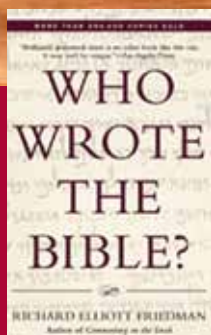




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# Dedicate a Machzor to the Ones You Love



## Join In On This Once in a Generation Opportunity to Bring New High Holy Day Prayer Books to Our Community!

During the High Holy Days of 2016 (5777) our congregation will be using a wonderful new set of prayer books (machzor). This machzor, the Mishkan HaNefesh, comes in two volumes, one for Rosh Hashanah and one for Yom Kippur. These beautiful and inspiring editions represent the first new High Holy Days texts to be introduced in the Reform Movement in nearly 40 years!

Members have an opportunity to sponsor personalized bookplates to remember a loved one, celebrate a life-cycle occasion, or honor clergy, family and friends. These bookplates are beautifully designed by a local modern Judaic artist and will be placed in each of the volumes.

### Sponsorship Levels

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| 40 (forty) "Tekiyah Gadolah" | \$ 1,000.00 |
| 12 (twelve) "Teruah"         | \$ 540.00   |
| 8 (eight) "Shevraim"         | \$ 360.00   |
| 4 (four) "Tekiah"            | \$ 180.00   |
| 1 (one) "Shofar"             | \$ 54.00    |

### Machzor: Praying with Intention for the High Holy Days

Join Rabbi Beth Singer as we continue to explore the newest High Holy Day prayer book (Mishkan HaNefesh) that our congregation will begin to use in fall 2016.

#### Dates of classes:

- April 7 Sin and Forgiveness in the 21st Century
- April 14 Wrestling with Unetaneh Tokef

Classes will be held on Thursday evenings on the 5th floor of Temple Emanu-El from 7:00 - 8:30 pm.

Register at <https://www.emanuelf.org/event/machzor-praying-with-intention-spring-2016/>

For more information about our new High Holy Day prayer books, contact Rob Freedman at [rreedman@emanuelf.org](mailto:rreedman@emanuelf.org).

**Sponsor yourbookplate today at**  
**[www.emanuelf.org/bookplates](http://www.emanuelf.org/bookplates)**

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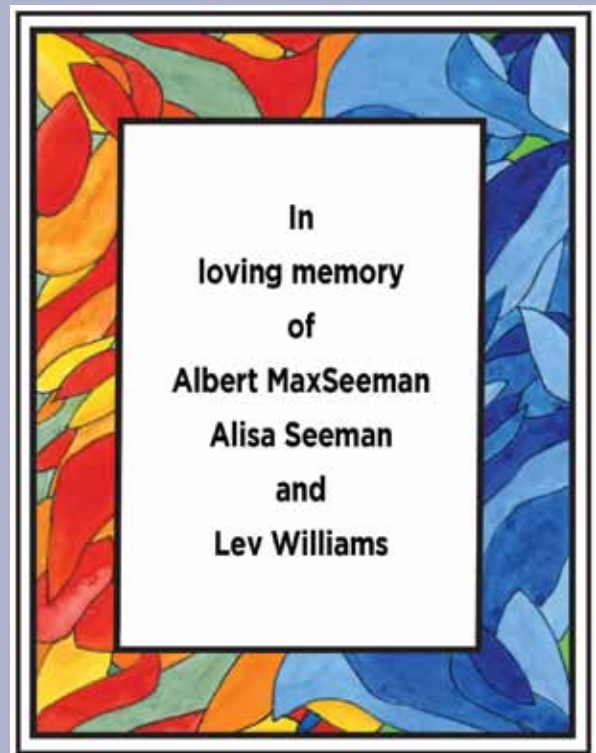
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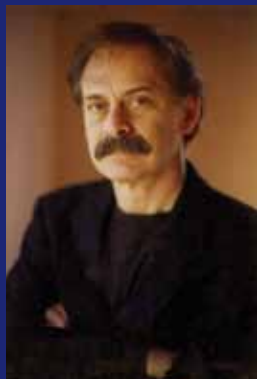
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Checks should be made payable to **Congregation Emanu-El** and submitted to the Temple Office with this completed form. Please attach a separate sheet of paper for additional bookplate dedications.

### Sample Bookplate:



**For more information about our new High Holy Day prayer books, contact Rob Freedman at [rfreedman@emanuelsf.org](mailto:rfreedman@emanuelsf.org).**



## SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND WITH RICHARD ELLIOTT FRIEDMAN

Friday, April 8 to  
Sunday, April 10

Scholar-In-Residence weekend with one of the world's leading biblical scholars and proponent of the documentary hypothesis, Richard Elliott Friedman. His visit will include a Friday night lecture as part of the

6:00 pm service, Shabbat morning Torah Study and a Sunday morning lecture.

### Lecture:

#### **The Exodus (An Historical Event)**

Friday, April 8, 6:00 pm,  
Martin Meyer Sanctuary

7:30 pm, Shabbat Dinner with  
Richard Friedman, Main Sanctuary Foyer  
Visit <http://tinyurl.com/z9mn9q2> to register  
for dinner.

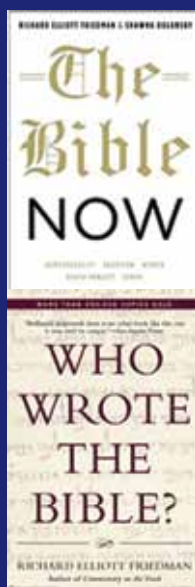
### Lecture: The Birth of Monotheism

Saturday, April 9, 9:15 am, Chapel

### Lecture: The Exodus and the Role of the 'Ger,' the Stranger, and What It Meant Then and Means Now

Sunday, April 10, 9:30 am, Main Sanctuary

**This series is made possible by  
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## WEEKLY TORAH STUDY OPPORTUNITIES AT THE TEMPLE

### **Weekly Torah Study with Emanu-El Clergy**

Saturdays, 9:15 am, Library

Drop-ins welcome, no registration necessary!

### **Weekly Torah Study with Rabbi Lawrence Kushner**

Saturdays, 9:15 am, Room 55

Drop-ins welcome, no registration necessary!

