

Emanu-Helpers

Social Justice Opportunities for Families

What is Emanu-Helpers?

Emanu-Helpers is an opportunity for Kindergarten through third grade students (ages 5 - 9) to participate in meaningful Jewish service learning with their families. *Siblings are always welcomed, both older and younger.* (Please be sure to check in advance though, as some activities may have a minimum age requirement.) New this year, Emanu-Helpers aims to combine the Jewish values of service with hands-on social action projects to cultivate an early focus on being involved in our community. Emanu-Helpers encourages participation as a family - children must be accompanied by an adult.

How much time must we commit?

Emanu-Helpers will offer FOUR activities during the 2009-2010 school year. Each activity will occur on a Sunday afternoon following religious school. Lunch 12:00-12:30 with clergy, 12:30 Carpool to service project site, 1-3:00 PM service project (SF Food Bank project begins at 12:30 on November 8th)

What is the goal?

By exposing our children to a wide range of social action opportunities, you teach them, through modeling, to become empowered to help those in need. Additionally this offers families a deeper connection with fellow congregants, Jewish values, the larger community outside our Temple walls and segues nicely into our Mitzvah Corps programs for older children.

Is there a cost?

An \$18 donation per family is suggested. This will be earmarked for the Emanu-El Community Service Fund (ECSF) in your family's name.

What are the activities?

Please see the reverse side for this year's upcoming events.

Register online <http://www.emanuelsf.org/register>

Space is limited.

Questions? Contact Social Justice Coordinator, Sandy Rechtschaffen, at sandyr@emanuelsf.org or (415) 751-2541 x 177.

Emanu-Helpers 2009-2010 Calendar

POVERTY (lunch discussion with Rabbi Sydney Mintz)

Sunday, October 18: CROP WALK (Community Responding to Overcome Poverty) - The World Church service sponsors walks and fundraisers in over 80 countries in order to raise money for children and families in poverty. Emanu-Helpers will be participating in the coast-side walk around Lake Merced.

http://www.churchworldservice.org/site/PageServer?pagename=crop_main

HUNGER (lunch discussion with Rabbi Jonathan Jaffe)

Sunday, November 8: The San Francisco Food Bank receives and distributes large quantities of food to different organizations throughout the Bay Area and in total feeds about 132,000 people every day. Emanu-Helpers will be assisting in helping to sort, package and distribute this food in the warehouse located at 900 Pennsylvania Avenue, San Francisco. (please note: this project is from 12:30 - 3:30)

<http://www.sffoodbank.org/>

LITERACY (lunch discussion with Rabbi Ryan Bauer)

Sunday, March 7: San Francisco Public Library Richmond branch, located on 10th Ave. between Geary Blvd. and Clement St. The children's librarian will discuss the importance of public libraries, the difference between a public library and a bookstore, and how important it is for everyone to have equal access to books! After the discussion, Emanu-Helpers will help re-shelve books and clean book covers.

<http://sfpl.lib.ca.us/librarylocations/branches/richmond.htm>

ENVIRONMENT (lunch discussion with Rabbi Jonathan Jaffe)

Sunday, May 2: In partnership with the San Francisco Department of Public Works, Emanu-Helpers will remove/paint over graffiti and pick up trash on Clement Street from Arguello to 4th Avenue.

http://www.sfgov.org/site/sfdpw_page.asp?id=31993

You will receive an email approximately 3-4 weeks before each event asking you to confirm your participation. Many events will fill up quickly, so please register online as soon as possible.

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