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# November Service Schedule

Friday, November 3

7:00 PM Erev Shabbat Family Service led by Shomrim – IP. ST

Saturday, November 4 10:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Sage Zeltser – IP, ST

Friday, November 10 7:00 PM Ruach Shabbat Service – IP, ST

Saturday, November 11 9:00 AM Shabbat in Nature - IP

Friday, November 17 6:00 PM Tot Shabbat – IP 7:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service – IP, ST

Sunday, November 19 6:00 PM Interfaith Gathering of Unity &

Gratitude – IP Friday, November 24

6:30 PM Streaming Erev Shabbat Service – ST

# Interfaith Gathering of Unity & Gratitude November 19 at 6:00 PM

Please come join Rabbi Magat, Cantor Shafritz, and members of our Interfaith Community as we come together for a service of giving thanks. Please check out the website for more details.





# Shabbat in Nature November 11 at 9:00 AM

Join Cantor Leah Shafritz and Midpen Docent Naturalists Nancy Weintraub and Sabra Abraham for a special Shabbat in Nature in the Redwoods as we visit El Corte de Madera Open Space Preserve. Bring your hiking shoes for this special Shabbat experience.

# **GIWING**TUESDAY

# Mark Your Calendars!!!! November 28 is Giving Tuesday

Stay turned for a special surprise that will DOUBLE your gift to our Annual Campaign on that day...

# Annual Campaign



Our Annual Campaign is well underway, and as of October 19th, we are at \$21,164 raised, with a goal of \$100,000. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to help support Temple Emanu-El programing, services & more that we all enjoy on a daily basis.

We would also like to announce a save the date for GIVING TUESDAY, on Tuesday, November 28th, when ALL of your donations will be matched. That's right! The value of your donation becomes doubled, with \$1 become \$2, \$5 becoming \$10, and more!

> If you haven't yet gotten involved, please consider making a tax deductible donation here: https://www.templesanjose.org/annualcampaign

November 2023

# Temple Emanu-El's New "Circles of Connection" Program

# Let's Connect!

This year's membership theme is *Kesher* (Hebrew for connection), and in the spirit of Kesher, we recently launched "Circles of Connection". This is a new program for Temple Emanu-El members with a key goal of expanding ways for members to connect through activity-based interest groups (aka circles), form friendships and have lots of fun.

Over 100 members registered to participate in the Fall 2023 Circles which kicked off with an ice cream social on August 27! Members signed up for a variety of circles including: Pickleball, Photography, Movie Lovers, L'Chaim and Libations, the Supper Club, Hidden Treasures of the Bay Area, and Sunday Playdates in the Park. A big thanks to Sisterhood and Brotherhood for helping us have a successful kickoff.

The key to each circle's success is active participation, and I'm thrilled to say that all of our Fall 2023 circles are up and running with activities planned at least through the end of the year:

- The **Pickleball Circle** is over 30 members strong and includes folks who are brand new to pickleball, as well as seasoned players. The circle meets twice a week for some friendly competition and banter both on and off the court.
- The L'Chaim and Libations Circle had their first event at Hapa's Brewing Company. 20 members came out to enjoy some brews, schmoozing and a fun game of Jenga!
- The **Movie Lovers Circle** saw *Golda* and *Oppenheimer* and then met up to talk about the movies, socialize over drinks and snacks, as well as make plans for the next several months.
- The **Hidden Treasures of the Bay Area Circle** will be visiting the Salesforce gardens in SF in October.
- The Supper Club, Photography and Sunday Playdates in the Park Circles are also going strong!

The "Circles of Connection" program would not exist without the hard work of the Circles planning committee - a dedicated group of membership volunteers who are passionate about creating Kesher. They include: Virginia Beck, Suzanne Boxer-Gassman, Rebecca Frederick (former chair), Jamie Gold, Shirley Lee, Bobi Levine, Bev Mendel, and Rachelle Vogler.

# Save the Date!

If you didn't have a chance to join a Fall 2023 circle or you're a current circle participant and want to continue the fun, please join us for our **Spring 2024 Circles kickoff on 03/03/24**. At the kickoff, we will introduce brand new circles (possible ideas include running, golfing, gardening, family adventures, theater and music lovers, and a Sunday morning walking club), as well as continue some of the most popular Fall circles.

If you have ideas for our Spring 2024 Circles, feedback on our current circles, or want to join our fabulous planning committee and help make this new program even better, please contact us at circles@templesanjose.org.