## April 2016

Friday, April 1

6:00 pm Shabbat Service – Main Sanctuary

6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service – Martin Meyer Sanctuary

Saturday, April 2

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Minyan Service – Main Sanctuary

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Minyan Service –  
Martin Meyer Sanctuary

Friday, April 8

6:00 pm One Shabbat Service – Martin Meyer Sanctuary

Guest Speaker: Richard Elliott Friedman

8:30 pm YA Late Shabbat – Martin Meyer Sanctuary

Saturday, April 9

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Minyan – Martin Meyer Sanctuary

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service – Main Sanctuary

Friday, April 15

6:00 pm One Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 16

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Minyan – Martin Meyer Sanctuary

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service – Main

Friday, April 22

5:30 pm (Early Time)Passover Shabbat Service – Chapel

Saturday, April 23

10:30 am Passover Shabbat Morning Service – Chapel

Friday, April 29

6:00 pm One Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 30

10:30 am Shabbat Morning Minyan – Martin Meyer Sanctuary  
(Passover Yizkor Service)

## SPONSORING AN ONEG SHABBAT:

Sponsoring an oneg Shabbat for Friday evening is a lovely way to honor or remember a loved one or to celebrate a simcha. When you sponsor an oneg Shabbat, you help us welcome Shabbat with the warmth and community that are characteristic of our congregation.

Susan and David Farris, in honor of Sharon and Dean Rubenstein and their son, Russell Paul Rubenstein.

Ivy Fine, in honor of Joshua Fine's Bar Mitzvah and in honor of Rabbi Mintz, Rabbi Rodich and Cantor Luck.

Susan and David Farris, in honor of Sharon and Dean Rubenstein and their son, Russell Paul Rubenstein.

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The Bold Family, in honor of Annabel's Baby Naming.

Dr. Beth Steinberg and Dr. Richard Shaw, in honor of Julia and Emma Shaw's B'not Mitzvah.

Ellie Fritz-Lewis and Preston Lewis, in honor of Chloe Alexandra Rose Lewis' Baby Naming

**For more details on  
sponsoring an oneg  
Shabbat, please contact  
Svetlana Leykin  
at [sleykin@emanuelsf.org](mailto:sleykin@emanuelsf.org)  
or (415) 751-2541 x123.**



## COMMUNITY BUILDING

By Rabbi Beth Singer

I thought it a genuine possibility that I might get stabbed. Whenever I travel to Israel, I always have this moment as the plane is landing at Ben Gurion Airport where I calmly consider my fate. Random stabbings have been the terrorist tactic of choice recently in Israel. We hear about them on the news and usually it is a lone person striking out against a civilian or a soldier on the street.

I refuse to stop coming to Israel out of fear. I have too many dear friends and family who refuse to visit Israel, and that means the terrorists have scored some points. When I catch my taxi into Tel Aviv from the airport, I instantly remember how life goes on every day for Israeli Jews, Palestinian Arabs and everyone else. I take a long walk along the *tayellet* – the boardwalk that hugs the Mediterranean coast. I see Jews dressed in religious garb strolling along. I see Israeli surfer dudes carrying their boards, two men holding hands, scores of ridiculously fit and healthy Jewish Israelis, Palestinian women, Arab families. I never see these images in any media. There are terrible problems in Israel, both in regard to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict as well as more internal Israeli problems than I could list in one Chronicle essay.

I had accepted a gracious invitation to join the San Francisco Jewish Community Federation on a special trip to Israel in March. Our congregant, Danny Grossman, CEO of the Federation, teamed up with the remarkable Varda Rabin to bring a group of Bay Area Jewish professional and lay leaders on the Irving Rabin Community Building Trip. Every day was filled with powerful opportunities to learn about some of the work that our community funds in Israel. One day in particular stands out because of three individuals we met. In the Negev desert, we visited the town of Yerucham and took a guided tour of the town with the charismatic, energetic mayor, Michael Biton. Rabbi Jonathan and I had visited this development town when we were juniors in college and, at that time, it was a depressing place. Now, however, the mayor has implemented his grand vision and the town has developed in ways we never could have imagined when we visited in the 1980s. He has put his major focus into education for the community and worked hard to secure funding to support this. He is investing in the young adults of his community so that they don't leave, and he is encouraging community gardens, recycling and greening the city. This man is so passionate, I can't wait to bring our congregants to Yerucham in the next 10 years to see what develops there.

We next visited a Bedouin village's experimental farm. Yusuf, a Bedouin farmer, shared his compelling story. He sat the village elders at the same table with young tech people and, together, they created a project which combined thousands of years of proven farming techniques with the latest knowledge in high tech farming, and the result is promising. Yusuf devotes his life to improving the quality of life for the Bedouin community in his area.

Finally, we went on the visit that was the most uncomfortable for the majority of the group, including me. We drove to a Jewish community that exists right on the border with Gaza. There was not just one security fence, but multiple fences for multiple security reasons. The first thing our guide did was have the bus pull up to the edge of the community. We could clearly see a Hamas outpost with green Hamas flags flying, that had been erected just five days ago. It was impossible to sit on that bus at that moment and not feel like an easy target.

We met with one resident of the community. He showed us that there are bomb shelters every few feet and at every school bus stop. Raz, the Israeli resident of the town, explained that when Israel negotiated land for peace with Egypt, his entire village was relocated here, securely inside the undisputed part of Israel, near Gaza. He talked about the psychological terror of raising a family in this place. But, he noted, it is legitimately part of the State of Israel and there is no reason not to live there – except that Hamas's goal is to rid Israel of all its Jewish citizens. But they continue to live and raise their children in Moshave Netiv Ha-Asarah. It was actually totally peaceful during our visit, but Raz did mention that they can feel the vibrations of the tunnels that Hamas is building right now for the next round of terror.

On our final night in Tel Aviv, a wave of stabbings occurred in three different cities, including where our group has spent the majority of our time. It was devastating to be so close and to hear the news of more terrorism against innocent people. But the point of the terrorism is to shut down the State of Israel, and so, like all the Israelis, we recited Kaddish, sang for peace and continued our community building journey.

One highlight of this trip for me (besides just being in Israel which is always magical), was the opportunity to connect with so many great synagogues and organizations that are our communal partners in building Jewish life here in the Bay Area. Congregation Emanu-El board member, Dale Boutiette, was also on the trip, along with congregant Ben Tulchin, representing Jewish Vocational Services, and Abby Porth, representing the Jewish Community Relations Council. Rabbi Jonathan and I came to Emanu-El for the express purpose of Jewish community building. Let's roll up our sleeves, we've got work to do!



