

# Temple Emanu-El Connections

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IP In Person Event\*

ST Event will be Streamed on Temple Website and YouTube Channel

ZM On Zoom\*

\*Pre-Registration Required

#### October Service Schedule

#### Friday, October 6

Erev Simchat Torah

5:30 PM Pizza Dinner in the Sukkah – IP 6:30 PM Erev Shabbat Simchat Torah Family

& Consecraction Service - IP, ST

#### Saturday, October 7

9:30 AM PJ Shabbat – IP 10:00 AM Brunch – IP

10:30 AM Simchat Torah Morning &

Yizkor – IP, ST

11:30 AM Torah Study – IP

#### Friday, October 13

7:00 PM Erev Brotherhood Shabbat Service – IP, ST

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Saturday, October 14
9:00 AM Shabbat in Nature – IP

#### Friday, October 20

6:00 PM Tot Shabbat – IP

7:00 PM Ruach Shabbat & Membership

Commitment Recognition & Aufruf -

IP, ST

8:00 PM Festive Fall Oneg hosted by

Membership - IP

#### Saturday, October 21

10:30 AM Tegan & Lailah Sarasohn B'nai Mitzvah – IP, ST

#### Friday, October 27

6:30 PM Shabbat at Home - ZM

#### Saturday, October 28

9:00 AM B'nai Mitzvah Prep Class Morning

Minyan – IP



We're excited to celebrate Sukkot with you for an entire week! Join us in the Sukkah from October 1 to October 6 for wonderful opportunities for everyone.

#### **Events include:**

- Interfaith Sukkot Experience (October 1)
- Board Game Night in the Sukkah (October 4)
- Scotch in the Sukkah (October 5)
- · And more!



We wrap up the High Holy days on Friday, October 6 with Simchat Torah and our Family Consecration service!

Everyone is welcome to dine in our Sukkah with a free pizza dinner, followed by the unrolling of the Torah, and consecrating all of our new Religious School students!

Be sure to register to attend!



Join Temple Emanu-El Preschool at **Round Table Pizza\***October 17, 4:00-8:00 PM, for a wonderful dinner!

A portion of every meal purchased will be donated to our preschool as part of this FUNdrasier. Dine in or carry out, it doesn't matter. Come support TEPS! Be sure to mention Temple Emanu-El Preschool when you place your order.

\*2615 The Alameda. Santa Clara



# Erev Rosh Hashanah Sermon 5784 "What is our Minhag?"

Right before the service began, the Rabbi approached the Congregant wearing a Kippah. And said to him. "We do not wear those on our heads in this synagogue."

The stunned congregant looked up at the

Rabbi, embarrassed he took his kippah off.

That really happened at a reform synagogue!

That story was told to me, during the first year of my rabbinate. When I was the Assistant Rabbi and Director of Education for Temple Israel of Greater Miami. The former senior rabbi of that congregation would not allow anyone to wear a kippah/yalmelkah. He believed that Reform Jews don't do that! And it was the Minhag, custom of that Synagogue for many years. In fact, I was only the second Rabbi to wear a kippah on that bima in its 100 year history. Custom of the place which we call Minhag HaMakom is a thing.

It is not uncommon coming to a new synagogue and hearing"

This is how we do things!!!

Forever we have done that this way and we will do it forever that way!!!

And if that is what we actually did as a people we would not exist today. Tradition is meant to be balanced with modern sensibilities. That is what reform Judaism is all about!!!

I remember when I started at Emanu-EI in 1999, one of the first conversations I had with the then Board of Trustees, was how we were not going to use that phrase... "this is how we do things".... We used the phrase... we have done x this way but there are other's ways to do it. Hard to imagine that that was 1999.

In my wildest of dreams, I could never have imagined standing before you this moment, preaching my 25th Erev Rosh Hashanah sermon at the same synagogue. Wow.

I almost can't believe it!

What makes me most proud is that I have been able to grow and change as your rabbi because you have created a safe and loving space for me as your rabbi to do so.

So too I learned early in my career that becoming a rabbi is not just about attending a seminary, student pulpits and writing a thesis. The education truly came out in the field. My pulpits in Niagra falls NY, Portsmouth OH and Simi Valley, CA as a Student Rabbi and my pulpits in Miami, San Diego and here as an ordained Rabbi all contributed to my learning. And after 24 years at TE I am still learning.

Anyone in education knows that learning and teaching are interwoven experiences.

