



Temple Emanu-El Connections

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May 2023

- IP In Person Event*
- ST Event will be Streamed on Temple Website and YouTube Channel
- ZM On Zoom*
*Pre-Registration Required

Mazel Tov Confirmation Class 5783

May Service Schedule

Friday, May 5

7:00 PM Erev Shabbt Teacher Appreciation Service – IP, ST

Saturday, May 6

10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Caitlyn Wagner

Friday, May 12

7:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service – IP, ST

Friday, May 19

6:00 PM Tot Shabbat – IP

7:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service – IP, ST

Thursday, May 25

7:00 PM Erev Confirmation & Shavuot Service with special Oneg – IP, ST

9:00 PM Tikkun Leil Shavuot – ZM

Friday, May 26

10:00 AM Shavuot Yizkor Service – IP, ST

6:30 PM Shabbat at Home Service –ZM

Rabbi Magat, Cantor Shafritz and the rest of the Temple Emanu-El Congregation would like to wish a huge Mazel Tov to the Confirmation Class of 5783. They have gone above and beyond, through this past year, and exemplified leadership skills that we hope to see in the future.

We invite you to join these students for a creative **Havdalah Confirmation Service** on **Erev Shavuot, May 25, at 7:00 PM.**

Tikkun Leil Shavuot study sessions at **9:00 PM** on Zoom. These sessions continue the tradition of Shavuot evening Torah and Ritual studies. Please join us in person for our **Shavuot Yizkor Service, at 10:00 AM on Friday, May 26.**



Top Row (L to R): Jordyn Rose, Lucas Brown, Leah Guglin

Bottom Row (L to R): Noralee Zwick, Rabbi Dana Magat, Cantor Leah Shafritz

Take Me Out To The Ballgame With TEPS!

Join us on Saturday, June 17th at 5pm for the TEPS Baseball Fundraiser! Everyone is welcome to join us for this great evening as we cheer on the San Jose Giants! Rabbi Magat will be throwing out the First Pitch and Cantor Shafritz will be leading "Take Me Out to the Ballgame".

Please go to:
<https://www.milb.com/san-jose/tickets/park-packer/temple-emanu-el>
and use code "TEMPLEEMANUEL"

Save the Date

Erev Graduation Rock Shabbat Service

Friday June 2 7:00 PM

Cantor Notes



Shavuot (falling this year on May 25 & 26) is the festival of the first fruits of the spring harvest, and a time for us to recommit to our faith as we celebrate the receiving of the Ten Commandments at Sinai. We mark this holiday with worship, reading Torah, late night study, and traditionally, eating all things dairy! There

are many explanations as to why this is, but the one that works the best for me is... it's delicious!

So if you are in need of some inspiration as to which dairy delicacies to enjoy as you stay up into the night studying at our Tikkun Leil Shavuot on May 25 at 9:00 PM (on Zoom), and our Shavuot Yizkor Service on May 26 at 10:00 AM. Look no further than this tasty blintz recipe. Chag Sameach!

Cheese Blintzes

(from thespruceeats.com)

Ingredients

For the Blintzes

- 4 large eggs, at room temperature, beaten
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup butter, for frying

For the Filling

- 1 pound ricotta, dry curd, or farmer's cheese, at room temperature
- 1 tablespoon butter, melted
- 1 large egg yolk, at room temperature
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1/4 cup sugar (or more to taste)
- Sour cream, garnish
- Fruit toppings, fresh or canned, garnish

Make the Blintzes

1. Gather the ingredients.
2. In a medium bowl, beat together 4 eggs, water, milk, salt, and flour until well-mixed. Don't over-beat. It's okay if small particles of flour remain as they will be absorbed during the resting period.
3. Let the batter rest at room temperature for at least 30 minutes.
4. Heat a small skillet (about 7 inches in diameter) and add a pat of butter.



5. Whisk the batter until smooth.
6. Pour about 1/4 cup batter into the pan and swirl it around, pouring off excess. Make sure not to let it brown.
7. Flip and cook the other side for a few seconds.
8. Then, turn the blintz out onto a towel.
9. Repeat with remaining batter and pats of butter, staggering the crepes one on top of each other.

