

Temple
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May
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IYYAR-SIVAN 5767

Confirmation Class 2007

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Mazel Tov!

Evening of the Arts

For the past few months, the students of TAS High's elective classes have been working at a near feverish pace to complete projects for their various electives (chugim). These chugim, which are part of the restructured Confirmation program, include activities such as cooking, drama, song leading, rock band, sports, art, journalism and dance. The classes have taught students about their respective crafts, and now it is time for the rest of us to see what exactly has been going on all those Tuesday nights.

The first annual "Evening of the Arts," which will take place on Saturday, May 12, at 7 p.m., was developed as a way to showcase the students' talents and to display the skills on which they have spent weeks honing and working. Jewish rock musician Dan Nichols will perform, with the song leading chug opening for him. The drama chug also will be presenting its trademark eccentric style,

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PULPIT CALENDAR

FRIDAY, MAY 4

8 p.m. Erev Shabbat Services with Rabbi Brown and Cantor Linsky; Conversion of Kim Vaccaro; Torah Portion Emor (Lev. 21:1-24:23)

SATURDAY, MAY 5

9:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat (Rothenberg Chapel)

10:30 a.m.

LIBERTY COHEN, Bat Mitzvah
Daughter of Mitchell Cohen and Ann Marie Cohen

5 p.m.

SHELBY GARREN, Bat Mitzvah
Daughter of Lori and Mark Garren

FRIDAY, MAY 11

8 p.m. Erev Shabbat Services with Rabbi Lutz; Torah Portion: Behar/Bechukotai (Lev. 25:1-27:34)

SATURDAY, MAY 12

5 p.m.

ZACHARY KELFER, Bar Mitzvah
Son of Kathy & Ron Kelfer

FRIDAY, MAY 18

7 p.m. (Note Earlier Time): Erev Shabbat Services – Teacher Appreciation Shabbat; Torah Portion: Bemidbar (Num. 1:1-4:20)

SATURDAY, MAY 19

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Minyan with Rabbi Alan Henkin
10:30 a.m. Confirmation Service

FRIDAY, MAY 25

8 p.m. Erev Shabbat Services with Rabbi Brown and Cantor Linsky; Torah Portion: Naso (Num. 4:2-17:89)

SATURDAY, MAY 26

10:30 a.m.

RANDI KASSAN, Bat Mitzvah
Daughter of Marla and Gary Kassan

5 p.m.

ARIEL BERNSTEIN, Bat Mitzvah
Daughter of Carol and Neil Bernstein

FRIDAY, JUNE 1

8 p.m. Erev Shabbat Services with Rabbi Lutz and Cantor Linsky; Torah Portion: Beha'alotcha (Num. 8:1-12:16)

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

9:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat (Rothenberg Chapel)

Board Meeting Highlights

President Ron Friedman opened the March Board meeting reporting on the proposed 2007-08 Temple budget. Various line items were discussed, including an increase in our advertising expenses to promote membership growth and community awareness in our Temple, anticipated savings in our energy bills and insurance premiums due to the implementation of conservation methods and our security upgrades, as well as solutions for our budget shortfall. A motion was passed by the Board approving the proposed budget for 2007-2008.

Reports were also heard from various committees, including IT, Adult Education, Alster Event, Purim and Security. Rabbi Lutz reported on the ninth grade trip to Washington, D.C., the

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LIBRARY UPDATE

We're turning a new page as Lori Garelik and Andrea Josephson begin volunteering at our T.A.S. library after many years of dedication by Elliott Edelson. We are extremely grateful to the members of the Men's Club for their grant which will help us purchase a book cart to be used to organize our collection. Our Judaic library is an important educational resource, as well as a place where you might find a hidden treasure to enjoy. The books in the library are for all age groups. Library collections do need constant updating, as does ours. We encourage congregants to donate new or very gently used books of Judaic themes or to contribute to the Library Fund to honor someone special. This will help make it possible to expand and grow this important resource that everyone can enjoy. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Lori at 886-3241 shelori@aol.com or Andrea at 883-7745, andij4@aol.com. We welcome students who have an interest as well.

