



Temple Emanu-El Connections

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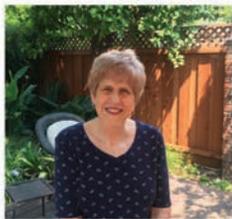
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August Service Schedule

Friday, August 5

6:30 PM Kabbat Shabbat Patio Service – IP, ST
7:30 PM Shabarbecue – IP

Saturday, August 6

10:30 AM Bar Mitzvah of Adam Hapner – IP, ST

Friday, August 12

6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service – IP, ST
7:30 PM Potluck Dinner Discussion – IP

Saturday, August 13

10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Lily Karp, IP, ST

Friday, August 19

6:30 PM Brotherhood Shabbat Service – IP, ST

Saturday, August 20

10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of
Freyja Hamlet-Supper – IP, ST
6:00 PM Neighborhood Havdalah – IP

Friday, August 26

6:30 PM Shabbat At Home – ZM

Saturday, August 27

10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Megan Biro – IP, ST

IP In Person Event*

ST Event will be Streamed on Temple Website & YouTube Channel

ZM On Zoom*

*Pre-Registration Required

Cantor Notes



August (and the first week of September) 2022 is the month of B'nai Mitzvah at TEE! Every Saturday from August 6th through September 3rd, one of our incredible young students will assume the mantle of Jewish adulthood, leading their family, friends, and Temple community in Shabbat worship and enlightening us

with their words of Torah. These young people have been working hard for the past year learning prayers, how to chant their Torah portion, and studying and preparing to teach us what it means to them. While these services are largely attended by the friends and family of the student becoming B'nai Mitzvah, it is also an opportunity for the temple community to celebrate and support these young people who are stepping up as its newest "adult" members.

If you had a child go through the B'nai Mitzvah program, you likely spent a year attending many of these services, but perhaps it's been a while. Or maybe you've only attended the services for members of your own family, or none at all. In a world that feels more and more weighty, and with many of us worried about what lies ahead, what better way to increase your optimism about the future by witnessing the next generation begin their journey as leaders. While I have the wonderful opportunity to see the growth of these students over the course of a year, at a pivotal time in their development as people, I am always still blown away on the day of their service. Each student calls on their unique strengths, traits, and interests to mark a moment in time, and in their lives, that is individual to them, and those of us there are incredibly privileged to witness it. These young people teach and inspire me, and yes, give me hope for the future, even when it feels bleak. After each B'nai Mitzvah service, I am reassured that we are indeed in good hands, that these future leaders have a strong, clear voice, that they see what needs fixing in the world and that they are prepared to contribute to that work.

I hope you'll join Rabbi and me this month as we lift up the accomplishments of our B'nai Mitzvah students within the congregation, recognizing their involvement in the Temple Emanu-El community and in K'lal Yisrael, the whole of Jewish peoplehood - they are the future of our congregation and the larger Jewish community. I encourage you to attend at least one of these B'nai Mitzvah services this summer, to enjoy Shabbat worship and learning, to be inspired, and to celebrate some incredible individuals contributing to a brighter future ahead.

Cantor Leah Shafritz

The High Holy Days are just around the corner and we're excited to be celebrating them together, IN PERSON, back at the Heritage Theater in Campbell. We have missed seeing everyone, and we can't wait to bring the Temple Emanu-El community back together again. More details will be coming soon.

Save the date for Rosh Hashanah on September 25th & 26th, with Yom Kippur on October 4th & 5th.

Tikkun Olam

For those of us who care deeply about social justice, this has been a truly horrific time in U.S. history. The Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe is a devastating blow. While we feel reasonably safe here in California for now, this will impact thousands throughout our nation. And make no mistake, this is just the beginning, as the Court is expected to come after LGBTQ+ rights, same sex marriage and even birth control. They also rescinded a NY law that made it illegal to carry guns in public. Things can feel really dark.

Nevertheless, there is some light in the darkness. The U.S. Senate just passed its first bipartisan gun safety legislation in decades. This is a historic gun safety, mental health, and school safety bill. As I am writing this at the end of June, California is sending five new pieces of gun safety legislation to the Governor for signing, as they have been passed by the state House and Senate.

Perhaps the best and most important news is that people are fired up and ready to work harder than ever for social justice issues. I know I am, and I hope you will join me!

