

# Our Temple



THE MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR TEMPLE EMANU-EL

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# THE GIANT GARAGE SALE



**DROP OFF:**

**Sunday, April 24**  
9:30a.m.-12:30p.m.

**Tuesday, April 26**  
7:30a.m.-2:00p.m.

**Wednesday, April 27**  
7:30a.m.-6:30p.m.

*Please donate gently used items, cleaned and ready for resale!*

**SALE:**

**Friday, April 29, 8:00a.m.-2:00p.m.**

**Sunday, May 1, 1:00-4:00p.m.**

**Monday, May 2, 8:30a.m.-2:00p.m.**

*Religious School and Temple Members Only:*

**Sunday, May 1, 8:30a.m.-12:30p.m.**

*This is a fundraiser to benefit the Religious School and Temple Tots. Please donate your items and stop by to shop!!*

For more information, contact Cathy Moore (933-5907, [templetots@ourtemple.org](mailto:templetots@ourtemple.org))

Allison Haynor (933-8037, ext 285, [education@ourtemple.org](mailto:education@ourtemple.org)) or Ellen Stein (967-4901, [ellenstein@mac.com](mailto:ellenstein@mac.com)).



*Rabbi Aaron Miller will lead our Shabbat Service on Friday, May 27*

*Join us before services at 5:00p.m. for an Early Bird Oneg sponsored in Aaron's honor by his parents Judith Schulman-Miller and Rabbi Jonathan Miller*

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***Please remember Temple's Endowment Fund in your estate plans, and let us know when you do this.***

## OUR SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

### MAY SHABBAT SERVICES

#### FRIDAY, 5/6

5:40p.m.  
Shabbat Service  
Birthday Blessing for May  
(First Friday - childcare provided for  
ages 18 months - 5 years)

#### FRIDAY, 5/13

5:40p.m.  
New Member Shabbat Service  
(childcare available by reservation;  
dinner to follow service, RSVP  
required -- see below)

#### FRIDAY, 5/20

5:00p.m.  
Spiritual Fitness Shabbat Oneg  
5:40p.m.  
Spiritual Fitness Shabbat  
Anniversary Blessing for May  
(childcare available by reservation;  
dinner to follow service, RSVP  
required -- see back cover)

#### FRIDAY, 5/27

5:00p.m.  
Early Bird Oneg in honor of  
Rabbi Aaron Miller  
5:40p.m.  
Shabbat Service  
Special Guest: Rabbi Aaron Miller  
(children welcome,  
no childcare provided)

#### SATURDAY, 5/7

10:30a.m.  
Shabbat Service  
Bar Mitzvah of Garrett Crapia  
(childcare provided for  
ages 18 months - 5 years)

#### SATURDAY, 5/14

10:30a.m.  
Shabbat Service  
(children welcome,  
no childcare provided)

#### SATURDAY, 5/21

10:30a.m.  
Shabbat Service  
Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Rosenthal  
(childcare provided for  
ages 18 months - 5 years)

#### SATURDAY, 5/28

10:30a.m.  
Shabbat Service  
(children welcome,  
no childcare provided)

Torah Portion:  
Emor  
(Leviticus 22:17-28)

Torah Portion:  
B'har  
(Leviticus 25:1 - 26:2)

Torah Portion:  
B'chukotai  
(Leviticus 26:14-26)

Torah Portion:  
B'midbar  
(Numbers 1:1 - 4:20)

**All services are webcast at: [www.ourtemple.org](http://www.ourtemple.org)**

## New Member Shabbat Friday, May 13, 5:40p.m.

New members of Temple Emanu-El, we invite you and your family to be our guests for dinner following Shabbat services. Along with fellowship, friendship and community, we will offer the "ins and outs" of Temple life.

Representatives from various areas will familiarize you with opportunities to get involved, activities, education, outreach and so forth.

New members will receive a gift bag of Temple goodies. This promises to be a wonderful evening for all! Congregants who have made a reservation are welcome to stay for dinner.

**\$15 per adult and \$7.50 for children (12 years and younger)**  
**Childcare available during the service (18 months to 5 years)**

Please contact **Susan Koretzky** at 205-956-8888 or [SBKORET@aol.com](mailto:SBKORET@aol.com) for questions and RSVPs.  
For childcare, please contact **Cathy Moore** at [templetots@ourtemple.org](mailto:templetots@ourtemple.org) or 933-5907.

