

TOR History

The following is a chronological list of events in the life of Temple Or Rishon. It is a direct copy from the back wall of the social hall, where many of you contributed to this documentation.

Please review the list, and note any corrections, misspellings, omissions, updates, or anything else you would like to see on the list. Please send your information to Ted Blumenstein at tedbee@surewest.net. Pay special attention to names and dates and any significant omissions. I apologize in advance for the errors I made in copying the data. I'll update the list and it will become part of our handout at the 25th Anniversary Celebration next March 8th. (The Gala Ball).

1983

The synagogue is formed this year by a group of 5 founding families. Allen Kane is elected president. The first service is held on June 24th, 1983 at the home of Ralph and Ceil Davie in Fair Oaks. 42 people attended the first service. From then on, services were held at different homes each Friday night. Eli Spitz, a student Rabbi conducted service.

Sunrise Jewish Congregation was selected as the name for the new congregation. High Holiday services were held at Mercy High School, with services conducted by Saul Rapkin.

Sunday camp was held at Carden Sunrise School.

Founders are:

Allen & Cecily Kane
Jerry and Linda Carsman
Charlie & Celia Dubin
Saul & Donna Rapkin
Lee & Claire Sherman

The first Sukkah erected for Sunrise Jewish Congregation was at the home of Lee and Claire Sherman. Friday night services were established at Fairvale Baptist Church, Madison and Illinois in November. The first year was operated at a positive cash flow.

1984

The President is Allen Kane.

HHD service held at the Heritage Inn with Rabbi Maurice Lazowick conducting. The first Purim service is held "on a dark and stormy night" at the home of Bob and Arlene Segal.

1985

President: Saul Rapkin

High Holiday services held at Masonic Lodge with student Rabbi David Cohen officiating.

Key events for this year:

- Congregation voted to affiliate with U.A.H.C (now the U.R.J.).
- First Torah purchased thanks to a generous contribution by Jerald & Amalee Braunstein in May of 1985.
- David Cohen's first service. Lauren & Meredith Kane's baby naming with Saul Rapkin officiating.

1986

President" David Sindrey

Student Rabbi: Nancy Wechsler

The UAHC charter for Sunrise Jewish Congregation is issued.

B'nai Mitzvah: Eric Kane at Elks lodge in Carmichael.

Bat Mitzvah of Leslie Carsman.

A Sukah is erected at the home of Martin and Silvia Mourad – it rained hard, but we managed.

1987

President: Arlene Segal

Student Rabbi Micah Greenstein

Services held at Fairvale Baptist Church

1988

President Arlene Segal

Student Rabbi, Bob Davis

Confirmations: Debbie Griggs and Stacy Snyder

Marriages: Debbie and Sam Levine Oct 8, 1988

1989

President: Mick Dean

Student Rabbi: Andy Teperson

High Holiday services held at Holiday Inn

1990

President: Mike Dean

Student Rabbi: Kenny Weiss

High Holiday services held at Holiday Inn

B'nai Mitzvah: Alicia Kane at Sacramento Inn

Birth of Selena Renee Cleaner, Zachary S. Levine, Sept. 10th.

1991

President: Alan Friedman

Rabbi Schwab hired at permanent part time Rabbi

High Holiday services cantorial soloist Linda Winick Poisner

1992

President: Cecily Kane
Rabbi Marvin Schwab hired full time
High Holiday services held at Maidau Center in Roseville.

This is the year the “Open our Door in ‘94” building campaign begins.
A choir is started for High Holiday services – Ruth Owens director, Lydia Owens accompanist

Avi Shekarlag and Laine Friedman begin teaching Sunday school.

1993

President: Cecily Kane
Rabbi: Marvin Schwab
High Holiday services held at Devine Savior Church
Building fund chairs: Lynn Dean and Allen Kane

Consecration service of Rabbi Marvin Schwab, June 1993
The Gunnersons become members all the way from New Jersey
B’nai Mitzvah: Eli Spector

1994

President: Linda Carsman/Larry Raskin
Rabbi: Schwab
Rosh Hashanah held at Devine Savior Church.
Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur at our own “first Facility”.
This is the year the synagogue moved into our first space that was dedicated to our exclusive use at 801 Riverside Ave, Roseville.

Key events for the year:

Judy started teaching Hebrew
Marcia and David are married July 30, at 7:30PM
Dave and Vicky Coon found Sunrise Jewish Cong
Carol Gunnerson taught Sunday school music
Paul Spector begins working with students
Births: Luren Michelle Cleaner

Jeremy Nussbaum born Oct 18, 1994

Jeremy Levine born June 26, 1994

B’nai Mitzvah: Noah Grand, Nate Fay

1995

President: Pam Herman
Rabbi: Schwab

The "Donut Shop" era begins
Building committee formed
Carol Gunnerson begins as cantorial soloist
Sunday school held at Cavitt Jr. High
Nate Fay (14 years old at the time) is Cantorial soloist for the High Holidays which are held at Devine Savior
Carol Catinari joins Sunrise Jewish Congregation
Jesse Spector Bar Mitzvah

1996

President: Pam Herman
Rabbi: Schwab
High Holiday services led by Rabbi Schwab and Nate Fay Cant. Soloist at Devine Savior in the tent.
Carol Catinari has first Aliyah ever at High Holiday services with daughter Sara.