Now as I have begun my 25th year at Temple Emanu-EI I could never have imagined how blessed I am to have the relationships I have with so many beloved people. And those relationships have helped to fashion and grow my rabbinate. My calling has been nurtured and developed over these 24 plus years, And so too I understand that change is not only inevitable, but a normal part of

life. Which is why I go to conventions, attend various classes and learning experiences, I am part of American Leadership Forum and always looking for opportunities to grow. Throughout the year I work on my leadership style, my communication skills and set time to study text. I am involved with as much learning as I can be in the Jewish Community and the Interfaith Community.

I think for all of us growing in whatever we do in life- be it our job or profession, school, how we act with loved ones, how we parent, how we grandparent, how we are as a friend - are all opportunities for growth.

After 30 years in the rabbinate, I embrace the next opportunity for growth. One thing that is predictable is change. I have and will continue to reshape my rabbinate based on the needs of our congregation and the world we are living in.

With our new and improved Synagogue Campus... we have the opportunity, to rethink who we are and what we do. What excites me is that I get to embrace a new chapter as a rabbi as we as a synagogue embrace our next chapter. This means that we all need to be willing to embrace the inevitability of change. My role is not to tell our youngest membership how we have always done things. My role is to integrate their perspective into our collective whole. We have to be a synagogue for all generations.

Every synagogue has its uniqueness. Which results from a combination of the people, location, style and minhag.

What is minhag?

Minhag is custom, tradition. Every place has its own Minhagim. In fact, in Jewish law Minhag HaMakom, custom of the place has the same power as Halakhah, Jewish law. One of the great examples of this is the Kippah. According to our Tradition Kippah began as a minhag, a custom that men would wear something on the top of their heads. A community that was wearing kippot, wrote to the Sanhedrin, the center of rabbinic thought and decision making for the Jewish community. The Sanhedrin made the statement that if everyone is wearing a kippah then it must be Halakah, Jewish law. So wearing a kippah for men began as a minhag and became Halakah, Jewish law.

Some minhagim are newly created, and some have been institutionalized. Minhagim are the actions that we do that brings us a sense of connection and holiness. That helps us to identify who we are and what we stand for.

And this year Minhag will be our theme for the year. As we take a deep dive into our customs and traditions.

For this is an opportunity for us to consider what we do. What should we maintain as our current minhagim and what should we just stop. What new minhagim should we be thinking about? Do our minhagim embrace all the elements of our synagogue community? young and veterans of life, single and married, queer or questioning, those with young families and those who are empty nesters, nuclear families, blended families, interfaith families, and everything under the sun.

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Are our minhagim relevant and bring meaning into our lives or are they empty rituals that do the opposite?

Let's consider what Minhagim we do at TE.

Granted, I recognized that for many of these minhagim, I have suggested them and we have tried them out. They have either stuck or didn't.

For example, before the Mourner's Kaddish on a Erev Shabbat like we will do this evening, As a name is read we invite people to stand who are grieving that person prior to reciting mourner's kaddish. Why? It allows each griever to have a moment of acknowledgment and allows the rest of us to approach that person at the oneg so that we can provide some comfort. It also echos an old tradition in Judaism of only grievers standing and reciting Mourners Kaddish. This is a good example of taking an old tradition and reworking it in a modern way.

Also in a service we recite out loud the second line of Shema. Why? I wanted to maintain one minhag from our classical reform tradition.

So too at my first service in 1999, I switched our Aleinu from the traditional one that focuses on particularism of Judaism to a more universal vision of Judaism. So too a decade ago we changed our Kiddush from , meaning "from all people" to , meaning "with all people."

The same change I make when I do the before Torah blessing for an Aliyah. Some others have followed suit.

These are all examples of a minhag being created for the purpose of underscoring the value of inclusion and universalism.

But we have other minhagim that we do in our synagogue that are not liturgy related.

I also changed in 1999 who lights Shabbat candles... from just women only, to anyone Jewish or Jewish adjacent.

On a Bar, Bat, Bnai, Bi Mitzvah we have parents and grandparents regardless of their faith participate in the Torah passing. This is a statement of how we view inclusion at our synagogue.

So too we invite interfaith families to participate fully in our life cycles. Those minhagim for me are about inclusion. Every child in our synagogue should feel like their family is normal!!! (or as abnormal as the rest of us!)

Another Minhag we will do on Yom Kippur is circling the sanctuary with shofarot at Neilah. We started that in 2000 or 2001.