*Our thanks to the generous support of the Rabbi Grafman Endowment Fund  
for providing funding for our new member programs.*



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**Rabbi Miller: Three Rabbis - A Source of Great Pride for Temple Emanu-El**

*The nature of publishing this bulletin article requires that I have to pen a message in mid-March for you to read in May. All of our unknowns today will be known by the time you read this. So I will forgo sharing with you any news—and instead focus on my intense pride.*



**Three rabbis . . .**

Your Temple Emanu-El was represented three times in Los Angeles. I was looking for a replacement for Rabbi Scott. Rabbi Scott was looking to hire an assistant rabbi to work with him in his new congregation in Texas. My son, Aaron Miller was looking to be hired for his first job. All of us were scurrying around the halls of the Hebrew Union College doing our work. I am bursting with pride. I am proud of our Temple. I am proud of Rabbi Scott. And I am proud of the soon to be Rabbi Aaron Miller. All three have not

**Three rabbis . . .**

As some of you may know, Robin Berger and I spent three exciting days in Los Angeles interviewing, examining and courting rabbis to come to Birmingham to help us grow and become a better, more vibrant congregation than we are today. (I always want us to grow and become a better, more vibrant congregation than we are today!)

The system works like this: For a few days, all the students and all the congregations assemble and interview. Everybody puts on his or her best face. We interviewed seven outstanding young rabbis, each one of them articulate, impassioned, brilliant and eager to give and to learn. Over the next month leading us to May, we will be inviting three of these rabbis to visit us and to get to know us better. I pray that by the time you read this, we will have been able to secure one of these rabbis to come and join our community. I am so proud of this congregation. We did not have the largest number of students interviewing with us. For most rabbis, Birmingham is not on their radar screen. But we were able to attract the best, most innovative and hardworking students. Robin and I created a buzz that Temple Emanu-El in Birmingham is one of the most exciting and nurturing opportunities for young rabbis. I expect that we will be well served and happy moving forward.

only done well, but all of us have far exceeded any expectations we might otherwise have had. Aaron quipped, "Hey look at this. Here together are all the rabbis that Temple Emanu-El has produced in 50 years." What pride and naches (Yiddish for the special mixture of pride and happiness that you get when no other word in the human lexicon quite fits).

Aaron will be ordained at the Plum Street Synagogue on Shabbat morning, May 21st. He will be the first young person to become a rabbi from our Congregation. For Judi and me, Aaron's wife Lauren, my children Alana and Benjamin, his grandparents Anita and Renee and Bernie, this will be among the proudest moments of our lives. I know that you will rejoice with us. You helped raise him.

**Three rabbis . . .**

My father, Rabbi Judea Miller, of blessed memory, laid his hands on my head and shoulders when I was ordained 29 years ago. I will have my father's privilege to bestow the authority of our tradition and the grace of God upon my son, Aaron. Three rabbis . . . in every way a blessing for us all.

Friday night, May 27, Rabbi Aaron Miller will preach his first sermon at Temple Emanu-El in Birmingham. Please join Judi and me that evening as we celebrate our blessings.

**Three rabbis . . .**

Join us in celebrating the month of May and Mother's Day

**Grafman Legacy Luncheon**  
featuring Birmingham's most enchanting storyteller,  
Dolores Hydock, presenting  
"Don't Make Good Potato Salad...  
And Other Motherly Advice"

Thursday, May 5 at 11:30a.m.  
Program in Hess Chapel  
followed by luncheon in Weil Hall  
in the Collat Congregational Center

An \$8 donation at the door for lunch is greatly appreciated.  
Reservations required — please reply by Monday,  
May 2 to Barbara Zaslofsky at 933-8397.  
Sponsored by the Rabbi Grafman Endowment Fund.