Places books take me

Whenever I open a book
I'll take a look
And go
Wherever it takes me
In Eragon the swords clash
In Abigail's Drum the lightning goes flash
Through the pages I will go
In broad daylight or in foot deep snow
Books and onions compare the two
Sweet or sour it's up to you
Where people shoot spells and death eaters roam
Hogwarts is Harry's enchanting home
The Baudelaire orphans travel far and near
To come across their greatest fear
Stanley Yelnats, star rats
(at least that's what they treat them like)
"Five more minutes? I need more!"
Then my mom walks out my door
I'll just take out my book and flashlight
And persevere through the dark night

By Jordan Krimston, age 9, Temple Emanuel, San Diego



Close to you

I write to you a day before our kids go back to school after a lovely spring break. One main reason the break was so meaningful was because of a trip I took with our daughter, Cayla, to Tucson to celebrate her Grandma's 80th birthday. We attended a luncheon which my niece Caroline put together, complete with a meaningful scrapbook, pictures and sentiments and more carbs than I had eaten in a year.

When I married David 15 years ago, I had no idea how lucky I had become. David's a great guy, as many of you know, but what many of you don't know, is that he has amazing parents. Henry, his father, is almost 92, still vertical, and Bunny, his mom, is a very young 80. It is a stroke of tremendous luck when one can really find closeness with others who may not be related by blood, but, as another of my closest Mom figures has taught me, can be related by love. I have learned so much from my Mom-in-law (although to me she is really a Mom). Her patience, wisdom, simplicity and ability to understand what is not said is the gift she gives to me every day. She is there without judgement or blame; only with open arms and a caring heart in which she has found a permanent place for not only myself, but for our entire family.

As I sat at this luncheon, I observed her many friends, from all over the country, there to celebrate her. I watched carefully as they giggled, shared stories, recounted history and sang Happy Birthday. I also thought that somewhere in the recesses of their own minds how grateful they must feel to also be of the enviable age when they can still sing and celebrate their own lives and mental acuity. They were an inspiration to me.

My mind flashed back into history to our Matriarchs...Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, Leah, to Miriam, Deborah, Tzipporah, Lilith, Esther, and so many more too numerous to name...those women to whom we may be related by love and lessons, if not by blood, and for those lessons for which I am eternally grateful.

This month we find ourselves in the month of May. We also find ourselves on the second Sunday, celebrating Mother's Day. I celebrate my Tucson Mom, and those who have shown me that by opening my heart and seeing the outpouring of love surrounding me, gently, sincerely and with strength of spirit, I can find my own rhythm as a Mom to my own children. I carry within my heart the memory of my Mom by birth, my Mom by marriage, my Mom by friendship, my Moms by history. There is room in my heart for all of them, because to not have them present in this way is not an option.

Happy Mother's Day - may the love and memories you may feel give you strength to know that we make our roots wherever we choose to.

B'shalom,
Cantor Patti Linsky

notes from

Cantor Linsky



Members of this year's Confirmation class on their recent trip to Washington, D.C. to participate in the LeTaken Social Justice program of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. Pictured from left to right are: Trevor Zierenberg, Aaron Speer, Sara Liebovitch, Randi Borden, Debbie Lutz, Rabbi Lutz, Jackie Snow, Daniella Binshtock, Michael Mayer, David Karp and Kelsey Edenzon.

One from the heart

Student attending LeTaken Conference shares her thoughts at Shabbat Services

I wrote this with my friend, Aaron, who came on the trip, but wasn't able to come tonight because his older brother is going back to college. I think that for many of us politics seem pretty far away. We turn on the TV and watch the nightly news and listen to reports about AIDS, about global warming, about terrorism and about genocide, amongst other things. We complain and we are disgusted, but then we turn our TV off and we eat dinner. We complain, but seldom do we take action against these injustices which we encounter so often, because once again, they seem too far away. But we are mistaken as individuals, as Jews and as a people. In turning our backs on the injustices of society, we are turning our backs on a moral obligation to strive for fairness and equality, qualities that are closer and more valuable to us than the CNN news room. Last weekend, we were honored to have the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C., to speak about this issue. Personally, I was skeptical, because the Capital didn't seem to have room for a bunch of high schoolers from across the country. But, in exploring social justice and democracy, we learned that there is room for everyone, or at least, everyone who cares. Our forefathers came to this country to escape injustice, and they founded a democracy so that the people would have a place in the government. They gave us the right to vote, the right to speak freely and the right to be heard. But I have seen a growing number of people who do not exercise these rights, and last weekend we learned above all else that this is in itself an injustice. We are told *tzedek, tzedek tirdof*, justice, justice shall you pursue, and we learned that it is in the best interest of all of us to speak our minds and to bring about the changes that our society desperately needs.

