

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

## Purim



**MAR 5** TZEDEK COUNCIL TOWN HALL



**MAR 23** CELEBRATE WORLD WATER DAY: LECTURE WITH SETH SIEGEL



**MAR APR 31-2** SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND WITH RUTH CALDERON

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Ruth Calderon Scholar-in-Residence Weekend March 31 – April 1

**Friday, March 31**

**6:00 pm**

One Shabbat Service:

Rav Ishmael meets God – Modern Spiritual Meaning and Challenges

**Friday, March 31**

**7:30 – 9:00 pm**

Special dinner with Ruth Calderon immediately following Shabbat service  
\$20 per person, pre-registration required. Register online.

**Saturday, April 1**

**9:15 – 10:15 am**

Torah Study 'NEHORA' - on light and beauty  
of Talmudic protagonists

**Sunday, April 2**

**9:30 – 11:00 am**

Lecture: Spiritual Legacy and Doubt, What did  
Yochanan Ben Zakai leave his students and how is it  
relevant for us today?

**Sunday, April 2**

**Noon - 1:30 pm**

THE Book Club: Brunch with Ruth Calderon

Young Adult Congregant Cost: \$10.00;  
Young Adult General Admission: \$18.00  
Brunch will be provided.

Join our Young Adult Community and THE Book  
Club for a one-of-a-kind opportunity to learn with  
Ruth Calderon, famous Talmudist and founder of a  
secular yeshiva in Tel Aviv. She served as a member of  
Knesset for Yesh Atid between 2013 and 2015.

We will discuss: spiritual legacy- what did Yochanan  
Ben Zakai leave his students and how is it relevant for  
us today?

\*THE Book Club is a group of young adults that  
meets monthly to discuss texts from one of the best  
sellers of all time: The Bible (and other Jewish texts).  
\*\*Also known as a Torah Study group for Young  
Adults.

\*\*\*Limited space available, register now to guarantee  
your spot.

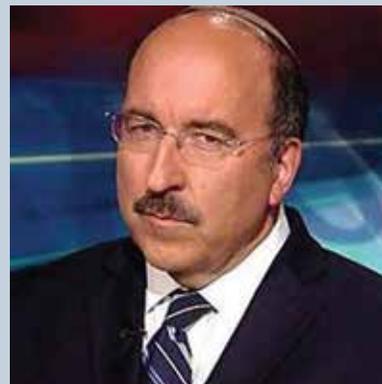
Register online on our Young Adults Events page.



## Israel Action Committee Presents: AMBASSADOR DORE GOLD ISRAEL'S EMERGING STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIPS WITH SUNNI ARAB AND AFRICAN NATIONS - THE QUIET ALLIANCE

Tuesday, March 7, 7:00 pm

The doors open at 6:00 pm for check-in



For this event,  
walk-ins will not be  
accommodated.  
**This event requires  
registration in advance.**  
Registration will close  
at 5:00 pm on Monday,  
March 6

Join us for the unique  
opportunity to hear  
directly from Ambassador  
Dore Gold, president of  
the Jerusalem Center

for Public Affairs. Prior to this position, Ambassador Gold  
served as Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
in Israel, led the Jerusalem Center (2000-2015), and earlier in  
his career served as the eleventh Permanent Representative  
of Israel to the United Nations (1997-1999). He has pioneered  
groundbreaking diplomatic initiatives with a number of  
nations surrounding the State of Israel and has strengthened  
the State on a global level.

For additional registration information, contact Valerie Bishop,  
vbishop@emanuelsf.org or (415) 751-2541 ext 177.

### Event Co-Sponsors:

Consulate General of Israel - San Francisco; ZOA; MZ Foundation

# SURVIVORS

By Richard and Rhoda Goldman Senior Rabbi Beth Singer

# FROM THE RABBI

There is a moment in an old episode of Larry David's TV show, *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, that stays with me for the sheer darkness of its humor. Larry learns that his rabbi is bringing a survivor with him to Larry's home for dinner and decides to invite a friend of his father's who is also a survivor. Larry's dad brings his friend, Solly, a Holocaust survivor. When the rabbi shows up with a young man, Larry is crestfallen. "Where is the survivor?" It turns out that the rabbi's guest is from the TV show *Survivor* and the hapless rabbi thought it would be nice for the two celebrities to meet. If you have ever watched "Curb," you can only imagine the embarrassing scenes that ensue between the two survivors.