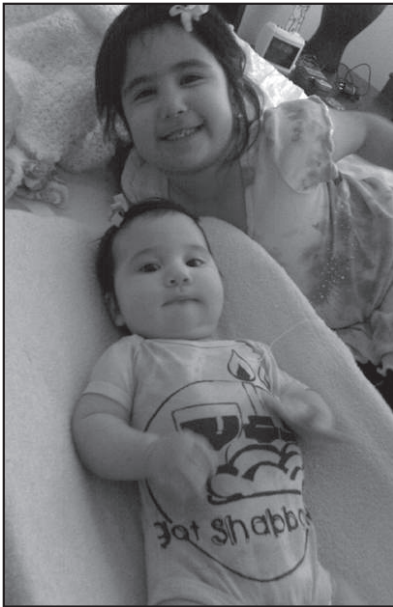
**Save these Dates**

**Wednesday, June 8:  
Shavuot**

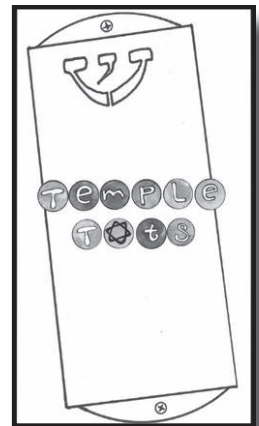
**Friday, June 10:  
Temple Emanu-El  
Annual Meeting**

*Watch for more details in the June/July bulletin.*

# OUR YOUTH & EDUCATION



Temple Tots kids loved playing in the snow this winter!!!



Left: Madison (in Mrs. Dawn's 4 year old class) and her baby sister, Emma. Emma wears her "Got Shabbat" t-shirt.

Summer is almost here. Temple Tots Summer Camp is the place to be!!!! Please visit our website [www.ourtemple.org](http://www.ourtemple.org) to register your child. Camp is for children 18 months - 4 years, Tuesday - Friday, 9:00a.m.- 1:00p.m.

Registration information for the 2011-2012 school year is now available on our website as well!!!



Questions about our Temple Tots program? Please call Cathy A. Moore at (205) 933-5907, or email: [templetots@ourtemple.org](mailto:templetots@ourtemple.org).

## 9th & 10th Graders: Sign up now for the next P.E.A.C.E. Birmingham group

**P.E.A.C.E. (People Engaged in a Cultural Exchange) Birmingham**



is a monthly dialogue among teens from different neighborhoods, cultures and faiths that builds bridges of communication; encourages racial, religious and cultural awareness; develops leadership skills; and creates mutual respect and understanding among group members - plus we have fun!

**P.E.A.C.E. BIRMINGHAM**  
People Engaged in A Cultural Exchange

**Co-sponsored by Temple Emanu-El and the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute.**

We meet one Sunday afternoon each month during the school year and occasionally take trips. We just returned from a wonderful trip to Nashville where we visited the Hermitage, RCA Studio B, the symphony & attended a play. There is no cost to you.

For more information and an application, please e-mail Linda Verin at [lindav0327@gmail.com](mailto:lindav0327@gmail.com). **Applications are due May 20** for the '11-'12 school year. You'll make friends, learn a lot, have fun and it is great to add to your college application. Apply today!

## Mark your calendars!

**May 1**  
**Religious School**  
9:30a.m.-12:00p.m.  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Clean the Cahaba  
10:00a.m.

**May 4**  
**Hebrew School**  
3:30-5:45p.m.  
**TEENS**  
**[Final Night]**  
5:45-7:30p.m.

**May 8**  
**LAST DAY of Religious School**  
9:30a.m.-12:00p.m.

**May 11**  
**LAST DAY of Hebrew School**  
3:30-5:45p.m.



## FIGTREE SCHOLARSHIPS— Helping to Enable Our Emanu-El Youth To Experience Israel

Since its inception in 1993 by the late Jo Ann Morrison, approximately 50 our Temple Emanu-El youth have benefited from the Figtree Scholarship which provides partial funding for study or travel in Israel upon completion of Confirmation.

See the wonderful letter below from, Mindy Lipsitz, who spent several weeks in Israel this winter, both travelling, and volunteering her medical services – thanks in part to our Figtree Scholarship Fund.

*I just wanted to let you know that I arrived safely back from Israel yesterday. The Birthright trip was an amazing way to learn about my roots, and it was just what I needed to open the doors for me to learn about both Israel and the Middle East.*

*From hiking near the Sea of Galilee, to floating in the Dead Sea to riding on camels and learning about the history of Israel, this trip provided the opportunity to get a great taste of Israel, both modern and ancient past, present and future. We even got to drive electric cars, said to be the new mode of transportation in Israel at the end of 2011.*

*I loved the lectures and speeches about the history of Jerusalem, coupled with dinners with Israeli soldiers and museum visits. It really was an enriching experience, and I have the Figtree Scholarship from Temple Emanu-El to thank for it! Thank you so much for this opportunity!*

*Sincerely, Mindy Lipsitz*



For more information about Figtree Scholarships or any of the other youth scholarships available through the Rabbi Grafman Endowment Fund, please contact the Temple Emanu-El Religious School or the Endowment Fund office. Forms are also available on our website on the Youth & Education page at [www.ourtemple.org](http://www.ourtemple.org).

