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Proposition Seminar on Zoom

Sunday, October 11 • 6:30 pm

By the first week of October, all San Diegans should have received their ballots and voter information for the General Election on November 3. The Social Action Committee has organized a special evening to assist you in understanding the complex state and local propositions you will be faced with this year.

We are fortunate that Jason Bercovitch has agreed to lead the presentation. Bercovitch is the Director of Constituent Services for Congressman Scott Peters, where he has been since 2013, specializing in immigration, foreign affairs and financial services. He is actively involved with the San Diego Jewish community, serving on the San Diego Regional Board for ADL since 2018, and on the Jewish Family Service Political Affairs Committee since 2014.

Please have your voting pamphlets handy that evening with your notes and questions to make the presentation easier to follow. To ensure that we cover as much material as possible, all questions will be submitted using the “chat” feature, and may be combined if appropriate.

The Zoom link will be in the Temple’s weekly emails and on the web site shortly before the program. If you have questions about the event, please email socialaction@teesd.org. There is no charge, but donations to the Social Action Fund are welcome.



Are you registered to vote?

Do you have questions about voting this year?

Voter registration deadline is October 19.

You can check your registration, sign up for sample ballots by email, volunteer to be a poll worker and more by going to the website of the Registrar of Voters at sdvote.com. The site also includes a list of assigned polling places, which are likely to be changed from prior years, and a list of drop-off locations.

Remember: All active registered voters in California will receive a ballot in the mail this year.

Service Schedule

Friday, October 2	
Erev Sukkot Service	5 pm
Saturday, October 3	
Sukkot Festival Service	10:30 am
Drive-Thru Sukkah Event	6 pm
Friday, October 9	
Drive-Thru Simchat Torah Event & Consecration	5 pm
Erev Simchat Torah Service	6 pm
Saturday, October 10	
Atzeret/Simchat Torah Festival Service	
<i>Yizkor Memorial Prayers</i>	10:30 am
Friday, October 16	
Preschool Shabbat Service	6 pm
Shabbat Service	6:30 pm
Saturday, October 17	
Shabbat Service	10:30 am
Simon & Michaela Snyder-Braasch B'nai Mitzvah	
B'reishit, Genesis 1:1-6:8	
Isaiah 42:5-43:10	
Friday, October 23	
Shabbat Service	6 pm
Saturday, October 24	
Shabbat Service	10:30 am
Bailey Huot Bat Mitzvah	
Noach, Genesis 6:9-11:32	
Isaiah 54:1-55:5	
Friday, October 30	
Shabbat Service	6 pm
Saturday, October 31	
Shabbat Service	10:30 am
Lech L'cha, Genesis 12:1-17:27	
Isaiah 40:27-41:16	
Friday, November 6	
Shabbat Service	6 pm
Saturday, November 7	
Preschool Shabbat Morning	10 am
Shabbat Service	10:30 am
Vayeira, Genesis 18:1-22:24	
II Kings 4:1-37	



From the Presidents

Shalom Chaverim! Shanah Tovah, G'mar Chatimah Tovah, Chag Sameach, and Mo'adim L'Simchah!

We wish you all a Happy New Year. May We All Be Sealed for Goodness, a Happy Sukkot Festival, and a Season of Joy! These are the greetings that our people share with each other every year at these Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah. What an incredible season this has been so far! Through countless hours of volunteer work and the dedication of our amazing synagogue team, we have been able to enjoy an incredible High Holy Day experience all together. We are so happy to have been hearing the profound amount of positive feedback coming in daily. Everyone's good attitudes, intentional joy, and positivity have really been felt by us all. And when we say "all", we really mean it, because we had a record level of service attendance for all our High Holy Days services. Kol Nidrei saw over 400 households watching, which we estimate represents over 1,000 individual viewers. We base this on the sheer number of people who have sent us pictures and stories of watching services together in extended family and friend bubbles and *Chavurot*, who screen-shared the services so that only one family was signed in, but in reality, 10 households were watching it all together. Knowing that we all shared this unique experience just heightens the joy of this season and confirms our shared commitment to each other as a Temple Emanu-El family.

