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A New Year, A New Beginning

As we approach Rosh Hashanah, we're excited about the Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley's fresh direction. It's going to be a big year for the Jewish community.

This coming year we are planning a series of events and celebrations to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the founding of the modern Jewish state. **Israel at 70** will bring a wide range of speakers, performances, events and plenty of opportunities to get involved. Just as there is no single Jewish perspective, so too are we going to hear from many points of view. None of us will agree with everything that's presented. But that's the point. Our campus, like the diaspora itself, is open to everyone.

Our board of directors was installed at our **Annual Meeting** on July 13. We said goodbye to some familiar faces and welcomed new members. A full list of the Federation's board of directors can be found on our website, jvalley.org. A special thank you to Al Guggenheim whose 40 years of dedicated service is a legacy to which we can all aspire.

This fall, the Federation will be partnering with San Francisco-based **Upstart** to begin developing our comprehensive strategy going forward. We're particularly excited about working with Upstart because they apply a Silicon Valley approach to problem solving. There will be much more on this process in the months to come. Keep reading!

And since you're already reading, we've made the leap from a newspaper to a beautiful glossy magazine. The *JValley News* has been a South Bay Jewish tradition since 1959. With the launch of **JValley Magazine**, we're bringing a whole new sophistication and panache to staying connected. If you aren't already a free subscriber, we hope you'll change that.

One of the biggest things we remembered this past year is how vital the Federation is to our community. The amount of funds requested from our **ChaiStarter Grant** applications was mind-boggling. The need for your generous gift has never been greater. The Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley delivers your gift to the widest possible group of recipients.

The new year will bring new challenges, but they'll also bring plenty of new opportunities. You'll meet some new faces, hear some new ideas, and be part of the biggest celebration our campus has ever put on. After all, Israel only turns 70 once!

We want to hear from you. What kinds of things would you like us to talk about? Send us a message through social media. Sign up for our email newsletter (text JEWISHVALLEY to 22828). Talk to us in the hallways of the Levy Family Campus. And call either of us anytime. Remember, we're **your** Federation.

Joel Susan

Joel Rubnitz and Susan Gavens
Presidents, Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley

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AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Silicon Valley Jewish Music Festival

The APJCC's Silicon Valley Jewish Music Festival took place on the field at the Levy Family Campus on June 11. (left) Israeli band Boom Pam performs. (below) The Pop-Ups bring their puppets into the crowd to entertain.



APJCC Pool Party

The APJCC hosted a community pool party and BBQ on June 21. (above) The Levy Family Campus pool was the perfect place to cool down. (right) Staff and guests catch some shade, refreshment and social time at the pool party.



Santa Cruz Teen Wins Diller Teen Tikkun Award

Asa Schaeffer was awarded the 2017 Diller Teen Tikkun Olam Award, for which Asa will receive \$36,000. The Awards are offered annually to up to 15 teens from across the nation. Asa saw that many children with special needs are never afforded the chance. He organized a Challenger Baseball league, where players who have disabilities are paired with Little League players, aka "buddies."



USY-on-Wheels Hosted by Sinai

Congregation Sinai hosted teens traveling across the US on the USY-on-Wheels program during their stop in San Jose in June.



Camp Shalom

The APJCC's summer camp, Camp Shalom, was a big hit again this year. (above, left) The Camp Shalom Circus brought out the skills of all our campers. (above, right) Campers took a field trip to Happy Hollow Park and Zoo in San Jose.



Federation Annual Meeting

Your generosity was put on display at the Federation's annual meeting on July 13, when presentations were made to all of the worthy organizations that are recipients of your gifts.

Births

Arielle Noelani Fullenbaum

was born on February 25 in New York City. Her proud parents are **Claire Shorenstein** and **Eric Fullenbaum**. Arielle weighed 5 pounds. Her maternal grandparents, Rosalind and Michael Shorenstein of La Selva Beach, are members of Temple Beth El in Aptos. Her paternal grandparents are Susan and Martin Fullenbaum of Rockville,



Maryland. Arielle was given her Hebrew name, Arielle Chaya, at a baby naming ceremony conducted by Rabbi Richard Litvak, Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Beth El in Aptos. The ceremony was held on June 8 in the Redwood forest of Nisene Marks, where Claire and Eric love to run and where Eric proposed to Claire. Rabbi Rick also officiated at Claire's own baby naming, Bat Mitzvah, and at Claire and Eric's wedding 4 years ago!



Joshua Pearlman

Son of **Jenny Pearlman** and **Stuart Pearlman**, Joshua was called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on June 24 at Congregation Sinai. He will be entering the eighth grade at Easterbrook Discovery School in the fall and his sister Alexandra is in the fifth grade. Josh enjoys video games and playing with his dogs Marley and Tiger. While a student at Easterbrook he has been tutoring kindergarteners and first graders to help with their reading skills. Grandparents Steve & Andy Pearlman from Foster City and Vi Mueller from LaGrange were on hand for this special occasion.



Called to the Torah

Marcus Greenberg

Son of **Andrew & Marcy Greenberg**, Marcus was called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on June 10 at Congregation Sinai. He will be an eighth grade student at Old Orchard School in Campbell. His older sister Shaina will be a senior in high

school. Marcus enjoys watching television, playing with his basset hound puppy and singing and dancing to songs as well as hanging out with his friends. He enjoyed learning his Torah and Haftarah portions and sharing his special day with his grandmother, Rhoda Novick of Los Altos, as well as family and friends from all over the nation.



Joshua Tucker

Son of **Ilene & David Tucker**, Joshua was called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on June 24 at Temple Emanu-El. He is in the seventh grade at Moreland Middle School where he plays trumpet and participates in both the basketball and volleyball teams. Baseball is his love beyond all else. He's played for Saratoga Little League since he was 6. Josh also swims with his neighborhood Saratoga Woods cabana team each summer. For his mitzvah project, Josh is collecting baseball equipment for children in need.

Rachael Weinberg

Daughter of **Andrew Weinberg & Lynn Offenhartz**, Rachel was called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on June 17 at Temple Emanu-El. She will be entering the eighth grade at Discovery Charter School in the fall. Rachel loves music and enjoys playing guitar and piano. She loves to dance, sing and hang out with her friends and family. For her mitzvah project, Rachel will be working to help meet the needs of refugee families.



Benjamin Messinger

Son of **David & Lori Messinger**, Benjamin was called to the Torah on June 10 at Temple Emanu-El. Benjamin is a hard working student at Easterbrook Discovery School. He continues to try his best at achieving his own personal goals both in school and sports. He briefly played bass clarinet for a couple of years at school. He currently works with the younger and disabled students at school and finds fulfillment in helping these kids. He loves playing all types of sports including volleyball, football, soccer, swimming, basketball and baseball. Baseball is his favorite and he continues to play with the Moreland Little League and has been a part of an All Star baseball team for a couple of years. For his Mitzvah project, Benjamin decided to volunteer at the Humane Society to help animals. He is also looking forward to being a Madrich at Temple Emanu-El and to continue his connection to the Jewish community by attending Camp Newman.



Aaron Zolla

Son of **Howard & Carol Zolla**, Aaron was called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on May 27 at Congregation Sinai. He will be an eighth grader at Fisher Middle School. Aaron enjoys biking, piano and video games. He loves his dog Houdini, a rescue from Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF). Because of his love for animals, he will be donating a portion of his Bar Mitzvah gifts to ARF!



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50th Wedding Anniversary

Rosalind and Michael Shorenstein celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 18 in Maui along with their family, daughter Anna Shorenstein Plise, son-in-law Jonathan Plise, grandchildren Elisa and Dylan Plise, daughter Claire Shorenstein, son-in-law Eric Fullenbaum, and granddaughter Arielle Fullenbaum.

Roz and Michael, who are members of Temple Beth El in Aptos, met in 1965 when Roz was a freshman at Wellesley College and Michael was a junior at MIT. They were married in Baldwin, New York in 1967. They completed their undergraduate degrees, then got Ph.D.s at Harvard and MIT before moving to California to attend Stanford University School of Medicine in 1972. They have practiced Internal Medicine together in Santa Cruz for the past 38 years.

Roz and Michael have enjoyed two trips to Israel and are proud to share their 50th anniversary with the liberation of the city of Jerusalem!

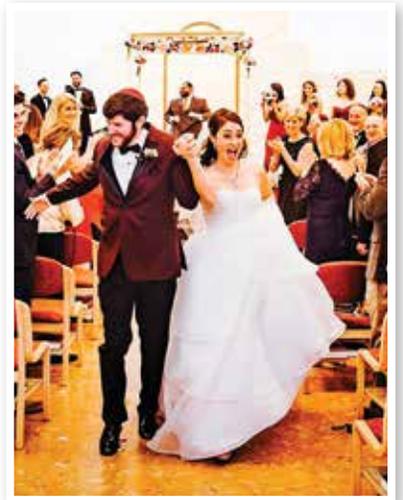


Salzman-Schiff Wedding

Talia Shalna Salzman and Frank Aaron Schiff were married on March 26 at Congregation Beth David. Rabbi Philip Ohriner officiated. The reception followed at the San Jose Woman's Club. On the Shabbat preceding the wedding, the couple had their aufrut at Congregation Sinai in San Jose where Rabbi Joshua Berkenwald officiates. The groom is a third generation member of Congregation Sinai.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Salzman of Saratoga and the granddaughter of Zina Kharag of San Francisco. Talia earned her bachelor's degree from the University of British Columbia in Vancouver and her master's degree in public health from the University of Illinois in Chicago. She works in the field of maternal and child health.

The groom is the son of Amy and Daniel Schiff of San Jose. He is the grandson of Ruth and Alfred Sporer of San Jose and Ed Schiff of Boca Raton, Florida. Frank earned his bachelor's degree, with honors, from The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. Frank works at Quantcast in San Francisco. Frank and Talia met in 1999 at Yavneh Day School in Los Gatos and continued on for middle school together at Gideon Hausner Jewish Day School in Palo Alto. Following a honeymoon in Maui, the couple resides in Alameda.



Goodman-Goldstein Wedding

Sara Goodman, daughter of Janet Hankin and Allen Goodman of Huntington Woods, MI and **Max Goldstein**, son of Doris and Jeffrey Goldstein of Los Angeles, CA were married on June 25. The ceremony was held at The Henry Hotel in Dearborn, MI with Rabbi David Nelson officiating. Sara graduated from the University of Illinois and the Johns Hopkins University and currently works as an epidemiologist for the Santa Clara County Public Health Department.

Max graduated from Tufts University and is a software developer for Apple. The couple currently reside in San Jose.

OOPS! We messed up in our last issue. Sorry, Talia and Frank. And Mazel Tov to both of you!

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The Diller Teen Tikkun Olam Awards are funded by the Helen Diller Family Foundation, a supporting foundation of the Jewish Community Federation and Endowment Fund of San Francisco.

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DIANNE PORTNOY
Nov. 29, 1945 - July 2, 2017



Dianne was born in Tucson, Arizona to Beverly and Freddie Jacobs. She married Alan Portnoy on October 15, 1972 and they have two daughters, Stephanie and Shana, as well as three grandsons, August, Bear and Fox. After attending University of Arizona, Dianne became a flight attendant with American Airlines in order to see the world. She remained close with fellow "stewardesses" all her life.

