

# Emanu-El <sup>S</sup><sub>F</sub>

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**16** ANNUAL TOWN  
HALL



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**19** AN EVENING  
WITH MICHAEL  
KRASNY



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**12** KOLEINU\* –  
SONGS OF THE  
EARTH AND SKY



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Emanu-El's 169th Annual Town Hall Meeting

**Sunday, December 16, 9:30 – 10:30 am**

Here's your chance to provide input on some of the opportunities and challenges we face as a Jewish community at Emanu-El, and to offer suggestions for how we can improve our temple home. Our town hall meeting will feature the following:

- Question-and-answer forum with Emanu-El's leadership team — including Senior Rabbis Jonathan & Beth Singer; President Donny Friend; Treasurer Sasha Kovriga; Chief Financial Officer Elena Gary; and Executive Director David Goldman
- Vote for new directors
- Observe a moment of silence to acknowledge our debt of gratitude to our departing president, Donny Friend, after his 10 years of service on the board

Please plan to stay afterward for a reception. Coffee, tea, bagels, fruit, and more will be provided.

*Special thanks to the entire board — Abby Porth, Alan Greinetz, Barrett Cohn, Dale Boutiette, Donny Friend, Ellen Fleishhacker, Erika Coplon, Hilary Zarrow, Jackie Safier, Jill Einstein, Jim Shapiro, Joel Roos, Lara Ettenson, Mark Lehmann, Paul Zarefsky, Paula Pretlow, Rachel Melman, Rita Semel, Sandi Bragar, Sasha Kovriga, Steve Cohen, and Stuart Corvin — for the time and energy they have dedicated to our congregation this past year!*



## An Evening with Michael Krasny: Are We Really Funny?

**Wednesday, December 19, 7:00 – 9:00 pm,  
Martin Meyer Sanctuary**

NPR host and author Michael Krasny will discuss Jewish humor in its many forms of expression throughout the eras. Our jokes can best be understood as narratives of Jewish history and identity. You'll hear about the great Jewish comedians, Yiddish comedy traditions, and how Jewish humor has benefitted and continues to serve the Jewish people (as well as those outside the tribe). Look forward to learning and laughing!

# SHALOM RAV FROM OUR RABBI

By Richard and Rhoda Goldman Senior Rabbi Jonathan Singer

In 1993, a hate crime in Billings, Montana caught the nation's attention when a rock was thrown through a window of a Jewish home that displayed Chanukah decorations. In response, many of the town's Christians (as well as secularists) stood in solidarity with their Jewish neighbors by placing images of Chanukah menorahs in their own windows. This "Not in our Town" movement stood against white supremacists attempting to normalize racial hatred in that region of the country.

We Jews know that anti-Semitism is always around and can rise up at any time. To hope that it will ever be eradicated is to be naïve to the reality that it is so easy for people to hate the "other." However, what was amazing about the response in Billings is that the majority of residents actively rejected that expression of hate. By putting Chanukah images in their own windows, they made it abundantly clear that anti-Semitic behavior would not be tolerated.

I sensed the same type of clarity in late October when hundreds of people lined up outside our temple as we held an interfaith vigil following the anti-Semitic murders in the Pittsburgh synagogue.

## **Good people of all faiths (and of no faith) gathered to say "we stand as one" against bigotry and violence.**

The work we must do now — at a time in which easy access to social media, combined with presidential leadership that obtusely refuses to acknowledge the power of the bully pulpit to both encourage and reject such acts of hatred — is to keep working against the push to normalize hate speech that leads to violence. We must continue to call on our president to stop fomenting xenophobia. We must also reach out to our neighbors for support, as we at the temple work on ongoing security efforts to ensure that this synagogue is a safe place for all.

We cannot and will not be silent. We cannot and will not be afraid! Together we can push back hate!

In their day, the Maccabees stood up against intolerance and hate, as they refused to be pushed aside by the greater powers. Chanukah celebrates that courage and that love of Jewish identity.

Today, the actions of the Maccabees should inspire us as we stand up proudly for our uniqueness. In 2018, Chanukah is more important than ever.

I ask that, this year, as the Talmud teaches, you place your chanukiah in the window for all eight nights of the holiday. Like the Maccabees, let all the world see that you are proud of your identity! And please join us for our public Chanukah menorah lightings in Laurel Village, Tiburon, and Noe Valley.

The congregation in Billings moved into a synagogue in 2005, one that was actually built to look like a synagogue. Sue Fishkoff of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency quoted the congregants as stating, "that wouldn't have happened years ago...Neither would the three-mile, public Torah procession that accompanied the move...We are much more visible. We're not hiding."

During Chanukah this month, let us be proud, let us be filled with joy, and let us not be afraid to say Hinenu! Here we are! — proud Jewish San Franciscans who stand against hate, who stand for peace and for casting the light of hope from our windows and from our very being!



# Koleinu\* – Songs of the Earth and Sky

Tuesday, February 12, 2019, 7:00 pm,

Martin Meyer Sanctuary

**Cost: \$25 general admission; \$75 premium seating  
(\$50 tax deductible project support)**

Congregation Emanu-El's **Koleinu\*** (Hear Our Voices) is our annual musical celebration that explores a Jewish theme and the music that surrounds and inspires it.

This year, we look at the ways in which our tradition sanctifies our relationship with nature as eight brilliant Jewish voices delve into liturgical sources, Yiddish, Ladino, folk, Broadway melodies, and more. You'll want to sing along as this group leads us in glorious songs of appreciation and guardianship!

The evening will feature Cantors Marsha Attie and Arik Luck, along with Fran Burgess, Seth Ettinger, Alisa Fineman, Jennifer Frost, David Margules, and Jason McKinney. Jonathan Comisar is the musical director.

Tickets are on sale now at [tinyurl.com/buykoleinutix](http://tinyurl.com/buykoleinutix).

