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Shaun Speaks

by Shaun Copans, Executive Director

On June 14 we held our annual congregational meeting. For those who could not attend, I will highlight a few topics discussed and recap the items voted on. Thank you to our congregants who attended both in person and on Zoom. The Temple Bylaws require annual meetings to approve the budget and elect directors and officers for the Board of Directors. Without you, we would not be able to conduct the business of the Temple.

During the meeting, our Co-Presidents Stefani Lenett and Barbara Braasch provided a 'State of the Temple,' highlighting accomplishments over the past year. Treasurer Daniel Cohen presented reports on the fiscal year that has just concluded, as well as reserve and endowment account updates.

The Kavod Award is presented to a volunteer who has made exceptional contributions to the Temple, was given to Charlie Jirkovsky, whose musical talents have enriched our services and worship. Charlie plays guitar at most of our Friday night and Saturday services, directs the musicians at Band Shabbats, arranges and writes pieces performed by the Rabbis and his wife Michelle, our Music Director. We are very fortunate he is a part of our community.

I presented the 2026/2027 budget, and the Slate of Officers and Directors were both approved. Stefani spoke about ongoing planning as we respond to strengthening security measures and facility enhancements to ensure the safety of our congregants, families, students and staff considering the increase in incidents in the community and across the world. More information will be provided soon.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Temple Emanu-El.



A Look Back

We ended May with our Shavuot Shabbat Experience. Guests participated in a seder created by our clergy team, music from the Temple band, dinner and lots of cheese. The following weekend we presented a pair of lectures, *From Gaza to Israel to the West Bank: A Journey of Dialogue and Hope*, where we welcomed two peace activists, one from Israel and one from Gaza, about their mission to promote dialogue based on mutual respect and shared humanity.

June saw the return of Temple Camp, our Annual Congregational Meeting, the final Torah for the Table and Wisdom of Aging sessions for year 5786. We hosted a Cyber Security Seminar, launched a new Rosh Chodesh group, and continued the inaugural season of Movie Matinees."

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Music Notes from Michelle

by Michelle Jirkovsky, Music Director

As summer settles in, we are looking forward to one of the most meaningful seasons of the Jewish year: the High Holy Days.

Our Adult High Holy Day Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, July 15, from 6 – 8pm. Whether you've sung with us for years or have never joined a choir before, I hope you'll consider participating. You do not need to read Hebrew, have professional voice training, or even think of yourself as a "singer" - just bring a love of music and a willingness to learn. One of my favorite things about our choir is that it welcomes everyone, and together we create something far greater than any one voice could accomplish alone.

Our Youth High Holy Day Choir will begin rehearsals in August. We're also planning a *kumsitz* in the courtyard. The word *kumsitz* comes from a Yiddish phrase meaning "come sit," and traditionally refers to an informal gathering centered around community, storytelling and singing/music-making. Think of it as a musical campfire experience without the campfire! We'll spend an evening sharing songs, enjoying one another's company and celebrating the joy that comes from making music together.

I am excited to be launching Music with Michelle, a new weekly gathering for adults that combines music appreciation, Jewish music history, listening, discussion and community. Join me on Tuesdays at 11am beginning July 7 as we explore the stories behind the songs and artists that have shaped Jewish musical life. Whether you're a lifelong music lover or simply curious to learn more, I'd love for you to join us.

As always, thank you for being such a musical congregation. You help make Temple Emanu-El a place where music truly brings our community together. I look forward to singing with you soon!



Upcoming Events

Rosh Chodesh

Wednesday, July 15 at 6:30 pm

Jewish women getting together on Rosh Chodesh is an ancient tradition that the women of Temple Emanu-El have chosen to carry on. July's gathering will be about *tallitot* and we ask that attendees bring their own *tallitot* with them. Register online.

High Holy Day Choir Rehearsal

Begins Wednesday, July 15 at 6 pm

Join our High Holy Day choir. You don't need experience, professional training or ability to read Hebrew to participate.

Rehearsals will take place in the Sanctuary and registration not required. Email music@teesd.org with any questions.

Israel Trip Informational Meeting

Wednesday, July 22 at 6 pm

Learn more about an unforgettable journey to Israel on the Jewish Federation of San Diego's The Community Trip 2027. Register online. See page 6 for more details.

Tisha B'Av Yizkor Service of Mourning & Remembrance

Thursday, July 23 at 10 am

Join in community for a Yizkor service and learning session. No need to register.