Both children were born in L.A., lived early years in Laguna Niguel before the family relocated to Saratoga in 1987.

Dianne immediately immersed herself into the local community initiating many programs including the National Charity League for young girls. But, her true passion was working to enhance the Jewish community in our area. She worked extensively with Jewish Family Services, Congregation Shir Hadash and the JCC.

With JFS, she was a chaplain for twenty years performing Shabbat and other services at senior centers in the area. She came to view them as her "Congregation." She enjoyed visiting isolated seniors to bring a special spark to brighten their lives. At the JCC, she helped initiate and run the Speaker Series for ten years as well as contribute to the success of the JCC's Day of Learning each year.

Dianne was always interested in Jewish learning. Soon after relocating here, she brought "Holiday Workshop" to this area from Southern California. She initiated, trained teachers and taught the program for many years. She also worked at Shir Hadash teaching "Taste of Judaism" classes for those wanting to gain exposure to Jewish life. She took immense pride when people stopped her to say they became more involved in Jewish life because of her.

For Dianne, Jewish learning also meant study. She enjoyed Talmud Classes weekly at Beth David, read the Orthodox Art Scroll commentaries and was always looking to discuss their meaning with others.

Community was so important to Dianne. Annual "Break-the-Fast," countless Shabbat dinners and other joyous events at her home brought her great pleasure. But, her greatest joy of all was her family and that love endures forever.

Contributions in her memory may be made to Congregation Shir Hadash or Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley.

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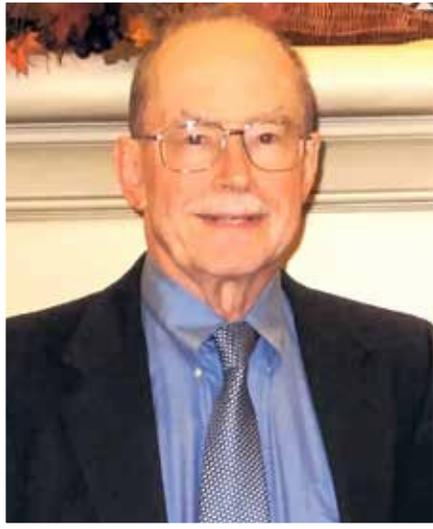
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SYDNEY LEVIN
July 21, 1923 -
May 12, 2017

Sydney Levin passed away peacefully at his home in Los Gatos, a man passionate about life who loved and was loved by his family, friends, and colleagues. He was born in Palo Alto, the youngest in a family of nine brothers and sisters. He graduated from Palo Alto High School and Stanford University and served his country in World War II. After the war, he returned to Palo Alto, married Virginia Larsen with whom he had two children, Gary and Ginny. He entered the scrap metal business in San Jose with his brothers David and Richard Levin, building and operating successful businesses. He retired to enjoy life and family. From there he created and operated his own real estate development business.



Syd was a lifelong supporter of the arts. He and Virginia were patrons of the San Jose Civic Light Opera and worked to build the Center for the Performing Arts in San Jose. They established the Ginny Awards scholarships for the arts. He generously supported the Boys and Girls Club and the Second Harvest Food Bank in San Jose. Syd was a lifelong member and supporter of Temple Emanu-El in San Jose.

Syd and Peggy Eller married in 2000 and enjoyed a loving marriage for 17 years. They were avid horsemen and enjoyed riding their Tennessee Walkers throughout California. Syd continued riding to the age of 90.

Boulder Creek was Syd's great garden. He loved the forest and the

trees, especially the "Spooning Tree" at Boulder Creek. He built his home in Boulder Creek from a tiny cabin into a family compound with paths, trails, barns and so much more. It always brought a sparkle to his eye when his grandchildren and great-grandchildren wanted to go to Boulder Creek and ride horses with him. Syd made many happy memories for his family.

Syd is survived by his loving wife Peggy, son Gary, daughter Ginny Heldebrant (Charles), grandchildren Jonathan Levin (Ariel), Marc Levin (Jennifer), Diana Levin (Evan Ben-Artzi), Michael Heldebrant (Jill) and David Heldebrant (Elizabeth), and great-grandchildren Henry and Avery Levin, Asher Levin, Ezra Ben-Artzi, Donar and Tyrus Heldebrant, Abigail and Bryce Heldebrant.

Donations in lieu of flowers to Temple Emanu-El, the Alzheimer's Foundation, or to the charity of your choice.

HENRY JULES THAILER
January 25, 1935 - June 2, 2017

Henry Thailer was the son of Mollie and Benjamin Thailer and was born in New York City. He attended public schools in Brooklyn and earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from City College of New York. He went on to receive a Ph.D. from CCNY in civil engineering as well and later went on to write code for the Nuclear Energy Commission.

He married Carol Pollak in March of 1962. They moved to San Jose in 1975 and joined Temple Emanu-El at that time. They raised their three daughters Deborah (Randy) Blumagen, Lisa (Greg) Wiviott and Jennifer (Steven) Winter in San Jose.

Henry is survived by his wife, his three daughters and grandchildren Alexis and Tawny Blumagen, Max, Mollie, Lilli and Annabelle Wiviott and Austin, Carson and Jaxson Winter. He is also survived by his sister Sue Wolf of Boca Raton.

Henry was a quiet man who lived with the vision of the prophet Micah in his mind. He sought justice in the world, was kind to others and walked humbly with his friends and family. Donations in Henry's memory may be made to Temple Emanu-El or the American Cancer Society.

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Kever Avot, the Graves of our Fathers

Multi-congregational services September 24 at the Chapel of Roses at Oak Hill Cemetery

by Cantor Amanda Edmondson, Temple Emanu-El

Each year between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, time is taken to remember those members of our family and community who have died, either recently or in years past. The holidays bring up many feelings and the absence of loved ones can be felt more acutely at this time of year. Temple Emanu-El, and Congregations Shir Hadash, Beth David, and Sinai jointly sponsor these services which are free and open to the entire community. This year, services will be held on Sunday, September 24 at 1pm in the Chapel of Roses at the Oak Hill Memorial Park in San Jose.

The custom of visiting the graves of deceased parents (thus Kever Avot, the graves of our fathers), either during the month of Elul or during the days between the High Holy Days, is longstanding within the Jewish community. It is often traced back to Jacob's having buried Rachel on the way to Ephrath near Bethlehem, so that she could later pray for her children, the people of Israel, as they passed by her grave on the way to Babylonian Exile (Jeremiah 31:15) and to Caleb who we are told in the Talmud, took time during his scouting out the land, to visit the graves of the Patriarchs and Matriarchs in Hebron.

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The African-American Jewish Partnership Project

Building on our legacy, creating a contemporary relationship

by Diane Fisher, JCRC Director

A cohort of young professionals, African-American and Jewish, began meeting last November. Eight African-Americans, two of whom are Jews of color, and eight additional Jews, were recommended by rabbis and Black leadership, to join a new partnership formed by the JCRC. The purpose of the group is to delve into honest and open dialogue, and then work on a joint project of mutual concern in our community. As Judge LaDoris Cordell suggested—do something that needs doing!

Jewish involvement in the civil rights movement is a well-known point of pride. Somewhat less familiar is the effort Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. put into strengthening Black-Jewish ties, and working as an important ally in the fight against anti-Semitism and for a secure Israel. In our local community, the JCRC has partnered with the NAACP and the African-American Community Service Agency, on events like the Voting Rights Freedom Seder, and probing solutions to bias among jail guards that was exposed by racist text messages. These efforts are largely still driven by those of us who remember the past. The African-American Jewish Partnership Project (AAJPP) was created to support collaboration between Blacks and Jews born in the 1970s and later.

Five dialogue meetings have been held, starting, of course, with breaking bread together. During one session, each group was asked to list what challenges they believe the other group faces. Some expressed not knowing enough about what the other community's challenges are, others knew of many challenges through college classes or work experience. Other meetings focused on personal stories, including the drawing of a "Me Tree" that revealed influences and family relationships.

The complexity of each person's identity was a key piece of the learning. Stories included: an academic Black family with sons profiled by the police in Palo Alto; imprisonment and economic crisis in a white Jewish family; a Jewish student not accepted as Jewish by traditional matrilineal definitions.

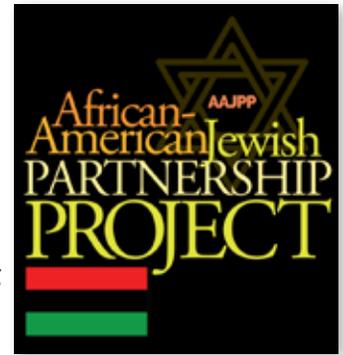
The upcoming program by Rain Pryor, Fried Chicken & Latkes, at the Levy Family Campus on August 27 (see interview on p. 13), co-sponsored with the Tabia African-American Theatre and San Jose Multicultural

Artists Guild, came about in a similar spirit of probing multiple identities. Rain grew up Black and Jewish in Beverly Hills, the daughter of the comic genius Richard Pryor and her Jewish mother, Shelley Bonus. The AAJPP will be attending the event as part of the partnership project.

Kotarah Thompson, a member of the AAJPP and a Jew of color, is looking forward to hearing how Rain embraces both cultures and how she identifies—as an African-American Jew, a Black Jew, a Jew who is Black, an African-American woman who is a Jew, a Black woman who is a Jew, a Jew who is an African-American woman, or a Jew who is a Black woman?? Growing up in Cincinnati, Ohio she was asked to circle "n--r" on certain tests, which she refused, and has seen the many stages of politically correct names regarding the Black/African-American community. She prefers to be called Black. Yet she has a positive identity, saying, "I am sure that others see the beauty in my heart and love me for me, not because I am Jewish and not because I am Black, but because I am me. I have the best of any world, rich in its histories."

The AAJPP is operating on the Margaret Mead assumption—"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." Perhaps because of the increased divisiveness of our current political climate, the individuals in this partnership are particularly determined to counter that trend. Their collaboration is a source of hope for us all.

The African-American Jewish Partnership Project is funded through a grant from Jewish Federations of North America. Silicon Valley JCRC is the first pilot community in this project, that will also include St. Louis, Indianapolis, Youngstown, Milwaukee, and Minnesota/Dakotas JCRCs.



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by Julie Hartman

Once a month, 16 members of Congregation Shir Hadash visit a classroom as part of a county-wide anti-bullying program. Our volunteers go into kindergarten through fifth-grade classrooms to read a specially selected children's book and lead a classroom activity. These Shir Hadash volunteers are participating in Project Cornerstone, a county-wide program run by the YMCA. In doing so we promote a core Jewish value, loving your neighbor as yourself and honor another Jewish precept, that we are all made in the image of the same Creator.

In 2010, Project Cornerstone surveyed 38,000 elementary, middle, and high school students in Silicon Valley. They found that almost half of elementary school students don't have adult role models. Nearly two-thirds of middle school students don't feel safe at home, at school, or in their neighborhoods. Most high school students don't feel valued and appreciated by adults in the community. As alarming as you might find these results, they are better than the national average. Project Cornerstone has some critical goals: teaching students about respect and expected behavior, helping them develop skills to handle verbal, physical, and digital bullying, and how to stand up if they see others being bullied.

