

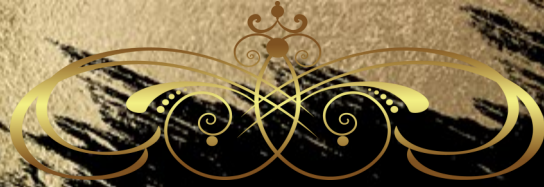


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Iyar—Sivan 5783 אייר – סיון

May 2023

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SATURDAY JUNE 3, 2023
6PM

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June 1 and at the door Ticket Price \$90

Please go to Temple website to register

<https://teesd.org/>

Service Schedule

Friday, May 5

Family Shabbat Service 6 pm
Teacher Appreciation

Saturday, May 6

Shabbat Service 10:30 am
Emor, Leviticus 21:1-24:23
Ezekiel 44:15-31

Friday, May 12

Shabbat Service 6 pm

Saturday, May 13

Shabbat Service 10:30 am
Bat Mitzvah
B'har-B'chukotai, Leviticus 25:1-27:34
Jeremiah 16:19-17:14

Friday, May 19

Shabbat Service 6 pm
Sisterhood Shabbat

Saturday, May 20

Shabbat Service 10:30 am
B'midbar, Numbers 1:1-4:20
Hosea 2:1-22

Thursday, May 25

Kabbalat Torah Grad/Service 5:30 pm

Friday, May 26

Shavuot Service 10 am
Shabbat Service 6 pm

Saturday, May 27

Shabbat Service 10:30 am
Naso I, Numbers 4:21-5:31
Judges 13:2-12



From Our Temple Co-Presidents

by Marc Glazer & Cathi Marx



April showers have definitely brought May flowers! The flowers in their majesty have given the joy of color and happiness to our fields and faces as we have the privilege to watch San Diego in full bloom (sorry to our friends and family with allergies!). As we walk these days between Passover and Shavuot, we celebrate this season of gentle rain and all things growing with new life and new energy.

Just like the world around us, we know that the blooming and growing only happens with a commitment to nurture that which has been planted. When we give the gift of space and loving attention, we allow life to open itself in all of its potential and glory. This is the sacred work that we do here every day and every week at Temple Emanu-El. Like the farmers of ancient Israel, we carefully plant our seeds and hope for a future that is filled with a bounty worthy of God's blessings. We ask God for sun and rain in the right amounts, and, in return, we offer the *avodah sh'balev* – the labors of our hearts as God's partners. In this sacred covenant, we build our synagogue in order to build and sustain our community that we may have the privilege of raising up the next generation – a generation worthy of God's blessings. As we move towards the beautiful festival of Shavuot, we hope you'll join us for our holiday festivities as we celebrate our Kabbalat Torah graduates on May 25. You can also join us the following weekend for our annual synagogue fundraiser on June 3 as we ensure we have the means necessary to continue to engage in this sacred work.

Do you hear that? The flowers and the future are calling!

Shaun Speaks...



Shaun Copans,
Executive Director

As we near the end of the school year, I wanted to recognize the staff and teachers in our Preschool for their incredible efforts. For the second consecutive year, our Preschool was at full capacity, and our reputation in the community for providing a creative, inspiring, warm and caring environment for the children is second to none.

Our team of educators, led by Director Janet Arkin, is the biggest reason why our families and our kids love the program. I am excited to share that earlier this year, we were selected to participate in the San Diego Quality Preschool Initiative, managed by the San Diego County Office of Education. This program provides grants to both the Preschool as well as the individual teachers who participate. The money we received was used by our Preschool to purchase educational supplies. The grant also provides funds for individual teachers to use for workshops, classes or other professional development.

The recognition our program has received in the community and our continued investment in our educators and the school ensures our success for years to come. Thank you to everyone who has helped support Price Family Preschool over the years.



Temple members who are able to go above and beyond the standard Temple dues requirement enable us to continue our high standard of services and programs for all members, regardless of means. Please consider joining at one of the following levels:

Chai Circle

**Denotes five years of participation in the Chai Circle program.*



All levels of Chai Circle and Life Membership will have their names published at High Holy Days and in HaSofer (The Scribe). For more information about our programs, please call the Temple office at (619) 286-2555.

Life Membership



Add Your Strength to Ours!

Below is a list of contacts for committees, projects and other ways to become more involved in the life of Temple EmanuEl. Please reach out to any of these groups to learn more about their work, and how you can become involved.

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Janice Steinberg
- **Budget and Finance** financecommittee@teesd.org
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Rabbi Benj Fried



Mitzvah of the Month – Clothes for Mesa College Students

Students at Mesa Community College are returning to in-person classes and preparing to enter or re-enter the workplace. They need appropriate business clothing for interviews and professional ventures. The newly established Stand Basic Needs Resource Center provides a free clothing closet, with gently used professional clothing, including pants and slacks, blouses and dress shirts, skirts, dresses, suits, jackets, and all kinds of shoes, dressy and casual to the students. In addition, they can use accessories, such as handbags and belts, new socks and underwear, and unopened toiletries, both travel size and full size.