## SYRIAN REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT - THE WAITING GAME . . .WHAT IS CURRENTLY BEING DONE TO SUPPORT REFUGEES

Wednesday, April 27  
7:00 – 8:30 pm

Join us for an update on the Syrian refugee crisis and current work with non-Syrian refugees. Presenters will be our partners from Jewish Family and Children's Service of the East Bay and Catholic Charities of the South Bay

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## FILM SCREENING – MAKING A KILLING

Wednesday, April 27, 7:00 pm

The Human Rights Working Group of the Tzedek Council invites you to a screening and panel discussion on gun violence.



## SAVE THE DATE - CONFIRMATION OF 12TH GRADE HAVURAH DAN

Friday, May 20, 6:00 pm, Martin Meyer Sanctuary

This service will be led by our graduates and will honor all of our amazing teens, as well as members of the confirmation classes of 1966.



**\*\*If you were a member of the 1966 confirmation class at Emanu-El, please contact Ariana Estoque at (415) 751-2541 x307! We would love to honor you at this year's Confirmation Service.**

## MEN'S GROUP

Men of Congregation Emanu-El enjoy a monthly opportunity to socialize and study with a member of the clergy at a private home. This cross-generational group provides a small group experience so important to building community. Men's Group events are congregant only.

Sunday, April 17, 9:30 – 11:30 am, Private Home  
Please register at [www.emanuelsf.org/register](http://www.emanuelsf.org/register).

Join Rabbi Jonathan Singer and the Men's Group for a discussion in a congregant's home. Together we will discuss "From Liberation to disaffiliation: The effect of the 60s on American Judaism" while enjoying a bagel breakfast.

**Breakfast is provided free of charge thanks to a generous donation.**

## EARTH DAY MARKS THE LAUNCH OF OUR ENVIRONMENT SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP'S EFFORT TO REPAIR OUR WORLD – PLEASE JOIN US!

*Tzedek Tzedek Tirdoff* (Justice, justice you shall pursue): We join together in the relentless pursuit of justice. The Emanu-El community chose this value as core to our mission. To support our effort to "repair the world," or tikkun olam, Emanu-El recently launched the Tzedek Council –Social Justice Council – to amplify our wonderful programming, provide additional opportunities for congregants to get involved, and deepen our positive impact in the community.

In honor of Earth Day (April 22), we are proud to announce the launch of the Environment Group of the Tzedek Council, one of five groups addressing key issues that are important to our congregation. Co-chaired by congregants Michael Colvin and Joel Kassiola, the Environment Group will offer education and service opportunities for the congregation throughout 2016 and beyond. In particular, they will build on the progress the congregation has made in greening our facilities and pursue a Green Business certification with the San Francisco Department of the Environment, which would be the first certification awarded to a house of worship in San Francisco. We are also excited to announce that we have pledged to become a carbon-neutral synagogue by 2050. Here are just a few of the actions the congregation and staff have taken over the past decade that have paved the way to achieve our 2016 greening goals:

- Made onegs, events and meetings nearly zero-waste through extensive composting and recycling, and by eliminating individual water bottles;
- Created "Greening your Simcha" to make it easier for members to green their events;
- Offered bins for clothing and household goods to be donated to St. Anthony's, which has diverted substantial waste from the landfill, plus supported a local agency;
- Changed cleaning products to non-toxic, green alternatives whenever possible;
- Installed aerators on all faucets to reduce water flow and posted reminder signs not to waste water;
- Replaced the majority of inefficient incandescent light bulbs in the non-worship portions of the building;
- Upgraded the copiers and other office equipment;
- Upgraded various kitchen area appliances to more efficient models, including a large refrigerator and freezer;
- Added controls to better manage the heat (not to mention removed the 1920s space heaters that guzzled energy from the organ loft in the Main Sanctuary);
- Chose to only buy recycled paper products; and
- Obtained our Energy Star building certification.

While these efforts can be expensive to implement, going green has actually saved us some green; the congregation has saved tens of thousands of dollars in energy and waste bills by implementing these measures.

In addition, there are many ways for you to get involved beyond the temple walls. In 2016, the Environment Group will be launching a series of social justice activities about our most precious resource, water. California is still in the middle of a state of emergency from the drought, and there is much more that all congregants can do at the temple, at home and in the community. Stay tuned for more on our water justice efforts and how you can get involved.

If you are interested in learning more about the council or joining one of the five groups (environment, human rights, education, well-being and hunger/poverty/homelessness), please visit <https://www.emanuelsf.org/socialjustice>.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### EMANU-EL IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD APRIL AND MAY GATHERINGS

Emanu-El in the Neighborhood offers home-hosted, potluck gatherings, ranging from clergy-led Havdalahs, to Shabbat dinners, to Break Fasts and more. These gatherings provide an opportunity for congregants to meet their neighbors in intimate settings and get to know one another outside of the synagogue walls.

For latest updates on Neighborhood gatherings and to meet your Neighborhood Liaisons, visit [www.emanuelsf.org/EIN](http://www.emanuelsf.org/EIN). Look for your email invitation and RSVP!

#### INNER RICHMOND

Saturday, April 2, 6:30 - 8:00 pm – Cocktail Havdalah  
Hosts: David Bass and Ilene Goldberg

#### OUTER RICHMOND/SEA CLIFF

Saturday, April 16, 6:30 - 8:00 pm – Havdalah  
Hosts: Jean and Gershon Levinson  
Clergy: Cantor Arik Luck

#### MARIN

Saturday, April 30, 6:30 - 8:00 pm – Post-Passover Havdalah  
Hosts: Julie and Seth Bokser  
Clergy: Cantor Marsha Attie

Interested in getting involved in your neighborhood? Many neighborhoods are seeking volunteers to host, reach out to congregants in need, welcome new congregants, or send a monthly newsletter. Questions? Contact Jennifer Goldstein at [jgoldstein@emanuelsf.org](mailto:jgoldstein@emanuelsf.org) or (415) 750-7548.

## PRESCHOOL ART SHOW

Please join us in celebrating the importance of art as a form of expression for young children during our Temple Emanu-El Preschool art show April 1 – May 7. Working with our art specialist Ava Rosen, and their teachers, children ages two – five years old will display the most important works that they created during the school year.

TEEP will host an art opening and silent auction on Sunday, April 17 for those who wish to add to their permanent collection.

