



# Temple Emanu-El Connections

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## October Service Schedule

### Friday, October 3

KOL NIDRE – PRESCHOOL AND TEMPLE  
OFFICES CLOSE AT NOON

6:00 PM Yom Kippur Evening Family Alternative Service  
(1st Grade and up)

8:00 PM Yom Kippur Evening Congregational Service

### Saturday, October 4

YOM KIPPUR

9:00 AM Yom Kippur Children's Service

10:00 AM Kadima Program

10:00 AM Yom Kippur Congregational Service

12:30 PM Sermon Discussion with Rabbi Magat

1:00 PM Teen Discussion with Randy Levinson

1:00 PM Social Action Program

2:00 PM Yoga

2:45 PM Study Session with the Ritual Committee

3:30 PM Afternoon Healing Service with Haftarah

4:15 PM Musical Interlude

5:00 PM Yizkor, Neilah, and Havdalah

6:30 PM Break the Fast

### Wednesday, October 8

EREV SUKKOT

5:30 PM Bring your own dinner and decorate the Sukkah

6:30 PM Sukkot Festival Program

### Thursday, October 9

SUKKOT – PRESCHOOL AND TEMPLE  
OFFICES CLOSED

### Friday, October 10

7:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service

### Saturday, October 11

9:00 AM Baby Shabbat

10:00 AM Shabbat in Nature

### Wednesday, October 15

5:30 PM Pizza Dinner

6:30 PM Simchat Torah Service, Consecration of  
New Students, and Israeli Dancing

### Thursday, October 16

SIMCHAT TORAH - PRESCHOOL AND  
TEMPLE OFFICES CLOSED

9:00 AM Simchat Torah Morning and Yizkor Service

### Friday, October 17

6:00 PM Tot Shabbat

6:30 PM Tot Shabbat Catered Dinner

7:00 PM Erev Legacy Shabbat Service with Hillel

### Saturday, October 18

9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan

10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Emily Mullen

### Friday, October 24

6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service

### Saturday, October 25

9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan

10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Isabella Guadamos

1:00 PM Mincha, Tea and Torah

### Friday, October 31

6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service

### Saturday, November 1

9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Minyan

10:30 AM Bar Mitzvah of Devin Makhni

## Social Action at Temple Emanu-El

The High Holy Days mark the start of a new social action thrust at the Temple. It is perhaps fitting that we do this during the time of the year that we think about making our world a better place.

**This is a call for YOUR ideas and energy. We have created a Social Action initiative of the Tikkun Olam committee. Our goal is to make this a source of meaning in each of our lives - as well as to do important work that improves the lives of those around us who may be less fortunate.**



Examples of the types of things we could do include ongoing work and also projects of a more one-time nature.

Ongoing engagement examples include a charter school organization in East San Jose that needs help tutoring math students who are struggling. We are also familiar with a homeless services organization in downtown San Jose that provides day care/therapy to mentally disabled homeless who need help.

As far as one-time projects go, we could consider a day helping clean up our own neighborhood, cleaning up a creek, or helping organize and pack food at a place like Second Harvest.

These are only "thought starter" ideas. What we really want are your ideas. What engagements would help build meaning into your life? Please consider sending an email or calling either of us with what you

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## Sukkot

**Wednesday, October 8**  
**5:30 PM**

Bring your own dinner, dessert to share, and your artistic flare. Eat dinner under the stars while we make and hang decorations in our beautiful sukkah. These fun festivities will culminate with a Sukkot experience with Rabbi Magat and Cantor Simerly.

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**Rooted in Tradition  Growing Our Future**



## From the President

*The following is the speech delivered by Andrew Weinberg to the congregation on Rosh Hashanah:*

Shana Tovah. To our many long time members, new members, and guests, welcome to Temple Emanu-El's High

Holy Days services for 5775. My name is Andrew Weinberg, and I am honored to be the President of your Board of Trustees.

In the original scheme of things, my standing here before you is nothing short of a miracle of Jewish perseverance, but not necessarily my own. For those of you who don't yet know me, I am the first generation American born son of two people never originally destined to ever meet.

My mother, born in 1924, was the only child of a family with a very successful textile manufacturing factory in Lodz, Poland. Her mother and father, my grandparents, were progressive and innovative people for their time, working hard to make successes of themselves in business, but also, in the very Catholic world of pre-war Poland, trying to ensure their place in the local community. My mother used to tell a story that one of the reasons her father was successful was in providing more than was expected. In his business, this meant that every textile order from his factory arrived in his customer's hands with a noticeable amount of extra material. And in their daughter, my grandparents pushed for more than was expected, pushing (er, sorry, encouraging) her to dream and prepare for a career as a doctor, something that at the time, was almost unheard of for a woman. They lived a life of relative privilege, but had managed to carve out a life of harmonious coexistence with their Jewish and Catholic countrymen. But they were Polish Jews, not Jewish Poles.

