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The Community Trip

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The Community Trip 2027

Optional Pre-Trip: May 16-18

Israel Trip: May 18-25

Optional Extension to Budapest: May 26-30

Join Rabbi Devorah and fellow Jewish San Diegans on an unforgettable journey to Israel on the Jewish Federation of San Diego's The Community Trip 2027!

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.

Learn more about this trip at an
informational meeting hosted by Temple Emanu-El.

Sunday, August 9 at 10:30am

Register through the Temple website.



Jewish Federation
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Shaun Speaks

by Shaun Copans, Executive Director

I am very excited to announce that the Torah School Courtyard/Bathroom project has been completed! The construction took a little longer than expected, but our contractor and construction crew did an amazing job, and it looks fantastic. On Sunday, August 23 at 10 am, we welcome our community to join us for a short program, consecration and refreshments in the new Courtyard. Mark your calendar. We hope to celebrate with you.



Thank you for your ongoing membership and support of Temple Emanu-El. Your commitment allows us to continue to provide connections, community, education and tradition. At a time when synagogues are struggling, with some merging and others closing their doors, we are thriving. This is a testament to our shared love of Judaism, values and belonging. On behalf of our clergy, educators and staff, it is our privilege to serve you and your family at our collective home.

Music Notes from Michelle

by Michelle Jirkovsky, Music Director

Summer is in full swing and we have a wonderful evening of music to share together! Join us on Saturday, August 15 for a Kumsitz as we gather to mark the close of Shabbat with beautiful music, good food and great company. The word Kumsitz comes from Yiddish and literally means "come, sit," and that's exactly what we'll do. We will begin with dinner at 6 pm before enjoying an evening of music outside in our courtyard, weather permitting. Song sheets with lyrics and sheet music will be provided. The evening will conclude with havdalah. Whether you're someone who loves to sing every word or simply enjoys listening, this evening is all about celebrating the joy of making music together.

Don't forget about Music with Michelle every Tuesday at 11 am. Our ongoing series explores stories, songs and the soundtrack of Jewish life. Class is free; registration is appreciated.

The approaching school year brings the return of our Torah School Musical Theatre Program. This year, we are excited to invite students who are post-B'nai Mitzvah to our group for the first time. We can't wait to welcome our high school students and YELL-adim alumni back to the stage. To participate, students in grade three and up should register for both the Musical Theatre Elective and the Musical Theatre Club. Whether your child is a seasoned performer or trying theater for the first time, we'd love to have your student join us for another year of singing, acting, dancing, laughter and friendship. Our first class session will be August 30.

I look forward to making music together with you!



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A Look Back

Our inaugural Movie Matinees Series with Andy Friedenberg ended in July, but will return in November. July was also a month of new beginnings. Zionism 101, a four week lunch and learn series led by Rabbi Devorah and Rabbi Benj was so well attended that we needed to move to a larger space. July also saw the beginning of the weekly meeting Music with Michelle, our Rosh Chodesh group held their second meeting and will continue, and High Holy Day Choir rehearsals began for the year.

Pride Weekend was July 17 – 19. Congregation Beth Israel hosted the Jewish Community Shabbat on Friday evening. The celebration continued at Saturday's Pride Parade, marching in solidarity with other Jewish groups, and concluded with the Big Gay Brunch on Sunday, with the fabulous Aunt Shirley.



Adult Education Highlights

Music with Michelle

Tuesdays at 11 am

Join Music Director Michelle Jirkovsky on Tuesday mornings at 11 am for an 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.

No class on August 11 and 25.

Wisdom of Aging

Begins Tuesday, August 25
from 10:30 am - 12 pm

This program is designed to give participants the tools to live meaningful and productive lives while coping with the unavoidable stresses of aging. Participants will have the opportunity to share their perspectives with each other while engaging in meaningful conversations.

The class meets the last Tuesday of the month from August through December. The class will not meet in November due to Thanksgiving.

\$20 for this series. Register online.

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

Upcoming Events

Kumsitz Dinner and Havdalah

Saturday, August 15
Dinner at 6 pm, Social Hall
Kumsitz at 7 pm, Courtyard

Experience the warmth of a traditional Kumsitz—a relaxed evening of community, conversation, and song. Whether you play guitar, ukulele, drums, violin or another acoustic instrument, or simply love to sing, you are invited to join our musical circle as we celebrate Shabbat with classic melodies, laughter, and friendship.

