



Temple Emanu-El Connections

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February 2024

Machaneh Emanu-El

CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT

FEBRUARY 23-24, 2024

@ Temple Emanu-El

Come have fun, sing, dance, create, celebrate, and build relationships with fellow congregants! Open to all Temple members—singles, families, kids, seniors!

A 24-hour experience at Temple, that mirrors a day at camp, but you get to sleep at home in your own bed! Service, dinner, and activities Friday night, home to bed, 'shul-in' for teens, then back to Temple Saturday AM, where activities continue all day (with no Religious School on Sunday).

**REGISTER ON THE
TEMPLE WEBSITE
BY FEBRUARY 18**

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Turn to pages 6-7 for more details

IP	In Person Event*
ST	Event will be Streamed on Temple Website & YouTube Channel
ZM	On Zoom*

*Pre-Registration Required

February Service Schedule

Friday, February 2

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

Saturday, February 3

9:30 AM Pajama Tot Shabbat – IP
10:00AM Brunch – IP
10:30AM Morning Minyan & Torah Study – IP

Friday, February 9

7:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service – IP, ST

Friday, February 16

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

Friday, February 23

6:00 PM Camp Style Shabbat Service – IP, ST
6:45 PM Retreat Shabbat Dinner – IP

CIRCLES OF CONNECTION IS A HIT!



Temple Emanu-El's
Circles of Connection
Committee
invites you to

SPRING CIRCLES KICKOFF EVENT

Sunday, March 3, 2024

10-11:30am • Temple House • Bagel Brunch



**Spring 2024 Circles will begin forming
at this Bagel Brunch in-person Sign-up Event**



Returning Circles: Pickleball, L'Chaim & Libations, Park Playdates, Bay Area Hidden Treasures
New Circles: Listen to the Music, Take a Hike, Walking, Board Games, Stitchers, Running, Poker

**RSVP to attend on the Temple website • Bring your calendars
Sign-ups for new and existing Circles is required in order to participate in the new spring session!**

*Even if you can not attend this kickoff event, please RSVP with your interest.
Open to ALL Temple members including families, singles, empty nesters, young and old!*

Contact Rachelle Vogler at circles@templesanjose.org with questions about Circles of Connection.

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Words From the President

As I am writing this article, we are one day away from the end of the Annual Campaign. While I do not have final numbers, we are extremely close to attaining our goal of raising \$100,000. I want to thank all the congregants (and some non-congregants) who were

able to donate to the campaign. Their generosity will help fund programming such as Circles of Connection, Klezmer Corned Beef and Knishes, Shabarbaque, the Religious School and our Adult Education program. As I mentioned in a previous article, we need to raise funds with an Annual Campaign each year because the commitments we all pay do not completely cover the expenses of running the temple and all the amazing programming we have.

The board is working to lessen our temple's reliance on the annual campaign to balance our budget. There are several proposals the board is considering as possible revenue streams. We also need to be able to utilize the revenue streams we currently have at their highest and best uses.

In 2021, the board took on the project of determining the highest and best use of the cottage that was donated

to the temple several years ago. There was a proposal to sell the cottage and deposit the proceeds of the sale into an endowment that would generate a distribution to the general fund of the temple each year. At that time, Steve Krandel moderated a Town Hall meeting of the congregation over Zoom to discuss the issue. There were a variety of opinions expressed during the meeting. The board then decided to keep the cottage and rent it out to refugees referred by JFS. The refugees are no longer living in the cottage and the board decided it was time to resume the discussions on the cottage.

The board would, once again, like to get input from the congregation. There will be a Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 6:00 pm, in the Temple House. There will be more details of the meeting coming in the next few weeks. After the meeting the board will decide on the next steps for the cottage. The options that will be presented include keeping the cottage as another meeting room, renting the cottage at market rates, or selling the cottage and depositing the proceeds into an endowment that would provide a cash distribution to the temple annually. If there are any other scenarios that anyone would like the board to consider, please let me or Stephanie Pollock know.

David Heiman, President

TEMPLE EMANU-EL GALA 2024

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25 YEARS OF SERVICE



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**SATURDAY EVENING
APRIL 20, 2024 • 6PM**

WATCH FOR YOUR INVITATION
& MORE DETAILS IN FEBRUARY!