Some 360 miles to the south, my father, also born in 1924, was growing up in Vienna, Austria, also the only child of something of an upper class family. Interestingly, his father was a veteran of WWI, fighting for the Germans until the armistice of 1918. Following the end of that war, his father became a lawyer, and was reasonably successful in later 1920's and 1930's Vienna. For my father's parents, the horror of WWI was over, and they hoped their child would never witness anything like it. In him, they instilled an appreciation of the arts, exposing him to music, painting, and sculpture, from an early age. But Vienna was not always a welcoming place for everyone. My father, middle school age by the mid 1930's, recalled often getting pulled into fights by non-Jewish kids for reasons he then did not understand. He and other Jewish boys banded together and for a while "gave as good as they got", he told me. Overall, his family had a reasonably good life, living within Austrian society and wanting for little. But they were, in that atmosphere, Austrian Jews, not Jewish Austrians.

These two people, in two different parts of Europe, grew up as Jews living among non-Jews, able to coexist and by some measure thrive in their respective areas. But by their own

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## Words from the Rabbi

As I shared during Rosh Hashanah, we are living in truly challenging times. Crime rates seem to escalate, racially motivated hate crimes are on the rise, the economic inequality of Silicon Valley and the US is worsening. There is so much to be concerned with. And then we look at the world and we see anti-American sentiment growing and the pain of so many people in so many lands.

The level of violence, the growing amount of prejudice, the anti-Israel sentiment that seems to be all around us makes it challenging to be a minority and a supporter of Israel. And we as Jews are the first to be self-critical as we each have our opinions about how Israel is currently handling itself. And irrespective of our criticisms and differing thoughts, as Jews we have an obligation to support our spiritual homeland, Eretz Israel. Be critical, but be supportive.

I am overwhelmed with the amount of misinformation our press and so many in American society have. And I even hear from fellow Jews who don't seem to get the issues.

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**We learn, we study, and then we express ourselves.**

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So what do we do? We learn, we study, and then we express ourselves. As you heard on Rosh Hashanah we have reworked our Tikkun Olam committee into four parts. The fourth part is a sub-committee dedicated to Israel. Annette Ladowitz is our sub-committee chair and it is our hope to create greater awareness and to include more members of our congregation in the discussion. We need to be able to respond to issues that affect Israel and we need a mechanism to combat the high level of ignorance that pervades our society. We hope you will get involved and if you are interested in the sub-committee please contact either me or Annette.

We Jews may kvetch, but we are doers!! Please join your Temple family as we embrace our commitment to Eretz Israel.

**L' Shalom**  
Rabbi Dana L. Magat



# B'nai Mitzvot



**Emily Shoshana Mullen** will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, October 18 at 10:30 AM. Emily is a seventh grade student at Yavneh Day School in Los Gatos. Over the summer she volunteered at the Addison- Penzak Jewish Community Center's preschool, working with the

two and four year olds. Emily has also been working with an Israeli charity called Save a Child's Heart, which offers free, lifesaving cardiac surgery for under privileged children around the world. She has raised over three hundred dollars so far through efforts at her school, and promises to donate a portion of any monies received.



**Isabella Guadamos**, daughter of Enrique and Molly Guadamos, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on October 25, 2014. Isabella is an eighth grade honor student at Hyde Middle School in Cupertino. She plays the alto saxophone and likes learning about science and math. Isabella is active in

year-round and competitive swimming, and in her free time she enjoys cooking, reading, and sewing.

Isabella is looking forward to celebrating her Bat Mitzvah with her friends and family, including her grandparents Blanca and Salvador who are here from Peru for the occasion. She is very excited for her special day!



**Devin Makhni**, son of Deepinder "Mac" Makhni and Leann Cherkasky Makhni, will be called to Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, November 1. Devin is an eighth grader at Almaden Country School. He has a quick wit, a great sense of humor, and is thoughtful and kind. Devin is a prolific reader; he

has read the Harry Potter series from start to finish 3-4 times and eagerly awaits the latest Rick Riordan books. He is a devoted fan of The Big Bang Theory on TV. Devin enjoys playing character roles in his middle school drama class and also plays on the field on a competition soccer team. Following a summer of travel to India, France, and Arizona, Devin passionately pursues his current interest, performing card magic, that he shares enthusiastically at every opportunity. Devin has been very focused on his Bar Mitzvah preparation and eagerly awaits his special day.

## Shabbat in Nature



*Climb the mountains and get their good tidings...cares will drop off like autumn leaves.*

~ John Muir

**Experience the awe & natural beauty of Autumn at Sunol Regional Wilderness**

Saturday, October 11

**Come around 10:00 AM (or earlier if you like) and participate in any or all of the following:**

- Minyan led by Rabbi Magat and Cantor Simerly at 10:30 AM
- Potluck lunch
- Music and stimulating conversation
- Hike to & around "Little Yosemite" – appropriate for all ages

**Please bring:**

- Dish to share with others & something to drink
- \$\$ to pay to enter the park
- Musical instruments
- Whatever else you think you will need

**4 legged family members (dogs!) are welcome at Sunol and allowed off-lead on all trails!**



Directions: Go south on 280 which becomes 680 north. Continue on 680 and exit at Calaveras Road in Sunol (do not take the Calaveras exit in Milpitas). Turn right on Calaveras and proceed to Geary Road (watch carefully). Turn left on Geary which leads directly into the park. Stop at the toll booth; then drive straight until the road forks bypassing the visitors center. Go left towards the picnic area. With the creek running on the left, drive to the last parking area you see before the road empties into a large lot. The cars will be on the right side of the road – look for a car with a sign in the back window – TEE – and park. You will see the picnic tables and the group on the left side of the road. The site is very accessible and is a very short easy stroll from the parking area. The walk to Little Yosemite is on a paved road so also very accessible and, of course, optional. For more about the park, go to <http://www.ebparks.org/parks/sunol>.