Make the Filling and Assemble

1. In a large bowl, mix together cheese, melted butter, 1 egg yolk, vanilla, and sugar until well-incorporated.
2. To assemble, place one blintz on a work surface and place 1 to 2 tablespoons of filling in a line close to the edge nearest to you.
3. Fold envelope-style.
4. Roll up, and continue with remaining blintzes and filling.
5. Fry the filled blintzes in butter until golden brown.
6. Serve with optional sour cream and/or fresh or canned fruit toppings. Enjoy!

Cantor Leah Shafritz

Thank you

to these Passover Bag Delivery Drivers

We appreciate your help in delivering bags to many of our senior Temple Emanu-El Members.

Thank you to:

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| Hana Anderson | Marcy Kulakow |
| Iris Bendahan | Dan Lee |
| Minda Cutcher | Jessica Lee-Messer |
| Carol Hoffman | Bobi Levine |
| Eric Fox | Fagie Rosen |
| David Gldberg | Lonna Smith |
| Megan Hendrickson | Liz Shivell |
| Jyl Jurman | Deborah Zimmer |

Brotherhood

On March 12 a little inclement weather couldn't put a damper on our group bike ride . Just ask Branden Frederick, offering his alliterative analysis of the fun:

“The Brotherhood bike-riders decided that a little wind and weather couldn't cloud our camaraderie or dampen our disposition. We heeded the headwinds and set out cycling, trekking the trails and tracks of North San Jose, parading through perilous puddles and moving past mires of mud until, two hours hence, we rounded the runway at SJC and traveled back to Temple. We were wet and worn, but not weary, happy for having hammered through and ready to repeat, but perhaps on a drier day.”

Besides Branden, rough riders included Ron Blumstein, Bob Levy, and Shannon Brown. Way to be hard core guys!

Once a year, we splurge with a brotherhood dinner and on March 25 about 40 members including their guests enjoyed a Middle Eastern treat that featured a wide range of food from Dish Dash of Sunnyvale. The buffet choices included chicken kabobs, hummus, salad, falafel, baba, saffron rice, vegetarian zahra, kufta kabobs and pita bread. Dessert featured chocolate cake, cheesecake, and a mixed cookie tray. Shout out to **Gary Gold** and **Eric Snider** for planning, organizing, and making sure everything ran smoothly from start to finish!

Ron Blumstein had this to say about our April 2 hike: “Led by Brotherhood, a group of temple members ventured out to the historic Almaden Quicksilver County park on a damp morning in early April. We marveled at the rushing streams, lush canopy and beautiful wildflowers. The route covered 4.7 miles and took us past several historic mining sites. As we completed our hike, the sun broke through the clouds allowing our group to enjoy a picnic lunch under a blue sky. We look forward to our next adventure together.”



Is there anything better in this world than a hot dog and a cold beer at a live baseball game? The smell of fresh cut grass and the crack of the bat slamming a ball? How about a bag of peanuts or Cracker Jacks or pink cotton candy on a balmy Summer evening? Want to see the New York Yankees and Aaron Judge in person, play the A's?

On Tuesday, June 27 at 6:40 PM, Brotherhood is sponsoring **Jewish Heritage Night** that is **open to everyone**, members of our temple or not. Everyone is welcome! We'll receive discounted ticket prices and special giveaways such as designed caps for the event. Jewish centers/groups/temples/etc. all come out for this cultural celebration. Please consider supporting brotherhood via Zelle at brotherhood@templesanjose.org.

Of course, any other donation method would also be greatly appreciated.

Please note our May meeting has been moved to Sunday, May 21 because Mothers Day is on May 14, which is our normal meeting date (second Sunday of the month).

Let us treat you to a Sunday brunch and welcome you to our fun-loving group! The bagel and lox smear is on us! What we do makes a difference at TEE.

David Goldberg Brotherhood President

Bat Mitzvah



Caitlyn Wagner, daughter of Amy Miller and Ash Wagner will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on May 6, 2023. Caitlyn is an A student at Almaden Country Day School who loves singing, theater, arts & crafts, and cuddling her cat, Curly. For her mitzvah project she volunteered at Second Harvest packing food to be handed out to families in need and found the experience very rewarding. Caitlyn loves camping with her family and is looking forward to visiting Yosemite, and going white water rafting on the American River this summer. She is very excited to celebrate this accomplishment with her family and friends. Her parents and brother AJ send a well-deserved Mazel Tov to Caitlyn in recognition of all of her hard work.