Cantor Notes



February 9 ushers in the Hebrew month of Adar. Now, if you're thinking that February feels way too early to welcome the month that contains the holiday of Purim, you are absolutely right. But this Hebrew calendar year happens to be a leap year, and instead of adding just one day, as in the Gregorian calendar, we add an entire month, giving us Adar I and Adar II, with Purim

celebrated in the second of the two months. Traditionally Adar is a month of happiness, pulling from the joyous celebration of Purim that occurs on the 14th day of the month. In the words of a Purim song borrowed from a line of Talmud, "*mishenichnas Adar, marbin b'simcha*," – when Adar enters, we increase our joy.

And with two months of Adar, we get double the joy! After a cold, wet winter following a fall that brought us deep sadness, uncertainty, and increased levels of antisemitism that are still present, this sounds like a pretty good (and well-timed) deal to me. It may feel strange to pursue moments of joy during a time of immense difficulty for our people and while our hearts ache for those who are suffering in this war, but I would argue that it is, in fact, necessary. While we hope that the warmer, sunnier spring weather will help pull us out of the doldrums, increasing our joy can also be an intentional act. We've already had some recent practice

at this: over the past few years of a pandemic, we've had to find ways to try to keep ourselves uplifted in abnormal circumstances, and maybe we've even found some new activities or hobbies that bring us joy.

I would like to encourage us to make use of this gift of two Adars this year. Perhaps we can dedicate one month to increasing or rekindling joy in our own lives - make it a point to do things for yourself that will reinvigorate you, and help you to move forward from whatever stuck place you might be in. And the second, focus on bringing joy to others in our TEE community and beyond, particularly those who may have a more difficult time increasing joy for themselves. Around Purim we traditionally do this by sending *mishloach manot*, bags of treats and goodies, to friends and family, and to those who may be more isolated in the community. This feels especially needed right now given the increased isolation and rejection we are feeling as a people.

Think of ways you might reach out and bring joy to others this Adar, whether it's sending *mishloach manot*, going for a walk with someone in the temple community you've been wanting to get to know better, picking up the phone and having a good conversation with someone you haven't spoken to in a while, or offering to drive someone, who may otherwise not be able to go, to an upcoming temple event. And there's so much more. I have a feeling that whatever you choose to do might just increase your joy as well.

Cantor Leah Shafritz

Thank you to everyone who attended our 20/20 Renovation Celebration on Saturday, January 20th!

We were honored to have over 250 congregant, community members in attendance, and local elected officials, including San Jose Mayor, Matt Mahan, D.A. Jeff Rose, Councilmember Dev Davis, State Senator Dave Cortese, and Martha Kreeger who represented State Senator Aisha Wahab.



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It was a great celebration and dedication of the renovation on January 20, especially with the addition of the rain. Why? Because our temple site is designed to accept the rain! The decomposed granite paths around the property and landscapes in the Storytelling Garden, Palm Oasis and Tree of Life Park, are all permeable; water goes through them, gets filtered and cleaned by layers of earth, before it charges the water table. You may have noticed in the Summer Songs Courtyard that the sprinkles seemed to disappear during the dedication. It's not magic, it's a permeable paver. The water slowly goes right through this open-pore concrete paver. The rainwater that falls on this site spends some quality time here to water the plants, instead of running off to the storm drain, where fast moving water carries pollutants from hard surfaces on the ground into our waterways. Stay tuned each month, as I will discuss each area of the renovation project, as well as other special attributes in more detail.

*Your architect,
Michelle Kusanovich*

Sisterhood

Sisterhood is starting the new year with several activities. We hope you can join us. Thank you to Yvonne Nemec for being our Membership Chairperson this year. She continues to email and call new members to share about Sisterhood and our role at Temple. Hopefully, if you haven't sent in a \$36 tax-deductible donation, you will consider this month. Donation forms are available on-line at the auxiliary link listed on the TEE website. Please contact Sisterhood at sisterhood@templesanjose.org to learn more about us.