Everyone is welcome—no musical experience required! Bring your acoustic instrument, or simply come ready to sing, clap and enjoy an evening of classic Shabbat songs, delicious food, Havdalah and community under the stars in our courtyard!

The event is free; registration is preferred.

Israel Trip Information Meeting

Sunday, August 9 at 10:30 am

Learn more about the Federation's The Community Trip 2027 to Israel with fellow San Diegans. Register online.

Rosh Chodesh

Thursday, August 13 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. Learn more and register online.

Torah School Courtyard Ribbon Cutting

Sunday, August 23 at 10 am

Join us for a ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly renovated Torah School courtyard and learn about purchasing a personalized brick for the courtyard.

Coffee and light snacks will be provided. The event is free and registration is not required.

Back to School Family Shabbat and Dinner

Friday, August 28
Dinner at 5 pm and Service at 6 pm

Sign up for dinner and then join us for a Family Shabbat service followed by s'mores!

There is no cost for dinner, but registration is recommended. Register online.

Simchas



Mazal Tov to Carrie and Mathew Colona on the birth of their first grandchild, River Michal Tukeman, daughter of Charles Colona and Gabi Tukeman.

Get Involved

Featured for August

Israel Engagement
by Jonathan Licht, Co-Chair

It's been a year since I've lived in my house in Israel. A year of off and on wars fought by Israel against many enemies, including a joint war with the United States against Iran, and none of the wars are over. The situation remains in fragile cease-fires and understandings.

Israelis are enjoying the relief of the constant tension of external war. The missiles and drones have stopped flying overhead but internal matters of discontent are heating up. The current Knesset has ended and elections will be held in the fall. The governing coalition is trying to pass laws to permanently exempt from military duty those religious scholars who study 45 hours per week. They are also trying to pass a mandatory division of men and women in public spaces, even at universities. These maneuvers infuriate those who have watched their loved ones participate in the defense of Israel for the past three years.

Meanwhile, "Israel 101" continues for me with baffling moments of frustration and amusement. I was trying to do something with my air conditioner panel when it grayed out and stopped working. The remote was also locked out. I panicked; it was hot and I had no clue. Then I saw an icon representing "Shabbat Mode" which I must have pressed it by mistake. I had a 30 page manual in Hebrew but ...so I turned to AI and it gave me an option of three things I could do, and you know what? One of them worked. And speaking of AI - as frustrating as it is to speak to an AI agent on the phone in English, try it in Hebrew. Here's the trick - don't answer and after a long period, it figures that if a Jewish person is not talking, they must have had a stroke and it connects you to a human.

Women of Temple Emanu-El

by Barbara Chancy and Nancy Marcus, Co-Presidents

Lunch and Bunco

Tuesday, August 11 from 11:30 am – 2:30 pm

Join us for a fun afternoon of lunch and Bunco. No skill is required to play Bunco! Cost is \$20 per person. For reservations, please email writesd@gmail.com.

Purse Sale

Sunday, August 23 at 12:30 pm

We are now collecting purses you bought on impulse and now saying: "What was I thinking?" "Why did I buy that? It's the wrong color!" and "I don't know what to do with that bag – it's just like new, and I hate it!"

Drop those in excellent condition in the box at the Temple Office. We will pick them up, price them and have a really fun sale.

Your regret can become someone's treasure! All proceeds will go to the Scholarship Fund.

Mitzvah of the Month

Supplies for Special Delivery:
Home Delivered Meals and Food Pantry

Special Delivery San Diego is a non-profit organization that provides free, nutritious meals and groceries to homebound individuals in San Diego with critical illnesses, as well as a food pantry for the community, and a specialized diabetic program. Founded in 1991, Special Delivery relies heavily on volunteers to keep overhead low, ensuring that most donations go directly towards food.

For our August Mitzvah of the Month, we are collecting the following new non-food supplies to support Special Delivery's programs:

- Zip lock plastic bags – sandwich, quart or gallon size
- Plain brown paper sandwich/lunch bags (#8 size)
- Microwave-safe rectangular meal prep/food storage containers for single meals; black with clear lids, may have 1, 2 or 3 compartments
- Plain large plastic t-shirt/grocery bags with handles

Please bring your donations to the white Social Action barrel in the lobby of the Temple office building and committee members will deliver them.