Our next step as a congregation is to work on getting out the vote. The Religious Action Center of the U.R.J. is part of the Every Voice, Every Vote campaign to strategically send out postcards to states where voter turnout is low. Our congregation sent out hundreds of postcards in 2020, and the midterms are just as important. You can order your postcards here and please check the box for Temple Emanu-El San Jose: https://urj.tfaforms.net/730?utm_medium=email&utm_content=2022_6_22

Please note that it can take two weeks for postcards to arrive. We will be holding a hybrid postcarding party so that we can fill them out together on August 24 from 7:00-8:30 PM. You can either join us in person in the BFR at Temple, or on zoom (or do them independently) <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86865656138?pwd=zSQv-JjkWxKS6x3LlIKBhGVSzmMuRB.1>

I look forward to meeting with many of you in August. While we are filling out postcards (and noshing of course), we can also use the opportunity to discuss additional actions we might want to engage in as a community. We can bring the light into the darkness. We can and must help to heal the world.

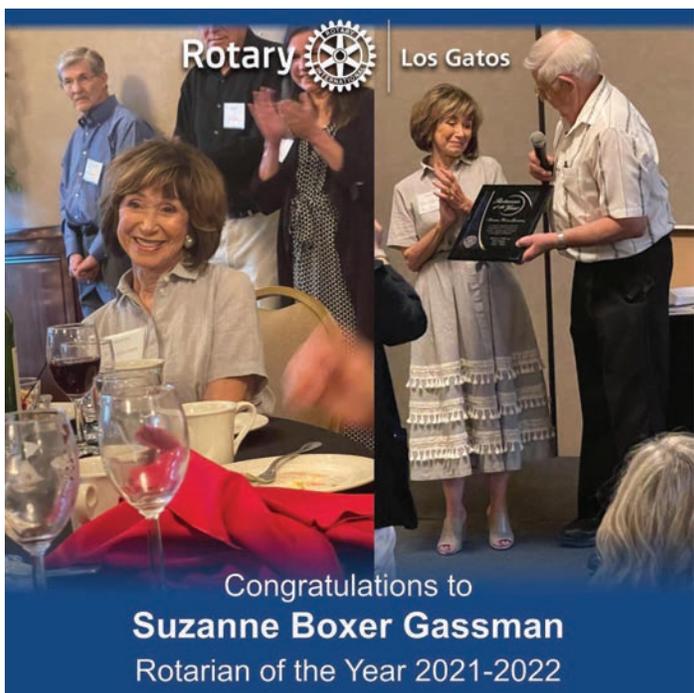
Sharon Genkin, Tikkun Olam Chair



Preschool

We are having such a wonderful Summer!! The kids have enjoyed camping and roasting marshmallows, playing on the new see-saw, enjoying waterslide days and even climbing on a donation of giant blocks. New friends have joined us and of course our kids have been so kind and welcoming. The values we teach at TEPS are embraced by the children and it makes such a difference in the environment. Kindness, patience, forgiveness, love, compassion are just a few of the values that we have build our school on. As we wrap up our Summer of fun we will say goodbye to a few more friends who are moving on to new adventures but for now we are cherishing every moment together. Please contact me for more information or a tour. .

*Barbara Smead, MA.Ed, Director
Early Childhood Education*



Congratulations to
Suzanne Boxer Gassman
Rotarian of the Year 2021-2022

Brotherhood



After nearly a month in cryogenic preservation, June awakened us to ratify the next fiscal year's officers. David Goldberg will serve as President, Jeff Rudy will serve his second year as Vice President, Jeslie Chermak will continue in his role as Treasurer and Philip Schwarz will be the new Secretary. Thanks to Eric Snider for his yeoman's effort as past Secretary, and for releasing his vice grip on the position.

In its most recent event, we prepared breakfast for the last day of religious school and the board's annual meeting. Eric Snider was there to comment, "This year the 'Last day of religious school' pancake breakfast was combined with the Temple annual meeting brunch so there were many people to feed. It was great to see so many religious school families and other congregants attending. Everything went smoothly because we had so many Brotherhood members helping. If you're interested in Brotherhood please come check out the next meeting in person or online because it's fun and we can use your help." Thanks to all members who made this day a success!



In a new breakthrough, we have agreed to set a recurring electronic yearly dues payment amount of \$90 for all brotherhood members. This is a voluntary option, as members can still offer an amount of their choosing. The impetus for recurring dues not only streamlines dues payment, but it also allows brotherhood to focus on recruiting new members, not having to reconcile current members who might not have paid. There is even a tutorial video on the temple site that explains how to navigate.

