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Our Annual Campaign is a critical part of our annual budget. The Annual Campaign allows for us to provide a wide range of programming and security options for our Temple Emanu-El Community & Congregation. In order to provide quality programming, events, and necessary safety measures, we need to reach our $100,000 goal. This goal is a critical item on our annual budget. It is with your help that we can continue to make Temple Emanu-El a vibrant and welcoming community. Donate today! 
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Jeff Applebaum presents...

Latkes & Laughs 2020
Virtual Event

Comedy & Potato Pancakes - Who doesn't love both?
* MYOL – Make your own Latkes this year

Dry Bar Comedy
The Rat Pack
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Wendy Liebman
Late Show w/David Letterman
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Mark Maier

Late Show

Sun, December 13, 2020 on zoom
"Lobby" Opens 5:30pm, PT  Comedy Show 6-7pm,PT
Students (18-22): $18  Individuals: $36
Family/Household: $54

Online Comedy Show via:
Temple Emanu-El: 408.292.0939
Tickets: www.latkesandlaughs.com

Please tune in to Rabbi’s Weekly Update Videos, released every Tuesday, to stay up to date on Temple events and happenings.
It’s no secret that I love the pop artist, Sara Bareilles. I wouldn’t say I’m obsessed, but… What attracts me to her music is her ability to put together beautiful, thought-provoking lyrics with interesting melodic lines, and she sings it so stunningly and with passion. She just released a new album in September, and my husband will tell you that I’ve been listening to it almost non-stop. The song that shares its title with the album is called “More Love.” It resonates so heavily with me right now, because we all feel like we need more love lately, or that there is too much hate.

I certainly can’t deny that there is hate all around us on a regular basis. But I might suggest that the hate we see almost always forms from a place of love - love for an idea of something or someone or for a promise. I believe that to our core, we are naturally loving beings. And yet when something comes to threaten that idea or promise (whether real, perceived, or imagined), all that love for the original idea must funnel into a different feeling, which so often becomes hate. Take this childhood example: Evie is playing with her purse. Jonas crawls towards her because he loves his big sister and wants to play with her, and maybe he would like to see the purse she’s got. After all, if she’s playing with it, it must be really awesome. Evie sees Jonas approaching her, and not wanting him to take her purse, she immediately gets angry, yells “No, JoJo!” and storms off, clutching her purse. Then Jonas gets upset and cries. In this very basic example, Evie’s love of the purse turns to hate and anger when she feels a threat. If she didn’t like the purse, she wouldn’t care if Jonas took it. But she loves it.

Our tradition teaches that we should love our neighbor as ourselves. Should it not also go the extra step to say we should strive to understand what it is our neighbors love, just as we would want them to understand the same about us? I don’t mean what objects we love - not our cars or our iPads, but our values. What are the values that each of us and our neighbors love and adhere to the most? It doesn’t matter what the answer is - it only matters that we agree to an understanding that others will love values that aren’t always in line with our own. Certainly some things are a matter of ethics and are black and white, but there are so many shades of gray, or some that are more important to some folks and less important to other folks. What’s even more important: there are so many reasons why people love the values they love. When those values are perceived to be threatened, it’s only natural for people to react with anger and hate to protect what they love.

Bareilles’ song, “More Love,” has the best lines in its chorus:

There is enough, so ask for more
To fill you up, nobody’s keeping score
Do you know what you fight for, what you fight for?
I want more love.

Go back and read those words again. How often do you remind yourself that there IS more love out there? The more love you put out, the more you’ll get in return. And ask for the love you need because you are allowed to have more love. And what do you fight for, in terms of the values you love the most?

We’ve all seen or been a part of misdirected hate, whether it’s been within the last year or across our lifetimes. But that hatred has come out of a love for something. It seems inconceivable that such extremes are so intertwined with each other, but I truly believe that they are. I would encourage each of us to try to look below the surface the next time we encounter hatred. What value does that person hold so dearly, that they now feel is threatened or challenged? We must look deeper within ourselves, as well. When we feel those feelings of anger and hatred bubbling towards the surface, we must return to the value that is causing us to react that way. Only by returning to that idea, can we return to the core of what is important. We’ve seen countless times in our Torah, throughout history, and in recent events that hatred does absolutely nothing but destroy. Only love builds and moves forward. So go ahead, ask for more love.