For questions or more information, please contact socialaction@teesd.org.

Refer to the website calendar and homepage, or the pages below for program information.

- Upcoming Events: <https://teesd.org/connect/> Scroll down to the "Upcoming Events" section.
- Committees and Groups: <https://teesd.org/connect/> Scroll down to the "Connect with These Groups" section or use the "Get Involved" drop down menu to view our groups and committees.
- Other Community News: <https://teesd.org/connect/> Scroll down to the "Community Corner" section.

Yahrzeit Observance

July 31 & August 1	August 7 & 8 (con't)	August 14 & 15 (con't)	August 21 & 22 (con't)	August 28 & 29
Irene Alexander	Clara Majtlis	Edith Shelden	Sam Copans	John Blalock
Louis Gardner	Raymond Moskowitz	Maurice Spear	Anne Galovich	David Fixler
Kaitlin Elizabeth Siperstein	Rhoda Singer	Suzanne Wallach	Wendy Risley	Lois Schuckman
Stacey Kasendorf	Sam Solomon	Judith Benkiki	Frances Saltzman	Sylvia Katz
Bryan Wolf	Mary Stratton	Betty Kaiser	Todd Schulman	Sarah Wasserman
Beatrice David	Max Bressler	Mark Shapiro	Wendy Risley	John Laird
Frieda Braun	Jean Eisman	Phyllis Levine	Frances Avirov	Bella Orkin Rosenzweig
David Rubenstein	Jack Fritz	Jimmy Pupplo	Alice Freuder Kesler	Hyman Schwartz
Bea Schulman	Sam Guzick	Leslie Fischer	Martha Krugman	Geraldine Freed
Ida Shafton	Gertrude Pasmanik	Minnie Fritz	Ethel K. Sommer	Mark Weisberger
Betty Freedman	Matthew Spero	John Koppez	Elliott Downs Crummer	Michael Fagan
Dorothy Bunin	Star Slipock	George Metzger	Gary Hertzberg	Phyllis Harriet Maisel
Sylvia Fritz	Bernard Ackerman	Philip Sarfan	Harry Goldstein	Jacob Tishkoff
Allan Katz	Morris Chenkin	Jennie Gold Aliber	Jay Klein	Leonard Zlotoff
Robert Quittner	Gershon Teitelbaum	Samuel Bloomfield	Rebecca Siklek	Darlene Fayerman
Suzanne Krull Spruyt	Jane Lipinsky	Sam Cohen	Max S. Turner	Rose Friedenberg
Marleen Dennen	Sam Pasmanik	Sidney Dancoff	Alfred Berger	Joseph Sein
Ezra Meyer Masliah	Lena Spero	Fern Hall	Dr. John Fried	Audrey Meltzer Zubkoff
Maurie Hamovitch	Max Yesselman	Al Levine	Leo Fixler	Jerry Becker
David Slep	Gene Ramras	Michael Cummings	Ruth Hoisman	Louise Burston
Herbert Krugman	Muriel Zeidell	Maxine Elmont	Walter Kraslow	Claudia Libenson
Muriel Kusnitt	Elayne Brown	Bernard Godes	Maryon (Happy) Stone	Ellen Davis Highbloom
Louis Shafton	Beverly Finkelstein	Harriet Freid	Barbara Pimentel	Louis Gittelman
Bruce Berton	Moti Immergut	Michael Yellin	Leland Salberg	Jacob Berman
Fran Silkes	Sandra Oolie	Abraham Harold Mosenon	Janet Steck	Barry Friedman
Braxton Glass	Maxine Schaeffer	Loretta Rose	Dorothy Swann	Hazel Lofton
Gersen Grosmark	Judy Willows	Dustin Shapiro	Charlotte Yesselman	Joseph M Shelden
Barry Gruer	Tom McDonald	Richard Shorr	David Blumenfeld	Ida Kipperman
James Crossman	Joshua Weiss	Gene Gail Rogers Harris	Sergio Marten	Henrietta Markowitz
Buddy Lieberman	June Schwartz	Esther Friedman	Don Ralph Harris	David Soroka
Marla Bennett	Isadore Asher	Marilyn Satlof	Mindy Robin Rogal	Elaine Friedman
Stena Schulman	Marvin Klaven	Olive Weber	Sara Foerder	Sam Sultan
Dolly Siegel	Jon Larson	Michael Witte	Sam Schwartz	Amos Shive
Leon Steres	Harry Sandman	Mel Bartell	Rabbi Morri Hershman	Irene Weinrieb
Michael Barry Arkin	Ruth Sein	Ted Shulman	Barbara Klein	Sander Rief
Donald Davidson	Shifra Teitelbaum	Sidney Greenwood	Kitty Park	Marty Katz
Al Garford	Anne Svet	Larry Finnegan	Sergio Marten	Gayle Silverman
Helen Houska		Abner Fritz	Leo J. Pinkus	Stanley A. Singer
Rae Joseph	August 14 & 15	Max Goldzband	Sonia Shulman	Louis Snyder
Louis Rubenstein	Barry Ackerman	Gitel Reytblat	Andrew Papas	Simon Spector
Hilde Veinbergs	Betty Asher	Hermie Segal	Michele Elyachar	
Rose Weiner	Sonia Glass		Stephen Mark Epstein	
Anita Satlof Lawson	Alicia Laddon	August 21 & 22	Daniel Miller	
Ben Socher	Florence Lasko	Eva Goldman	Tres Polet	
Harvey Winokur	Sydney Resh	Larry Scott	Minnie Oshinsky Turner	
Sydney Resh				

