April Service Schedule

Friday, April 2
7:00 PM  Erev Shabbat Family Service, led by Shomrim (6th/7th grade)

Saturday, April 3
9:00 AM  Pesach Yizkor Service

Friday, April 9
7:00 PM  Streaming Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 10
10:30 AM  Noralee Zwick Bat Mitzvah

Friday, April 16
6:00 PM  Streaming Tot Shabbat
7:00 PM  Streaming Erev Shabbat

Saturday, April 17
9:00 AM  Shabbat Morning Minyan with Shoshanim (5th Grade)

Friday, April 23
6:30 PM  Live Kabbalat Shabbat at Home

Saturday, April 17
9:00 AM  Shabbat Morning Minyan with Mechina (4th Grade)

Friday, April 30
6:30 PM  Live Kabbalat Shabbat HaNefesh
7:15 PM  Black Lives Matter Discussion

Passover Greetings from your Temple Emanu-El Family

Mort and Barbara Berlant and Family, Allan and Judith Bernstein and Family, Barry and Mary Cohen Family, Joan Fox & Family, The Karp Family, Sally Siegel

South Bay Jewish Collaborative, 2 Part Shtisel Interview

April 28 at 10:00 AM and May 5 at 10:00 AM

Join the South Bay Jewish Collaborative for a 2 part lecture as we explore the TV show Shtisel. We will hear from Dr. Tomer Persico, Berkeley a Religion Studies scholar and currently a visiting professor at UC Berkeley and Lecture 2: Yehonatan Indursky, co-writer of “Shtisel”. The series introduced, for the first time, the Ultra-Orthodox (Haredi) Jewish community in Jerusalem and provided an insider’s view into the daily lives of Ultra-orthodox Jews and their interaction with the secular majority around them.

ZIGZAG Virtual Museum Tour

April 22 at 5:00 PM

Join us for a guided virtual tour at the Contemporary Jewish Museum of San Francisco as we visit the exhibition Levi Strauss: A History of American Style, featuring archival materials, images, and artifacts. Our guide will help us explore the story of Levi Strauss, a nineteenth-century Jewish immigrant in San Francisco, on the path to creating a global phenomenon.

Tikkun Olam

As I am writing this column, the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee has been meeting weekly, using tools provided by The Religious Action Center (RAC) of Reform Judaism. We have been assessing our Temple’s many strengths, as well as areas for potential growth. Our plan is to complete, collate, and prioritize our findings in March, and determine how best to communicate these results to relevant stakeholders and begin to take action so we can live up to our full potential as a just and inclusive community.

RAC sent out an email which I am excerpting below:

“Building off our commitment to combat voter suppression during our Civic Engagement Campaign, the Religious Action Center is moving forward to continue its racial justice work. As we move to create a world in which all people experience wholeness, justice and compassion, the Reform Movement’s Racial Justice Campaign seeks to encourage our Movement to turn inwardly to examine and address our own behaviors, practices, and policies through the lens of racial equity, diversity, and inclusion (REDI) and outwardly to pursue targeted, strategic advocacy that could change laws and policies that impact our society. In the coming year, there will be more opportunities for your Reform synagogue and community to engage in REDI work as well as legislative advocacy campaigns at the state and federal level.

A multi-racial research team of lay leaders from around the country is meeting now with allies and others to identify possible 2021 issue campaigns.

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Ki Tisa

Each month, a member of the Board Of Trustees reflects on a Parasha and what it means to them & their community.

A ten year old girl sits next to her grandma watching Cecil B. DeMille’s “The Ten Commandments.” She watches God’s hand write the Commandments on the tablets and give them to Charlton Heston playing Moses, while below Mt. Sinai, the Israelites are busy collecting gold for Aaron to fashion into the golden calf, an idol to worship. Moses comes down the mountain, and upon seeing the golden calf becomes so angry, he smashes the tablets into smithereens.

Almost 63 years later, I study the Ki Tisa parsha from an adult Reform Jewish perspective that’s very much shaped by my own beliefs, and find there’s more to this than the golden calf story. Before going down the mountain with the tablets, God tells Moses to collect a tax of one-half shekel from each Israelite over the age of 20. There are further instructions regarding the making of objects and oils for the anointing of priests. Then before sending him down Mt. Sinai with the original tablets, God tells Moses to be certain the Israelites understand they must keep the Sabbath as a covenant.

