



Temple Emanu-El Connections

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April 2019

April Service Schedule

Friday, April 5

6:00 PM Congregational
Shabbat Dinner

7:00 PM Erev Shabbat
Family Service

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9:00 AM Shabbaton and
Minyan service for
Mechinah (Grade 4)

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7:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service

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10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of
Abigail Everett

Saturday, April 20

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Morning Minyan

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9:00 AM Pesach Morning and
Yizkor Service

6:30 PM Shabbat HaNefesh

Saturday, April 27

10:30 AM B'nai Mitzvah of
Graycie and
Benjamin Dederling

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Passover Greetings from your Temple Family

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Temple Emanu-El's Second Night Seder

April 20, 2019 at 5:00 PM

It's time to read from the Haggadah, enjoy a warm seder, and have a joyous time with your family, friends, and loved ones here at Temple Emanu-El! Join us as we explore the story of the Exodus from Egypt. Passover dinner is served; bring your own wine. Vegetarian meals available upon request.

Everyone is welcome. Online registration is now open!

Go to www.templestanjose.org or call us at 408-292-0939 to register.

The registration deadline is April 12, 2019 at 12:00 PM.

From the President



Most of you know that Pesach is my favorite Jewish holiday. That is partly the case because I absolutely LOVE charoset (this is my bowl of charoset; what are you going to eat?). And because it is the holiday which brings me closest to my mother, Ann Levine, of blessed memory. She was a minimalist in the kitchen. Charoset

has three ingredients: nuts, apples and wine. That's it. No cinnamon, no honey. Also, charoset needs to be chopped, by hand, in a wooden bowl, with a single stainless steel chopping blade. And to this day, I use my mother's chopper. That's Part One.

The Jewish calendar is based on the agricultural year. It's no mystery that the increasing lights of the chanukiah come at the time of year when the days are shortest and it is an attempt to bring light into the darkness. We celebrate the harvest at Sukkot, the first fruits at Shavuot.

And Pesach is the hope of spring.

As Rabbi Irving Greenberg points out in *The Jewish Way: Living the Holidays*, there is a theological explanation for why Passover occurs in the spring:

"Biblical language and symbol point to spring as the proper season for deliverance. The rebirth of earth after winter is nature's indication that life overcomes death: spring is nature's analogue to redemption. Life blossoming, breaking winter's death grip, gives great credence to the human yearning for liberation. ... A correct reading of the spring season would hear its message of breaking out and life reborn at the biological level simultaneously with an Exodus message of good overcoming evil, of love overpowering death, of freedom and redemption."

Here in California, we have just emerged from one of the darkest and rainiest winters on record. To be sure, we needed the rain, and I am grateful that our reservoirs are almost at capacity. As we approach Pesach, the weather is beginning to lighten. The days are warmer, and the buds are coming out on the trees. Flowers are blooming, and color returns to the world. We can go outside and feel the warmth of the sun on our backs and on our faces. This is also the feeling of freedom.

Often we talk about the freedom of our people as written in the Book of Exodus: the stories of enslavement in Egypt, the march to freedom through the desert. These are big things, to be sure. I cannot imagine what that uncertainty felt like: never knowing where your next meal would be coming from (think manna). Would there be water to drink? (Think Miriam finding wells.) Would the Israelites be kept safe on who-knows-how-long-the-journey-would-be? Those are whole-life freedom kinds of things.

But think about our everyday lives. We have the freedom to choose what to wear (well, unless going to a school that requires uniforms); to make food choices; with whom to have lunch today or next week. Even if we are going to take a hike, there are many locations from which to choose.

As we approach the season of our liberation, let us be grateful for the many freedoms we have. May we use them wisely and with compassion.

L'shalom, Deborah Zimmer

P.S. Thanks to everyone who came up to me at the Purim Carnival to let me know that my President's name badge was on upside down. Yes, it was. Intentionally. It was Purim. :-)



Cantor Notes



Hi, ladies of Temple Emanu-El!