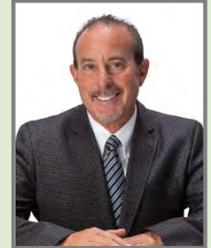
We are now in the process of picking up the High Holy Day *Machzorim* (prayerbooks) and we are so thrilled with the positive response of people meeting the Cohn Family matching challenge and donating to the annual food / fund drive to feed our neighbors in need. This season of Sukkot celebrates the Fall harvest festival. At this time, we are commanded to remember the fragility of life, the fragility of safety and security, and the incredible blessings with which we have been blessed. That is why we are so thankful for this annual Cohn Family matching challenge – it helps us see what IS possible, and inspires us to give to the greatest extent of our abilities, so that we begin our New Year with gratitude, joy, and the fulfillment to "invite" others in to share from our tables.

We are also deeply inspired by the generosity of this year's High Holy Day pledges. Knowing that we have a community who shares in our vision of creating an ever-stronger Temple Emanu-El is truly uplifting. We are so thrilled this month to be actuating our second true Endowment, and to be lining up all the pieces necessary to create our third true Endowment. If you have questions about how to contribute, please reach out to us so we can help you find the right place to express your commitment to Temple Emanu-El's long-term future viability. May 5781 bring us all closer to each other, closer to our community, and closer to the world we dream of leaving to our children as their sacred inheritance.

Finally, **PLEASE VOTE!** Voter registration closes on October 19th. We have added a link to voter registration on the Homepage of our newly revamped Temple Emanu-El website.

As always, we encourage you to reach out to us to share your ideas, thoughts, and concerns so that we can better serve you and our community.

Jeff Schindler & Eric Rosenzweig
Co-Presidents • presidents@teesd.org



Community Corner

by Gail Braverman, M.A., LMFT, and Temple Board Member

Resiliency is the latest hot topic, the word highlighted in articles and books during this time of crisis.

There are many definitions of resiliency. Basically, resiliency is the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties. Some say it's the ability to "bounce back."

Resiliency is obvious, dramatic and inspirational when someone "bounces back" from an illness, or an accident, or after having suffered a loss. What is not as obvious are the common, everyday acts of resiliency we do over time.

Resiliency is a skill we build. It is something we need to practice and repeat, just like learning to play the piano, riding a bike or running a marathon. We get better at something by practicing. What you practice grows stronger.

Resiliency has a lot in common with rituals. If repeated, they strengthen and sustain us over time.

Most of us probably don't think about resiliency in the context of our daily lives. We do things automatically without thinking too much about them. The extraordinary resides in the ordinary. Each time we do something we don't want to do, like cleaning a toilet or making dinner or attending a funeral, in some small undramatic way, we are doing the thing that strengthens our capacity to grow through adversity. It's money in the bank for some future time when we are going to need to make a withdrawal.

We build our resiliency muscle when we listen deeply and talk honestly to each other about hard things, things that cause us pain. When we support others who have lost a job, are going through chemotherapy, or a divorce, we are building our resiliency muscle.

When we recall those who have gone before us and on whose shoulders we are standing, we build our resiliency muscle.

Persevering through challenging circumstances may help us see ourselves and life with new eyes.

Today's Practice: Talk to a friend or family member and share your resiliency stories.

Reflection: Today I will look for resiliency in the ordinary.





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 September, funds were sent to Direct Relief (directrelief.org) which improves the health and lives of people world wide who are affected by poverty or emergency situations. They work in more than 80 countries around the world and in all 50 states to prepare vulnerable communities for emergencies and to provide help after disasters with medical services and other needs. During the pandemic, they have worked to get protective gear and critical care medications to as many health care workers as possible, and to support people most at risk, regardless of politics, religion or ability to pay.

In October, we will allocate money to the San Diego Rapid Response Network (rapidresponsed.org), a coalition of human rights and service organizations, attorneys and community leaders dedicated to aiding immigrants and their families in the San Diego border region. It was formed to respond to immigration enforcement activities within San Diego County and humanitarian issues arising at our border. Jewish Family Service of San Diego operates the State of California Disaster Relief Assistance for Immigrants project for San Diego and Imperial Counties, to provide direct assistance for undocumented adult immigrants impacted by COVID-19.

The Social Action Committee carefully screens all recipients to make sure money you donate to continue the work of tikkun olam is spent wisely.