Cantor Amanda Edmondson

Chanukah Tot Shabbat
December 18
6:00 PM
We are so excited to be back with you for Tot Shabbat!
Come join Rabbi and Cantor as we sing our favorite Chanukah songs together on Zoom!

Todah Robah
We would like to than Paulo DeSouza for his amazing work on animating the Temple Emanu-El logo that you’ve seen on the weekly announcements.

Mazel Tov
Carol Hoffman for running a great campaign.
Sisterhood

On Nov. 1, Sisterhood celebrated a century of volunteers with a zoom PowerPoint and photo slideshow. In lieu of our annual brunch fundraiser, guests were able to reminisce and view slides with our past president’s names, long term members of 54+ years names, as well as activities like Rosh Chodesh, Sisterhood Seder, and Women’s Shabbat. Thank you Rabbi Magat for your kind words and Cantor Edmondson for sharing your beautiful voice with the perfect song! Also, thank you to Judy Levy for creating the presentation and Anita Medeiros for her work on the photo slideshow. If you would like to view the presentation, please email Judy at jlevymom4three@yahoo.com.

Although we couldn’t be together in person, the zoom breakout rooms allowed for us to visit and share. We also did not charge a fee to attend, so we are grateful to our generous donors who mailed donation checks which allows us to continue our Tikkun Olam projects and financial support of the Religious School Art program. Thank you to Marjorie Cahn, Doris Davis, Joan Fox, and JoAnn Shank.

Congratulations to our Lee Axelrad Malach Award Recipient-Beverly Mendel for being a woman of heart and going above and beyond as well as Sandi Cohen, our Woman of Valor, who continues to volunteer and support the ideals of Sisterhood for over 10 years.

Sisterhood was founded in 1920, and continues its mission to
• To uphold and aid the activities of Temple Emanu-El and its Religious School.
• To foster and further the highest ideals of Judaism and humanitarian causes in the community and throughout the world.
• To promote closer fellowship among its members.

Our program concluded with a presentation on the ratification of 19th amendment allowing women the right to vote (August 18, 1920)

“SOCIAL JUSTICE IS ONE OF THE FOUNDATIONS OF OUR TRADITION. ANYONE RAISED WITH JEWISH VALUES KNOWS THE IMPORTANCE OF TIKKUN OLAM. I’D LIKE TO THINK THAT JEWISH SUFFRAGISTS WERE INSPIRED BY THEIR RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND.”

– RABBI SALLY PRIESAND (First Ordained U.S. Female Rabbi)

Please visit our Sisterhood link at www.templesanjose.org and send us an email if you would like to join us at a zoom event, volunteer to sew face masks for our local shelters, and to learn more about us!

Judy Levy, Co-President
Beverly Mendel, Co-President

Chanukah

Thursday, December 10, 6:00 PM

We’re excited to have ShirLaLa joining us for the first night of Chanukah! Be sure to bring all your Chanukah energy for a great family service, filled with singing and dancing! Check out the website for more details!

Friday, December 11, 7:00 PM

Come Celebrate Chanukah with our streaming Chanukah Musical Experience! We’ll be singing some of your favorite Chanukah songs with our MazelTones and Adult Choir! Join us for Shabbat service you don’t want to miss!
Remember when you could walk into a book store and browse through some books? I remember a time when was in a local used book store and I stumbled upon a copy of Fast Food Nation by Eric Schlosser. That particular book has always conjured up images of the Morgan Spurlock documentary Super-Size Me! The moment I opened the book, I was staring at the chapter entitled “Why the Fries Taste Good”. Of course the fries taste good – they are FRIED! Why do you think Hanukkah is such a favorite holiday? You are supposed to eat fried foods during the month of Kislev. Have you ever tasted something that does not taste good when fried? Donuts – yummy. Latkes – delicious. Falafel – excellent. French fries – can’t go wrong (unless they are not crispy enough). Tempura – scrumptious. Funnel Cakes – a must have. Churro – don’t get me started! Although the typical state/county fair treats sounds like a heart-attack waiting to happen (Deep-Fried Twinkies, Oreos, and PB&J’s), I must assume they taste great because they are FRIED. My favorite slogan, on which I have printed on an apron that I only wear when cooking Latkes around Hanukah, is taken from the Deep South where they are serious about their food – “If It Ain’t Fried, It Ain’t Food!”