## Adult Education Ongoing Monthly Classes

### LIMONATA AND LEARNING

Monthly Study in Marin with Rabbi Jonathan Singer

Wednesday, April 13, May 25 4:00 - 5:30 pm,  
*Book Passages in Corte Madera*

Join Rabbi Jonathan Singer for Limonata and Learning, a special learning opportunity offered exclusively for our congregants in Marin. We will meet for a happy hour at Book Passages in Corte Madera while discussing text from the Torah. Please register so we know to expect you.

### DOWNTOWN TAUBER MONTHLY CLASS

Wednesday, April 13 and May 11, noon – 1:00 pm,  
100 Pine Street, #1000, San Francisco

Join Emanu-El clergy one Wednesday a month for an hour of learning and engagement ranging from a rabbinic/Talmudic issue that speaks to today's events to a cultural or spiritual discussion. Bring a brown bag lunch and join us for a little Torah on your lunch break.

**You may drop in on any session!**

## Elizabeth S. and Alvin I. Fine Museum Upcoming Exhibits

Through April 15

### REVEALED RADIANCE: THE PAINTINGS OF RABBI LAWRENCE KUSHNER

*Main Sanctuary Foyer*



May 9 - June 30

### NOT FORGOTTEN: JEWS FROM ARAB LANDS

*Chapel Hallway and Martin Meyer Reception*

Erella Teitler was born into a Sephardic family in Israel and has a strong connection with her Jewish identity. Her exhibit, *Not Forgotten*, highlights the lives of Jews from Arab lands who were forcibly expelled from their homelands during the mid-20th century.

Teitler incorporates collage, mixed-media, altered books and mono prints in her art. She has exhibited in juried shows and galleries throughout Southern California. She is a member of Women Painters West, California Artists Guild, Jewish Artists Initiative, Pasadena Society of Artists, Collage Artists of America, Southern California Women's Caucus for Art and LA Experimental Artists. She also serves on the board of directors of Platt Gallery at the American Jewish University in Los Angeles.

***This exhibit comes to us through the generosity of JIMENA: Jews Indigenous to the Middle East and North Africa.***



## PASSOVER EVENTS

### INTRO TO PASSOVER

*Tuesday, April 12, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Guild Hall*

A participatory workshop on the basics of Passover led by congregant chef and Rabbi Beth Singer.

Please register at [www.emanuelsf.org/register](http://www.emanuelsf.org/register).

Whether you are new to observing Passover or are hosting your first seder, this class will answer the following How Tos:

- How to understand the message of Passover
- How to participate in a seder
- How to conduct a seder with ease
- How to arrange the seder plate
- How to know what is kosher for Passover
- How to cook special Passover dishes

Whether you are conducting, cooking for, or attending a seder, you will be ready!

### MULTI-GENERATIONAL WOMEN'S SEDER

*Wednesday, April 13*

*6:00 - 8:00 pm dinner and seder, Guild Hall*

Register at [www.emanuelsf.org](http://www.emanuelsf.org)

Cost \$15 congregant/\$36 family

Join Women of Emanu-El for a multi-generational evening of inspiration and empowerment while dining, singing, learning, creating art, conversing, and building community with Rabbis Fenves and Singer and Cantor Attie.

You will leave with:

- Something you can incorporate into your own seder
- Greater comfort in hosting and/or attending a seder
- Deeper relationships with fellow women of Emanu-El and clergy

Each participant is asked to bring her favorite Passover dish to share as well as a meaningful Passover ritual item such as a seder plate or kiddish cup.

### PASSOVER SEDER MATCHING

*Friday, April 22*

*DEADLINE: Wednesday, April 20*

Contact Jennifer Goldstein at [JGoldstein@emanuelsf.org](mailto:JGoldstein@emanuelsf.org) or (415) 750-7548.

While many Jewish holidays revolve around the synagogue, the Passover seder is conducted in the family home and it is customary to invite guests, especially strangers. Please consider opening your home to someone new to the Bay Area or someone without family here. Let us know how much space you have.

Please contact Jennifer Goldstein with the following information:

- Are you seeking a seder on 4/22? For how many people?
- Are you hosting a seder on 4/22 and how many guests do you have room for?

Seder matching is available for congregants of Emanu-El only.

### PASSOVER SERVICES

*Early Shabbat Service, Chapel*

*Friday, April 22, 5:30-6:30 pm*

### PASSOVER SHABBAT MORNING MINYAN, CHAPEL

*Saturday, April 23, 10:30 am*

### PASSOVER YIZKOR SERVICE

*Saturday, April 29, 10:30 am*

*Friday, April 29*

## CLEANING FOR PASSOVER

The removal of hametz (leaven) from the home, and a more ritualized cleaning of the kitchen, is an important part of preparation for Passover. For one week, the Torah tells us, we are to eat matzah (lechem oni), the bread of affliction, as a way of remembering that we were once slaves, and now we should appreciate the gift of freedom that comes from God. Each of us can reach our own level of Passover preparedness. The point is not to be hard on yourself, but to experience the ritual. Begin by removing open food containers such as cereal and cracker boxes that are not kosher for Pesach, and give them away or dispose of them. Next, place closed food containers in storage that is sealed off with tape and contact Rabbi Jonathan Singer or Rabbi Beth Singer through their Executive Assistant Candace Feldman at (415) 751-2541 x135 or [cfeldman@emanuelsf.org](mailto:cfeldman@emanuelsf.org) to sell this hametz.

Go cupboard by cupboard, wiping down the inside and outside of the cabinets, relining them if need be. If you change dishes, put your regular set in storage. Another option is to run your regular dishes through the dishwasher three times. All metal pots and pans, utensils and silverware can be kashered by putting them in boiling water. This is also true of metal kitchen surfaces and stone countertops. Some people cover laminated countertops with foil, others clean them with boiling water. Glass just needs to be washed once and it is kosher. Be sure to completely clean your refrigerator, disposing of old, open food and wash your floors and table surfaces. Put your oven and stove through a cleaning cycle, running the burners for a bit after having wiped the surfaces. Doing this level of cleaning is quite cathartic. Lastly, fill your refrigerator and cupboards with kosher for Passover foods which are readily available here in the Bay Area. Milk products are considered kosher by our community and do not need special approval, nor do fruits and vegetables.