As applicable a statement today as it was in 1999, then President Mort Berlant succinctly expressed in Connections, "We want your support so we can continue to support you, our youth, and our Temple community. Brotherhood supports Youth, Religious School and other Temple activities. Through your involvement with this auxiliary, you have the opportunity to serve your community, meet other Temple members and make friends

David Goldberg, Brotherhood President

My Take on Torah

This week's parashah, Balak, is one of the more bizarre portions in our Torah. It's not full of strange laws or rules like many of the portions we've been reading lately, but rather, contains a talking ass. And while the concept of talking asses doesn't feel so uncommon in our world today, the portion is dealing more specifically in this case, with a talking donkey, making it a little more fantastical than some of our other stories in Tanakh.

To give a little background about this portion, Balak, the king of Moab, sees the number of Israelites making their way through the desert, and, feeling threatened, calls upon Balam, a non-Hebrew prophet, to curse them. But the more interesting part of the story that I want to get to has been summed up rather well already by Rabbi Lawrence Kushner, so I share it in his words:

"This week Balaam, the seer, is riding on his she-ass to deliver a paid-for-in-advance imprecation of the Jews. God, who is not too keen on cursing Israel, stations an angel to block his journey. But there's a catch: only the donkey can see the angel. The first time, the angel appears with a drawn sword. The animal, intelligently, swerves off the path; Balaam whacks her. The second time, the angel appears in a narrow space between two vineyard walls, mashing Balaam's foot; Balaam whacks her again. The third time, the angel chooses such a narrow place on the path that the animal's only option is to lie down; and Balaam whacks her again. Whereupon—here it comes—the she-ass turns to Balaam and speaks[!]:

"Yo, my man, gimme a break! What have I done to you that you should whack me like this three times?"

But Balaam only says to the donkey, "How dare you mock me! If I had a sword, I'd kill you right here and now"(Numbers 22:28–29). (There is no indication whatsoever here that talking to your ass is abnormal!)

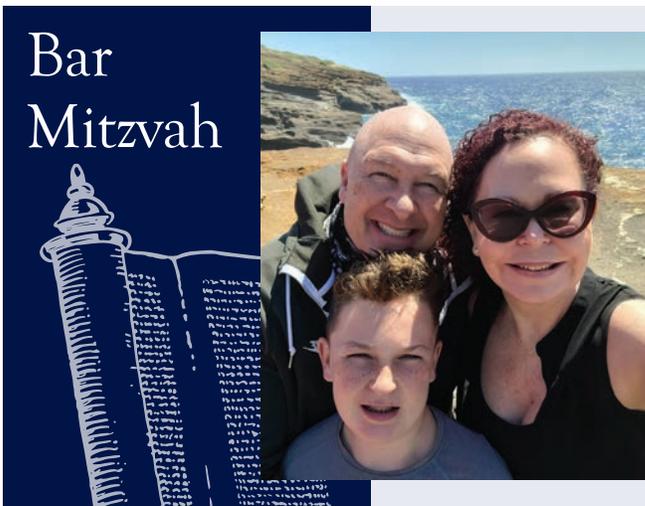
Then—and only then—does "the Lord open Balaam's eyes . . ." (Numbers 22:31). Balaam has a short conversation with the angel and realizes that his donkey has been way ahead of him all along. End of story."

Rabbi Kushner goes on to paraphrase biblical translator and scholar Robert Alter's interpretation of this story as a parable:

"Indeed, the great "seer" is effectively "blind," while a dumb animal (and she-asses are notoriously dumb) can see that his mission is contrary to God's plan... The story, in other words, is about the folly of a human ego self-destructively preoccupied with its own agenda instead of discerning God's."

But I'd like to focus on where the donkey itself comes into this idea. Can we really understand God's agenda without understanding the perspective of the donkey too? How often do those with ego, or those in power, prescribe a solution to a problem being experienced by a marginalized group without first hearing the voice of those directly affected by the problem? Far too frequently are the most important people excluded from the conversation, because somebody feels they know what is "right." I believe that the donkey here also represents those people who often go unnoticed or who are deemed insignificant, who are not given the opportunity to speak their needs, or if they do, are not taken at their word, just as Balam dismisses his donkey, not once, but three times! I encourage us to consider, especially at times when we think we know best, who is missing from the table; whose voices are not heard. What can we do to not only hear those voices, but to amplify them, so we can collectively carry out God's agenda of equity and equality, and work toward building a better world inclusive of all.