## TOTS ROCK 'N ROLL WITH NEW TRIKES AND MORE...



Each year, designated endowment funds make grants to enrich and enhance our Temple's programming. One such fund is the **Muncy Abroms Temple Tots Fund**, which was established in memory of Muncy Abroms due to her love of young children and long involvement in pre-school programming,

This spring you can see this special fund at work, as investment income was utilized to purchase two heavy duty, fabulous tricycles, as well as some wonderful electronics to really make our Temple Tots classes rock!

### A Spiritual Journey Through the Aleph-Bet with Rabbi Scott

Rabbi Akiva, one of the greatest rabbinic voices of the Talmud, did not start to learn Torah until he was 40 years old. A shepherd who fell in love with the daughter of a very wealthy Jewish businessman, Akiva knew that if he was to ever win this man's daughter's love and affection, the way to her heart would be through study and mastery of Torah. So, it is told, Akiva agreed to become schooled in Torah, which would mean he would have to begin with the basics. And the basics meant learning the aleph-bet in a children's classroom. So he did – **aleph.....bet.....gimel....dalet**. The story goes on to describe that Torah washed over Akiva like water over a stone. Gently carving its way upon his mind and upon his heart, Rabbi Akiva became a master of Torah and Torah became Akiva. Akiva, it seemed, at the ripe "old" age of 40, was just getting started.

The number 40, the numerical value of the Hebrew letter **mem**, carries within it very special properties that point to the potential for change, for growth, for transition. The ark floated upon the waters of the world for 40 days, bringing with it a new opportunity for humankind to live more conscientiously with the earth. Once Moses recognized the injustice of slavery and slayed the Egyptian taskmaster, he ran away to Midian for how long? 40 years before he heard the call of the Burning Bush. Moses communed with God at Sinai for 40 days, receiving Torah and the commandments - long enough time for Moses to experience revelation; but about the same amount as it took for the Israelites to lose faith and build the Golden Calf! And for 40 years, Israel wandered through the wilderness. Not because they were lost but because it was going to take that long for the Israelites to be reborn into freedom.



Change takes time and inspiration is rarely enough to maintain the work required. Like water carving its way over stone, seeking to change our ways, our habits, our comfort zones, our boxes in which we tread so comfortably, often requires time, a lot of time. And

patience is perhaps the hardest response to maintain – from ourselves and from others. It is a most valuable and rare commodity that yet can be honed. But this is not the change depicted by Moses striking down the Egyptian and fleeing for his life. That is the easy kind of change as it is caused by an offensive attack on the sensibilities. Isn't it interesting, however, that in Midian, the easy place, free of those reminders of injustice, it takes Moses another 40 years before he can reawaken? One tradition teaches us that the Burning Bush did not come ablaze all of a sudden, that one proverbial day. Rather, the teaching goes, it had been burning all along, from the very moment Moses left Egypt. But Moses could not see it; he could not change that drastically in one day. And neither can we. It would take him another lifetime to open his eyes, and direct his heart inward once again towards the change in which he so desperately needed to engage. And so can we.

We are not a people made of perfect human beings whose response to needs is always so heroic. But the stories of our people are filled with real people whose real beauty lies precisely in their humanness. We can be ever evolving versions of our better selves.

### Birmingham Hospitality Network

We could not have provide housing and food for 10 people without the dedicated help and hard work of the following individuals:

**Barry Altmark, Julie Altmark, Brenda Bell-Guercio, Lana Burwell, Linda Cohn, Michelle Conn, Richard Goldstein, Sherrie Grunfeld, Marilyn Haver, Julie Levinson-Gabis, Denise Lewis, Julie Marcus, Nathan Marcus, Marianne Porterfield, Joel Rotenstreich & family, Kim Roth, Neil Roth, Sandra Russell, Susan Swartz, the Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood, George Thompson, Lori Weil, Julie Welden, Howard Wiener and Linda Wiener.**



Our next rotation will be June 12 through June 19. We hope to see you then!