Find a level of Passover kashering that feels comfortable to you. For some that may simply mean replacing bread with matzah. For others the act of cleaning can bring meaning to this spiritually significant holiday that challenges us to feel as if we, too, were slaves and now revel in the wonder of freedom.



## MATZAH MEAL POPOVERS

These Passover popovers are good served warm with butter, and they're great for making kosher-for-Passover "sandwiches" with tuna, or whatever filling you like.

### Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups of water
- 1/2 cup of oil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 1/2 cups matzah cake meal
- 7 eggs

### Directions:

1. Combine water and oil, bring to a boil.
2. Remove from heat, stir in the dry ingredients until it pulls away from the sides of the pan. Allow to cool slightly.
3. Beat in the eggs one at a time, until well blended. Allow to rest for 30 minutes.
4. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Grease a muffin pan, and fill the cups.
5. Bake for 30-40 minutes until brown and puffy. Remove from oven and turn out onto a towel to cool.

Source: *Ima On and Off The Bima*

## PASSEOVER RASPBERRY SQUARES

By Sisterhood Of Temple Isaiah, Lafayette, CA

### Ingredients:

- 2 sticks margarine or butter
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 2 beaten eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 3 cups matzah cake meal, sifted
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 10 ounces raspberry jam
- 1 cup chopped nuts

### Directions:

1. Cream together butter and sugar.
2. Add eggs, vanilla, cake meal, and salt. Mix well.
3. Divide dough in half. Spread in a 9x13 greased and floured pan.
4. Spread jam and nuts over dough. Cover with the remainder of the dough, crumbled.
5. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes. Cut in squares while warm.

Source: *Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) Centennial Cookbook*

## EASY COCONUT MACAROONS

### Ingredients:

- 3 cups sweetened, shredded coconut
- 4 large egg whites
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon kosher vanilla or almond extract
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

### Directions:

1. Whisk egg whites, sugar, vanilla, and salt in a mixing bowl until combined and frothy.
3. Add the coconut to the egg white mixture and stir until the coconut is evenly moistened.
4. Shape the macaroons using wet hands to prevent sticking. Space them an inch or so apart on a lined baking sheet.
5. Bake at 350° for 15-20 minutes.

*Macaroons can be kept in an airtight container for up to a week.*

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| Susan Kitchell and Walker Black | Yahreit of Miriam Gadye                                   |
| Susan Kitchell and Walker Black | Memory of Rube Nisson                                     |
| Jill Nisson and Herk Confer     | Celebration of Josh Fine's Bar Mitzvah; Honor of Ivy Fine |
| Ms. Roni Silverberg             |   |

### Other Contributions

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| Ms. Jen Chaiken and Ms. Sam Hamilton        | For women's adult education and activities |
| Leonard and Sophie Davis Dauray Family Fund | General Support                            |
| Koret Foundation                            | General Support                            |
| Mr. and Mrs. Howard Miller                  | for the building                           |
| Mr. Paul H. Zarefsky                        | Staff luncheon                             |





### FROM RABBI RYAN BAUER:

I didn't exactly blend in as I walked into the Tel Aviv Museum of Art with my Central Conference of American Rabbis nametag hanging around my neck. This huge badge, which swayed side-to-side with each step, showed whoever passed

that I was a Reform rabbi.

I had spent the last week of February as part of a worldwide delegation of Progressive and Reform rabbis that had been traveling throughout Israel, garnering a significant amount of press along the way. Reporters covered our efforts to bring Progressive Judaism to Israel, from our candlelit march for religious tolerance, to meetings at the Knesset, to our prayer service, men and women together, at the new egalitarian space of the Western Wall.

This last event caused the biggest ruckus of all. The reaction from the Orthodox world was furious, with public statements and signs in ultra-orthodox neighborhoods denouncing us.

As I stood by the Wall, surrounded by rabbis from all over the world, my mind began to wander. I asked myself, did this matter? Did anyone outside of the Orthodox community really care? Or was this just a bunch of Reform rabbis fighting a fight that the rest of Israel shrugged their shoulders at, because the Wall is just another Orthodox synagogue that most Israelis are disinterested in?

But later, when I walked into the museum, an old woman, who was the guard of the exhibit, looked down at my swinging badge and then up into my eyes. She approached me, grabbed my hands, and thanked me saying, "We need you here, don't back down." She went on to urge "us" to keep up the pressure from around the world, to help bring a more progressive Judaism to Israel.

I felt the hair on my neck rise and shivers go up my spine as the doubts I'd felt earlier at the Wall were erased. Throughout the week, we rabbis had taxi drivers, merchants, waitresses, people passing in the street, runners in the Tel Aviv marathon thanking us over and over again for being there and helping bring about change in our land.

For 2,000 years, every type of Jew from every corner of the world dreamed of praying at those worn and polished stones, interlacing their fingers with Jews who had come before and those who will follow. But until recently, only one group in Israel set the rules for what type of Judaism is allowed at the Wall.

Even though it is historic that all types of Judaism can now be expressed at the Wall, this effort was never just about attaining an egalitarian prayer space. This is just the beginning. Israeli Jews are opting out of Judaism because they don't want to be told who can and cannot officiate at the most sacred occasions in their lives. An increasing number of Israelis are no longer getting married, because they do not want to have an

Orthodox wedding. An entire generation is missing out on the sacred tradition of the chuppah. Numerous members of the Knesset angrily told us that it is a shanda (shame) that Israel is the only country in the world where non-Orthodox practice is not recognized as authentic Judaism. We must continue working until every Jew is treated equally in Israel.

To be honest, I am not a "Kotel person." I don't rush to the Wall when I visit Israel. But I am a Jew who believes it is equally important for an Orthodox Jew to have a mechitza (dividing wall between men and women) and for a liberal Jewish man to be able to pray next to his mother.

What has made our tradition vibrant and strong throughout the generations is the multiplicity of our views and practices. The Talmud was written in a way that every view is included, both the majority and minority. It is all of our jobs to ensure that this millennial-old tradition of pluralism, which has always been the foundation of Judaism, continues to thrive for our generation and the next.

### GUEST SPEAKER: STAV SHAFFIR

**Friday, April 15, Noon**

Member of Knesset, Stav Shaffir of Israel's Labor Party is the youngest female member in history. During her first term in Knesset she was a member of the Finance Committee, where she exposed Israel's secret budget and fought to stop corrupt usage of tax payers money.