✧ Ritual Committee ✧

Did you attend the community seder on the second night of Passover at the temple? Well, that's when Lag BaOmer, the holiday that literally translates as the 33rd day of the Omer began. The observance begins Monday, May 8, through May 9.

O.K., so what is the Omer about? The Omer is the counting period that begins on the second day of Passover and culminates with the holiday of Shavuot, which celebrates the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai, as well as the grain harvest for the summer. In addition, Omer means "a sheaf". It refers to the measure of grain that was once offered at the Temple in Jerusalem.

So, the Omer is a counting period of 49 days between the end of Passover and the beginning of Shavuot. It's referred to as the Festival of weeks. This instruction is found in the Torah from Leviticus 23:15-21: "From the day on which you bring the sheaf of wave offering the day after the Sabbath you shall count off seven weeks."

Put another way, the practice is derived from counting the days from the barley offering at the Temple to the day of the wheat offering on Shavuot.

In truth, Lag B'Omer is the one day in which celebrating is allowed because the rest of the days of the Omer are actually considered a period of semi-mourning. You see, the holiday commemorates a break in the plague that struck during the life of Rabbi Akiva (50 A.D. - 113 A.D.). We find in the Talmud that Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, the great teacher of mysticism died on Lag B'Omer and due to him in great part, the holiday has come to symbolize the resilience of the Jewish spirit. Many Jews like to plan weddings on this date within an otherwise somber period. In Israel, a popular tradition is to have bonfires and barbecues, and/or have picnics and sporting activities.

Bonfires are lit not only to commemorate the death of Bar Yochai, but also to remind us of the thousands of followers of Rabbi Akiva who lost their lives fighting the Romans in the last of the Roman-Jewish war named the "Bar Kochba Revolt" (132-135 AD).

The sages developed a construct of 7 virtues to follow, based on 7 divine qualities in the kabalistic universe, one for each of the 7 weeks: love, respect, compassion, efficiency, beauty, loyalty, and leadership.

Perhaps the big takeaway is using the 7 week period to evaluate our behavior and work on self-improvement, being more humble, and connected with all other Jews and our greater community.

David Goldberg Ritual Committee



Preschool

When kids come to TEPS they instantly become a part of our family. We enjoy our students for a few years in person and then before we know it they move on to their new school or adventure. Fortunately, many of our kids will keep in touch over the years and either come back and read to new friends, send us cards and photos, invite us to performances and graduations or simply they say a final goodbye and we wish them the very best. It was just 7 years ago when we said goodbye to Juju but this was a different sort of goodbye as Juju lost her battle with cancer at the age of 5. As a community we needed to grieve and heal so one of the things we did was turn our garden into a memorial garden for Juju. In April we spent a day giving Juju's Garden a much needed renovation. We were joined by current families, friends, staff, congregants and a new friend to TEPS who will soon have his Bar Mitzvah (thank you Daniel). As we moved the tanbark, sand, soil, plants and cut so much wood, we thought of Juju, her family and how deep the connection at TEPS really goes. I am certain the squeal of excitement on Monday morning when our students saw our beautiful new garden was heard from miles away, it certainly made me smile. I am thankful that we have the opportunity to touch families and that they are able to touch us. TEPS is a very special place to be!

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



Sisterhood

I had the privilege of attending the WRJ Pacific District Convention in Bellevue, WA from March 23 – 26 along with our Sisterhood President, Joy Powell. It was a weekend full of learning, training, fun and friendships – reconnecting with old friends and making new ones.

I had a dual role at the convention. I was part of a committee that had met for approximately 6 months prior. Various Sisterhoods from around our district submitted to us power point/slideshows of some of their outstanding programming. The winners were given awards at convention which I helped to present. Our Sisterhood submitted an entry (our tour of San Jose's Japantown in November 2021) which, sadly, didn't win.