Help Provide Dinners for the Safe Parking Project

Every night of the week, Jewish Family Service operates a Safe Parking Program at four secured lots for unsheltered people living out of their vehicles. Many of these people are experiencing homelessness for the first time. The Safe Parking Program provides resources and support, including assistance on basic needs, employment, family wellness, credit repair and financial education, to help people transition back into permanent housing,

Volunteers supply meals each night. The Social Action Committee has organized dinners periodically since the program begins. While we can no longer cook the meals to be served, donations from generous congregants and friends have made it possible for the dinners to continue. Please consider a donation of any amount to the Social Action Fund, and specify that the money is used for Safe Parking Dinners. For questions on this project, please contact committee member Suzanne Schulman at skschulman@gmail.com.

We will schedule more dinners as money is received to support the project.

For other questions about our Social Action Committee, please email socialaction@teesd.org



Blood Donors Needed!

The need for blood continues for cancer patients, auto accidents, surgeries and more. Some hospitals are now scheduling elective surgeries postponed earlier in the pandemic. Local High Schools normally provide about 25% of blood donations in our area. Since most classes have transitioned to distanced learning, it is no longer an option to have blood drives at schools.

You may donate at any of their eight donor centers or at mobile blood drives. Appointments are needed. Please call (619) 400-8251, or go to <https://www.mysdbb.org> to find the center or the mobile drive most convenient for you.

Remember: One pint of blood can save up to three lives.



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To start shopping, go to our website, <https://teesd.org> and click on the AmazonSmile logo on our home page.



Virtual Walk Against Hate

Take a stand against hate.

The annual Anti-Defamation League's Walk against Hate, which was originally scheduled for last April 26, had to be postponed. It is now going virtual and will take place on October 18. Please join Temple Emanu-El's team at:

<https://support.adl.org/event/adl-walk-against-hate-2020/e265510>

Scroll down, click on "register," select "join a team" and look for the Temple Emanu-El team. Last year, we raised almost \$1000 for ADL.

Registration is free, but please consider making a donation to this worthy cause. Although the event is national, the money raised in the San Diego area will go to the local organization.

In order to participate in the virtual walk, you should plan to walk 18 miles by October 18 or walk 3.6 miles on October 18. For questions, contact team captain Jean Seager at jhseager@gmail.com or call her at (619) 435-8130.

Those who registered for the April 26 walk are already part of our team. Tee shirts will be given to the first 1000 people who raise at least \$150. An ADL bandana will be given to anyone who raises or gives \$50.

Thanks to everyone for supporting Temple Emanu-El and the Anti-Defamation League's fight against hate.



From the Mailbox

All of us at Jewish Family Service would like to offer our sincerest gratitude to you for providing dinner to the Safe Parking Program! Your dinners arrived on time and were distributed to clients in our program.

During this COVID crisis, your meal not only provided families and individuals with a delicious, nutritious dinner but sent a message that we are all in this together. With help from generous and kind people like you, we continue to support individuals and families through the challenges of homelessness during this unprecedented time.

Every night, we welcome up to four donations of 60 meals each to ensure that every Safe Parking participant has a dinner.

Tina Wehbe, Safe Parking Volunteer Coordinator
Jewish Family Service

*Our involvement with the Safe Parking Program continues!
Please help by making a donation to the Social Action Fund, earmarked for "Safe Parking."*



Thank you for your generous contribution to the Downtown San Diego Lions Club in memory of Lee Loventhal from the good people at Temple Emanu-El. Lee was a good man with an inspired heart. These funds will be restricted for use through our "Taittwister" account, used for program grants in the community.

The Lions look forward to an ongoing relationship with Temple Emanu-El.

Jose Cruz, Todd Kaprielian, Past Presidents
Downtown San Diego Lions Club

Lee Loventhal (z"l), our long time Social Action Chair, was instrumental in connecting Temple Emanu-El and the Lions Club through projects such as the Thanksgiving Dinner at the Center for the Blind, collections of eyeglasses for Lions in Sight, and more.

Your generous donations to the Social Action Fund make it possible to respond to needs in our community and around the world.



Recovery International

Depression and anxiety are on the rise. Do you suffer from stress, tension, worry, hopelessness? Can't sleep, experiencing anger, fear and panic? You are not alone. Recovery International is a cognitive-behavioral, peer-to-peer, self-help training method that has been around for 80 years. It supports individuals as they gain skills to lead more peaceful and productive lives. The meetings are donation based, but no one is ever turned away. Getting relief is more important.

San Diego Recovery International (619) 383-2084 Lisa@recoveryinternational.org

www.recoveryinternational.org



You Can Prevent Carbon Monoxide Exposure by Cathi L. Marx, Safety/Security Committee Chair

It's hard to imagine turning on our heaters right now; but autumn will be here soon. Now is the time to check your heater, change the batteries in smoke detectors and install a carbon monoxide (CO) alarm.