Shir Hadash volunteers read to a class, hold a class discussion, and facilitate an activity on topics that focus on issues like respect, tolerance, integrity, honesty and friendship. When delivering these lessons, volunteers form relationships with the students and teach valuable life skills. Shir Hadash volunteers hold a training session to discuss the book and activities beforehand and provide a written lesson plan.

At the end-of-the-year luncheon, the Shir Hadash volunteers shared their experiences. Here is what Shir Hadash member, Rebecca Jedel, has to say about her two years volunteering in a kindergarden classroom.

How does the Project Cornerstone benefit the students and school culture?

"This excellent program teaches social skills like how to be a nice friend, how to do your own problem solving and how to be assertive for yourself. It creates another formal outlet of instruction for the teachers. All classes get the same lesson and a letter goes home to the parents that reinforces that lesson."

As a mental health professional, what is your opinion of the overall goals of Project Cornerstone?

"It is right on target for social and emotional learning. The goal of this program is anti-bullying and creating a positive school culture. In the ten years that I have been involved with Project Cornerstone, it has dramatically expanded and improved its reach, touching more students across different grade levels and in many more schools as well."

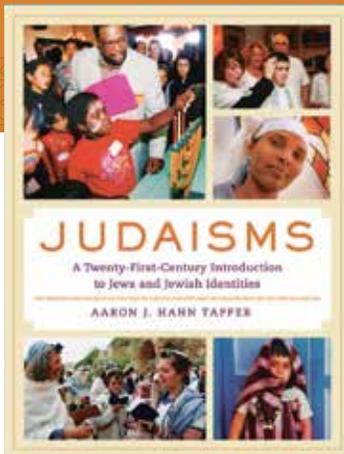
What is your relationship with the teacher and how do you fit volunteering into your busy schedule?

"I have an absolutely wonderful relationship with the teacher; she is a phenomenal educator. Unfortunately, she is quite shorthanded in class with only one parent helper. I offered to go in weekly to help with reading and math skills. I structure my time around one morning a week. It is a creative outlet and fun challenge and a perfect match for what I wanted to do with my volunteer time."

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Kehillah Programming Teams Place in Worldwide Computer Security Competition

Kehillah Jewish High School took two teams to the Phillips Academy Capture The Flag (PACTF) annual online computer security competition for middle and high school students this past April. It is run in a 'Capture the Flag' format, where participants must hack, decrypt, reverse, or solve increasingly challenging security puzzles in order to uncover a secret message. Kehillah teams ProgRAMmers and Team Luddites placed 52nd and 56th respectively, out of nearly 500 eligible teams and 1,500 students who took part worldwide. Among the competition's sponsors are Amazon, J.P. Morgan, and many other high-tech organizations. Both teams won prizes from Amazon Web Services.

The event included two rounds. Each round lasted for 48 hours, in which the teams tried to solve as many problems as they could. Questions required students to decode cipher text, decrypt hashed data, modify assembler code, and edit file binaries. Notable examples of

problems include cracking RSA public key encryption (named after the initials of the first names of those who first described the algorithm), by factoring large (70 digit) prime numbers, using SQL injection to exploit vulnerabilities in websites and extract secret messages from image and video data.

Kehillah's teams were organized by their AP Computer Science teacher, Dr. Zachi Baharav. Eight students participated in the competition, representing the freshman, sophomore, and junior classes. On Team Luddites were Ben Darnell, Avi Kaplan-Lipkin, Paul Treitel, and Jake Darnell. On Team ProgRAMmers (pun intended) were Shahar Sandhaus, Avi Ben-Tov, Adam Cohan, and Sawyer Anderson.

The programming students who participated are looking forward to sharing their experience with their peers and competing again next year. Well done to the students who took part!

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Sunday Night Dance Parties at the JCC

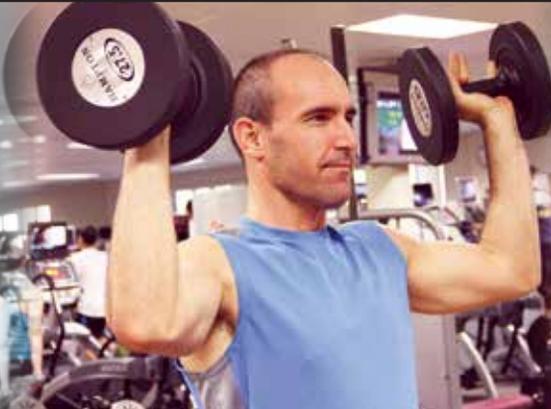
Thanks to a generous donation from the Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley's ChaiStarter Grants, the JCC will be hosting a series of Sunday Night Dance Parties. Music reaches across all generations from classic and swing to jazz and classic rock 'n' roll. It's good exercise and it's fun. What better way to bring the community together, party with your friends, and make a few new ones! Singles and couples of all ages will have fun "Dancing at the J." Each of the four dances planned will have a different musical style.

Join us for the inaugural first dance, a Sunday Night Live dance party. Sunday, August 20 from 7-9pm. Classic Rock 'n' Roll with a live band will feature music from the 60s and 70s. Once you get started you

won't want to stop. For those that register and come early there will be a special treat to help you get your moves on. Has this piqued your interest? Register at www.apjcc.org/danceparty.

Tickets are \$15 per person, or \$10 for JCC members. The dance will be held in the APJCC Auditorium, which has a spacious dance floor. Free parking. Beverages and light snacks are included in the price of admission.

The second dance will change direction and offer that Big Band sound. But let's not get ahead of ourselves. For more information, visit the JCC's website at www.apjcc.org or contact Cherie Ravel at cherie@apjcc.org or (408) 357-7462.



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One Woman, Two Worlds

Rain Pryor

by Jeff Rosenplot

“My job is to tell the story honestly,” Rain Pryor said. “And I tell it as honestly as I can.”

Pryor has a lot of stories to tell. She is the daughter of comedy icon Richard Pryor and Shelley Bonus, a Jewish go-go dancer-turned-astronomer. As a biracial woman, Rain Pryor has a perspective on both Black and Jewish identities that’s unique.

“What’s the criticism I hear most?” she asked. “‘Oh, she’s not Jewish enough, not Black enough.’ Everybody wants to lay claim to somebody. Especially if you’re the daughter of an iconic figure, that community wants to identify you with that group.”

Pryor isn’t afraid to tackle tough questions like race and cultural identity. Her latest project, *Fried Chicken & Latkes*, recently completed a run at Jewish Women’s Theatre (JWT) in New York, and is coming to the Levy Family Campus on August 27.

“What I have learned is that, if I did my show in Harlem as opposed to JWT, the different communities provide different opportunities,” she said. “It allows me to have an experience that’s about togetherness. It’s about identity, and about not choosing but embracing both cultures. I

embrace both genuinely. Audiences have that experience with me.”

Pryor’s Jewish experience comes from her mother, an eclectic, modern-day renaissance woman. Shelley Bonus has been a go-go dancer, was the first female clown hired for Circus Vargas, is an award-winning film performer, and a photographer who has worked with both Lily Tomlin and Melvin Van Peebles. Her current incarnation is as an accomplished astronomer at the John Dresher Planetarium at Santa Monica College.

“She’s my ‘gypsy mom,’” Pryor said. “I’m a more hands-on mother. My parents were very much the ‘me-me’ generation. I have completely different parental thoughts. My career comes second.”

Pryor’s approach to raising her own daughter, Lotus, was a direct response to her upbringing.

“I’m friends with my ex-husband (her father), because it’s good for my child,” she said. “I only understood the importance in that because I saw it wasn’t possible for my parents to do.”

Richard Pryor’s history of substance abuse is well known. In 1980, while high on cocaine, he poured rum over himself and lit it on fire. He



Rain and her comedy icon father, Richard Pryor

spent the next six weeks recovering, and was left with burns all over his body. Rain Pryor describes her relationship with her father, who died in 2005 after suffering a heart attack, as “brutally honest.”

“It’s a family trait,” Pryor said. “Even my kid is brutally honest. That’s been very helpful. It fosters a real relationship. I would tell (my father) to stop doing whatever he was doing, it’s terrible for you. Not that he listened but I got to voice it. I take the comparisons with him in stride. For an older audience, it’s who they knew before they get to know me. Younger people don’t know him, so they get to know me. We’re animals, we like familiarity. We want to have that perception. I accept that as part of where I came from.”

Richard Pryor was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1986, and used a motorized wheelchair during the final decade of his life. As the child of someone with a debilitating illness, Rain Pryor has some advice for others like her.

“Remember that it’s not about you,” she said. “Their illness isn’t your fault. You end up learning how to be of service, but it’s really important to give yourself a break to recharge and regroup. You take the moments as they are and not as you might want them to be.”

“Laughter,” Rain Pryor explains. “That and a lot of joy and hope. We’re combining different cultures and identity. Jewish audiences really seem to resonate with my show.”

“*Fried Chicken & Latkes* talks about race from the perspective of the 60s, 70s and 80s,” Pryor said. “How is it different now from the time my father was talking about it? Well, my white fiance and I are in Tennessee



Rain is perhaps best known for her role of TJ on *Head of the Class*, which ran from 1986-1991 and starred Howard Hesseman and Robin Givens.

right now and it hasn’t felt weird. There have been no comments, even when we drove through Louisiana. I think that race is more in your face now, though. The world has changed since my father first talked about race, but we’ve definitely gone backwards recently.”

“As a biracial woman raised in Beverly Hills, people see you the way they see you,” she said. “I’m still going to be nice and loving because that’s what changes minds. We should have real conversations about humanity, not race. Race is the color of one’s skin, not who we really are. We should be talking about ridding ourselves of this strange classism.”

As Pryor continues to travel across the country, she said she’s seeing the issue of race from a wider perspective.

“Poverty is poverty no matter where you are,” she said. “A big part of the issue is about class more than the race of the person. Historically it started out as the color of our skin but that’s changed. We have to talk about it openly and honestly.”

Rain Pryor brings her one-woman show, *Fried Chicken & Latkes*, to the Levy Family Campus on August 27. The event is co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation’s Community Relations Council, Tabia African-American Theatre and San Jose Multicultural Artists Guild. Tickets are \$40, and are available online at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2993244>.



Rain during rehearsals for *Fried Chicken & Latkes*.

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Sanctuary Is Part of Our Jewish History

by Rabbi Melanie Aron

Many of our families have stories about how we got to America. Maybe it was a grandfather or great-grandfather sneaking away from conscription in the Czar's army. Perhaps a great grandmother came with her sisters and without parents. My own grandfather was born in Budapest and came to the United States looking for a better life. But whether we are recent refugees from Eastern Europe or Iran, children of Holocaust survivors, or fourth- or fifth-generation Americans, as Jews most of us feel our history as refugees and immigrants as a salient part of our identity. I think that explains the amazing turnout earlier this year at a Jewish rally in Mountain View at the time of the first Muslim ban. Organized by the Palo Alto and San Jose communities in concert (a miracle in itself), the enthusiastic attendance of people of all ages, and all degrees of political involvement was a reflection of how discussion of a special Muslim data base touched a raw nerve in our Jewish consciousness. The Jewish opposition to the Muslim ban included not just the expected players like the Anti-Defamation League and American Jewish Committee, but all the religious movements including the Orthodox.