*This concert is funded by a generous grant from the  
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## Shabbat Calendar

### December

#### Friday, December 7

6:00 pm, Special Shabbat Chanukah Service  
(Martin Meyer Sanctuary)

#### Saturday, December 8

10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service  
(Martin Meyer Sanctuary)

10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service  
(Main Sanctuary)

#### Friday, December 14

6:00 pm, One Shabbat Service  
(Martin Meyer Sanctuary)

8:30 pm, Young Adult Late Shabbat  
(Reuben Rinder Chapel)

#### Saturday, December 15

10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service  
(Martin Meyer Sanctuary)

#### Friday, December 21

6:00 pm, One Shabbat Service  
(Martin Meyer Sanctuary)

#### Saturday, December 22

10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service  
(Martin Meyer Sanctuary)

#### Friday, December 28

6:00 pm, One Shabbat Service  
(Martin Meyer Sanctuary)

#### Saturday, December 29

10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service  
(Reuben Rinder Chapel)



# SAVE THE DATE

## Summertime Family Israel Trip — Second Information Meeting

**Tuesday, January 15, 2019, 7:00 pm,  
Temple Emanu-El**



Join Rabbi Don Goor, Head of ARZA World Travel, who will discuss this amazing multi-generational family trip to Israel next summer — June 27 through July 7, 2019! We will tour and connect with Israeli political and cultural leaders. We will immerse ourselves in the wonders of the past and the challenges and blessings of the present.

This tour offers two tracks: one for first timers, and another for more experienced Israel travelers, plus the opportunity to bounce between programs. A few of our teens will become B'nei Mitzvah during the trip and it will be magical.

Review the website and itinerary at [arzaworld.com/EmanuElsf2019.aspx](http://arzaworld.com/EmanuElsf2019.aspx).

## Sponsor 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. For more details, please contact Svetlana Leykin at [sleykin@emanuelsf.org](mailto:sleykin@emanuelsf.org) or (415) 751-2541 x123.

Thank you to the following for co-sponsoring recent Oneg Shabbat receptions:

- Dean Schillinger and Ariella Hyman,  
in honor of Nahum Yoel and Nahum Pinchuk
- Susan Friedman and Michelle Jean,  
in honor of Ian Friedman
- Frank and Suzanne Dowling,  
in honor of Cian Dowling's Bar Mitzvah

## Israel Action Committee Events Evening with Malcolm Hoenlien

**Wednesday, January 23, 2019, 7:00 – 9:00 pm,  
Temple Emanu-El**

Malcolm Hoenlien is the executive vice chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, the coordinating body on international and national concerns for 52 national Jewish organizations. Previously, Malcolm served as the founding executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater New York, the central coordinating agency for Jewish organizations in the metropolitan New York area. Prior to that, he was the founding executive director of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry. Malcolm serves as an advisor to many public officials and is frequently consulted on public policy issues.



## Seeing Through the Wall: Meeting Ourselves in Palestine and Israel

*An art exhibit, movie screening, and discussion with both the film's creator and Rabbi Stephen Pearce, who was a participant on the journey.*

**Wednesday, January 30, 2019, 7:00 – 9:00 pm,  
Temple Emanu-El**

This film follows a group of Americans who traveled to Israel and Palestine in 2016 seeking to understand what life is like for Palestinians living in the occupied territories and East Jerusalem. The journey became an intense encounter, not only with the people they met, but also with their own preconceptions. It was a transformative experience for many of the participants!

# CHANUKAH



## Celebrate Chanukah With Your Emanu-El Community!

As one of the most popular Jewish symbols in existence today, the menorah stands for light, wisdom, and divine inspiration. The flames of each candle act as a symbol of Jewish identity and continuity.

Please join us in lighting the menorah at the various pop-ups described below. Our young adults won't want to miss the fifth annual 'Crazy' Night of Chanukah. And don't forget the special Chanukah service and dinner for younger kids and the whole family!

### Chanukah Lighting Ceremonies

#### Laurel Village Chanukah Lighting

*Wednesday, December 5, 6:00 – 6:20 pm, 3515 California Street (in front of Books Inc.)*

Join our Emanu-El clergy as we celebrate with music, singing, candle lighting, Chanukah treats, and dreidels.

#### Noe Valley Chanukah Lighting

*Thursday, December 6, 6:00 – 6:20 pm, West Parklet at 24th Street between Noe & Sanchez (in front of Just for Fun)*

We will have a large menorah, music, and treats. All are welcome!

#### Marin Chanukah Lighting

*Thursday, December 6, 6:00 – 6:20 pm, Fountain Plaza at 9 Maine Street in Tiburon (across from Servino's restaurant)*

Please join with us as we celebrate with music, singing, candle lighting, and treats.



## Young Adult Fifth Annual 'Crazy' Night of Chanukah!

Thursday, December 6, 7:00 – 11:00 pm, 620 Jones Street, San Francisco

Cost: \$10 for first 50 tickets; \$15 for the next 100 tickets; \$20 for the remaining tickets (including at the door) Join us for our fifth annual 'crazy' night of Chanukah! Schmooze with other Bay Area Jews, eat sufganiot (jelly donuts), spin the dreidel, and light the chanukiah in a private bar space.

Reminder: For our Congregation Emanu-El members you can always purchase tickets for \$10 via the temple website at [emanuelsf.org/chanukah](http://emanuelsf.org/chanukah).

Non-members can purchase tickets via Eventbrite at [tinyurl.com/y7av9l49](http://tinyurl.com/y7av9l49).

Note: This event always sells out quickly, so make sure to buy your ticket early for guaranteed entry! Online ticket sales close the evening of Monday, December 3! This event is for young adults 21+ and you will be carded at the door. Tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable. Dress code: Festive!