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What comes next piques my curiosity. Rather than accept God’s decree, Moses argues for leniency. He tells God the Egyptians will say that Adonai delivered the Jews from Egypt out of an evil motivation to kill them. He reminds God of promises made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob that their descendants would multiply, and inhabit a great land forever. Eventually, Moses changes God’s mind.

The girl who watched “The Ten Commandments” with her grandma, would have had a tough time with this part of the story. She was taught that God is omnipotent, the ultimate Ruler of the Universe. If that is true, then how could a mortal like Moses change God’s mind? For that matter, how could Moses have the chutzpah to challenge Adonai’s decree?

Whatever remains of that girl has an equally hard time with the thought of Moses and God talking like buddies. If Moses can persuade God to go easy on the mob below, doesn’t that make the two look like equals? My understanding of this parsha becomes even more challenged when Moses goes back up the mountain. He stays there for 40 days and 40 nights without eating or drinking, an impossibility for a human.

There are many conversations between Moses and God where commandments are given, and not just the Ten Commandments, but divine rules that cover diverse topics from how many times all males must appear before God to the prohibition of boiling a lamb in its mother’s milk. At the end of the 40 days and 40 nights, God instructs Moses to write the Commandments on new tablets.

This confounds me. God personally inscribed the first set of tablets, yet Moses is told to write the second set. Why? Is this God’s way of saying, “You can do the job equal to me”? And then there’s those 40 days and nights without food or water. I know a mortal cannot survive that long without sustenance. But if Moses isn’t mortal, what is he? After all, Adonai made it very clear: There is no God but Adonai.

The parsha ends with something even more shocking. When he descends Mt. Sinai, Moses’s face is radiant. In fact, he puts on a veil to not frighten the Israelites. Over time, there are further conversations with God, and each time, Moses comes away with his face glowing. What does this mean?

The 73 year old woman must take over for the 10 year old girl. She now knows the Torah was written by mortals and not necessarily based on fact. Surely this Torah portion must have meaning for me, but I’m confounded. A mortal like Moses is capable of changing God’s mind and setting God’s Commandments in stone. Could that mean each of us has God within us who gives the potential for critical thinking, enacting change and even arguing with what seems to be divine decrees?

After being in God’s presence, Moses’s face becomes radiant. It’s not reflecting God’s radiance because his face remains glowing after he comes down from the mountain. Is it possible that God’s radiance resides in Moses? And if God’s radiance can live within Moses, a mortal, are all of us so blessed?

Lonna Smith
Lonna Smith is a retired educator, Chair of the ZIGZAG Committee and a member of the Board of Trustees

My Take on Torah

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Looking Ahead

Once we choose the primary legislative campaign, we will quickly move into action. Here is a tentative schedule of our upcoming events:

- **Reform Movement Racial Justice Campaign Virtual Launch** – April 28, 2021 at 8:00 PM ET (75 min)
- **Introduction to Racial Equity Diversity and Inclusion (REDI) Trainings and Opportunities** – May 4, 2021 at 8:00 PM ET (60 min)
- **Introduction to the Federal Advocacy Campaign** – May 11, 2021 at 8:00 PM ET (60 min)

If you are interested in any of these events or the work of the Tikkun Olam Committee, please feel free to reach out to me at to@templesanjose.org

Sharon Genkin, Tikkun Olam Chair
Religious School

Spring time is unique to the natural world. Flowers begin to bloom, the days get a bit longer, and the animals get a bit frisky. The world begins to come out of its hibernation from the winter cold, you can feel the freshness in the air, and there is also an air of optimism as your body begins to soak up the warming rays of the Sun. This Spring, especially, the feeling of optimism is palpable. The year-long COVID winter is beginning to melt and one can see the glimmer of hope on the horizon. A return to in-person gatherings is coming soon and brighter days are ahead.