One principal of American immigration law that has been very important to the Jewish community has been family reunification. It was one of the only mechanisms for bringing refugees into this country in the 1930s. Family is an important Jewish value and allowing family members to be together is critical. A concern for the break-up of families is one reason why the deportation of those of undocumented status already in this country has been a focus of many Jewish organizations with HIAS, familiar to many of our families as the agency that helped our ancestors get settled in this country, taking the lead. Jewish organizations around the country have stepped up including Yeshiva University which announced that Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) could enter the University only with a warrant and that they would not disclose student status without an individual subpoena. The Reform movement took a strong stand as well in passing a resolution including these

provisions:

The Union for Reform Judaism recommends that congregations, after discussion within their congregations and with legal counsel, respond to the need to protect the lives and well-being of undocumented immigrants at risk of deportation by adopting a plan that could include one or more of the following:

1. Providing sanctuary in the form of temporary shelter within their facilities;
2. Providing legal assistance to fight deportation cases; and
3. Providing material, financial or educational support.

Congregation Shir Hadash has chosen to implement this resolution of the Reform movement by joining the sanctuary movement, by encouraging our members to be trained as first responders, and by preparing to host an undocumented individual or small family, in the court process for receiving asylum, but under a deportation order. Through research, especially with the American Immigration Lawyers Association's local chapter, we have learned that with legal support some undocumented immigrants, whose lives would be endangered if returned including those who are gay, lesbian or transgendered, can win asylum status. Unfortunately they are often picked up in ICE raids and deported before their court hearings can reach a successful conclusion. For some members of our congregation, this violates our understanding of due process and legal protection in the United States.

The Torah repeats the commandment to love the stranger 36 times, more than any other single commandments. Our commentaries explain that this reflects both its importance and its requiring us to go against our instinctive protection of our own, to see all of human kind as created in G-d's image and of ultimate value.

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Naomi Silverman Puts Family First

11-Year-Old Wins International Art Contest at the Jewish Diaspora Museum in Tel Aviv

by Jeff Rosenplot

When you open up a box of Naomi Silverman's Schatz's Dreck-A-Mix, you get much more than chocolate or rock candy. You have the opportunity to take a trip through Naomi's ancestry.

Naomi's great-grandmother Rita Rosen grew up in a candy store in Philadelphia in the 1930s. The boxes of candy the shop sold provided the springboard for Naomi's award-winning family history project. Naomi and her father Jerome entered an international art competition called "My Family Story", which was sponsored by the Contemporary Jewish Museum of San Francisco. Over 20,000 entries from more than 25 countries provided stiff competition, but Naomi's entry hit a sweet spot and was selected as one of only 48 projects worldwide to the My Family Story 2017 exhibit and contest in Tel Aviv.

"I was sick at home," Naomi said. "My dad was traveling for work and called me when he heard the news. He said 'I have something that might cheer you up.'"

Naomi's project was presented in an interactive multimedia format, while much of her competition created physical works of art.

"We wanted to see if we could do something like that," Naomi said about physical art projects. "But it was too complicated. I wanted to do something that was comfortable."

Naomi had created digital projects in the past.

"I used Adobe Spark," Naomi said. "It's easy to use. Nobody had to train me because I'd worked with it before."

The competition was held at Beit Hatfutsot - The Museum of the Jewish People



Jerome and Naomi Silverman pose with her first place certificate inside Beit Hatfutsot - The Museum of the Jewish People.



Naomi Silverman takes a look at her award-winning presentation in Beit Hatfutsot - The Museum of the Jewish People in Tel Aviv.

in Tel Aviv. The visit marked Naomi's first trip to Israel. She was accompanied on the trip by her father and her grandmother Renee Silverman. Naomi's family are members of Congregation Sinai in San Jose.

"I was really impressed by all the art," Naomi said about her competition. "It seemed unlikely that any of them would be chosen over any other, they were that good."

Naomi was completely surprised when her project won first place.

"We were excited to represent the Bay Area and the USA," her father said. "There were entries from Argentina, Russia, Spain, Turkey, South Africa, you name it."

Even though she's a world champion, Naomi retains an 11-year-old's humility.

"When we got home after I won, people kept hugging me," Naomi said. "Everybody congratulated me. At Congregation Sinai, everybody started shaking my hand. I don't necessarily want to be famous."

Naomi's award-winning project can be experienced by visiting <https://spark.adobe.com/page/gWrCYc3hDMnr/>.



The Top 10 Israeli Innovations of 2017 (so far)

by Jeff Rosenplot

Jewish innovation is nothing new. From the invention of latex condoms in 1928, to the ball point pen in 1944, and all the way from psychoanalysis to nuclear bombs, Jewish men and women have always been at the forefront of big discoveries. So what are the next big things? Here are the top ten discoveries and innovations of the year so far.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Causing Cancer Cells to Self Destruct

Israeli scientists have made an enormous discovery that can help lead to a new treatment for at least two of the most resistant cancers that exist: pancreatic and triple negative breast cancer.

Many cancer patients struggle with the adverse effects of chemotherapy, still the most prescribed cancer treatment. For patients with pancreatic cancer and other aggressive cancers, the forecast is more grim: there is no known effective therapy.

A new Tel Aviv University study published in *Oncotarget* discloses the role of three proteins in killing fast-duplicating cancer cells while they're dividing. The research, led by Prof. Malka Cohen-Armon of TAU's Sackler School of Medicine, finds that these proteins can be specifically modified during the division process – mitosis – to unleash an inherent “death mechanism” that self-eradicates duplicating cancer cells.

“The discovery of an exclusive mechanism that kills cancer cells without impairing healthy cells, and the fact that this mechanism works on a variety of rapidly proliferating human cancer cells, is very exciting,” Prof. Cohen-Armon said. “According to the mechanism we discovered, the faster cancer cells proliferate, the faster and more efficiently they will be eradicated. The mechanism unleashed during mitosis may be suitable for treating aggressive cancers that are unaffected by traditional chemotherapy.”

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Breakthrough in ALS

Scientists at Israel's Ben-Gurion University of the Negev discovered a breakthrough treatment for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

ALS is a lethal, progressive neurodegenerative disorder that affects the motor nerve cells in both the brain and the spinal cord. The progressive degeneration of motor neurons leads to atrophy, paralysis and eventually death due to failure of the respiratory muscles.

Dr. Rachel Lichtenstein was able to slow the progress of the disease. She stopped the increased activity of glial cells, which damage and kill the body's motor neuron cells, thereby restoring the central nervous system's immune defenses and increasing life expectancy.

“We found a way to thwart the glial cells from attacking and killing healthy brain cells,” Lichtenstein said.

She took part of an existing FDA-approved drug, used to treat certain autoimmune diseases and types of cancer, to create a new molecule to treat ALS.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Potential Major AIDS Breakthrough

HIV and AIDS patients may find new hope in a drug developed at Hebrew University in Jerusalem which is currently being tested at the Kaplan Medical Center in Rehovot.

The drug was inserted into test tubes containing the blood of ten AIDS patients currently being treated at the hospital, and was found to decrease the HIV virus count in the blood samples by as much as 97 percent in just eight days.

The active ingredient in the drug is a peptide, or smaller version of a protein, that was developed by Abraham Loyter and Assaf Friedler at Hebrew University. The peptide causes several copies of the virus's DNA to enter the infected cell, instead of just one copy, causing the cell to self-destruct.

“With our approach,” Loyter said, “we are destroying the cells, so there is no chance that the virus will awaken one day, because there are no cells, there will be no cells that contain the virus.”



GREEN TECH

A Low-Cost Desalination Solution

TSD (Tethys Solar Desalination) of Tel Aviv plans to disrupt the desalination industry with a low-cost, off-grid, scalable and environmentally friendly module using only solar power. The first TSD pilot site will be established in Israel by mid-2017, followed by possible pilots in countries including China and the United States. Desalination has always been the holy grail in the quest for water. Providing a sustainable and abundant water source can go a long way to offsetting projected migrations due to climate change.

Turning Waste into Fertilizer

An innovative, eco-friendly pooper-scooper from Tel Aviv-based Paulee CleanTec will be commercialized in 2017 through a licensing deal with OurPets in the United States. The portable system converts droppings into pathogen-free, odor-free fertilizer granules in less than a minute. The implications for this technology extend far beyond picking up after Fido. Underdeveloped countries can convert abundant animal waste into a rich, fertile soil that can help offset starvation.



AUGMENTED REALITY

New Augmented Reality Headsets

In addition to launching new software for its augmented reality (AR) ski goggles in 2017, Tel Aviv-based RideOn is developing AR headsets to enhance other outdoor activities such as paintballing, scuba diving, sky diving, sailing, cycling, running and motorbike training. The wearables are planned to have a connected community feature, too. View important data like speed and temperature, get directions and be aware of hazards without ever looking up from the road, the trail or wherever your adventures take you.

Selling Products in a 3D Space

Rumors that California's Snap (parent company of Snapchat) is acquiring Cimagine are creating a new buzz around the Israeli augmented commerce platform. Cimagine, based in Kfar Yehoshua with offices in the UK, US and Australia, allows consumers to see (on any smart device) how products might look and fit in their home. Business-to-business sales forces use it to show how products would look on premises, and retailers use it to create virtual showrooms.

AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES

Generating 3D Maps for Self-Driving Cars

Innoviz Technologies of Kfar Saba is partnering with Canadian company Magna International to develop 3D remote sensing solutions based on LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) to generate a precise and constantly updating 3D map of a car's surroundings. The system is meant to be integrated in autonomous driving features and autonomous vehicles.

AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES

Helping Hack-Proof Self-Driving Vehicles

Automakers increasingly look to Israeli expertise to hack-proof their connected and autonomous vehicles. One of the newer players in this field is Karamba Security of Hod Hasharon, whose Carwall electronic control unit (ECU) security platform meets the goals set out in the US guidelines for the safe deployment of autonomous cars.

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Former Kaiser CEO Dr. Robert Pearl on the Reality of American Healthcare

by Jeff Rosenplot

In his best selling book, *Mistreated: Why We Think We're Getting Good Health Care - And Why We're Usually Wrong*, Dr. Robert Pearl doesn't pull any punches when it comes to how broken he believes our healthcare system to be.

"America has the greatest health care in the world," Pearl writes in *Mistreated*. "At least, that's what people say. It's a claim made often and by a variety of influential leaders. (And) the majority of Americans agree. Seventy-six percent of patients describe the quality of care they personally receive as good or excellent."

But when research is done comparing America's healthcare system with the rest of the industrialized world's, our care consistently ranks near the bottom of the list. The United States has the highest infant mortality rate, the shortest life expectancy, and the most preventable deaths per capita. And yet we spend fifty percent more on average than any other country.

Pearl's book provides anecdotal accounts of patient experiences to illustrate what he believes to be the core issues plaguing the American healthcare system.