Check out the Temple website to learn about and register for our upcoming programs and events. Information can be found on the website calendar, homepage for featured events, or the pages below.

- Upcoming Events:
<https://teesd.org/connect/> Scroll down to the "Upcoming Events" section.
- Adult Education:
<https://teesd.org/adult-education/>
- Committees and Groups:
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- Other Community News:
<https://teesd.org/connect/> Scroll down to the "Community Corner" section.

San Diego Jewish Pride 2026

Community Pride Shabbat

Friday July 17 at 6:15 pm
Congregation Beth Israel

Welcome Pride weekend with a Friday night Shabbat service rooted in tradition and celebrating community in song, meaning and love.

No need to register.

Pride Parade

Saturday July 18 at 10 am
Hillcrest

March through the streets of Hillcrest alongside members of the Jewish community in one of the largest Pride Parades in the United States.

Registration is required.

Big Gay Brunch

Sunday July 19 at 10 am
Temple Emanu-El

Celebrate the end of Pride weekend with the Big Gay Brunch at Temple Emanu-El.

Registration is required.

Visit teesd.org/connect and scroll down to the San Diego Jewish Pride section to learn more about these events and to sign up.



Adult Education Highlights

Music with Michelle

Begins Tuesday, July 7 at 11 am

Join Music Director Michelle Jirkovsky on Tuesday mornings at 11 am for a new ongoing series exploring the stories, songs, and soundtrack of Jewish life. Together, we'll journey through Jewish music history—from ancient melodies and cantorial greats to Broadway composers, camp songs, contemporary Jewish artists, and even secular musicians with Jewish roots. Along the way, we'll listen, learn, reminisce, sing, and share memories of the music that has shaped our identities and communities.

Class is free; registration is appreciated.

Zionism 101: Fact from Fiction

Begins Wednesday, July 8 at 12 pm

This course will be taught by Rabbi Benj Fried and Rabbi Devorah Marcus. We will look at the origins of Zionism as an idea, explore the debates between Zionism and anti-Zionism in classical Reform Judaism, and then discuss the contemporary situation and the challenges that many Jews currently have with Zionism as an idea, particularly in the aftermath of 10/7 and the War in Gaza.

\$20 for the four class series. Register online.

Movie Matinees with Andy Friedenberg

Tuesday, July 21 at 11 am

This month's movie is Roberto Benigni's *Life is Beautiful*. Follow the charismatic Guido, who uses humor, optimism, and imagination to win the love of Dora and later shield their young son from the horrors of a Nazi concentration camp by pretending it's part of an elaborate game.

This is the final film in this series. Sign up online. \$5 for the final film.

The next film series will begin in the fall. Updates soon.

Visit teesd.org/adult-education sign up, stay up to date, and learn more about all our Adult Education programs.

Get Involved

Mitzvah of the Month

Backpacks and School Supplies

In July and August, many students are returning to school. Whether you are in the stores or shopping online to prepare your own children or grandchildren to be ready for classes, please consider this mitzvah and pick up a few extra items to help other kids.

Most needed items are:

- Backpacks
- Paper and Notebooks
- Colored Pencils, Crayons, Pens, Pencils and Sharpeners
- Glue Sticks and White Glue
- Rulers, Safety Scissors

We will partner this month with "Buddy's Backpacks," a group from Santee which distributes backpacks and school supplies annually in a special drive-through event. All children from anywhere in San Diego are eligible to receive school supplies, no qualifications necessary. Last year, they distributed over 1,000 filled backpacks!

Please bring your donations to the white barrel in the front office lobby of the Temple, and the Social Action Committee will make sure they are delivered. For any questions, please contact coordinator Elana Levens-Craig at socialaction@teesd.org.



Women of Temple Emanu-El

by Barbara Chancy and Nancy Marcus, Co-Presidents

You are all invited to the Planning Meeting on Thursday, July 16, and we will even serve you lunch! Do you have something you are passionate about? Can we help you plan an event? Now is the time to share your ideas with us. Contact us at writesd@gmail.com.

Mah Jongg continues on Monday afternoons at 1:30pm. Did you know that men also play Mah Jongg with us? Daytime Bunco is being planned for August. This is a fun game relying on the roll of the dice; you do not need to be experienced. Prizes will be awarded and lunch will be included.

A new Rosh Chodesh group, organized by Renee Zoffel, began in June. According to Midrash, women were given this holiday because they refused to give up their gold to make the golden calf. As a reward, women were given a day off with no cooking or cleaning to be done by the women on this holiday.