Cantor Leah Shafritz



Kerry and Dan Hapner are proud to announce the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Adam Hapner** on August 6th. Adam attended Temple Emanu-El Pre-School beginning at age 2 through kindergarten. He thanks Rabbi Magat, Cantor Leah, Phil, his mentors, his cohort, family, and friends for their support during this Bar Mitzvah journey. He is grateful for the opportunity to grow spiritually and academically since entering Hebrew School. Adam's Bar Mitzvah community project involved creating blankets for the Dancing Cat, a feline rescue center at 702 E. Julian St. in downtown San Jose. After learning that the cats needed security as they travelled to medical appointments and new homes in the form of blankets, Adam decided that was the mitzvah he wanted to give. Thank you to the Temple Emanu-El community for your love and support.

Greetings in Connections

PLEASE RETURN TO THE TEMPLE OFFICE BY AUGUST 15, 2022
TO BE FEATURED IN THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF CONNECTIONS.

Temple Emanu-El offers you a way to wish your fellow congregants a happy, healthy and fulfilling new year by including your name in our bulletin on the Rosh Hashanah Greetings page. Think of it as a New Year's greeting card to your entire Temple address book! By making a minimum tax-deductible donation of \$36 per family unit, you will be wishing us all a new year filled with sweetness and joy, and at the same time, supporting your synagogue.

This year we will also be offering the chance to wish your fellow congregants a happy Passover as well in the Passover issue of Connections. By making a minimum tax-deductible donation of \$65 per family unit, you will be wishing us all a new year filled with sweetness and joy and a happy and healthy Passover, while at the same time, supporting your synagogue.

Your name: _____

Your name/family's name as you would like it to appear:

Check One: High Holy Days Greeting Only - \$36
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Expiration Date _____ 3 Digit Security Code _____

I agree to add an additional 3% to cover transaction fees.

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Bat Mitzvah



Megan Biro, daughter of Shauna and Robert Biro, sister of Jodie Biro and granddaughter of Gail and Jerry Jacobs will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on August 27, 2022. Megan's an avid reader and her favorite genre is Fantasy. Megan loves her pet labradoodles, Fozzie and Daisy. Her favorite activities include amusement parks and seeing live musicals. For her Bat Mitzvah project Megan volunteers for Town Cats. She cares for cats in need and helps socialize them so they can find good homes. Megan is excited to share her special day with her family and friends.

Bat Mitzvah



Lily Karp, daughter of Mira and Brian Karp, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on August 13, 2022. Lily is an honor roll student at Willow Glen Middle School who loves musical theater, soccer, piano, singing and baking. She also loves URJ Camp Newman and is excited to return again this summer, just prior to her big day. For her mitzvah project, Lily is helping to raise money for Jewish Family Services' Refugee Resettlement Program, to ensure that refugee students have school supplies and are able to purchase school uniforms and clothing for the upcoming school year. This cause is very important to her because the refugee organization HIAS also helped her mother's family leave the Soviet Union and settle in the US in 1980. She hopes to continue to support this program moving forward. Lily is thrilled to celebrate this exciting milestone with her family and friends. Her parents, sister, Ayla, and grandparents send a well-deserved Mazel Tov to Lily in recognition of her hard work and dedication.

Sisterhood



Sisterhood is looking forward to another great year with both in-person and zoom activities. We have welcomed many new members this past year and appreciate all the women who have been donating for several years! We have 118 members and appreciate all the donations received this past year. Although we say “membership”, it really is a tax-deductible donation. Please look in your mail for a welcome letter from our new President, Joy Powell

and a remit envelope if you would like to mail in a contribution.

Thank you, Jamie Gold, for designing a wonderful sisterhood banner for us. Thank you, Ellen Rudy, for your help in ordering the new banner and Judy Levy for securing a banner stand. We displayed the new banner at the Women of Reform Judaism Area Event hosted our Sisterhood by at TEE on July25-26. Women from several states came to learn about WRJ, attend work shops, and enjoy sharing ideas about Sisterhood and programs. Thank you to Joy Powell, Beverly Mendel, and Judy Levy for all your efforts to make the two days fun and educational.