Saturday, March 11th, we will observe one of our many survivor-themed holidays, Purim. See the details inside the Chronicle (on pages 6-7). Join us Saturday afternoon, March 11 for our fabulous Purim carnival, at 4:00 pm; for our all-congregation Megillah reading and spiel at 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm, and Sunday morning at Golden Bear Trading Company at 9:00 am for a full Megillah reading. Why Purim? The Megillah concludes the tale of the near-miss destruction of the Jewish people of Persia with the injunction that we should always observe this day forevermore with feasting and gladness, and of "sending choice portions," *shelach manot*, to one another, and gifts to the poor. The writers of the Megillah wish us to use this time to remember the days on which "the Jews rested from their enemies, and the month which was turned to them from sorrow to joy, and from mourning to holiday." (Esther 9:22). Yes, Purim and not Chanukah was our original gift-giving holiday. It is a lovely tradition for families to bake hamentaschen and deliver them on plates with other sweets to the homes of friends. It is always important to give thanks

for our survival by giving tzedakah to agencies that benefit those who are poor.

Larry David's crude and clever survivor episode makes us think about what it means to be a survivor and what it takes to survive. In our congregation, we have Holocaust survivors, abuse survivors, cancer survivors and many others who have come out the other side of a terrible personal event. One of the great gifts that Judaism keeps on giving to civilization is the gift of knowledge that survival remains a possibility and a hope even for a person or people living in the darkest time and place imaginable. The other gift of Judaism is the concept of how a survivor acknowledges survival by making his or her life a life of purpose to do good for others. This gift alone should compel us to double down on our own efforts to be sure that Judaism continues to thrive and to survive.



Rabbi Rodich and I have the honor and pleasure of teaching our 8th graders. In a recent class on the question of whether or not Judaism will survive assimilation and secularization, one of our 8th graders put it best when he answered the question by saying, "I believe that whether or not Judaism will survive depends completely on us and what we will do with our Judaism, going forward." Amen.

**ARE YOU FREE DURING THE DAY?  
DO YOU LOVE THE TEMPLE?  
WANT TO SHARE YOUR LOVE  
WITH VISITORS?**

**WE ARE LOOKING  
FOR DOCENTS  
TO GIVE TEMPLE  
TOURS!!!**

This is a special temple with loads of history and sacred spaces. We receive requests for tours from both local and far away groups. Tours can be as short as 20 minutes or as long as an hour and half. We are looking for docents who can be on call for prescheduled tours. We have many fascinating facts to give; we just need your energy and your love of the Temple to go along with it. Some great talking points:

- + History of the Jews in San Francisco
- + History of the Temple
- + Architectural features of the Temple building
- + Artifacts in the Main Sanctuary
- + General questions about Judaism

Staff members and a docent guide will give you all the preparation you need.

Docents will be contacted when a tour is scheduled.

Interested? Contact Ariana Estoque at [aestoque@emanuelsf.org](mailto:aestoque@emanuelsf.org) or (415) 751-2535.

# YEAR OF SHABBAT

## SHABBAT SCHEDULE:

### MARCH

#### Friday, March 3

##### FIRST FRIDAY SHABBAT SERVICES!

- 5:30 pm, First Friday Under Five Service (MMS)
- 6:00 pm, Classic Shabbat Service (Main)
- 6:15 pm, Simchat Shabbat Dinner (Guild Hall)
- 7:30 pm, Late One Shabbat Service (MMS)
- 5:00 pm, 6th Grade Family Shabbaton at Camp Newman

#### Saturday, March 4

- 10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Minyan

#### Friday, March 10

- 6:00 pm, One Shabbat Service (MMS)
- 8:30 pm, Young Adult Late Shabbat

#### Saturday, March 11

- 10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service
- 10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Minyan

#### Friday, March 17

- 6:00 pm, One Shabbat Service (MMS)

#### Saturday, March 18

- 10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Minyan
- 10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service
- 4:00 pm, Havdalah Got Shabbat

