role of the Cantor (or Chazzan) in modern times, as well as share with you some of the musically infused services we'll be offering in the next couple of months. But first, allow me to introduce you to the concept of the 'new, modern Cantor.'

### The Modern Cantor

The modern Cantor is the connecting thread of where the music of the past fuses with the music of the present. For 200 years, the Cantor has served as the Jewish People's prayer leader before God, as composer of liturgical poetry and song and as educator and communal leader. Today, the Cantor is part of a professional synagogue team, with rabbis and educators, working to enhance Jewish life. In addition to facilitating meaningful communal worship through synagogue music, old and new, Cantors are developing specialties in education, temple administration, counseling, youth work, the liturgical arts, and synagogue programming. As a calling and a career, the Cantor continues "to wed the worlds of spirit and art." Cantorial music, properly presented, can be inspirational. It uplifts the spirit and transforms a service from a mundane experience to one that truly 'touches the soul'.

### Join us for XYZ's Sponsored Musical Shabbat!

I am so proud to announce that on December 12, we will have our yearly XYZ's sponsored musical event, and this time, we will be featuring a collaboration of two of my favorite worlds: the world of Jewish liturgy, infused with the reading of poetry, and classical music of different eras.

Let me introduce you to the musicians who will be taking a part in this special evening:

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Now that the holidays are over, it is time to start looking forward. The first two weeks of July 2009, Rabbi Magat will be leading a Temple Emanu-El Congregational tour of Israel. As I had the opportunity to visit Israel in April on a Federation Mission, let me describe a few highlights of my trip. Hopefully it will encourage you to go.

My trip started in Krakow, Poland where I had the opportunity to meet, shake

hands with and talk to Prince Charles. I have not washed my hand in six months so if you want to shake the hand that shook the hand of Prince Charles, see me. Seriously, he was quite charming and easy to talk to. He was there for the dedication of a new Jewish Community Center, for which he had helped raise money. But on to Israel...

The Federation Mission was in Israel for three important events; Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial Day), Yom HaZikaron (honoring those who have fallen in battle) and Yom HaAtzma'ut (Israeli Independence Day). For Yom HaShoah, sirens sound throughout the country for two full minutes. EVERYTHING halts during this time; people shopping, school children playing, cars and busses on the streets, including the freeways. Everyone stands in silence to take pause to remember the 6 million Jews slaughtered in WWII. It is an amazing sight and feeling. For Yom HaZikaron, we attended a ceremony in the courtyard of a prison that was used by the British. The two main speakers were a woman who lost her son in the last Lebanon war and a young, female captain whose job it is to inform the families of soldiers who have died in combat. I tell you, there was not a dry eye! For Independence Day evening, we went to Jerusalem where there were bands, light shows and fireworks! The crowd was enormous, but well behaved, with everyone safely having a good time.

Two sights I think should not be missed are Ammunition Hill and Independence Hall. At Ammunition Hill, young Israelis worked for two years underground making ammunition for the War of Independence that was sure to come. Those youngsters volunteered, not knowing exactly what would be required of them. Ten hours a day, they worked underground to manufacture various types of ammunition.

Independence Hall is where the leaders of the new State of Israel declared her independence. You will hear from the docent how the speech was completed only moments before it was delivered, how the seats were arranged in this simple room and where each person sat. The presentation lasts about 30 minutes and, surely, you will be inspired.

If it is at all possible, you should consider going with Rabbi for a life changing trip that is full of hopes and dreams yet to come.

**Steve Greenberg**  
[president@templesanjose.org](mailto:president@templesanjose.org)

I am writing this column from the perspective of having just completed my third month as your Executive Director. I moved back to California in May of this year and while I have been on the job only since August 4, I feel at home here at our wonderful Reform Jewish synagogue. Psychologically, it seems like I have been with you for years, not months. Temple Emanu-El is a great place to work and worship. It has been an exciting, challenging and personally satisfying experience. It has also been an intense learning experience. My goal is excellence in all phases of the Executive Director's role. I have been working with the assistance of many fine individuals; our current and past presidents, the Rabbi and Meeka, the office staff, from Board Trustees, from members of the Congregation, from the Religious School and Pre-School Directors and from our former administrator Jane Jacobson and interim administrator, Jake Braunstein. Every day I am improving my skill set and becoming closer to my goal of excelling in carrying out the many duties of the executive director.

Congregants and board members have said many complimentary things about the temple's High Holy Day services at the Heritage Theatre in Campbell. It took the combined efforts of the office staff, board members, clergy and congregant volunteers over four months to create this unique High Holy Day worship experience. I want to thank everyone very much for their help. I want to extend my special thanks to Dawn Chaffin, Uri Gottfeld, Barbara Smead and Anita Mederios.

I have met or spoken with a number of our congregants-- especially at High Holy Day services and I am looking forward to knowing many more of you over the months. Please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns at the main office number: 408.292.0939.

**James Perlstein**  
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This issue is about discrimination, and ultimately, if the passage of Proposition 8 is upheld in the courts (which I believe will not happen) then we have voted to discriminate against gay and lesbians. As Jews we must never forget the lessons of the Shoah.

During the Holocaust, one of the most famous quotes was Martin Niemoller who said, and which appears in the Congressional Record 14, October 1968, page 31636 is:

*When Hitler attacked the Jews I was not a Jew, therefore I was not concerned. And when Hitler attacked the Catholics, I was not a Catholic, and therefore, I was not concerned. And when Hitler attacked the unions and the industrialists, I was not a member of the unions and I was not concerned. Then Hitler attacked me and the Protestant church -- and there was nobody left to be concerned.*

## Winter Needs

Our regular tzedakah recipients

- Mazon, Jewish Response to Hunger  
[www.mazon.org](http://www.mazon.org)
- Jewish Family Services  
[www.jfssv.org](http://www.jfssv.org)
- Second Harvest Food Bank  
[www.2ndharvest.net](http://www.2ndharvest.net)



Need our help more than ever. They can use donations of high protein foods (in pop-top cans if possible), baby formula and diapers, as well as monetary contributions. Consider giving to these and other charities in lieu of holiday presents this year. Contributions may be brought to the Temple administrative office, or you can send them directly. Many groups now accept online donations: tzedakah is just a click or two away.

## Donation Reminder!!!



Tax Deductible Donations

As we approach the end of 2008, we ask that you consider Temple Emanu-El in your year-end tax planning. If it is within your means, there are tax advantages available to you in 2008 for making donations, gifts and financial commitment/dues payments by December 31. You can, of course, also

make payments before the end of the year that you were going to make before June 30, 2009, when the Temple's fiscal year ends. Since everyone's personal financial situation is different, it is important that you consult with your tax advisor before making decisions that have tax implications.

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**Pianist:** Deborah Davis was confirmed at Temple Emanu-El and attended Jay Forester's Challah classes. Debbie enjoyed Marilyn Handloff's music time during religious school and joined Phyllis Omel's Junior Choir. These good times with music may have influenced Debbie to major in music in college. Today, Debbie works as a professional pianist, performing, teaching and conducting.