Daniella Binshtock

New and exciting changes

You are all invited to join us for the Annual Congregational Meeting in May. This is your opportunity to listen and be heard. There are many new and exciting changes taking place at Temple Ahavat Shalom including Rabbi Barry Lutz becoming our Senior Rabbi and Rabbi Jerry Brown becoming our Rabbi Scholar in Residence. Over the last year, your Board of Trustees has been busy arranging focus group meetings with the congregation and a task force to review many congregational issues. You will want to hear the results of these groups because it will have an impact on the future of the Temple and yourselves.

president's message

Ron Friedman

On Friday, March 30th at Shabbat services, the confirmation class that traveled to Washington, D.C. spoke to the congregation about their experience. They met with Congressman Brad Sherman's staff and visited many of the exciting visitor attractions. In a few exhausting days, these students had an experience that may change many of their lives. A few were uncertain they wanted to make the trip. They came back encouraging all future confirmation students to be certain to make the trip.

Our senior staff and board will be very busy during the next few months planning for next year. There will be new exciting programs for the adults and our children including Synaplex, Adult Education classes and more. One of the programs presented was on April 26th when many of you saw the presentation of "Obsession" and heard from Nonie Darwish.

Until next time.

Ron Friedman



SECURITY UPDATE

Dear TAS families,

The safety and security of our students and all temple attendees is of the utmost importance to Temple Ahavat Shalom.

In our next step in a continuing effort to provide this security, we will be instituting a new procedure for entering the Temple parking lot and grounds. Although our campus has always been safe and secure, we are instituting these new procedures to continue to enhance the level of security that is necessary in this day and age.

On May 1, we will begin the implementation, on a limited basis, to allow room for schedule adjustments where necessary. Once the



schedule is finalized, during off-peak hours, the entrance gate on Rinaldi Place will remain in a closed position. You will need to buzz one of the offices, as indicated on the entry dialer, to gain entrance. During peak hours the gate will remain in an open position to allow for the large number of cars to enter for drop-offs and pick-ups. The gate schedule will be altered to accommodate Temple events, as needed.

We thank you for your cooperation and understanding of these necessary changes.

B'shalom, The Security Committee

Grads move on and up

To our college students graduating in May, we want to congratulate you on this huge accomplishment. Enjoy the celebration, and best wishes as you move on to the next chapter in your life. Please keep us updated as to what comes next for you, along with your new addresses, phone numbers and e-mail. We hope all of our Alums stay in our program until their 25th birthday.

Thank you to the following people who helped make the matzah crunch candy for our Passover packages and/or helped box the Passover packages: Mindy Free, Wendy Krowne, Mary Lou Gordon, Debbie Vego, Melissa Kassan, Randi Weiner, Anita Hoch, and Lori and Shelly Garelik. A special thanks to Shelly, who worked with all women and was a huge help. We look forward to having him on our committee. We are so fortunate to have an enthusiastic group among our alumni parents, who are so willing and anxious to help whenever the need arises!

We also prepared a few Passover Survival kits that we sent to our troops in Iraq.

Alumni Updates:

Rachel Londer graduated Otis College of Art & Design and is working in the fashion industry for a fashion designer. Nesa Londer is attending UC Santa Cruz and is in the student abroad program in New Zealand until July. Jonathan Londer is attending the Kitchen Academy.

As this school year comes to a close, please e-mail us with your student/alumni's new address, phone number, e-mail and school or work details for the coming September. Watch for our flyer in the July mailer. Remember, when you are making donations to honor or memorialize your loved ones, please consider the TAS Alumni Outreach program. Last, if you are interested in sponsoring the Directory, Rosh Hashanah, Hanukah, Passover or the birthday packages, please let us know. We thank all of the families who have made donations throughout the year to our Alumni Outreach Program and express our heartfelt thanks.

*Debbie Weiss and Mindy Free, Co-Chairs of the Alumni Outreach Program
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Cindy Paley to perform at Street Faire

Don't miss Jewish folk artist Cindy Paley as she performs at our Street Faire on Sunday, June 10. Cindy has inspired many artists and has both original songs and songs you have heard before. She brings a fun and sensitive side to Jewish folk songs in a traditional, upbeat and classic manner. We will have street vendors, food, entertainment, games, art projects, plenty to do and information from our community. It is the last day of religious school, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in our parking lot. Come and have a nice afternoon, eating and listening to music, shopping and taking in the good life.