Why am I obsessed with food at this moment? Jews have been defined by not only by their religious practices but by their culture, which includes food. Jewish deli, holiday treats (e.g. Apples and Honey; Latkes; Hamentaschen; Challah, Maztah Brie), bagles and lox, matza ball soup – these are just a few specific items that people associate with being Jewish. There is even an old adage that it is not a Jewish event unless there is food involved. The holiest of days on the Jewish calendar is all about food – the lack thereof. On Yom Kippur we are instructed to “practice self-denial” and it is to be a “Day of Atonement”. Self-denial has been interpreted as fasting (as well as other prohibitions on that day). Since the beginning of the SAH orders due to COVID-19, food/meals are constantly part of the rhythm of each day/week. What time will my wife be home from work so I can have dinner ready? Where are we going to order from this week in order to help support the local food businesses? How long will the grocery list be from my in-laws when I go shopping for them? Who can we invite over for a “distance dinner” in our backyard?

As we head into the darkest month of the year and look forward to the lights of Hanukkah, I would like to look forward to a time when we can come together again as a TEE community to eat/pray/learn together. I know it will not be soon enough, and the past number of months have been an extended period of “fasting” in a way. But when we can come together again, I know it will “taste” really good after not having indulged ourselves in quite some time.

Phil Hankin, MAJE, Director of Education
D’var Torah – Vayeira

This past weekend’s Torah portion, Vayeira, covers some of the most famous passages in the Tanakh. It covers Abraham’s circumcision, the prophecy and and birth of Isaac, the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, the incest between Lot and his daughters, the banishment of Ishmael, and finally the Akeidah. Each one of these events is powerful enough to be studied and analyzed in depth. Overall, the portion can seem overwhelming.

Frankly, this is a difficult portion. What makes this such a challenging portion is that there seem to be so many instances of awful behavior throughout the portion. I don’t think that this is just a modern perspective on the portion, but there seems to be so much unmitigated evil throughout.

How can Lot be so immoral as to offer up his two daughters to the mob in Sodom? How can Lot’s daughters get him drunk and commit incest with him? How can there not be one righteous person in Sodom? How can Abraham lie about his wife, calling Sarah his sister, and almost let Abimelech take her as his wife? How can Sarah be so jealous as to cast Ishmael and Hagar out of their home? How can Abraham, who has questioned God to show mercy to Sodom and Gomorrah not question Sarah in her demands about Ishmael and Hagar? Finally, how can Abraham not even think to question God about the demand to sacrifice Isaac?

These repeated instances of abhorrent behavior, either by direct action or failure to question makes for difficult reading. However, the grouping of this together has several purposes. In an odd way, this portion highlights the importance of family. The most egregious acts that are committed in Vayeira, from Lot’s actions to Sarah’s actions and the Akeidah in one way or another destroy the bonds between parent and child, not to mention between two spouses. We react to this portion so viscerally, because we see how immoral actions affect these relationships. Abimelech, the most righteous person in this parsha is horrified that he could have potentially broken up the marriage between Abraham and Sarah, even if it was unwitting.

Vayeira also highlights that evil is an innate part of being human. If our patriarch Abraham and matriarch Sarah can do such terrible things, then we are not immune either. We must have the humility to understand this about ourselves. Edith Eger, the author of the powerful memoir about her experience in Auschwitz and other camps, The Choice, has said that “we all have a Nazi inside us.” She says that by understanding and accepting that part of us and choosing to perform acts of love, we can overcome this evil.

Having the insight to understand that we are not immune from wickedness should also make us more merciful and understanding of others. Rabbi Michael Dolgin in his D’Vary about Veyra, writes that “Abraham teaches us that we cannot write off our fellow humans because their behavior troubles us; we must even be willing to call out God if that will help rebuild our society’s moral fiber without condemning our fellow human beings. While we are compelled to judge behavior, we must leave judging people to the Holy Blessed One.” While it is very tempting to see others as wicked people and to write them off, we must seek to understand them and treat them with compassion.

In summary, Vayeira shows multiple examples of immoral behavior and cowardice, but it paradoxically teaches us how to be better people. We have the free will to make the decision to act righteously, particularly with our family. We must have the humility to understand that we are imperfect and look for good in others. While it may make for uncomfortable reading, its lessons make this a truly important parsha.