Formally a journalist and social activist, Stav became one of the leaders of the Israeli social protest movement that brought hundreds of thousands of Israelis into the streets in the summer of 2011. She is an electrifying speaker and is known for her support for social justice issues, including affordable housing for young Israelis and religious pluralism.



***This talk is co-sponsored by J Street. Location: Transamerica Pyramid, 600 Montgomery St, San Francisco. Visit our website for details.***

## MUSIC AT MEYER FOR APRIL

Monday, April 4, 7:30 pm  
Martin Meyer Sanctuary

**HighNote recording artist  
Wesla Whitfield with  
The Mike Greensill Trio  
Jean G. Hartman Memorial Concert**

*Music  
at  
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This long time favorite local singer and group will perform "They Say It's Spring," a concert featuring the best of the Great American Songbook from George Gershwin to Irving Berlin, and Rodgers & Hart to Cole Porter.

*"This wonderful singer thrills me when I hear her."* - Tony Bennett



**SAN FRANCISCO  
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Monday, April 18, 7:30 pm  
Martin Meyer Sanctuary

**San Francisco Opera Center Adler Fellows**

An evening of arias from the splendid voices of the Adler Fellows program.

*"How does it happen that all this artistic excellence is concentrated in one training program?"* - Joshua Kosman, SF Chronicle

Tickets are \$22 for seniors and students; \$25 for general admission.

Tickets available at <http://tinyurl.com/mam2016> or by calling Judi Leff at (415) 750-7545.

*This series is made possible by a generous grant from the Laszlo N. Tauber Family Foundation, Inc.*

## MISHPACHA AND FAMILIES

**PARENT-BABY GROUPS NOW AVAILABLE  
FREE OF CHARGE!**

Drop in with your little one (birth to 30 months) and spend time with other parents. Join us as we prepare to welcome Shabbat on Fridays and celebrate Havdalah on Mondays. Enjoy music, stories, puppets and more with Early Childhood Educator Mimi Greisman. Take advantage of a wonderful opportunity to connect with other parents and create lasting friendships.

**BAGELS AND BABIES**  
Fridays, 9:30 – 11:00 am

**MAZEL TOTS!**  
Mondays, 9:30 – 11:00 am

## GOT SHABBAT?

**For families with children under age 5**

Monthly on Saturdays at 10:15 am: April 9

## SIDE BY SIDE

**The next session of Side By Side starts April 12th.**

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-11:30 am.

## FIRST FRIDAY SHABBAT SERVICE

**For families with young children**

First Friday of every month; optional pre-registration Simchat Shabbat dinner follows during the school year.

Please contact Nika Greenberg at [ngreenberg@emanuelsf.org](mailto:ngreenberg@emanuelsf.org) to register or with any questions regarding Mishpacha programs.

## TEMPLE EMANU-EL PRESCHOOL 2016 SUMMER CAMP ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN!

Join us for a summer of learning, exploration and adventure at Temple Emanu-El's summer program! Each week will feature an exciting new theme filled with a variety of activities including art, science, cooking, outdoor play and field trips. Children ages 2.5 - 5 are welcome. Register for three or more weeks and save!

Camp will run for eight weeks total, from June 20 to August 12, 9:00 am - 1:30 pm, Monday-Friday (extended day care options available for early morning and late afternoon).

For additional details and registration, visit <https://www.emanuelsf.org/summercamp> or contact Nika Greenberg, Early Childhood Programs Manager, at [ngreenberg@emanuelsf.org](mailto:ngreenberg@emanuelsf.org).

## MAZEL TOV TO OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED JOY

Sunny and William Shapiro on the birth of their son, Wyatt Edward Shapiro  
 Beth Ann and Guillaume Saban on the birth of their daughter, Rebecca Ann Saban  
 Jennifer and Jason Freedman on the birth of their daughter, Caroline Ruby Freedman  
 Lauren and Matthew Van Horn on the birth of their daughter, Sadie Ula Van Horn

## CONDOLENCES TO OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE SUFFERED RECENT LOSSES

Lyudmila Sokolovskaya on the death of her mother, Riva  
 Maureen Terris (Michael) on the death of her father, and Charles, Paul and Spencer Terris on the death of their grandfather, Edward O'Toole  
 John Gardi (Dena) on the death of his father, and Adam, Daniela and Rebecca Gardi on the death of their grandfather, Albert Joseph Gardi  
 Craig Greenwood (Marina) on the death of his mother, and Julian and Mia Greenwood on the death of their grandmother, Maria Greenwood  
 Family and friends of Katherine Hellman Black  
 Joann Franklin-Knox on the death of her husband, and John Knox (Jane) on the death of his father, Maurice Knox

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS ON THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS

Staff member Jennifer Goldstein, chosen for the National Steering Committee of JDC Entwine, a one-of-a-kind movement for young Jewish leaders, influencers, and advocates who seek to make a meaningful impact on global Jewish needs and international humanitarian issues  
 Rebecca Susser, honored by Jewish Family and Children's Service at the FAMMY Awards for her work in establishing the JFCS Food Pantry  
 Rabbi Sydney Mintz honored by Bend the Arc: A Jewish Partnership for Justice at its Pursuing Justice Party for being "a Leader, Teacher, Comic – and indefatigable Pursuer of Justice"  
 Mark Javitch and Allison Pascal on their marriage  
 Pam Baer, both for being chosen as a 2015/2016 Visionary of the Year Nomination Panelist from the SF Chronicle and for receiving the Spirit Award for her years of fundraising work on the "Hearts of Our City" capital campaign. The campaign raised \$141 million for San Francisco General Hospital.