- **Do** have your heating system, water heater and any other gas, oil or coal burning appliances serviced by a qualified technician every year.
- **Do** install a battery-operated or battery back-up CO detector in your home. Check or replace the battery when you change the time on your clocks each spring and fall. If the detector sounds, leave your home immediately and call 911.
- **Do** seek prompt medical help if you suspect CO poisoning and are feeling dizzy, light-headed or nauseated.
- **Don't** use a generator, charcoal grill, camp stove, or other gasoline or charcoal-burning device inside your home, basement or garage or near a window.
- **Don't** run a car or truck inside a garage attached to your house, even if you leave the door open.
- **Don't** burn anything in a stove or fireplace that isn't vented.
- **Don't** heat your house with a gas oven.
- **Don't** use a generator, pressure washer or any gasoline-powered engine less than 20 feet from any window, door or vent. Use an extension cord that is more than 20 feet long to keep the generator at a safe distance.

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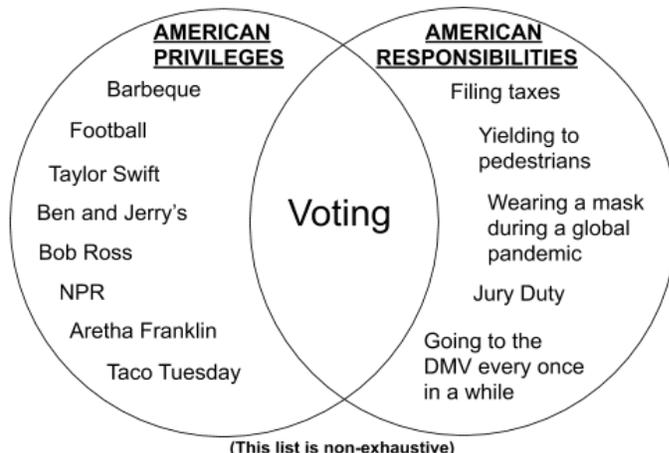


Advocacy Committee by Alec Irwin, Advocacy Committee Member

Remember to Vote!

The Advocacy Committee would like to take a moment to remind you of the importance of voting. As Americans, it is our privilege to ensure that the sacrifices of those who have come before us, the civil rights activists that dreamed of a future in which all Americans could vote, were not made in vain. It is our responsibility as members of this nation to speak out on the matters which are important to us. To make sure you are registered and more information, please check the San Diego Registrar of Voters website at sdvote.com. If you need more assistance, please contact us at advocacy@teesd.org and we will be happy to help.

Did you know that California now offers a step by step tracking service for your ballot? Visit <https://wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov/> to choose to receive notification by email, SMS text message, or even a voice call when our county elections office mails, receives, counts or encounters any problems with your ballot. This service is free and could take you less than a minute to set up!



Torah School

by Rabbi Benj Fried

Star Laddon, our Torah School teaching staff, and I are thrilled to report that our Torah School has successfully launched for the new year. Our online and in person options for Torah School have both opened successfully and have been engaging our students in our educational program in safe and fun learning. If you are still interested in registering your students for Torah School, please email me (rabbibenj@teesd.org) for more information about how our program is running.

In October, our holiday continues with our harvest festival of Sukkot and our celebration of our cycle of Torah with Simchat Torah. For Sukkot, we want to invite you to live stream our services on Friday, October 2 at 5 pm. Our services will be outside in the Sukkah, and we hope you will watch with us for a fun and beautiful Shabbat and Sukkot experience. On Saturday, October 3, we invite you to a drive through sukkah experience. Come in your cars to the Emanu-El parking lot to drive through our sukkah and shake a lulav. The drive through opens at 6 pm.

On Friday, October 9, we want to invite you to our drive through Simchat Torah experience and Consecration for new Torah School students. Come in your cars to the Emanu-El parking lot at 5 pm for another drive through experience with music, joy, and maybe even a little something sweet. New Torah School students are invited to come out and take a picture with their families as they receive their consecration certificates and plushy Torahs.

We want to wish you a happy 5781 and a sacred and joyful year of learning.