See you there. If you would like to be on this fun committee, don't hesitate to e-mail me at chatkoff1@aol.com or call 818-701-7789.

Cheryl Hatkoff, Chair

The advertisement features a central image of a champagne glass filled with bubbly liquid, set against a textured, light-colored background. Above the glass, the text "BAR/BAT MITZVAH ✦ WEDDINGS ✦ BIRTHS" is written in a small, black, sans-serif font. To the right of the glass, the text "ANNIVERSARIES ✦ PARTIES" is written vertically in the same font. Below the glass, the word "Sisterhood" is written in a large, black, cursive font. Underneath that, the text "can help you with your personalized announcements and invitations." is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the advertisement, the text "For more details, call Judith Gottlieb at 363-6924" is written in a small, black, sans-serif font.

Spotlight on Sisterhood



Mah Jong Mania!

Sisterhood's Mah Jong tournament was an overwhelming success.



Bagel bedecked.

Sex and the Torah

Sisterhood tackles enticing issues... with a little help from Rabbi Brown

Wow! Our 2007 Women's Seder has been rated the best ever! Just under 100 women sang, talked, prayed, shared and ate a wonderful meal. We extend our apologies to those we could not accommodate. We hope that you will be able to join us next year.

Sex and the Torah? Who knew? All TAS members were warmly invited to join our April meeting, as Rabbi Brown led us in a lecture/discussion on the "Song of Solomon" section of the Torah.

May 17 will be our last meeting of the year. We will have a pot luck, with time for schmoozing, and some surprise games as well. We look forward to seeing you.

Please call if you have any questions!

Mel Birken, 818-366-2397
Arlene Stone, 818-366-1042
Program Co-Vice Presidents

The Judaica Shop

Gifts for that special someone

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 13

The TAS Sisterhood Judaica Shop carries beautiful necklaces, bracelets, earrings and pins. How about a pretty ceramic flower bouquet keepsake or a musical telephone that plays "I Just Called to Say I Love You?"

We have beautiful items for bar mitzvah and bat mitzvah gifts, birthdays, baby arrivals, weddings, anniversaries and new homes. Check out our picture frames, yads, mezuzot, challah plates, candlesticks and framed art.

Our rabbinate has our portfolio of ketubot. We carry a variety of tallitot and will do our best to help with personal orders for a special occasion.

Gift certificates are available and we accept all major credit cards, personal checks and cash. Watch for our sale on selected merchandise!

We are open every Shabbat during the oneg; Sundays 9 am to 1pm when school is in session, Wednesdays 10:30 a.m. to noon. Special appointments available. Call Laraine Miller at 818-993-0796.

Happily ever after

Eighteen years ago something very special happened in the Valley. It might have been just another day for most of us, but for two people and for Temple Ahavat Shalom, it was a momentous occasion. The day began as a “just another date” for our female individual. She had lost her loving husband a few years earlier to cancer and was now ready to begin looking for serious companionship again. Her date was a man who had been a teacher for most of his career.

You know her. She is a longtime, active member of our Temple. Her date had no connection to any Jewish community. They met at the Northridge Mall, where she ran into so many friends that one of his first questions to her was, “Do you know everybody?” Luckily they hit it off. She invited him to meet with her and her havurah at Canter’s, hoping to get her friends’ opinion of him. He was entertaining and personable, and he looked a little like Arnold Stang. “Grab him,” said her best friend. Later that evening she called the best friend with the news that he had proposed to her after dinner. Three months later they were married.

So why is this story so important to the history of Temple Ahavat Shalom? To be sure, their marriage was full of activities. One of his favorite things to do was to lead his wife, their son and their friends on mystery tours throughout the Los Angeles area. He could even make a visit to a cemetery fun and interesting. They continued with their careers up to retirement. But something was happening during those years that would profoundly affect the Temple Ahavat Shalom family.