August 7 & 8

Carole (Salberg) Hotz
Carol Israel
Rita Kahn
Albert Laverson

Condolences

To Annette Horwitz on the death of her husband

Robert (Bob) Eugene Horwitz

Father of Dawn Horwitz-Person (Johnny), Elise Brown (Scott) and Jill Kipnis (Scott), grandfather of Tiffany Vandehoven (Jon), Brandon Brown (Emily), Cody Brown, Tobey Brown, Aaron Grossman, Mo Grossmon, Matthew Kipnis, and Mikey Kipnis

August Celebrations

Birthdays

8/1	Dave Belasco Lesley Cohn Phyllis Davidson Jacob Musicant	8/9	Aimee Benner Jeremy Cohen Nancy Kossan Joshua McColister Sara Turner-Cooper Theo Youngstrom Shane Saenz Logan Crockett	8/14	Amy Spielman Yvonne Williams Zara Jacob Karen Reibstein Eric Stowell	8/24	Frederick Marchand Cynthia Jimenez
8/2	Charlie Pinkus Salah Tirouda Vivian Loewenstein	8/10	Joyce Camiel	8/15	Robert Berton Leo Chaim Laura Keenan Roxi Link Solomon Whinston	8/25	Ethan Crone David Elster Debby Davis
8/3	Megan Misrach Ari Henry	8/11	Peggy Cohen Bobbi Witte	8/17	Esther Presente	8/26	David Lubin Perri Wittgrove Robert Cohen
8/4	Emma Benner Lauren Foosaner Lucas Spielman Rebecca Tedesco	8/12	Nadine Millstine Zoey Hegler	8/19	Les Niss Felise Zollman Jaclyn Resnick	8/27	Madilyn Blum-Hopgood Sam Elster Joe Fox Martin Bloom-Trejo
8/5	Emily Green Peggy Han John Lewis	8/13	David Mendel Jennifer Nemeth Joseph Rosenzweig Sherry Saltzman Cynthia Ehrlich	8/20	Michael Bloom Steve Saltzman	8/28	Mathew Colona Cecile Fleetwood Arielle Garellek Dmitry Ponomarenko
8/6	Claire Handler Samuel Handler Dhyana Latta Shelley Dashevsky Gilbert Burak	8/14	Nick Comer Jaidyn Corbett Joanne Ellison Shulamit Nelson-Spilkin	8/21	Rebekah Belasco Stella Salzmann Laura Stratton Jesse Lasov	8/29	Marc Hamovitch Escher Sadjia Robyn Sarvis David Whinston Ella Alvord
8/7	Katy Karel Victory Tran		Mike Oolie Jennifer Peterson	8/22	Kim Belasco Mathew Kostrinsky Jude Aghassi-Cary	8/30	Jose Castillo
8/8	Sara Byrnes Natalia Herman Ellen Stein Mia Capozzi			8/23		8/31	Bonnie Yoshida-Levine Lee Abeles

