



Temple Emanu-El Connections

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November 2018

November Service Schedule

Friday, November 2

6:00 PM Congregational
Shabbat Dinner

7:00 PM Erev Shabbat Family
Service

Saturday, November 3

10:00 AM Shabbat in Nature

Friday, November 9

7:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service
with Tikkun Olam
Speaker

Saturday, November 10

9:00 AM Baby Shabbat

Friday, November 16

6:00 PM Tot Shabbat with
Catered Dinner

7:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service
with Ask the Rabbi

Friday, November 23

6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat
Service led by
Ritual Committee

Friday, November 30

6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat
Service led by Cantor
Amanda Edmondson

Rooted in Tradition ✨ Growing Our Future

An Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 18, 6:30-8:30 PM

Please join the interfaith community of San Jose in giving thanks. This year's Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on 1336 Cherry Ave in San Jose. The Temple choir, the Interfaith choir, the MazelTones and an Interfaith youth choir will all be participating in these lovely services.

EESY and the Interfaith Teen Council are working in partnership to provide blankets for the homeless. Drop off a blanket (it can be new!) at Temple Emanu-El. Blankets will be accepted until November 10, and will be delivered on November 11.



What better way to spend Hanukkah than at

Latkes & Laughs

Sunday, December 2

Tickets are on sale now!

See page 8 for additional information or
visit www.latkesandlaughs.com for all you need to know!

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THE ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Members and Friends of Temple Emanu-El,

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported the 2018 Annual Campaign so far!

Our 2018 Annual Campaign kicked off on Erev Rosh Hashanah and ends on December 31st.

We have an aggressive annual campaign goal this year of \$75,000 toward an overall objective of continuing the Temple's wide ranging services and programs.

The Annual Campaign is a key fundraising source that allows the Temple to fund programs, events, and educational opportunities. If you have not yet done so, please consider making a contribution that is significant to you.

This is your chance to make a difference in your community.

All donations are appreciated and are tax deductible.

Please go to our website at www.temple-sanjose.org and click "Annual Campaign 2018" to learn more and make a donation.

We are thankful for your support and look forward to a great upcoming year for our congregation.



FAQ for Corporate Matching:

Q: *What is corporate matching?*

A: Corporate matching gifts are donations that an employer makes to match its employees' charitable contributions. Employee matching gifts often are dollar-for-dollar, but some companies will give double or even triple the original donation.

Q: *Why should I do corporate matching?*

A: When you make a donation to Temple Emanu-El and you take advantage of your company's corporate matching program, that is a great way to increase the money that comes in to Temple which keeps us thriving and providing all the wonderful programming we offer to our members.

Q: *My company does corporate matching. How do I select Temple Emanu-El to receive corporate matching funds?*

A: Great! Do a search for Temple Emanu-El on your company's corporate

matching site, and see if we are registered with the portal your company uses. If we aren't, let us know which portal it is, and we will see if we can be added!

Q: *How can I find out if my company matches?*

A: Companies of all sizes often have matching programs. Ask your employer (most likely the benefits department) if they have a program, and let us know which portal they use so we can register on it.

Q: *What kinds of donations will a company match?*

A: Each company is different, but very often a company will match annual campaign donations, Temple dues and other donations you make throughout the year.

Q: *Do I have to submit any paperwork for my company to match my donation to Temple?*

A: Temple Emanu-El will submit information on our end, but you should check with your company about their corporate matching process. Some companies require employees to submit information in order for the corporate matching funds to be processed and have a check sent to Temple.

Q: *Each time I make a donation to Temple, do I have to let my employer know?*

A: Yes, each time you make a donation or pay your Temple dues, you need to let your employer know, so that they can process the matching funds to Temple.

Q: *Whom should I contact at Temple if I have more questions?*

A: Please contact Stephanie Pollock, our executive director, with any other corporate matching questions: stephanie@temple-sanjose.org; 408-292-0939 ext. 233.