Of course we have many Food minhagim! Like for Pesach... egg in salt water... all the different variations on karpas.

Often those minhagim come from a specific location. What one does in Greece and what one does in Poland are often different.

Each of our minhagim should make sense. Should have a rationale and should bring us connection. Otherwise, why have it? Dr. Alvin Reines' notion that there can be a silent Holocaust resulting from doing empty rituals makes sense to me. If we did Bnai Mitzvah like we did it 100 years ago it would not have meaning today. Which is why we have reinterpreted Bnai Mitzvah as a time to begin the process of reacquiring one's autonomy from their parents. Which hopefully will occur at some point!

Some minhagim we have dropped because they have no meaning today or are outdated.

I will give you an example...

Traditionally the first-born male child, Vaginally delivered goes through the ritual of Pidyon Habin. The redemption of the first born son. Echoing the story in the beginning of Exodus about the first born son. We do not do this ritual. Why? Because it is only for males who are first born. It is a ritual that classifies and divides us... so no thank you!!! You're out!

Another minhag that I reject, is the bride walking around the groom seven times. Give it any modern twist you want... in the end it says one thing to me. And I will not be part of something that tells one gender they are subordinate to another. And at this stage with the work many in the interfaith world are trying to do, I do not want to participate in rituals that underscore the misogynistic nature of our society. If a ritual is not accessible appropriately to all... It is out!

In our movement we have rejected many things. And usually it is out of thoughtful consideration as well as modern sensibilities.

The litmus test is if it brings you meaning do it. If not... don't!

That is why I love new rituals and minhagim that bring meaning.

My thesis in rabbinic school was creating a new ritual that had not been done up to that point. I created rituals for grieving involuntary and voluntary miscarriage as well as still birth.

And today we have new rituals for one who discovers their true gender identity....

For when one starts to drive a car. When one goes through a transition in their life...

Part of creating minhagim is trying out new ones and seeing if they work for us.

Tonight is an example of us trying something out and seeing if it works.

The thought is that Rosh Hashanah should be a celebration in part since it celebrates the new year and new opportunities. Why does it have to be a mini Yom Kippur, somber and reflective. We can start the teshuvah process of being reflective while also jamming out a bit.... Can't we? You will let me know!!!

Minhag HaMakom, custom of the place for our synagogue should be a balance of tradition, meaning, and innovation.

I feel so blessed to have been a rabbi for 30 years, 24 as your rabbi. And I am so excited about our future. If you look at our new and beautiful website you will see the phrase we have used to describe our Synagogue: "Rooted in Tradition, growing our future". That is what we are all about. This year let us understand our foundation, our roots of tradition. For only then can we grow our future.

May this new year be one of growth for each of us and may that growth lead us to deeper Kesher, connection with one another so that we can create at our beloved Temple Emanu-El an energy of peace and comfort for all who are in our Emanu-El family.

And may our synagogue be a place where we renew our spirits and renew our strength.

Amen. Rabbi Dana L. Magat



# President HHD Speech 2023

Fiddler on The Roof is one of my favorites Broadway musicals. It was the very first professional theater production I attended. My parents took me and my sister to see it when I was nine years old. One of my favorite lines in

the production is when Teyya is explaining how the people in the village of Anatevka manage to keep their balance amid mishigas. He says, "And how do we keep our balance? That I can tell you in one word...Tradition!

A tradition is a belief or behavior that holds special meaning or significance and is handed down through generations. Traditions can be very beneficial, but they can also keep people from moving forward. Gandi said something the effect of it is good to swim in the waters of tradition but hold on to them too tightly and you can drown.

Traditions are important because they can provide connections to our past, a sense of belonging or identity, and continuity in our lives. Our celebration here today is an example of a tradition that accomplishes all of those. Rosh Hashanah connects us to our past. Jews before us celebrated Rosh Hashanah for many millennia. By celebrating today, we show our connection to our ancestors and perpetuate the tradition so it can be passed on to future generations.

Participating in shared traditions can help people feel like they fit into a new culture or group. Just think of all the emigres that landed on Ellis Island. They settled in the Lower East Side not knowing a soul. Being able to participate with other Jews in a celebration like Rosh Hashanah must have made them feel a little more comfortable in their new world.