I am so excited to invite you to be a part of our upcoming Seaside Spirituality retreat for

women on July 20th. A small group of us has been working hard to put together what we hope will be a meaningful and refreshing day of spiritual connectivity and relaxation. If you're thinking, "A retreat is not for me," think again! This retreat is for every adult woman at Temple Emanu-El – moms on the go, career women, empty-nesters, women who are single, divorced or widowed, and of any age. As a mom of a young child myself, I know firsthand how hard it can be to give ourselves permission to take a full day to ourselves. But, girlfriend, you deserve this! I hope you come away from this daylong retreat with a deepened relationship with Judaism, a heightened sense of spirituality and connection to the earth around us, and most especially – new friends. If you are not sure if you want to sign up, or have any questions or concerns about the content, location, cost, or anything else, please don't hesitate to contact me. And I'll look forward to our time at the beach together.

With great anticipation and gratitude,

Cantor Amanda Edmondson

DISCOVER THE HEALING POWERS OF THE OCEAN AT

Seaside Spirituality

for all the ladies of Temple Emanu-El

**SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2019
9 AM TO 5 PM
AT VILLA MARIA DEL MAR,
SANTA CRUZ**

Join us for a one day women's retreat with Cantor Amanda Edmondson and Temple Emanu-El's Sisterhood! This is an opportunity for you to relax, rejuvenate, and connect. Included in this retreat is meditation, yoga with Rabbi Laurie Matzkin, lunch, learning, art, and free time on the beach.

Registration deadline is July 1, 2019.
Cost is \$75 per person. Open to adult Temple members only. Space is limited, so please reach out to the Administrative Office to register at (408) 292-0939 or admin@templesanjose.org.
Questions? Reach out to Cantor Amanda Edmondson at cantoramanda@templesanjose.org.



✧ Ritual Committee ✧

What's on your Seder table?

Many of our Jewish rituals are associated with traditional symbols that have become fixed over the centuries. Examples are Shabbat and Yom Tov candles, the Kiddush cup, the Shofar, and the Hanukkah. Probably no observance contains more symbols than the Passover Seder. From its roots as an agricultural/spring festival (green vegetables, eggs), the Seder also adds themes of: ancient Temple sacrifice (roasted egg and shank bone), a Roman banquet (parsley appetizer, reclining), the taste of slavery (bitter herbs and charoset), hardship (matzah), and hopes for a Messianic age of freedom for all (Elijah's cup). For anyone who is attending a Seder for the first time, the number of ceremonial items can be overwhelming, but these symbols and their meanings may remain in our memories long after the Seder is finished.

Dayenu! All of these symbols should have been enough for one evening. Modern Jews, however, have used the Seder as an opportunity to teach *tikkun olam* (repairing the world). The Haggadah says that, "In every generation everyone is obligated to see themselves as if they themselves came out of Egypt"—i.e., out of slavery. Our new challenge is to become aware of slavery and injustice in our own community and in the wider world.

How many of these modern Seder symbols do you know?

Miriam's Cup – Celebrates the role of Miriam in the Exodus from Egypt and her help in the desert journey, and honors heroic women throughout our people's history.

Orange – Although begun by feminists, the meaning has expanded to include all who may have felt marginalized within the Jewish community, including women, people with disabilities, Jews-by-Choice, and members of the LGBTQ+ community.

The Fourth Matzah –In the 1980s, the fourth matzah was added to remind us that Jews in the Soviet Union were oppressed and could not leave. After Soviet Jews were allowed to leave, fourth matzah lost its

meaning. Recently, a columnist in the Forward proposed using the fourth matzah as a protest against the mass incarceration by the Israeli government of African men, women and children seeking asylum after fleeing their home countries.

Olive – As the olive branch is a symbol of peace, an olive on the Seder plate symbolizes the hope for peace between Israelis and Palestinians

Artichoke – With its thorny outside and soft inside, the artichoke symbolizes the difficult questions of interfaith marriage that all branches of Judaism are wrestling with, and invites the Seder to be a welcoming interfaith experience.

Fair Trade Coffee and Cocoa Beans – Highlights Jewish concern for forced labor in these industries, and our responsibility to make informed consumer choices to promote economic fairness for those who produce the foods we eat.

Banana – Reminds us of the plight of Syrian refugees, especially children, who have suffered and died seeking freedom and safety from war.