**SAVE THE DATE – The BHN Silent Auction will be held on July 28, 2011 this year, and it will be held at Ted's Garage. More information to come.**

### Brotherhood News & Notes

#### Brotherhood at the Barons

Our annual "Brotherhood at the Barons" returns Saturday, May 14 when the Birmingham Barons play the Montgomery Biscuits. First pitch is at 6:30p.m. at Regions Park in Hoover.

For \$10 per person, you get a reserved seat behind home plate and \$10 worth of Barons Bucks to purchase food. **Tickets must be pre-ordered to get this deal!** For more information, please contact Justin Cohen at [jpc74@yahoo.com](mailto:jpc74@yahoo.com) or 266-0444

#### "When Pigs Fly"

The Temple Emanu-El Brotherhood will have a team participating in the 2nd annual Temple Beth-El Cook-off "When Pigs Fly" on May 15. If you would like to assist with the team, please email [cbloom@sec.org](mailto:cbloom@sec.org).



Temple Emanu-El  
Brotherhood

# WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH OUR SISTERHOOD?

## The "Oy Vey" Café

**Sunday, May 1, 9:30a.m. – 12:00p.m.**

Our newest venue for a fun gathering (with free bagels & coffee, too!) is sponsored by Sisterhood & Brotherhood on the first Sunday of most months during Religious School at Temple Emanu-El...it's the "Oy Vey" Café!



Our May "Café" brings yet another of our talented congregants into the limelight. **Debra H. Goldstein** will join us to discuss her debut mystery novel, *Maze in*

*Blue* (browse the Sisterhood page on the Temple website to find out more about Debra and her new book).

We'll have her book available for sale and she will happily sign it for you!

Along with these terrific programs (which begin at 10:45a.m.), there is still time to snack & schmooze...meet new people or catch up with old friends!

**This will be our last "café" until the fall...  
So be sure to join us for a fun morning!**

Don't forget to complete your

## Sisterhood Spring Flower Bulb Order Now

**(Send it in by May 15 and get a free bonus gift!)**

Please help us to continue our support of vital Temple programs by purchasing our spring flower bulbs. You place your order now and the bulbs will be delivered in the fall.

It's a win-win situation for all as you (and your neighbors!) enjoy the beautiful spring blooms and the women, children, and families of our congregation enjoy the programming supported by Sisterhood.

You can order online at [www.sisterhoodbulbsale.com](http://www.sisterhoodbulbsale.com) ...it's easy, try it today!



If you'd be willing to pass out brochures to friends, neighbors, co-workers, relatives, etc., please call Loretta Newfield at 933-8037 to receive the forms & brochures and answer any questions you may have.

**Plan ahead for a beautiful spring surprise!**



## Sisterhood's Annual Planning Meeting

**Sunday, May 22, 2011**

Please join us as we choose events for the upcoming year to bring us together in fun & fellowship.



This planning meeting is open to all Temple women and is a great way for you to participate as we plan our events.

We'll begin the day at 9:00a.m. with greetings and goodies (such as bagels, fruit, juice & coffee) and begin the meeting at 9:30a.m. We'll brainstorm ideas for programs and where we want to go as a Sisterhood. After we enjoy lunch together, we will select the ideas that as a group we feel will be the most appealing to women of Temple Emanu-El.

We'll even pick dates for these events & for meetings...**so don't forget your calendar!!** Join us with your ideas and preferences for activities as well as times and days that would make it possible for you to attend these events.

If you are unable to attend, please send us your ideas so they can be presented to the group for consideration.

Please RSVP (so we can have enough food) or for questions, please contact:

Lori Weil at [wimmysgirl1@aol.com](mailto:wimmysgirl1@aol.com) or 956-4195 or Alisa Nadler at [nadlersinal@gmail.com](mailto:nadlersinal@gmail.com) or 956-2775 or Barbara Zaslofsky at [az2al@bellsouth.net](mailto:az2al@bellsouth.net) or 991-3025

Let us hear from you on what you feel are the most important activities for the coming year!

## Scrapbooking/Card Making/Crafting

**Sunday, May 1, 1:00 – 7:00p.m.**

Please join us for our last Extravaganza with Dina Glass until the fall. We will be taking the summer off so this is your last chance to try making those cards, crafts or scrapbooking projects before we adjourn.

**Come for an hour or six...whatever works best for you!**

It's a great way to catch up with old friends and make new ones while making something your whole family will enjoy! Just bring a snack to share & \$10 to cover Dina's time and supplies used.