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

For questions or more information, please contact Helen Elias at helenelias1@gmail.com



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MESA COLLEGE

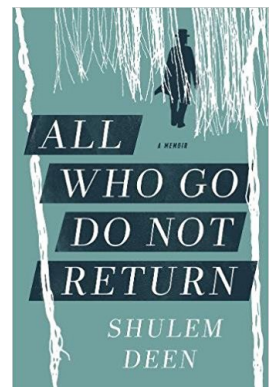
Temple Emanu-El Book Group

by Janice Steinberg, Book Group Coordinator

Next Group Meeting on Zoom: Monday, May 15, 7 pm

Our May book is “All Who Go Do Not Return” by Shulem Deen. The book was the National Jewish Book Winner in 2015. It is a moving and revealing exploration of Hasidic life, and one man’s struggles with faith, family, and community. Shulem Deen’s memoir, *All Who Go Do Not Return*, succeeds in explaining one man’s harrowing battle against faith. Deen is the creator of Unpious, an online journal for “voices on the Hasidic fringe.” His narrative flows beautifully on the page, especially considering that he grew up in a Yiddish-speaking household. In telling his tale, Deen understands the importance of playing devil’s advocate and thinking carefully about what others believe during tense moments. His handbook on a Hasid’s struggles contains one surprise after another. Only someone who has been expelled from a community could recount so vividly and viscerally what sort of pain comes with this type of substantial loss, and Deen loses more than you might think. His memoir keeps the reader glued to the page from beginning to end—and by providing thorough, concise explanations of concepts, readers may find foreign, he makes it unnecessary to have Wikipedia nearby. *All Who Go Do Not Return* is intended not only for Jewish readers, but for all who want to see the world through Deen’s clear eyes. He is a curious individual who finds everything intriguing. Those who long to be accepted, who have felt lost, should pick up this book.

This is a book for the nomad, the explorer, the insatiable.



The Book Group is open to all Temple members. For the Zoom link or to join our mailing list, please email me at janicesteinberg@cox.net.



Community Corner

The Wisdom of Making Mistakes

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

"Resilience begins with failure." This is not a mindset we generally choose to cultivate but it has a truth of its own. When you think about it, a lot of our growth comes from having made mistakes.

Great inventions were realized after mistakes. There is growing evidence to suggest that innovation flourishes when people are given the space to make mistakes.

Way back and many decades ago, I was an undirected, confused, insecure young woman. I entered San Diego State University and didn't know what I wanted or was interested in. Yes, it was a recipe for failure, and I did. I flunked out of college.

Flash forward. When my three daughters were ages ten months, two and three years, I made a decision to go back to school. I was deeply sorry I had not finished college, embarrassed I had flunked out, and very determined to complete a degree. Slowly, one class at a time, I earned an undergraduate degree and later a master's degree. The fire in my belly was lit by failure. During my time in school, I figured out what I felt passionate about, what I wanted and how I could be useful to others. I have been doing just that for over three decades.

I don't know about your life, but my life has not been linear and doesn't travel in a straight line. It zigzags, detours and doubles back. Many things I have to learn over and over again.

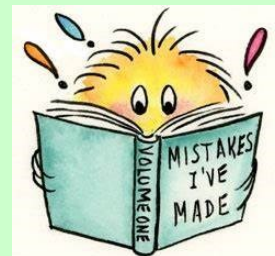
Here are just a few of the lessons we can learn from mistakes:

1. **We learn the lesson of humility.** We aren't perfect and neither is anyone else. We learn to be compassionate to ourselves and others.
2. **We learn the lesson of change.** Much of who we think we are can get swept away when confronted with our own mistakes.
3. **We learn the lesson of authenticity.** We can be more real and authentic by accepting that we have limits as well as assets.
4. **We learn the lesson of surrender.** Surrender happens when our usual ways of controlling life no longer work, and it is too exhausting to attempt to persist in trying to control the uncontrollable.

Reflection: Reflect on how mistakes can help you discover inner strength.

Today's Practice: As you look back through the years, what did you learn from making mistakes?

Comments are welcomed: ggrave3333@aol.com



Condolences

To Michele Kipnis and Dale Goldman on the death of their cousin
Ellen Fraser Stanton

To Barbara Ruth Saltzman on the death of her husband, and to Brian Saltzman, Andrea Martin Saltzman, and Sara Saltzman on the death of their father
Arnold Saltzman



Juneteenth Freedom Festival
Memorial Park San Diego, 2975 Oceanview Blvd.
Saturday, June 17, 11 am – 6 pm

Temple Emanu-El has reserved booth space in the 69th annual Cooper Family Foundation's Juneteenth Freedom Festival in San Diego's Barrio Logan neighborhood. This is the first time our congregation has participated in the festival. We will display educational material showing Jewish involvement in civil rights dating back to the formation and leadership of the NAACP in 1909.