We had a wonderful Sisterhood Shabbat on July 15 led by Cantor Shafritz. We enjoyed her homemade challah which she kindly donated for our Volunteer Appreciation Donor Brunch auction held in May. The next day, our TEE women relaxed at Villa Del Mar in Santa Cruz for a full day retreat led by Cantor Shafritz. Thank you, Cantor Shafritz and coordinators Joy Powell and Beverly Mendel, for making it a special day for everyone.

Thank you to our Donor brunch sponsors, Virginia Beck, Mary Cohen, Doris Davis, Joan Fox, Margie Goodman, Yvonne Nemeck, Joy Powell, Harriet Reisner, Ellen Rudy, Marcia Riggio, JoAnn Shank, Liz Shivell, and Deborah Zimmer

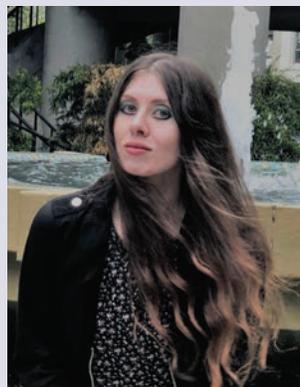
Our silent auction and raffle were very successful thanks to the donated gift cards and Teri Kane’s Pajaro Dunes Beach Condo., as well as members donating personal items, artwork, and serve ware. Thank you Almaden Valley Athletic Club, *JoAnn Shank, Virginia Beck, Suzy Berlant *Mary Kay Consultant, Bill’s Café, Cantor Leah Shafritz, Gladys Chandler, Janis Decker, Rachel Decker, De Young/Legion of Honor Museum, Gunther’s Restaurant, Jewish Contemporary Museum, Judy & Bob Levy, Lunardi’s, Palermo Italian Restaurant, Melenie Pearson *Pampered Chef , Joy Powell, Siena Bistro*David Weisner, Owner, Shakuf design *Sarit Khen, Glass Artist, Starbucks Coffee, *Meridian/Willow, Starbucks Coffee *Park/Naglee, Teri Kane/Cherie Ravel, and. Deborah Zimmer.

Please join us Thursday, August 28, 2022, at 7:00 PM for our Zoom Sisterhood Bingo at 7:00 PM. Sybil Sommer will host our event and share information about famous Jewish people. All you need is a blank Bingo board, and we will help you fill it in with the names. Look for your Evite and RSVP so we can email the zoom link or contact Judy Levy, Zoom support, at jlevymom4three@yahoo.com.

Joy Powell and Bev Mendel - Co-Presidents

New Member Highlight

Jessica Jessen



Tell us a little about yourself

I’m currently working on my dissertation on the figure of Ariadne in the writings of Nietzsche (that is, a feminist take on the eternal recurrence)— I’m a PhD student at DePaul, where I taught undergraduate

philosophy for several years. I received my BA at the University of Redlands in playwriting and philosophy, mostly focusing on existentialism and medieval theology. Apart from my dissertation, I write creatively: right now I’m finishing a play on Piers Gaveston and have previously written a novel about Absalom and a play about King David. I’m nascently planning a project on Dinah and Helen of Troy, just for fun. I love literature and theater, but I haven’t seen much of the latter in the last couple of years, due to the pandemic. A shorter version of this, I guess, is that I’ve been typing a lot for a couple decades.

What is your favorite Jewish food & why?

This is a hard one, but I’d probably have to go with hamentaschen. It was the very first Jewish food I actually made with a group of friends back in Chicago for Purim one year and we tried all sorts of different fillings (nutella was both a great and dangerous idea here) and it was just a delightful memory.

What book is on your nightstand?

Anne Carson’s *Glass, Irony, and God*

What is your hometown?

I’ve moved around quite a bit, but I grew up in Colorado Springs and lived for a long time in Chicago.

If you haven’t had a chance to meet her yet, I suggest you look for her at Friday night services, on zoom or anytime we have a temple function as she is jumping right in to all things TE!!

Religious School

“Blast the shofar...strum the strings...toot the flutes...clang the cymbals...beat the drums...” (Psalm 150)



Happy Summer to everyone. The calendar has turned to August and Rabbi Magat, Cantor Shafritz, and I are very much looking forward to seeing you **IN PERSON** come September. What happened during last school year? Here are a few highlights:



Religious School is all about. We gather for fun, community, learning, singing, celebrating holidays, Torah, Israel, and much more. Especially now, it is VERY important that we come together to see each other and experience community in person. AND...see our newly remodeled sanctuary!!