RSVP to Kim Roth at [kimroth@charter.net](mailto:kimroth@charter.net) or 733-1723

**You won't want to miss it!!!**

## OUR MEMBERS

### Mazel Tov to Our Members!!

Christine & Dr. Brian Cohn of St. Louis, on the birth of their son, Lucas Adrian Cohn on February 8. Grandparents are **Linda & Richard Cohn** and great grandmother is **Miriam Cohn**.

**Virginia Applebaum** on starting her new law firm, The Applebaum Firm.

Molly and Rick Hatfield on the arrival of their baby girl Josie Adeline on March 11. **Jimmie Hess** is the proud great-grandmother and **Ronne and Donald Hess** are the proud aunt and uncle!

**Judy Abrams**, who was honored by Alabama's National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ).

**Robin Berger** who has been hired as the Advancement Director at the N.E. Miles Jewish Day School.

Tracy & Alex Lurey of Atlanta on the birth of their daughter, Maren Florence Lurey, on Wednesday, March 16. Proud grandmother is **Helene Elkus**, aunt and uncle are **Mark and Greer Elkus**; and great grandmother is **Estelle Silverstein**.

### Condolences to...

Family of **Marylyn Goldberg Dorsky** who passed away on Wednesday, February 23. Our sincere condolences to her children, **Debby Thomas, Cathy Rogoff (Lee)**, Sue Tatro and Janet Dorsky (deceased), and to her grandchildren, **Blake Thomas, Kristen Thomas, Carly Rogoff, Jason Rogoff** and Marymargaret Chambliss (fiance to Jason).

Family of Dr. Victor Cohen who passed away on Friday, February 25. Our sincere condolences to his children **Mark (Lynne) Cohen**, Ellen (Terry) Bernstein, Richard (Sheryl) Cohen, and Marshall (Jane) Cohen; grandfather of nine grandchildren, including Justin (Carla) Cohen; and great-grandfather to four.

Family of Bernard Verin who passed away on Saturday, February 26. Our sincere condolences to his children **Linda (Rick Clay)**, Richard (Mako), Helene & Nina Verin - and 10 grandchildren - David & Reuben Clay; Rachel, Noah, Angelica, Nico & Leo Verin; Ryder Ripps; & Mick & Elana Dahlberg.

Family of **Florence (Roth) Goldstein** of Atlanta who passed away on Wednesday, March 9. Our sincere condolences to her entire family especially, her daughter Joan Goldman of Atlanta and her son Richard Goldstein of Seattle.

Family of Alice Ida Bredosky, who passed away on Monday, March 14. Our sincere condolences to the entire family and her niece **Joan (Allan) Morris**.

**Yarden Winery** for their generous donation of wine to Dancing With Our Stars event. Remember to keep them in mind for your family dinner or anytime you have a special occasion. You can purchase these fine wines at your local Publix's or Overton Vine Wines on Overton Rd. For more information, visit <http://www.yardenwines.com> or join them on Facebook.

### Honorable Menschens

Thank you to all of our congregants who volunteered their time so generously in April to take on various duties such as preparing our bulletin for mailing, answering doors and phone, doing filing, greeting on Friday evenings, and various special projects. You help make Temple Emanu-El a friendlier and more efficient place.

**Joan Becker, Barbara Capper, Carlotta Dorn, Alex Epstein, Chu-Chi Fierman, Richard Goldstein, Ilene Johnson, Fred Kanter, Herc Levine, Joe Lichtenstein, Bob Marcus, Joselle Morewitz, Loretta Newfield, David Reese, Kim Roth, Ina Russakoff, Irvin Siegal, and Debbie Wiatrak.**

If you would like to volunteer for to help around the Temple Emanu-El office or in some other capacity, we would welcome you! Contact Alan Pearlman at ext. 238.

### B'nai Mitzvah

**Garrett Crapia**  
May 7

Garrett is the son of Jim and Julie Crapia and has two sisters Megan and Jordan. Celebrating with him are grandparents Marilyn & Malcolm Sokol and Peggy & Jerry Huffstetler. Also attending this special day are his aunts and uncles, extended family and friends from many states.



**Sarah Rosenthal**  
May 21

Sarah is the daughter of Eben Rosenthal and Mary Hawn. She will be celebrating with her brother, Walker, and her grandparents Prue and Ami Rosenthal. Family will fly in from California, Michigan and Florida to attend the service.