We can use your help!

- Preparation of educational materials
- Participants for video interviews of members of the congregation who have been involved – we want to hear from you!
- Voices and stories of Black Jewish members and families of our congregation for interviews and story sharing
- Volunteers for set up and breakdown of the booth, as well as those to take shifts at our Festival booth
- People interested in sharing ideas for stronger, better African and Jewish American relationships in San Diego

Our goal is to strengthen relationships between our two communities in San Diego, founded on trust, transparency and shared understanding. We hope to embrace our common interest in dismantling white supremacy to propel our actions. We want to show our solidarity, raise awareness and work actively together to address racism and antisemitism in San Diego and in America.

Barrett Holman Leak and Rabbi Devorah have been meeting to work on details for our participation in the Festival. For more information or to volunteer to help, please contact Barrett at (619) 251-5103 or send an email to clemmenspowell@gmail.com.

From the Mailbox

On behalf of the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice (RCRC), I'd like to express my deepest gratitude for your generous donation.

This is a big year for RCRC – it's our 50th anniversary. We were forged in a time of crisis similar to the one we face right now. And we are responding with the same conviction that drove us 50 years ago, but with new strategies to make our work more interaccessible, and effective in today's world.

We rely on supporters like you to help us advance our vision of a world in which all people live with dignity and freedom to exercise their conscience in making reproductive decisions.

Rev. Katey Zeh, Chief Executive Officer
Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice
Pro-Faith, Pro-Family, Pro-Choice



Thank you for your generous donation. Global Giving is proud to provide donors with a transparent, high impact giving experience. Your donation will be used for those affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

Donna Callejon, CEO
Global Giving

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



Adult Education



Supporting Lifelong Jewish Learning
by Madelynn Micon *Committee Chair*

Cinematic Jewish Calendar Movie Series
A Film for Yom HaAtzmaut, Israel Independence Day
A Tale of Love and Darkness
Saturday, May 20, 7 pm
Temple Sanctuary, In Person



Natalie Portman debuts as a feature writer/director by deftly and strikingly adapting the family memoir of Amos Oz, one of Israel's most prominent writers and intellectuals. She warmly hones this portrait of a storyteller as a young man through his childishly humorous view of the turbulent 1940s in Jerusalem. Beyond nostalgia, Portman plays the author's mother, Fania, who was the heart of his autobiography. As an adult, he tries to understand her influence and why she committed suicide at age 38, when he was only 12. All this unfolds amidst the background of remembering relatives who died in the Holocaust, the creation of Israel, and the process of becoming an Israeli. Achieving both a literary and painterly feel, Portman's stereotype-free portrayal of Jewish families in Jerusalem in this period is a tribute to the great writer and his muse. The movie, made in 2015, was filmed in Israel and the United States.

Laurie Baron will introduce the film and facilitate discussion after the screening.

Torah Study

Saturday mornings—9:00 am In Person and on Zoom

An in-depth study of Torah portions and commentary. Come in person or connect from home.

Zoom links will be provided in the Temple's weekly emails.

Coffee with the Rabbi

Wednesday mornings, 11 am on Zoom (beginning on May 17)

Drop in when you can for a lively discussion on current events. No registration is needed— just an interest in Jewish learning.

Please consider a contribution to the Adult Education Fund to help support the Committee's efforts to continue to engage speakers and provide the high quality of life-long learning experiences that have become an integral part of Temple Emanu-El.

Program costs are continuing to rise, and we need your support.

Please check your email messages for additional information and other upcoming Adult Ed programs. For questions, contact Madelynn at adulted@teesd.org, or call her at (619)200-3237.



Israel Engagement
What's Happening in Israel?
by Rhonda Amber and Jonathan Licht

Please join us for a special Israel Engagement Zoom meeting with Rabbi Devorah:

Wednesday, May 17, 12 pm

We will discuss Israel's 75th birthday, current events, and will plan programs and events on topics relating to Israel. Please contact us at rjamber2011@gmail.com for more information. The Zoom link will be provided in the Temple's weekly emails.

There is a long-standing Jewish tradition in synagogues and temples to pray for the wisdom of our leaders and the welfare of the U.S.A. and Israel. In these troubled times, we would like to share a prayer for Israel adapted and written by Alan Elsner. Elsner is a former global correspondent for The Jerusalem Post and Reuters, communications person for The Israel Project and J Street, novelist and playwright.

Alternative Prayer for the State of Israel

We pray for our beloved Israel, invoking these words from its Declaration of Independence:

"The State of Israel will be open for Jewish immigration and for the Ingathering of the Exiles; it will foster the development of the country for the benefit of all its inhabitants; it will be based on freedom, justice and peace as envisaged by the prophets of Israel; it will ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex; it will guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, language, education and culture; it will safeguard the Holy Places of all religions; and it will be faithful to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations."