Potato – Commemorates Operation Solomon, in which Israel secretly brought Ethiopian Jews to Israel in 1991. Some were so malnourished and ill that they could only eat potatoes and rice at first.

Pinecone – started by Temple Israel in Newton, MA. The pinecone contains the precious pine nut, yet this seed remains hidden and difficult to extract. It reminds us of mass incarceration and the difficult work required to repair our courts and prison systems so that we can access the precious souls that are trapped inside.

Adding one or more of these items to your Seder may spark some lively discussions around the table this year. Also, look for them at Temple Emanu-El's Second Night Seder, Saturday, April 20. Chag Pesach Sameach!

Maggie Cant, Ritual Committee





Bat Mitzvah



Graycie Belle Dederling, along with her twin brother, Benjamin, will be called to Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, April 27th. She is in 7th grade at Sierramont Middle School. Graycie sings in the choir at school and enjoys performing several times a year. Her favorite school subject is math. Graycie plays the ukelele and is active in Ukelele Club. In her free time, she enjoys many arts and crafts and playing video games. She has studied hard for this milestone and looks forward to sharing this day with friends and family.



Benjamin George Dederling, along with his twin sister, Graycie, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, April 27th. He is in 7th grade at Sierramont Middle School. Benjamin is very much into technology, so much so that he's been known to assist faculty and staff in elementary and middle school, as well as other friends and family, with their tech needs. His favorite subject in school is math, also. During his spare time, Benjamin enjoys playing video games and researching new technology. Benjamin has worked hard to prepare for this day and looks forward to celebrating with friends and family.



Abigail Talia Everett, daughter of Kirk Everett and Rebecca Dishotsky and sister of Sophie, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, April 13, 2019. Abby is in the 7th grade and she is in the Chalutzim class here at Temple Emanu El. Abby enjoys photography, rock wall climbing, biking and spending time with her cat, Broccoli. For Abby's mitzvah project, she led a donation drive for the non-profit organization Simply the Basics (www.simplythebasics.org). Abby is excited to be celebrating this wonderful experience of becoming Bat Mitzvah with friends.

Introduction to Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom

Thursday, April 11th at 7:00 PM

The Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom is a national network of Muslim and Jewish women. Members of this organization build strong relationships by engaging in dialogue, socializing, participating in social action projects and activities to expand our knowledge of each other's practices and beliefs.



The Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom believes in building bridges and fighting hate, negative stereotyping and prejudice, one Muslim and one Jewish woman at a time.

Join us at Temple Emanu-El to learn more!

Questions? Contact Marci Gerston at marci.gerston@gmail.com.

Sisterhood

Happy Passover

I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Passover. As we gather around the Seder table with our family and friends, let us remember how fortunate we are to have all of the freedoms that we often take for granted.

Sisterhood will be hosting its annual Women's Seder on Tuesday, April 23 at 6:00pm. Come join with other women to get a beautiful and truly unique Passover experience. More details will be coming soon.

On July 20 we will be spending the day in Santa Cruz at our Women's Retreat. Come relax and unplug as we enjoy being just steps away from the beach for a day of meditation, yoga, prayer, art and so much more. This event is open to all women of Temple Emanu-El.

Finally, I would like to give a BIG thank-you to Melenie Pearson who did an amazing job chairing Passport to Judaism on Friday, March 8. We had a good turnout which was wonderful. It was great to see people from all faiths coming together to learn more about Judaism.

Beverly Mendel, Sisterhood President



Shabbat HaNefesh

Friday, April 26 at 6:30 PM

Welcome Shabbat with us in our newest Shabbat experience!

Nourish your mind, body, and soul with your fellow congregants in this short, musical worship service followed by a delicious dinner for \$18 per person. The night will be completed with a decadent dessert oneg. Can't join us for dinner? No problem! Join us for the Mamash Kabbalat Shabbat service. Shabbat HaNefesh will be held on the fourth Friday of each month.

Please note that the registration deadline is the Tuesday of the same week for each Shabbat HaNefesh.