What we have learned from this past year:

- Distance learning will be an essential part of any educational program for the foreseeable future.
- Differentiation and student engagement are vital to student learning outcomes in the online space.
- While children are very resilient and adaptable, anxiety, uncertainty, fear and isolation have become more prevalent in their lives.
- We need to do better for our students and communities when it comes to equity.
- Humans crave the tangible.
- Students and teachers have realized how exhausting it is to be on screens all day long. In other words, there is such a thing as “Zoom Fatigue”.

How can we take the lessons of the past year and make modifications in our academic settings? Will we return to a pre-COVID structure of frontal lecturing in front of whiteboards, or are we going to change, adapt, and integrate the lessons learned from the in-person educational shutdown? The world of education is threatened, and is at a juncture. Do we take the path that leads us back to a system that is familiar, rigid, and, for the most part, has been in place for centuries? Or do we choose the path that concentrates on much more investment in education but also on student wellness, while doing whatever can be done to ensure that learning is happening not just through test scores and output but by being more closely connected to the psychological and emotional realities of learners.

I am a firm believer in education that engages the learners in ways that allow them to use all of their senses. Jewish education, in particular, should focus on the whole self, tapping into the best aspects of the Jewish community.

Taking a page from the URJ Camp Newman philosophy of C.A.R.E., we all should strive to incorporate these into our lives: Community (Kehillah Kedosha), Acceptance (V’ahavta L’reicha Kamocha), Role Modeling (Asei L’cha Rav), and Each and Every One (B’tezlem Elohim).

As we begin the “new year” (the month of Nissan is the first month on the Jewish calendar) this month, it is my sincere hope that we spring forth from this year of COVID with a renewed sense of living in the moment and to not take for granted the little things – a touch from someone else (hug, hand-hold, pat on the back, etc), the sunrise, watching your children learn and play, reaching out to someone who you have not talked to in many years, family Shabbat dinner, RS class outing, seeing a tree in full bloom – whatever you can think of. Appreciate soaking in the moment, because, in life, we only have so many fleeting moments. Don’t waste them.

Phil Hankin, MAJE, Director of Education

Brotherhood

As I write this in March, Brotherhood continues to roll on with virtual meetings and safe outdoor activities, while looking forward to the day when we can get together in person. We have also been looking at our calendar for the latter half of the year and really hoping that we’ll be back in action for some of the later holidays going-on that we usually help with.

As the weather gets warmer, we are looking to set up a couple of outdoor events, including a bike ride and possibly a hike, weather permitting. Be on the lookout for events on our calendar.

We have also re-started a 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.

We’re continuing to do our part to contribute to the community in Santa Clara Valley by volunteering at Second Harvest Food Bank food distribution events. While SHFB is still not allowing volunteer groups due to Covid-19, we are 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.

Anyone is welcome to join us for our monthly meetings (on Zoom). If you’d like to join us on April 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
Member Spotlight

What do Morocco, Lithuania and Jews have in common? Read on to find out. Born an only child growing up in Sacramento and attending the University of California Berkeley studying English and Spanish this temple member skipped out on college graduation and got married the next day and moved to San Jose obtaining an elementary teaching credential, a learning handicapped credential and a resource specialist certificate. Married for almost 57 years to Dan (hint number one) with one daughter Debbie (hint number two), son-in-law (Grant) and two amazing grandsons, Noah and Leo, this member loves to read, paint, play maj (when there is no COVID), travel, write amazing blogs, Jewish genealogy and now do adult education presentations (another BIG hint).

Have you guessed yet? A member of Temple Emanu-El for almost 50 years, she has served on numerous temple committees, as well as VP of Membership because this is the “foundation of our success.” Ok, do you give up? I’m sure you all know what member I am referring to here and it is none other than Shirley Lee.

Ok, so we know where Shirley is from, who her family consists of and some of her hobbies, but there is a lot that we don’t know and I thought it would be fun for us to find out some interesting facts about who Shirley really is.

Shirley loves to travel and I always say, if you don’t take Debbie, can you take me? Knowing that most likely won’t be happening I signed up for her travel blogs and she takes me on the journey through her storytelling as though I am with her. It’s like reading a great book that you never want to put down (sign up for them if you want to travel from the comforts of your own home to places near and far)

Some of her travels have included trips to Brussels, India, Spain, Victoria as well as such exotic places as Patagonia, Morocco (one of her past adult ed presentations) and Cambodia. With travel comes eating and trying new dishes. When asked what her favorite Jewish foods are, Shirley said blintzes and borsht which she got her fill of in Lithuania (another one of her adult ed presentations.)