**For information about this or other Shabbat in Nature activities, contact Ginny ([ginandbrad@gmail.com](mailto:ginandbrad@gmail.com)) or Nancy ([nancyweintraub@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nancyweintraub@sbcglobal.net))**

*This event is sponsored by Temple Emanu-El Ritual Committee. Donations to support Shabbat in Nature are welcome.*



# Kama's Corner



I hope everyone enjoyed being together for Rosh Hashanah. I continue to be inspired each year by the sense of community and tradition that fills the Heritage Theatre during our High Holy Days. Thanks to all of you for including me with open arms in these special holidays and traditions.

I was deeply moved by the story Andrew Weinberg shared on Erev Rosh Hashanah about the history of his family. These stories I've heard over the years I've been with Temple Emanu-El have taught me so much about the importance of carrying on the many Jewish traditions, values, and rituals from generation to generation.

This focusing in on "L'dor V'dor" is truly at the heart of our fundraising efforts each year during our Annual Campaign. Supporting your synagogue is one important way to ensure that this spiritual home will indeed be here for generations to come, continuing to educate your children and grandchildren, building many beautiful memories for them as you have built in your time at Temple Emanu-El.

The Annual Campaign continues through the end of December and if you did not have an opportunity to donate at last month's services, please take a moment and make your tax-deductible gift using the enclosed remit envelope or the QR Code below. Any amount is deeply appreciated.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to Temple Emanu-El and this unique and sacred community.

**Shanah Tovah!**  
Kama Fletcher  
Executive Director



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are passionate about, or organizations you have heard about that might welcome our help.

Also, join us right after Yom Kippur services at 1:00 PM at the Heritage Theatre for a Tikkun Olam kickoff session for the new year. During this session, together with the social justice initiative of the Tikkun Olam committee, we will be having an open forum regarding how as a congregation - and as individuals - we can help make the world better and build meaning into our own lives and community experience.

Jim Heerwagen, 415-412-1504, jheerwagen@gmail.com

Jeff Hoffman, 408-221-1355, jhoffman@ccarey.com



### Those who have died recently

**Bonnie Bronstein**, aunt of Becca Bronstein

**Judith Buckser**, mother of Rebecca Wong

**Leila (Lee) Henderson**

**Roma Green**, mother of Sara Schmitt

### And those we have lost in years past

**October 3** | Harold Aronoff, Charlotte Axelrod, Anna Berman, Genia Cintz, Dorothy Edinson, Henry Ferguson, Robert Friedman, Murray Hirsch, David Jackel, Florence Kristal, Grace Hirsch Laevsky, Jacob Levin, Mr. Jack Levine, Jules Loventhal, Jacob S. Mehlman, Alfred Morris, Gussie Panikoff, Mary Rosenberg, Harry Rosenthal, Harry Rubenstein, Charles Rubin, Irwin Rusnak, Sylvia Sokol, Judy Wachs, Helen Wallach, Joseph Wasserman, Kurt Weinberg, Marvin Weissman, Virginia Williams

**October 10** | Kate Baitchman, Jean Barsky, Paul Davis, Bernard Delman, Kenneth Douglas, Samuel Fishelberg, Eugene Foxman, Henry Frank, Ellen Sue Freiberg, George Friedman, Katherine Gold, Isaac Goldstein, Louis Harkavy, Rick Hoffman, Beverlee R. Holstein, Marian I Kaplan, Fanny Katz, Lee Levine, Sol Manning, Ruth Mendel, Abe Ofsaiof, Adele Panikoff, Gertrude Rott, Edna Schaar, Nellie Schier, Arthur Schimek, Lily Shulman, Loren Siegel, Jennie Solomon, Bernice Testa, Florence Weiss, Bill Winter, Cathy Zimmer

**October 17** | Abraham Abelson, Fanny Elka Abelson, Hilda Altman, Benjamin Aronowitz, Ben Avrech, Charles Broder, Zelda Brust, Bayla Bryman, Lena Fink, Milton Fox, Bertha Friedman, Mollie Herman, Jerald W. Hunter, Henry Just, Mollie Kadish, Mr. Louis Landman, Maggie Larsen, Leon Livchitz, Joel Loren, Alan Loth, Lillie Mehr, Meta Mendel, Ralph Muslin, Monty Myers, Dr. John Norman Reznikov, Moritz Golden Roy, Jack Rubenstein, Ronald Sherman, Lily Shopkow, David Silen, Boomi Silverman, Sophie Silverstein, Besse Slonaker, Arthur Spector, Marc G. Terziev, Franciska Weinberg, Cecil Weintraub, Ruth Zenver