## Chanukah Service and Dinner

Friday, December 7, 5:30 pm for pre-oneg (Martin Meyer Reception); 6:00 pm for brief service & story (Martin Meyer Sanctuary); 6:45 – 8:30 pm for dinner & family entertainment (Guild Hall)

This year, we are combining our traditional First Friday Under Five service and our One Shabbat service into a special Chanukah service! The service will be followed by dinner, and then entertainment featuring a juggler/clown and a comedy artist who will also spend time making balloons for the children.

Please bring your chanukiot to light with the community!

Register for the Chanukah dinner on our website at [www.emanuelsf.org/chanukah](http://www.emanuelsf.org/chanukah).

## Recipe

### Edible Chanukah Candles



Servings: 8  
Prep: 5 minutes  
Total: 5 minutes

#### **INGREDIENTS:**

**for the dough:** make your own or use frozen pizza, pita, tortillas or crepes

**for the candle:** hearts of palm, celery, bananas

**for the flames:** pimento, dried red pepper, slivered almond, sliced strawberries

**for the filling:** lox spread, strawberry cream cheese

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

1. Cut your dough of choice into 4-inch squares. Spray with oil and lightly fry in a pan over medium heat for 30 seconds on each side. Make sure the dough does not get too crispy—it will make it harder to roll into candles.
2. Spread filling of choice in the center of dough square and roll up into a cylinder that looks like a candle.
3. Add an edible flame, and you're done! Chef's Tip: My favorite combinations include:  
Lox spread-stuffed candle with a pimento flame  
Celery and lox spread candle with a pimento flame  
Strawberry cream cheese-stuffed Candle with a strawberry flame  
Banana candle with an almond flame.

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# CHANUKAH

## Traditional Chanukah Songs

One of the traditions of celebrating Chanukah is to sing songs after the candles have been lit. We've included some of the most time-honored Chanukah folk songs, so you can sing along!

### Ma'oz Tzur

Ma'oz tzur yeshu'ati,  
lecha na'eh leshabe'ach,  
tikon beit tefilati,  
vesham todah nezabe'ach.  
Le'et tachin matbe'ach  
mitzar hamenabe'ach.  
Az egmor  
beshir mizmor  
chanukat hamizbe'ach

### English Translation:

My refuge, my rock of salvation!  
It is a pleasure to sing Your praises.  
Let our house of prayer be restored.  
And there we will offer You our  
thanks.  
When You will have prepared the  
slaughter  
Of the barking foe,  
Then we will celebrate with song and  
psalm  
The dedication of the altar.

### Chanukah Oh Chanukah

Oh Chanukah, Oh Chanukah  
Come light the menorah  
Let's have a party  
We'll all dance the horah  
Gather 'round the table  
We'll give you a treat  
Dreidels to play with  
And latkes to eat.  
And while we  
Are playing  
The candles are burning low  
One for each night  
They shed a sweet light  
To remind us of days long ago.

### I Have a Little Dreidel

I have a little dreidel  
I made it out of clay  
And when it's dry and ready  
Then dreidel I shall play!  
Oh dreidel, dreidel, dreidel  
I made it out of clay  
And when it's dry and ready  
Then dreidel I shall play!  
It has a lovely body  
With legs so short and thin  
And when my dreidel's tired  
It drops and then I win!

(Chorus)

My dreidel's always playful  
It loves to dance and spin  
A happy game of dreidel  
Come play now, let's begin!

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## Fun for the Whole Family!

### Chanukah Craft: Tissue Paper Cut-Outs

#### You'll Need:

- tissue paper
- pinking shears
- glue

#### How To:

Cut strips of tissue paper of varying heights, but all the same length. Measure the diameter of the vase/hurricane.  
Fold strips accordion style, and cut out shapes on the fold, such that the shape repeats itself across the strip once unfolded.

Layer strips such that contrasting colors appear within the cut out shapes. Adhere with glue. To avoid glue dots being visible, brush on glue with a brush.

*Reprinted from creativejewishmom.com. Check out this website for many more crafts, costumes, and recipes, as well as beautiful photos of Israel.*



# A Guide to Lighting Your Menorah

We light the menorah for eight days to remember the miracle of the human spirit, honor the light of rededication and the Maccabees who put their trust in God. Small lights push back darkness just as a small vial of oil for eight nights helped redeem our hope.

## What kind of menorah?

The menorah can be any size and made of any material. All eight candles (except the Shamash) should be at the same height, and preferably in a straight line.

## How many candles?

One candle is added each of the eight nights — plus the extra helper candle called the “Shamash” (the center candle). Arrange the candles from right to left and light the newest candle first.

## Why 8?

Chanukah is celebrated 8 days even though the miracle of the oil was really only 7 (the first day's light shouldn't count — it's natural) to teach us that everything in the 'natural' world is really a miracle. Nothing happens without God willing it.

## Where to light?

To publicize the miracle, many light the menorah outside their front doorway. Otherwise, the menorah should be lit in a window facing the street.

## What to light?

The candles must be big enough to burn for at least 30 minutes. Many use olive oil, to recall the original miracle in the Temple.

## How to light?

Light the Shamash first and use the Shamash to light the newest candle first.

## Recite the blessings

## When to light?

The first opportunity to light is at nightfall. Many wait until later, when all the members of the household are present.

## Who lights?

In Ashkenazi tradition, each person lights his own menorah. Sephardic tradition is one menorah per family.

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## CHANUKAH BLESSINGS:

**Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all,  
for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.**

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו  
במצותיו, וצונו להדליק נר של חנוכה.

**Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam,  
asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah.**

**Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all,  
who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Hanukkah lights.**

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שעשה נסים לאבותינו  
ואמותינו בימים ההם בזמן הזה.

**Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam,  
she-asah nisim laavoteinu v'imoteinu bayamim hahaeim baz'man hazeh.**

**Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all,  
who performed wondrous deeds  
for our ancestors in days of old at this season.**

## FOR FIRST NIGHT ONLY:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שהחיינו וקיימנו  
והגיענו לזמן הזה.

**Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam,  
shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu laz'man hazeh.**

**Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, for giving us life,  
for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.**

# EMANU-EL SPOTLIGHT

## On giving back to the Jewish community — an interview with Lani Zinn

by Byron Gordon



**O**ne thing Emanu-El has never fallen short on is leadership. As a pivotal center of Jewish life in the San Francisco Bay Area, Emanu-El has grown over the decades to serve the diverse Jewish community here. As we close out 2018, Lani Zinn will officially step down as development director, a post she's served for 17 years. Lani's work in the Jewish community extends back to the early 1980s when she

became assistant director for the San Francisco Chapter of the American Committee for Weizmann Institute of Science. She later served as San Francisco Bay Area assistant director for the American Jewish Committee, and eventually managed all fundraising and membership facilities at Congregation Rodef Sholom before arriving at Congregation Emanu-El.

As Emanu-El's principal fundraiser, Lani has cemented relationships with many of our most supportive members and helped secure the funds needed to grow and expand our synagogue's numerous offerings. How can you sum up a professional career devoted to Jewish life and culture in one word? You can't. But we wanted to hear more from Lani about her Jewish journey as she prepares to embark on the next chapter of her life. Please join us at the 6:00 pm service and oneg on December 14 when we will honor Lani's 17 years of service.

### Byron: What's going through your mind right now?

**Lani:** Tremendously mixed feelings. I so much love working here. I love my job and love the community I serve, so that actually waking up next January and not getting ready for work is going to be difficult but exciting at the same time. I think ultimately it will be great. Fortunately, I will always remain a member here as it feels like my second home. Maybe I'll start volunteering for a change (laughter).

### Byron: You majored in anthropology while a student at U.C. Berkeley. You went on to pursue two teaching credentials along with a Master of Arts in Education Curriculum Development. Culminating your professional career as someone who fundraises for Emanu-El, was this the logical place for you to have ended up?

**Lani:** I think so. My primary drive has always been to support Jewish continuity, which is ultimately what fundraising is for, as it is an essential component in helping perpetuate that. So yes, it's a combination of giving back to the Jewish community, which I feel so blessed to be part of, and helping to create a healthy future for Judaism here in the San Francisco Bay Area.

### Byron: What do you enjoy most about fundraising?

**Lani:** The connections with people. It's all about relationships. Since I've worked almost exclusively in the San Francisco community (with an exception of 7 years in Marin), I've loved to strategically apply the knowledge I've accumulated about this community — relationships, friendships, and family connections — in figuring out how to motivate our members to support such a phenomenal organization as Emanu-El.

### Byron: Any gift or two that stand out, in particular, that you helped secure?

**Lani:** I'm proud to have worked on helping to procuring our endowed chair for the senior rabbis, the Richard and Rhoda Goldman Senior Rabbinic Chair, which will support in perpetuity our senior rabbis, and also the Ben and A. Jess Shenson Cantor position that honors the legacy of members who were great supporters of our rich musical tradition.

In addition to the fundraising, I have to highlight the *Year of Torah* project. Beginning in 2005 at Simchat Torah and leading up to Shavuot in 2006, as a congregation we wrote the first 986 letters of a new Torah with the help of an able scribe. It was a spiritual experience for anyone that had the honor of participating. The rest of the Torah was written by a second scribe in Jerusalem.

The congregation's handiwork was stitched together with that of the Jerusalem scribe and I will always think (it was an 18-month project) of that Torah like my second child. It was a labor of love and we raised a significant amount of money, more than \$800 thousand. We couldn't have been more thrilled with the project. But it also was a very interesting spiritual experience. All living temple past presidents came to scribe, including Louis Heilbron, of blessed memory, who was in his 90s at the time, and his great effort to get to where the scribe was waiting with quill in hand is something I'll never forget. It was a touching and moving moment. Also, my daughter and my father scribed their letters in the Torah right next to each other and I carry both that I'dor vador moment and scribed image deep in my heart. That's been the blessing of this institution for me. I've had the opportunity to have my own Shehecheyanu moments here, which is not something most people can say about their work. I'm talking about experiencing profound moments, as a professional here! What more could you want?

**Byron: Let's talk about Israel. You mentioned to me that you first visited Israel when you were 20 years old. This was back in 1973. How did that experience kindle your lifelong interest in Jewish life?**

**Lani:** I traveled to Europe for the first time the summer before and was bitten by the travel bug. I had enough extra units to take a spring quarter off from school and volunteering on a kibbutz was the normal thing to do then. I was absolutely entranced by being in Israel and it began a lifelong relationship for me. It felt and still feels like home. I considered moving there after graduate school and still long for living there. I'm hoping to spend as much time as possible there when I retire — perhaps several months a year.

**Byron: You mentioned your time spent on Kibbutz Evron. What was that experience like?**

**Lani:** In a word, amazing. I worked with two other women each day making the main meal of the day for the 400 members of the kibbutz. As the kibbutz raised turkeys, I learned to prepare it in many creative ways, including turkey meatballs, turkey schnitzel, turkey moussaka...it was a wonderful time to be in Israel. That spring was the 25th birthday of the Jewish State and the mood was celebratory. I left before the war broke out later that year.

**Byron: You've been a participant in a local Torah study group for many years now. What has it meant to you?**

**Lani:** My Torah study group began meeting 29 years ago and continues to this day. We meet once a month at each other's homes to nosh and schmooze, and then study the Torah portion for the week. As we all come away with new insights on a portion discussed most likely many times before, it is a constant reminder that we continue to view life through an ever-changing lens.

**Byron: You mentioned to me that your father was dismissive of Reform Judaism for much of his life. Did he ever change his mind?**

**Lani:** My 96-year-old dad was raised as an Orthodox Jew, but practiced Conservative Judaism for the 72+ years that he was married to my mother. He always thought that Reform Judaism wasn't quite real Judaism, but before he passed, he eventually changed his thinking and gained a very healthy respect for it, as his children have rich Jewish lives as Reform Jews.