Something Shirley collects on her travels are old Haggadah’s. She has a US one that dates back to 1861, one from Lithuania that is written in Hebrew, one used by American soldiers in WWII, but her most favorite one is in French that she purchased in Brussels. It has food stains and notes in French that say, “serve soup here,” and other comments. She brings them out during her favorite Jewish holiday, Passover. Each Haggadah brings a special element from the country she visited that she shares at her seder which I must say is a wonderful experience.

Her favorite theater performances are Les Miserables and Come From Away while her favorite works of art are Anything by Breugel and Michelangelo’s David.

If she could meet anyone it would be the Obamas for their intelligence and charm and the one thing, she wishes for is peace. Shirley’s biggest regret is that she never lived in Europe for an extended period of time while her biggest accomplishment is her daughter Debbie. The color that best describes her is teal and people say she is creative, loyal and adventurous. She is most looking forward to hugging people and traveling once we are vaccinated and when asked to describe herself in one word, Shirley says creative.

For those who know Shirley, know what a loyal and dedicated friend she is while also extending that loyalty to Temple Emanu-El. She has demonstrated her commitment to our congregation time and time again with her countless acts of volunteerism, leadership and contributions. She is without a doubt a highly influential member and brings so much laughter, joy, knowledge and creativity to our extended family and I hope that you found something new and informative about this dear member that you may not have already known.

Thank you, Shirley, for all you do.

Preschool

Last year at this time I believe I was writing about the need to close our preschool for a few weeks due to Covid-19. Who could have imagined then that one year later life is still not back to normal? When I think of the last 12 months I must admit I feel a sense of pride in our entire TEPS community and how we have handled all of the bumps. When we closed last year it was not long after our Purim carnival and here a year later we were able to celebrate Purim again but like most things it was wonderful but different. Over the past year we held preschool on Zoom for 3 months and then returned in person back in June. We have fought daily to maintain the standards needed to be safe and healthy during this time. Our preschool community (both current and former families) have rallied around us and shown such love and support. Though things are hard, I don’t think we have ever felt so supported. As I look ahead over the next few months I am excited to celebrate the end of the school year and plan for a fun Summer with the kids. This year has taught us to pivot, breathe, coordinate our masks with our outfits and most of all to cherish every moment. We only have a few spots left for the 2021-2022 school year so please contact me ASAP if you are interested.