**October 24** | Aaron Dorfman, Abram P. Epstein, Anita Faverman, David A. Feldman, Max Feldman, Sydney Friedman, Charles Gold, Pearl Goldstein, Frieda Gordon, Monroe J. Hartfield, Stuart A. Holstein, Simon Indianer, Max Kivetz, Myer Kramer, Lionel Leiter, Leah Leizerbaum, Minnie Levine, Sadye Lewis, Joe Marchick, Sidney Marsh, Paulette Michel, Dorothy Osiel, Max Polsky, Israel Port, Bernard Richman, Stanley Shine, Sam Spinner, Albert Tidwell, Clara Webb-Nord, Gertrude Wolff

**October 31** | Shirley Boyers, Lena Erlichman Cannell, Estelle Cantor, Gertrude Carmely, Nettie Chatoff, Michael Feinman, Geraldine Kahn Feldman, Henry Frederick, Grace Freiberg, Adrian Gaynor, Dian Grais, Abraham Hassid, Harry Hirsh, Rabbi Arthur Jacobovitz, Mary Katz, Lena Koss, Minnie Lackner, Morton Marks, Alfred Mayer, Margaret Miller, Mike Molack, Claudine Morris, Nova Nair, Jacob Pollack, Edith Port, Frances K. Powell, Louis Richards, Max Rosenthal, Edith Ross, Ben Roth, Molly Schneiderman, Anita Stransky Schwarz, Bessie Schwarz, Helen Slater, Bernard Smulyan, Nancy Snyder, Homer Sobel, Murray Sobolov, Max Sokolov, Emil Sonnberger, Gary Van Dyck, Mary Weintraub, Joseph Wolff, Anne Wolfson, Mitchell Wolfson, Rose Woron



## Adult Education at the Jewish Community Center

Looking for Jewish education for adults? Here's what's coming up at the Addison-Penzak Jewish Community Center of Silicon Valley. For more classes, visit [www.SiliconValleyJCC.org/jplace](http://www.SiliconValleyJCC.org/jplace).

**Bay Area Community Talmud Circle.** *Sundays, 10/19, 11/9, 12/7, 1/11, 2/8, 3/15, 4/12, 5/3, 5/31. Beginning*

*Circle 9:00-11:00am, Continuing Circle 10:30-12:30am.*

Learn how to study Talmud (in English translation). Beginning Circle students learn about the Talmud and Continuing Circle students learn how to study with a partner, which is the traditional way to learn. We study as a group too. This class is offered in partnership with Lehrhaus Judaica, The Aleph Society, and Kevah. Details and online registration are at [lehrhaus.org](http://lehrhaus.org).

**Original Synergy.** *Saturday, October 25th at 7:00pm and Sunday, October 26th at 2:00pm.*

This is performance, not a class. Theatre Chevruta, the JCC's Readers Theatre, presents *Original Synergy*, an original play by Doug Brooke. This humorous take on the book of Genesis is

appropriate for older children as well as for adults. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 JCC members. In the APJCC.

**The how, what and why of Judaism** *Sundays, 10/19/14, 10/26/14, 11/2/14.*

This three session course taught by Rabbi Magat will investigate some of the major elements of Judaism. We will discuss the difference between the movements of Judaism as well as some of the history of Reform Judaism; the development of various practices and rituals; and some of the philosophies and theologies of the Reform Movement. We will also discuss our ideas about what it means to be a Jew. And we will ask ourselves why do Jews do what they do!

The Addison-Penzak JCC is located at 14855 Oka Road, Los Gatos. For more information or to register for classes, contact the JCC's Center for Jewish Life and Learning at (408) 357-7411 or visit the website at [www.SiliconValleyJCC.org/JPlace](http://www.SiliconValleyJCC.org/JPlace).

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experiences, they were never fully accepted by their surrounding societies. Looking back at their respective situations, there was no conceivable way they would ever cross paths in life, let alone meet and marry.

But the world began to change and with the 1938 German annexation of Austria, Jewish children were not welcome in schools, and their parents were shunned in their workplaces or businesses. By the 1939 German invasion of Poland, the Jewish situation in Europe was dire. My father, age 16 in early 1940, was imprisoned in Austria; his parents had been taken away months earlier. By the miracle of Henrietta Szold and the Youth Aliyah program, he was scooped up along with thousands of other Jewish children from occupied Europe and taken via Yugoslavia to Palestine. He never saw any of his family again - he was the only survivor. His last contact from his mother came in two tiny letters from her at the Theresienstadt Concentration Camp in late 1942, delivered to him in Bet Sefer, Palestine by the International Red Cross. By that time, he had lied about his age and joined the British Army and the war effort in North Africa. Following the war, he joined the fledgling Israeli Army, the Haganah, in Palestine, fighting through Israel's war of independence. Somehow, through all of that, he survived.

My mother also had great challenges. Her city was captured by the Germans very early in the war. Ultimately, nearly all of her remaining family in Poland perished, leaving only her and her mother in the Warsaw Ghetto. She survived in part due to her ability to speak English. The resistance movement in Poland needed English speaking people to communicate with the Allies. Because of her role, she and her mother were among the lucky few who escaped from the ghetto through the sewers before its destruction by the Germans in 1943. She spent the remaining years of the war using a false non-Jewish name and papers,

working in a sugar factory until being liberated by the Russians in 1945. She and her mother returned to Lodz after the war, where she continued her studies under her assumed name. By 1949, she was a 3rd year medical student and she and her mother emigrated to Israel. She not only survived, but her dream of being a doctor was almost fulfilled.