**Byron: Any last words?**

**Lani:** I'd just like to thank the members of the congregation for enriching my life over these many years. It has been an honor to work with our wonderful clergy, amazing lay leadership, caring staff, and fabulous members. Thank you.



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

As a large congregation, we recognize the importance of small group connection, so we create many opportunities for learning, socializing, and enjoying local culture together. These group gatherings generally occur in the evening hours or on weekends. Refer to the [Community or Social Justice](#) pages on our website for more information and staff contact information.

Remember to register online in the [MyEmanu-El](#) portal for all of these programs (unless otherwise noted below) so we know to expect you.

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## Daytime Programs at the Temple

Meet other congregants at these weekday opportunities at the temple. Questions? Contact [Frana Price](#).



### Cooking for Congregants

*Thursdays, December 6 and 13, 9:00 – 11:00 am, Emanu-El Kitchen*

Participate in the mitzvah of preparing meals for congregants who are facing a significant challenge (a serious illness, death, or birth). Sign up for *Cooking for Congregants*, led by former restaurant owner Gail Laghi and chef Sari Swig, both Emanu-El members. For those dealing with life's complications, food frequently becomes a low priority, so the support provided by Cooking for Congregants can make a huge difference.

Sessions are two hours, and all menus, ingredients, and storage containers are provided for our volunteers. And if you know of a congregant who would benefit from a few delivered meals, please let us know. Contact Frana Price if you have any questions.



### The Stories of Your Life: Guided Autobiography and Life Review Writing

*No charge; any skill level welcomed.*

*Monday, December 3, 10:00 am – noon, Room 53*

Join this free and friendly group that meets monthly to share stories on assigned themes — for example, “Your Relationship with Israel,” “Treasured Objects,” or “Your Greatest Accomplishments.” This is an opportunity for self-reflection and the chance to tell your unique story while also getting to know other members of our congregation. No writing experience is necessary and new participants

are always welcome!

Register online. For more information, contact the group facilitator Nancy Alpert, LCSW at [nalpo@igc.org](mailto:nalpo@igc.org).



### Scrabble

*No charge; drop in; all ages & experience levels welcomed.*

*Mondays, December 3, 10, and 17, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm, Room 57*

Do you enjoy the challenge of putting letters together to form words? Join the Scrabble group and play a rousing game or two! Expand your vocabulary along with your social circle. Bring a Scrabble set (optional) and, of course, your appreciation of words. Players of all ages and levels of experience are welcome!



### Mah Jongg

*No charge; drop in.*

*Tuesdays, December 4, 11, and 18, 1:30 – 4:30 pm, Rinder Chapel*

These sessions are open to players at all levels of experience, but you must know the basics as there will be no teaching — play time only! If you have questions, please plan to arrive within the first half hour.

# Congregant Groups & Gatherings

Meet other congregants at these weekend and evening get-togethers! Register online! Questions? Contact Terry Kraus.

## Emanu-El in the Neighborhood

*Build Emanu-El in your community with neighborhood gatherings.*

Do you love your local coffee shop or farmers market? And does bringing a little Emanu-El into your neighborhood appeal to you? If you're looking for a volunteer opportunity close to home, consider becoming a neighborhood liaison to reach out to congregants in need, coordinate neighborhood events, and welcome new congregants in the city. Or volunteer to host a local community get together in your home. Interested? Let us know!

## The Men's Group

*Sunday, December 9, 9:30 – 11:30 am, private residence (location provided upon registration)*

Men of Congregation Emanu-El have 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. The Men's Group monthly events are always held at the same time unless otherwise specified. All Men's Group events are congregant only and require registration.

*Thanks to a donation from a member of the Men's Group, the majority of gatherings are now offered for free!*

Stay tuned to future editions of the Chronicle for information on our:

- Women's Group (for all adult women of Emanu-El)
- The Tribe for Women (for moms with children ages 0-18)
- The Tribe for Men (a group of active and committed Emanu-El dads ages 30-50 with children ages 0-12, regardless of gender and/or sexual identity)
- Interfaith Group (gatherings for Emanu-El Interfaith members and families)

## Sponsor a Sunday night dinner for youth experiencing homelessness: Cook, eat, and socialize with residents of G-House

*Sunday evenings (beginning on Jan. 20, 2019)  
5:00 – 7:00 pm*

Run by the Larkin Street Youth Services G-House, a 20-bed housing program for SF homeless young adults (ages 18-24) transitioning from adolescence to adulthood, provides residents tools to remove the obstacles in their life which threaten a successful transition to independent living.

To volunteer, please visit: [emanuelf.org/youthhomelessness](http://emanuelf.org/youthhomelessness)



## Tzedek Council

### Interfaith Winter Shelter

Since 1988, the San Francisco Interfaith Council, Episcopal Community Services, and San Francisco Human Services Agency have partnered to operate the San Francisco Interfaith Winter Shelter. Designed to augment existing shelters during the coldest months of the year (Sunday before Thanksgiving through the end of February), the Interfaith Winter Shelter provides breakfast and dinner as well as a safe, warm place to sleep for up to 100 homeless men each night.

The Interfaith Winter Shelter rotates hosting locations between four congregations — **St. Boniface Catholic Church, St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, and First Unitarian Universalist Society** — and each year, a significant networking effort takes place between local faith communities!