Hope to see you at a circle!

Rachelle Vogler, VP, Membership









# D'Var V'zot Hab'rachah Deuteronomy 33:1-34:12

This week's parshah starts off with Moses giving the Israeli people a blessing as a farewell before he goes up Moab to Mount Nebo to take his last breathes. He

blesses each of the twelve tribes. He then goes up the steppes of Moab to Mount Nebo. The Eternal is there and, because Moses is not allowed to enter the Promised Land due to an earlier transgression, God gives Moses a 360-degree view of the Promised Land. Not only that, but he also gives Moses a view of the whole land, all the troubles and triumphs the Israeli people have been through and the troubles and triumphs yet to come.

Moses then dies at age 120 and, according to God, his eyes were undimmed and his vigor unabated. God buries Moses in a near-by valley in a secret grave. No one knows the place where Moses is buried. The Israelis mourn for 30 days in Moab. Joshua is installed as the new leader and the Israelites heed him. The last few sentences of the Torah are a short eulogy to Moses. And with that, we start again with the first words of Genesis.

During Simchat Torah, Jews have been doing this tradition from time immemorial. We end one book and go right back to the beginning and start again. Are we just chasing our tail? The stories are the same, the troubles and triumphs don't change. What are we expecting? Well, here is the interesting part. Even though the words are the same, we change. We are a year older, and hopefully wiser. Not only have we changed, but the world has changed as well. We can read the same stories, but we will probably interpret them with a different lens than we did last year. Think of watching your favorite movie every year and picking up some nuance you didn't see last year when you watched. Every time I watch the Godfather, I inevitably find something new that I didn't see the last time I viewed it. Perhaps something I learned during the year has bearing on one of the scenes that I that I was completely oblivious to during the prior year's viewing. Every experience you have in life has an influence on how you look at and interpret the world around you. The more you learn the richer your experience can be.

I think this same concept can be applied to the Rabbi's desire this year to examine all the minhagim we practice at Temple Emanu El. Usually, we do the same traditions year in and year out, just as we leave Deuteronomy and restart with Genesis on Simchat Torah. This year we should look at all the traditions we have to make sure that as time has passed, these traditions have kept up with the passing time. We must be mindful of current traditions that can be interpreted as exclusionary and as we develop new traditions, we should be as inclusive as we can. That is the way can grow as a synagogue and as a people.

David Heiman, President

# Home of Peace Cemetery 2023

Temple Emanu-El has been both owner and administrator of Home of Peace Cemetery since its founding in 1861. It's been regarded as the only Jewish Cemetery between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

In a continuing effort to stay competitive with our surroundings we review and adjust the value of our available inventory, increasing as we see necessary the prices of our graves and cremation niches. As price changes are coming we want to notify our temple family in advance, to give you the opportunity to purchase property before the price increase takes place.

Currently longstanding Temple members, in good standing, can purchase for \$6,250 a double depth grave or a companion niche in the Cremation Garden Wall for \$4,250. Members wishing to purchase property at the current price should contact <u>cherie@templesanjose.org</u> before the end of December.



# Two State Solution?

Brotherhood has graciously allowed me their spot in Connections to address the situation in the Middle East. I wrote this blog primarily for my non-Jewish friends to get a clear perspective in light of conflicting reports and shifting sympathies.

Dear Friends,

Huge events have transpired lately, and the world is responding in different ways. I would like to share my perspective on the situation, to clarify as much as I can.

Hamas, internationally recognized as a terrorist organization, supported by the world's extreme sponsor of terrorism, Iran, attacked citizens of Israel in the most inhumane and evil way imaginable. This was triggered by recent peace talks between Israel and Saudi Arabia, which would strengthen Saudi Arabia against Iran. The peace talks included a potential territorial solution for the Palestinians, which would end support for Hamas and Hezbollah.

# HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

What is the Palestinian Arab's and Jewish connection to the land? Let's step way back.

Jews have lived in the land of Israel for about 4000 years, first as different tribes under regional leadership, which included the land west and east of the Jordan River. At around 1000 BC King David consolidated these tribes into one nation, "Israel." Jerusalem was the capitol, and the Jewish Temple was built there. Christianity and Islam would come later.