Barbara Smead, MA.Ed
Pesach and the Pandemic

Freedom. It’s a word we have often taken for granted, especially in this great country. But can anyone truly say during this past year, even up to this point in time, that we feel free? For over a year now, we’ve been denied access to so many of our privileges we never thought twice about. We could visit our grandchildren, kiss and hug them and spoil them rotten, no matter how mom and dad might object! We took vacations, we went out dancing, attended services in person, dined out and went out to do what we felt like doing, and all without wearing masks. Whenever there’s a crisis people crave leadership. Unfortunately, we had an incompetent leader during our most vulnerable time. Before Covid, what were masks for, and what did they symbolize? Masks were for costume parties like Purim, for Halloween or theatre entertainment. We wear them today not for those reasons, but for our health and survival as well as the health and survival of others. It will be a symbol of our time for quite awhile. Considering our ancestors plight 3,500 years ago, we have to ask how they ever survived in the desert so long without Purell, toilet paper, and emojis! As we observe Passover Saturday, March 27 through April 4th, it’s important we reflect on both our ancient, and present-day journey of freedom to give Pesach a contemporary meaning to us all. But before we wax metaphorically how we are “enslaved” in the present, let’s not forget real slavery is a stark reality for more than 40 million people around the globe. Through laws and working with businesses, many organizations such as Anti-Slavery International are fighting to make sure people aren’t being exploited in global supply chains. Incredulously, almost half of all the countries in the world have yet to make it a crime to enslave another human being. How can this be?! In our country, ‘the land of the free’, an estimated 17,500 foreign nationals and 400,000 Americans suffer human trafficking, with 80% of those victims being women and children. The pandemic has taken over half a million American lives and as vaccines are being distributed, most schools are mainly online only and for the most part, the risks of infection are real. Whether or not we have High Holy Day services is still nebulous. When asked to reflect on how the pandemic has affected his life and his view on freedom, Branden Frederick had this to say: “What the pandemic had made me realize is that while I do like my ‘alone’ time to recharge, it is even more essential for me to have time with friends and family and even strangers. Without that social interaction, everything else starts to lose meaning.” Oliver Housman had this to share: “We took extra precautions to make sure that I was safe and healthy in order to be at the birth of my son. We have limited ourselves and our freedoms in order to stay healthy and safe. Community is very important to us and we have missed out sharing experiences with the community and introducing our son to everyone.” Stephanie Pollock had this reflection: “The positive takeaway for me is learning to truly understand there silence of strong relationships. Even though I am notable to physically be together with family and friends, the connection that I have with loved ones has not diminished, and in many cases has grown stronger.” Iris Bendahan had these thoughts: “I never considered that it would be a tiny virus that would separate me from being able to hug those I love, prevent me from being able to do and enjoy all the possibilities that life offers from just going out to eat to traveling the world, and show me the self-centeredness and intolerance of a large swath of humanity.” Mi Chamocha, the Song of the Sea praising G-d for freeing the Israelites from Egypt by miraculously splitting the sea is an embedded fixture in our weekly prayers. The poem rejoices rhetorically; “Who is like you, Adonai, among the G-ds? Awesome in glorious deeds doing wonders”. This prayer is more relevant today than ever, isn’t it? Who could have imagined the modern day miracle of having multiple vaccines barely a year after Covid had begun to spread worldwide? This is our modern day deliverance. This is the result of the blessing of modern day science and all of the G-d-given talents of today’s exceptional scientists. It’s also because of how many countless others were involved in the process. We can appreciate the innate love for saving and preserving precious life and all the unique contributions that were made, large and small. Freedom. We’re not as free as we once thought. And we must remember all those who

Bat Mitzvah

Noralee Zwick, daughter of Helen Lin and Kevin Zwick, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on April 10, 2021. Noralee is an accomplished student at Willow Glen Middle School who loves reading, writing, ballet, climbing, and biking. For her mitzvah project she raised money for the Girl Scouts, and delivered Girl Scout cookies to local nonprofits providing essential services during the pandemic. Noralee is excited to zoom-celebrate this occasion with her family and friends. Her parents, brother Daniel, and grandparents send her well-deserved Mazel Tov. Sirius, her dog, woofs a message of happy bark-mitzvah.

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This month’s Rabbi’s article was written by Lily Karp, an 11 year old, Temple Emanu-El Religious School Student.

Shabbat Shalom! Today’s Torah portion is called Ki Tisa and comes from the Book of Exodus, chapter 30:11-34:35. Today you heard chapter 32:7-16. This portion is about the Israelites deciding that they didn’t want to worship Adonai anymore. They told Aaron to create a new god that they could worship, a golden calf. When Adonai found out about this, Adonai was very angry and decided it would be best to kill the Israelites. Moses realized he had to go up and talk to Adonai to possibly change Adonai’s mind. He and Adonai talked about what would happen to the Israelites and when Adonai brought up thoughts about killing the Jews and sending down plagues, Moses defended them. Moses urged Adonai not to kill them, that it would be wrong to have brought them all out of Egypt only to kill them after they were freed. Adonai had sworn to Avraham, Yitzchak, and Yisrael, that he would multiply their people as the stars in the sky and give to them the land which Adonai would show. Adonai relented and Moses returned to the people with two tablets containing the Ten Commandments.

The part of this portion that I would like to focus on is Moses’ talk with God. I think this part is interesting because if Moses hadn’t talked to God, the Israelites wouldn’t have lived, and then we wouldn’t be here today. As history often does, it repeats. This was not the first time God had been angry at the Israelites. Many times when God had gotten mad at the Israelite people, their leaders didn’t have the guts to go talk to God. Only one time before had a leader spoken to God in a similar manner to Moses. This was Abraham when he was trying to save the city of Sodom from God’s wrath. Just like Abraham, Moses was successful in convincing God not to take out his anger on the people. It is because of Moses, we are here today.