Sisterhood Women's Seder

Tuesday, April 23 at 6:00 PM

Calling all sisters, mothers, daughters, and friends - come share in a delicious Women's Seder hosted by Sisterhood. Join in the camaraderie and uplifting ritual by bringing a Kosher for Passover style salad, side dish or dessert to share (entrée and ritual foods provided). Event is \$8 for Sisterhood members and \$12 for non-sisterhood members. **Please RSVP by Friday, April 19** to Beverly at beverlyandneil@gmail.com.

Sisterhood Game Night



Saturday, April 6 from 6:30-9:00 PM

Many games available such as Up Words, Mexican Train, Wits and Wagers, Uno, or bring your favorite.

PLUS: Bring a NON-DESSERT snack to share such as cheese, crackers, chips, pretzels, etc.

Please see www.TempleSanJose.org for more details.



Preschool

The past few months in the preschool have felt like the wettest months we have had in a very long time. Our days were spent either drying off the slides or playing in the Temple House as the rain just kept coming and coming. Today we have a beautiful blue sky, and the weather finally feels like Spring instead of Winter! The kids are enjoying being outside, rearranging the play houses, tending to the garden and tracing each other's bodies on the ground with sidewalk chalk. From all around the synagogue you can hear the sound of the children's laughter as it bounces off of the walls, and I must admit, even after all of these years, it still makes me smile.

Barbara Smead, Director of Early Childhood Education
Barbara@templesanjose.org





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Community Yom HaShoah Memorial Service

with special guest speaker Max Garcia, a survivor & with the participation of the Jewish clergy of the community, a community adult choir and children's choir

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Religious School

Jerusalem in April

Springtime is unique to the natural world. Flowers begin to bloom, the days get a bit longer, the animals get a bit frisky, and the Jewish calendar turns to the month of Nisan. It is on the 14th day of this

month that we celebrate the most widely observed Jewish holiday – Pesach. What comes to mind when you hear the word Pesach? It is matzah? Family? Long seders? Gefilte fish? Charlton Heston? Searching for the Afikoman? Whatever images are conjured upon hearing the name Pesach, it is distinctive and memorable. This is due to the fact that almost every Jew, regardless of their level of observance, has at one point celebrated Pesach. Some people have dubbed Pesach the Jewish Thanksgiving because of the similarities of family gathering around a table to eat and be together.

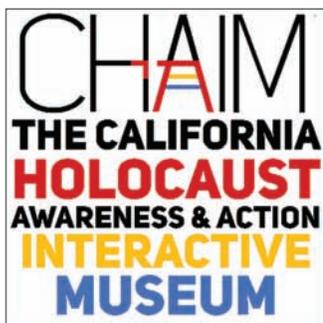
At this time I think back to my year studying abroad in Jerusalem at Hebrew Union College. That year was memorable for many reasons, but some have to do with opportunities that I had that might never happen again. Unless I make aliyah and move to Israel, I was fortunate to experience the Jewish holidays in ways that we cannot replicate here in the US. For instance, on Yom Kippur, I walked down the middle of the busiest street in Jerusalem to attend services because there was not a single vehicle moving in town. Completely empty. Only adults and kids walking freely without fear of being hit by a car or bus. Imagine if that happened here, and you were able to walk up and down The Alameda with absolutely no vehicles.

How about Purim and dancing in those same streets as if you were in Times Square on New Year’s Eve? Purim in Jerusalem puts Mardi Gras in New Orleans to shame.

During Pesach, though, you not only have the experience of living in the very country that the Israelites fled to upon leaving Egypt with Moses, but you also have the unique opportunity see how another religion which calls Jerusalem a holy city celebrates one of their most holy days. I sat upon the walls above Jaffe Gate of the Old City of Jerusalem on Easter Sunday and watched the Christian Pilgrims parade through the gate with a huge wooden cross and begin their walk through the winding, ancient city streets, on the path of the Via Dolorosa, as they made their way to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. It was a sight to behold and one that I felt I needed to take advantage of since I was there. I followed them to the Church and witnessed the lighting of the candles at the spot where Jesus was supposed to have been crucified, buried and later resurrected. The only thing that I think is comparable is if I had the opportunity to go to Mecca and witness the Hajj (although that throng would dwarf the size of the Pilgrims to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre).