**Flautist:** Julia Goldstein has played flute and piccolo in the Nova Vista Symphony since 1999 and she loves being part of such a great group. She has been teaching general music to elementary school children since 2004, and second grade is her favorite grade to teach. Julia joined the symphony orchestra and choir at Pomona College (she was a student at Harvey Mudd) and chamber orchestra at Stanford while working on engineering degrees. Julia, along with her husband Martin and sons Alex (12) and Dylan (10), has been a member of Temple Emanu-El since 2003. The family is busy preparing for Alex's Bar Mitzvah next February.

**Cellist:** Peter Gelfand has performed as the Principal Cellist with Symphony Silicon Valley and the former San Jose Symphony since 1985. Since 1999, Peter has been a regular performer with the San Francisco Symphony. Peter had founded two prominent local chamber music ensembles, the San Jose String Quartet and the San Jose Chamber Players. Over the years, these two ensembles have performed in collaboration with virtually every major arts organization and educational institution in the Santa Clara Valley. Peter devotes much of his time and energy to developing and producing innovative, collaborative projects of an educational and multicultural nature. In 2008, Mr. Gelfand was honored with the first-ever City of San Jose "Champions of Arts Education" Award.

## Choir and Shabbat Shira:

Along with the revival of the role of the Cantor is a greater appreciation for choir accompaniment. The combination of a Cantor and choir, working together in 'sync', is a most beautiful enhancement of the religious experience. Our adult choir will be singing for our next annual Shabbat Shira event, also featuring our Junior Choir as a part of our Family Service, infused with excerpts from Craig Taubman's "Friday Night Live!" musical Shabbat.

## Rock Shabbat:

Well, Temple Emanu-El Rock group really does 'rock on.' I don't see the need to write about it – I would simply encourage you to join the Brotherhood Band, awesome musicians, our Singers and clergy for a truly unique Rock Shabbat experience at 6:30pm on Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. See our website for more details!





## Grant Program Development and Writer Volunteer Opportunity

Did you know Temple Emanu-El receives funds from Sinai Memorial Chapel to support Religious School programs? We have an opportunity to pursue more grants from other organizations in the Bay Area, California and in other states in support of our synagogue, and need your help.

Description: Help match grant opportunities with Temple program needs, identify how those needs fit with existing or new programs and write grant proposals to request funds. Work with staff and committee members in this process.

Please contact Steve Krandel for more information, [skrandel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:skrandel@sbcglobal.net).



## Subvention from Sinai Memorial Chapel

Temple Emanu-El gratefully acknowledges the Board of Directors of Sinai Memorial Chapel, Chevra Kadisha (Holy Burial Society), approved a 2008 subvention for our Religious School. We want to thank Sinai very much for their generous support. It is significant that Sinai Memorial Chapel provides annual support for Temple Emanu-El.

Sinai has completed two new development projects; the opening of their rebuilt branch office in Lafayette and the opening of Gan Shalom, the new Jewish cemetery in Contra Costa County which serves the entire East Bay Jewish Community.

*"It would be my pleasure to be your Realtor!"*



## Mary Cohen

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## Good News for Temple Members! Tax-Free Gifts from IRA Accounts Have Been Re-Authorized!

Congress has re-authorized legislation that allows donors to make charitable gifts from their IRA accounts (including Roth IRAs) during tax years 2008 and 2009 without incurring an income tax on the withdrawal. It was passed as part of the Emergency Stabilization Act of 2008. If you are age 70 ½ or older and are required to take minimum withdrawals and you do not need them for personal use, this may be a great way to make a gift to one or more qualified charities. While you cannot claim a charitable deduction for IRA gifts, you will not pay income tax on the amount. Without this law change, withdrawals from IRAs for charitable gifts are taxable to the donor. Your tax-free gift may be a payment of an existing pledge or a new gift. For tax year 2008, you must act before December 31, 2008.

To qualify:

- You must be age 70 ½ or older at the time of the gift.
- Transfers must be made from a traditional or Roth IRA account by your plan provider DIRECTLY to the charity. Funds that are withdrawn by you and then contributed do NOT qualify.
- Gifts from 401k, 403b, SEP and other retirement plans do not qualify.
- Gifts must be outright. Distributions to donor-advised funds, supporting organizations, or life-income arrangements such as charitable remainder trusts and gift annuities are precluded.

Benefits-Qualified charitable distributions:

- Can total up to \$100,000 in each tax year (if your spouse has a separate IRA account, you can each contribute up to \$100,000 per tax year);
- Can be excluded from your gross income for federal income tax purposes on line 15a of Form 1040 (no charitable deduction is available, however);
- Can be used to satisfy your Minimum Required Distribution (MRD);
- Are not subject to the 50% deductibility ceiling or the 2% rule.
- Removes up to \$100,000 per year from the taxable estate

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What a great fall we have had! Over the past few months Brotherhood hosted or co-hosted a wide variety of programs. What has made these months exceptional has been our partnership with Sisterhood. It is amazing what a name change does for camaraderie. I am glad that Brotherhood didn't have to change its name to MOTE to promote this kind of partnership.

October's premier event was our trip to the Contemporary Jewish Museum of San Francisco. Thanks to Alan Weissberger's inspiration and Barbara Berlant's perspiration, Brotherhood and Sisterhood were able fill a chartered bus, provide a docent-led tour and offer on-board refreshments. Yeshar Koach!

The October installment of the Brotherhood Distinguished Speakers Series was also a great success. Larry Magid, one of the country's foremost experts on internet safety, shared interesting statistics and recommendations to over 30 congregants. One of the lessons he wanted everyone to take home was to be careful posting personally damaging material on the internet. Never post a nasty email or an inappropriate picture. It may come back to haunt you and at the worst possible time. Jonathan, thank you for coordinating the event.

I would also like to thank Jonathan and the rest of the volunteers for last month's Diaspora Dinner: the Jews of Scandinavia. The dinner was an extraordinary success — delicious as well as entertaining. Nowhere else can you get a 5-course gourmet meal, a show and a glass of wine for \$49. It is the best deal in town. My wife brought a Swedish friend with her to the event, who raved all the way home about how good the food was. She cannot wait for the next Diaspora Dinner.

Our winter and spring schedules, like our autumn one, will be exciting. On December 19, members of Brotherhood will lead the Friday night Shabbat service. If you would like to participate, please be in touch with me. The secular new year will get off to a grand start with Brotherhood's membership dinner, scheduled for January 10. We have some great entertainment being planned, so save the date! Our annual blood drive, as well as a Diaspora Dinner, is also scheduled for January. Get your reservations in early for the January 24 Diaspora Dinner. The last dinner was sold out and we had to turn people away.