The annual Artisan Festival will be held on Sunday, November 1. The Committee, chaired by Beth Mann and Joanne Einhorn, just had its first meeting. It is not too late to join - we will welcome your help.

We invite all women to become members of WRJ and join us for our programs and activities. Our programs are open to all!

We wish everyone a fun filled summer.

June's Committee Feature

Social Action: Helping to Repair the World

Your generous donations to Temple Emanu-El's Social Action Fund are used to serve the needs of the community, locally, nationally and internationally.

In June, funds were sent to Yad Sarah (yadsarah.org). Founded in 1976, this is the largest volunteer-staffed organization in Israel, with 126 branches in the country staffed by more than 7,000 volunteers. They are best known for loaning durable medical equipment such as wheelchairs, hospital beds, etc. for free or at nominal cost to sick, disabled and elderly people and their families. They also operate day rehabilitation centers, assist those recovering at home, offer an emergency alarm response system, and advocate for the elderly at risk for abuse.

In July, we will allocate money to International Relief Teams (irteams.org), which began in San Diego in 1988. They provide health and other supportive services to victims of disaster, poverty and neglect in the U.S. and over 78 countries around the globe. During and following disasters, they deploy medical and reconstruction teams, provide supplies and finance the restoration of infrastructure. They work to build healthy communities through medical training programs, direct health services, shipments of medicine to rural hospitals and clinics, and education.

The Social Action Committee carefully screens all recipients to make sure money you donate to the Social Action Fund to continue the work of tikkun olam is spent wisely. We appreciate your donations, large or small, to help with this work.

Visit teesd.org/connect for all the committee and community group news at Temple Emanu-El.



Travel to Israel

The Community Trip 2027

Optional Pre-Trip (for first-timers to Israel): May 16-18

Israel Trip: May 18-25

Optional Extension to Budapest: May 26-30

Join fellow Jewish San Diegans on an unforgettable journey to Israel on Jewish Federation of San Diego's The Community Trip 2027! Designed to inspire connection, community, and shared Jewish joy, you'll deepen your connection to Israel, your community, and one another. Experience meaningful moments, exclusive access, and powerful moments with our sister city of Sha'ar HaNegev, and whether it's your first visit or your next, this transformative experience offers new perspectives and memories that will stay with you long after you return home. Extend the adventure with an optional Budapest experience exploring Jewish heritage, resilience, and renewal.

To learn more and register, visit teesd.org/connect and scroll down to Upcoming Events.