A question this portion brought up for me was why had all mighty and powerful God decided to relent in his punishment for the people after having a discussion with Moses? What makes Moses so special that he is able to convince God to change God’s mind? God hand picked Moses to be his right-hand man to lead them out of Egypt and into freedom. God shows God’s self to Moses at the “Burning Bush” and changes Moses’ course in life. Moses is God’s “mouthpiece” in dealing with Pharaoh. God uses Moses’ hands and staff to split the Red Sea. It is Moses who writes the 10 Commandments on the tablets. But it is Moses now who chooses to stand up for the Israelite people when God wants to “blot them out” because of what they are doing on the ground at Mt. Sinai while Moses is up the mountain with God. Why now does Moses choose to question God?

I think we can all relate to the Israelites. In 2020 we had just started this rollercoaster of crazy and from the Coronavirus hitting the United States we already had a lot to deal with. Between online school, social distancing, and many other guidelines we couldn’t continue a normal life. We questioned our future and how we were ever going to get out of Covid. We needed and still need leaders to get us through this time, leaders like Moses who will continue to stick by our side, help us, and fight for us.

As it was said in the Torah, “Moshe begged the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why should Your wrath burn against Your people, that You have brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? 12: Why should the Egyptians speak, saying,’He brought them forth for evil, to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the surface of the earth?’ Turn from Your fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against Your people. Remember Avraham, Yitzchak, and Yisrael, Your servants, to whom You swore Your own self, and said to them, ‘I will multiply your seed as the stars of the sky, and all this land that I have spoken of I will give to your seed, and they shall inherit it forever.” These powerful words that Moses spoke to God changed his mind and he repented of the evil he said he would do to the Israelites.

I think something we can all take from this portion is that if we want something done, we should do something about it. Moses wanted to stand up for the Israelites so he went up the mountain and changed God’s mind. We can do this in our daily lives. If you are unsure whether you should change something or stand up for something you believe in, remember the story of how Moses stood up for the Israelites. He did something he knew was right.

Just like Moses, many people in history have changed our world by standing up for things that they believed in. Martin Luther King Junior stood up not only for African American rights, but for a more united nation. Susan B. Anthony stood up for women’s rights. With her bravery, women are now able to do things like vote. All these inspirational people started off small, but because of their decision to stand up for what they believed in, they changed the world for the better. Thank you.

Lily Karp

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are not free and continue to advocate for them. With this wonderful blessing of multiple vaccines bestowed upon us, along with a new president who speaks words of unity, we have a bright beacon of light immediately ahead of us. Let’s make a special toast in our seders, anticipating the time when everyone is vaccinated and the pandemic is in our rear view mirror. Chazak, Chazak, V’nitchazeik. Be strong, be strong, and we will be encouraged.

David Goldberg Ritual Committee
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Sisterhood continues to have schmooze events to chat and share so please look for your Evite or check the Temple calendar.

Our Sisterhood Virtual Women’s Seder is on Thursday, April 1 at 5:30 PM. We would love to have you join us.

Register using the Temple Emanu-El link at https://www.templesanjose.org/event/SisterhoodVirtualSeder

Inviting all sisters, mothers, daughters, friends, and neighbors to join us for our Sisterhood’s first Virtual Women’s Seder. Please join us for this Passover ritual as we retell our journey to freedom in music, poetry and stories. You’ll receive our Women’s Seder Haggadah via email so you can follow along and participate. We ask that you prepare a seder plate and add an olive and orange. This year, we have olives on our seder plate to remind us that not only are we not free until everyone is free, but we are not free until there is peace in our homes, in our community and in our world. Dr. Susannah Herschel, Professor of Jewish Studies, Dartmouth College includes an orange in recognition of gay and lesbian Jews, and others who are marginalized in the Jewish community.

Sisterhood Campership

Sisterhood Camperships are available to current students or graduates of Temple Emanu-El’s Religious School whose parent or guardian is a current member of sisterhood who attended in at least one Sisterhood event since April 1, 2020.

The application deadline this year will be April 7, 2021. Applications are available here at https://www.templesanjose.org/sisterhood. If you have questions, or if your application is not acknowledged within 48 hours, contact Janet Wood at jrsw99999@yahoo.com.

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