Remember, I said that our female individual is an active member of our Temple. She is a past Sisterhood President, a volunteer supreme and an example to everyone of how to be a caring friend. And she does know a lot of people. Because of her major involvement in our Temple, her husband, who had

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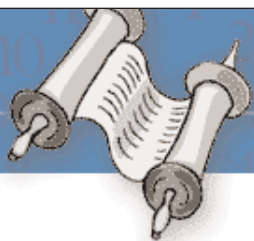
by jeff shulman



little experience with Judaism, began to find out what it was all about. His inquisitive mind and jovial manner were a perfect fit with a Reform temple and its education programs.

So, where are they today? What has changed since our happy couple began their partnership 18 years ago? She has continued her involvement in the volunteer network that is the very lifeblood of our congregation. Her ability to care for others is a blessing to all of us who know and love her. He has been transformed into a biblical scholar. His interest and ever expanding knowledge of Judaic topics is an inspiration. A few years ago he was chosen as the Men’s Club Man of the Year. His love of Judaism is such that when the music gets spiritual on Friday night, you just can’t hold him down.

We are blessed to have this couple as members of Temple Ahavat Shalom and especially as our friends. Surprise! Happy anniversary, Sharon and Mel. Please join us on Friday night, May 11, when Rabbi Lutz will call Sharon and Mel Janis to the bimah for a special blessing.



10 Minutes of Torah

A 67th Union for Reform Judaism Biennial Initiative

Next Shoah: Will We Know?

The following op-ed piece is from the Friday April 13, 2007 issue of The Jewish Daily Forward and is reprinted with permission.

Sixty-two years after the defeat of Nazi Germany, the terrible events that have come to be known as the Holocaust loom larger than ever in the world’s collective imagination. Despite the passage of time and the disappearance of the surviving

eyewitnesses, the Nazis’ mechanized attempt to exterminate the Jewish people stands out as an open wound on the conscience, a challenge to our sense of human honor and dignity.

It sometimes seems otherwise, but the evidence is all around us. “Hitler” remains the worst epithet imaginable, in almost any language. Incidents of injustice – real or imagined, monstrous or trivial – are routinely labeled “holocaust” in order to win sympathy for the victims from a world that

understands precisely what “holocaust” means. The United Nations has created an international day of remembrance, coinciding with the liberation of Auschwitz in January, to recall the Nazis’ atrocities and warn against new ones.

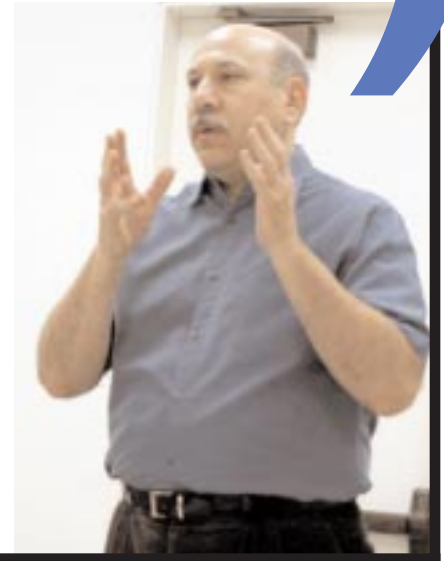
Here and there, handfuls of madmen seek to deny the obvious truth, to blot out the evidence still crying out from the earth. But few take their ravings seriously; indeed, it often seems that they themselves don’t

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Men's Club Update

Never a Dull Moment

Life with the Men's Club is a time of friendship, of spiritual bonding. Below, Rabbi Brown addresses members.



Youth connect with the adults

The Men's Club of TAS met with the TASTY kids who ventured to Philadelphia for the NFTY National Convention. The students spoke about the highlights of the weekend and expressed their appreciation for the Men's Club and Sisterhood's underwriting their expenses. We have some great kids who have had experiences that will last a lifetime.

The meeting also produced (in the manufacturing sense) the Yom HaShoah candle packaging and mailing which you have all received. If you haven't sent back your "donation" for the candles yet, please do so. The money goes to cover the cost of the candles and other special events that the Men's Club help fund.

Our next meeting is Sunday, May 6, at 8:30 a.m. Our speaker for the meeting will be someone that you will not want to miss, and we are in the process of confirming their attendance. It will be announced via email to the membership. If you are not getting the e-mail, send Brian Hatkoff an e-mail at bhatkoff@aol.com to be added to the list so you are kept up to date. Don't forget, bagels, lox, orange juice, cookies, etc., will be served to those in attendance. Those who don't show up don't get the lox.