My hope is that everyone has an opportunity in their lifetime to witness such unique experiences that are not part of our normal, everyday culture in the United States. Many people this time of year make pilgrimages to Arizona and Florida to pay homage to the gods of baseball but somehow I think it is not quite the same. If only all the families here at TEE would make the weekly pilgrimage to 1010 University Ave on Sunday mornings for Religious School. Now that would be a sight to behold...

Phil Hankin, MAJE, Director of Education



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My Take on Torah

Once upon a time, there was a Jewish woman, who had grown up without any synagogue affiliation. She knew she was Jewish, because her parents were Jewish, and they celebrated Chanukah and Pesach, but she had no real Jewish substance. When her children were old enough to learn about being Jewish, she realized that she didn't really know enough to teach them, and so she found a synagogue, this synagogue, Temple Emanu-El. And here she found her Jewish home.

When she was 48, she and 9 other women became B'not Mitzvah on our bimah, and thus began her Jewish adulthood. A bit later than usual, but the commitment was there to be a daughter of the covenant.

And the Torah portion for the B'not Mitzvah was this week's portion, Vayakhel. Thanks to Rabbi Magat for letting me know that you can use last week's portion through Tuesday, and so here we are.

Parshat Vayakhel deals again with the building of the Mishkan, the portable tabernacle, that would house the holy documents as the Israelites were wandering in the desert. Moses gathers the people of Israel and invites them to contribute to the building of their sanctuary. "Let all of those whose hearts so move them bring forward their gifts of gold, silver and copper, precious linens, yarns and goats' hair, along with spices, valuable skins and precious stones."

The Midrash says that the building of the Tabernacle was commanded in order to show not only Israel but all the world that God had forgiven His people for the sin of the Golden Calf.

There are some lovely small points that I would like to share. The artisans Bezalel and Oholiab had been appointed to oversee the building of the Mishkan. The name Bezalel means "in the shadow of God." (Just as Emanu-El means God is with us.) and Oholiab means "my father's tent." And the descriptions of the materials and measurements are sort of ilting:

The length of each clothes 28 cubits, and the width of each cloth was 4 cubits, all cloths having the same measurements. They joined five of the cloths to one another and they joined the other five cloths to one another. They made loops of blue wool on the edge of the outermost cloth of the one set and did the same on the edge of the outermost cloth of the other set; they made fifty loops on the one cloth and they made fifty loops on the edge of the end cloth of the other set, the loops being opposite one another and they made 50 gold clasps and coupled the units to one another with the clasps so that the tabernacle became one whole.

The description of the menorah is identical to the ones we have in our sanctuary: with the calyxes and petals and cups on six branches, all coming out from the same stem. There is a lot of detail with regard to measurements and materials.

As one commentator notes, Moses must have been a persuasive fundraiser, because not long after he had invited the people to give, Bezalel and Oholiab came to him and told him "The people are bringing more than is needed." Can you imagine that? The gifts were so generous that the people could be told "That's enough! We don't need any more."

We should be so lucky. May we be blessed by those who see the importance of Temple Emanu-El, just as the hearts of the ancient Israelites were so moved.

Deborah Zimmer

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Deborah Zimmer is President of the Board of Trustees. She has been a member of Temple Emanu-El for more than 25 years. While she enjoys Purim, her favorite Jewish holiday is Pesach.

We Remember



Those who have died recently

Cynthia Heerwagen, mother of Jim Heerwagen

Manon Shields, sister of Doris Davis

Mimi Bloom, mother of Max, Peter, and Elizabeth Bloom

Jan Pasternak, mother of Reina Pasternak

Gail Cahn, wife of Mark Cahn and mother of Tzvia and Omri Cahn

And those we have lost in years past

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Fund of the Month

Phyllis Omel Junior Choir Fund

Phyllis Omel, a longtime and much beloved member, was the founder and director of the Junior Choir here at Temple Emanu-El in the 1970s and 1980s. At the time, the volunteer Temple choir did not exist, and her Junior Choir led the singing at various Friday night and holiday services. A New York native, she moved and settled here and became a very active member of Temple Emanu-El, and simultaneously pursued her own career in performance along with fellow Temple member and friend, Marilyn Handloff. The pair were popular performers of Jewish music throughout the area. At present, the Phyllis Omel Junior Choir Fund is actively supporting the MazelTones, our own junior choir, led by Cantor Amanda Edmondson. All proceeds donated to this fund will benefit the MazelTones to help purchase supplies such as sheet music, and contribute to public performances. Donate today!