This land was conquered many times by Assyrians, Babylonians, Greeks, Egyptians, Crusaders, Persians, Romans, Arabs, and more. Jews were exiled, but returned when they could to their ancestral home, and rebuilt the Temple which was destroyed by its enemies repeatedly. The Romans named the area Palestine, after the region called Philistia, where Gaza is today. Many of the occupying powers attempted to erase the history and culture of the Jews, and the Arabs purposely built their Mosque of Omar directly on top of the site of the destroyed holy Jewish Temples.

When the Ottoman Empire was defeated in WWI, the Middle East was divided up by the British and French to suite their geopolitical needs, and Palestine was occupied by the British. Jews and Arabs continued to live in peace, side by side in Palestine. Because of endless persecution, Jewish leaders pushed for reestablishing their Jewish homeland. In 1917 a Jewish homeland in Palestine was supported by the League of Nations, which entrusted the British with the Palestine Mandate in 1922. Although Jews lived in their ancestral homeland continuously, many had been forced to leave by the conquering entities mentioned above, and now saw potential opportunities to return. The increasing Jewish population, which the British severely limited, was perceived as a threat to the Arabs (The Arabs did not call themselves Palestinians until after their defeat in the 1967 Six Days War with Israel). Subsequently, in 1948, the United Nations resolved that Palestine should be divided into 2 separate states, Jewish and Arab, and the British wanted out. Although their proposed land would be severely diminished in size, the Jews accepted the resolution and the Arabs did not (their first refusal to accept a 2-state solution). The Jews established the State of Israel (the only democracy in the Middle East), which the United Nations voted to approve and the United States was first to endorse. The next day well-established Arab armies of Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon attacked the new state from all sides to drive the Jews into the sea and take it all. It was an all-out war of survival for Jews against impossible odds, and many of the Arabs living in Israel fled or were forced out during the war. When Israel won the war, the result was a cease-fire, no peace, and a refusal to recognize Israel's right to exist.

In 1967, Arab armies again attacked Israel with the same objective to drive the Jews into the sea. They lost the war. Israel warned Jordan not to join the conflict, but they did, and they lost control of the West Bank and Jerusalem. For the first time since 1948, Jews now had access, previously denied, to their holy sites, and Israel opened the holy city of Jerusalem to all religions. Arabs living in the area now called themselves Palestinians, not Jordanians.

Israel also captured Gaza and the Sinai Peninsula from Egypt, and returned them (and the oil in Sinai) in exchange for a peace treaty in 1979. The Golan Heights was captured from Syria, where it mounted continuous attacks against Israeli farming settlements below. Another Arab attempt to destroy the Jews in 1973 had the same result with great loss of life.

## THE PALESTINIANS

The Palestinian People want their own state. I have to believe that they generally want what we all want; to live in peace and prosperity for the future of our children. They have had several opportunities after 1948 to have their own state, the most recent in 2000 and 2008. Why did they turn it down?

The Palestinians have been victims of extremely poor and corrupt leadership. They would not accept offers of statehood because they want the whole area, including Israel. This is not possible, and so they purposely remain refugees to gain international sympathy, and, since they teach their children to hate and kill Jews (suicide bombers are heroes), they spawn terrorists. No recognition of Israel's

# Sisterhood

As one of the newest members of the Temple Emanu El Sisterhood and its Board, I'm still getting to know what Sisterhood is all about and I thought I'd share with you some of what I've learned so far as well as provide an update on our activities!

Historically, sisterhoods served two purposes: social and political. Sisterhoods had their roots in the late 19th century, when women organized to provide housing and jobs for Jewish immigrants coming from Eastern Europe. After World War II, they influenced many minhagim such as Shabbat luncheons and supported educational activities, such as Religious and Hebrew school. During the Civil Rights Movement, sisterhood groups broadened their advocacy into areas such as desegregation and eventually abortion rights, social advocacy, etc. To put us in historical context, our Sisterhood was formed in 1920.

Temple Emanu El's Sisterhood's mission is as follows:

We are a service organization dedicated to promoting the programs of the WRJ (Women of Reform Judaism), and URJ (Union for Reform Judaism). That support calls us to:

- 1. Uphold and aid the activities of Temple Emanu-El and its Religious School.
- 2. Foster and further the highest ideals of Judaism and humanitarian causes in the community and throughout the world.
- 3. Promote closer fellowship among its members

What it doesn't say in our Mission, that I've learned in my short time on the Board, is that we're a really neat group of bright, dedicated women with big hearts, helping hands and ready smiles who love Temple Emanu EI and who have a passion for supporting others in our Temple community. We also operate the Gift Shop and oversee the Tree of Life (donations to which benefit the Levin Learning Center and School Building Fund).