Nathaniel Cohen

Brotherhood

As we head into a new calendar year, Brotherhood would normally be looking forward to frying a whole lot of latkes for Latkes and Laughs, as well as the Religious School. Well, we may not be making latkes this year, but we’re still staying involved with each other and with Temple Emanu-El. We’d like to take this opportunity to extend a special welcome and thank you to our new members, not to mention our long-timers who have re-joined this past fall.

We’re also doing our part to contribute to the community in Santa Clara Valley by volunteering at Second Harvest Food Bank food distribution events. While SHFB is not allowing volunteer groups due to Covid-19, we are still signing up as individuals for their events, and there is perhaps a greater need than there has ever been in our area, so consider joining us.

Finally, by the time you read this, we hope we’ll have revived a past Brotherhood tradition: poker night. Of course, for now, poker night will have to be held virtually, but it will still be good fun and a chance for Brotherhood to gather and hang out.

Anyone is welcome to join us for our monthly meetings (on Zoom). If you’d like to join us on December 13, or January 10, or if you’d like to join us at SHFB or on poker night, please get in touch at brotherhood@templesanjose.org.

Shannon Brown
Brotherhood President 2020-2021

Dr. Nathaniel Cohen is an orthopedic surgeon in practice in Los Gatos. He joined the Temple with his wife and family in 2016. He currently serves on the Temple’s Board of Trustees. Dr. Cohen grew up in New York. Unlike Rabbi Magat, Dr. Cohen roots for the Yankees.
Preschool

Each month I share about all of the wonderful things that happen in the world of preschool at TEPS. My focus is of course on the children and how precious and wonderful they are but this time I want to share about a special friend to our preschool, Jake Braunstein. Jake is a member of the congregation of Temple Emanu-El and at one point served on the Board of Trustees. Jake came to be a friend of TEPS when we first opened in 2001 and he has always been one of our biggest supporters. Every year we can always count on Jake to come to the preschool to help us with our annual Latke making experience. He shows up early with his special cast iron skillet and newspaper ready to help create an amazing latke experience. This year of course, life has had to change as we are not allowed to have visitors or volunteers in the preschool because of Covid-19. Imagine how totally excited we were when Jake reached out and he and his wife, Pauline, offered to make us home made latkes and have them delivered to the preschool! Jake is once again creating latkes of love and we are all so appreciated. During this very unprecedented time of change and challenges moments of this make all the difference in the world. Instead of pictures of kids this month, please enjoy a few pictures of Jake from over the years. We are accepting applications for the Summer and Fall of 2021 if you would like for your child to be a part of our program. We really do have the very best people around us!!

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

Green Team

Let’s celebrate a new green beginning! Last night, on November 6th, we had our first rain of the season. Two hours ago I heard the best environmental news since the approval of the Paris Climate Accords. AP announced that we would have a new President. A President that understands the ramifications of the climate crisis and the 6th great extinction. With President-elect Biden comes hope that we can live in harmony with our beautiful planet’s natural environment.

As we celebrate Chanukah, let us celebrate the miracle of life that we have been blessed with. Chanukah provides us with an excellent opportunity to commit to a renewed sense of protecting our environment and to make environmentalism a part of our everyday life. As we reflect on the miracle of the light that sustained the Maccabees, let us reflect on ways we can protect the our planet.

I would like to invite you to participate in a Chanukah challenge by implementing eight days of environmental action. Chanukah is the perfect time to take environmentalism to heart, making a difference in our personal lives, and within our community.

Here is a list of 8 actions that we can do during the 8 days of Chanukah. Complete them in any order you like but try to complete them all.

**Day 1**  Save energy at home. Replace your air filter. Put on a sweater rather than turning-up your thermostat.

**Day 2**  Prepare your holiday meals using local, in-season, vegetarian, organic ingredients.

**Day 3**  Actively engage in an environmental cause. Donate not only money but your time. Identify an issue that is important to you and lobby your local, state, or federal legislator.

**Day 4**  Leave your car at home. Carpool, walk or ride a bike where every you need to go.

**Day 5**  Reduce your use of plastics by not using single use bottles, cans, or cutlery and don’t frequent any establishments that use disposable serveware.

**Day 6**  Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle, in that order.

**Day 7**  Donate your old clothes, electronics, etc. to a non-profit that assists those in need.

**Day 8**  Winterize your car. Make sure your tires are fully inflated. Check your air filter and fluid levels, check tires for tread wear, and check the condition of your windshield wipers.