### Volunteer to Help!

Each year, our dedicated congregants volunteer over the course of eight consecutive evenings to provide warm meals to the homeless men of San Francisco at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. At the end of each evening, we give each of these gentlemen a bag of toiletries to keep. To volunteer to help with these dinners, please pick the evening that best fits your demographic, and then go to our website to register:

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| ■ Tuesday, January 22, 2019   | Congregant night                                    |
| ■ Wednesday, January 23, 2019 | Tribe for Women<br>(mothers of children under 18)   |
| ■ Thursday, January 24, 2019  | Tribe for Men<br>(fathers of children under 18)     |
| ■ Friday, January 25, 2019    | Adolescent Education<br>(Emanu-El teens)            |
| ■ Saturday, January 26, 2019  | Congregant night                                    |
| ■ Sunday, January 27, 2019    | Young Adult Program<br>(members in their 20s & 30s) |
| ■ Monday, January 28, 2019    | Congregant night                                    |
| ■ Tuesday, January 29, 2019   | Tzedek Council                                      |



# YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION



Jewish identity and learning both start in the home. Whether you light candles on Fridays, fry latkes in December, or host a seder for extended mishpacha, your home is a place to celebrate, create, and practice the traditions and values of our heritage. At Emanu El, our Youth and Family Education (YFE) programs aim not only to provide the basic building blocks and tools for your children to participate and connect to these rituals, but also to connect the school and temple to your family's home life.

To that end, twice a year, each grade enjoys a “family day” in which parents come for the whole Sunday morning to:

1. Meet each other and inspire community connections beyond YFE
2. Provide an opportunity for relevant, adult Jewish learning
3. Facilitate an experience for parents and children to engage in Jewish learning together
4. Open conversations between parents and children about personal Jewish values, identity, and history
5. Soften boundaries between temple and home life and increase transparency in the classroom

We've already held four of these special Sunday school program days this year:

- **Pre-K: Hebrew Names** — Parents met in the cozy quarters of Rabbi Fenves' office looking over Torah texts in which characters change their names, and discuss the significance of both the change and the new name. They also shared the significance of their own Hebrew names and those of their children. After the first hour, they joined their little ones in Guild Hall for a creative craft project making superhero capes, decorating them with the letters of their Hebrew names. The capes and the blessing over their children, using their Hebrew names, framed their Jewish identities as a special and super power they have inherited from the parents and carry with them out in the world.
- **Kindergarten: Shema** — Parents met for an hour with Rabbi Jonathan learning about the power of Jewish home rituals — ancient, modern, and even those created by their own family! After exploring various rituals and mitzvot and a bit about the evolution of Reform Judaism, they focused on the usefulness of practicing bedtime rituals with kindergarten-age children. When the two kindergarten classes rejoined the parents, they engaged in making *Shema* pillowcases together. The pillow covers keep this essential blessing close by, reinforcing what they learned at temple and bringing it home as a special cue to recite it together before bed.



- **1st Grade: History and Tour of our Temple** — Parents started the morning with an incredible slide show and story-filled review of the history of Jews in the Bay Area, starting with the Gold Rush! Judi Leff has been a member of CEE since she was in 1st grade and has been our de facto historian leading these presentations for many years. After a short break for bagels and cream cheese with the kids, the YFE teachers led small groups on a scavenger hunt around the building looking for historical markers, important art work, and special features we may walk by all the time without realizing their significance. This program fits in with the 1st grade curriculum goal of feeling comfortable in the building, knowing the clergy, and knowing what it means to belong here at Emanu El.

- **3rd Grade: Meals on Wheels** — This day was an opportunity for families to put their Jewish values into action in the world. Anne Quaintance, Meals on Wheels' Business Development Officer and CEE member, returned for the third year in a row to deliver a presentation about the vulnerable people in San Francisco that Meals on Wheels serves. Afterwards, families carpooled directly to homes to deliver emergency supplies. On these home visits, the children had meaningful conversations with the clients, learning about their lives and feelings. Upon returning to temple, families decorated Thanksgiving table mats for a Meals on Wheels holiday delivery in November and shared with the group conversations they had had.

Coming up in December, the following program days will be held for our 2nd and 4th grade classes!

- **2nd Grade: San Francisco Food Bank** — This will be another opportunity to see Jewish values in action. Families will meet at the Food Bank to learn about hunger in our community and then spend the rest of the morning volunteering there. It will be a hands-on, behind-the-scenes experience with tikkun olam.
- **4th Grade: Chanukiot** — Parents will meet with Rabbi Bauer to dig more deeply into the story and tradition of Chanukah on an adult level. Then, using recycled materials and led by Art Studio Specialist Ava Rosen, families will build personalized chanukiot ready to use for the final nights of candle lighting.

As you can see, each grade's family day experience is unique. These programs provide a chance to interact more with teachers, make friends with other parents, watch your kids interact with their temple friends, and model Jewish learning that is a life-long family practice. Each grade will have a second family day later in the school year — either in the building or on a field trip. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Lom Friedman  
Director of Education



## Holiday Dinner Drive

# Send Back Your Turkey Envelopes Now, Please!

Did you know that one in four residents in San Francisco and Marin counties needs food assistance? Since 1993, Congregation Emanu-El members have come together to support the San Francisco-Marín Food Bank and its mission to end hunger in our community. Each week, Food Bank programs service more than 140,000 people through the food delivered to the 450 partner organizations, including more than 250 weekly farmers market-style food pantries. Congregation Emanu-El participates in this effort through our Healthy Children Pantry at Roosevelt Middle School.

Your contribution of \$36 provides \$180 worth of food. A \$100 contribution will supply those in need with \$500 worth of food. Let's top last year's \$16,000 drive!

Donate online at [sfmfoodbank.org/dinnerdrive](https://sfmfoodbank.org/dinnerdrive) and select Congregation Emanu-El from the dropdown menu. To donate by mail, make your check payable to SF-Marín Food Bank and write Congregation Emanu-El Holiday Dinner Drive on the memo line, then mail to Emanu-El at 2 Lake Street, San Francisco, CA, 94118.

Thank you for remembering to help the increasing numbers of those who are hungry in our community!