My other role was being elected to the WRJ Pacific District Board as 1 of 3 Area Directors for Northern CA. I was honored to be asked. I was officially elected and installed at a beautiful ceremony at the convention. My main role will be to mentor the Sisterhood Presidents/Women's Groups of these 4 Temples: Congregation Beth Am, Los Altos Hills; Peninsula Temple Beth El, San Mateo; Peninsula Temple Shalom, Burlingame; and Temple Beth El, Salinas. I was able to meet with some of these women at convention which was a huge advantage for me. I'm excited about what I will learn from them (and possibly pass along to our Sisterhood) as well as what they can learn from me.

The 3 ½ days were kind of a blur with meetings, workshops, food and schmoozing. It was non-stop and kind of exhausting at times. Thursday afternoon started with attending an Area Directors Training while Joy went to a "First Timers Meet & Greet" since it was her very first convention. Several of us went out to dinner at a local Mexican restaurant that was amazing!! That evening, convention officially started. We had many guest speakers including the Mayor of Bellevue, Lynne Robinson and Jane Taves, WRJ Vice President of Engagement.

On Friday evening, we were the guests at Temple B'nai Torah in Bellevue. The services were inspiring, led by the very young Rabbi Molly Weisel (or Rabbi Molly as she is lovingly called). Joy and I were part of the WRJ choir which sang Shalom Rav at the services.



Afterwards, we enjoyed a catered dinner of Mediterranean food in their social hall. It was delicious!!

During the course of the weekend, Joy and I attended various workshops. Some of these included: "Finding Leadership in Every Woman", "A Guided Meditation on Vayikra", "President's Workshop", "Mentoring: Finding Your Passion and Lighting the Passion in Others", "Reimagining Jewish Communal Life" (A discussion on the changing role of women in temple life) and "Opening Our Tent to Welcome the Diversity in Our Midst".

Saturday morning, we had a beautiful Shabbat service where the choir got to sing again. The music was so inspiring that I shared it with Cantor Shafritz. I'm hoping that she will use some of it in our services. There were many Torah study sessions to participate in as well.

One thing that I thought was really unique was an Affinity Group Lunch. All of the tables were set up with different topics such as Sisterhood Presidents, Judaica Shops, Membership, Fundraising ideas, Social Justice, Book Groups and many more. It was a great way to meet people who had similar interests to your own.

Saturday evening, we had a lovely Havdalah service and installation of the new WRJ Pacific District Board. There was a beautiful Tallit that was held over all of us as we read an Oath of Office. It was a very moving ceremony and I'm so proud to be a part of this board. After dinner we had a sing-a-long, a photo booth where we could dress up with silly props, and to top it off, we had the Jet City Improv come and entertain us. What a treat. They were hysterical!!

Sunday morning, after Bylaws meetings, workshops and a gorgeous brunch, it was time to say goodbye. It was truly an amazing weekend. I'm now ready to roll up my sleeves and get started on my new job as Area Director. I can't wait!!

*Beverly Mendel
TEE Sisterhood &
WRJ Pacific District No CA Area Director*

Religious School



As Spring is in full swing, and with the arrival of May, we must say goodbye to another religious school year. From the opening of school in September to the closing this month, it is time to take stock and reflect on what a great year we had together as a community. Aside from the rain altering some of our plans this winter, the year went according to plan: Regular

meetings on Sunday mornings for RS and Beit No'ar students, Zoom Torah School from August to May for grades 3-6, yummy food provided by Brotherhood and Sisterhood, resumption of Chuggim, fun and exciting all-school programs (e.g. Hanukah Zimriah, Tu B'shevat, Purim, Passover, Re-Wedding), excellent service leading on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings by our 4th-7th grade students, fun and creative Wednesday evenings with EESY (our High School Youth Group), plus many other memorable moments in the classrooms and on the Temple property. For all that has taken place this year, I am eternally grateful to the TEE community, especially the Clergy, Senior Staff, A-Team, Custodial staff, Parents/Grandparents, the Teaching Staff (teachers and Madrichim), Jessica Rom (our intrepid RS Committee chairperson) and the RS Committee, and Sherri Wiesner, our outgoing VP of Education, for supporting the education of the students all year.

As we now turn our attention to Summer and the school year 5784, what are we expecting? What questions do we have? What will next year's school structure look like?