Let us pray that these words will continue to guide Israel's leaders and its people, that the Jewish state will be inclusive, promoting the unity and embracing the full, glorious diversity of the Jewish people. Let us never forget that our history teaches us to stand with the oppressed around the world. Strengthen the hands of those who defend Israel's borders, its security and its democracy and uphold a government which enshrines the principles of equal justice and moral accountability. Let Israel foster the generosity of spirit to share the land in peace with others whose home it is. May Israel remain a place where the still, small voice is heard. Let its leaders resist the temptation to believe that might makes right.

Rather, let us recall the lesson of Zechariah: "Not by might and not by power but by my Spirit, says the Lord of Hosts."

Drum Circle
May 23, 3 pm

Come join the Drum Circle on Tuesday, May 23, from 3 – 4 pm in the synagogue courtyard. We enjoy drumming outside in this Spring weather! We have a core group of drummers, but always welcome new ones.

We have been meeting for over three years, even through Covid, via Zoom. We sound better in person, outside!

Leanne Pearl, who had drummed for the Temple's High Holy Day services, is our drum leader extraordinaire. There is a gratuity for Leanne of \$10 per person.

Drumming can be meditative, relaxing, fun, inspirational and creative. Each week we learn new rhythms and integrate them into our own. No experience is necessary. There are drums to share.

Some members say they come away with a clearer mind. There is plenty of time for schmoozing.

For any questions, please contact Bonnie Baron at bonnieebaron@gmail.com. You do not have to be a synagogue member to join us!



May is Mental Health Month

Move your muscles - change your thoughts.
Dr. Abraham Low

I'm a committed advocate for removing the stigma concerning mental health challenges. Many local and statewide mental health events happen during the month of May for Mental Health Month. Both Rabbi Devorah and Rabbi Benj have been exceptionally supportive and have continually encouraged me in all my endeavors to get the word out: *You don't need to suffer.*

I am a member of the Suicide Prevention Council (SPC) of San Diego. Each May, SPC has a Faith Breakfast, and this is the 12th year for the inspirational event. Rabbi Benj always says "Yes!" to the request to share the Jewish perspective at this event. When mental health issues arise in a family, it's important that our religious community be prepared to support them. This year's topic is *Cultivating Support Teams in the Religious Community*. The breakfast will be held on Zoom on Thursday, May 25, from 9 – 11:30 am. There is no charge, and all are welcome. Registration is online at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spc-12th-annual-faith-breakfast-tickets-608930175547>.

For more information, please see www.sdchip.org and plan to join as we discuss the connection between faith, suicide prevention, and mental health awareness.

I find it heartwarming that after each Faith Breakfast, attendees will come up to Rabbi Benj or myself, to tell us how inspiring his stories are. Being a part of Temple Emanu-El makes me proud. To Rabbi Benj, I say, "Thank you for having a commitment to all people so that they can see the possibility of living happy and successful lives."

In-person Recovery International meetings are held every Thursday morning at 10 am in the Temple Library, led by Nick Silverstein (laplaceon@gmail.com). Temple Emanu-El hosts one of only two in-person meetings held in San Diego.

For questions, you can reach me at (619) 383-2084, or at Lisa@recoveryinternational.org.

Welcome to Recovery meetings are held Tuesdays on Zoom. To register, please see the Recovery International website, www.recoveryinternational.org

'R-E-S-P-E-C-T'



Lamb's Players Theatre's new musical production pays "R-E-S-P-E-C-T" to the women whose songs and voices defined the sound of the 1960s, from rock 'n' roll and R&B to soul and Top 40 pop. The 90-minute show remembers the icons and the underappreciated.

If you are interested in attending the play on **Wednesday, May 24 at 7 pm** we are purchasing a bloc of 10 tickets to save \$10 per ticket. If we sell a bloc of 20 tickets, we will save even more! The discounted price is good for either Section A or B. If you are interested in attending we need to know as soon as possible.

Please contact Rhonda Schwartz at: 619-563-9459 or 1966proxy@gmail.com.

Please let her know what Section you would prefer.

Prices: Section A: \$58 per ticket — Section B: \$38 per ticket

This event is organized by WRJ, but is open to all – you need not be a member to join us.

Advocacy—We did it!

By Barbara Learner and Janice Steinberg, Advocacy Committee Co-Chairs

Unfortunately, a little over a year ago when we met with elected officials, we had to include antisemitism as one of the issues we advocated about. During a meeting with then Supervisor Nathan Fletcher, he suggested taking a public stand with a Board of Supervisor Resolution against antisemitism. We went to work to make that happen. Rabbi Devorah and Rabbi Ridberg of Congregation Dor Hadash took a draft resolution created by members of the Advocacy Committee and turned it into a powerful resolution. Committee member Pat Libby shepherded the resolution through much of the Jewish community for their approval. Organizations signing on included the San Diego Rabbinical Association, Jewish Federation, ADL and Jewish Family Service. The Resolution was presented at the March 14 Board of Supervisor's meeting, co-sponsored by Nathan Fletcher and Terra Lawson-Remer. The Resolution passed unanimously. Here it is:

Meeting Date: March 14, 2023

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO DENOUNCING ANTISEMITIC RHETORIC AND HATE CRIMES TOWARDS JEWISH PEOPLE IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors supports creating inclusive and accepting communities for all residents of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego is home to tens of thousands Jewish people; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish people have maintained a unique ethnic, religious, social, and cultural identity, and diverse ethnic history for more than 5,000 years, and

WHEREAS, Jewish peoplehood is reflected in a diverse and multifaceted reality that spans continents, wide-ranging religious expressions, political attitudes, ethnic cultures, and is bound by a spiritual and historical attachment to the Land of Israel; and

WHEREAS, calls for the destruction of Israel along with, anti-Jewish, and antisemitic, bullying, vandalism, heated rhetoric, physical assaults, and violence have been on the rise in recent years; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 an armed gunman opened fire in a San Diego County synagogue during services resulting in one death and multiple injuries; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 the Federal Bureau of Investigation reported a 6 percent increase in hate crimes from the previous year, representing the highest total in 12 years, and found that attacks against Jews or Jewish institutions made up nearly 60 percent of all religious-based hate crimes; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) tabulated 2,717 antisemitic incidents in the United States, a 34 percent increase from the 2,026 incidents tabulated in 2020, and the highest number on record since the ADL began tracking incidents in 1979; and

WHEREAS, no individual or group within San Diego County should be a target of discrimination, or fear retaliation, derision, bullying, isolation, or violence because of their identity; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors denounces the rise in antisemitic rhetoric and hate-motivated crimes and incidents that denigrate Jewish people in the County of San Diego.



Contributions

Contributions received after the first of the month will be published in the next month's bulletin.

Commemorate a life cycle event or remember a loved one with a donation to one of the Temple's specially designated funds.

This month, we gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following contributions:



YAHREZEIT OBSERVANCE

Zecher Tzadik Livoracha – The Memory of the Righteous is a Blessing

The following yahrzeits will be commemorated at Shabbat services:

May 5 & 6

Paul Sholem Amber
Edward Baranov
*Ginda Berlin
Rita Bloomberg-Roth
Maxine Rabin Boxer
Karnit Breite
Leonard Burney
Ann Cantor
Sam Chawkin
Anne Cherin
Edwin Cling
Lee A. Cooke
Gary Dawley
Bernard Donnenfeld
Benjamin Evidon
Benjamin Feldman
Minnie Weider Friedman
Lillian Green
Charlotte Greyson
Herman Grossberger
Larry Gruer
*Fred Haurowitz
*Leo Heilbrunn
Joe Hernandez
Joseph Hirsch
Joe Hoffman
Arnold Israel
Dan Koppel
George Kugler
Nancy Laddon
*Rose Lawson
*Vera Lehrman
Lee Loventhal
Lori Martin
Dianne McAuliffe
Emery Nussbaum
Ira Oberndorfer
Harold Polgar
Erwin Rabin
Alex Rach
David Ritter
Belle Rothenberg
Irwin Schneider
James Schwartz
Miriam Seid
B. Miller Siegel
*Harvey Silvers
*Sanford Herbert Stone
Shari Turk
*Hannah Veitzman
Florence Waxman
Elaine Weiland
Sidney Williams
Jay Winheld
Bruce Witte
*Harry T. Wittgrove
Daniel Wosicki

May 12 & 13

Mary Anne Baker
Cecyle Beitscher
Morton Blackman
Eric Bruch
William Cohen
Dolores Dickstein
*Don Friedman
Mary Friedman
Melvin Furman
Robert Golden
Sally Goldman
Bob Gordon
*Ike Gordon
Sam Hamovitch
Lena Hicks
Dorothy Silverman Hyland
Bert Kantor
Rose Golub Kitaen
Madelyn Kossan
Samuel Kushner
Israel Maltzman
Harold Marks
David Mason
*Sheila Mittleman
*Karen Natkin
Russy Oken
Earl Phillips
Sky Infinity Schindler
Eileen Schubert
Rebeca Sherr
*Bea Shevitz
*Philip Shirley
*Solomon Spero
Mitzi Stein

May 19 & 20

Robert Breitbard
Erin Cannariato
Sol Cherry
Eppie Convel
*Audrey Cowen
Ivan Dix
Rebecca Dreizen
Florence Feingold
*Daren Flesner
Sheldon Freedheim
Joe Friedman
Kenneth Geist
Marion Keller Goldberg
Martin Goldstein
Don Hicks
Marie Hilber
Bess Rosenthal Hirshman
Sam Labovitch
George Leskowitz
Harry Lincoln
Anna Lipshitz
Bessie Marks
*Stanley Rosen
Derek Russell
*Albert J. Sablove
Lesli Sachs
Frances Schwartz
*Libby Siegel
Annette Silverstein
Morton Silverstein
Jeremy Steinberg
Jean Sweeney
*Norma Winston
Arlene Zirkin