From the President



It's the month of November, the month when Thanksgiving happens. Like the cycle of the Jewish year, the Gregorian calendar brings us around again. At this time of year, we hear the stories of the first feast shared by indigenous people and travelers from across the ocean. Whether or not the story is true, we have some

lovely recipes as a result of many years of family gatherings. I remember my mother used to make a wonderful yam casserole. More like pudding, fragrant with spices, and I think I know where the recipe is. Stay tuned.

It's a time to think of what we are thankful for, in many aspects of our lives.

As part of the morning blessings, a traditional Jew says:

Modeh/modah ani l'fanecha
Melech chai v'kayam
she-hechezarta bi nishmati b'chemlah,
rabbah emunetecha.

I offer thanks to You, ever-living Sovereign,
that You have restored my soul to me in mercy:
How great is Your trust.

Wow. The first thing each day is to be grateful that one has woken up. That's what "restoring one's soul" means — that we have returned to consciousness. Because the other option is not waking up. And that there is trust: trust that each of us, awakened, will use that opportunity to make a difference.

I am grateful for my health, and for the energy to accomplish things every day.

I am grateful for Temple Emanu-El. This beloved congregation is truly my Jewish home. Here I have found my love for rituals, for the cycle of the year, the smells of holiday foods. Here I have found such a wonderful community with whom to celebrate.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as this synagogue's President, standing on the shoulders of all the presidents who came before, and for the wonderful congregants who serve on the Board.

I am grateful for Rabbi Magat, for being my rabbi and my friend, and for his confidence in me as a partner in the work of leading our congregation.

I am grateful for our synagogue's professional staff, who work hard every day to make a difference in the lives of our congregants.

I am grateful for my family: some by blood, some by marriage, some chosen. All of you support me in countless ways. Especially my wife, Liz Shivell, who has brought grace and gentleness to my life for nine years now, and without whose support I could not be doing this job.

I am grateful to be a Californian. We are a different species, truly. While the green of the Northwest is inspiring, and the fall colors of the Northeast are amazing, nothing thrills me like our tawny gold hills and the Pacific Coast and the ocean.

I am grateful to everyone who has made a donation to the Annual Campaign so far, and to those of you who will do so before the end of the calendar year. Together we can reach our goal!

Again this year, Temple Emanu-El will participate in the interfaith Thanksgiving celebration. This year, it will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Sunday, November 18th at 6:30 PM. I look forward to seeing many of you there for this unique community event.

I would love to hear from you, too. What are you grateful for? And what's your favorite Thanksgiving recipe? Come join me on Sunday morning, November 18 at 10:00 AM in Temple House, for my next Presidential Shmooze.

With gratitude, Deborah Zimmer

Rabbi Dana L. Magat's Sabbatical

Please note that Rabbi Dana L. Magat will be on Sabbatical from Sunday, November 25th through Sunday, December 30th.



Cantor Notes



Just a couple of weeks ago, our wonderful Preschool Director, Barbara Smead, told me how a parent had asked her about a song her child was singing at night before bedtime. Barb informed me that this child is very quiet and does not converse well yet, but with this song, he knew all the words and was singing it proudly, with all the correct words both in Hebrew and in English.

It's a great song that I love to do with these young children. Together we sing, "Baruch Atah, Adonai, thank you, God. Baruch Atah, Adonai, thank you, God. Thank you for..." And then I ask the students to raise their hands, so I can call on them to offer what it is they are thankful for. I get all kinds of answers: school, my baby sister, Batman, unicorns, trees, apples – basically anything a 2 or 3-year-old can think of. As Barb was telling me this story about this mostly non-verbal child singing this song so passionately, I couldn't help but be struck by one thought: it's so easy to be grateful.

We say "Thank God" when we or someone we're close to has narrowly escaped a hardship or disease, or when someone we love has survived an earthquake or a hurricane. But do we take the time to say "Thank God" for the mashed potatoes we just ate? Or "Thank God" for my ability to get out of bed in the morning?