Yahrzeit Observance

July 3 & 4	July 10 & 11	July 17 & 18	July 24 & 25	July 31 & August 1
Isaac Epstein	Liesel Gilbert	John Craddock	Virginia Dix	Irene Alexander
William Joshua Berkman	Joel Segal	Israel Grossman	Irving Davis	Louis Gardner
Gary Martin Cohn	Aaron Scharfman	Leanore Lampert	Ken Kissin	Kaitlin Elizabeth Siperstein
Louis Medoff	Dwain Kantor	Muriel Yusen	Barbara Rustad	Stacey Kasendorf
Gert Pollak	Rolf Lange	Claire Handler	Mark Bornstein	Bryan Wolf
Bruce Handwerker	Marian Baumgarten	Daniel Korn	Edith Lange	Beatrice David
Henry Kagan	Sharon Klieman	Rosella Byrnes	J. Alexander Kossan	Frieda Braun
Jack Beitstock	Marilyn Levine	Douglas Feld	Chaplain William Mahedy	David Rubenstein
William Kipperman	Edna Gardner	Kathleen Greenwood	Judy Rosen	Bea Schulman
Dorothy Krugman	Albert Solomon	Alex Majtlis	Kevin Slucker	Ida Shafton
Mildred Nathan Levy	Susan Kipnis	Sandra Schoenkopf	Ruth Shapiro	Betty Freedman
Gertrude Braufman Stein	Leo Svet	Natalie Smith	Beatrice Karp	Dorothy Bunin
Martin Wagner	Manya Veitzman	Charles Stein	Ruth Fayerman	Sylvia Fritz
Joy Colen	Joshua Wagner	Jack I. Stein	Robert Greenberg	Allan Katz
Jack Adelman	Joseph Kitaen	Dodie Feingold	Fleurette Halpern	Robert Quittner
Reuben Golub	Phyllis Van Huizen	Lester Himmel	Joan Vandersip	Suzanne Krull Spruyt
Joseph Rostholder	Froim Veitzman	Henry Horowitz	Sara Zolott	Marleen Dennen
Michael Duffy	Terri Elias	Beatrice Miller	Diane Shrager	Ezra Meyer Masliah
Howard Weiss	Estelle Bennett	Theophilus Putt	Abraham Simkin	Maurie Hamovitch
Robert Evans	Alan Davis	Shirley Brecher	Albert Behrend	David Slep
Esther Cohen	Julius Scheinholz	Pauline Ontell	Robert Bresnick	Herbert Krugman
Lena Iglow	Bertha Siegel	Rubin Pollack	Laura Cohen	Muriel Kusnitt
Joseph Jacobson	Harry Adelman	Max Press	Ada Glazer	Louis Shafton
Don Kipperman	Albert Bresnick	Melvin Spiegler	Natalie Libby	Bruce Berton
Tracy Spiegler	Charles Furman	Pedro Abreu	Mildred Rubenstein	Fran Silkes
Judy Tunnell	Jacob Brown	Freda Ackerman	Dr. William Fritz	Braxton Glass
Herman Barrow	Gerald Klieman	Frederic Brose	Gerry Karp	Gersen Grosmark
Sophia Gordon	Murray Lampert	Joel Chafitz	Bernard Kirman	Barry Gruer
William Zitsman	Coleman Abraham Reisman	Evonne Schaeffer	Jan Olcott	James Crossman
Lene Lawson	Lenore Bernstein	Viola Braverman	David Glassman	Buddy Lieberman
Judy Satlof	Martin L. Morris	Michael Bush	Elsa Borman	Marla Bennett
Andy Friedman	Norman Evidon	Helen Epstein	Sheldon Deutsch	Stena Schulman
	Esther Switkin	Roy Frank Hebard	Herb Diamond	Dolly Siegel
	Rose Hirsch Satlof	Sarah Kaiser	Jules Gordon	Leon Steres
	George Amber	Joe Mentel	Mary Schatz	Michael Barry Arkin
	Goldie Fishman	Renee Sha	Shirley Snipper	Donald Davidson
			Shirley Strully	Al Garford
			Lillian Liebbe Warren	Helen Houska
			Letty Martinez	Rae Joseph

Condolences

To Robert Cohen on the death of his brother

Barry Weinstein

To Ken Glube on the death of his wife

Arlene Glube

Mother of Robin Storfer and mother-in-law of Michael Storfer, grandmother of Jake Storfer and Matthew Storfer

Anita Satlof Lawson

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Thanks to your kindness, thousands of our neighbors will face the year ahead with the support they need to thrive. Your generosity truly strengthens our community all year long.

Casey Castillo, CEO
The Jacobs and Cushman San Diego Food Bank

In May, your response to our Mitzvah of the Month allowed us to deliver a huge amount of diapers of all sizes to the Jacobs and Cushman Food Bank.

Your generous contributions of any amount to the Social Action Fund make it possible to respond to needs in our community and around the world.

July Celebrations

Birthdays

7/1	Rowan Epstein Anna Siperstein	7/8	David Sciammas Bobbie Weitzen	7/17	Jack Hazell Michael de la Torre	7/25	Peter Huot Donna Lander
7/2	Marla Carver	7/10	Andrea Fiore		Isaac Sadja	7/26	Mark Braverman
7/3	Rowan Falcone Audrey Sablove Zachariah Witztum Alistair Tillett		Marilyn Berger Leah Copans Shai Mashal		Hayley Salazar Gabriel Spielman		Nathan Gross Judy Siegel Eli Aghassi
7/4	Douglas Coe Lauren Sommer Kim Freed	7/11	Wren Donofrio Marianne Lias	7/18	Lillian Faderman Marc Glazer Pat Libby Avi Martin	7/27	Brooke Resh-Sateesh Melvyn Brav Kevin Silverstein
7/5	Lisa Cohen Trish Freund Richard Ratner Lois Rosenzweig	7/12	Noah Neustadt Heidi Blotner	7/19	Sarah Shemirani Rowan Neustadt Dominic Goldbarg Theodore Butler	7/28	Chloe Kane Dory Epstein Michael Graham Marcia Kossman Debbie Macdonald
7/6	Tony DeCarli Juliana Qualliotine Brandon Sand Howard Somers	7/13	Kelila Schonhoff	7/20	Patrick Stalnaker Jameson Morris	7/29	Andrew Handler Dasia Manley Tom Lincoln Cheryl Shepard
7/7	Ellen Gruer Soren Manley Emilia Heckinger Desiree Lewis	7/15	Justin Alvord Callie Corbett Dick Eger Mick Frederick Joel Lehrer Aidan Luchans Asher Yellen Bill Resh Jessica Teplin	7/21	Pat Behrend Howard Kushner		Dara Guss Anthony Frassa
7/8	Rick Goldberg Harrison Lange	7/16	Eliana Barnik George Cherrick Amanda Cohen	7/22	Elana Levens-Craig Warren Treisman Jessica Lewis	7/30	Allison Thrasher Kenneth Glube
				7/23	Mark Berger Erica Whinston Lorraine Zuckerman	7/31	
				7/24	Betsy Arnold Jordan Lizano Melissa James		