#### Friday, March 24

- 6:00 pm, One Shabbat Service (MMS)

#### Saturday, March 25

- 10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Minyan
- 10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service

#### Friday, March 31

##### Scholar in Residence Weekend

- 6:00 pm, One Shabbat Service
- Guest Speaker Ruth Calderon
- 7:00 pm, Dinner With Ruth Calderon

## 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 recently sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat reception:

Kristi and Barry Brown, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Madelynn Brown

Dr. Stanley and Jeanne Milstein, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of granddaughter Lydia Milstein

Ivan Resnikoff and Jessica Dines, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Noa Marlo Resnikoff

Steve Cooper and Lora Blum, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Joseph Blum

Lisa and Michael Shaw, in memory of Richard Tull, and in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of granddaughter Samantha Shaw

## PASSOVER 2017! SAVE THE DATE

Join us for Second Night Passover Seders on April 11.

We will be hosting Family, Adult and Young Adult Passover Seders this year.

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

# YEAR OF SHABBAT

## YEAR OF SHABBAT: MARCH OPPORTUNITIES

You're invited to experience the joy of Shabbat! We want to empower you to celebrate Shabbat in a myriad of ways over the coming months. Here are this month's highlights:

### Clergy at a Home in Marin

Friday, March 17

Led by Rabbi Fenves and Cantor Luck

### Ruth Calderon Weekend

March 31 - April 2

Dinner Friday, March 31, 7:15 pm

See page 2 for more information.

Visit [www.emanuelsf.org/year-of-shabbat](http://www.emanuelsf.org/year-of-shabbat) for details and new Year of Shabbat events as we add them all year long.

If you stop to think about the challenging times Jews lived in when many of our Jewish rituals and practices were developed, it is a wonder that so many Jewish observances focus on *simcha*, on joy and on celebration. Don't ask me how they did it, but Jews in earlier times somehow surmounted the horrendous nature of their day-to-day experience of discrimination, hate and humiliation to carve out personal, communal moments of exuberance.

Sukkot, Purim, Pesach are all celebratory in nature, to be sure, but nothing quite beats the joy of Shabbat. Shabbat is the mother of all "time outs" where we stop working and take a 26-hour period to give thanks to God and to celebrate all things spiritual. We sing, express profound gratitude through our Kabbalat Shabbat prayers, rest, read, eat tasty food and hang out with friends.

My guess is that, for large numbers of Emanu-El congregants, this does not describe your weekly experience of Shabbat. Reform Jews in our time, by and large, are so immersed in relentless secular activity that it is challenging to make room for the joy of Shabbat. Maybe you attend services if your child has a grade-level dinner or if you have a Yarzeit. Every now and again you light the candles or grab a challah for the dinner table.

During the year of Shabbat, we invite you to create your own version of a joyous Shabbat. You don't have to light candles 18 minutes before sunset or prepare a six-course Shabbat dinner. But you can intentionally look for ways that work for your home to make Friday – Saturday a joy-filled time to reflect on your own gratitude for life itself. Come sing with us from 6:00 -7:00 pm on Friday night. Invite some friends over for an easy or potluck dinner. Go out with friends and light candles in a restaurant. Be out in nature on Saturday. Get together with a friend, not on Facebook but in real life. Consult any of our clergy and we will help you design a joyous Shabbat plan that works for you. In our time, it takes a little effort, but taking one day a week for thanks, celebration and human connection is just the thing we need right now.

By Senior Rabbi Beth Singer



## family bazaar carnival 4-7pm

\$10 ADULTS

\$8 CHILDREN

CARNIVAL GAMES – HUMAN FOOSBALL – BALLOON TWISTER

VARIOUS FOOD OPTIONS

FUN KIDS SHOWS – HAMANTASHEN MAKING

SELFIE PHOTO BOOTH – PURIM CRAFTS

GLOW IN THE DARK ACTIVITIES – FACE PAINTING

FLASH TATTOOS – BAKE SALE

CLERGY RAFFLE – NO HOST BAR

## The hamiltoshen purim shpiel 6-7pm

FOR EVERYONE!!!