Most of our prayers in our worship services praise or thank God for the things we have in this world – for creation and nature, for daytime and nighttime, for giving us the Torah, for freeing us from slavery, for our ancestors, and many, many other things. And most of these prayers contain the words "Baruch Atah, Adonai," or "Blessed are You, Adonai." These words are so common in our services that Hebrew readers and non-Hebrew readers alike know them by heart. This Thanksgiving, may we all be inspired and learn from this very young student that we don't need a major catastrophe or something huge to happen for us to be grateful for what we have. We just need to be able to say, "Baruch Atah, Adonai, thank you, God. Thank you for _____."

Cantor Amanda Edmondson

Join me for my new Lunch 'n Learn series:

From Salomon Sulzer to Debbie Friedman to Noah Aronson - a look at various Jewish composers in modern times, times long ago, and everywhere in between. Each session will feature a different composer. This month, we'll learn about Salomon Sulzer, who composed most of our "traditional" tunes for the Torah service, and hear a few of his compositions.



Sisterhood Happenings

We had a very successful **Membership Appreciation Luncheon** on **Sunday, October 14** in the Temple House. It was very well attended. We honored our long time Sisterhood member **Rita Loren** with a Lifetime Service Award. It was a very enjoyable afternoon.

Our **Holiday Fair** is fast approaching. It will take place on **Sunday, November 11 from 10:00am-2:00pm** in the Temple House. We have many amazing vendors participating this year who will help you complete your shopping needs. There will also be a bake sale that is being sponsored by Ellie Weinstein and Gracie Dederling

as part of their Bat Mitzvah Project. All of the money they raise will be going to cancer research so make sure you buy lots of delicious treats.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with cooking for our Tot Shabbats as well as help us staff our Gift Shop which is open Friday evenings after Kiddush and Motzi as well as during Religious/Hebrew School on Wednesdays and Sundays. Contact myself or Melenie Pearson if you are interested.

Beverly Mendel, Sisterhood Co-President



Religious School

As some of you might know, I live in Oakland and am a member at Temple Beth Abraham. As a member of a Conservative synagogue, I receive copies of *The United Synagogue Review*, the bi-yearly magazine published by the United Synagogue of

Conservative Judaism (USCJ) for all congregants of USCJ affiliated congregations, much in the same manner that you receive copies of *Reform Judaism Magazine* in the mail from the URJ. A few years back, I was struck by an article written by Rabbi Jerome M. Epstein, then executive vice-president of the USCJ. He stated that on his travels across North America he was struck by comments from congregants and leaders regarding the future of the Conservative Movement. "Because Conservative synagogues and ideology have inspired so many Jews, committed congregants voice both concern and hope for the movement's future." The thrust of the rest of the article centered on four ways that congregants could best strengthen the Conservative Movement. He did not put forth earth-shattering revelations, nor did he state ideas that could be only linked to the Conservative Movement. His comments could be applied to every Jewish group/institution throughout the entire North American Jewish community. The premise was that the more time, energy, and resources you devote, the stronger and more united we all become.

The one comment that really hit home with me was the following: "We are all overprogrammed, but our spiritual life and education must have a significant place on our agenda if we want Conservative Judaism to have an impact. Carve out some time each week to devote to activities in your synagogue." What he was really saying is that your Jewish life, and for that matter the lives of your children, cannot become compartmentalized. "Being Jewish" cannot become an extra-curricular activity in much the same way soccer, baseball, piano, dance, etc. becomes in our lives.

