

Cantorial Message

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Hillel said: “Al tifrosh min hatzibur.” Do not separate yourself from your community. Before I joined Temple Emanu-El, I felt that I could pray in nature and did not need to be a part of the Jewish Community. What was so special about being a part of such a community anyway? Well, 32 years later, there is something to be said about being a part of the Jewish community, especially our T.E. community and the greater Jewish community. There were plenty of times in my life that the Jewish community had stepped up to help me through some tough times. Having this “extra” family in my life has helped me to understand why we should be connected with our Temple family and our greater Jewish community family. With so much mishpacha (family), around you, you are never alone. There is always a helping hand, someone to talk to, someone checking up on you, or someone to give you a hug at just the right moment. Terri’s illness and passing also brought that thought to the front of my mind. She was such a part of our Jewish community, and her involvement went beyond the walls of Emanu-El. Terri touched the lives of many people in the community and it showed at her Celebration of Life. Over 300 people came that evening. It was a beautiful cross section of our larger Jewish community. I know she would have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and support that was in the building that evening.

Do not separate yourself from your community....surround yourself with it, become a part of it, and embrace the love and beauty you will find in it.

Thank-you to Sean Bendick for chanting Torah this month.

Chag Pesach Sameach! May you have a sweet Passover.

B’shir,
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