May Yahrzeits

*May the beauty of their lives shine forever, and may we always bring honor to their memory.*

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May 6 - 7

Rebecca O. Aland  
 Jack Bass  
 Lewis Bernheim  
 Ernest Champion  
 Abraham Cohen  
 Rose B Epstein  
 Samuel Erlick  
 Robert S. Freedman  
 Miriam Gandler  
 Marilyn Goldberg  
 William B. Goldstein  
 Rose Goldstein  
 Malka Golger  
 Renee Haimsohn  
 Jerry Howard  
 Max Kaplan  
 Clara E. Kaplan  
 Joseph Kushner  
 Bobbie Solomon Maron  
 Susan Maxwell  
 Harry Meisler  
 Emanuel Mogilner  
 Arthur Mogilner  
 Linda Batie Montgomery  
 Rabbi Morris Newfield  
 John "Johnny" Samuel Odess, Jr.  
 Eugene Ovson  
 Jacques Posner  
 Mary Sachs Roobin  
 Annie Rappaport Rosner  
 Bessie Berman Siegal  
 Evelyn Cooper Simon  
 Allen Solomon  
 Joel Spigel  
 Zinovy Tchernitskly  
 Zina Tchernitskly  
 Shura Tchernitskly  
 Max Weintraub  
 Lee Wilkoff  
 Joanne Reed Wright  
 Gloria Zimmerman

May 13 - 14

Jack Morris Adler  
 Louis A. Beck  
 Nathan Beiman  
 John F. Breyer  
 Bettie Rubel Ehlbert  
 Harry Erdberg  
 Aletta Filer  
 Rabbi Joseph Stephen Gallinger  
 Mina Garfinkle  
 Dave Hess  
 Rafe Hirsch  
 Moses I. Krawcheck  
 Phillip C. Levitch  
 Herman B. Litten  
 Blanche S. Manheimer  
 Fannie May  
 David Dixon McPhillips  
 Samuel Meyerson  
 Max Michael, Jr.  
 Dorothy Woolf Miller  
 Jacob Minisman  
 Rose Schwartz Mitnick  
 Lawrence Mollengarden  
 Bill Nelkin  
 David Osband  
 Dorothy P. Perlman  
 Lena Pinkerson  
 Barbara Leah Schimmel  
 Merle Cotton Schultz  
 Samuel W. Schwartz  
 Sylvia Seidenman  
 Ben Lowell Siegal  
 Bambi Silver  
 Jack Silverstein  
 Gertrude Simon  
 Fanny Slaughter  
 John W. Snow  
 Katherine Steiner  
 Sam Sundock  
 Rosa Phillips Wald  
 Wolfe Weinberg  
 Faye Wise  
 Abraham W. Woolf  
 Gustave Zivitz  
 Lillian Zuckerman

May 20 - 21

Robert Z. Aland  
 Rosa Avidan  
 Frances Axel  
 Elinor Bozeman Bennett  
 Frederick K. Bergman  
 Harold B. Blach, Sr.  
 Edith K. Buxbaum  
 Jose Camarillo  
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For years, **Michael Levine** and **Rabbi Scott** have been experimenting with different modes of Shabbat and High Holy Day worship, both formally and informally. Key to Rabbi Scott’s growth as a Rabbi have been these experiences in which the organic nexus of music and worship can come to inspire the worship experience in ways unexpected.



“Spiritual Fitness” is a program developed by Michael and Rabbi Scott and seeks to connect secular musical themes with Jewish ritual and tradition. And we are so excited to announce that we will lead one last Spiritual Fitness before Rabbi Scott’s departure to Houston!!!

Please plan to join us on Shabbat evening, May 20, beginning at 5:00p.m. for an early bird oneg (“**The Warm-Up**”) of beer, wine and hors d’oeuvres. Following the oneg, we will gather together in the sanctuary for a meaningful and soothing Shabbat worship experience (“**The Heart Pumping Workout**”) beginning at 5:40p.m. And if you would like to join us, we will conclude the evening with a lovely and delicious Shabbat dinner (“**The Cool Down**”).

RSVP for the oneg and/or the dinner to Fran Marlow at [events@ourtemple.org](mailto:events@ourtemple.org) or 933-8037, ext. 244. The fee per person for the dinner is \$12 per adult and \$8 per child. Childcare provided, please contact Cathy Moore at [templetots@ourtemple.org](mailto:templetots@ourtemple.org) or 933-5907.

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