Soon after I read that article, while working at one of my previous positions as Director of Education at Congregation Kol Shofar in Tiburon, I posed the following question to a group of 5th graders at the religious school: What days of the week are you Jewish? The answers were not surprising. They ranged from "Tuesday/Thursday afternoons" to "Sunday mornings" to "only on holidays" to "every night when my parents and I sing the Shema before I go to bed." The overall impression of these 10-11 year olds was that the days that they come to religious school are the only times that they are Jewish. The rest of the week was devoted to

their "regular" life. What is missing here? The exact point that I try to make to parents every day: If you think that sending your children to religious school once or twice per week will make them Jewish, you are missing the boat. One of Rabbi Epstein's comments is that "...congregations exist to enrich the lives of their members." We, at Temple Emanu-El, offer many programs meant to enrich your Jewish lives but it all goes to waste if you do not take this enrichment home with you and use it. We cannot make your children Jewish through the education of attending TEE's Religious School. It is you who make your children Jewish. It is the commitment that you show in the synagogue and the programs offered that reflect in the seriousness of your Jewish life. The more Judaism becomes extra-curricular, the more the fabric of Jewish society becomes tattered at the seams.

I found this quote in an article from the *J* back in 2017. It reflected on the findings from the most recent Pew Research Center's Portrait of Jewish Americans survey. Among the conclusions of the researchers was (not surprising) that:

"Jews who are more connected to other Jews through their adolescent and young adult years are more likely to marry, to marry younger, to marry Jews and to have Jewish children. Camps, youth groups, Israel travel, campus activities and young adult communities all build Jewish social networks. Those connections build friendships that lead to marriage or romantic connections...Creating more Jewish marriages and filling more Jewish baby strollers inevitably leads to seeing more Jews in the pews, as well as other places where Jewish engagement gets acted out."

All this leads to why I became a Jewish educator and why camp was a driving force in my formative years. This is why I have shaped TEE's Religious School to be a place where the students find connections with their classmates, the Temple, the clergy, their teachers, Jewish history, Torah, Israel, Tikkun Olam, and camp. This is their happy house and, coupled with their family connections to Judaism, they will look upon their Jewish education as the foundation for a strong Jewish identity. My hope is that TEE's Religious School is not viewed as an extra-curricular activity and that the program fills a void. The program is not a Bar/Bat Mitzvah "factory" but a place of learning and discovery, relationship building, and identity formation. Please come and sit in the "pews" on a Sunday morning and feel the energy and excitement. You are all invited!

Phil Hankin, MAJE, Director of Education

My Take on Torah

B'REISHIT, GENESIS 1:1-6:8

I had the pleasure of interpreting one of the most recognizable passages in the Torah, "In the beginning..." There is a lot to deal with in these six chapters. It starts off with God creating the heaven and earth out of chaos. On Day 1, God creates light. On Day 2, God creates the sky. On Day 3, God creates the Earth, trees and other vegetation. On Day 4, God creates day, night, seasons and the stars. On Day 5, birds and fish. On Day 6, animals and humans. On Day 7, God calls it a day and creates the Sabbath.

After God is done resting, he creates Adam and puts him in the Garden of Eden. Adam is instructed that he can eat anything he wants in the garden with the exception of the fruit from the Tree of Knowledge. Then God performs the first surgery, taking a rib from Adam to create Eve. Then a serpent shows up and plants a seed of doubt with Eve concerning God's instructions, and she and Adam eat from the Tree of Knowledge. They get banished and punished. Eve gets labor pains times two and Adam gets thorns in his food.

Cain and Abel are born. Cain kills Abel and utters one of the more famous lines in the Torah, "Am I my brother's keeper?" Cain has a son and Adam and Eve also have another son. And, as often is the case in the Torah, the passage then details the next ten generations of the not-so-soon-to-be Israelites and how they all live to be over 900 years-old.

At some point Noah is born.

God soon tires of his grand physics experiment and sees that the world that was created is full of wickedness and vows to destroy it all. Noah, at age 500, makes an appearance on the scene to save the world and then we fade to black.