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Brotherhood and Sisterhood are formulating plans for our next collaborative adventure. Early in the year we are planning a trip to the California Academy of and Steinhart Aquarium in San Francisco. Stay tuned for details.

If you would like to lend a hand planning events or have a mitzvah project you would like Brotherhood to pursue, please join us in the cottage on the second Sunday of the month at 9:00am. Our monthly meetings are always entertaining, educational and well-catered.

**Bob Levy, Brotherhood President**  
brotherhood@templesanjose.org

## Brotherhood Blood Drive

Sunday, January 25 between 8:45am and 1:00pm

We all expect blood to be there for us, but barely a fraction of those who can give do. Yet sooner or later, virtually all of us will face a time of great vulnerability in which we will need blood. And that time is, all too often, unexpected.

Blood is needed for emergencies and for people who have cancer, blood disorders, sickle cell, anemia and other illnesses. Some people need regular blood transfusions to live.

Appointments may be made online  
Register online at  
bloodcenter.stanford.edu or  
contact Philip Schwarz at  
408.739.5111 or  
pdschwarz@aol.com.

Snacks and juice for donors!

Look for further details on page 15  
via emails and Emanu-El Updates.



## Brotherhood Membership 2008-2009

Temple Emanu-El's Brotherhood wants your support so we can continue to support you, our youth and our temple community.

Our Brotherhood is more than a social club. Brotherhood is a vital arm of the temple. Brotherhood supports youth, Religious School and other temple actives. Through your involvement, you have the opportunity to serve your community, to meet other men and make friendships that last a life time. Brotherhood is for all the men in the Temple Emanu-El family.

Both Sisterhood and Brotherhood are often the gateways through which young men and women become active in temple life. Brotherhood has been an important training ground for the many men who have gone on to become active on committees and at the board level of the synagogue.

Your president, Bob Levy, is committed to making this an exciting and interesting year. Our activities are going to be fun!

Don't forget. Join us now. Renew your dues if you are already a member or send them in for the first time this year.

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### Visiting the Mikvah

Sunday, December 7, 1:00pm  
Meet at Congregation Shir Hadash  
\$5 members, \$7 non-members  
\$28 maximum for a family  
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408.281.2451 or Davita at  
408.390.1850.

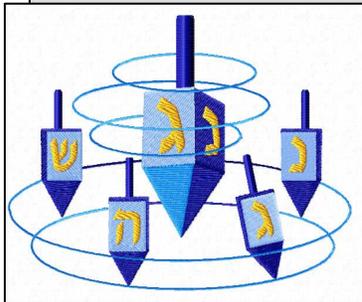
Join the sisterhoods of Temple Emanu El and Shir Hadash as Rabbi Alexander shows us the way! Meet for a light lunch and discussion and carpool to the JCC at the Levy Family Campus for a tour of our local mikvah. Learn about the history of the mikvah and what it means to Jewish women today. All are welcome; women, men and students of all ages.

“The *mikvah* offers the individual, the community, and the nation of Israel the remarkable gift of purity and holiness.”



### Coffee at the Cottage Sunday Mornings

Sundays, December 7 and 21  
from 10:30am -1:00pm  
Enjoy our new “home away from home,” the house next door to the synagogue on Myrtle Street. Sisterhood provides coffee, snacks and great company as we get to know each other.



### Meeting & Hanukkah Party

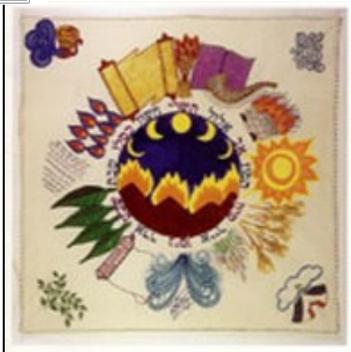
Thursday, December 11, 6pm  
in the Cottage  
Potluck dinner. Please bring a \$10 Hanukkah gift to exchange.  
RSVP to Harriet Reisner –at  
reisnerh@onemain.com or  
408.226.2842.



### Sweet Success!

Our trip to the Contemporary Jewish Museum of San Francisco was such a smashing success that we will be planning more programs together with Brotherhood.

**Rita Loren, Sisterhood President**  
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### Rosh Chodesh

Monday, January 26, 7:00pm  
If you have photos of your mother and grand-mothers, bring a few to share with us.

Rosh Chodesh, Festival of the New Moon, is an ancient tradition for women going back to biblical times. It is said that this holiday was given to

women to celebrate as a reward for their refusal to participate in the making of the golden calf in Exodus.

Come join us as we mark this holiday every other month with prayer, ritual, sacred symbols, music, meditation, storytelling and more. In a small, friendly group, we will meet at the home of Lorie and Shari Kaplan, explore who we are as Jewish women, reinforce our Jewish identity and deepen our spirituality. This holiday is truly a sacred time just for you.

We always have a wonderful evening! Space is limited so please RSVP to Lorie & Shari at 408.267.4563.

### Sisterhood’s Catering Menu for Oneg Shabbat (minimum 100—10 trays)

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| Assorted cookie trays (24–36 pieces)                       | \$20 |
| Brownies (24–36 pieces)                                    | \$30 |
| Cake trays (24–36 pieces)                                  | \$30 |
| Cupcake cake (24 cupcakes decorated like a cake—Mazel Tov) | \$30 |
| Fancy cookie trays (24–36 pieces)                          |      |
| Mandelbroit/rugelach/etc.                                  | \$30 |
| Dried fruit and nut tray                                   | \$30 |
| Fresh vegetable trays                                      | \$30 |
| Cheese and cracker trays                                   | \$36 |
| Hummus and pita trays                                      | \$36 |
| Fresh fruit trays                                          | \$36 |
| Layered bean dip with tortilla chips                       | \$36 |
| M&M or Jelly Belly bowls (3 bowls)                         | \$10 |

Includes traying, setup, serving platters, decaf coffee, tea, punch bowl filled with cold drink, coffee cups, spoons, and tablecloths.

Contact Rita Loren for more details and to order the oneg for your special event. ritaloren@sbcglobal.net

### Save the Date!

Spirituality Day February 28, 2009  
Always a popular and enjoyable event!

Do you have questions or suggested programs? Contact Rita Loren, Sisterhood President, at ritaloren@sbcglobal.net or Judith Stubbs, Vice President, at spiritualjudith@yahoo.com.



For more than half a century, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee has worked to help make Israel more secure by ensuring that American support remains strong. From a small pro-Israel public affairs boutique in the 1950s, AIPAC has grown into a 100,000-member national grassroots movement described by The New York Times as "the most important organization affecting America's relationship with Israel."

For more information on AIPAC's work, local, regional, national and international events and to join, visit [www.aipac.com](http://www.aipac.com).

### We Care and We Want to be There...

At Temple Emanu-El, we are a family (mishpocha), who want to make a connection (keshet) with one another. The Caring Committee is here to help our temple community with:

- \*rides to temple events
- \*visits and/or meals for the ill, elderly, or lonely
- \*comfort for the bereaved



This past year, members of the committee graciously with compassion and discretion have done all of the above and more.