Make a statement! Join Men's Club and be part of the in-crowd by being informed and getting to know the other men at the Temple.

For more information call Brian Hatkoff at 818-701-7789.

Go fore the glory

TAS hosts 19th annual golf tourney

Golfers and hackers – pros and beginners – don't miss your last chance to play a highly recognized local course before it goes private, Lost Canyons Golf Club! Golf Digest named it among "Best 100 Courses" and Golf Magazine selected it as one of the "Top Ten Best New" courses.

Play on the "Sky Course" designed by Pete Dye, with consultation from Fred Couples and rated as one of the best courses in America, before it is restricted to homeowner members and their personal guests. One of the last public events on the Sky Course will be the 19th Annual TAS Men's Club Golf Tournament held on Monday, June 11.

Don't miss this last opportunity to play the Sky Course with friends, family and business associates. The Men's Club tournament will follow the familiar Best Ball, Blind Calloway Handicapping system that lets all enjoy the fun and have a chance to win one of the many awards. The tournament will have a shotgun start at 10:30 a.m.

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EVENING OF ARTS

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as will the TAS High Rock Band, which is composed entirely of student musicians.

"The Evening of the Arts" will begin with the opening of the "Chugim Gallery," where the various chug's work will be displayed, along with a cookbook produced by the cooking chug. Next there will be performances by the song leading chug, rock band chug, and dance and drama chugim. Then Dan Nichols will

take the stage with his music, which features songs created around Torah passages and psalms, expressing their meaning in a way which is appealing to both teenagers and adults alike. The evening will conclude with an oneg prepared by the cooking chug, and another chance to admire the "Chugim Gallery."

The "Evening of the Arts" also will feature a raffle for prizes, including a flat-screen TV. Profits from the raffle will support the chugim program and buy new equipment such as digital cameras for the photography chug. You can help support this exciting new program by attending this wonderful event.

TEN MINUTES

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believe their own words, but speak their lies in pursuit of some sordid grudge.

For the rest of us, the challenge isn't to establish what happened during those terrible years. We know the facts. Our challenge is to understand what it means. How should we now view our world, given the awful knowledge we have acquired of humanity's capacity for evil? How are we to act?

Most important, what does it mean to vow that these things will never happen again? How will we know them when we see them?

Some see the Holocaust in mass killings by one group of another group – in Darfur, Bosnia, Rwanda – because the Nazis engaged in mass murder of Jews. But the analogy is not perfect; the Nazis, unlike the Sudanese, Serbs or Hutus, were not using brutal means to quell a rebellion or insurgency. There was no Jewish insurgency. The Nazis simply wanted to rid the world of Jews, because they hated them with a methodical passion unmatched before or since.

Others see the Holocaust in attacks on the Jewish people, whatever their nature: in Palestinian terrorism, Iranian nuclear threats, Soviet efforts to suppress Jewish culture and religion, even the silent effacement of Jewish identity through individual choices of assimilation or interfaith marriage. But the Nazis were not out to change the Jews' behavior or political structures. They did not offer alternative ways they might have preferred the Jews to live. They simply wanted them dead.

Still others see the Holocaust in any perceived overuse of force by a strong army against a weak population: America in Vietnam or Iraq, Israel in Gaza or Lebanon. To this line of thinking, little answer is needed, except for this: It was the American army that stopped the Nazis before they could complete their scheme of enslaving the world. It is the Israeli army that guarantees the survival of the Jewish home built as a retort to the Nazis and a haven for their victims. These cannot be the new Nazis, for they are the Nazis' very antithesis.

What, then, is the Nazi threat that we commanded to guard against? Mass violence and murder? Abuse of power? Collective humiliation? Or is it, perhaps, each of these?

The debate will never end, alas, so long as groups and nations continue to fight for their pride and honor and to challenge that of their neighbors. For that reason, it is fitting that we continue to remember and teach the events of the Holocaust – not their symbolism or their modern analogues or

10 even their moral lessons, but the specific deeds themselves, so that others may continue the debate.

You're Invited: **Biennial**
2007

DESTINATION: SAN DIEGO

Join thousands of Reform Jews this December in sunny San Diego for the 2007 Union for Reform Judaism General Assembly and Biennial Convention. Mark December 12-16, 2007 on your calendar and see for yourself what the excitement is all about! Learn and pray with leaders of congregations from across North America as you grow as a Reform Jew. Do not miss this exciting opportunity. For more details visit www.urj.org/biennial.