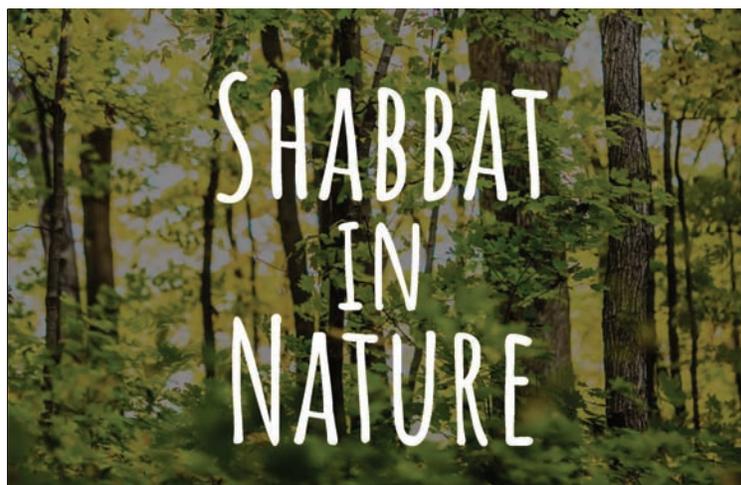
Much has been written on these opening passages of the Torah, but one of the themes that stands out to me is accountability and personal responsibility. When God asks Adam if he "ate the fruit of the tree that I forbade you to eat," Adam points to Eve and says that she made him do it. God then asks Eve what she has done and she points to the serpent and says, "The serpent tricked me into eating it." The serpent, having no arms or fingers to point with, gets left holding the bag and is cursed, "On your belly you shall crawl, eating dust all the days of your life." The fact that they were warned not to eat the fruit from the tree, the failure to follow the Eternal's instructions, and the mistrust of God's edicts are all grounds enough to

be banished from the Garden of Eden. However, scholars argue that the real sin here is the lack of accountability. None of the players in this party wants to take personal responsibility for their actions. Adam blames Eve and Eve blames the snake. Jewish tradition is steeped in personal responsibility. The acceptance of the consequences of one's actions, the admission of guilt and responsibility when appropriate, and concern for others are necessary components of a properly functioning society. It seems it has become fashionable to blame our actions or inactions on others when the fault really lies within us. While all accused persons are entitled to a competent defense, that defense is often predicated on placing the blame squarely on others or on society as a whole rather than the accused accepting the consequences of their own actions.

David Heiman, Treasurer



David is a Portfolio Management Director and Senior Vice President with Morgan Stanley. He has been a community volunteer since 1989 and has served on the boards of the San Jose Repertory Theatre, the Valley Medical Center Foundation, and the Silicon Valley Ball Foundation. He is currently on the boards of Temple Emanu-El, serving as its treasurer, and the Shortino Foundation. He resides in Willow Glen with his wife and two children.



Saturday, November 3rd at 10:00 AM

This month's Shabbat in Nature is at Uvas Canyon Park. The morning service is led by Rabbi Dana Magat and Cantor Amanda Edmondson and is sponsored by the Ritual Committee. Parking is \$6. Meet at the Amphitheater and look for the sign.

Sukkot

Sukkot at Temple Emanu-El has traditionally been a holiday for the children. They come into the sukkah with their religious school classes to learn about the holiday, standing with the Rabbi and Cantor smelling the etrog, shaking the lulav and decorating the Sukkah. But this year, the adults also had their own fun in the Sukkah, with three adult-themed evening celebrations.

“Sushi in the Sukkah,” held on Tuesday night of Sukkot, was geared to our 20- and 30-something folks who enjoyed “a lot” of sushi and adult beverages. They mingled under the stars and according to Cantor, “we’ll

have to order a lot more sushi for next year, as it was a big hit!”

“Scotch in the Sukkah” was held the next day and was co-sponsored by Temple Emanu-El and the Jewish Federation. This event was open to both Temple and non-Temple members. Approximately 30 guests enjoyed a kosher corned beef dinner as well as the ability to sample three different Scotch whiskies, three American bourbons and one Japanese whiskey.

Sukkot celebrations ended the next night with “Sangria in the Sukkah”! This Temple-sponsored event was free to all who attended and included

delicious sangria, non-alcoholic beverages, and a nacho bar where guests could make their own nachos with various toppings. Temple members and non-members of all ages mingled for hours in the sukkah, enjoying the beautiful fall evening. A big thank you to Kim Jackman and Shirley Lee for running this event.