If you or someone you know is in need, or if you are able to help in any way, please contact us through the temple or directly.

**Dan and Shirley Lee**  
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### eScrip Holiday Information

Did you know that there are great fall savings from all your favorite stores? Shop now at the eScrip Online Mall where more than 1,000 stores support eScrip. Among them are Pottery Barn, Amazon.com, Office Depot, eBay, Red Envelope, Harry and David and Nordstrom. You can shop from the comfort of your home and earn \$\$\$\$ for Temple Emanu-El.

And what about after-holiday sales? You can support Temple as you embark on your shopping trip. While out shopping for those bargains, remember to use your registered credit/debit cards at participating eScrip merchants. I'd be happy to mail you a merchant list.

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Happy Holidays!

**Lorie Kaplan, eScrip coordinator maven**  
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# Lucky

### Attention Lucky Shoppers!

You may have noticed that Lucky grocery store brought back the Community Partners Card, now called Shares Card.

When you designate Temple Emanu-El as your charity, Sisterhood will receive 3% of your shopping total! Proceeds go towards the Religious School Library Fund. It is a simple way to give back to your temple community.

Cards will be available on September 14, the first day of Religious School and at the High Holy Days.

For more information and additional cards, please contact Anita Medeiros at [wote@templesanjose.org](mailto:wote@templesanjose.org)



### 2009 Entertainment Books Available through December only!

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- Do you take your family to local attractions?
- Do you love getting a bargain?
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Hanukkah (from the Hebrew word for "dedication" or "consecration") -- the eight-day festival of light that begins on the eve of 25 Kislev -- celebrates the triumph of light over darkness, of purity over corruption, of spirituality over materialism. Hanukkah is the only holiday still celebrated that was established in antiquity to commemorate post-biblical events.

More than twenty-one centuries ago, the Holy Land was ruled by the Seleucids (Syrian-Greeks), who sought to forcefully Hellenize the people of Israel. Mattathias, a Jewish priest, and his five sons Jochanan, Simeon, Eleazar, Jonathan, and Judah led a rebellion against assimilation and Antiochus, the Seleucids leader. Judah became known as Judah Maccabee ("Judah the Hammer"). The Jewish revolt against the Seleucid monarchy was successful and the Temple was liberated and rededicated.

Against all odds, a small band of faithful Jews defeated one of the mightiest armies on earth, drove the Greeks from the land, reclaimed the Holy Temple in Jerusalem and rededicated it to the service of God. The Rabbis tell a story in the Talmud that when Judah's troops sought to light the Temple's menorah, they found only a single cruse of olive oil that had escaped contamination by the Greeks; miraculously, the one-day supply burned for eight days, until new oil could be prepared under conditions of ritual purity. We are also taught that, because the Seleucids had commandeered the Temple, the Israelites were not able to make a harvest sacrifice, rendering them unable to celebrate Sukkot. At first chance, they celebrated Sukkot, which later became Hanukkah. The tradition of celebrating for eight days we maintain today.

The lesson we glean from the story of Hanukkah is religious tolerance. At the heart of the festival is the nightly Hanukkiyah lighting: a single flame on the first night, two on the second evening, and so on till the eighth night of Hanukkah, when all eight lights are kindled.

Because Judaism, as a religion, shies away from glorifying military victories, in the past, we've focused on the Miracle of the Oil and the positive spiritual aspects of the Temple's rededication. The oil becomes a metaphor for the miraculous survival of the Jewish people through millennia of trials and tribulations. Now we emphasize a message of religious tolerance.

## Hanukkiyah

Many have the custom to place the Hanukkiyah in a doorway opposite the mezuzah so that the two mitzvot of mezuzah and Hanukkah surround the person. Others place it on a windowsill facing out so the public can see the Hanukkah lights, demonstrating one's pride in being Jewish.

The candles should be arranged in a straight row and should be of equal height. The shamash - the "servant" candle that kindles

the other lights - should be placed apart from the rest (higher, outside the row, etc.).

On the first night of Hanukkah one light is kindled on the right side of the Hanukkiyah, on the following night add a second light to the left of the first and kindle the new light first proceeding from left to right, and so on each night. The Hanukkah blessings are recited each night and on the first night we add the shehecheyanu.

During the time the candles are burning, it is customary to sit by the candles, and tell stories relating to the holiday.

## Latkes

Potato pancakes, known as latkes in Yiddish, are traditionally associated with Hanukkah (especially among Ashkenazi families) because there is a custom to eat foods fried or baked in oil, preferably olive oil, as the Rabbi's tell us, the original miracle of the Hanukkah Hanukkiyah involved the discovery of the small flask of oil used by the Jewish High Priest (the Kohen Gadol). This small batch of olive oil was only supposed to last one day, and instead it lasted eight. Many Sephardic families as well as Polish Ashkenazim and Israelis have the custom to eat all kinds of fruit filled doughnuts, known as sufganiyot in Hebrew, which are deep-fried in oil.

It is also customary to eat cheesy foods on Hanukkah, in commemoration of the bravery of Yehudit. Yehudit saved her village, which was under siege by the Syrians. The Syrians were trying to starve the Jews so they would surrender. She went to the governor of the Syrians troops and brought him cheese and wine. She got him drunk. After he collapsed on the floor, Yehudit took his sword and beheaded him. She brought his head back to her town in her basket. The next morning the Jews attacked the Syrian troops. When the Syrians ran to their governor and found him on the ground beheaded, they got scared and fled. Thus Yehudit saved her town. In memory of this story, it has recently become a tradition to eat dairy food on Hanukkah.

## Dreidel

The dreidel, or sevivon in Hebrew, is a four-sided spinning top that children play with on Hanukkah. Each side is imprinted with a Hebrew letter. These letters are an acronym for the Hebrew words, Nes Gadol Haya Sham—"A great miracle happened there".

Some say the dreidel game is played to commemorate a game devised by the Jews to camouflage the fact that they were studying Torah, which was outlawed by Greeks. The Jews would gather in caves to study, posting a lookout to alert the group to the presence of Greek soldiers. If soldiers were spotted, the Jews would hide their scrolls and spin tops, so the Greeks thought they were gambling, not learning.

## Gelt

Hanukkah gelt, Yiddish for money, is often distributed to children to enhance their enjoyment of the holiday and to reinforce exemplary behavior, such as diligence in their studies and acts of charity. The amount is usually in small coins, although grandparents or other relatives may give larger sums as an official Hanukkah gift. Children should be encouraged to give charity from a portion of their money.



Each night:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם  
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ  
לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנוּכָּה

Baruch atah Adonai, Elohenu melech ha-olam asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah.