And while traditions can have many benefits for society, they can also be used to justify discrimination or subjugate people or groups that are different from mainstream society. Traditions that are unbending or based on values that forgo the rights of certain sectors of society are extremely harmful to humanity. Harmful traditions can become so engrained in our daily lives that they become immune to change or scrutiny. We all have heard phrases like, "boys will be boys," or "that is always how it has been done." Those traditions can be used to entitle certain groups or stifle innovation. Traditions have been used to institutionalize hate and prejudice to marginalize certain groups of society. These uses of tradition are detrimental to all of us.

As the Rabbi mentioned last night, we will be examining the traditions we have in our own temple. As we do this, we need to be mindful of not only of the good attributes of those traditions like connection and belonging, but we must be on the watch for those attributes that can perpetuate exclusion, hatred, or prejudice. We can continue old traditions that give people a sense of identity or insight into other cultures and we also need to be open-minded to new traditions that promote inclusion and acceptance. Tevya, in *Fiddler*, was so intent on clinging to traditions that limited his family's choices that he almost lost his daughters in the process. We certainly don't want to end up as Tevya did.

One tradition that Temple Emanu El has been practicing for quite some time is our Annual Campaign. This tradition enables us to operate our synagogue which gives us a place to realize our Jewish identity. Membership commitments do not cover all the operating expenses of the temple. The Board suggested an increase to membership commitments this year, and I am ever grateful to those members who were able to increase their commitments. However, the expenses to run the temple increased even more. To close the gap between expenses and commitments we rely on generous contributions to the Annual Campaign. If you can help us close that gap, the campaign runs now through December 31.

Shana Tova David Heiman, President







# Sisterhood

Sisterhood and Brotherhood co-sponsored a very successful Back to School BBQ for our religious school students and parents on Sunday, September 10. Sisterhood continues to support our religious school

students by funding the art program led by our amazing teacher, Deborah Jacobstein. In addition, we continue to offer our teachers a materials reimbursement. Our financial support of our religious school spans decades so we decided to honor our members and students with two benches outside of the religious school building. Be sure to look for the inscriptions at the dedication on November 18.

Our **Divas Dine Out** is a fun way to meet new friends and enjoy a meal together. **Please join us at Chef Chu's on October 8 for lunch at noon.** The details can be found on our new Temple website link! We will list five upcoming events at a time on the website. Thank you to Shannon Brown, Oliver Housman, and Stephanie Pollock for the new improved website design!

If you haven't had a chance to send a small donation of \$36 to Sisterhood, we would appreciate the support so we can continue to offer fun programs and activities. Although it is a membership drive, it is really a tax-deductible donation to support our Temple, Religious School, and social events for our members. Members can be as active as they choose. Our fiscal year is from July 1-June 30, 2024, so please consider a donation. The donations are appreciated and allow us to continue to support our religious school programs, Tikkun Olam events, and our monthly Tot Shabbat dinners for parents of children under 5 years old.

If you haven't received your letter from our President, Joy Powell, about Sisterhood and the enclosed remit envelope, please email us at sisterhood@ templesanjose.org. Our membership letter is also online.

Thank you to Judy and Bob Levy for shopping and cooking our first **Tot Shabbat dinner which will be held on Friday, October 20, 2023 at 6:30 PM**. Parents have expressed how much they enjoy a night out. Our Brotherhood auxiliary will be joining Sisterhood this year in ensuring we have enough volunteers to cook, serve, and clean-up.

Please join us at our next Board meeting and share your ideas with us.

We welcome new ideas for events. We will meet at Temple on Sunday, October 15 at 10:00 AM.

Judy Levy, Sisterhood Vice President

# Adult Education

The Adult Education Committee is please to announce two exciting new Adult Ed opportunities in October.



# CYBERSECURITY & PROTECTION:

Please join us for our first Sunday Speaker of the year on October 15, 2023.

Hear some valuable tips and advice from cyber security expert, Phil Shannon, of ID Shield. Today, we need to worry, not only about information that is on our own devices, but also, that which resides elsewhere, whether with our financial institutions, medical providers, or a myriad of other online locations. We will begin with a "bagel and coffee" brunch at 9:30 AM, followed by Phil's presentation at 10:00 AM. and then a brief question and answer session at 10:45 AM. All Temple and community members are invited to participate. Please sign-up on the Temple website.