Israel was a five-year-old country when my parents met at the home of a mutual friend in 1953. My father was still in the Israeli army, but was also pursuing an art degree, and my mother was still in medical school. She completed her final year of medical school at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and became a doctor in 1954. They married that same year in a small wedding attended by several friends, including my father's commanding officer (a captain named Ariel Sharon). Life in Israel at that time was difficult, with little opportunity. My father had no remaining family, but my mother had several family members in the US, who had left Poland before the war. In 1957 they gathered their few belongings and set sail for New York. There my mother re-established her medical career with a residency at a Brooklyn hospital, while my father began a career that took him into industrial art and design.

In 1961, several months before I was born, new opportunities arose in California, and they set out, by car, for a new beginning. Once there, they began to re-establish themselves, working hard, raising both my sister and me. From as far back as I could remember, we had a Jewish presence and identity in our lives. Every week we celebrated Shabbat with candles, challah, and wine, and of course all of the holidays. And at the earliest opportunity, they joined a local Temple (Emanu-El in San Francisco). My parents were always adamant that despite the differences around us, being Jewish and everything that came with it, was important, and it was our responsibility to stay

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# Havurah Happenings

Since we like to plan some events in support of the Jewish community, in September, we went to the JCC for a luncheon and opera performance. In October, we plan to break-the-fast together after Temple Emanu-El's services.

In November, we are planning to take a tour of the new Levi's stadium and perhaps a visit to the 49ers museum. In December, we are having a Chanukah party at a member's house and in January we are planning to go to Theaterworks in Mountain View for a play and dinner.

We also like to do impromptu events, one of which will probably be seeing the movie "This is Where I Leave You", about a family sitting shiva and all of the angst this occasions among the family. Our members contact each other when they come across something that might interest the other members.

Since we like to do overnight events, I have tentatively used the name "Traveling Havurah" pending input from other members.

Gary Hoffman  
Coordinator

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**Join us in November  
for a tour of the new  
Levi's stadium**

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**Our Havurah program helps Temple families form ongoing social groups and enjoy different activities together. The Havurahs themselves take on all different forms - single or married members, younger or older families, with or without children, etc., and we try to best match members of generally similar ages and interests together to form these small groups. New Havurahs are forming all the time, and some existing ones may be looking for new members. If you are interested in joining this fun program, please contact Bobi Levine at [Havurah@templesanjose.org](mailto:Havurah@templesanjose.org)**

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- 9/19/2014 **Ethel Ress and Shelly Weinstein** in memory of Elvin Ress
- 9/26/2014 **Sharon Barowsky** in memory of Lana and David Barowsky

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## Ritual Committee



While you are sitting through the High Holy Days services, take a good look at your red *machzor* (HHD prayerbook), *Gates of Repentance*. What parts bring back fond memories of past New Years? Are there parts you look forward to every year? What words challenge you? Or make you angry? Or bring you peace? Prayers you don't understand? Words you can't accept? Are the covers, and the content, a little worn? For 35 years this volume has been used by most Reform congregations in North America. By this time next year, the Reform movement will publish a new *machzor* for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, *Mishkan HaNefesh* (Sanctuary of the Soul). Temple Emanu-El will be adopting this new *machzor*.

At the URJ Biennial last December, I participated in a pilot of the Rosh Hashanah Morning Service, and was moved by the beauty of the language and the care with which old familiar prayers were mixed with new and ancient writings. There is something for every shade of belief, from the most traditional to non-believers. The editors adopted a goal of creating a book that reflects the diversity of beliefs, customs, and modernity of Reform congregations today. The *machzor* is a guide to the unique inner experience that each of us hopes will lead us to *teshuvah* over the Holy Day period. If you attended Yizkor last Yom Kippur, you were part of a congregational pilot for the service; you know what I mean.

The book follows the general layout of *Mishkan T'Filah*, our Shabbat/Festival *siddur*. The right-facing page contains the Hebrew, transliteration, and translation of each prayer, and the left-facing page contains explanations and alternate readings. New translations capture the exact meaning of the Hebrew while preserving the poetry. Materials seek a balance between the classical texts and the present-day

sensibilities of Reform Jews. The language is gender-inclusive but not awkward. To enhance ease of handling, each set will consist of two volumes, one for Rosh Hashanah and one for Yom Kippur.

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**The *machzor* is a guide to the unique inner experience that each of us hopes will lead us to *teshuvah* over the Holy Day period.**

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Following our long-standing custom with *Gates of Repentance*, congregants are expected to purchase their own personal copies of *Mishkan HaNefesh*. A pre-order period starts now with a discounted price of \$36/2-volume set for those who purchase their copies before April 1, 2015. Starting April 1, the standard price of

\$40/set will apply. For those who purchase two or more sets of books, an additional set will be donated to Temple Emanu-El in their name. The Temple will have only a limited number of copies for loan during the High Holy Days.