Our planet is at a precipitate. We all need to do everything we can to slow global warming, habitat destruction, pollution and specie extinctions. It’s not going to be easy and we are running out of time but there is hope. Please do your part to make a difference. Remember that Tikkun Olam and L’dor V’dor are critical to our culture and heritage. They direct us to heal the world and leave a healthy planet for our children and grandchildren.

Shalom, Bob Levy, Chair, TEE Green Team

Green Team Speakers Series

Wednesday, December 2
7:00 PM

Join us to learn where our water comes from. How it is delivered? What can you do to protect this precious resource? Valley Water Director, Barbara Keegan and District staff, will provide us with a comprehensive overview of Valley Water (previously Santa Clara Valley Water District).

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We Remember

Those who have died recently
Cammy Resnick, granddaughter of Margie Blickman
B. Chandler Shaw, grandfather of Stephanie Pollock
Greg Stiler, friend of Carol Lerner

And those we have lost in years past


January 8 | Joseph Applebaum, Joseph Bain, Hiddegard Berliner, Andrew Boxler, Milton Cherkaskey, El Epstein, Estelle Kirtzen, Gary Gordon, Gable Gorenberg, C. Sylvester Green, Ralph C. Hutchins, Maxwell Ikesin, Leo Just, Jeffrey Koga, Sandra Levin, Oda Livitcht, Joseph Mandel, Alan


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flCoolers in our hearts even today. As fall comes to an end, daylight becomes shorter and shorter, and the darkness of night seems to grow longer and stronger. This battle of light and darkness culminates in the winter solstice around December 21st or 22nd – the shortest period of daylight and longest night of the year. Around this time of the year cycle, many cultures have developed their own light-bringing traditions and light festivals, urging us to be hopeful, reminding us that light will triumph over darkness, that goodness will triumph over evil, knowledge over ignorance, freedom over oppression, life over death.

May the ritual lighting of candles – Shabbat candles, Hanukkah candles – continue to ground us in our tradition and in ourselves, even more so during these dark times of fear, uncertainty, death and pandemic. May the light that we kindle today – and which those before us kindled even in the darkest chapter of their lives – rekindle for us, too, the hope we need to carry on. May those lights renew and strengthen our daily commitment of being shamash candles in our homes and communities, lighting chesed and tsedek wherever we go, dissipating the darkness of hate with the blazing light of love, shining forth the incandescent light of justice and equality, radiating the bright colors of inclusion and diversity. Then, and only then, together we will be able to bask under the gentle, warm glow of shalom, both within us and around us.

Westerbork transit camp, Holland. Candle lighting on the seventh night of Hanukkah. Yad Vashem Photo Archives 1922/14.
Bat Mitzvah
Sarah Applebaum, daughter of Jeff and Johanna, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on January 9, 2021. Sarah is a 7th grade honor student at Union Middle School. She loves art, her cat “Poki”, swimming, and spending time with friends and family. Sarah has belonged to the Quick Silver swim team since she was 4 years old. For her Mitzvah project, she plans to volunteer at the Humane Society in Milpitas, once it reopens. Sarah’s parents and older brothers Josh and Jacob are proud to celebrate her achievements and this special milestone.

Thank You for Your Generous Contributions

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Once again, Temple Emanu-El is partnering with Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley to fulfill the Chanukah and holiday wishes of families and seniors who would otherwise go without gifts. To maintain the safety of JFS staff, volunteers and clients during COVID-19, this year Temple Emanu-El is sponsoring an online virtual dreidel board.

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**JANUARY 2021**

**January 1**
- New Year’s Day
- Streaming Erev Shabbat Service 7:00 PM

**January 2**
- New Year’s Day
- Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Applebaum 10:30 AM

**January 3**
- Zoom Chat with the Rabbi 12:00 PM
- Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- Intro to Judaism 7:00 PM
- B’Nai Mitzvah Class 5:00 PM
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- Sisterhood RBG Movie Night 7:00 PM
- Streaming Erev Shabbat 7:00 PM

**January 4**
- Adopt A Highway 9:00 AM
- Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Applebaum 10:30 AM

**January 5**
- B’Nai Mitzvah Class 5:00 PM
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- Sisterhood RBG Movie Night 7:00 PM