"Physicians learn in their training to make the right clinical diagnosis," he writes in *Mistreated*. "Diagnosing what ails our healthcare system is no different. This particular 'patient' has a number of troubling symptoms, many of which have increased in severity over the years."

Pearl points to the economics of our nation's for-profit healthcare system as reaching what he describes as "multi-organ failure."

The cost of American healthcare is nearly twice that of any other nation. The US spends close to \$3 trillion each year, or about \$10,000 for each man, woman and child. Despite the high cost of care, the outcomes are below average. The US ranks last in life expectancy for men out of the seventeen wealthiest countries, and second to last for women. The US also ranks last in infant mortality.

American doctors and hospitals invest significantly in high-tech equipment yet trail other nations in the adoption of information technology. As a result, fewer than fifteen percent of patients can use email with their doctors, and even fewer can review their medical information online.

Pearl explains that the US healthcare system pays doctors and hospitals based on the number of services they provide rather than

the quality of care they deliver to patients. This leads to American patients having to undergo significantly more unnecessary tests and procedures.

Race, ethnicity and socioeconomic status also play a role in healthcare. Because it is a profit-based system, those who are able to afford higher-end insurance plans receive a more substantial quality of care. Latinos and African-Americans on average experience clinical outcomes that are twenty percent worse than other ethnic and racial groups in their communities.

Pearl has seen the healthcare system as a patient, as the son of a patient, as a practicing physician and as the CEO of a very large physician group. He knows intimately what is involved in providing efficient and effective quality care and controlling costs.

Pearl's prescription for a broken healthcare system comes down to all of us. Patients assume the "best" cure is dependent mainly on the newest medications and the most complex treatments. But a big part of the solution comes down to reducing common errors and taking full advantage of preventative care.

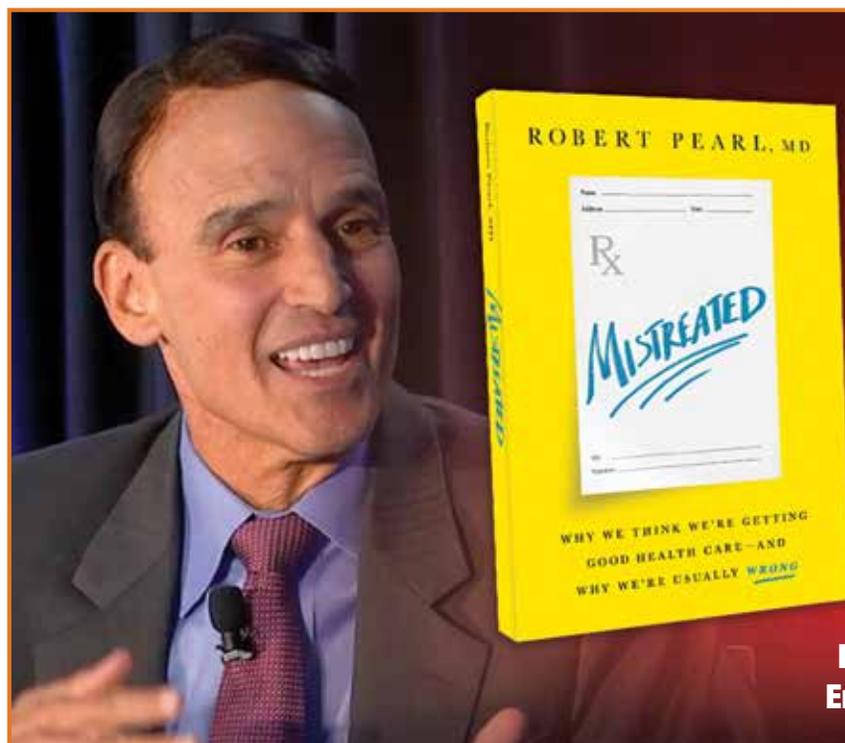
"We demand modern information technology from our banks, airlines, retailers," Pearl said, "but we passively accept last century's technology in our healthcare."

Mistreated is a book about preconceptions, and how solving the issues that plague healthcare require modifying the structure, technology, financing and leadership of American healthcare.

"This book proves we can overcome our fears and fault assumptions," Pearl said, "and provides a roadmap for a better, healthier future."

Pearl is on the faculty of Stanford University and has taught at Duke, UC Berkeley and Harvard. He was executive director and CEO of The Permanente Medical Group, which made him directly responsible for the healthcare of 5 million Kaiser Permanente members in California, Virginia, Maryland and Washington, DC.

Dr. Robert Pearl will discuss the state of healthcare in the United States during a presentation on the Levy Family Campus at 7pm on Tuesday, September 12.



Dr. Robert Pearl

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Dr. Robert Pearl, CEO of Kaiser-Permanente, will discuss the state of healthcare in the United States. A timely and important conversation from a leader in the industry.

Sept. 12 • 7pm

LEVY FAMILY CAMPUS
14855 Oka Rd., Los Gatos

Be among the first to RSVP to this event.
Email jyl@jvalley.org to reserve your seat



Jewish Poland, Then And Now

by Jyl Jurman

Both my daughters participated in the March of the Living while in high school and I knew from their stories that one day I too would go to Poland and bear witness to the Holocaust. I had the opportunity to arrange an adult mission to Poland and Israel in 2008.

During that trip, a few of us arrived a day early and were invited to a VIP party for the Krakow JCC opening. That was my first awareness of Jewish life today in Poland.

Fast forward nine years and I was invited to attend a study mission through Taube Jewish Heritage Tours last month.

The resurgence of Jewish life I saw then and the growth today astounding. Our first day we toured the historic sites in the Warsaw Ghetto, including the Polin Museum which is housed on the site of the former Warsaw Ghetto. The outside of the building is modest, minimalist, quite a contrast to the dramatic inside which is interactive, 3 dimensional and incredibly high tech. The museum illustrates the thousand-year history of Polish Jews.

We visited the Warsaw cemetery that contains over 250,000 marked

graves as well as several mass graves. The cemetery, which was neglected for over 60 years, has become a forest with tree roots pushing markers into each other. One mass grave in particular still haunts me. There are over 80,000 bodies buried there, people who weren't transported to Triblinka, the death camp to which most from the Warsaw Ghetto were taken. The grave contains those who were shot in the ghetto, as well as others who died of various diseases. There is no fence or marker, just a large grass area.

On this trip we met with many young Jewish Poles, many of whom knew very little about their Jewish roots. One young man told me the story of eating matzoh ball soup and gefilte fish on Christmas Eve, which was very different than what his friends were eating. As a young adult he realized what was being hidden from him and now is fully connected to a Jewish life. We met with many young adults who are the first generation to raise Jewish children from birth in years!

We visited two JCCs, many synagogues and Jewish cultural centers where Jewish life is vibrant today. In addition to a somber tour of Auschwitz, we paid our respects in cemeteries throughout the country.

Moses Libitsky, a noted philanthropist from the East Bay led the mission. His family was from Lodz where we spent a day. In addition to visiting the cemetery in Lodz and saying kaddish at the grave of his family who perished, we also spoke with Moses' mother, Eva Libitzky, author of *Out On A Ledge*, her memoir of growing up during the occupation. We spoke with Eva via Skype and helped launch her book.

We attended the Jewish Cultural Festival in Krakow, which has been educating people about Jewish faith and culture for 27 years. The largest of its kind in the world, the festival is held in mid-summer, with hundreds of thousands of people attending.

Although we live a world away, we're all deeply connected to the history and future of Polish Jews. And we'll continue to always have a stake in what happens next.



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Neighborhood Havdalah
Saturday, August 26 at 6:00 PM

Join together at the house of one of your Temple Emanu-El neighbors to start the new week. The hosts will provide the home, the guests will provide an appetizer or dessert, and Temple Emanu-El will provide the wine and ritual! Visit www.temple-sanjose.org to RSVP, and we will match you with a host home. Contact havdalah@temple-sanjose.org with questions. This event is open to members and non-members.



Neighborhood HAVDALAH
 Saturday Evening - 6:00-8:00PM
AUGUST 26, 2017

Shabarbecue
Friday, August 4 at 7:30 PM

Shabbat + Barbecue = Shabarbecue. Following our Kabbalat Shabbat service at 6:30 PM, join us on the patio for delicious barbecue food, mingling, and fun to end the summer. Open to members and non-members. RSVP to admin@temple-sanjose.org.



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Douglas Young

Learning Israel's Lessons Benefits the South Bay

Douglas Young, All Hazards Staff Battalion Chief with the County of Santa Clara Office of Emergency Management Services, poses on the Syrian border with Israel. ISIS fighters are positioned in the hills behind him.

For the Santa Clara County Fire Department, there's no such thing as down time. Preparation and repetition are how complex actions become muscle memory. But for Douglas Young, the All Hazards Staff Battalion Chief with the department, the work is about a lot more than managing emergencies.

"We view the public as our clients," Douglas Young said. "Not just constituents, but customers. All our services and all our interactions stem from that central concept."

Young is a former Special Operations Captain and SWAT team

member who led a recent training mission to Israel. He was joined by several representatives from Santa Clara County's emergency response community, as well as law enforcement officials from Austin, Texas.

"Texas Congressional Representative Louie Gohmert was on the trip, as well," Young added. "It was a diverse group."

The training mission was funded by a federal grant that took Young two years to secure. Proactive Global Security's Advanced Safety Training Institute (ASTI), the Israeli organization that provided the training, has presented similar hands-on training programs for the FBI and Homeland Security. The intensive training included taking part in active shooter training on a bus, as well as a demonstration of how Israeli police dogs take down a suspect.

"The dog was able to determine that the threat had been neutralized," Young explained. "And he immediately backed off without inflicting unnecessary additional injury. That's the entire Israeli philosophy. Stop the threat. Move on."

"The Israelis provide an important blueprint on what we can all do in an emergency," Young said. "They live with threats every day, but they don't let those threats consume them. I spent time at several very tense border regions, and also spent time with Israelis who were surfing and shopping and just enjoying themselves. They've made a conscious choice to live their lives."

The ASTI training involved learning about all aspects of Israeli emergency preparedness. In the event of a terrorist attack in the Bay Area, the entire emergency services apparatus will need to operate cohesively. But Young and the rest of his department are not focused wholly on terrorism.

The Santa Clara County Fire Department serves a geographic region from Los Altos Hills through Los Gatos. Because of the variety of clientele the department serves, emergency runs can be anything from minor medical issues to disasters like the 1989 Northridge earthquake.

The department is responsible for firefighting as well as emergency medical services and hazardous materials (hazmat) events. The Special Operations Task Force (SOTF) consists of 15 personnel specially trained



Building strong professional relationships that allows for information sharing are one of the benefits of ASTI training.

in skills like confined space and low angle rescues, which is particularly useful given the South Bay's terrain. The department stands ready to respond to whatever emergency is thrown its way. The department is also an "Internationally Accredited Agency," adhering to strict guidelines concerning transparency of things like financing and training.

"One of the things I found most interesting was how nearly every Israeli jumped in when there was an emergency," Young said. "Part of that is due to the circumstances in which they find themselves. But it's more than that. The ability of everyday people in Israel to take care of themselves and each other is an example I hope to bring back to the Bay Area. A sizable part of our trip dealt with best practices with pre-hospital trauma care and the lessons learned from Israel's modern trauma care facilities."