### How can you get ready for the change?

1. The Ritual Committee will lead an interactive session on Yom Kippur afternoon at the Heritage Theatre, where you can preview and discuss sample prayers. Check your High Holy Days tickets for exact time and place.
2. Pick up a flyer at the Shalom table at the Heritage Theatre or at the Temple and place your pre-order before 4/1/15 to get the discounted price.
3. Attend one of the Erev Shabbat services during the year where sample portions of the new liturgy will be included. Look for announcements of dates for these special events.
4. Bring your questions to Rabbi Magat, Cantor Simerly or any Ritual Committee member.

### L'Shana Tova,

Maggie Cant  
Ritual Committee Chair



## Simchat Torah

**Wednesday, October 15**

*Have you ever seen a Torah completely unrolled?*

Join us for our Erev Simchat Torah service and consecration students who are new to the Religious School.

- 5:30 PM Pizza Dinner  
6:30 PM Simchat Torah Service,  
Consecration of New Students,  
and Israeli Dancing



## Religious School

We are excited to be back to school! Our school year is off to a running start and it all began with a delicious Brotherhood Pancake Breakfast, an exciting morning of classes and we ended our day with a Sisterhood and Brotherhood sponsored BBQ. It was wonderful to see old friends and meet many new friends. We are all looking forward to a year of growth, memories, and great learning.

Above you will find a picture of our amazing teaching staff, including our clergy, teachers, and madrichim. Also please check out the picture of our Religious School Committee. We always welcome parent participation and encourage every family to get involved.

Please always feel free to contact us with any questions.

L'Shalom  
Rabbi Magat and Barbara Smead



### From the President... *continued from page 5*

connected. These two people, so horribly beaten down by recent history due to their Jewish identity, were fighting back, doing their part to rebuild and replace what had been lost. Our family was part of the Temple "Couples Club" (their version of our Havurah program), my father served on the Temple board, and both of them made sure to have a personal relationship with all of the rabbis and our cantor. They made sure we never missed Sunday school, we both went through B'nai Mitzvah, and confirmation (which at the time included a 6 week group trip to Israel, a defining moment for 16 year olds). We were doing it, period. My parents were not wealthy, and they gave as they could - there were times I can recall where finances were tight, but the Temple and my family's obligations to it, financial and otherwise, were high on the list. Looking back, they thought that there was much more at stake for them, and the Jewish people in general. Long after my sister and I moved away to have our own lives, my parents remained members of the Temple, staying involved, taking classes, remaining in contact with Temple friends, all the way to their passing.

These two people, despite an overwhelming set of circumstances, were able to rebuild their lives, restart their families, and perpetuate their Jewish identities into a new generation. They were truly exceptional personalities. And their

impact on me and my direction is obvious: I stand before you the proud father and husband in a next generation Jewish family, grateful for what the Jewish community gave my parents, and eager to give back.

There is another story here as well, and that's of their Temple: what it offered them, and what it can be to all of us. This is a place for more than Bar Mitzvahs, weddings, and High Holy Days services. The connection between us is fundamental- it's our Jewish heritage. With it comes a common understanding and outlook on life that is truly unique. The Temple allows us to share our identity and connection with each other in a variety of ways. Whether it's Havurah events among families, Brotherhood or Sisterhood, Youth programs, adult education, volunteering in the office, or being involved in Temple projects. One thing is for sure: we are all Jewish while doing it. It serves the Temple well, serves the community well, but also serves us well. We are all better people, not just better Jews, for playing a part to perpetuate our community. For many generations, in many different ways, being closely connected

as a community has served the Jewish people well, and, quite probably, was the key to our survival. Our challenge today is to help maintain that member-community connection. In today's world, Temple members have many obligations to manage, but

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**We are all better people, not just better Jews, for playing a part to perpetuate our community.**

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## Sisterhood Upcoming Events

We look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events:

- 10/13 **Sisterhood Potluck Dinner/Meeting**  
6:00 PM BFR
- 10/17 **Tot Shabbat Dinner**  
provided by Sisterhood  
6:30 PM
- 10/25 **Mincha Tea and Torah**  
provided by Sisterhood  
1:00 PM BFR
- 10/26 **Sisterhood Supper Club**  
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## Sisterhood

L'Shanah Tova! With Yom Kippur approaching, Sisterhood wishes all to have a good fast, if that is your custom and if your health allows. And remember that you can end your fast at the Heritage Theatre as Sisterhood Catering is preparing this year's Break the Fast.

Speaking of catering, and thinking of our younger families, Sisterhood is catering dinners after Tot Shabbat services on the third Friday of the month. It is wonderful to see all the energetic little ones and nice to know that we can give their parents a break from cooking dinner that night.

Tea and Torah study sessions continue with Cantor Meeka leading us in a Mincha service at 1:00 PM, followed by study, reading, and conversation on our perspectives on the week's parsha. If you have never attended a Tea and Torah, you should give it a try. All are welcome.

We want to thank all our members who have recently joined or renewed their memberships. And we welcome others to join if you have not done so already. Your annual dues support many Religious School activities, Temple programs, and Sisterhood events. Please feel free to contact me, at 408-506-7253 or by email at [melenie.pearson@gmail.com](mailto:melenie.pearson@gmail.com) to learn more about Sisterhood.