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Frequently Asked Questions

We resettle refugees who need temporary (1-2 month) housing. These are people who don't have a U.S. tie. We are hoping that you will open your hearts and homes.

What type of accommodations do they need? They need their own bedroom and bathroom.

Who are these people, and have they been screened? These are recently-arrived refugees from around the world who have gone through rigorous vetting.

Why should I open my home to a stranger? As Jews, we were once strangers in a strange land. The Torah tells us 36 times that we should welcome the stranger.

May I speak with someone who has already hosted? Yes, we will connect you with a current/past host family.

Will I need to do everything for these clients? No, they will be case-managed by JFS SV staff. They will go to JFS for ESL classes and for support to find a job.

Can I be compensated? Yes, we will compensate for your increased utilities.

Do they speak English? In most cases they can communicate with you in English.

What if I have company coming? We will find a place for them to stay temporarily.

Where are they from? All over the world but mostly from Iran and Afghanistan

Will I be trained about what to do? Yes, JFS SV staff will train you.

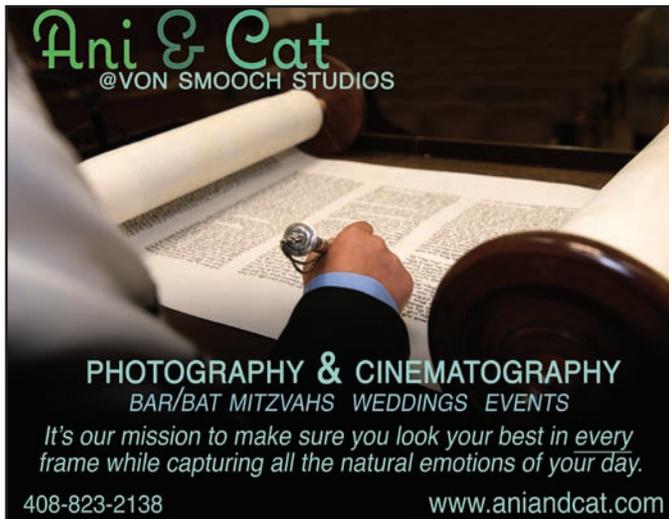
What will I need to do? Provide a safe place for them to stay upon arrival.

Did you know: JFS SV is the only agency resettling refugees in Santa Clara County.

Are there other ways I can help? Yes, you can become a volunteer driver or mentor, join our housing task force, or contribute toward refugee rent.

**If you can help, please contact Azita Eshagh,
Refugee Resettlement Coordinator:
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	1	2	3	4	5	6
		7:00 PM Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 PM Israeli Dancing	12:00 PM Lunch and Learn with the Cantor 4:30 PM Religious School 6:30 PM Beit No'ar	6:00 PM Ritual Committee Meeting	6:00 PM Congregational Shabbat Dinner 7:00 PM Erev Shabbat Family Service	9:00 AM Shabbaton and Minyan service for Mechinah (Grade 4) 6:30 PM Sisterhood Game Night
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:30 AM Religious School 9:30 AM Mishpacha Shrei 12:30 PM EESY Chocolate Seder			12:00 PM Lunch and Learn	7:00 PM Introduction to Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom	7:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service	9:00 AM Baby Shabbat 10:30 AM Bat Mizvah of Abigail Everett
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:00 AM Brotherhood Meeting 10:30 AM Sisterhood Meeting 11:00 AM Green Team Meeting 4:00 PM Adult Choir Yom HaShoah Rehearsal		5:00 PM Children's Choir Yom HaShoah Rehearsal 7:30 PM Israeli Dancing	4:30 PM Religious School 6:30 PM Beit No'ar			9:00 AM Shabbat Pesach Morning Minyan 5:00 PM Second Night Seder
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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