We will continue to provide the best Jewish educational experience for the students. We have learned much over the last 3+ years of Zoom and in-person classes, and the teachers will continue to rely on their experience when constructing lessons. One of the greatest attributes of our dedicated teaching staff is flexibility, creativity, and love of Jewish Education and TEE. I will be working with the teachers during the Summer to best prepare for all possibilities. What I ask of you is to continue to trust and support us.

In the meantime, please mark your calendars and attend our annual **Teacher Appreciation Shabbat Service on Friday May 5** so you can come and give physical hugs to all the teachers and tell them how much they mean to you and your children. We are especially grateful to three individuals who will be leaving us at the end of the school year: Greg Turetzky, Alissa Meltzer and Dani Pattiz. Greg has been volunteering his time for the past number of years as a member of our RS Committee, as well as the chair of the Youth Enrichment Fund Committee and a Torah School teacher. Greg loves his connection to

TEE and is always wanting to give back. Alissa has brought her unique gifts and passion to teaching at TEE and we are all better because of her love and attention to her students. We will miss her in the realm of teaching in the RS, but we are pleased to have her take over teaching our teens in Beit No'ar next year. As for Dani, much has been made of her dedication to TEE over the past 3 years. She has given us her passion for Judaism, love of teaching, creativity for curriculum development, and expertise in connecting with our teens. She graduates from UC Berkeley this month and heads off on her next journey – Rabbinic School at Hebrew Union College. I am proud to call her a friend, mentee and now a colleague!!

Thank you again to the following teaching staff members for another great year:

- ✧ **Sherri Wiesner** – Bonim and VP of Education
- ✧ **Maggie Newman** – Giborim and Torah School
- ✧ **Dani Pattiz** – Mechina, Beit No'ar, Torah School, and TEE Youth Educator
- ✧ **Alissa Meltzer** – Shoshanim
- ✧ **Lynn Offenhartz** – Shomrim and Torah School
- ✧ **Deborah Jacobstein** – Art
- ✧ **Raya Magat** – Torah School
- ✧ **Cheriel Magat** – Torah School
- ✧ **Greg Turetzky** – Torah School
- ✧ **Samantha Wiesner** – Torah School
- ✧ **Jared Nussbaum** – Torah School
- ✧ **Rabbi Magat** – Confirmation and B'nai Mitzvah
- ✧ **Cantor Shafritz** – Confirmation and B'nai Mitzvah
- ✧ **Megan Hendrickson** – RS Administrative Assistant

Phil Hankin, RJE, Director of Education



**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE
2023 TEAMys**

Sunday, June 4 11:30 AM Brunch
 12:30 AM Meeting

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Tikkun Olam

National Council of Jewish Women CEO Sheila Katz spoke at Sunday, March 12's protest of Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich, including his threats to women's rights, alongside the Progressive Israel Network and UnXeptable. We've shared the full transcript of her remarks below.

NCJW doesn't normally protest government officials or elected individuals. Rather, we focus on policies and issues.

Like many other nonpartisan organizations, we strive to *work with* politicians on issues we care about — whether we agree with them or not. But there comes a time when it is no longer business as usual.

This is that time. Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich cannot be seen as just any other elected leader or politician.

The Torah teaches us not to stand idly by the blood of our siblings, and instead to engage and take action.

This is a moral emergency. We must name the deep pain that so many of us feel for what's happening in Israel right now, a place so many of us love.

It is with that love that we come here tonight — standing with our Israeli siblings — saying there is nothing normal, nothing acceptable about this moment.

It is unacceptable that Smotrich speaks openly of his desire for a society with unequal roles for women, subservient to the roles of men in government and beyond.

It is unacceptable that Smotrich has said that he is a “proud homophobe,” who has compared the Pride parade to bestiality, threatening the safety of the whole LGBTQ+ community.

It is unacceptable that Smotrich has advocated for segregated maternity wards to separate Jewish and Muslim women, threatening grave inequalities.

It is unacceptable that Smotrich has said that “Arabs are citizens of Israel ‘for now at least,’” threatening the hope and promise for a diverse, democratic, and safe state where both Jews and Arabs can flourish.