We continue to sponsor monthly Tot Shabbat dinners. We are grateful to our volunteers including Ellen Rudy, Jeff Rudy, Judy Levy, Bob Levy, Robin Feinman, Beverly Mendel, Yvonne Nemec, and Joy Powell. They shop, prepare dinner, and serve dinner to our young families with children under five. Thank you to Joy Powell for donating craft supplies for the December Tot Shabbat and to Robin Feinman and Yvonne Nemec for serving our guests.

Please join us in February for one of our events.

February 8, Thursday at 5:00 PM for Divas Dine Out at Palermos located at 791 Auzerias Ave., San Jose

February 22, Thursday at 7:00 PM for Zoom Bingo. Come learn about the flora of Israel, build your own Bingo board with 24 names, and win a gift card! Look for your Evite.

We are excited to have some art activities, community outings, walking groups, and Mahj Play dates this coming year. Be sure to check your email, Connections, and weekly Temple blast for more information.

Thank you to our new board member, Minda Cutcher, for organizing our Tzedakah Box art activity in January! Thank you, Phil Hankin, Religious School Director, for sharing with our attendees the importance of Tzedakah. We loved having our religious school families participating in a Sisterhood event.

Monthly game nights continue to be fun. Thank you, Anita Medeiros, for coordinating these events. Join us on **February 25, Sunday at 6:00 PM–9:00 PM.**

We are planning a Membership Appreciation lunch in March to say thank you for being a part of Sisterhood. Some members have been long time supporters for over 50 years! Please look for your invitation in the mail later this month.

Judy Levy, Program V.P.

New Member Highlight

Robert Meyers & Caitlin Strickland



Partners, no kids, one 14-year-old dachshund named Archibald.

Why did you choose to join Temple Emanu-El? Was there anything special or unique?

From our very first Shabbat at Temple Emanu-El we felt a connection. The community has been so welcoming and supportive that joining was an easy decision.

Brief Bio?

Robert is the Director of Publishing at Bad Egg Publishing, a new publisher that works with streaming creators to make comic books and graphic novels.

Outside of work, he is an avid tabletop gamer (D&D, Warhammer, etc), amateur photographer, and nothing makes him happier than cooking a meal for friends and family.

Caitlin is a first-year law student at Santa Clara University and is a member of its inaugural Public Interest J.D. program. She is passionate about carceral system reform, restorative justice, and racial justice. Before law school, she worked in LGBTQ+ family law and housing and homelessness services. She enjoys curling up with a good book and spending time in the sunshine.

What is your favorite Jewish food & why?

Oh gosh. There are so many favorites! Robert has to go with a classic: matzo ball soup, and a pastrami sandwich will always be close to his heart. Caitlin is very fond of brisket, and of course challah.

What book is on your nightstand? (Include author's name)

Robert: Aside from the never ending stack of comics, sci-fi/fantasy novels, and game books, my current read is Portico, the new cookbook from Leah Koenig: (<https://www.kitchenartsandletters.com/products/portico>)

Outside of her pile of textbooks, Caitlin is reading Eye of the World, the first novel in the Wheel of Time series by Robert Jordan.

What is your hometown?

Robert grew up in Morro Bay, California.

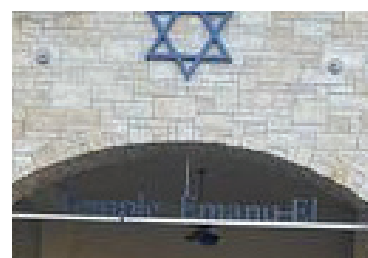
Caitlin lived in South San Francisco and Mendocino as a child, and grew up in Canby, Oregon.



Preschool

Brrr it has been cold!!! Here at TEPS we have been singing songs about snow, enjoying rain and of course snuggling under our warm jackets. Though we get pretty mild weather here, we do like to teach the children about weather all around the world. Snow is definitely one of their favorites and the songs about making snowmen always get the most giggles. Those who follow us on social media were able to enjoy a fun song by our Bear classroom in early January all about 5 snowmen. At TEPS we also strive to teach the importance of helping others and we try to do this at a level that the kids can understand. We welcomed our kids back from winter break with a special Pajamas and Pancake evening. Since one of our favorite activities is having pajama days we talked with the kids and explained that not all kids are fortunate enough to have pajamas to wear just as not all kids have enough food to eat. They seemed to understand this idea so for our Pajamas and Pancake evening each child brought a pair of pajamas to donate to a child in need. They were excited to help others and share their love of jammies at the same time. The children of Temple Emanu-El Preschool are very special, kind hearted and loving people! We are currently enrolling for the Summer and Fall of 2024 and we are filling up fast!! Please reach out for a tour and to sign up your child. Temple members do get priority registration and a tuition discount. I can be contacted at Barbara@templesanjose.org. We also can be followed on both Instagram and Facebook.