So, what are some of the ways we do that? Funny you should ask. Here's what we did in October and what you can look forward to in November:

- A good time and great meal were had by all at our Divas Dine Out at Chef Chu's on October 8.
- Our first Tot Shabbat dinner of the New Year took place on October 20. For those of you who don't know what Tot Shabbat is, it's a service designed specifically for families with young children. Afterwards, the Sisterhood provides dinner. Don't worry, if you missed the one in October, our next one will be on November 17, starting at 6:30 PM. And, if that date doesn't work, we host these once a month!
- And, mark your calendars for other exciting upcoming events: Zoom Bingo on November 5 and our Sisterhood Holiday Fair on December 3.

If you'd like to help plan events with us or just get to know your Board better, please feel free to come to our next Board Meeting on Sunday, November 19th at 10am.

If you haven't seen our newly designed webpage, please visit us at Sisterhood - Temple Emanu-El (templesanjose.org) and check out photos of past events and a calendar of upcoming and current events. If you have any questions about Sisterhood, including how to join, please email us at <u>sisterhood@templesanjose.org</u> or contact any one of our Board Members. If you become a member of Sisterhood (for a small tax-deductible donation of \$36/year) you'll receive e-vites for our virtual and in person events. Hoping to see you soon!

## Mindy Cutcher, Corresponding Secretary

# Two State Solution? continued from page 4

right to exist, no peace, only hatred and war. Israel has had to contain the West Bank and Gaza to protect itself from terror attacks. Fences, walls, inspection points and attacks on terrorists and their infrastructure had become necessary, and of course the Palestinian civilians suffer as a result.

Israel, along with the United States and many other western nations follow humane rules of war as it pertains to civilians. Terrorists do not. Where terrorists purposely target civilians, Israelis are careful to avoid civilian casualties, and actually notify them prior to an attack. What army does that? And, side note, 18% of Israel's population are Arab Israeli citizens with full freedoms and political representation in the government.

So, what does the future hold? After the recent horrific events (still not over at the time of this writing), I believe it will take a generation to revisit the possibility of a 2-state solution. This could only happen if terrorists are neutralized (eliminated, isolated, unsponsored, weakened, rendered obsolete). Otherwise, they continue holding the civilian population hostage, and they live in a 12th century world, "God is Great, kill the infidels."

Uri Gottfeld



# **Religious School**

# Is Jewish Education an Extra-Curricular Activity?

As some of you might know, I live in Oakland and am a member at Temple Beth Abraham. As a member of a Conservative synagogue, I used to receive

copies of The United Synagogue Review, the bi-yearly magazine that was published by the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ) for all congregants of USCJ affiliated congregations, much in the same manner that you used to receive copies of Reform Judaism Magazine in the mail from the URJ. About 17 years ago, I was struck by an article written by Rabbi Jerome M. Epstein, then executive vice-president of the USCJ. He stated that on his travels across North America he was struck by comments from congregants and leaders regarding the future of the Conservative Movement. "Because Conservative synagogues and ideology have inspired so many Jews, committed congregants voice both concern and hope for the movement's future." The thrust of the rest of the article centered on four ways that congregants could best strengthen the Conservative Movement. He did not put forth earth-shattering revelations, nor did he state ideas that could be only linked to the Conservative Movement. His comments could be applied to every Jewish group/ institution throughout the entire North American Jewish community. The premise was that the more time, energy, and resources you devote, the stronger and more united we all become.

The one comment that really hit home with me was the following: "We are all over-programmed, but our spiritual life and education must have a significant place on our agenda if we want Conservative Judaism to have an impact. Carve out some time each week to devote to activities in your synagogue." What he was really saying is that your Jewish life, and for that matter the lives of your children, cannot become compartmentalized. "Being Jewish" cannot become an extra-curricular activity in much the same way soccer, baseball, piano, dance, etc. becomes in our lives.