## Shushan's bazaar 7-9pm

after hours for 21+

\$10 ADULTS

line up those babysitters, Shushan's bazaar becomes

**ADULTS ONLY!**

GLOW IN THE DARK POKER – NO HOST BAR – DJ

HENNA ARTIST – SELFIE PHOTO BOOTH – HUMAN FOOSBALL

VARIOUS FOOD OPTIONS



★ CONGREGATION EMANU-EL'S ★

# shushan's bazaar after hours

**SATURDAY  
MARCH 11 2017**

4pm to  
9pm

**Festivities for all ages will include carnival  
games, crafts, food and entertainment!**

**PURIM SPIEL  
FOR ALL AGES  
6-7PM**

**Line up your babysitters!  
21+ party will  
begin at 7:30 pm**

*come in your favorite costume!*



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## WOMEN'S GROUP & THE TRIBE FOR WOMEN

### Women's Seder

Wednesday, March 29, 6:30 - 8:30 pm dinner and seder  
Rinder Chapel

\$18 per congregant and a side dish, dessert or wine to share

We invite all the women in our community to gather together for our annual Women's Seder. It will be a multi-generational evening of inspiration and empowerment while dining, learning, conversing, and building community with our female Emanu-El clergy.

You will leave with:

- Ideas to incorporate into your own seder
- Greater comfort in hosting and/or attending a seder
- Deeper relationships with other women of Emanu-El and clergy

This multi-generational seder is appropriate for women 10 years old and up. Think about attending with your daughters, sisters, mothers and friends. We ask each participant to bring her favorite meaningful Passover ritual item such as a seder plate or kiddush cup. After you register and pay, we ask that you click the link in your confirmation email to choose your contribution of wine, a side dish or a dessert.

The Tribe for Women is a group of Congregation Emanu-El mothers of children, aged birth through 18 years old. We look forward to seeing you at our next event!

The Tribe for Women events are congregant-only and require registration. Questions? Contact Community Engagement Professional Rachel Schonwetter at [rschonwetter@emanuelf.org](mailto:rschonwetter@emanuelf.org) or (415) 751-2541 x171.

### I Heard it Through the Grapevine...

#### Come join us for an evening for moms, gossip\* and wine.

*\*Gossip: as in, how to identify gossip, remove yourself from destructive gossip situations, and know the Jewish context for gossip.*

Wednesday, March 1, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Local wine bar in West Portal (address provided upon registration)  
Cost \$10

Join the Tribe for Women and our own Rabbi Mintz for a lively discussion about the Jewish concept of gossip (*lashon hara*) at a local wine bar over no-host drinks. There will be plenty of time to raise issues and ask questions.

Sign up now to avoid only hearing about this amazing outing through the grapevine!

## MEN'S GROUP

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

Please register online. Questions? Contact Valerie Bishop at [vbishop@emanuelf.org](mailto:vbishop@emanuelf.org) or call 415-751-2541 x177.

### Men's Group Meeting

Sunday, March 5, 9:30 - 11:30 am

## FAMILIES / MISHPACHA

### Mazel Tots

Mondays, 9:30 - 11:00 am

Martin Meyer Reception

Drop in with your little one (birth to 30 months) and spend time with other parents. Join us as we celebrate Havdalah. 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

Martin Meyer Sanctuary

Bring your bundle of joy (birth to 30 months) and spend time with other parents as we prepare to welcome Shabbat with Mimi Greisman. Create lasting friendships for you AND your baby at this weekly musical playgroup and parenting class in one. Explore being a new parent while sharing new skills and insights with others in our Emanu-El community.

### Join us for Side by Side!

*(Currently in session, spots still available)*

Begins Tuesday, February 14

Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30 - 11:30 am

Martin Meyer Reception

Our Side by Side program introduces our youngest children (18 months to 2.5 years) to a preschool environment with their parent or caregiver by their side. Rich in Jewish content, this program is a wonderful introduction to preschool that will deepen relationships in our community and launch a meaningful beginning to the school experience for both parents and children.

Register online through the member portal calendar by clicking on February 14.

Questions? Contact Nika Greenberg, Early Childhood Programs Manager, at [ngreenberg@emanuelf.org](mailto:ngreenberg@emanuelf.org).