Blessed is Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, by whose mitzvot we are sanctified and who commands us to kindle the lights of Hanukkah.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם  
שְׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם,  
בְּזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

Baruch atah Adonai, Elohenu melech ha-olam she-asa nissim l'avotenu bayamim ha-hem ba'zman ha'zeh.

Blessed is Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old, at this season.

The first night only:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם  
שֶׁהַחַיָּנוּ וְקִיְמָנוּ וְהַגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

Baruch atah Adonai, Elohenu melech ha-olam she-he-che-yanu v'ki-ye-manu v'hi-ge-yanu la-zman ha-zeh.

Blessed is Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, for giving us life, sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.



October was a very busy month in the preschool. For many years we planned to offer enrichment classes and finally our wish became a reality. In addition to our normal preschool program we are also offering an Art Enrichment class each Wednesday, a Science Enrichment class each Tuesday and a Dance Enrichment class each Monday and Thursday. The response from the parents and students has been very encouraging. So many students signed up that we opened a second art class and a second science class.



The children enjoyed their special time in the sukkah, and they also enjoyed a special Torah presentation in the sanctuary for Simchat Torah. Our children feel very connected at temple and look forward to their special time with Rabbi Magat and Cantor Meeka.

In the month of November we learned about transportation, Noah's ark, Native Americans and the first Thanksgiving. December will begin our focus on winter and Hanukkah. We will also host our first KNOPP (Kid's Night Out Pajama Party) of the year on December 6 and our annual Hanukkah Potluck Dinner and Silent Auction on December 16. The preschool is a busy and exciting place to be.



We have already received applications for the Fall 2009 school year. Temple members do receive priority when registering for the preschool, but that is only as long as there are openings. I encourage anyone interested in the preschool to contact me as soon as possible. We will hold our annual Open House on February 3, 2009 for prospective students. I encourage temple members to apply to the preschool prior to the open house. Please contact me with any questions.

Barbara Smead  
Barbara@templesanjose.org



## Wednesday December 3

4:00pm Hebrew School  
 5:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Prep Class  
 6:15pm Read Hebrew America  
 TJS and Beit Midrash meet off-site

## Friday December 5

6:15pm Congregational Potluck Dinner  
 7:15pm Erev Shabbat Family Service  
 Led by Gimmel A, with Grade 4 participating

## Saturday December 6

9:00am Shabbat Morning Minyan  
 Led by B'nai Mitzvah Class, B'nai Mitzvah Parent Session

## Sunday December 7

9:00am Confirmation Class, Parent Session, Hebrew School  
 10:00am Coffee in the Cottage  
 10:15am Judaic Studies, Kindergarten Family Education  
 Day, Adult Education classes  
 1:00pm Visit to Mikvah, Sponsored by Sisterhood  
 6:00pm AIPAC Membership Dinner

## Tuesday December 9

7:30pm Introduction to Judaism

## Wednesday December 10

12:00pm Lunch n' Learn  
 4:00pm Hebrew School  
 5:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Prep Class  
 6:00pm Kadima (4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade Youth Group)  
 6:15pm TJS, Read Hebrew America  
 7:30pm Beit Midrash

## Thursday December 11

6:00pm Sisterhood Meeting and Hanukkah Party

## Friday December 12

7:30pm Erev Shabbat Services – Musical Shabbat  
 sponsored by XYZ  
 NFTY Fall Inter

## Saturday December 13

9:00am Shabbat Morning Minyan

## Sunday December 14

9:00am Confirmation Class, Hebrew School, Brotherhood  
 Meeting, Religious School Committee Meeting  
 10:15am Judaic Studies, Adult Education classes

## Tuesday December 16

7:30pm Introduction to Judaism

## Wednesday December 17

12:00pm Lunch n' Learn  
 4:00pm Hebrew School  
 5:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Prep Class  
 6:15pm TJS, Read Hebrew America  
 7:30pm Beit Midrash

## Thursday December 18

7:00pm Brotherhood Card Night

## Friday December 19

6:00pm Tot Shabbat, Kindergarten Participating  
 7:30pm Erev Shabbat Services, Brotherhood Shabbat

## Saturday December 20

9:00am Shabbat Morning Minyan

## Sunday December 21

First Night of Hanukkah!  
 9:00am Confirmation Class, Hebrew School

9:30am Coffee in the Cottage

10:15am Judaic Studies

## Thursday December 25

6:00pm Rosh Chodesh Event sponsored by Sisterhood

## Friday December 26

6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat – Hanukkah Service  
 7:30pm Hanukkah Party

## Saturday December 27

9:00am Shabbat Morning Minyan

## Sunday December 28

No Sunday Classes

## Friday January 2

6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Services

## Saturday January 3

9:00am Shabbat Morning Minyan

## Sunday January 4

No Sunday Classes

## Wednesday January 7

4:00pm Hebrew School  
 6:15pm TJS  
 7:30pm Beit Midrash

## Thursday January 8

6:00pm Sisterhood Dinner and Meeting  
 6:30pm Ritual Committee Meeting

## Friday January 9

6:15pm Congregational Potluck Dinner  
 7:15pm Erev Shabbat Family Service  
 Gimmel B and Grade 3 leading services

## Saturday January 10

9:00am Shabbat Morning Minyan, B'nai Mitzvah Parent  
 Session  
 6:00pm Brotherhood Paid Up Membership Dinner

## Sunday January 11

9:00am Confirmation Class, Hebrew School  
 10:15am Judaic Studies

## Wednesday January 14

12:00pm Lunch n' Learn  
 4:00pm Hebrew School  
 5:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Prep Class  
 6:00pm Kadima (4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade Youth Group)  
 6:15pm TJS

## Thursday January 15

7:00pm Brotherhood Card Night, Religious School  
 Committee Meeting, Dues Committee Meeting

## Friday January 16

6:00pm Tot Shabbat  
 7:30pm Erev Shabbat Services – Piano and Song

## Saturday January 17

9:00am Shabbat Morning Minyan, Confirmation

## Sunday January 18 – Monday January 19

No Sunday Classes, All Offices and Schools Closed

## Wednesday January 21

4:00pm Hebrew School  
 5:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Prep Class  
 6:15pm TJS, Read Hebrew America  
 6:30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal  
 7:30pm Beit Midrash, Adult Choir Rehearsal

## Friday January 23

7:30pm Erev Shabbat Services – Rock Shabbat



## Saturday January 24

9:00am Shabbat Morning Minyan  
 10:30am Cale Horeff becomes a Bar Mitzvah  
 6:00pm Diaspora Dinner

## Sunday January 25

8:45am Brotherhood Blood Drive  
 9:00am Confirmation Class, Hebrew School  
 10:15am Judaic Studies  
 12:30pm Noar (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth group)

## Monday January 26

6:00pm Sisterhood's Rosh Chodesh Event

## Wednesday January 28

12:00pm Lunch n' Learn  
 4:00pm Hebrew School  
 5:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Prep Class  
 6:00pm Kadima (4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade youth group)  
 6:15pm TJS  
 6:30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal  
 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, Beit Midrash