May 26 & 27

Esther Asher
Betty Barkin
Anne Baumann Spear
Donald Bennett
*Shimon Camiel
Austin Case
*Louis Chawkin
*Major Rick Crocker
Martha Dix
*Lynda Jo Dyson
*Bob Epstein
*Ethel Fischer
*Robert Gardner
Anne Goldstein
*Rita Hamovitch
*Isador Heller
Lillian Huberman
Gerard Johnson
Edward Kahn
Larry Kallman
Buddy Lavin
Leonard Luttbeg
James Perkins
Ruth Pollack
Helen Pollak
Cari Rodman
Harry Schickler
Goldie Schissell
Esther Segal
Murray Shapiro
*Leslie Smith
*Oscar Spilkin
Bertha Strauss
Joseph Timlin
*May Tonopolsky
David Vogel
Rose Zeichick

June 2 & 3

Gloria Albert
Rabbi Haim Asa
Ron Baranov
Darlene Barkley
Samuel Bennett
James Hugh Bernard
Sandy Bolotin
Sylvia Clorfeine
Dorothy DeSure
Joseph Fagenbaum
Edward Feldman
Gizella Feldman
*David Flesner
Stan Foster
Corinne Fraser
Barbara Freedman
Chip Garry
Katherine Griffin
Jeffrey Grossman
Florence Guss
Mae Jordan
Eddie Kantor
*Manley Kaufman
Sylvia Korey
Juliet Jacobs Kossman
Elma Krane
Maurice Krasnow
Gladys Lavender
Gerald Levin
Isaac Lias
Milton Lubin
Jack Lyons
Bill Musbach
Jacob Najberg
Martha Najberg
Mollie Prenner
Leane Sander
Morris Schneider
*Archie Schoenkopf
Koushik Seetharaman
Ida Seiden
Harold Sherman
Barbara Shive
Paul Tendick
Louise Winicki

* designates a memorial plaque in the Sanctuary lobby

Temple Emanu-El is in the process of transition to our new *Shul Cloud* software system. The yahrzeits listed here use the English observation dates. If you wish to observe your yahrzeits using the Hebrew dates, please contact Donna Lopez at dlopez@teesd.org, and she will update your information in our records.

Thank you for your patience as we continue this transition.



In Our Temple Emanu-El Family

MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/1	Rebecca Bellingham Benj Fried	5/13	Rachel Schindler	5/21	Fred Goldberg Robert Silverman	5/26	Carol Heilbrunn Marc Kaplan
5/2	Lyla Brenis	5/14	Jaclyn Goldbarg Dayan Golden	5/22	Erin Zollman		Elissa Landsman
5/3	Carol Arkin Laurie Baron Marni Nagel Matt Smith		Nathan Spagat	5/23	Theodore Celano Joyce Fell Benjamin Mandel		Bruce Levine
5/4	Frank Teplin	5/15	Andrew Mactiernan Liam Rodman	5/24	Nancy Geist Anita Hettena Stacey Kasendorf	5/27	Joshua Clavell Judah Clavell Irwin Goldstein Eloise Muschenetz Rosalie Spritz
5/5	Sophie Showman	5/16	Rachel Biegenzahn	5/24	Gabrielle Koffman-Leary	5/28	Rachael Autry Eric Berneger Marlene Korey
5/6	Jennifer Kostrinsky	5/17	Benjamin Laddon Lynne Lurie William Maxson Erika Morris	5/25	Tillie Flores Benjamin Kennedy Scott Schindler Bradford Spilkin	5/29	Roberta Berman Judith Mills
5/7	Samantha Mayers Emily Mittleman Nicole Ries-Fox Steven Salazar	5/17	Angelica Spielman			5/30	Aunrey Bubis Jodi Gross Howard Lyon Andrea Musicant Emma Tseselskiy
5/8	Gregg Cantor Zoe Linden Rabbi Devorah Marcus Karen Widman	5/17	James Storer			5/31	Matthew Goldman Marty Weiss Noah Winston
		5/18	Evan Patocka				
		5/19	Aaron Moore				
		5/20	Morey Bubis Ben Epstein-Thomas Leah Epstein-Thomas Evan Revak				
5/9	Neola Benedek Helen Elias Ron Krasner Theodore Nissan Harriet Prenner	5/21	Benjamin Brown Ari Case Alex Chaim				

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

5/10	Susy Doole Beth Friedenber Annika Nies	5/7	Shara Brookman-Smith & James Smith Lauren & Michael Sommer
5/11	Linda Bennett Jordan Chaim Andrew Spagat	5/17	Kathleen Colbert & Joel Young
5/12	Shaun Copans Nicholas Silverstein Jonathan Schinasi	5/18	Chris & Elizabeth Brown Jennifer & Mathew Kostrinsky
5/13	Carol Davis Michael Eichler Jon Epsten	5/24	Akshay Sateesh & Brooke Resh-Sateesh
		5/25	Nancy Herzfeld-Pipkin & Jack Pipkin Dr. Dhyana & Dr. William S. (Bill) Latta Erika & James Morris
		5/30	Lisa & Ron Oberndorfer



Musical Theater Day Camp

August 7-11

9 am to 3 pm

Do your kids love to sing and dance? Do you want them to connect to Jewish tradition in a fun and exciting way that will create a lifetime of memories and friendships? Then why not enroll them in our new Musical Theater Day Camp, YELL-adim Summer Stock!