Melenie Pearson  
Sisterhood President

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**If you have never attended a Tea and Torah, you should give it a try!**

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## Brotherhood

Our community here at Temple Emanu-El celebrated the first day of Sunday school with its annual pancake breakfast hosted by the Brotherhood. Pancakes were enjoyed by all. It was a nice way to start the new school year, but the fun did not stop there as this year we started a new tradition. An opening day BBQ lunch following religious school was hosted by both Brotherhood and Sisterhood. Fun was had by all who attended. Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and the membership committee had tables with information about the activities organized by their respective groups. The gift shop had a sidewalk sale setup in front of the synagogue. Kids were running around and playing, delicious food was enjoyed by all, and we had new and prospective members experience firsthand what a great community we have here at Temple Emanu-El! Thank you to all who participated and joined in the fun.

Men, if you are looking for a way to join in the fun and become an active member of our community then join the Brotherhood in the youth lounge on the second Sunday of the month for lox and bagels. I look forward to seeing you there.

David Wiesner  
Brotherhood President

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**Next up for the Brotherhood is the Bimah move for the High Holy Days and the building of the sukkah on October 5th.**

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Men of Temple Emanu-El are making a difference for our community, for our youth, and for ourselves.

**Our Brotherhood is more than a social club.**

We make a difference by providing educational, cultural, and religious programs, by supporting youth group and religious school activities, coordinating social action and religious activities, and by sponsoring social events where men can come together for camaraderie and support.

Remember the words of Hillel:

**"If I am not for myself, who will be for me? Yet if I am for myself only, what am I? If not now, when?"**



## Preschool Music!

Each week in the preschool we hold a special music class on Wednesday mornings. This is one of the highlights of our week as we are joined by Cantor Meeka for a half hour of excitement. The entire school comes together to learn songs about Jewish holidays, traditions, and themes. We learn to sing our favorite song, "Shalom Chaverim," in 9 different languages and incorporate sign language, dance, and we giggle and sing our hearts out. From the Hebrew "Hokey Pokey" to "The Tree of Life" our kids are engaged and having so much fun. As Cantor Meeka wraps up the session all of our children sit close to each other, put their arms around each other and we sing "Hineh mah tov" as we gently sway from side to side. It is a very special time and one that helps to make Temple Emanu-El Preschool such a special place.

We are accepting applications for the summer and fall of 2015. Please contact me for more information.

Barbara Smead  
Preschool Director



### From the President... *continued from page 8*

none comes with the history, and potential future of this one. Your Temple leadership, staff and clergy are working hard to keep the Temple relevant: it is an ever changing mix of traditional ideas and fresh approaches. We accept this important objective, but we can't do it alone. We need your help. It's a 2 way street - what the Temple can do for you and what you can do for the Temple. Don't be shy to share your thoughts on ways to make the Temple a better fit for you and your family - this input is valuable. We grew up with this heritage: it nurtured us, made us who we are, and brought us to this spot, together. The dangers to our community today are real - today we have to deal with Iran, ISIS, and rising worldwide anti-Semitism, among other threats. All of us need to maximize our support, engagement and connection with this congregation so that the future will include the community we have known and love. It is of supreme importance that our community perseveres for the benefit of new generations; whether that happens is completely in our hands.



## Family Movie Night

**Sunday, October 26**  
**3:30-6:30 PM**

Join in a fun evening for the entire family. For just \$5 admission you get to watch a family friendly movie with fellow congregants and friends and have a delicious hot dog dinner and snacks. There will even be a bounce house for all of the kids to enjoy!





## Member Highlights

**Liz Shivell** has always been a searcher and fascinated by different religious traditions, choosing to convert to Judaism when she was 17. After moving to the South Bay in 1975, she did not find a temple where she felt at ease

until dating Temple Emanu-El longtime member, **Deborah Zimmer**. Liz and Deborah were married last year, and Temple Emanu-El has become a beloved “home” for Liz as well. They have a blended family and bring together Liz’s daughter Josie and husband Zak Kent (recently married), Deborah’s sons Jeremy (33) and Daniel (28) for monthly family gatherings! Liz and Deborah are very active in the local Jewish community volunteering with JCRC, Jewish PAC of CA, Jewish Federation, and Jewish Family Services!



### What is your favorite Jewish food & why?

*Liz:* Deborah’s Charoset for the variety of flavors in it and the joy of making it with her mother’s recipe and favorite chopping blade.

*Deborah:* Matzah Brei because it is so yummy.

### What book is on your nightstand?

*Liz:* *Hard Choices* by Hillary Clinton and a Jack Reacher thriller.

*Deborah:* Sonia Sotomayor’s autobiography *My Beloved World* on Liz’s recommendation.

### What is your hometown?

*Liz:* Camp Hill, PA; *Deborah:* Los Angeles, CA



**Michael Shulman** and his wife, **Nancy Garvin**, recently joined our congregation. They have two children; Aidan, who just graduated from UCLA, and Anya, who attends the University of Colorado. Michael and Nancy enjoy cycling and traveling as empty nesters!