Price Family Preschool

by Janet Arkin, Preschool Director

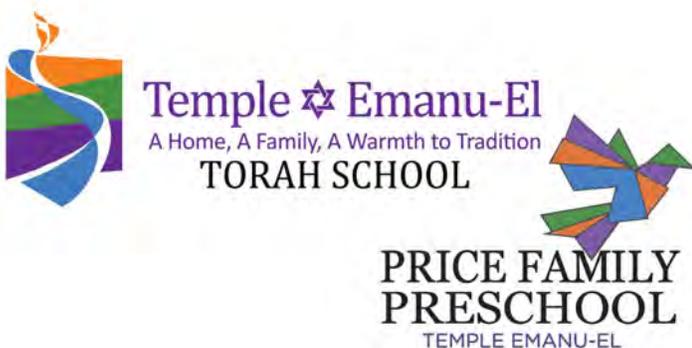
Our year is off to a wonderful start and the preschool children continue to thrive! It is truly a pleasure to observe our team of educators as they work their magic with every child in their classrooms.

Some of our recent highlights included tasting delicious apples dipped in honey and learning about the traditions of the High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

October will be an exciting month for our preschoolers, we will sing songs in the Sukkah and have a marching parade in celebration of Simchat Torah.

I am grateful for our Temple and Preschool community for all the love and support. We are so blessed to have so many involved and generous parents. Their involvement enriches our preschool and makes Price Family Preschool a very special community of families.

**We have a limited amount of spaces still available for this school year. Referrals are greatly appreciated!
For any additional information, please call our office at (619) 286-2999 or email us preschool@teesd.org.**

The flyer has a light blue background with a collage of photos showing children engaged in various activities like playing with blocks, painting, and eating. At the top left is the Price Family Preschool logo (a colorful 'P' shape) and the text 'PRICE FAMILY PRESCHOOL' and 'TEMPLE EMANU-EL'. Below this, the text reads 'NOW ENROLLING' in large, bold, black letters, followed by 'Spaces Available' in a smaller, blue font. Underneath, three bullet points describe the program: 'Welcoming children 18 months to five years', 'Discover & learn while making lifelong friendships', and 'Our caring staff fosters the love of learning'. At the bottom, it says 'Schedule your tour today' and provides contact information: 'Contact Janet Arkin, preschool director', 'e: jarkin@teesd.org', 'p: 619.286.2999', '6299 Capri Drive, San Diego', and 'https://teesd.org'. A small version of the Temple Emanu-El logo is in the bottom right corner.

Adult Education



Supporting Lifelong Jewish Learning

by Madelynn Micon, *Committee Chair*

I am excited and pleased to announce that Laurie Baron is now Co-Chair of the Adult Education Committee. His extensive knowledge of Jewish learning has enhanced the committee's programming and planning for the past several years. Welcome, Laurie. I look forward to working with you.

Our committee has worked closely with Rabbi Devorah and Rabbi Benj to plan many new and exciting life-long learning opportunities. We are continuing to live in a world of uncertainty and dissonance. Many of you have already taken advantage of the wonderful classes and lectures they have provided over the summer. We hope you will join our classes and programs, which will continue to be on Zoom. In addition to exciting learning, we have the opportunity to "see" and meet with each other, discuss ideas, and look forward to the time when we can learn together in person.

MOVIE NIGHT IS BACK! Thanks to Laurie Baron and Zoom, monthly movie nights will return this month. The theme this year is Blacks and Jews. Our first movie will be

Driving Miss Daisy, directed by Bruce Beresford (1989) Saturday, October 17 • 7 pm

Addressing serious issues like racism and anti-Semitism in the South during the middle of the 20th century, this movie works because of the chemistry evident between Morgan Freeman's Hoke Colburn and Jessica Tandy's Daisy Werthan. The believable manner in which this Southern Jewish woman and her African American chauffeur relate to one another despite skin color, class, religion, and an institutional racism that one sees and the other doesn't, makes *Driving Miss Daisy* emotionally rich without going down the road of overt manipulation. Specific instructions and the Zoom link will be available in the Temple email after October 7.

Coffee with the Rabbi Wednesdays, October 7, 14, 21, 28 • 11 am

Drop in when you can for a lively discussion on current events. No registration, no charge and no preparation is needed – just an interest in Jewish learning.

Torah Study Saturdays • 9 am

An in depth study of Torah portions and commentary, led by Rabbi Devorah and Rabbi Benj. Zoom links are posted weekly in the Temple emails.

Introduction to Judaism Sundays • 10 am, beginning October 11

Please see the Temple website for registration and fee information.