#### INTRODUCTION TO RABBINIC LITERATURE

A Two-Session Sampler: Join Rabbi Magat for an exciting new experience, a two-session "sampler"

course that will sample various types of rabbinic literature. Included will be some of the most notable Jewish literature written by prominent Rabbis throughout the ages. This course is scheduled for Sundays October 29, 2023 and November 5, 2023 at 10:00 AM at the Temple. For those participants who want to continue, there will be the opportunity to join a group that will meet periodically to study specific rabbinic literature, determined jointly by course participants and group facilitators. All are welcome to join this exciting new option. Please sign-up on the Temple website.

Len Schreibstein Adult Education Committee Chair



# Religious School

October is known for many things (beer drinking in Germany, dressing up in costumes at the end of the month, the World Series to name a few). In my house it is also recognized especially for being Breast Cancer Awareness month. Pink is the color of the month. The

National Football League mandated many years ago for its players, coaches, and referees to wear pink as part of their uniforms as a show of support (no longer – they use October as "Crucial Catch" to brig awareness to all cancers). As my wife is a breast cancer survivor (19 years and going strong), October is an important month. What other commemorative months do we have on the calendar? Off the top of your head, what jumps out to you when you think about various monthly commemorations? Besides October, what about February? (Black History Month) June (LGBTQ+ Pride Month) I draw a blank after that. So where do I go to look up what other months have special attachments? The internet, of course:

# https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\_of\_commemorative\_months

The list seems endless. I did not know that July was National Ice Cream month. Makes sense, though. Did you know that May is Jewish American Heritage month? It was enacted into law by President George Bush in 2006. It is meant to "enable the exploration of the meaning of religious pluralism, cultural diversity, and participation in American civic culture". That description does not sound particularly specific to American Jews, but let's go with it anyway.

Why do I bring up the subject of calendar commemorations? October is the month when Simchat Torah typically falls. This year it is October 6-7. On Simchat Torah we celebrate the ending of the Torah reading cycle: the reading of the last words of the Torah in Deuteronomy and beginning again with the opening words in Genesis. We commemorate that we have once again lived another year learning and engaging with Torah and our community. We enter another year studying the same material but with a different reading lens. I like to say that our reading glass prescription has changed. Our lives in the past year will shape how we glean insight from the ancient words of our tradition as we interact with them this year. For me, I have the great opportunity to take what I have learned from my years served as a Jewish educator at multiple institutions, apply them to Temple Emanu-El's ancient text, and create

## **Brotherhood**

For the first day of Religious School on September 10, the Brotherhood organized a breakfast and a lunch with Sisterhood helping as well. The event was well attended and fun for all.

The brotherhood is proud to continue to be the official movers of our High Holy Day services to the Heritage Theatre in Campbell, this past month. Our brawny members loaded and unloaded whatever is needed to make HHD services run smoothly and bring in the Jewish New Year. The annual Brotherhood Scotch in the Sukkah event will be in early October on Thursday the 5th. The event is led by Shannon Brown, Bob Levy and Roy Volger with Jim Pollock in charge of the liquor. Come and join us to sample many varieties of Scotch and liquors from around the world. All are welcome to join.

This year the Brotherhood will again sponsor the Erev Shabbat Service taking place on October 13. All are encouraged to attend.

On October 1 there was a Brotherhood sponsored hike which everyone enjoyed. There will be another on October 22. Going forward we look to have them frequently. Non-members to Brotherhood are welcome to participate with us.

Jeff Rudy, Brotherhood President

something magical and exciting for years to come. As we enter into the month of October, where we wear pink to commemorate those who have survived or lost their battle with breast cancer, as well as this year when we don white on Yom Kippur (September 24-25), we also enter into the new Torah cycle which allows us to see things we might have missed years earlier. On Friday evening, October 6, beginning at 5:00pm with a pizza dinner, we celebrate this renewal of Torah by also bringing into the fold the newest learners of our community, the students who have joined the TEE Religious School within the past year. We supply them with gifts, most precious of all being a mini Torah for each of them to have and hold and cherish for the rest of their lives. We want these new students to interact with the text and, as Rabbi Ben Bag Bag states in Pirkei Avot 5:22: "Turn it, and turn it, for everything is in it. Reflect on it and grow old and gray with it. Don't turn from it, for nothing is better than it."