It is unacceptable that Smotrich has said that he wishes the founders of Israel had expelled all of the Arabs from the state at its founding, normalizing hate and exclusion.

And it is unacceptable that Smotrich threatened what amounts to genocide, calling to “wipe out” the Palestinian town of Huwara, which has over 5,500 residents. 5,500 people with dreams and aspirations. This validates and encourages violent actions which threaten Palestinian safety and disregard human rights.

Many people ask NCJW what we learned from the fall of *Roe v. Wade* here in the United States, impacting millions of people's access to reproductive care. I'll tell you what we learned.

When politicians threaten to take away our rights we must believe them — and we must act and organize accordingly.

We cannot normalize or simply accept politicians in government who don't act in the best interests of the people just because they were elected or invited to be in a coalition.

Yesterday after Shabbat, half a million people showed up on the streets of Israel to say loudly — *Demokratia!* — to say loudly that they will not allow the government to destroy Israel's democracy through its judicial overhaul plans.

We're here today to say our friends in Israel are not alone. And that we, the American Jewish community, who believe in the original vision and promise of the State of Israel, will not stand idly by.

We will not tolerate threats against women — including segregated national parks or punishments for failure to meet modesty standards at the Kotel.

We will not tolerate hateful rhetoric.

We will not tolerate violence or extremism; racism, incitement, or discrimination.

We will not tolerate this blitz of legislation to overhaul Israel's judiciary.

This is a moral emergency for the State of Israel.

Complacency cannot be an option.

We must refuse to normalize remarks like Smotrich's.

We must make it clear with our actions as Americans and as American Jews that we side always with democracy, with human rights, and with basic dignity.

We just left the holiday of Purim—in which we followed the leadership of women to fight back against genocide and hate. And now we begin our preparations for the holiday of Passover, where we will see hero after hero in the Exodus story—many of whom are women—take a stand, at great personal risk, for everyone's safety and freedom.

We must be in solidarity with our Israeli siblings, and shout out loud together with them: **DEMOKRATIA!**

The arc of the moral universe is long — and it doesn't bend towards justice on its own. **WE** bend it — together.

Sheila Katz, CEO, National Council of Jewish Women

**We're here
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friends in Israel
are not alone.**

My Take on the Torah – Chol HaMoeid Pesach – Exodus 33:12-34:26

This week's torah portion picks up right after the Golden Calf incident. God tells Moses to "Lead this people forward." Well, Moses wants some help with this task. God says that he will lead and lighten the burden. Then Moses takes it a step further asks God to present himself to Moses. God responds by saying that "I will make all my goodness pass before you." He also says that no human can see God's face and live. God says that he will pass by Moses and as he does so, he will shield Moses's eyes with his hand until after he passes.

Then God tells Moses to carve two more tablets like the ones Moses smashed upon seeing the Israelites

worshipping the Golden Calf and bring them up Mount Sinai. The next morning Moses went to Mt. Sinai with the new tablets and God then appeared in a cloud before Moses and as he passed Moses, he began to name what's known as the 13 Attributes of Mercy or Middot. The recitation of the middot is thought to be a way for the Israelites to gain favor with God should the Israelites fail again.

God then states he will form a covenant with the Israelites and proceeds to list several conditions including observing the Sabbath and Pesach. In exchange, God will "work such wonders as have not been wrought on all the earth or in

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We Remember



Those who have died recently

- Evann Aronoff**, mother of Sarah Mueller
- Marianne Mates**, grandmother of Stephanie Pollock
- Bradley Christopher Parkins**, brother of Megan Hendrickson
- Wells Wagner**, father of Allen Wagner
- Sherman Zell**, husband of Lois Zell

And those we have lost in years past

May 5

- Irving Altman
- Rachel Epstein Annan
- Mollie Bain
- Jerry Barnhart
- Victor Donath
- Toby Feigon
- Ellis Forbes
- Gerald Gagle
- Jack Gardner
- Rachel Glicksberg
- Helen Marchick Goldman
- Helen Marchick Goldman
- Lillian Heller
- Theodore Holstein
- Samuel Kahn
- Elvira Kakis
- Leonard Katz
- Dr. Robert (Bob) Kirshbaum
- Matthew Landers
- Helen Landman
- Louis Leven
- Sydney Levin
- Kate Levin
- Phyllis Levy
- Nathan Lewis
- Samuel Semmy Marcus
- David "Dudy" Messinger
- Isaac Miller
- Maxine Mutnick
- Bernard Nowitz
- Jamie Beth Nussbaum