So come on down to 1010 University Ave each Sunday morning. You, the parents of Temple Emanu-El, are our partners in creating an atmosphere where Jewish Education is a priority – you get your children and teens here, we do the rest.

Please keep in mind the following key dates:

1. Torah School begins the week of August 8. Those of you in grades 3-6 please make sure you have registered and are ready to go! Your teachers should have already been in contact with you about which day/time you will be meeting.
2. First day of class for Religious School is **Sunday, September 11, 2022**. There will also be a parent orientation that morning, along with a special pancake breakfast before school and a BBQ lunch after, hosted by the Brotherhood of TEE.
3. Consecration for new students to the Religious School and Simchat Torah service is Sunday evening, October 16, 2022.

Enjoy an awesome rest of the Summer!! If you want to drop by and talk, my door is always open.

Phil Hankin, RJE, Director of Education

These are just a few of the exciting elements that make TEE's Religious School fresh and edgy. Much of what you see in these pictures is a small representation of what TEE

We Remember



Those we have lost in years past

August 5 | Kate Baitchman, Ruby Baker, Claire Barnhart, Steven Biro, Millie Briskin, Dorrie Cohen, Solly Cohen, Isidor Farber, Peggy Forbes, Sarah Frieberg, Fred Shalom Friedman, Lionel Gillston, William Glassman, Esther Hoffman, Daniel W. Kraus, Gladys Kreisber, Herbert Marchick, Florence Marcus, Aaron Adair Markham, Al May, Solomon Miller, Edna Novak, Jerry Prizant, Sarah Richards, Aaron Rosenthal, Albert Saltzman, Sophie Schwab, Roslyn Schwartz, Joseph Shanske, Bertha Silverman, Dr. Solomon S. Sogg, Mary Sokolov, Allen I. Stoll, Mollie Weiman, Eleanor Zurakov

August 12 | Esther Apte, Sarah Asher, Miriam Ayllon, Mark Bach, Shirley Ball, Maurice A. (Don) Berman, Larry Berman, Rose Blickman, Leonard W. Bloom, Ruth Bloomfield, Stefan Bloomfield, Ethel Brody, Marcus Brooks, Lena Carl, Janice Cohen, Fanny Emanuel, Jackie Fazzio, Mimi Lewis Fuller, Ben Gambord, Sam Gellman, Rabbi Joseph Gitin, Charles Goldberg, Nettie Goldman, Ilene Hoffman, Irving Hoffman, Irving Horshman, Irma Silbiger Karpel, Madeline Louise Kaufman, Howard Kraten, Eva Leve, Betty Lichtenstein, Francisco Machado, Conceicao Machado, Sumner Magat, Bettie Miller, Elias Papkin, David T. Press, Jeff Prizant, George Rosen, Claire Rosenberg, Dora Rubin, Abraham Salzberg, Fritz Schaechter, Joseph Tannenbaum, Samuel Weinstein, Jack Weintraub, Naomi Wolff, Amos Zarchi

August 19 | Harvey Asher, Eleanor Berman, Dora Blaustein, Natalie Borts, Bonnie Bronstein, Ann Orloff Cahn, John W. Christian, Shlomo Cintz, Alexander Cunningham, Leigh Davis, Louis Dishotsky, Eli Enten, Jennie Goldberg, Annette Goldstein, Shlomo Hertz, Pat L. Hunter, Ruth Jeffe, Elizabeth Kass, Harry Kessler, Bertha Krystal, Pasha Land, Morris Lovy, Frieda Madzel, Manjeet Makhni, Sarah Marcus, Naomi Mayer, Barry Melnick, Isadore Messinger, Leonid Moyerman, Sadie Newman, Isaak Orloff, Joseph Pintoff, Pauline Prizant, Jackie Radwin, Max Roberts, Sarah Ruby, Isadore Schreibstein, Dr. Albert Sheinbaum, Pauline Kessler Stein, Harry Arnold Stern, Samuel B. Weinstein, Gigi Green Wicks, Jean Wiesner