## NEW MEMBERS, AS OF MARCH 5

Jason and Natanya Brown, Zander J. Brown, Oakley N. Brown • Mr. Josh Capilouto • Ms. Cathrin Stickney and Mr. Mark Gorenberg • Lana Gut and Jeffrey Horowitz • Mr. Tal Hoss • Ms. Marina Ostrakhov and Mr. Elliot Levy • Nora Werner and Russell Mathias

## REJOINED MEMBERS, AS OF MARCH 5

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## APRIL B'NEI MITZVAH

Myles Cherry  
 Bar Mitzvah: April 2  
 Main Sanctuary  
 Parents: Beth & Neil Cherry  
 Torah Portion: *Shemini Parah*

Benjamin Donick  
 Bar Mitzvah: April 2  
 Martin Meyer Sanctuary  
 Parents: Stephanie & Richard Donick  
 Torah Portion: *Shemini Parah*

Natalie Cohen  
 Bat Mitzvah: April 9  
 Main Sanctuary  
 Parents: Patricia Moncada & Eric Cohen  
 Torah Portion: *Tazria Hahodesh*

Ava Becker  
 Bat Mitzvah: April 9  
 Martin Meyer Sanctuary  
 Parents: Lena Brook & Jonah Becker  
 Torah Portion: *Tazria Hahodesh*

Zachary Ravel  
 Bar Mitzvah: April 16  
 Main Sanctuary  
 Parents: Rebecca & Stephen Ravel  
 Torah Portion: *Metzora Haggadol*

Jacob Kaplan  
 Bar Mitzvah: April 16  
 Martin Meyer Sanctuary  
 Parents: Sarah Malarkey & Jonathan Kaplan  
 Torah Portion: *Metzora Haggadol*


Charlotte Ehrlich  
 Bat Mitzvah: April 30  
 Martin Meyer Sanctuary  
 Parents: Sara & Christopher Ehrlich  
 Torah Portion: *Pesach VIII*

## CELEBRATING A SHEHECHEYANU MOMENT?

Congregation Emanu-El is an ever-present partner in the transitional moments of our members' lives. Be it a baby naming or brit milah, bar or bat mitzvah, conversion or wedding ceremony, or a recovery from illness, Emanu-El's clergy and staff strive to ensure that each sacred 'Shehecheyanu Moment' is deeply fulfilling and personal. A donation to the Emanu-El Life-Cycle Fund is a lovely way to mark a personal life-cycle experience, to honor friends or family celebrating a happy milestone or in gratitude for the services the clergy provide during these profound moments.

**Please donate online at [www.emanuelsf.org](http://www.emanuelsf.org) or call the Development office at (415) 750-7557.**



| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday  |
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|  <p><b>Full Passover Schedule on Page 8</b></p> <p><b>View school calendars at</b><br/><a href="http://www.emanuelsf.org/school-calendars">www.emanuelsf.org/school-calendars</a></p> |   |  |  |  | <p>1<br/>Bagels and Babies<br/>at 9:30 am</p> <p>Bridge Club at 5:30 pm</p> <p>Pre-oneg at 5:30 pm</p> <p>Family Shabbat Service<br/>at 6:00 pm</p> <p>Shabbat Service<br/>at 6:00 pm</p> <p>Simchat Shabbat Dinner<br/>at 6:45 pm</p>                            | <p>2<br/>Torah Study with Clergy<br/>at 9:15 am</p> <p>Shabbat Morning Minyan<br/>Including Bar Mitzvah of<br/>Benjamin Donick<br/>at 10:30 am</p> <p>Shabbat Morning Service<br/>Including Bar Mitzvah of<br/>Myles Cherry at 10:30 am</p>   |
| <p>3<br/>Beit Midrash<br/>at 9:30 am</p>  | <p>4<br/>Mazel Tots<br/>at 9:30 am</p> <p>Stories of Your Life<br/>at 10:00 am</p> <p>Scrabble<br/>at noon</p> <p>Adult Modern<br/>Hebrew<br/>at 7:00 pm</p> <p>MUSIC AT MEYER<br/>Wesla Whitfield<br/>at 7:30 pm</p> | <p>5<br/>Side By Side<br/>at 9:30 am</p> <p>Bridge Club at<br/>10:00 am</p> <p>Mah Jongg<br/>at 6:30 pm</p> <p>Adult Modern<br/>Hebrew at 7:00 pm</p> <p>Introduction to<br/>Judaism at 7:00 pm</p>                      | <p>6</p>   | <p>7<br/>Cooking for Congregants at<br/>9:00 am</p> <p>Side By Side at 9:30 am</p> <p>Downtown Tauber at noon<br/>at 7:00 pm</p> <p>Tauber Yesod Year One</p> <p>American Jewish Short Stories,<br/>Part 2 with Rabbi Carla Fenves</p> <p>Machzor: Praying with<br/>Intention for the High Holy<br/>Days</p> | <p>8<br/>Bagels and Babies<br/>at 9:30 am</p> <p>Pre-oneg at 5:30 pm</p> <p>Shabbat Service with<br/>Guest Speaker: Richard<br/>Elliott Friedman<br/>at 6:00 pm</p> <p>Richard Friedman -<br/>Shabbat Dinner at 7:30 pm</p> <p>YA Late Shabbat<br/>at 8:30 pm</p> | <p>9<br/>Midrash on the Weekly<br/>Torah Portion, led by Rabbi<br/>Kushner at 9:15 am</p> <p>Scholar In Residence<br/>Speaker: Richard Elliot<br/>Friedman at 9:15 am</p> <p>Torah Study with Clergy<br/>at 9:15 am</p> <p>Shabbat Morning Minyan<br/>Including Bat Mitzvah of Ava<br/>Becker at 10:30 am</p> <p>Shabbat Morning Service<br/>Including Bat Mitzvah of<br/>Natalie Cohen at 10:30 am</p> |
| <p>10<br/>Scholar In<br/>Residence Speaker:<br/>Richard Elliot<br/>Friedman<br/>at 9:30 am</p> <p>Beit Midrash<br/>at 9:30 am</p>   | <p>11<br/>Mazel Tots<br/>at 9:30 am</p> <p>Scrabble<br/>at noon</p> <p>Adult Modern<br/>Hebrew<br/>at 7:00 pm</p>   | <p>12<br/>Side By Side<br/>at 9:30 am</p> <p>Bridge Club at 10:00 am</p> <p>Mah Jongg<br/>at 6:30 pm<br/>at 7:00 pm</p> <p>Adult Modern Hebrew<br/>Introduction to Judaism<br/>Tauber Year One<br/>Intro to Passover</p> | <p>13<br/>Downtown Tauber<br/>Monthly Class at<br/>12:00 pm (NAT)</p> <p>Limonata and<br/>Learning at 4:00 pm</p> <p>Women's Seder<br/>at 6:00 pm</p> <p>Building a Powerful<br/>Community 2-Part<br/>Series, Pt. 1<br/>at 7:00 pm</p> | <p>14<br/>Cooking for Congregants at<br/>9:00 am</p> <p>Side By Side at 9:30 am<br/>at 7:00 pm</p> <p>Tauber Yesod Year One</p> <p>American Jewish Short Stories,<br/>Part 2 with Rabbi Carla Fenves</p> <p>Machzor: Praying with<br/>Intention for the High Holy<br/>Days</p>                               | <p>15<br/>Bagels and Babies at<br/>9:30 am</p> <p>Pre-oneg at 5:30 pm</p> <p>Shabbat Service<br/>at 6:00 pm</p>   | <p>16<br/>Torah Study with Clergy<br/>at 9:15 am</p> <p>Shabbat Morning Minyan<br/>Including Bar Mitzvah of<br/>Jacob Kaplan at 10:30 am</p> <p>Shabbat Morning Minyan<br/>Including Bar Mitzvah of<br/>Zachary Ravel<br/>at 10:30 am</p> <p>Havdalah PJ Party for<br/>families with young<br/>children at 3:30 pm</p>  |
| <p>17<br/>The Tribe<br/>at 6:00 am (NAT)</p> <p>Men's Group<br/>(NAT) at 9:30 am</p> <p>Beit Midrash<br/>at 9:30 am</p>   | <p>18<br/>Mazel Tots<br/>at 9:30 am</p> <p>Scrabble<br/>at noon</p> <p>Adult Modern<br/>Hebrew at 7:00pm</p> <p>MUSIC AT MEYER<br/>San Francisco<br/>Opera Center<br/>Adler Fellows<br/>at 7:30 pm</p>                | <p>19<br/>Side By Side<br/>at 9:30 am</p> <p>Bridge Club at<br/>10:00 am</p> <p>Mah Jongg<br/>at 6:30 pm</p> <p>Introduction to<br/>Judaism at 7:00 pm</p> <p>Tauber Year One<br/>at 7:00 pm</p>                         | <p>20<br/>20th Annual SF<br/>Multicultural<br/>Passover Freedom<br/>Seder at 6:00 pm</p>   | <p>21<br/>Side By Side at 9:30 am</p> <p>Downtown Tauber at noon</p> <p>Tauber Yesod Year One: The<br/>World of the Bible at 7:00 pm<br/>(NAT)</p>   | <p>22<br/>Shabbat Service<br/>at 6:00 pm</p> <p>Passover Seder Matching<br/>at 6:00 pm</p> <p>TEMPLE OFFICE<br/>CLOSES AT 1:00 PM</p>   | <p>23<br/>Midrash with Rabbi<br/>Kushner at 9:15 am</p> <p>Torah Study with Clergy<br/>at 9:15 am</p> <p>Passover Shabbat<br/>Morning Minyan at 10:30 am</p> <p>Congregational Passover<br/>Seder at 5:30 pm</p> <p>Adults Passover Seder at<br/>6:00 pm</p> <p>Young Adult Passover<br/>Seder at 6:30 pm</p>   |
| <p>24<br/>Beit Midrash<br/>at 9:30 am</p>   | <p>25<br/>Mazel Tots<br/>at 9:30 am</p> <p>Scrabble<br/>at noon</p>   | <p>26<br/>Side By Side<br/>at 9:30 am</p> <p>Bridge Club at<br/>10:00 am</p> <p>Mah Jongg<br/>at 6:30 pm</p>   | <p>27</p>  | <p>28<br/>Side By Side at 9:30 am</p>  | <p>29<br/>Shabbat Service<br/>at 6:00 pm</p> <p>Mimuna at 6:00 pm</p> <p>Shabbat Service<br/>at 6:00 pm</p> <p>TEMPLE OFFICES<br/>ARE CLOSED</p>  | <p>30<br/>Midrash with Rabbi<br/>Kushner at 9:15 am</p> <p>Torah Study with Clergy<br/>at 9:15 am</p> <p>Shabbat Morning Minyan<br/>Including Bat Mitzvah<br/>of Charlotte Ehrlich at<br/>10:30 am</p> <p>B'Yachad at 4:00 pm</p> <p>Havdalah at 6:00 pm<br/>(NAT)</p>  |