Anniversaries

8/1	JoAnn & Steven Silkes	8/16	Arlene & Phil Bresnick	8/22	Barbara & Sandy Rosenthal
8/4	Aimee & Dan Benner Aran & Julie Sadjia		Mary & Jon Epsten Aimee & Minh Le	8/24	Susy & Bruce Doole Nancy Kossan & Debbie Macdonald Saul & Sonia Snyder
8/5	Audrey & Rob Patterson Melissa & Erich Showman Jill Blumenthal & Shaun Kessler	8/18	Barbara & Tom Lincoln Trey Livingston & Daria Linvill	8/26	Marcia & Eric Berneger Carrie & Mathew Colona Dick & Randee Friedman Richard & Peggy Ratner Wren Donofrio & Matt Neustadt
8/6	Gail & Mark Braverman Lynne & Norman Lurie Laura & Jose Castillo	8/20	Polly Dong & Jaclyn Goldbarg Ellen & Shai Immergut		
8/7	Lauren & Mick Frederick Stav Barsheshet & Brooks Buehler	8/21	David Mendel & Vicky Krugman- Mendel Tamara Keller & Leo Husid	8/29	Stacy Orenstein & Richard Thiele
8/9	Justin & Shira Alvord Heather Muns-Socol & Randy Socol				
8/10	Marianne Lias & Patrick Stalnaker				
8/11	Desiree & James Lange				
8/12	Aunrey & Morey Bubis Aaron & Daphne Gaghagen Cathy & Rick Goldberg				
8/14	Micky Witztum & Michele Harris Shana & Erin Karp				
8/15	Paul & Suzanne Schulman Karen & Ben Snyder				



Contributions

Preschool News

Preschool Parent Orientation

Thursday, August 6 at 6 pm

Learn about the upcoming school year and meet the teachers and staff who make the preschool run. Happy Hour reception to follow.

This is an adult event. Preschool parents only. Registration not required.

Preschool Open House

Sunday, August 9 at 10 am

Meet your child's teachers and visit their classroom the day before school starts.

Kids welcome. Preschool families only. Registration not required.

To learn more about Preschool events and registration,
call 619-286-2999 or email preschool@teesd.org.

CALL THE
PRESCHOOL
FOR MORE
INFORMATION.



Preschool
Fall Registration
is open!

First Day
of school is
August 10th!



Core Program from 9:00am - 1pm
Morning Care available 7:30am - 9:00am
Afternoon Care available until 5:00pm
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To Barbara Pollack for her work on editing the
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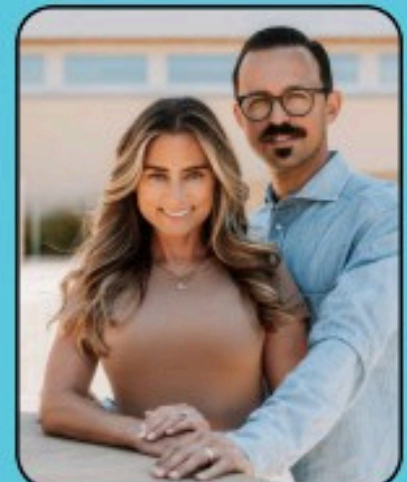
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						August 1 • 18 Av Torah Study 9 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am Elkev Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25 Isaiah 49:14-51:3
August 2 • 19 Av	August 3 • 20 Av	August 4 • 21 Av	August 5 • 22 Av	August 6 • 23 Av	August 7 • 24 Av	August 8 • 25 Av Torah Study 9 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am Reih Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17 Isaiah 54:11-55:5
	Mah Jongg 1:30 pm	Music with Michelle 11 am	No High Holy Day Choir Rehearsal	Preschool Parent Orientation 6 pm	Shabbat Service 6 pm	Torah Study 9 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am ShoFim Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9 Isaiah 51:12-52:12 Kumsitz Dinner & Havdalah 6 pm
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