**January 6**
- Ritual Committee Meeting 7:00 PM
- Streaming Erev Shabbat 7:00 PM

**January 7**
- Live Zoom Oneg 8:00 PM

**January 8**
- Streaming Erev Shabbat 7:00 PM

**January 9**
- Live Zoom Oneg 8:00 PM

**January 10**
- Morning Minyan & B’nai Mitzvah Session 9:00 AM
- Freedom Concert 7:00 PM

**January 11**
- Lunch & Learn 12:00 PM
- B’Nai Mitzvah Class 5:00 PM

**January 12**
- Streaming Erev Shabbat 7:00 PM

**January 13**
- Live Tot Shabbat 6:00 PM
- Streaming Erev Shabbat 7:00 PM
- Live Zoom Oneg 8:00 PM

**January 14**
- Shabbat in Nature (Offsite) 10:00 AM

**January 15**
- Streaming Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 PM

**January 16**
- Morning Minyan & B’nai Mitzvah Session 9:00 AM

**January 17**
- Intro to Judaism 7:00 PM
- B’Nai Mitzvah Class 5:00 PM
- Beit No’ar Wednesdays are EESY 6:30 PM

**January 18**
- Zoom Chat with the Rabbi 12:00 PM
- Intro to Judaism 7:00 PM

**January 19**
- Live Tot Shabbat 6:00 PM
- Streaming Erev Shabbat 7:00 PM
- Live Zoom Oneg 8:00 PM

**January 20**
- Shabbat in Nature (Offsite) 10:00 AM

**January 21**
- Zoom TV/Film Discussion 12:00 PM

**January 22**
- B’Nai Mitzvah Class 5:00 PM
- Beit No’ar Wednesdays are EESY 6:30 PM

**January 23**
- Intro to Judaism 7:00 PM

**January 24**
- Shabbat in Nature (Offsite) 10:00 AM

**January 25**
- Zoom Chat with the Rabbi 12:00 PM
- Intro to Judaism 7:00 PM

**January 26**
- Zoom TV/Film Discussion 12:00 PM

**January 27**
- Live Shabbat Ha’nefesh Sermon in Song 6:30 PM

**January 28**
- Zoom Chat with the Rabbi 12:00 PM

**January 29**
- Live Shabbat Ha’nefesh Sermon in Song 6:30 PM

**January 30**
- Live Shabbat Ha’nefesh Sermon in Song 6:30 PM

**January 31**
- Zoom Chat with the Rabbi 12:00 PM
- Intro to Judaism 7:00 PM

**Jewbilee Online! 1:30 PM**

**Religious School 9:45 AM**

**Jewbilee Online! 1:30 PM**
Making a contribution to one of Temple Emanu-El's many funds is a wonderful way to honor your friends and family. You may make contributions in honor of a birth, a birthday, brit milah, baby naming, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, confirmation, graduation, engagement, wedding, anniversary, promotion, new home, special occasion or just because. You may also make contributions for get-well wishes, condolences, remembrances and yahrzeits.

**Award/Opting and Tribute Funds**
- General Fund
- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
- Cantor's Discretionary Fund
- Alvin Ravel Garden Fund
- Beverly Jordan Temple Beautification Fund
- Judith Jurman Omens Cemetery Beautification Fund
- Lou and Clara Juren Library Fund
- Ralph Goldeen Library Fund
- Endowment Fund

**Religious Funds**
- Harold Cahm Prayerbook Fund
- Kenneth Gordon Children's Prayerbook Fund
- Susanne & Maurice Tucker High Holy Days Music Fund

**Youth Funds**
- Religious School Fund
- Religious School Enrichment Fund
- Betty Rinsler Religious School Endowment Fund
- Weintraub Religious School Scholarship Fund
- Youth Enrichment Fund
- Leonard and Bernice Gaon Campership Fund
- Michael Elman Campership Fund
- Milton Fox Campership Fund
- Phyllis Matzner Campership Fund
- Israel Scholarship Fund
- Susanne C. Blickman Arts and Crafts Fund
- Sid Rosenberg Religious School Senior Trip Fund

**Cultural Funds**
- Choir Fund
- Phyllis Orel Junior Choir Fund
- Bertram Bens Music Fund
- Shank-Rockman Family Sound System Fund
- Scholar in Residence Fund

**Community Funds**
- Accompaniment Fund
- 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
- $950 - 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.**