## Condolences to Our Members Who Have Suffered Recent Losses

**Lisa Alexander** on the death of her father, William Alexander

**Pamela Dinkelspiel** (Steven) on the death of her mother, and **Emma and Eli Dinkelspiel** on the death of their grandmother, Frances Sanders Day

**Stuart Gasner** (Kate Ditzler) on the death of his mother, and **Dorothy Gasner** on the death of her grandmother, Beverly Benenson Gasner

**Jason Mitchell** (Amparo) on the death of his father, and **Sarah and Lena Mitchell** on the death of their grandfather, Sheldon Mark Mitchell

Friends and family of longtime member, **Sylvia Blumenfeld**

**Jonathan Shenk** (Bonni) on the death of his mother, and **Abraham and Anabel Shenk** on the death of their grandmother, Joanne Cohen

**Amy Seff** (Jonathan) on the death of her mother, and **Kyle and Olivia Seff** on the death of their grandmother, Judith Levine Coren

**Jason Geller** (Lisa) on the death of his father, and **Lila and Lucas Geller** on the death of their grandfather, Eli Louis Geller

**Nersi Boussina** (Eileen) on the death of his uncle, Amir Boussina

**Josue Chan Pat** (Kimberly Litchfield) on the death of his father, and **Paloma Litchfield Chan Pat** on the death of her grandfather, Luis Chan Medina

**Marla Miller** (David Kremer) on the death of her father, and **Michael and Caroline Kremer** on the death of their grandfather, Arnold Miller

**Mary Powell** (Patric) on the death of her mother, Blair Shane (Richard) and **Alex Rosenblatt** (Kelly Jane) on the death of their grandmother, and **Luke and Zoe Shane** and **Mathilda and Lucie Rosenblatt** on the death of their great-grandmother, longtime member, Ann Eliaser

**Paul Bailin** (Jennifer Wenzel) on the death of his uncle, and **Eliana Bailin** on the death of her great-uncle, Stuart Bailin

**Beverly Stephens** on the death of her husband, Donald Stephens

**Jason Rose** (Katherine Mitchell) on the death of his mother, Bernice Helene Rose

**Lani Zinn** on the death of her father and **Mandy Losk** on the death of her grandfather, Marvin Zinn.

## Mazel Tov to Our Members Who Have Experienced Joy

**Snir and Kate Kodesh** on the birth of their daughter, Liv Noa Kodesh

**Ann and Jim Lazarus** on the birth of their grandson, Levi James Green, and on the marriage of their son Jack Lazarus to Katie Herbst

**Dana Kalish and Matthew Gallavan** on the birth of their son, Arlo Thomas Gallavan

**Malina and David Wiesen** on the birth of their daughter, Lorelei Elena Wiesen

## Congratulations to Our Members on Their Achievements

**Rachel Levin** on receiving the 2018 Karola Saekel Craib Excellence in Food Journalism Fellowship by the San Francisco Chapter of Les Dames d'Escoffier, a philanthropic organization of leading women in the fields of food, beverage, and hospitality.

**Amy Kassiola** on her exhibition at the Jewish Community Library of "The Hurston Suite," a series of watercolor paintings inspired by Zora Neale Hurston's novel *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, the story of a young African-American woman's determination to find self-fulfillment (Hurston was one of the leading figures of the Harlem Renaissance of the 1920s).

## Celebrating a Shehecheyanu Moment?

Congregation Emanu-El is a 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, the Temple 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.emanuelf.org/donate-now/](http://www.emanuelf.org/donate-now/) or call the Development office at (415) 750-7554.

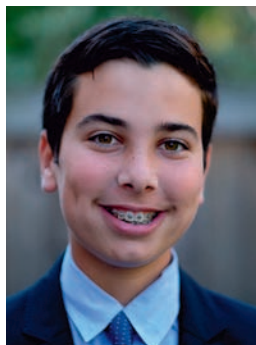
### High Holy Day Thank You Omission

Apologies to Anita Josefa Barzman whose name was inadvertently omitted from the list of Torah readers in the November Chronicle.

### Condolence Apology

Our condolence to Jeffrey Bornstein and his son David on the death of wife and mother, Veronica Sanchez was incorrectly stated in the November Chronicle. Our apologies to the Bornstein family.

## December



### Zachariah Gordon

**Bar Mitzvah:** December 8  
(Martin Meyer Sanctuary)  
**Parents:** Alexandra & Steven Gordon  
**Torah Portion:** *Mikketz*



### Jeremiah Saks

**Bar Mitzvah:** December 15  
(Martin Meyer Sanctuary)  
**Parents:** Samuel & Brigitte Saks  
**Torah Portion:** *Vayiggash*



### Kian Petlin

**Bar Mitzvah:** December 8  
(Main Sanctuary)  
**Parents:** Gabriel Petlin &  
Banafsheh Keynoush  
**Torah Portion:** *Mikketz*



### Micaela Schillinger-Hyman

**Bat Mitzvah:** December 22  
(Martin Meyer Sanctuary)  
**Parents:** Dean Schillinger and  
Ariella Hyman  
**Torah Portion:** *Vayhi*

## Welcome New Members!

Rabbi Camille Angel  
Jesse Ball  
Jacob Ball  
Mr. Jack Bernstein  
Ella Bernstein  
Sophie Bernstein  
Ms. Alexis Collentine  
Mrs. Binay Curtis  
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Ms. Katrina Olsen  
Dr. William Rubenstein  
Ms. Rachel Sam  
Ms. Karen Segal  
Ms. Elle Segal  
Lilah Segal-Angel  
Mr. Jon Steinberg  
Charlie Steinberg  
Kira Steinberg  
Ms. Zosha Sugarman  
Mr. Peter Weltman

## Welcome Back Rejoined Members!

Shea Galicer  
Gene Galicer  
Mari Galicer  
Mr. Harold Galicer  
Judith Rosenthal  
Ms. Norine Yee





# DEVELOPMENT

## Give Year End With Stock

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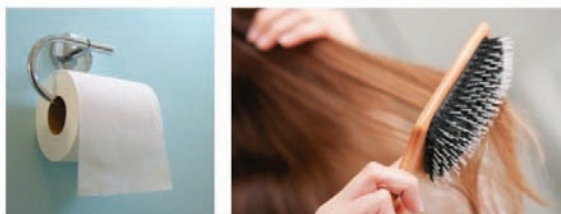


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## “Driven to Care” Collection Drive

**M**any homeless people go without everyday essentials like a toothbrush, shampoo, and soap. So this December we’re collecting donations of travel-size toiletries to give to the 100 homeless men living in the Interfaith Winter Shelter in San Francisco. These toiletry bags will be gifted throughout the eight evenings in which our congregation is involved in serving meals at the shelter. The next time you go to the dentist or stay in a hotel, please ask for extra toiletry supplies to donate. Please drop off your toiletries donation in the collection bin located in the Temple Main Office Foyer.