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





Religious School

The last time we had a synagogue retreat, it was 6 years ago. What a wonderful weekend we had! The sun was shining, the smiles were big, the art was spectacular, and the fun was infectious. We had approximately 70 people join us for an inspiring 24-hours in early

February 2018 at 1010 University Ave. We brought in the Dynamic Duo of Isaac and Rabbi Shawna Brynjegard-Bialik to lead us in two art projects, one of which is pictured above (and, for a while, was hanging in the Temple House). This coming February, we will again be bringing Rabbi Shawna and Isaac back for a return engagement. They will be bringing their creative flare to TEE for another exciting, Camp-style Shabbat experience. We will be creating various art projects that will serve as permanent displays in our newly-expanded Sukkah. In addition to our esteemed artists-in-residence, we will be bringing the Camp Newman Shabbat experience to TEE: Shabbat service, dinner, singing, Israeli dancing, tie-dyeing, It's Its, and much more! From sundown on Friday February 23 through till sundown on Saturday February 24, you will have the opportunity to experience what all campers do each and every summer – the magic of Camp! You can register on the Temple website or at this link:

<https://www.templeanajose.org/event/CongregationalRetreat2024>



Photo from our last congregational retreat on February 19, 2018



Isaac & Rabbi Shawna Brynjegard-Bialik leverage contemporary narratives from comics and pop culture to **inspire** your congregants to find **new insights in traditional texts**, with programs steeped in Torah and midrash, designed to **attract, engage, and energize** adults and teens, guiding them to **create art** in a way most of them have never tried before.



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Religious School

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Proposed Daily schedule

(Actual Schedule may vary)

FRIDAY, February 23

- 5:00 PM Arrive and Shabbat Prep art activity
- 6:00 PM Family Kabbalat Shabbat – (Sanctuary)
- 6:45 PM Shabbat Dinner – (Temple House)
- 7:30 PM Birkat Hamazon, Shirah and Israeli Folk Dancing - (TH)
- 8:30 PM Parents and younger students (ages 11 and under) go home
 - Teens and BM students stay for Shul-in
 - Games/Movie/Popcorn

SATURDAY, February 24

- 8:30 AM Boker Tov
- 9:00 AM Breakfast for everyone (BFR)
- 9:45 AM Shabbat Morning Family Service - (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 AM Torah locations based on ages
- 10:45 AM Break
- 11:00 AM Family Art Project part 1 with Isaac and Shawna (TH)
- 12:30 PM Lunch (BFR)
- 1:15 PM Outside for Chofesh options (free choice) (staff running various activities)
 - Board Games
 - Ultimate Frisbee
 - Soccer
 - Art (lanyards/friendship bracelets/finger knitting)
- 2:15 PM Se'udah Shlishit and It's Its
- 3:00 PM Family Art Project II with Isaac and Shawna
- 4:30 PM Break and Shabbat meditation
- 5:30 PM Havdalah

Phil Hankin, RJE, Director of Education

Brotherhood

One of Temple Emanu-El Brotherhood's missions is to aid the Religious School. Thus in January the Brotherhood served a Back to School lunch for all attending. A successful blood drive was held in January as well.

On Feb. 25, there will be a Brotherhood hike led by David Goldberg around the Almaden Quicksilver Park. Signup and details are on the TEE Calendar. In March, there will be a Brotherhood member dinner.

The Brotherhood's mission includes events and opportunities not just for its active members, but for all of Temple Emanu-El. The Brotherhood regularly supports Religious School and other aspects of our congregational life through arranging meals and providing labor behind-the-scenes to make our Jewish life thrive. All members of Temple Emanu-El are welcome to join us at our monthly planning meetings, or to support us financially through joining our roster or via a one-time contribution. Please email brotherhood@templeseanjo.org to learn more.