Please check the Adult Education link on the Temple website for Adult Ed Website Streaming Resources, where you will find additional learning opportunities from throughout the country. Thank you Laurie Baron for putting this together.

For questions about Adult Ed, please contact me at adulted@teesd.org or (619)200-3237.

Shanah Tovah. A healthy, sweet year to our entire Temple community.





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Beginning Hebrew with Cantor Lonee Frailich. Wednesdays 6-6:45 PM, beginning Oct 14. \$100, plus \$37 for books. templeakiba.formstack.com/forms/payments_contributions

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Biblical Hebrew with Rabbi Benj Fried. Focus on grammar and translation of passages, for those who have completed a Hebrew course. Sundays 2-3 PM, Oct through May \$125. Register at teesd.org/adult-education/

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We are the People of the (Story) Book • Cantor Evan Kent October 18 and 25, November 1 and 8 • 11 am for adults and 12 pm for teens

Cantor Evan Kent will join us virtually from Jerusalem to present a storytelling workshop over four weekends this fall. Our holidays, festivals, and celebrations are filled with stories. The Torah, Talmud, and Midrash are also full of stories used to inform and educate. Even the stories our grandparents shared are vital in the transmission of culture and tradition. Cantor Kent will share with us the power and vitality of storytelling and how we can assure these important stories remain part of our heritage. In July 2013, Evan moved from Los Angeles to Jerusalem where he currently lives with his husband Rabbi Donald Goor. Evan received his ordination as a cantor and his Master's in Sacred Music from Hebrew Union College in New York and served Temple Isaiah in Los Angeles as its cantor for 25 years. Evan also received his Bachelor's Degree from the Manhattan School of Music and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the City University of New York.

Dr. Cantor Evan Kent received his doctorate in music education from Boston University in May, 2014. His doctoral research examined how music at Jewish summer camps in North America assists in the development of Jewish identity. Evan's academic interests also include the use of community music as a vehicle for conflict resolution, music and collective memory, and the intersection of spirituality and music. He is currently a lead researcher involved in a project examining the phenomenon of public Kabbalat Shabbat services in Israel.

He is currently on the faculty of Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem where he teaches liturgy and sacred music. His publications have appeared in the Journal of Reform Judaism, Sh'ma Magazine, Conservative Judaism, and the Finnish Journal of Music Education. Additionally, Evan was a member of the editorial committee for the new Reform High Holiday prayer book, "Mishkan HaNefesh."

Dr. Cantor Kent is also a musical theatre performer having starred in Jerusalem productions of "Guys and Dolls," the musical drama "Next to Normal," "Avenue Q," "Singin' in the Rain" and Sondheim's "Assassins" and "Cabaret." Evan also portrayed Yitzchak Rabin in a new musical drama ("November") that dramatized the last week of Rabin's life.

Evan's one man show "Shards-Putting the Pieces Together" has been presented in Jerusalem, Prague, New York, and California. In the coming year the show, which chronicles Evan's aliyah to Israel as well as his grandparents' immigration to the United States from Eastern Europe, will be seen in Washington, DC, Albany, New York, Phoenix, Arizona and Columbus, Ohio.

When not singing, teaching, and conducting research, Evan is an avid runner having completed a dozen marathons, many half marathons, and ultra-marathons. He is also an expert hamantaschen taster, sampling all the hamantaschen Jerusalem has to offer and posting his tasting adventures on Facebook to the delight of friends and fans around the world.

Zoom Registration Link will be available online. This event is free of charge to everyone due to the generosity of an anonymous donor. Voluntary donations to our Adult Ed Committee would be appreciated as well.



Contributions, continued

Virtual Drum Circle Wednesday, October 21 • 6 pm

A community drum circle is a collaborative, self-organized musical experience created “in the moment” by all the people who participate. When we, as a community, drum together, we share our spirit in the form of rhythm and it changes our relationships for the positive.

Join us for the first time or again on Wednesday, October 21 at 6pm in the comfort of your home.

No experience is necessary but just the willingness to have fun. Leave your “do it” list behind!

We have been Zooming for several months and LeAnne Pearl leads the way.

To receive the Zoom link or for any questions, please contact me at bonniebaron@gmail.com.