Soon after I read that article, while working at one of my previous positions as Director of Education at Congregation Kol Shofar in Tiburon, I posed the following question to a group of 5th graders at the religious school: What days of the week are you Jewish? The answers were not surprising. They ranged from "Tuesday/Thursday afternoons" to "Sunday mornings" to "only on holidays" to "every night when my parents and I sing the Shema before I go to bed." The overall impression of these 10-11 year olds was that the days that they come to religious school are the only times that they are Jewish. The rest of the week was devoted to their "regular" life. What is missing here? The exact point that I try to make to parents every day: If you think that sending your children to religious school once or twice per week will make them Jewish, you are missing the boat. One of Rabbi Epstein's comments is that "...congregations exist to enrich the lives of their members." We, at Temple Emanu-El, offer many programs meant to enrich your Jewish lives but it all goes to waste if you do not take this enrichment home with you and use it. We cannot make your children Jewish through the education of attending TEE's Religious School. It is you who make your children Jewish. It is the commitment that you show in the synagogue and the programs offered that reflect in the seriousness of your Jewish life. The more Judaism becomes extra-curricular, the more the fabric of Jewish society becomes tattered at the seams.

I found this quote in an article from the J back in 2017. It reflected on the findings from the most recent Pew Research Center's Portrait of Jewish Americans survey at the time. Among the conclusions of the researchers was (not surprising) that:

"Jews who are more connected to other Jews through their adolescent and young adult years are more likely to marry, to marry younger, to marry Jews and to have Jewish children. Camps, youth groups, Israel travel, campus activities and young adult communities all build Jewish social networks. Those connections build friendships that lead to marriage or romantic connections...Creating more Jewish marriages and filling more Jewish baby strollers inevitably leads to seeing more Jews in the pews, as well as other places where Jewish engagement gets acted out."

All this leads to why I became a Jewish educator and why camp was a driving force in my formative years. This why I have shaped TEE's Religious School to be a place where the students find connections with their classmates, the Temple, the clergy, their teachers, Jewish history, Torah, Israel, Tikkun Olam, and camp. This is their happy house and, coupled with their family connections to Judaism, they will look upon their Jewish education as the foundation for a strong Jewish identity. My hope is that TEE's Religious School is not viewed as an extra-curricular activity and that the program fills a void. The program is not a Bar/Bat Mitzvah "factory" but a place of learning and discovery, relationship building, and identity formation.

Please come and sit in the "pews" on a Sunday morning and feel the energy and excitement. You are all invited!



# Preschool

Digging for trains and making friends, eating pizza and playing chase, learning to read and write names, learning Hebrew and counting in Spanish, counting flowers and chasing bugs, the life of preschool is always such a wonderful adventure. As teachers we spend our days surrounded by some of the most wonderful people on earth. We take the trust that each parent gives us seriously and we honor that trust by treating each child as our very own with the love and respect that they deserve. As I go off to spend my day amazing little friends, enjoy a few pictures of the world of TEPS.

Barbara Smead, MA.Ed Director of Early Childhood Education





Sage Ray'a Zeltser, daughter of Sarah Zeltser and granddaughter of Alex and Tamara Zeltser, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on November 4, 2023. Sage is an 8th grader at Yavneh Day School who loves music, playing guitar, creating digital artwork, and coding. Sage is an amazing artist who has created and illustrated numerous graphic comics. She has an eclectic taste in music that is sophisticated beyond her years and loves to express herself through her unique sense of style. Sage deeply cares about others as evidenced by her recent decision to become a volunteer Beta Tester for Brightn, a new App that's empowering young adults to improve their mental health by building their own one-page mental wellness plan. Sage's Mom, Grandparents, and older sister, Aurora, are incredibly proud of her diligently studying in preparation for this momentous event and are thrilled to celebrate this milestone with friends and family from near and far. Sage is especially excited that her big sister Aurora has chosen to put her Aaliyah to Israel on hold until after Sage's Bat Mitzvah!

# We Remember

#### And those we have lost in years past

#### November 3

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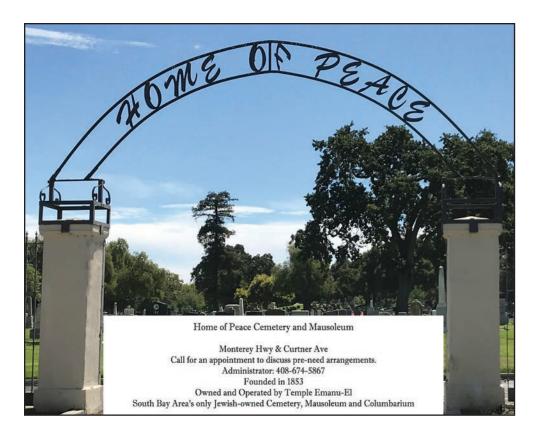
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