David Goldberg Brotherhood President



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IT'S GONNA BE RADICAL



New Member Highlight

Jonathan & Helen Solnit



Children & Ages:

Alisa - 12, Talia - 9

Why did you choose to join Temple Emanu-El? Was there anything special or unique?

We came to check out the Hebrew school for our daughters and loved the community.

Phil had us doing Israeli dances for the first time since high school!

Brief Bio?

I've worked in Silicon Valley my whole career. Currently I manage software teams for Rivian, an EV company in Palo Alto. We love hiking as a family and often spend time kayaking and paddle boarding on the Russian River in Sonoma.

What is your favorite Jewish food & why?

Latkes are delicious. Matzah ball soup is a family favorite.

What book is on your nightstand?

I'm reading "Left Hand of Darkness" by Ursula K. Le Guin and "The Lord of the Rings" to Talia. Alisa is addicted to the Shadow and Bone series by Leigh Bardugo and Helen is reading "The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig.

What is your hometown?

Cupertino

We Remember



Those who have died recently

Judith Schwartz, mother of Sarah Nolan

Joan Gootherts

Meyer Goldberg, brother of Sura Weiner

And those we have lost in years past

February 2

Mike Arronson
Leonard Baker
Larry Barko
George H. Barnett
Rabbi Sidney M. Berkowitz
Louis Berman
Harry Berman
Ellen Bonnema
Abraham Boxer
Mildred Borts Briskin
Michael Cahn
Julian Cannell
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Murray Segal
Pauline Katz Senders
Elain Byer Sollod
Beatrice Stein
Julius Stein
Arthur Stein
Roslyn Suntop
Jerry Turchin
Liane Wanamaker
Rubin Wargon
Rubin Wargon
Ann Wiener
Al Winter

Frances Wolfson

Betty Yules

February 9

Bertha Aft Crawford
Charles Atlas
Michael Barko
Lee Bell
Beverly Bobb
Bob Burdman
Steven Busch
Phineas Clayton
Phoebe Cohen
Cynthia Coit
Judith Diamondstone
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Louis Friedman
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Thomas Mahoney
Maurice A. Martin
Hugo Matzner
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Henrietta Mintzer
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Corinne Ravel Retchin
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Bernie Rosenberg
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February 16

Lillian R. Ackerman
Bernice Blaustein
Samuel Blaustein
William Bloomfield
Mollye Blumstein
Mae Brash
Yetta Broder
Robert Brody
Betty Burton
Jennie Chargin
Clara Cohen
Joshua Cohen
Daniel Cunningham
Sydney B. Davis
Harold Fletcher
Harold Fletcher
Jon Gassman
Sadie Gizang
Maurice Baruch
Gluckman
Sylvia Goldberg
Joseph Gordon
Helene Graff
Rose Greenberg
Shirley Asch Handloff
Irma Hartfield
Lena Jaffee
Yetta Konits
Sophie Koppel
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Sid Silverman
Lee Robert Silverman
Ann Sogolow
Bernie Stern
Mollie Thailer
Phil Toren
Allan Weinstein
Sofia Yampolsky
Cameron Zwern