A "New" Torah purchased
Sunday school is held at Cavitt JHS
Temple Bat Mitzvah in June at Northridge country club
Siyum Ha Torah
Births: Ben Levine born Dec 27, 1996, Charles Harris Born Aug 31, 1996
Art Grand's first D'var Torah
Summer '96 consecration of Gan Shalom Cemetery

1997

President: Art Grand
Rabbi: Schwab
High Holiday services held at Devine Savior – Rabbi Schwab and Nate Fay
Men's club and Sisterhood formed
B'not Mitzvah Lauren and Meredith Kane and Stephanie Cuttler
Sunday school at Cavitt JHS
Broke ground for new temple

1998

President: Art Grand
Rabbi: Schwab
High Holiday services held at Devine Savior – R. Schwab and Nate Fay

Site prep started for build started
Congregation named Temple Or Rishon
Baby naming for Sara Fassler and Marissa Marks
Art Grand elected to Regional URJ board
Bryan Baumgarten born
Sisterhood starts doing Friday night Onegs – Linsey Lveinson is the first one helped.
Seth Spector is Bar Mitzvah

1999

President: Lynn Dean
Rabbi: Schwab

Part time educator, Ricki Lobel hired
Beth Fassler and Jan Goldenberg head Sisterhood
First congregation trip to Israel in July led by R. Schwab – just before 2nd Intifada
Art Grand starts learning Hebrew
Cassidy Richelle Williams born Aug 15
Nate Fay leaves for Harvard
Ketzia Shirel Kogan born June 13
James Mothorn gets a proper Jewish name

2000

President: Lynn Dean
High Holiday services held at Devine Savior with double service for Yom Kipper

The new building opens at 7755 Hazel Avenue.
Consecration of new building

B'nai Mitzvah: Amanda Cuttler, Joceline Herman Bat Mitzvah June 29, Ben Gunnerson
Dave and Vice Coon renewed their wedding vows
Baby naming for Sarah Mantell April 2000
Helene Crandall and Leslie Cohen co presidents of Sisterhood

2001

President: Patrick Bettito
Rabbi Michael Remsom interim rabbi
High Holidays services are held at TOR

Member passings: Donia Freiman and Myrna Gumpert
B'nai Mitzvahs include: Jason Fassler, Spencer Carter
May 6, first Jewish – military wedding in TOR – Joe and Mary Holly – rabbi Schwab officiates.
First Sukkah at TOR site.
Art Grand elected to National Board of URJ
Makaeh Levine born Oct 4

2002

President: Patrick Bettito
Rabbi: Yossi Liebowitz
High Holidays held at TOR

Janet Berman Brooks and Amy Clinch share Sisterhood presidency
Amaisel Family become members
Bris of Ross Mantell May 2002
Jenny Grand Bat Mitzvah
Art Grand translates entire Torah

2003

President: John Carter
Rabbi: Michael Oblath interim Rabbi

Seven (7) classrooms donated to TOR at a cost of \$1 each
In May the Ark is added to the sanctuary. Sue Trachtenberg heads up this endeavor with help from Steve and Sherry Raffin spearheading fundraising.

B'nai Mitzvah: Joseph Maisel, Hannah Robins, Morgan Carter, Jake Gunnerson, Selena Renee Cleaner

First Mitzvah Day

2004

President: John Carter
Rabbi Sheryl Nosan-Blank hired

Hebrew and Sunday school On Site
Micah Nosan Blank born and has Bris
B'nai Mitzvah: Aaron Fassler, Rachel Robins, Spencer Brooks
Lisa Maisel starts teaching 6th grade
Ricki Lobel teaches trope to Paul Spector, Rosalyn Herman, and Carol Catinari
Trope students read Torah B'midbar
Trope class leads Toprah at High Holidays

2005

President: Richard Ziman
Rabbi" Sheryl Nosan Blank

Lisa Maisel secretary of education committee
B'nai Mitzvah: Rachel Maisel, Sam Sachs, Merissa Weinroth
Confirmation class of 2005: Kelsey Weinroth, Hannah Robins, Morgan Carter, Selena Renee Cleaner

Rabbi and Art Grand published in Torat Chayim

2006

President: Cal Sachs
Rabbi: Sheryl Nosan Blank
High Holiday services led by Rabbi Nosan Blank
Cantor Richard Schwartz

Educator Marcia Greene hired
B'nai Mitzvah: Rachel Ilanit,
Lisa Maisel education chair
Jeremy Ginbel joins religious school program
Confirmation class of 2006: Rachel Robins, Melissa Weinroth, Jeff Perkins
Art Grand appointed chair of Reform Movements' Joint Commission on Worship, Music, and Religious Living

2007

President Cal Sachs

Rabbi: Sheryl Nosan Blank

Rabbi Shelly Waldenberg officiates High Holiday services

Rabbi Nosan Blank on maternity leave

Choir returned under direction of Ruth Owens

Cecille Taylor and Jude Victor share presidency of Sisterhood

Aliyah Nosan Blank born and names at TOR

B'nai Mitzvah: Jackie Grossberg, Lauren Cleaner, Morgan Brooks, Eden Friedman

Misles Hatfield Bris