WRJ Sisterhood: Sisters by Choice

by Nancy Marcus and Barbara Chancy, *Co-Presidents*

We wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year 5781, and hope to be able to meet in person before too much more time passes! We are off to a great start this year. We enjoyed a discussion on friendship at our opening meeting on September 16: “Dinner for One or Two.” Coming up shortly, we will make “no sew” fleece blankets for children. If you would like to join in, just let us know. Look for some Game Nights, coming soon. For any questions, please contact us at wrj@teesd.org. There is so much we can do on Zoom. Please join us so we can be together! If you have not yet joined Women of Temple Emanu-El San Diego – Sisters by Choice this year, please do. Just call the Temple Office and they can email you the form.



History of Women of Reform Judaism

Our organization, the Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ), is 107 years old. WRJ will celebrate its 108th birthday on January 21. We are pleased to share some of our early accomplishments. During World War I, our women volunteered and worked on relief efforts - rolling bandages, providing cooked meals, visiting the wounded, offering Jewish soldiers places to spend the High Holy Days and holidays, even offering home hospitality if needed.

In 1923, WRJ offered a resolution to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), the old name of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), to allow women who belonged to the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods (NFTS), the old name of WRJ, to sit on the URJ Board of Directors. That was a really big deal! It took a few years, but it happened. It was our first early move towards gender equality. URJ moves slowly, but they elected the first woman president of the Board of Trustees four years ago. We can be very patient!

In the days leading up to World War II, the handwriting was on the wall to see what would happen to Jews in Germany. In 1935, WRJ raised the money to bring five young men, all Rabbinic students, to the U.S. to continue their education. All five went on to have exemplary rabbinates, but we know two of the young men well. One was Rabbi Wolli Kaelter, z”l, who served Temple Israel of Long Beach for many years. Another was Rabbi Gunther Plaut, z”l, of Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto. Rabbi Plaut is the author of the Torah Commentary used by the Reform Movement. We are so proud of our foremothers and their forward thinking and doing!

Have a good month, and please Zoom with us!



In Our Temple Emanu-El Family

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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- To Amy Besnoy for maintaining and updating the Temple's Facebook page

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				OCT 1 • 13 TISH	OCT 2 • 14 TISH	OCT 3 • 15 TISH
					Erev Sukkot Shabbat Service 5 pm	Torah Study 9 am Sukkot Festival Service 10:30 am Drive-Thru Sukkah Event 6 pm
OCT 4 • 16 TISH	OCT 5 • 17 TISH	OCT 6 • 18 TISH	OCT 7 • 19 TISH	OCT 8 • 20 TISH	OCT 9 • 21 TISH	OCT 10 • 22 TISH
Torah School 9:30 am	Recovery International 1 pm	Community Jewish High 7 pm	Coffee with the Rabbi 11 am		Drive-Thru Simchat Torah Event & Consecration 5 pm Erev Simchat Torah Shabbat Service 6 pm	Torah Study 9 am Atzeret/Simchat Torah Festival Service Yizkor Memorial Prayers 10:30 am
OCT 11 • 23 TISH	OCT 12 • 24 TISH	OCT 13 • 25 TISH	OCT 14 • 26 TISH	OCT 15 • 27 TISH	OCT 16 • 28 TISH	OCT 17 • 29 TISH
Torah School 9:30 am Intro to Judaism 10 am Proposition Seminar 6:30 pm	Recovery International 1 pm	Community Jewish High 7 pm	Coffee with the Rabbi 11 am Mental Health Subcommittee 7 pm		Preschool Shabbat Service 6 pm Shabbat Service 6:30 pm	Torah Study 9 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am Simon & Michaela Snyder- Braasch B'nai Mitzvah Adult Ed Film 7 pm
OCT 18 • 30 TISH	OCT 19 • 1 CHESH	OCT 20 • 2 CHESH	OCT 21 • 3 CHESH	OCT 22 • 4 CHESH	OCT 23 • 5 CHESH	OCT 24 • 6 CHESH
Torah School 9:30 am Intro to Judaism 10 am Storytelling Workshop 11 am & 12 pm Biblical Hebrew Class 2 pm	Recovery International 1 pm	Community Jewish High 7 pm	Coffee with the Rabbi 11 am Drum Circle 6 pm	Board of Directors 6:30 pm	Shabbat Service 6 pm	Torah Study 9 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am Bailey Huot Bat Mitzvah
OCT 25 • 7 CHESH	OCT 26 • 8 CHESH	OCT 27 • 9 CHESH	OCT 28 • 10 CHESH	OCT 29 • 11 CHESH	OCT 30 • 12 CHESH	OCT 31 • 13 CHESH
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