Gala
2007

**Save the date of June 16th as we
celebrate the many contributions of
Rabbi Barry and Debbie Lutz and
Barry and Cathy Pearlman.**

Finding neverland

By the time you read this article, we will had the 17th annual ECEC Luncheon. I want to thank Debilyn Kinzler and Laura Rabin, the two amazing luncheon co-chairs, as well as their terrific committee, for all their hard work making this day so special and profitable. Thanks to everyone who donated, helped set up and attended the luncheon. We are really blessed to have such amazing support from the congregation and all the affiliate groups such as Men's Club and Sisterhood.

We are thrilled that the Men's Club has approved our request for funds to purchase commercial type picnic tables and seating for our side yard.

The children will really enjoy being able to sit outside to eat their snacks and lunches. A big "Todah Rabbah," or thanks, to the TAS Men's Club for this generous gift.

May brings with it the holiday of Lag B'omer. We celebrate in school by building a "bonfire" (out of painted paper towel roll logs) and eating potato chips. Okay, so in Israel they have a real bonfire and eat baked potatoes that are roasted over the open flame. This is a close facsimile!

We talk about Rabbi Akiva and his brave students who hid in caves to study Torah. We talk about how Rabbi Akiva did not start to learn about Torah until he was a grown up, but he became a great scholar in spite of this. The lesson learned is it is never too late to do something great.

We are currently registering for summer and for fall. If you know anyone interested in a quality program for their child, please send them our way.

*B'Shalom,
Debi Chesler, ECEC Director*

BOARD MEETING

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Religious School's plans for next year's chugim, the possibility of using experts in our congregation as resources, and our new Synaplex Shabbat program.

Brian Hatkoff reported on the Facilities Committee's upcoming review of the Temple catering. Brian also reported on the Men's Club grant program and the projects that Men's Club will fund pursuant to these grants. Robin Gilmour reported on the sold out Mah Jongg tournament and other upcoming Sisterhood events. Jerry Hilecher provided the Board with a report on the June 16 Gala and the status of the ad book and invitations.

Temple Board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month. All Temple members are welcome to attend.

Debby Lieber, Recording Secretary

GOLF TOURNEY

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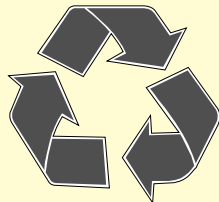
with box lunches in the carts. We will end the day by 6 p.m. with drinks, food, raffle, awards and an auction.

The TAS Men's Club Golf Tournament is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the Men's Club, and one of the Temple's largest. One hundred percent of the net proceeds from the tournament are used to promote TAS programs, with special emphasis on youth programming and the physical upkeep of the TAS facility.

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 Rachel's Bat Mitzvah Bimah Buddy.

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 Terri Jonisch and Joel Lowell, in honor of the
 Bar Mitzvah of our son, Evan Lowell.
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 The Goodwein and Lane families thank
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 Daniel Goodwein's B'nai Mitzvah.
 Jim and Diane Savitz, in honor of Rebecca
 Ariel Savitz's Bat Mitzvah.
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
UPCOMING EVENTS: June 1 – 8 p.m. Final Jr. TASTY Shabbat House of the year, 8 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service; June 2 – 9:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat Picnic, Jr. and Sr. TASTY Battle of the Bands; June 3 – Blood Drive, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; June 10 – Last day of Religious School, Street Faire		1 9:30 a.m. Bible Study Group 4 p.m. Jr. Choir	2 10:30 a.m. Seniors Meeting	3	4 8 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service; Shabbat Across America	5 9:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat 10:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Liberty Cohen 5 p.m. Bat Mitzvah of Shelby Garren
6 8:30 a.m. Men's Club Meeting – Elections 11 a.m. AdEd: Conversational Hebrew 11 a.m. AdEd: Hebrew 2	7 7 p.m. AdEd: Introduction to Judaism	8 9:30 a.m. Bible Study Group 4 p.m. Jr. Choir	9 10:30 a.m. Seniors Meeting	10 7 p.m. Book Club 7:30 p.m. Rosh Chodesh	11 8 p.m. Jr. TASTY Shabbat House 8 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service	12 5 p.m. Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Kelfer 7 p.m. Evening of the Arts and Dan Nichols Concert
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