- Harry Pollak
- Jerome (Jerry) Prizant
- Bernice Richman
- Laura Marie Rosen
- Carmen Rousso
- Isaac Rousso
- Philip Ruby
- Rohi Sahim
- Alan Siebler
- Carol Siebler
- Max Simans
- Sarah Simon
- Mollye Sockolov
- Seymour Louis Stone
- Robert Tobias
- Mildred Werba
- Robert Wooten
- Joseph Woron

May 12

- Sanford Alaynick
- Gertrude Altman
- Morris Atlas
- Claire Basist
- Marcus Joel Bernstein
- Juliet Roy Bloom
- Sophie Blumer
- Freida Ida Engleman
- Hirsch Engleman
- Jacob Feldmann
- Lena Feldmann
- Abraham Friedman
- Stanley Gold
- Margo Goldberg
- Philip Green

- Herman Greenberg
- Rebecca Greenberg
- Marguerite Heldt
- Jacob Ari Katz
- Michael Keyak
- Eddie Koppel
- Bobbi Lebo
- Nettie Lee
- David Levine
- Frederick Lissak
- Rita Loren
- Jack Mackay
- Kate Mamon
- Gary Melmon
- Rebecca Miller
- Jean Modiano
- Joy Newman
- Nathan Polock
- Evelyn Popkin
- Sheldon Prizant
- Anthony Rose
- Joseph Rosenberg
- Steven Rutherford
- Sarra Saltzman
- Julius Schatten
- Mort Schorr
- Max Schwalbe
- Gilbert Senigaglia
- Irina Shpigel
- Albert I Silver
- Frances Singer
- Max Sucher
- Samuel Telson
- Irwin Tuttelman
- Isak Yevelev

- Norman Zinker
- May 19**
- Frances Atlas
- Morton Barr
- Philip Basist
- Steve Berman
- Bernie Bernstein
- Meyer Bloom
- Max Boxer
- Ruth Bryman
- Emanuel Cohen
- Robert Cohn
- Neil Crotty
- Albert Diamondstone
- Anita Eisenberg
- Marilyn Feinstein
- George I. Frank
- Curtis Given
- Edith Goldeen
- W.C. Grammer
- Joe Jaffee
- Dora Kaisel
- Craig Karnal
- Martin Kirschenbaum
- Ina Korek
- Rachel Leiter
- Abe Lerner
- Morton Levin
- Raymond Levine
- Florence Libglid
- Rita Loren
- Michael Meltzer
- John Meyer
- Bluma Nadel

- Edith Nissman
- Robyn Noble
- Peter Patterson
- Tony Rose
- Doris Rosenberg
- Burton Rubenstein
- Zenda Rutansky
- Solomon Sahim
- Elfriede Schimek
- Daniel Singer
- Philip Svigals
- Howard Swartz
- Charleen Weinstein
- Mildred Wolfson
- Max David Yampol
- Laura Zollars

May 26

- Aaron Abelson
- Jack Abrams
- Rosalyn Applebaum
- Shirley Berger
- Maxwell H. Bloom
- Lollie Shaffer Brickner
- Idelle Cagan
- Adam Cintz
- Ida Clayton
- Adeline Cohen
- Charlotte Fisher
- Beatrice Fishman
- Julian Forster
- Judy Foxman
- Al Golden
- Joel Goldfarb
- Blossom Goldman

- Mae Citron Gordon
- Bernard Hawk
- Ethel Hirsch
- Ida Horshman
- Rose Hubert
- Eileen Jackel
- Howard Just
- Jennie Laskey
- Emily Grace Leiter
- Emil Loeffler
- Louis Lepausky
- Leslie Lerner
- Geraldine Levy
- Ethel Lindauer
- Emanuel Mauskopf
- Carl McClure
- Phyllis Messinger
- Grace Migdol
- Golda Miller
- Golda Miller
- Patricio Orozco
- Samuel Renkosinsky
- Herbert Hermann
- Schwalbe
- Oscar Shev
- Meyer Simon
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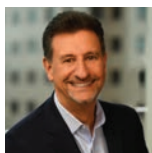
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any nation; and all the people who are with you shall see how awesome are God's deeds."