Thank you to Stephanie Pollock and our A-Team and janitorial staff for all their hard work with organizing and setting up for these fun back-to-back events! We look forward to seeing you all at next year’s fun Sukkot celebrations!

Debbie Michels, VP Membership



eScrip

In this month of Thanksgiving, we thank every loyal eScrip eater and shopper. Temple gets a portion of all sales when you use your registered credit/debit cards. KEEP SHOPPING! Check out the Online Mall with hundreds of shops. Buy Thanksgiving dinner fixins at Lunardi’s. They generously support our eScrip program.

If you still have not become an eScrip supporter, register today at www.escrip.com. You will be asked for our zip code, 95126. Temple’s ID# is 136985180, in case that is needed.

During Thanksgiving dinner my family shares some really special and fitting words. A few of my words will be how thankful I am for all that Temple, Rabbi Magat and Cantor Amanda do for me, and how happy I am that I can give back to Temple, even in a small way, by supporting eScrip.

Lorie Kaplan, eScrip coordinator, 408.267.4563



Save the Date

Chinese Food and Game Night

**Monday,
December 24
at 6:30 PM**

Join the Temple
Emanu-El
Sisterhood for
Chinese food
and games!





Preschool

One of the biggest focuses in the preschool is how we treat others. From our Girl

Talk sessions to our many discussions on respect and kindness, we are all working very hard together to treat each other with kavod (respect). This month I met with a few of our Kinders to find out what they are thankful for—what matters most to them in their world—and I hope you enjoy the answers as much as I did. Here at TEPS I continue to just be in awe of the kindness and love that our children show each other. We have the best kids!!!

Aubrey: I am thankful that I have my toys and I am thankful for my friend Abigail.

Matthew: I am thankful for my books and for my sister Talia.

Mateo: I am thankful for magazines and for phones.

Abigail: I am thankful for books to read and I am thankful for my nanny Sonia.

Analia: I am thankful for my boa and for my Nono.

Miss Barb: I am thankful to be able to spend my day being surrounded by the most amazing little people!

Barbara Smead, Barbara@templesanjose.org



Baby Shabbat

Saturday, November 10 at 9:00 AM

Temple Emanu-El presents a Shabbat experience geared towards families with children ages 1-30 months. Little ones will enjoy a service full of Shabbat songs, Torah talk, and parachute play!



Jeff Applebaum presents ...

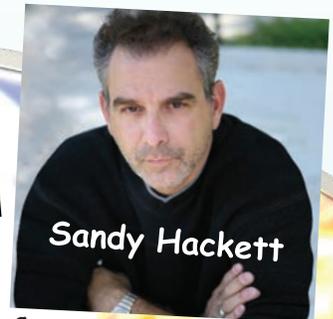
Latkes & Laughs

Comedy & Potato Pancakes-
Who doesn't love both? 2018

The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson
The "Pursuit of Happyness"



Jeff Applebaum



Sandy Hackett

Special Guest:
Singer/Songwriter
Producer



Matt Lieb

SiriusXM: "Stand Up Revolution Radio"

Newsbroke on AJ+
SF Sketchfest



Lisa Dawn Miller

Comedian/Actor/Director/
Producer & son of Comedy Legend Buddy Hackett

Writer/Director/Star of Sandy Hackett's Rat Pack

Sun, December 2, 2018

Doors Open/Dinner-5:30PM Comedy Show-6:30PM
Students (14-21):\$18 General Admission:\$54
(Reserved premium tables of 10 available)



Temple Emanu-El: 408.292.0939
1010 University Ave, San Jose, CA

Tickets: www.latkesandlaughs.com

Oneg Sponsors

October 5, 2018 | **Lynda Chase, Patty Dworkin** in memory of her father Bill Williams

October 5, 2018 | **The Meltzer Family** in honor of Julia's Bat Mitzvah

October 12, 2018 | **Suzanne Boxer-Gassman and Gerry Gassman** in honor of Michael and Eleanor Gerstley's 60th anniversary

October 19, 2018 | **The Stiskin Family** in honor of Ryan's Bar Mitzvah

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✧ Ritual Committee ✧

THE BLESSING OF RAIN

מְשִׁיב הַרוּחַ וּמוֹרִיד הַגֶּשֶׁם.