## Friday January 30

6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Services

## Saturday January 31

9:00am Shabbat Morning Minyan  
 10:30am Adam Sciupac becomes a Bar Mitzvah



## Shabbat Candle Lighting Times

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| Friday, December 5, 2008   | Light Candles at: <b>4:32 pm</b> |
| Shabbat, December 6, 2008  | Shabbat Ends: <b>5:32 pm</b>     |
| Friday, December 12, 2008  | Light Candles at: <b>4:33 pm</b> |
| Shabbat, December 13, 2008 | Shabbat Ends: <b>5:34 pm</b>     |
| Friday, December 19, 2008  | Light Candles at: <b>4:35 pm</b> |
| Shabbat, December 20, 2008 | Shabbat Ends: <b>5:36 pm</b>     |
| Friday, December 26, 2008  | Light Candles at: <b>4:39 pm</b> |
| Shabbat, December 27, 2008 | Shabbat Ends: <b>5:40 pm</b>     |
| Friday, January 2, 2009    | Light Candles at: <b>4:43 pm</b> |
| Shabbat, January 3, 2009   | Shabbat Ends: <b>5:45 pm</b>     |
| Friday, January 9, 2009    | Light Candles at: <b>4:49 pm</b> |
| Shabbat, January 10, 2009  | Shabbat Ends: <b>5:51 pm</b>     |
| Friday, January 16, 2009   | Light Candles at: <b>4:56 pm</b> |
| Shabbat, January 17, 2009  | Shabbat Ends: <b>5:57 pm</b>     |
| Friday, January 23, 2009   | Light Candles at: <b>5:04 pm</b> |
| Shabbat, January 24, 2009  | Shabbat Ends: <b>6:04 pm</b>     |
| Friday, January 30, 2009   | Light Candles at: <b>5:11 pm</b> |
| Shabbat, January 31, 2009  | Shabbat Ends: <b>6:11 pm</b>     |

## Save the Dates!

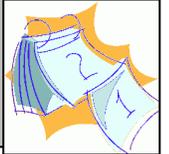
Saturday, February 7 - Improvisational Shabbat in Nature

Sunday, February 8 - Tu B'Shvat and Seder

Tuesday, February 10 - Brotherhood Distinguished Lecturer:  
 Dr. Vint Cerf

Thursday, February 19 - Brotherhood Card Night

Saturday, February 28 - Sisterhood Spirituality Day



## Purim Carnival

Whenever I see all those happy kids in Halloween costumes, it reminds me of how lucky Jewish kids are to get to do it twice a year! This year our Purim carnival will be on Sunday, March 8. Although Purim is still a season away, there a few things worth communicating.

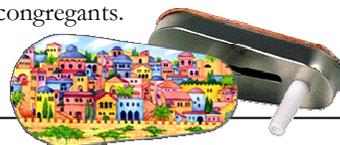
**Silent Auction** – We hold a silent auction at the Purim carnival and it is the largest fundraiser for religious school activities. YOU can help by simply asking local merchants that you frequent in your normal activities if they would donate goods or services to the auction. We have a simple letter you can give them that has all the information they need. We have found it much more effective when a business's customers ask for donations rather than a blind letter arriving at a corporate office. This is one of the easiest ways to help out and clearly a case of "It never hurts to ask". We especially like items that families can do together (restaurants, movies, events, games, toys). We do accept items from individuals as auction items. Please make sure they are in excellent condition and would be something you yourself would consider buying.

**Books** – Last year instead of a cake walk, we did a very successful book walk. We will be doing that again this year so if over the holidays you get some new books for your kids, please consider donating some of the ones they have grown out of that in are good condition to give away as prizes.

**Volunteers** – We always need help the day of the event. Most parents are pretty busy helping their young children so especially if you do NOT have children in the school, your help is extra appreciated. While helping out, you get the "warm fuzzies" of watching the children of our temple play games, do crafts, sing and dance and just have fun. There is no better chicken soup for the soul, than watching the next generation of our temple celebrate their Jewish heritage. For just an hour of your time, you can help fulfill the mission of L'dor V'dor.

**Creative Help** – Many of our signs and games boards could use a fresh coat of paint and some themed artwork. If you would be interested in helping spruce up some of them, and are good at that sort of thing, please contact me and we will organize a time.

I hope many, many of you will take this opportunity to spend a few hours on a Sunday in March (the 8<sup>th</sup> from 11:15am -1:15pm) to help out for the benefit and enjoyment of our youngest congregants.



**Greg Turetzky, Purim Chair**  
 turetzky@yahoo.com



## AIPAC Pacific Northwest Region Presents

**2008 AIPAC South Bay Membership Dinner  
Sunday December 7 - 6 PM Reception and 7 PM Program  
Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Parkway**

Mark your calendars for an evening to celebrate the US-Israel Relationship. Join over 1,300 community leaders, elected officials, activists and students to discuss the latest developments in Washington DC, Israel and in the Middle East.

Temple Emanu-El will have a table at this important event. If you wish to join Steve Greenberg and attend please contact James Perlstein in the Temple office at 408.292.0939 or by email at [jperlstein@templesanjose.org](mailto:jperlstein@templesanjose.org) to make your reservations. For more information visit [www.aipac.org/norcaevents](http://www.aipac.org/norcaevents).

This year's event will provide a truly unique opportunity for the community to pull together at a time when politics and Congressional support for a strong US-Israel relationship must come together. There have been a number of changes made to the program's format that will make this year's event a must-attend for new people and long-time attendees alike.

Our keynote speaker, James Woolsey, will discuss how the next U.S. Administration will address foreign policy issues, particularly the US-Israel relationship and the threat from Iran. Woolsey served in four U.S. Administrations, most recently as Director of the CIA. He is currently a member of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy Board of Advisors and is an expert on U.S. energy policy and oil independence.

Howard Kohr, AIPAC's Executive Director will answer questions and concerns directly from the community.

Finally, we are privileged to host thirty IDF Soldiers at this year's event. Notably, each has suffered the loss of a family member and we are indeed honored by their presence.

It is undisputed that the 2008 Elections will have a direct impact on American foreign policy. While the election is sure to bring major change, one thing must remain constant: bi-partisan support for the U.S.-Israel relationship. AIPAC, a nonpartisan organization, is devoted to preserving Congressional support to strengthen this strategic partnership and for ensuring that the Jewish community has a voice, not only in Congress, but in every presidential administration since 1950. As America's leading pro-Israel lobby, AIPAC works with both Democratic and Republican leaders to enact public policy affecting the Middle East and Israel's security – from maintaining vital foreign aid for Israel to stopping Iran's illicit nuclear program. We encourage you to visit AIPAC's web site for more information.