There is a lot going on in this passage, but it struck me as curious that Moses chose this time to ask God to make his presence known. After all, the Israelites just broke one of God's most sacred conditions with their worshipping of the Golden Calf. However, I think Moses deserves a great deal of credit for knowing his people. Recall that the Israelites are newbies to this monotheistic religion. The only exposure to religion they and their ancestors have had for generations is the Egyptians worshipping many gods that have been given anthropomorphic characteristics. Perhaps Moses thinks that the Israelites would have an easier time accepting God if they could identify God with something that is known to them. God chooses to remain unknowable and instead vows to smite their enemies and make them prosperous people.

I think this is one of the beauties of Judaism. It is not necessary to have an intimate relationship with God to be Jewish. And while visiting locusts on the Egyptians and smiting their first born might be a bit extreme, knowing God's presence through the wonders of nature or the joys of friendship and love are a little more understandable to me.



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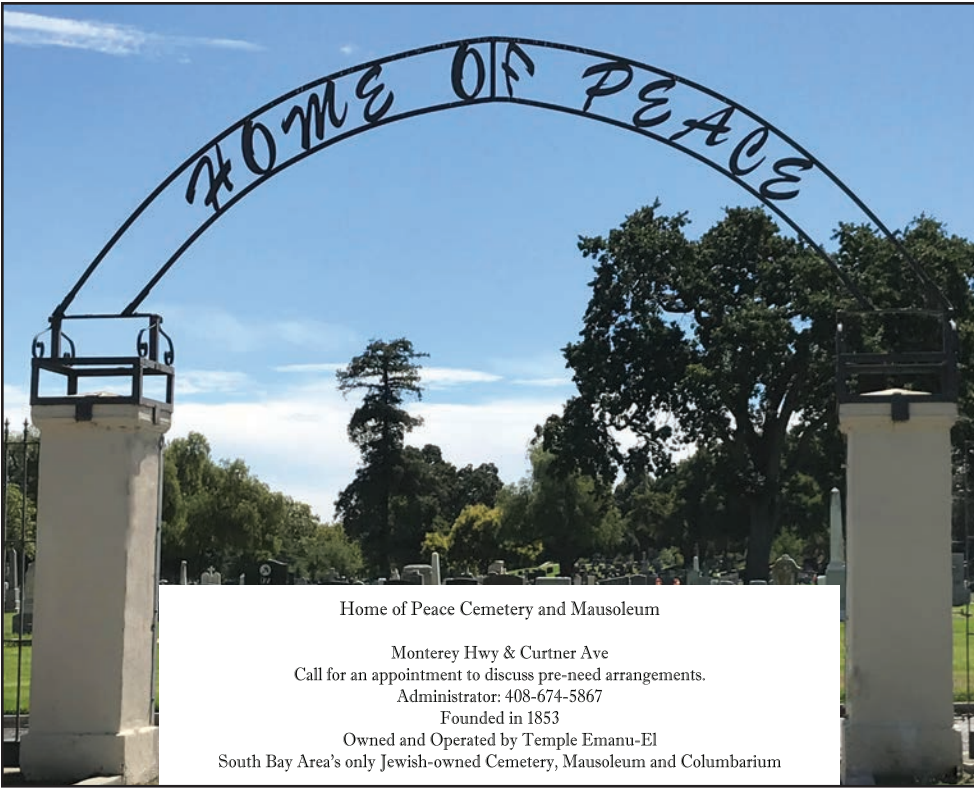
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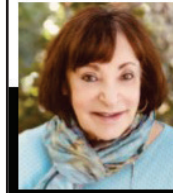
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	15	16	17	18	19	20
Mother's Day 12:30 PM – ZM Great Questions Group	12:00 PM – ZM Chat with the Rabbi 7:30 PM – IP Israel Dance			7:00 PM – ZM Jewish & Newish	6:00 PM – IP Tot Shabbat 7:00 PM – IP, ST Erev Shabbat Service	
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