Mashiv haruach umorid hagashem

You cause the wind to shift and rain to fall.

מוֹרִיד הַטֶּל.

Morid hatal

You rain dew upon us.

Many Jewish festivals, including Pesach, Shavuot, Sukkot and Tu B'Shevat, are based on the climate and agricultural seasons in Israel. One other recent holiday, Atzeret/ Simchat Torah, also has climatological links. On this day the liturgy contains a special appeal to God to provide rain to Israel, and we begin adding a phrase every time we recite the G'vurot prayer in the T'Filah throughout the rainy season, "*Mashiv haruach umorid hagashem*" (You cause the wind to shift and rain to fall). The following Pesach we change the phrase to "*Morid hatal*" (You rain dew upon us), and continue to recite these words throughout the dry season. Why are these words in the G'vurot? The Talmud explains that rain reflects the power of God, which is the theme of this prayer, "The power involved in making rain is as formidable as that of all of the works of creation." (Bereshit Rabbah 13:4).

What is this preoccupation with rain? Aside from backyard vegetable gardeners, most of us are far removed from growing our own food. When we need water, we turn on a faucet. Ancient rural Israelites depended on wells and seasonal rains for their very survival. They were conscious of every drop that fell from the sky. The Torah told them that they would be blessed with water if they followed the Law and cursed with drought if they sinned. So, they sacrificed, prayed and watched the sky. They rejoiced when the rains fell every year. Rain became so powerful as a metaphor for gentle life-giving abundance that it occurs frequently in the Torah and Talmud. Moses invokes the image of life-giving water in Parasha Haazinu, which we read recently before completing our annual Torah cycle.

"May my discourse come down as the rain,
My speech distill as the dew,
Like showers on young growth,
Like droplets on the grass" (Deut. 32:2)

Living in California with our Mediterranean climate, our seasons parallel Israel's, with dry summers and rainy winters, making the prayer especially relevant to our local conditions. Our biggest storms tend to occur from November through March. However, with greater frequency this pattern has been broken. We're seeing the results of frequent weather extremes in California: droughts, damaging wildfires, punishing floods and mudslides. We hope for rain and are afraid when it comes. In other parts of the world destructive heat, droughts, typhoons and hurricanes have become more common. Science tells us that human activity is a significant causal factor in these weather changes. It's not God sending beneficial rain but the actions of human beings that are affecting how that rain affects us. We can't just recite the prayers and feel satisfied that we've done our part. We must act to save our natural environment from further degradation. The prayer for rain reminds us not only to be grateful the blessing of rain, but also to shape our lives to help preserve that blessing for ourselves and future generations.

Maggie Cant, Ritual Committee



Jews and Brews

Tuesday, November 13th, 7:30 – 9:00 PM

All 21-and-up adults in their 20s and 30s are welcome to join us for a night out to Taplands in Santa Clara. Meet new people and make new friends as we relax with good drinks and tasty snacks!