August 27 | Sylvia Abrams Jones, Jay Aronson, George Baker, Howard Bame, Irving M. Bernstein, Leonard J. Block, Lillian Borts, Robert Joseph Boxer, Mary Brenner, Belle Brown, Judith Buckser, Lillian Chermak, Nathan J. Citron, George Cleve, Sonia Davis, Benjamin Fisher, Sydney Fox, Alan Garshon, Shelley Gustason Malcolm, Philip Hammer, Ethel Harkavy, Naji Ezra Helali, Frederic Kakis, Anne Kaplan, Evangeline Kaufman, Mimi Lasner, Gordon Levy, Kathryn Loeffler, Harry Meyerson, Murray Moss, John Neme, Richard Pederson, Reeva Perr, Bessie Renkosinsky, Eva Reznikov, David H. Rosenthal, Ernest Rott, Marvin Rubenstein, Irving Satler, Freda Segal, Barbara T. (Bobbie) Shulkin, Alfredo Sousa, Abe Taitelman, Abe Taitelman, John Wall, Benjamin Weiss, Jill Wernick, Goldie Zasloff

✧ Ritual Committee ✧

Getting Candid With the Cantor (Part 2)

To glibly explain our cantor's role as a sacred singer is a huge oversimplification. The position demands so much more. Yes, Cantor Shafritz is a highly trained vocalist who leads the congregation in song and prayer. But, like the rabbi, her job is far more encompassing. The cantor teaches music to children and adults, and presides over major life events.

Cantor- in Hebrew and Yiddish, is called a "Chazan", meaning "vision", (the cantor's role was to inspire a community with vision) and was considered a "Sweet Singer of Israel." "

Cantor Shafritz was kind enough to chat with us about a range of topics that I thought would interest most of our inquiring minds. In this Q and A format, Cantor Leah Shafritz gives us a personal window into her life.

Q: *What is one fun aspect about being cantor that most people wouldn't know? (anything unusual, quirky, or funny?)*

A: This has only happened to me once, so I can't quite say it's an aspect.... but the most unexpected thing I've ever done as a cantor was to bless a bus! At my previous congregation, there was a mother and son duo who had bought an old school bus and refitted it as a mobile home; they even painted it bright blue! One year at our tashlich ritual, they rolled up to the park in their newly finished bus and asked the rabbi and I to help them affix a mezuzah to it, so we did. A unique experience for both of us! And one I'll certainly never forget.

Q: *What are a few of your hobbies?*

A: I love to cook and bake- especially baking bread. I make challah most weeks for Shabbat, and I've had a sourdough starter going since before the great pandemic sourdough movement. We recently bought ourselves a portable pizza oven so I'm excited to get into that side of bread baking! Like the Rabbi, I'm a huge Dodger fan (having grown up in Southern California) and watch games pretty religiously during baseball season. I'm also a tennis fan. I've been to Wimbledon, the French Open, and the U.S. Open. It was fun to be able to attend the WTA tournament that takes place here in San Jose this past summer!

Q: *Who are your favorite performers/artists? What are some of your favorite movies?*

A: I love classical music of all kinds but I particularly like composers from the romantic period and the impressionist movement, like Beethoven, Mahler,

Chopin, Debussy. My favorite opera composer is Mozart- you can't go wrong with a Mozart opera! I also love the '60s and '70s folk/rock movement. I was brought up on the Beatles, Simon and Garfunkel, Cat Stevens, The Doors... Any new music I find myself drawn to is usually clearly influenced by these styles of songwriting. For movies, I love classic comedies... The Marx Brothers (A Night at the Opera is my all time favorite) Mel Brooks movies (Young Frankenstein tops the list here). The movie I've probably seen the most times is The Princess Bride, followed by Monty Python and the Holy Grail as a close second. I also really enjoy a good historical or period drama.

Q: *How did you meet Abram?*

A: Abram and I met when I was in my second year of cantorial school in New York City at a Hanukkah party of a mutual friend. We discovered that his office was located in the same building as my school campus so we were able to build a friendship out of that proximity and everything took off from there! We've enjoyed spending our lives together so far in NYC, the Boston area, and now we're very happy to be living the California life (no more snow!). We have two loving Cavapoos (Cavalier King Charles Spaniel/Poodle mix), Albie and Luna, who rule our day to day lives. Since moving out here, we've enjoyed going to Quakes games and trying out local breweries, as well as starting to explore the many beautiful sites in this region. We are excited to continue to get to know the TEE community!

David Goldberg, Ritual Committee

Mazel Tov

We would like to wish a Mazel Tov to both **Jessica Blichok & Kotarah Cooper** as the newest members of the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of Silicon Valley. Jessica will become the Director of the JCRC, with Kotarah becoming the 2022-23 JCRC Chair. We are excited for their leadership in these new roles to help support the Jewish Community.