February 23

Rudnicki Barbara
Richard Burriesci
Cissi Carl
William Davenport
Sandy Davis
Ben Finkel
Florence Carol
Gambord-Avrech
Joseph Garshon
Juliet Hyde
Juliet Hyde
Selma Karchem
Abraham Katz
Irving Kotlier
Flossie Krandel
Herbert Lee
Martin Levitt
Sylvia Lurie
Gayle Lutvak
Jeanette Lutvak
Harry Miller
Sarah Herd Miller
Marcia Morris
Berna Nanneman
Sandra Plavin
Charles Polansky
Howard Recht
Betty Rinsler
Isadore Rosenthal
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Morris Saslaw
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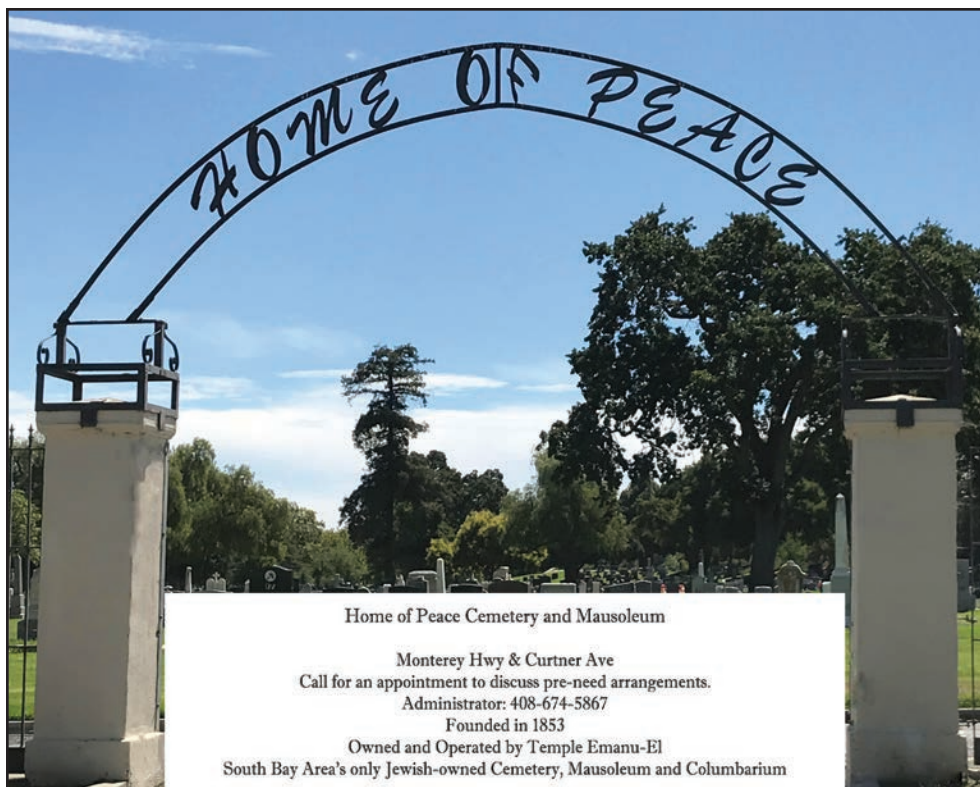
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4 9:30 AM – IP Religious School 10:00 AM – IP Death & Dying Class 11:30 AM – IP Confirmation Class 5:00 PM – IP Klezmer, Corned Beef & Knishes Deli Night	5 12:00 PM – ZM Chat with the Rabbi 5:00 PM – IP Preschool Open House 7:30 PM – IP Israeli Dancing	6 5:00 PM – IP B'nai Mitzvah Prep Class 6:30 PM – IP EESY	7 12:00 PM – ZM Chat with the Rabbi 5:00 PM – IP Preschool Open House 7:30 PM – IP Israeli Dancing	8 12:00 PM – ZM Chat with the Rabbi 5:00 PM – IP Preschool Open House 7:30 PM – IP Israeli Dancing	9 7:00 PM – IP, ST Erev Shabbat Family Service led by Shomrim	10 9:30 AM – IP Pajama Tot Shabbat 10:00 AM – IP Brunch 10:30 AM – IP Morning Minyan & Torah Study
11 9:30 AM – IP Religious School 10:00 AM – IP Brotherhood Meeting 10:00 AM – IP Death & Dying Class 10:00 AM – IP Sisterhood Board Meeting 11:30 AM – IP Confirmation Class 1:00 PM – IP – District 6 Candidate Forum with PACT	12 10:00 AM – ZM ZIGZAG Grandparents Group 12:00 PM – ZM Chat with the Rabbi 6:00 PM – ZM Town Hall Meeting 7:00 PM – IP Intro to Judaism	13 10:00 AM – ZM ZIGZAG Grandparents Group 12:00 PM – ZM Chat with the Rabbi 6:00 PM – ZM Town Hall Meeting 7:00 PM – IP Intro to Judaism	14 12:00 PM – IP, ZM Hybrid Lunch & Learn 5:00 PM – IP B'nai Mitzvah Prep Class	15 7:00 PM – ZM Jewish & Newish	16 6:00 PM – IP Tot Shabbat 7:00 PM – IP, ST Erev Shabbat Service	17 6:00 PM – IP Tot Shabbat 7:00 PM – IP, ST Erev Shabbat Service
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