Menorahs and Miracles

ADDISON · PENZAK
JCC Los Gatos



A Hanukkah Celebration

Sunday, December 2,
12:00 – 4:00 pm

At the Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose

A CDM cultural celebration in partnership with
Addison-Penzak Jewish Community Center of Silicon Valley

apjcc.org/hanukkah





Those who have died recently

Jonathan Sievers, father of Sherry Cohen

Reva Rothenberg, aunt of Bobi Levine

And those we have lost in years past

November 2 | Hanna Baer, Elmer A. Barron, Harold Cahn, Gertrude Carmely, John Fernandez, Dana Alan Fisher, Louis Fishman, Flora Fishoff, Teresa Forman, Hannah Fox, Henry Frederick, Max (Manny) Frey, Peter Hubert, Rabbi Arthur Jacobovitz, Jennie Juroff, Sam Kaisel, John Kihorany, Nettie Leiter, Samuel Lewon, Morton Marks, Robert Pencovic, Jacob Pollack, Joan Poor, Edith Port, Frances K. Powell, Edith Ross, Ben Roth, Bernard Siegler, Helen Slater, Max Sokolov, Emil Sonnberger, Christina Sweely, Anne Wolfson, Mitchell Wolfson, Rose Woron

November 9 | Naomi Ashel, Robert Fishman, Mat Ganz, Robert Goldberg, Abe Goldstein, Sidney Green, Max Hafter, Dr. Ralph Jacobs, Anna Lapausky, Rubin Lewon, Norman Lieberman, Mrs. Lillian Malen, Harry Pollock, Thomas Frank Robinson, Mr. Marvin Rossman, Mahvash Sahim, Dr. William Schneiderman, Lisa Stransky, Kathleen Sullivan, Jean Tucker Cannon Davis, William David Winter, Mr. Richard Wolf

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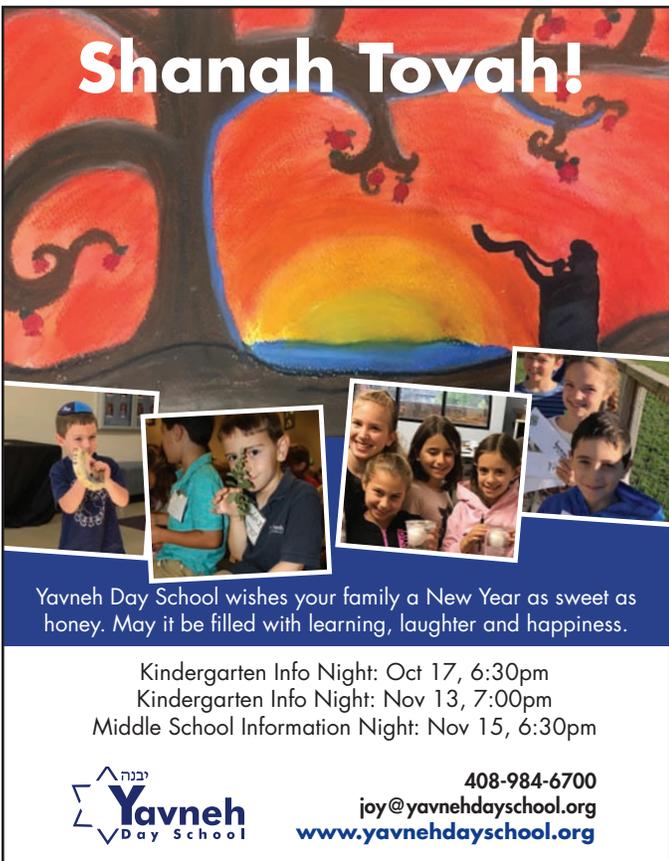
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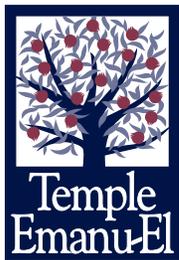
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11 9:00 AM Brotherhood Meeting 9:30 AM Religious School 10:00 AM Sisterhood Holiday Fair 11:00 AM Green Team Meeting 11:30 AM Confirmation 11:30 AM Beit No'ar	12	13 7:30 PM Jews and Brews	14 12:00 PM Lunch and Learn 4:30 PM Religious School 6:30 PM Beit No'ar	15 6:00 PM Tot Shabbat with Catered Dinner 7:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service with Ask the Rabbi	16 6:00 PM Tot Shabbat with Catered Dinner 7:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service with Ask the Rabbi	17 11:00 AM Confirmation Retreat Weekend
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