Phil Hankin. RJE. Director of Education





### Preschool

September was an amazing month in the preschool! From school pictures and to our Back To School Picnic it was a month of laughter and of course making new

friends. One of our highlights always includes celebrating Rosh Hashanah and listening to Rabbi blow the shofar. At TEPS we focus on more than just academics, we learn what it means to be a friend and that includes how we treat friends, make friends and that we really can have more than one friend. Our kids are so kind and compassionate. I saw a great example of this at our Back to School Picnic. A child we did not know came to our area with her mom and the mom asked if we were recruiting new students. I shared that



this event was simply a back to school picnic for our families. The little girl really wanted to join in and I invited her to participate in the fun. She and her mom went off to play with the face paint, bubbles, balls, etc. When I checked in on her about a half an hour later she had a huge smile on her face and was playing with 3 of our TEPS kids who happily told

me they were taking care of our new friend. If only we could all learn from the children! This month we also celebrated the 20th anniversary of Miss Kari! She has been a staple in our Little Star room since 2003 and is truly one of the best 2 year old teachers that I have ever had the pleasure of working with. We love her dedication and hope for many more years with her here at TEPS.













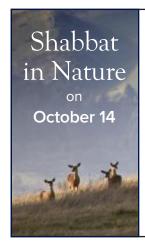


# Annual Campaign

Our Annual Campaign is well underway. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to help support Temple Emanu-El programing, services, students and more that we all enjoy on a daily basis.

If you haven't yet gotten involved, please consider making a tax deductible donation here:

https://www.templesanjose.org/annualcampaign



Start the Jewish Year off with Shabbat in Nature as we explore Parashat Bereshit (In The Beginning). We will be hiking at Montebello Open Space (Waterwheel). We will discuss the natural and geologic history "in the beginning" as we take in the beautiful sweeping vistas from the Black Mountain Summit where we will have a brief ritual discussion, take in the views, and stop for a trailside snack. Please register online for this unique Shabbat experience.

# We Remember

#### Those who have died recently

Nancy Markham, mother of Chris, Sarah and Anne **Genevieve Dishotsky**, mother of Rebecca Dishotsky **Bobbye Gorenberg**, mother of Martha Bronitsky Lucille Delman, mother of David Marcus

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

**OCTOBER 6** Fanny Elka Abelson Abraham Abelson Rose W. Aronoff Charlotte Axelrod Anna Berman Lee Chandler Sharon Chastain Bernard Delman Kenneth Douglas Dee Erlichman Eugene Foxman Ellen Sue Freiberg Sydney Friedman Isaac Goldstein Murray Hirsch Rick Hoffman David Jackel Jason Jurman Marian I Kaplan Florence Kristal Louis Landman Maggie Larsen Jonathan Lotman Sol Manning Lillie Mehr Ruth Mendel Alfred Morris Abe Ofsaiof Gussie Panikoff Gertrude Rott Harry Rubenstein Charles Rubin Lily Shulman Loren Siegel Sophie Silverstein

#### OCTOBER 13

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Ralph Muslin

#### **OCTOBER 27**

Hilda Altman Dolly Barkin Ben Berman **Shirley Boyers** Laura Bruckheimer Lena Erlichman Cannell Nettie Chatoff Theresa H. Epstein Jean Claire Farber Michael Feinman Geraldine Kahn Feldman Dorothy Frankel Grace Freiberg Andrea Gabbert Hyman Garshon Adrian Gaynor Charles Gold Melvin Grant Edward Hochman Peter Hubert

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Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood

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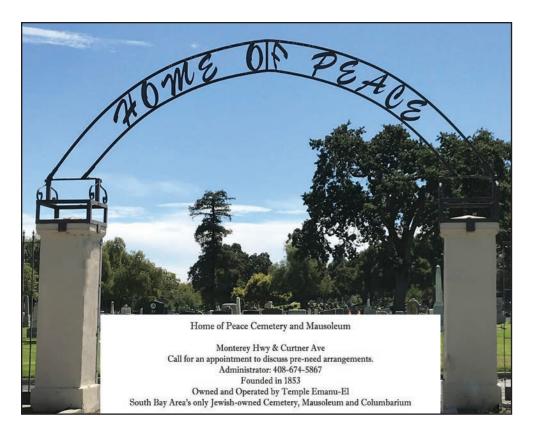
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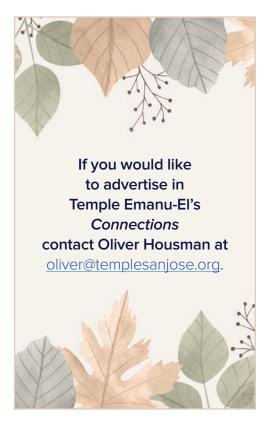
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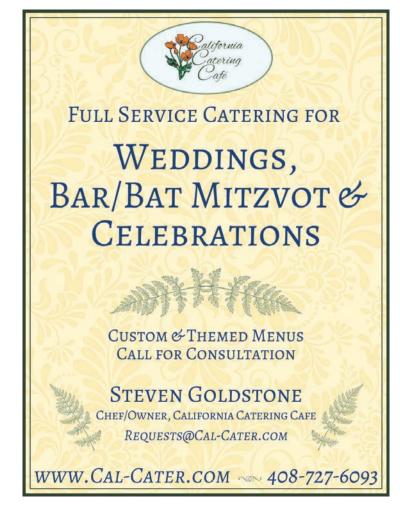