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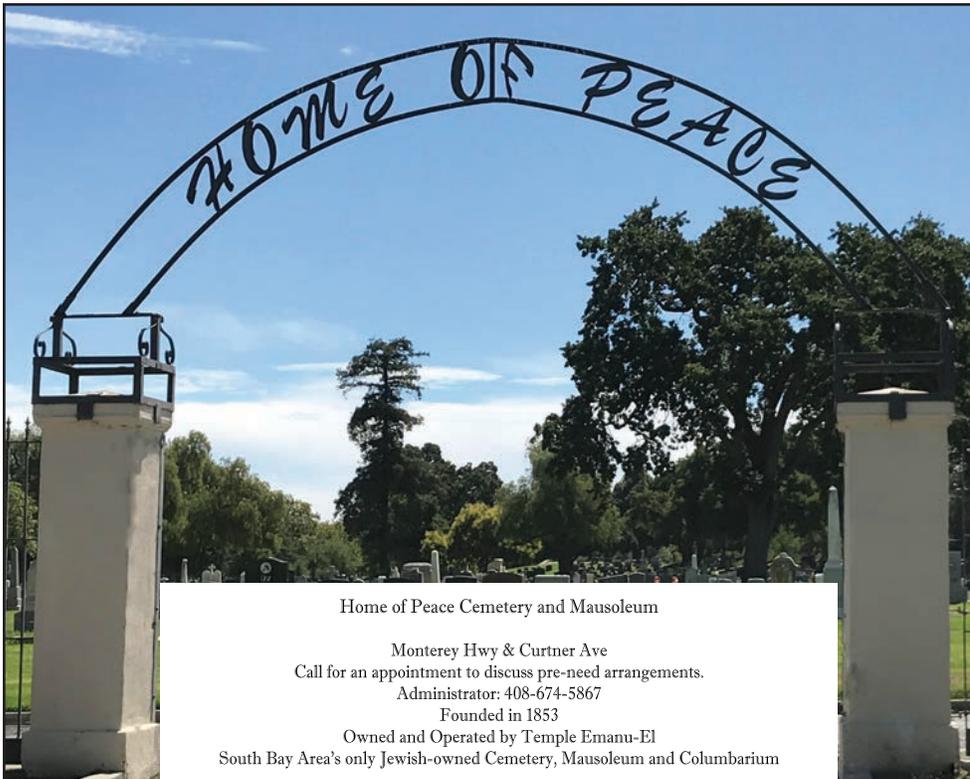
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	1	2	3	4	5	6
		12:00 PM – ZM Chat with the Rabbi 7:00 PM Board Meeting 7:30 PM – IP Israeli Dance			6:30 PM – IP, ST Kabbat Shabbat Patio Service 7:30 PM – IP Shabarbecue	10:30 AM – IP, ST Bar Mitzvah of Adam Hapner
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		10:00 AM – PM, ZM ZIGZAG Grandparents Group 12:00 PM – ZM Chat with the Rabbi	12:00 PM – IP, ZM Lunch and Learn 7:00 PM – ZM Green Team Program	12:00 PM – ZM TV/Film Discussion	6:30 PM – IP, ST Kabbat Shabbat Service 7:30 PM – IP Potluck Dinner Discussion	10:30 AM – IP, ST Bat Mitzvah of Lily Karp
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
11:00 AM – IP Marjong and Mitzvah 12:30 PM – ZM Great Questions		12:00 PM – ZM Chat with the Rabbi 7:30 PM – IP Israeli Dance			6:30 PM – IP, ST Brotherhood Shabbat Service	10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Freyja Hamlet – Supper 6:00 PM – IP Neighborhood Havdalah
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		12:00 PM – ZM Chat with the Rabbi	12:00 PM – ZM Lunch & Learn 7:00 PM – IP, ZM Get Out The Vote Event		6:30 PM – ZM Shabbat At Home	10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Megan Biro
28	29	30	31	IP – In Person Event* ST – Event will be Streamed on Temple Website & YouTube Channel ZM – On Zoom* *Pre-Registration Required		
		12:00 PM – ZM Chat with the Rabbi 7:30 PM – IP Israeli Dance		PLEASE VISIT THE TEMPLE EMANU-EL WEBSITE FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE CALENDAR LISTINGS		



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