The benefits of training such as the ASTI program were evident during the Levy Family Campus's bomb scare earlier this year. "One of the things I admire most about coming to your facility is how prepared you are," Young said. "Even as our emergency vehicles arrived that day, (Facility Director) Len Connolly had already begun the evacuation. It was orderly, safe, and everyone was calm. We couldn't ask for a better partner."

Doug Young is the father of four children who puts the same type of dedication into raising them. In the minimal amount of downtime he has, Young's eclectic interests include leather tooling (he made the leather messenger bag he carries), and learning the ukulele.

Fire season is currently in full swing in California. Last winter's floods are likely to happen again. Earthquakes can occur at any time. And the existential threat posed by terrorism remains constant. What can we do to remain safe in an emergency?

"Prepare," Young explained. "Have a plan in place. Do all the things that the Department of Homeland Security advises you to do (keep three days worth of water on hand, extra medication, extra cell phone chargers, pet food). And most importantly, talk to your kids. Most of us work a fair distance from where we live. Depending on the situation, it may not be possible to get home or to school to pick up your children. Have a predetermined rendezvous point, and also try to designate a relative or friend from out-of-state to be an information conduit. In an emergency, you may not be able to contact your loved ones directly. Having someone who relays messages for you can allow you to focus on getting yourself to safety, knowing your family is safe."

ASTI Training involved multiple emergency services. Clockwise from top: Motorcycles are used to help provide medical support quickly through traffic congestion, something that has many implications for the Bay Area; IDF soldiers demonstrate how to subdue attacks in close quarters; an IDF soldier protects a civilian, which they view as their primary job; after an attacker is subdued, they are given medical attention; IDF forces demonstrate best practices used to retake a bus in a hostage situation.



Douglas Young and participants of the ASTI training mission (including Rep. Louie Gohmert, third from left) pose in front of the Knesset.





The events on this page take place on a weekly basis.

For a daily digest of events in and around the South Bay's Jewish community, please see the following pages.

This is JValley Magazine's calendar of South Bay Jewish events, the most complete and up-to-date list available. This page contains events that are repeated weekly. The following pages contain a daily digest of goings-on in our community. Contact information, including websites, can be found on the bottom of each page. For the most current information, visit our online calendar at www.jvalley.org/calendar.

Monday

Torah Study @ Chai House 3:30-4:30pm, Chai House, San Jose

This engaging class with the JCC's Rabbi Hugh Seid-Valencia, keeps us full of life through the words of the Torah. All abilities, ages, and levels are welcome - you do not need to be a resident of Chai House. This is a free, drop-in class. No need to register. 814 St. Elizabeth Dr., San Jose. (408) 947-1818.

Tuesday

Classic Jewish Texts 9:30-11am, APJCC

Rabbi Joey Felsen of the Jewish Study Network guides you through the fundamental works of Maimonides, Luzzato, and other classic commentators. We are studying *Horeb* by Samson Raphael Hirsch. No Hebrew necessary. This is a free, drop-in class. No need to register. Rabbi Felsen, (650) 857-1800.

Wednesday

Heschel Roundtable 9-10:30am, APJCC

Drop in to study and discuss the writings of Abraham Joshua Heschel. We will start with his book, *The Sabbath*, which presents the Jewish Sabbath as an antidote to the fast pace of daily life in modern society. No experience or specialized knowledge necessary. Each week we'll read and discuss a short selection from his writings. This is a free, drop-in class. No need to register. Led by Rabbi Hugh Seid-Valencia.



Thursday

Silicon Valley Beit Midrash 9:30-11am, Sinai

Join Rabbi Josh Berkenwald for in-depth study of Jewish thought, belief, and practice. Learners are currently studying *Tractate Avodah Zarah* from the Babylonian Talmud, which explores issues related to idol worship in the ancient world. In so doing, it addresses the contemporary challenges of being a Jewish minority living within a non-Jewish society. No fee; drop-ins are welcome; no experience necessary.

Hasidic Havurah 11am-Noon, APJCC

This class takes a look at some of the great works of past Hasidic teachers and strives toward deepening our contemporary Jewish spirituality. This class is for all abilities and levels and is a free, drop-in class. No need to register. Instructor: Rabbi Hugh Seid-Valencia.

Friday

Kabbalat Shabbat Patio Service 6:30-7:30pm, Emanu-El

In the summer months, our Kabbalat Shabbat services are held in our beautiful courtyard to enjoy the amazing California weather.

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Month	Day	Time
AUGUST	Friday, August 4	7:54pm
	Friday, August 11	7:46pm
	Friday, August 18	7:37pm
	Friday, August 25	7:28pm
SEPTEMBER	Friday, September 1	7:18pm
	Friday, September 8	7:07pm
	Friday, September 15	6:57pm
ROSH HASHANAH	Wednesday, September 20	6:49pm
	Thursday, September 21	7:44pm
	Friday, September 22	6:46pm
YOM KIPPUR	Friday, September 29	6:35pm

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TUES 1

Tisha B'Av Shacharit Service

9-10am, Sinai

Join us for a morning service commemorating the destruction of the two temples and the tragedies which have befallen our people throughout history.

Tisha B'Av Community Learning and Minchah Service

1:30-3:30pm, Sinai

Fast day on which we mourn the destruction of the Temples and the persecution of the Jews through the centuries. Daytime study session and service including Torah Reading, Haftarah and tefillin. Rabbi Berkenwald will teach from texts appropriate for the day.

Israeli Dancing

7:30-9pm, Emanu-El

Great exercise! Great fun! Great chance to meet new people! Put on your dancin' shoes and come to our free Israel dance class taught by our very own Loui Tucker. No dance experience necessary and we welcome everyone from the community to join in the fun.

WED 2

Lunch and Learn with the Cantor
12-1:30pm, Emanu-El

Join the Cantor for lunch, and bring your thirst for Jewish knowledge! Bring a sack lunch and join Cantor Edmondson on the first Wednesday of each month to share in a stimulating discussion of liturgy and music. This event is open to the community.

FRI 4

Happy Hour and Kabbalat Shabbat Services

5:15-7pm, Sinai

Wine and appetizers (adult and child-friendly) followed by evening services. Come as you are whenever you can. Services begin at 6 pm.

Shabarbecue

7:30-8:30pm, Emanu-El

Enjoy delicious BBQ food following the Kabbalat Shabbat Patio Service.

Shabbat Service with Sue Horowitz and E.J. Cohen

7:30-8:30pm, Shir Hadash

Sue Horowitz is a talented singer-songwriter in both the Jewish and secular folk genre. She will be joined by EJ Cohen, considered to be the premier ASL interpreter of Jewish music.

The evening will include original songs by Sue and will be interpreted by E.J. in American Sign Language.

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Sue Horowitz is a singer-songwriter from coastal Maine. A professional musician since the age of 17, Sue has performed in both secular and spiritual venues. Her warm and engaging style creates a feeling of community wherever she sings. With musical influences such as James Taylor, Joni Mitchell, Pete Seeger, and Carol King, she writes and performs music that is easily accessible to anyone that wants to listen or sing along.

Sue has created three CDs: *Eleven Doors Open, In the Water, and The Power and the Blessing*. Sue's *Hinei Mah Tov* has been included on Transcontinental Press's Ruach 5767 compilation and is included in the *Central Conference of American Rabbi's Hagaddah*. Her *Yvarechecha* was a finalist in the spiritual category of the Just Plain Folks awards.

EJ. Cohen is a certified ASL sign language interpreter and Jewish educator who has spent the over thirty years combining both passions. She has been the interpreter at CAJE conferences, URJ biennials, concerts, and nearly every other life cycle event imaginable. She has led workshops at CAJE, NewCAJE, Limmud UK, Limmud Boston, LimmudNY, Hava Nashira, and for various interpreting organizations in the US and the UK. EJ now lives in Concord NH, where she interprets in a local school system, teaches at Temple Beth Jacob and is active in the local theater group. Her new partnership with Sue Horowitz allows her to teach the signs to accompany some amazing music. EJ loves working with Sue Horowitz, "whose music makes my hands dance."

SAT 5

Paws Shabbat
9-10am, Emanu-El

Bring your dog and enjoy a Shabbat morning minyan led by Cantor Amanda Edmondson. We will enjoy a short walk around the neighborhood after.

Annual Backpack and School Supplies Drive for Kids in Need
9am-5pm, Shir Hadash

We are collecting backpacks for disadvantaged children at Next Door Solutions, an agency that provides safe living for abused women and their children. Please stop by the Shir Hadash office to pick up a tag with information on what items to purchase for your backpack. If you are unable to go shopping, please consider donating a check for \$40 or more made out to CSH and we'll shop for you! Please return your filled backpacks and/or supplies or monetary donations to the Shir Hadash office no later than August 10. Thank you for your donation. Please, no blue or red backpacks due to gang activity.

SUN 6

Rivko Amado - Music of the Jews of Spain
5-7pm, APJCC/Levy Family Campus

A performance of traditional Spanish Jewish music,

old and new. With Rivka Amado. The theme is love, in honor of today being Tu B'Av, the day in the Jewish calendar that's celebrated as a lovers' holiday.

General admission \$15

Students/Seniors/JCC members \$12

More information: shir@apjcc.org

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WED 9

Lunch and Learn
12-1:30pm, Emanu-El

Join the Rabbi for lunch, and bring your opinion! Bring a sack lunch and join Rabbi Magat on the second Wednesday of each month to share in a stimulating discussion of recent events, political happenings, and other relevant topics related to current events. This event is open to the community.

SAT 12

Book Discussion Group
1:30-3:30pm, Beth David

Trieste by Dasa Drndic, led by Deborah Estreicher.

SUN 13

Swim Party for Middle and High School Families
2-4pm, Los Ranchitos Cabana Club
121 Calado Ave., Campbell

A meet and greet for Rabbi Schwartz Families with middle and high school students please join us at a pool party to get to know Rabbi PJ Schwartz. Swimming, basketball, ping pong, playground, pizza, soft drinks, snacks and drinks. RSVP is required to attend. Call Melissa Sunberg at (408) 358-1751, ext. 5, or email melissa@shirhadash.org.

MON 14

Community Forum on Campus Issues
7-9pm, Levy Family Campus

Students, parents and community members are invited to a forum addressing campus climate at Los Gatos schools, to address racism, anti-Semitism and other bigotry that has surfaced in the past year, and discuss educational solutions for creating a more inclusive school environment. Participants include school administrators, community representatives and anti-bias educators. Free and open to the public. Free parking available. Reserve seats by contacting diane@jvalley.org, (408) 357-7504.



TUES 15

**Israeli Dancing
7:30-9pm, Emanu-El**

Great exercise! Great fun! Great chance to meet new people! Put on your dancin' shoes and come to our free Israel dance class taught by our very own Loui Tucker. No dance experience necessary and we welcome everyone from the community to join in the fun.

THURS 17

**Israel Coffee Klatch
2-3:30pm, Beth David**

Coffee, questions and conversations about the state of our Jewish state with Alex Drukarev as moderator.