*What is your favorite Jewish food & why?*  
Matzah Ball Soup

*What book is on your nightstand?*  
*Good Earth Trilogy* by Pearl Buck

*What is your hometown?*  
*Michael:* Los Angeles, CA; *Nancy:* McMinnville, OR

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## Save The Date

**Latkes & Laughs**

**Sunday  
December  
14th**

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## Membership Memo

Temple Emanu-El creates connections for all. The music and the learning and the opportunities for spiritual growth that they find here will move members, who come to services, classes, and other events. We find community here such as friendship, support networks, sharing life’s celebrations and sorrows together. Families who enroll their children in our Preschool and Religious School create lifelong bonds. We find our shared passions and make an impact in the community and wider world that none of us could make alone through our Tikkun Olam efforts.

There are lots of ways to get involved at Temple Emanu-El and I hope that you will take advantage of the many opportunities to make this congregation a meaningful place of connection for yourself and your family. In the Connections pages are descriptions of some of the programs and groups here at Temple Emanu-El, so please check them out. Join in and begin to take advantage of your membership benefits.

Join me in helping to make a connection for a prospective member. I will be happy to reach out, so contact me at [membership@templesanjose.org](mailto:membership@templesanjose.org).

Pam Hoffman, Membership Chair

## Mazel Tov & Todah Rabah

Mazel Tov to Pam and Jeff Hoffman on the marriage of their daughter Jenelle to Yosefi Shapiro.

Mazel Tov to Dr. Gary Gold on receiving The Sunnyvale Outstanding Businessman of the year award.

Todah Rabah to Lorie Kaplan, Mort Berlant, Dan Lee, and Shirley Lee for their assistance in the Temple administrative office.



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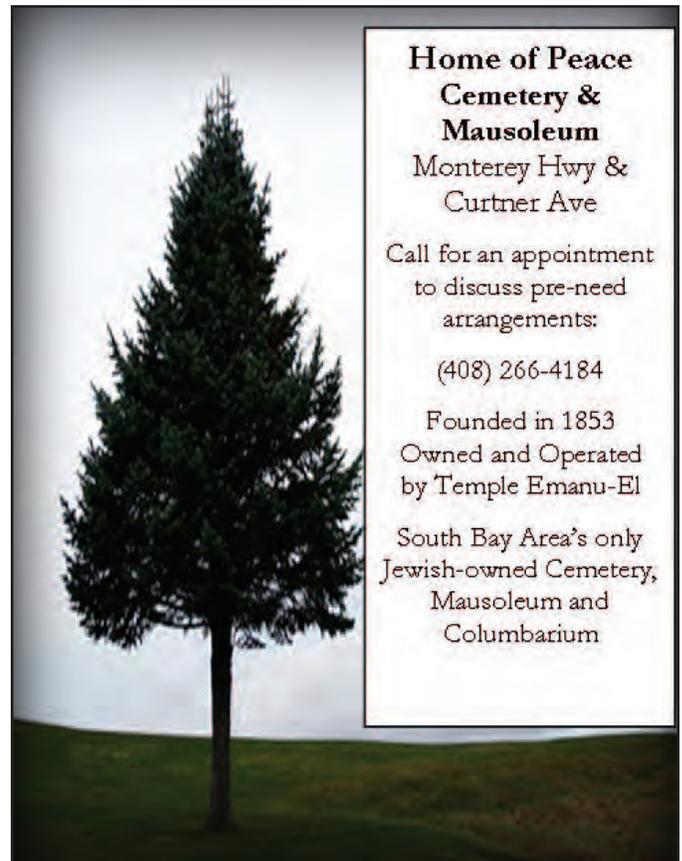
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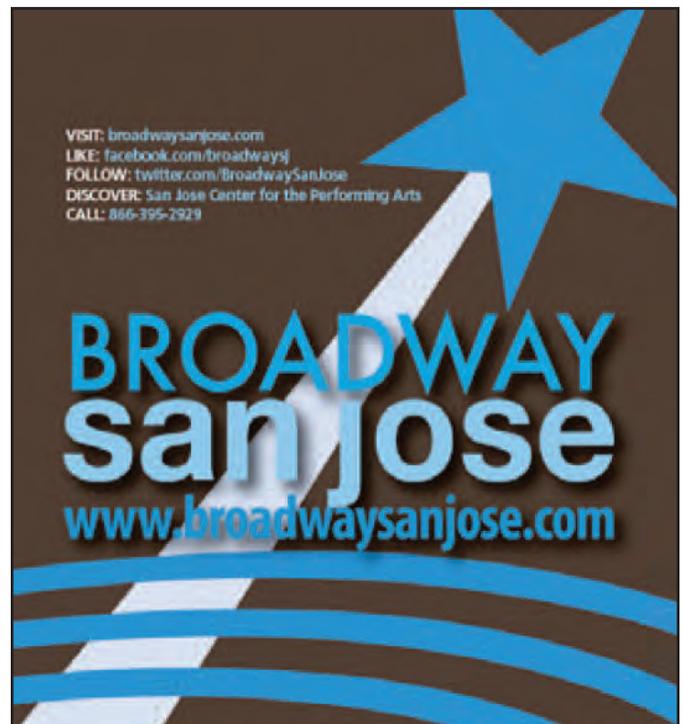
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Phyllis OmeI Junior Choir Fund  
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Shank-Rockman Family Sound System Fund

## 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 Admin team for additional opportunities.