For questions or more information, please contact Rebecca Reiner at [rreiner@emanuelf.org](mailto:rreiner@emanuelf.org) or call (415) 751-2541 x170.

## Recipe

### Low-Fat Cauliflower Carrot Latkes

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60MIN DURATION	35MIN COOK TIME	25MIN PREP TIME	6-8 (16 LATKES) SERVINGS SERVINGS
INGREDIENTS		PREPARATION	
3 cups cauliflower florets (1 head)		To prepare the latkes:	
3 medium carrots or 6 baby carrots, peeled and shredded (1 cup)		1. Boil cauliflower, carrots, potato and garlic in salted water for 15 minutes and drain well.	
1 small potato peeled and quartered		2. Chop cauliflower, smash the potato and garlic.	
1 clove of garlic peeled		3. Combine cauliflower, carrots, potato, garlic, matzoh meal, onion, nutmeg, salt and pepper. Add eggs to bind ingredients together.	
¼ cup matzoh meal		4. Shape ¼ cup of mixture into latkes. Spray cooking spray into a non stick pan. Brown latkes on each side to desired doneness.	
1 small onion finely diced			
¼ tsp nutmeg			
1 teaspoon kosher salt			
pepper to taste			
2 eggs, beaten			





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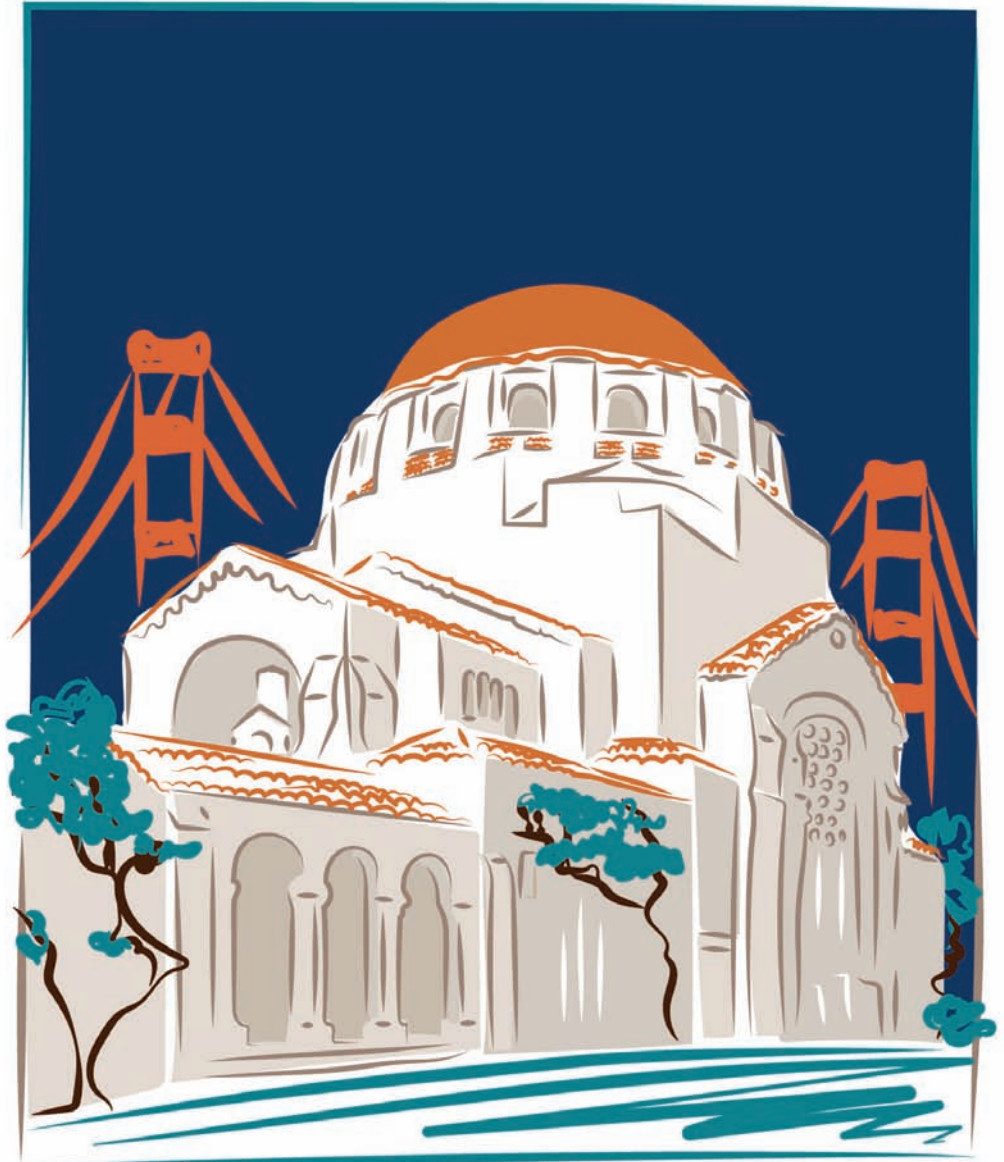
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