**Your presence is a powerful testament to your commitment to securing Israel's future.**

## "Darfur Now" Movie Screening Sunday, February 1, 2009, 3:00pm, Free

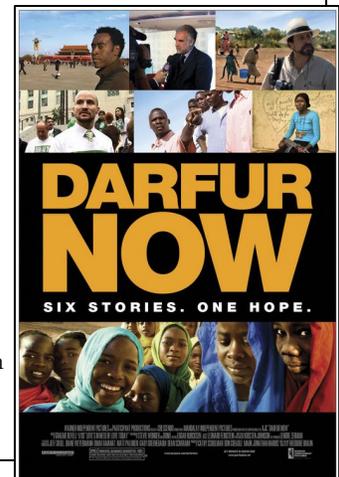
Addison-Penzak Jewish Community Center Auditorium  
14855 Oka Road, Los Gatos

Martina Knee from San Francisco Bay Area Darfur Coalition will speak about how to advocate for Darfur.

Refreshments will be sold. Proceeds go to purchase solar cookers for women in Darfur.

Please pick up flyer with details on the Shalom Table. Hosted by Jordana Lilly (9th grader) For more information please contact Jordana at [jordylilly@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jordylilly@sbcglobal.net).

'Darfur Now' is a story of hope in the midst of one of humanity's darkest hours - a call to action for people everywhere to end the catastrophe unfolding in Darfur, Sudan. In this documentary, the struggles and achievements of six different individuals form inside Darfur and around the world bring to light the tragedy in Sudan and show how the actions of one person can make a difference to millions.



## Bring Shabbat Home to Seniors

Join our Shabbat Shalom program to deliver prepared Shabbat packages to seniors in our community. This is a terrific once-a-month outreach opportunity—especially for families.

## Knit for a Mitzvah

If you love to knit, crochet or sew, or really want to learn how, this is the group to join! Knitzvah meets monthly and creates beautiful handmade items for preemie babies in the NICU, seniors who appreciate lap blankets to keep warm, cancer patients in need of colorful caps, and much more. Next meeting is December 21 at JFS. All ages welcome. Barbara Berlant is the chair.

## Become a Friendly Visitor

If you love working with seniors and have an hour or two a week to visit with a senior in need of a special connection to the outside world, then this is the volunteer opportunity for you! The JFS social work staff provides orientation and on-going training for graduates of our vocational ESL programs. This is a very gratifying opportunity to help assist newcomers to our community.

For more information about these and other volunteer opportunities, please contact JFS Volunteer Coordinator Michele Myron at 408.357.7453 or email at [michelem@jfsfv.org](mailto:michelem@jfsfv.org).



*Trees are sanctuaries. Whoever knows how to speak to them, whoever knows how to listen to them, can learn the truth. They do not preach learning and precepts, they preach undeterred by particulars, the ancient law of life. – Hermann Hesse, Wandering*

Join us for this new ritual experience. (note that Minyan Services will still take place at Temple Emanu-El in the BFR at 9:00am). We will come together and depending on who is there, and our mood, we will improvise our own Shabbat ritual experience. Bring a favorite reading, musical instruments and creativity. Think about how you would like to participate and join us. Afterward we will have a potluck lunch and, those interested can, take a walk through the redwoods.

**Saturday, February 7, 2009**

**11:00am**

Sanborn Skyline Park

(off Hwy 9 between the town of Saratoga and Skyline Boulevard)

Look for us near Costanoan Picnic Area

We will meet rain or shine

No RSVP please

Bring potluck lunch offering

**Save the Dates for Upcoming Shabbat in Nature Events!**

Saturday, April 11

Minyan starting at 10:30am

Location TBA

Saturday May 30 to Sunday May 31

Shabbat in Nature Overnight Camping

Big Basin

Please pick up flyers with details on the Shalom Table.



*I don't like needles / I am scared of needles / I am afraid to give blood*

Nearly everyone feels that way at first. However, most donors will tell you that you feel only a slight initial pinch, and 7-10 minutes later, you are finished and headed for the canteen. If you take the time (and courage) to make one donation, you'll wonder why you ever hesitated.

*I am too busy* - The entire process takes about an hour, and the actual blood donation time is only 7-10 minutes. If you stop to think that an hour of your time could mean a lifetime for a premature baby, someone with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, or someone who's had an accident, you might decide that you can make the time to give the gift of life.

*No-one ever asked me... I didn't realize my blood was needed* - Consider yourself asked! There is simply no other way to supply the blood needs of hospital patients but for the generous donations of people like you. Every two seconds someone in America needs blood. More than 38,000 donations are needed every day in communities across the U.S.

*I already gave this year* - You can give every 56 days. Many donors give 5 times a year!

*I am afraid I'll get AIDS* - A new sterile needle is used for each donor and discarded afterwards.

*My blood isn't the right type* - Every type of blood is needed daily to meet patient needs. If you have a common blood type, there are many patients who need it, so it is in high demand. If you have a less common blood type, there are fewer donors available to give it, so it is in short supply.

*I don't have any blood to spare* - The average adult body has 10-12 pints of blood. Doctors say that healthy adults may give regularly because the body quickly replaces the blood you donate.

*I don't want to feel weak afterward* - Donating blood should not affect adversely a healthy adult because your body has plenty of blood. You will donate less than one pint, and your body, which constantly makes new blood, will replace the donated volume within 24 hours. Most people continue their usual activities after donating.

*They won't want my blood (I am too old / I've had an illness)* - If you have doubts, check with your physician. The qualified staff on duty at a blood drive or donor center will also review your medical history with you. There is no upper age limit to donate blood, and a great many medical conditions do not prevent you from donating blood, or may have done so only temporarily in the past.

*I have a rare blood type, so I'll wait until there is a special need* - Blood that is rare or special is almost always in short supply. There is a constant need for these blood types in order to avoid having to recruit specific blood types in a crisis.



We note, with sorrow, the passing of

Bernie Smulyan, father of **Lynette (Mark) Tannen**  
Henry Frank, uncle of **Neil (Nancy) Frank**  
Naomi Ashel, sister of **Al (Estelle) Kadis**

May their memories be a blessing

### **December 5 (7:15 PM Service)**

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### **December 12 (7:30 PM Service)**

Cecile Aronson, Etta Bach, Murray Bernstein, Maurice Carl, Bessie Chernin, Max Cohen, Cecila Estrina, Evsey Estrina, Sheila Federman, Martha Friedman, Millie Goldstein, Herman Gusdorf, Regina Malka Hassid, Vera Hirsch, Anna Jacobs, Joseph Land, Jerry Magedman, Norman E. Osborn, Dr. Minnie Perlstein, Joseph Irving Perr, Jules Prizant, Alex Purwin, Harold Rosenberg, Anna Sarah Shanske, Steve Saul Siegel, Irving Sogolow, Melitta Tidwell, Marcy Epstein Wolff, Harry Yaffee