# Congregation Emanu-El Celebrates Our Longtime Members!

By Byron Gordon, Congregation Emanu-El Communications



**Emanu-El Longtime member Betty Dvorson (since 1960)**



**Emanu-El longtime member Jesse Levy (since 1957)**



**Emanu-El longtime member Marsha Felton (since 1991)**

Emanu-El recently held its Third Annual Longtime Membership Dinner in Guild Hall. We honored members who've been coming to Emanu-El for decades and remain committed to our very special community. Several members shared nostalgic stories about their lives that elicited both laughter and appreciation from all who attended.

Marsha Felton (member since 1991) shared her story about searching for a shul when she first arrived in San Francisco. She met Fay Asher (wife of Rabbi Joseph Asher) and learned that the Ashers had known members of her family back in North Carolina. She also shared about how she received her Hebrew name after meeting with Rabbi Helen Cohn, and put together a name that commemorates her great-grandmother, grandmother and mother.

Al Benioff (member since 1955) is a third generation San Franciscan and became a bar mitzvah back in 1938. He fought in World War II. He was headed, along with his shipmates, towards Japan when news spread that President Truman had dropped the second atomic bomb on Nagasaki on August 9. Al credits that bit of news with preventing his having to fight in Japan. Al also shared how he survived machine gun fire from the German army in Europe thanks to a can of food stored in his ammunition pack. He's still got the can that saved his life!

Jesse Levy (member since 1957) bravely took the microphone to remind members of the Emanu-El fight song, *Excel Emanu-El* (composed by his own brother, Leland D. Levy, circa 1937).

Lyrics to *Excel Emanu-El*:

Excel Emanu-El  
Emanu-El Excel  
Repel Sherith Israel  
Sherith Israel repel  
Show them that we are the best team  
Show them that Feinstein is better  
than Goldstein  
Excel Emanu-El  
Emanu-El Excel

Mazel Tov to all of our longtime members. Please look for these members at your next Shabbat service or community event and thank them for their presence with us, for their faithfulness, and devotion to Jewish life.



**(Emanu-El longtime members from L to R): Marilyn Benioff (since 1955), Marilyn Ersepke (since 1987) and Al Benioff (since 1955)**



**Emanu-El longtime member and past board president, Stuart Aronoff (since 1980)**



**Longtime members Jeanne Sassoon (since 1962) and Dr. Raymond Weisberg (since 1963)**



**Emanu-El longtime member Jeanne Sassoon (since 1962)**





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