FRI 18

**Memoir Writing Workshop
10:15-11:45am, Shir Hadash**

Have you ever wanted to preserve your family history for your children, grandchildren and friends? If you would like to create a legacy and write your memoir, please join us for "Legacies," a four-part, self-paced memoir writing program.

Everyone has a story to tell. Why are you the person you are today? What were the turning points? Was there a person or situation that had a profound effect on the way you look at life? What would you like family members to remember about you?

Facilitated by Carol Aaron, a writer and former journalist, you will discuss how to use artifacts, family documents and web sites to help you write your memoir. The class will provide handouts featuring questions to prompt you and help you decide what story to tell and the best way to tell it. Stories will be shared in class. If you have something written, please bring it to the first class.

There is a class limit of 15, so please RSVP by August 4 to Melissa Sunberg by calling (408) 358-1751, ext. 5, or by email to melissa@shirhadash.org.

**Back-to-Shul Open House
and Happy Hour
5-6pm, Sinai**

Come experience the warmth of our Sinai community. Welcome Shabbat, take a tour of our beautiful campus, and learn about all that Congregation Sinai has to offer. Shabbat Dinner follows services. Half price for prospective members. FEE: For Shabbat Dinner. Early Bird Special for Shabbat dinner.

RSVP before Tuesday, August 15 at noon by calling (408) 264-8542 or by email at office@sinai-sj.org.

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Free for children under age 5

\$54 maximum per family
Open House & Wine and Appetizer Reception - 5pm
Kabbalat Shabbat Services - 6pm
Shabbat Dinner (RSVP) - 7pm

**Family Shabbat Picnic Potluck
6-7pm, Shir Hadash**

All are welcome! It's another warm California summer night. Join us for a picnic dinner before the 7pm Shabbat Service.

Members, Early Childhood Center families, and prospective members are invited to share in the fun.

Register online at www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0848aeab2cabff2-family.

**Potluck Dinner and Discussion
7:30-8:30pm, Emanu-El**

Following our Kabbalat Shabbat Patio Service, join Rabbi Magat and Cantor Edmondson for a potluck dinner and discussion. This month's discussion will focus on the High Holy Days: It's More than Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

If your last name starts with:
A-L: Bring a side dish, salad, fruit
M-Z: Bring a main dish

SUN 20

**Knitzvah Meeting
10am-1pm, Jewish Family Services
APJCC/Levy Family Campus**

Knitzvah is a Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley volunteer group of knitters, crocheters and seamstresses of all ages. They meet monthly to create beautiful handmade creations. Knitzvah distributes these gifts to 18 nonprofits.

All ages and levels of experience are welcome. Come and be a part of this dynamic group or donate yarn to help them meet the needs of our community. This meeting will be held in the auditorium.

All ages welcome. For more information visit www.jfssv.org/knitzvah.html, or call Lori Cinamon at (408) 357-7467

**The Sacred Art of Forgiveness:
Rabbi Rami Shapiro**

7-8:30pm, Shir Hadash
Guest Rabbi Rami Shapiro, author of *The Sacred Art of Forgiveness: Elul from the Inside Out*.

Join us for a potluck dinner at 6pm followed by a workshop at 7pm lead by Rabbi Rami Shapiro on Elul as a time for deep spiritual growth.

While most explorations of forgiveness focus on how to forgive others, the month of Elul is devoted to the art of asking others to forgive us. In this workshop Rabbi Rami Shapiro, author of *Rabbi Rami's Guide to Forgiveness*, will help us cultivate the quality of mind and humility of heart necessary to do the deep work of forgiveness that is the month of Elul.

Rabbi Rami Shapiro is an award winning author of over two dozen books on religion and spirituality. He received rabbinical ordination from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, and holds a Ph.D. from Union Graduate School. A congregational rabbi for 20 years, Rabbi Rami currently co-directs One River Wisdom School (www.oneriverwisdomschool.com), blogs at www.rabbirami.blogspot.com, writes a regular column for *Spirituality and Health* magazine called *Roadside Assistance for the Spiritual Traveler*, and hosts the weekly Internet radio show, *How to be a Holy Rascal on Unity On-line Radio* (www.unity.fm/program/howtoeaholyrascal). His newest book is *Perennial Wisdom for the Spiritually Independent* (SkyLight Paths). Rami can be reached via his website, www.rabbirami.com

"To me, religions are like languages: no language is true or false; all languages are of human origin; each language reflects and shapes the civilization that speaks it; there are things you can say in one language that you cannot say or say as well in another; and the more languages you learn, the more nuanced your understanding of life becomes. Judaism is my mother tongue, yet in matters of the spirit I strive to be multi-lingual. In the end, however, the deepest language of the soul is silence." - Rabbi Rami Shapiro

**Sunday Night Live
Dance Party for Ages 55+
7-9pm, APJCC/Levy Family Campus**

Adults ages 55+ are invited to the JCC for a summer dance with a "Sunday Night Live" theme. Cost is \$5/person. For more information, call Cherie Ravel at (408) 357-7462, or email cherie@apjcc.org. Made possible, in part, by a generous grant from The Myra Reinhard Family Foundation.

WED 23

**Lunch and Learn Torah Study
12-1:30pm, Emanu-El**

Food for your body. Food for your soul. Need a better way to spend your lunch hour? Join Rabbi Magat for an informal study and discussion session of a selected Torah portion. Together we will navigate through traditional interpretations and modern applications of our historic teachings. Bring your lunch and be ready to get a new perspective on Torah. Open to members and non-members and no previous Torah study is required.

SAT 26

**Beer and Bouncy BBQ
5-7pm, Shir Hadash**

Join us for one of our largest, most fun and bounciest events of the year. Cold beer, hot grills and plenty of space for the kids to play. Teens will be on hand to supervise the children's play and the bounce house. We barbecue (hamburgers, hot dogs & veggie

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burgers), and serve beer and dessert.

We ask that you bring a dish to share according to your last name:

A-G, please bring a salad

H-L, please bring fruit

M-Z, please bring a vegetarian side

A great chance to get to know others in our community. This free event is for families with children ages 5 and younger. It is a great chance to get to know others in our Shir Hadash community. Don't forget your water bottles!

Neighborhood Havdalah

6-9pm, Emanu-El

Enjoy Havdalah with other Jewish families in your own neighborhood. This is a casual family-hosted and conducted Havdalah service held simultaneously at multiple locations in Santa Clara County. Gather at a private home in your area to meet, chat, nosh and enjoy this wonderful tradition of saying goodbye to Shabbat under the stars with others members of your neighborhood Jewish community.

SUN27

Potential Member Open House

10am-12pm, Shir Hadash

Thinking about joining a synagogue? Already decided but want to find out more about Shir Hadash? Bring all of your questions to this opportunity to speak with our staff and leaders about the Shir Hadash community. We will have information about services, programs, religious school, Hebrew lessons, and more. Babysitting will be available.

Rain Pryor in

Fried Chicken & Latkes

7pm, Levy Family Campus

"Funny, compelling, outstanding"

Rain Pryor tells hilarious and heart-wrenching stories of growing up Black and Jewish in Beverly Hills. Her father was comedy icon Richard Pryor, and her Jewish mother was a go-go dancer turned astronomer. Her one-woman show is coming to the Levy Family Campus. Co-sponsored by the JCRC and Tabia African-American Theatre and San Jose Multicultural Artists Guild. Strong language. Not appropriate for all audiences. Call Diane Fisher for additional information, (408) 357-7504. Tickets available online at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2993244.

TUES29

Israeli Dancing

7:30-9pm, Emanu-El

Great exercise! Great fun! Great chance to meet new people! Put on your dancin' shoes and come to our free Israel dance class taught by our very own Loui Tucker.

No dance experience necessary and we welcome everyone from the community to join in the fun.

FRI1

Labor in the Pulpit

6:30-7:30pm, Emanu-El

Join Rabbi Magat and Cantor Edmondson for the final patio service of summer as we participate in Labor in the Pulpit. For more information, call Megan Parkins at (408) 292-0939, or email megan@templesanjose.org.

Shabbat Service -

Labor in the Pulpit

7:30-8:30pm, Shir Hadash

Shir Hadash will be participating in the 17th Annual Labor in the Pulpit program. Our guest speaker will be Ben Field, Executive Officer of the South Bay Labor Council. Ben is a member of Shir Hadash and spent part of this summer in Israel on a trip for Progressive Leaders sponsored by AIPAC. He was elected to the post of Executive Officer of the South Bay AFL-CIO Labor Council in December 2012. The SBLC represents 91 local unions, which constitute most of the Labor Movement in Silicon Valley. Before his election as Executive Officer, Ben served as Chief of Staff for the Labor Council from 2009-2012.

Prior to joining the Labor Council, Ben served as a Deputy District Attorney in Santa Clara County for 15 years, where he prosecuted a variety of cases including murders, sexual assaults, gang offenses, and white collar crimes. He is also an adjunct professor at San Jose State University, where he has taught courses on the US presidency, constitutional law, judicial politics, law and society, and political history.

After graduating with a degree in political science from Columbia University in 1986, Ben worked as a legislative aide to Congressman Don Edwards and later on the United States Senate Banking Committee, Subcommittee on Housing and Urban Development. He earned a law degree and a PhD in American History from the University of California at Berkeley and served in the U.S. Naval Reserve from 1988-1998. He has authored several articles and a book on history and the law. Ben is an avid runner, having competed in several 100 mile races, and he plays the harmonica in a garage band known as "The Retribution Blues Band."

TUES5

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WED6

Lunch and Learn with the Cantor

12-1:30pm, Emanu-El

Join the Cantor for lunch, and bring your thirst for Jewish knowledge! Bring a sack lunch and join Cantor Edmondson on the first Wednesday of each month to share in a stimulating discussion of liturgy and music. This event is open to the community.

THURS7

Baby & Me for

4-12-Month-Old Infants

9:30-10:30am, Beth David

Educational and Fun Weekly Program for babies 4-12-months. Structured setting that engages your baby in sensory, cognitive and gross motor activities.

Baby & Me for

13-24-Month-Old Infants

10:30am-12pm, Beth David

Educational and fun weekly program for toddlers 13-24-months. Structured setting that engages your baby in sensory, cognitive and gross motor activities.

FRI8

WP Friendship Breakfast

8-11am, Levy Family Campus

Join the women of Silicon Valley for a relaxed breakfast! Come with friends or on your own. Stay for the whole morning or just stop in for a few minutes! No cost to attend; please bring a NEW sports bra to support our Dignity Drive benefiting The Grateful Garment Project. Breakfast included. Don't forget to register below if you need child care. Chaired by Andrea Rubnitz and Jodi Gerston.

Erev Shabbat Service

7-8pm, Emanu-El

On the second and third Friday evenings of each month, services are held at 7pm in the Sanctuary. Different special activities are often incorporated, such as "Ask the Rabbi," a sermon and discussion, a musical program, or a guest speaker. Join us for an Oneg after where you can mingle and meet new people.

SAT9

Babies and Bagels: Baby Shabbat

9-10:30am, Emanu-El

Temple Emanu-El presents a Shabbat experience geared towards families with children ages 1-30 months. Little ones will enjoy a service full of Shabbat songs, Torah talk, and parachute play! Kiddush, motzi, and a bagel oneg sponsored by Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood follows this fun-filled program. What a great opportunity for parents of young children to meet and form groups-perhaps even life long friendships with their peers. Everyone is welcome!