### **December 19 (7:30 PM Service)**

Oscar Altman, Doris Berns, Mark Bershadsky, Esther Bessner, Jennie Bloom, Roberta Katz Cahen, Anna Chusid, Diane Creech, Herman Dworkin, Ida Epstein, Elliott Foxman, Harry Goldman, Jerome Wolfe Gootherts, Pauline Jaffe, Ted Klugman, Richard Levin, Esther Miller, Charlotte Newman, Rae Ostrow, Shaney Raphael, Michel Roll, Lorin Rosenberg, Simon Shumer, Nathan Bernard Taylor, Miriam Turetzky, Katrine K. Walker, Eugene Weiss, Herman Weissberger, Hilda Gordon Wolff, Walter Zimmer

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Donald Atlas, Rose Braunstein, Herman Brown, Hyman Carl, Annabelle Erlichman, Michael Fain, William Gizang, Jennie Goldstein, Ben Greebler, Bessie Green, Tillie Handlin, Jacob Jacobson, Mary Jurman, Albert Kragen, David Kristal, Marcus Laevsky, Mark Leon, Ida Yehudit Levin, Jules Loventhal, Ernest Marcus, Julius Mendel, Rose Pollack-Berlant, Theresa Queyrel, Sarah Rosenberg, Rebecca Sachs, Irving Shain, Ben A. Solomon, David Sommer, Nan Tepper, Clara Sara Weinstein, Sarah Weis

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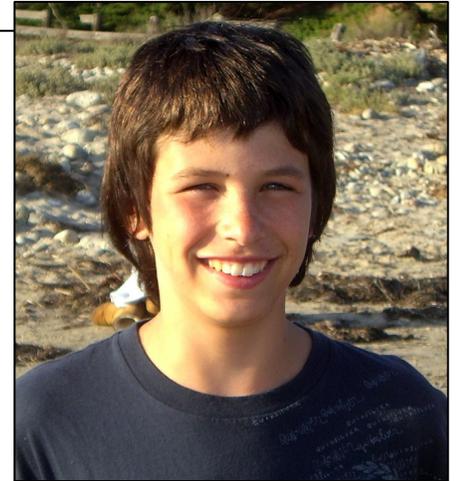
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  - 3 Brad Wall and Ginny Hoffman
  - 5 Craig and Linda Wiesner
  - 6 Jonathan and Raylene Zatz
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Cale Horeff, son of Dena and Steve Horeff, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, January 24. Cale is in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and is an honor student at Cupertino Middle School. He has one younger sibling, Davis who is in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Cale enjoys listening to music, soccer, basketball, swimming, reading and watching the San Jose Sharks Hockey team. For his mitzvah project, Cale organized a toy drive to benefit KidsStrong, an organization dedicated to helping children with cancer.



Cale looks forward to sharing his Bar Mitzvah celebration with all of his family and friends.

My Torah portion, Bo, describes the time of the last four plagues in Egypt. Throughout the portion Moshe shows his love for his people Israel, this is a very important issue for me, and that is what I will be talking about for my Drash. Aside from becoming a Bar Mitzvah, I have dreamt of becoming a pilot. I participate in Ground School and will soon begin flying lessons. I also spend much of my weekends volunteering at the Hiller Aviation Museum in San Carlos. At school, I was nominated into a leadership conference held in Washington DC. I was the only one from the Bay area and one of five from California. It was a wonderful learning experience and a lot of fun. My parents are Argentinean and Uruguayan, so I visit the two countries often. I'm glad to be sharing this important event with my family and friends at Temple Emanu-El.



**Mazel Tov!** to Mike and Ruth Cahn, on the simcha of their grandson, Micah Zev Lubow being called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah in Cranford, New Jersey, November 8 at Temple Bethel Mekor Chayim. Micah is the son of Rahel and Akiba Lubow, nephew of Mark and Gail Cahn and Robert M. Cahn, and great-nephew of Ed and Margie Cahn.

We wish a very happy birthday and anniversary to our congregants who are celebrating this month. If your name is not listed or the information is wrong, please be in touch with the office to provide us with updated information. Thank you.  
May you be blessed with a year of goodness and fulfillment.



## A Jewish summer camp experience can be TRANSFORMATIVE!

Registration forms are now being accepted at all local camps. Youth Enrichment Scholarships (formerly known as Camperships) are available. If you need financial assistance to make your child's camp possible, pick up forms from the Religious School or Temple Administration office.

## Nathan the Needle and Other Stories

Limited supply! Rabbi Joseph Gitin told these stories to many generations of children at Temple Emanu-El. Michelle Gabriel transcribed them. Now you can make these stories part of your family's tradition. A few copies are still available in the Temple Judaica Shop. Don't be left out – get yours today!

## Save the Date: Sunday, March 22 is Mitzvah Day!

Our theme this year is two-fold: environment and Israel. If you have a project you would like to coordinate or if you want to be a project leader, please contact Bob Levy, at [brotherhood@templesanjose.org](mailto:brotherhood@templesanjose.org).

## The Music Man

January 30 & 31, February 1, 6, 7 & 8

Community musical theater at its best! The JCC is pleased to announce its production of Meredith Willson's "The Music Man," which follows the fast-talking salesman Harold Hill as he cons the people of River City, Iowa into buying instruments & uniforms for a boys' band. His plans to skip town with the cash are foiled when he falls for Marian the librarian, who transforms him into a respectable citizen by curtain's fall. "The Music Man" will be filled with elaborate costumes, set designs and wonderful song & dance. You'll leave with a smile on your face!

Our very own Philip Schwarz is one of the players!

General Admission Adult - \$23.00  
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Tickets go on sale November 25. To order tickets visit [www.svjcc.org](http://www.svjcc.org) or call 408.358.3636.

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Ida F. Krage Consecration and Caring Fund

**Youth Funds:**

Religious School Fund  
Religious School Enrichment Fund  
Betty Rinsler Religious School Endowment Fund  
Weintraub Religious School Scholarship Fund  
Campership Fund  
Leonard and Bernice Gaon Campership Fund  
Michael Elman Campership Fund  
Milton Fox Campership Fund  
Phyllis Matzner Campership Fund  
Israel Scholarship Fund  
Susanne C. Blickman Arts and Crafts Fund

**Cultural Funds:**

Choir Fund  
Andrew Apte Temple Historical Fund  
Phyllis Omel Junior Choir Fund  
Bertram Berns Music Fund  
Shank-Rockman Family Sound System Fund

**Community Funds:**

Facilities for the Aged Fund (Chai House)  
JoAnne Salman-Tehrani Homeless Fund

**Other Tribute Opportunities:**

\$36 - Prayerbook Tribute  
\$218/\$500/\$750 - Tree of Life  
Leaf/small/large rock  
\$500 - Sanctuary Chair Plaque  
\$750 - Memorial Plaque (in sanctuary foyer)

**Opportunities in Levin Learning Center:**

\$5,000 - Stair Plaque  
\$10,000 - Library Column Dedication  
\$25,000 - Room Dedication

Contact the office for additional opportunities.



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