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| Saturday  | 9:30 AM – IP PJ Shabbat 10:00 AM – IP Brunch 10:30 AM – IP, ST Simchat Torah Morning & Yizkor 11:30 AM – IP                           | 9:00 AM – IP   | 21<br>10:30 AM – IP<br>Tegan & Lailah Sarasohn<br>B'nai Mitzvah   | 28<br>9:00 AM – IP<br>B'nai Mitzvah Prep Class   | PLEASE VISIT THE<br>TEMPLE EMANU-EL WEBSITE<br>FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE<br>CALENDAR LISTINGS                                    |
|-----------|---|--|---|--|--|
| Friday    | Erev Simchat Torah 5:30 PM – IP Pizza Dinner in the Sukkah 6:30 PM – IP, ST Erev Shabbat Simchat Torah Family & Consecraction Service | 7:00 PM<br>Erev Brotherhood Shabbat<br>Service   | SOO PM – IP Tot Shabbat 7:00 PM – IP, ST Ruach Shabbat & Membership Commitment Recognition & Aufruf 8:00 PM – IP Festive Fall Oneg hosted by Membership | 27<br>6:30 PM – ZM<br>Shabbat at Home  | PLEASE Y<br>TEMPLE EMAN<br>FOR THE MOS<br>CALENDA  |
| Thursday  | 5<br>6:00 PM – IP<br>Scotch in the Sukkah   | 12   | 7:00 PM – ZM<br>Jewish & Newish   | 26   | d on Temple Website &  |
| Wednesday | 6:00 PM – IP Board Games & Brews in the Sukkah  | 11 10:00 AM – ZM ZIGZAG Grandparent's Group 12:00 PM – IP, ZM Hybrid Lunch & Learn 5:00 PM – IP B'Nai Mitzvah Prep 6:30 PM – IP Wednesdays are EESY  | 18<br>5:00 PM – IP<br><b>B'Nai Mitzvah Prep</b>   | 25<br>12:00 PM – ZM<br>Lunch & Learn Torah Study<br>5:00 PM – IP<br>B'Nai Mitzvah Prep<br>5:00 PM – IP<br>Wednesdays are EESY<br>6:30 PM – IP<br>College Care Packages | IP — In Person Event* ST — Event will be Streamed on Temple Website & YouTube Channel ZM — On Zoom* *Pre-Registration Required |
| Tuesday   | 12:00 PM – ZM Chat with the Rabbi 7:00 PM – IP Board Meeting 7:30 PM – IP Israeli Dance   | 10<br>12:00 PM – ZM<br>Chat with the Rabbi   | 12:00 PM – ZM<br>Chat with the Rabbi<br>7:30 PM – IP<br>Israeli Dance   | 24 12:00 PM – ZM Chat with the Rabbi 7:00 PM – IP Intro to Judaism   | 31<br>12:00 PM – ZM<br>Chat with the Rabbi   |
| Monday    | C   | O  | 16  | 23   | 30   |
| Sunday    | EESY Sleepover in the Sukkah<br>5:00 PM – IP, ST<br>Interfaith Community Sukkot<br>Experience   | 9:30 AM – IP Religious School 10:00 AM – IP Brotherhood Meeting 10:00 AM – IP New Member Tea with the Rabbi 12:00 PM – IP Sisterhood Diva's Dine Out | 9:30 AM – IP Religious School 9:30 AM – IP Speaker Series 10:00 AM – IP Sisterhood Meeting  | 9:30 AM – IP Religious School 1:00 PM – IP Abrahamic Alliance Cook & Service   | 9:30 AM – IP Religious School 10:00 AM – IP Intro to Rabbinic Literature   |



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