Each day will feature acting, singing, and dance workshops, with training from top-tier San Diego artists, and will culminate in a performance for parents and families on Friday, August 11.

The YELL-adim Summer Stock is open to all children entering grades 3 through 12 in the Fall. The cost of this week-long program is \$300, which includes snacks, drinks, a pizza party lunch on Friday, and a souvenir cast t-shirt. This is a great way for students interested in the Musical Theater club to get a head start by learning the songs and choreography from our next musical play, "Maccabee," which details the story of Chanukah. All students participating in our Summer Stock program will be guaranteed a part in the "Maccabee" musical in the Fall (Temple members only).

For more information, please email Charlie Jirkovsky at cjirkovsky@teesd.org



Women of Temple Emanu-El

by Barbara Chancy and Nancy Marcus, Co-Presidents



Rabbi Devorah always says, “You’ve been voluntold” when she asks someone to do a task. Back on a cold January day in 1913, H. Walter Friberg convened a meeting of about 100 women from all over the United States in Cincinnati, Ohio. They had traveled by train from places as far away as San Diego. He asked them to form a woman’s support organization to aid in the work of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC). His vision was that the women could strengthen the congregations if they were formally organized into a national group. In January 1913, the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods (NFTS) was formed. Now fast forward 113 years to today. NFTS is now the Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) and the UAHC is now the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ). And what of our Mission to support the congregations? That remains unchanged. WRJ exists within each individual congregation to help strengthen the congregation.

What does WRJ do here at Temple Emanu-El? We support the Torah School and Preschool Fundraisers. We support the Purim Carnival. We provide Fun-raisers. This year we had a great Chanukah Latke Tasting and a Bingo Night. We had a super fun Bunco Night. We had a delicious Taste of Passover, and every participant went home with a recipe book. We helped with the Passover Seder. We sponsor the Artisan Festival, which raises money for post high school scholarships granted to graduating seniors. We sponsor the annual Honey from the Heart program that lets you send a beautiful jar of honey to your family and friends at Rosh HaShanah. We organize groups for Theater Nights. We are planning Sisterhood Shabbat, this year to be held on May 19.

What do we want to do? We want to offer more fun-raisers. We want to start a Mah Jongg group to play weekly. We are planning a summer daytime Bunco game. We are planning another Theater Night to see R E S P E C T at Lamb’s Theater. We are looking at more “Taste of” programs. Are you interested in any of these ideas? If so, please join (or rejoin) Women of Temple Emanu-El next month. We value you and your membership as well as your suggestions. Without you, we are one member short! Please reach out to Nancy at wrj@teesd.org.

WRJ was founded 113 years ago. We continue to grow and evolve as a women’s organization. Many sisterhoods have men who join as Associate Members to help support the work we do. The issues we work on today are far more complex than issues from 113 years ago, but we stand on the shoulders of those early members of our organization with gratitude, and great admiration for their vision. Today WRJ is establishing a Social Justice Fund to fight issues of inequality in all areas of life. We are fighting the war attacking a woman’s right to choose. We are battling for pay equity. And additionally, we are supporting the Temples that are the core of our existence! We encourage you to be voluntold and join us as a Member of Women of Temple Emanu-El.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 11, 10 am

The annual meeting of the congregation will be held in June. The agenda will include approval of the budget for fiscal year 2023 – 2024, as well as election of officers and directors for next year. Access to the meeting will be both in person and on Zoom.

All members in good standing are entitled to vote. Please contact Executive Director Shaun Copans if you would like to check your status.

Your vote counts!





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 April, funds were sent to the San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Project (sdvlp.org), the county's oldest and most comprehensive pro bono legal services program for low-income individuals, non-profit community organizations and others. SDVLP's goal is that all people enjoy equal justice and access to legal services without regard to economic status. They serve the most vulnerable members of our community, including the homeless, abused children, domestic violence victims, veterans, immigrants, those with HIV/AIDS, and elder abuse victims. More than 75% of their clients are women.

In May, we will allocate money to the World Jewish Congress (worldjewishcongress.org), which began in 1936 in response to the growing anti-Semitism across Europe. They are now active in 100 countries, representing Jewish communities and organizations. They work to ensure the continuity and development of religious, spiritual, cultural, and social heritage of the Jewish people, and act on behalf of the Jewish people as a whole with international organizations, governments and interfaith groups. Our donation will be earmarked for their work on combating anti-Semitism and raising consciousness to the dangers inherent in incitement to religious, racial, or ethnic intolerance and persecution.

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.