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Book Discussion Group

1:30-3:30pm, Beth David

The People and the Books by Adam Kirsch, led by Harry Cornbleet.

SUN 10

Shir Hadash Book Group

10:45am-12pm, Shir Hadash

The CSH Book Group discusses *Diary of the Fall* by Michel Laub. At the narrator's elite Jewish school in a posh suburb of Porte Alegre, a cruel prank leaves the only Catholic student there terribly injured. Years later, he relives the episode as he examines the mistakes of his past and struggles for forgiveness. His father, who has Alzheimer's, obsessively records every memory that comes to mind, and his grandfather, who survived Auschwitz, fills notebook after notebook with the false memories of someone desperate to forget. This powerful novel centered on guilt and the complicated legacy of history asks provocative questions about what it means to be Jewish in the twenty-first century. Enthusiastic readers gather four or five times a year at Shir Hadash to discuss Jewish books. Please join us for a lively discussion - it is open to the public.

Back to School BBQ and Open House

12:30-2pm, Emanu-El

Fun for families, singles, and couples! Welcome back our Religious School students and enjoy a delicious BBQ lunch. Take a tour of our school and facility, meet the clergy, and more! Open to members and non-members.

WED 13

Lunch and Learn

12-1pm, Emanu-El

Join the Rabbi for lunch, and bring your opinion! Bring a sack lunch and join Rabbi Magat on the second Wednesday of each month to share in a stimulating discussion of recent events, political happenings, and other relevant topics related to current events. This event is open to the community.

THURS 14

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FRI 15

Tot Shabbat

6-7:30pm, Emanu-El

Worried that your little ones will squirm and make noise during services? No need to worry at Tot Shabbat! Led by Rabbi Magat and Cantor Amanda Edmondson, families with young children will enjoy upbeat songs, a short story, and a talk with the Rabbi on the bimah during these brief services. The perfect way to introduce your little ones to the tradition of Friday nights. Following services, enjoy a delicious dinner provided by Sisterhood, of course at no charge!

Erev Shabbat Service

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Shabbat Service - Rabbi Schwartz Installation

7:30-8:30, Shir Hadash

This evening we will formally install Rabbi PJ Schwartz as the new Rabbi Educator of Congregation Shir Hadash. Please join us for this special ceremony as Rabbi Schwartz becomes one with our community. A festive Oneg to follow services.

Rabbi Schwartz is very excited to be in Northern California and joining our team of clergy and senior management. Rabbi Schwartz invests heavily in creating relationships with members of the congregation, including adults and children. Rabbi Schwartz is a team player who will contribute heartily to our community through his leadership of our Religious School and in the disposition of his rabbinic duties which will include periodically leading worship services, visiting members for pastoral care, and staff leadership for select committees.

Along with his strong educational background, Rabbi Schwartz also brings a youthful energy and creative approach with which to engage our religious school students. He and his wife, Michelle, are very excited to become a part of the Shir Hadash Community. Rabbi Schwartz will begin his duties as Rabbi Educator and we look forward to a long and rewarding partnership together.

SAT 16

Selichot

7-10, Emanu-El

Temple Emanu-El presents a beautiful introduction to the High Holidays. The evening begins with a film and discussion followed by a special oneg. The evening concludes with the Selichot Service—a time for reflection that will help prepare you spiritually for the upcoming holidays.

SUN 17

Introduction to Sephardi and Mizrahi Jewry

9:30am-12pm, Shir Hadash

With Professor Heckman of UC Santa Cruz. Say, "old country" and you might think of Tevye and his milk pail. But that is hardly a complete picture of Jewry before America. The Jewish story of North Africa, Syria, Yemen, Turkey, Iran and Iraq is an amazing and multifaceted landscape consisting of the Sephardi (Spanish) and Mizrahi (Eastern) communities. Professor Heckman will give a general introduction to Sephardic and Mizrahi Jewry with a special focus on the Jews of North Africa.

Alma Rachel Heckman is Assistant Professor of History and Jewish Studies at the University of California, Santa Cruz. She specializes in modern Jewish history of North Africa and the Middle East with an interest in citizenship, the politics of belonging, transnationalism and empire. She is currently at work on a book manuscript tentatively entitled, *Radical Nationalists: Moroccan Jewish Communists, 1925-1975*.

Knitzvah Meeting

10am-1pm, Jewish Family Services APJCC/Levy Family Campus

Knitzvah is a Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley volunteer group of knitters, crocheters and seamstresses of all ages. They meet monthly to create beautiful handmade creations. Knitzvah distributes these gifts to 18 nonprofits.

All ages and levels of experience are welcome. Come and be a part of this dynamic group or donate yarn to help them meet the needs of our community. This meeting will be held in the auditorium.

All ages welcome. For more information visit www.jfssv.org/knitzvah.html, or call Lori Cinamon at (408) 357-7467.

Slides and Sangria with Shir Fun

12:15-2pm, Shir Hadash

Join us for our Shir Kids kick-off event this year, and meet other families with children in grades K-2. Enjoy sipping some sangria, while the kids enjoy super slides and other fun activities. Lunch will be available as well!

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Rosh Hashanah Begins

WED20

Erev Rosh Hashanah
Congregational Service
7:30-9:30pm, Emanu-El

Join Rabbi Magat, Cantor Edmondson, and the congregation of Temple Emanu-El for a lovely Erev Rosh Hashanah Service. Ticket information can be found at www.templestanjose.org.

Rosh Hashanah Evening Service
with Shir Hadash

8-10pm, LDS Stake Church
19100 Allendale Ave., Saratoga

For security reasons, tickets are required for admission for Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur morning and evening services. Please present your tickets to the usher at each service. Services will begin on time. Call 408-358-1751, ext. 5, for more information.

THURS21

Rosh Hashanah Morning Service
with Shir Hadash

10am-12:30pm, LDS Stake Church
19100 Allendale Ave., Saratoga

10 am Religious School Program
10 am Rosh HaShanah Morning Service (babysitting available)
10:15 am Teen Program

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Congregational Service
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Rosh Hashanah Family Service
3:30-4:15pm, Shir Hadash

Free and open to the public, bring your family and friends. A lively family service for Rosh HaShanah afternoon. Imagine High Holiday services in a room full of families with young kids. We sing, we tell stories, no one minds if your kids make a little noise, do a little dance or don't know the words. Let's put the Holiday back in Holy Day.

On Rosh Hashanah the service will be led by Rabbi Aron, Rabbi Schwartz, Cantor Felder-Levy, Early Childhood Center Director Robin Adelman and musician Suska Varda. These services are geared to children ages 2-6 and their families.

Taschlich
5-7pm, Oak Meadow Park,
233 Blossom Hill Rd., Los Gatos

Join Rabbi Magat and Cantor Edmondson of Temple Emanu-El for the traditional casting away of our sins at Oak Meadow Park Areas 1 and 2.

FRI22

Kabbalat Shabbat Service
6:30-7:30pm, Emanu-El

On the fourth Friday of each month services are held at 6:30 PM. Once a month we like to offer our Shabbat service at an earlier time to accommodate everyone's busy schedules. In the summer months, our Kabbalat Shabbat services are held in our beautiful courtyard to enjoy the amazing California weather.

Rosh Hashanah Ends

WED27

Lunch and Learn Torah Study
12-1:30pm, Emanu-El

Food for your body. Food for your soul. Need a better way to spend your lunch hour? Join Rabbi Magat for an informal study and discussion session of a selected Torah portion. Together we will navigate through traditional interpretations and modern applications of our historic teachings. Bring your lunch and be ready to get a new perspective on Torah. Open to members and non-members and no previous Torah study is required.

Yom Kippur Begins

FRI29

Kol Nidre Service with Shir Hadash

8-10pm, LDS Stake Church
19100 Allendale Ave., Saratoga

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SAT30

Yom Kippur Morning Service
with Shir Hadash

10am-1pm, LDS Stake Church
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10am Religious School Program
10am Yom Kippur Morning Service (babysitting available)
10:15 am Teen Program

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Yom Kippur Ends



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Multi-Faith Immersion

The Teen Interfaith Leadership Council of Santa Clara County wrapped up its fifth New Mexico Immersion Trip on July 11 with a visit to Temple Beth Shalom in Santa Fe. The Zoroastrian, Buddhist, Catholic, Episcopal, Agnostic, Hindu and Jewish students all asked Rabbi Neil Amswych lots of questions, some coming out of the various topics they had probed during visits to Buddhist, Hindu, Sikh and Catholic houses of prayer and meditation.

The trip provided a unique context of openness and exploration, and the students responded by allowing themselves to be vulnerable. They probed issues not often addressed by adults. The issue of being part of a minority group, and the stress of being marked as "other" by fellow students, was discussed. The mutual support provided within the group leads several students, every year, to remark that they now feel more confident and comfortable to be who they are.

The Teen Council has a new relationship this year with Cristo Rey San Jose Jesuit High School. This is a school focused on empowering students from underserved communities in San Jose. The students attend classes four days a week, and work one day in a job placement through the school. The earnings from that job constitute the private Jesuit school tuition. Two students from Cristo Rey joined the trip, and they will participate in the monthly meetings of the council through the school year. They bring a strong interest in social justice and community service, and have lots of ideas on how to put that interest into action.

A highlight of this year's New Mexico trip was attending the Taos Pueblo Pow Wow. While the pageantry of a pow wow, with elaborate costumes adorned with feathers, beads and bells is dramatic, the spiritual nature of the event was also clear to our teens. The sense of awe and respect is powerful. Prior to attending the Grand Entry evening dance ceremonies, the students visited a Pueblo heritage program for young people, where they learned that despite the tragic oppression of native culture, resilient leaders still work to pass the traditions along to the next generation.

These words from two of the students show the deep impression that this trip makes.

They say there are a few moments in your life that shape the rest of it, and I've definitely had a couple of those moments during this trip. From serving the homeless at a soup kitchen to reciting the Hare Krishna prayers in a Hindu Temple to going to a 1000-year-old Native American Pueblo Nation. I learned so much from just talking to the locals and the native people. Materialistic things and even people come and go in life, but the connections you make with these people, places, or things will last forever.

Cameron Sotoodeh, Zoroastrian student

I got to experience different cultures and religions I wasn't familiar with. I got a better understanding of religions such as Catholicism, Buddhism, Hinduism, and more. I met new friends who practice these religions and got to understand their perspective of life. Although we have much conflict in the world motivated by religion that's been lasting for centuries, I learned that most religions have a goal of peace and harmony. All we have to do is remember what religion is about and its teaching to treat others with respect, no matter their backgrounds. After this trip, I now believe that with work and education of young generations, we can work our way to peace in the world and in ourselves.

Anat Baird, Jewish student

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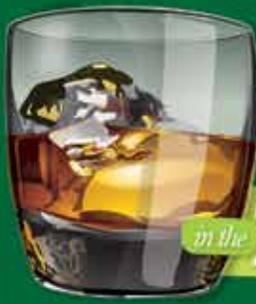
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