Anniversaries

7/1	Smadar & Modi Holtzman David & Naomi Searle Frank & Sunny Borkat	7/15	Joshua Bloom & Catalina Trejo-Bloom Jessica & Benjamin Laddon Barry & Donna Lander	7/24	Jennifer & Robert Handler
7/2	Ben & Vanessa Barnik Samantha & Jared Luchans Emilie & Jeffrey Mason Kristin O'Connor & Andrew Siegel	7/16	Rebecca & Donna Tedesco	7/25	Arielle Garellek & Matthew Lasov Michael & Star Laddon Adam & Carey Devor
7/3	Joe & Kerrie Aiello Carrie & Scott Musicant Jennifer & Mark Peterson	7/17	Cynthia & Sanford Ehrlich	7/26	Ellen Goren & Richard Greyson
7/4	Danielle Goldberg & Joe Schinasi Emily & Larry Goldenberg Marc & Marlene Hamovitch	7/18	Michael Falcone & Sarah Kahn	7/29	Michelle & Charles Jirkovsky Bruce Levine & Bonnie Yoshida-Levine
7/5	Elise & Scott Brown	7/22	Maura Stonberg & Alex Ferre Myrna & Mike Cohen Jenny & Todd Seligmann	7/30	Alan & Judy Medoff Peggy Han & Eric Poliak
7/7	Jessica & Aaron Levine Jeff & Sheila Lipinsky			7/31	Jason & Marla Carver
7/9	Matthew Glovinsky & Jennifer Nemeth				
7/11	Allison Thrasher & David Loewenstein Talía & Sergio Capozzi Eric & Paula Rosenzweig Jeff & Rachel Schindler				





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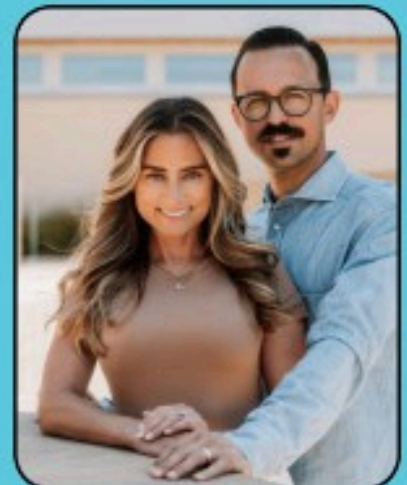
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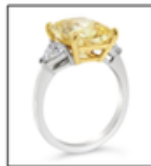
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To Barbara Pollack for
her work on editing
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			July 1 • 16 Tamuz	July 2 • 17 Tamuz	July 3 • 18 Tamuz	July 4 • 19 Tamuz
				Bridge with Benj 12:30 pm	Temple Office and Preschool Closed Shabbat Service 6 pm	Torah Study 9 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am Pirchas Numbers 25:10–30:1 Jeremiah 11:2:3
July 5 • 20 Tamuz	July 6 • 21 Tamuz	July 7 • 22 Tamuz	July 8 • 23 Tamuz	July 9 • 24 Tamuz		July 11 • 26 Tamuz
	Mah Jongg 1:30 pm	Music with Michelle 11 am	Zionism 101: Fact from Fiction 12 pm	Bridge with Benj 12:30 pm	Shabbat Service 6 pm	Torah Study 9 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am Matot - Masei Numbers 30:2–36:13 Jeremiah 2:4–28; 3:4
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	Mah Jongg 1:30 pm Book Group 7 pm	Music with Michelle 11 am	Zionism 101: Fact from Fiction 12 pm Rosh Chodesh 6:30 pm High Holy Day Choir Rehearsal 6 pm	Bridge with Benj 12:30 pm	Community Pride Shabbat Service at Beth Israel 6 pm	Pride: No Services or Torah Study/ D'varim Deuteronomy 11:3–22 Isaiah 11:27 Pride Parade 10 am
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