Help Keep Our Temple Safe

By Greg Houska, *Safety/Security Committee Chair*

One of the aims of a Safety and Security Committee is to regularly bring employees and congregants together to improve, communicate and promote safety. To do this, the committee should be a good representation of our congregation. I think you may have an idea what I am suggesting - another pitch to join the Security and Safety Committee.

We are a diverse group of individuals, not all with a law enforcement or security background. Not only will you be able to be involved in discussions regarding events which directly affect our Temple, but also affect the entire San Diego Jewish Community. We regularly interact with the ADL and other institutions involved in keeping us safe. One of the primary roles of the committee is to prepare and provide extra sets of eyes during the High Holy Days. Truly, it is not a huge time commitment. If you are interested or in need of additional information, please reach out to me at security@teesd.org.

I apologize for being late on this Passover bit of humor. Josh took his Passover lunch to the park, sat down on a bench and began eating. A little while later a visually impaired man came by and sat down next to him. Feeling neighborly, Josh passed a sheet of matzo to the man. The man ran his fingers over the matzo for a few minutes, looked puzzled, and finally exclaimed, "Who wrote this junk?"





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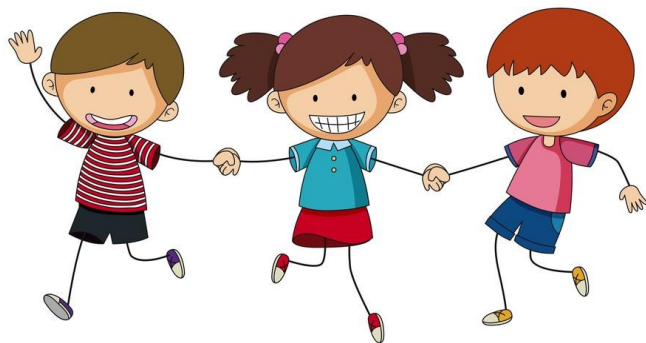
To Marie Raftery and Bob Rubenstein on being honored at the 2023 Jewish Family Service Heart and Soul Gala.



TODAH RABAH

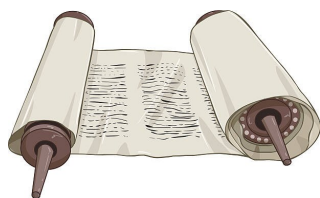
To Star Laddon and the volunteers who helped prepare food for the Congregational Seder.

To Barbara Pollack for her work on editing the bulletin.



We'd love to share your simcha!

Do you have an engagement, a wedding or a new baby in your family? Share your happiness with the congregation! Please email the information to publicity@teesd.org to be included in an upcoming bulletin.



Torah School & Hebrew Classes

May 3 — Hebrew Classes Online 4 pm (in-person 5 pm)

May 7 — Torah School 9am-12pm



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May 2023

Lyar—Sivan 5783

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	May 1 • 10 lyar	May 2 • 11 lyar	May 3 • 12 lyar	May 4 • 13 lyar	May 5 • 14 lyar	May 6 • 15 lyar
		Community Jewish High 6 pm	Torah School Hebrew Classes 4 pm & 5 pm	Recovery International 10 am Bridge with Benj 12:30 pm	Teacher Appreciation Family Shabbat Service 6 pm	Torah Study 9 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am
May 7 • 16 lyar	May 8 • 17 lyar	May 9 • 18 lyar	May 10 • 19 lyar	May 11 • 20 lyar	May 12 • 21 lyar	May 13 • 22 lyar
Last Day of Torah School 9:00 am		Community Jewish High 6 pm		Recovery International 10 am Bridge with Benj 12:30 pm	Shabbat Service 6 pm	Torah Study 9 am Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah 10:30 am
May 14 • 23 lyar	May 15 • 24 lyar	May 16 • 25 lyar	May 17 • 26 lyar	May 18 • 27 lyar	May 19 • 28 lyar	May 20 • 29 lyar
		Community Jewish High 6 pm	Coffee with the Rabbi 11 am Israel Engagement 12 pm	Recovery International 10 am Bridge with Benj 12:30 pm	SisterHood Shabbat Service 6 pm	Torah Study 9 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am Adult Ed Movie 7 pm
May 21 • 1 Sivan	May 22 • 2 Sivan	May 23 • 3 Sivan	May 24 • 4 Sivan	May 25 • 5 Sivan	May 26 • 6 Sivan	May 27 • 7 Sivan
		Drum Circle 3 pm Community Jewish High 6 pm	Coffee with the Rabbi 11 am	Recovery International 10 am Bridge with Benj 12:30 pm Kabbalat Torah Graduation & Service 6 pm	First Day of Shavuot Office Closed Shavuot Service 10 am Shabbat Service 6 pm	Torah Study 9 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am
May 28 • 8 Sivan	May 29 • 9 Sivan	May 30 • 10 Sivan	May 31 • 11 Sivan			
	Memorial Day Office & Preschool Closed	Last Day of Community Jewish High 6 pm	Coffee with the Rabbi 11 am			



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