## THE TRIBE FOR MEN AND THE TRIBE 2.0

### Discussion on Fatherhood

Sunday, March 19, 9:30 - 11:30 am at Planet Granite

Cost: \$40

Join the Tribe for a Sunday morning of indoor rock climbing at Planet Granite to invigorate body and mind. No experience required. No gear required. Just eat your Wheaties and show up! You can register online at <https://www.emanuelf.org/register/>

## SMALL GROUP

### COOKING FOR CONGREGANTS:

*An Easy Way to Give Back to the Emanu-El Community*  
Thursdays, March 2 & 9, 9:00 - 11:00 am, Emanu-El Kitchen

Participate in this two-hour cooking session led by congregant Sari Swig and congregant (and former restaurant owner) Gail Laghi, along with other volunteers to make meals for congregants in need, either facing a recent illness, death, or birth. All congregants are welcome to join. Menu, ingredients, and storage containers are provided. Please go to [www.emanuelsf.org/community/small-group/](http://www.emanuelsf.org/community/small-group/) to register. Questions? Contact Rebecca Reiner at [rreiner@emanuelfs.org](mailto:rreiner@emanuelfs.org).

### THE STORIES OF YOUR LIFE: A GUIDED AUTOBIOGRAPHY AND LIFE REVIEW WRITING GROUP

*Occurring monthly on Mondays from 10:00 am - noon*  
Congregation Emanu-El

March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5

Join our ongoing group of adult peers to explore, share and preserve your unique life in writing. Get to know yourself and others better. The stories are more important than the writing, so don't worry about skill level. Past topics have included Turning Points, Your Relationship with Money, Pleasant Surprises, and more. The writing is done at home and shared in class in a safe and structured way. Our friendly group welcomes newcomers. Facilitated by fellow congregant, Nancy Alpert, LCSW. For more information and to register, contact Valerie Bishop at [vbishop@emanuelfs.org](mailto:vbishop@emanuelfs.org) or (415) 751-2541 x177. New participants are always welcome!

### SCRABBLE

*Monday afternoons except on Federal holidays,*  
11:00 am - 3:00 pm, 5th floor  
No charge; Drop in

Do you love Scrabble and the challenge of putting letters together to form words? Join the congregation's Scrabble Group and play a rousing game or two. Perfect your word skills and expand your social circle. Bring a Scrabble set (optional) along with your enthusiasm and a love of words. All ages and experience levels are invited. For more information, contact Valerie Bishop at [vbishop@emanuelfs.org](mailto:vbishop@emanuelfs.org) or (415) 751-2541 x177.

### MAH JONGG

*Weekly Tuesdays*  
6:30 - 9:00 pm  
Rinder Chapel  
No charge; Drop in

Enjoy playing Mah Jongg? Come and join us! Arrive by 6:30 pm if you have any questions. Play starts at 7:00 pm and lasts till 9:00 pm. Open to players at all levels from beginners to expert, but you must be able to play as there will be no teaching at this time. For more information, contact Valerie Bishop at [vbishop@emanuelfs.org](mailto:vbishop@emanuelfs.org) or (415) 751-2541 x177.

### BRIDGE CLUB - LESSONS AND GAME

*Weekly Tuesdays*  
10:00 am - noon; Rinder Chapel  
Members \$15; Friends of members \$20

If you are more than a beginner, you are welcome to join this very popular and lively group for duplicate-style bridge. Play while improving your game. No partner needed. Deborah Murphy is the instructor. For more information, contact Valerie Bishop at [vbishop@emanuelfs.org](mailto:vbishop@emanuelfs.org) or (415) 751-2541 x177. You may also contact her if you have interest in a beginner's course or class.

### WATER TALK Celebrate World Water Day at Emanu-El!

## MAKING THE DESERT BLOOM—HOW ISRAEL'S WATER EXPERTISE IS A MODEL FOR CALIFORNIA AND THE WORLD

*Thursday, March 23, 7:00 - 8:30 pm*  
Featuring: Seth Siegel and Aaron Tartakovsky

Join us for a one-of-a-kind chance to hear directly from Seth Siegel, activist and *NY Times* bestselling author of *Let There Be Water*, and Congregation Emanu-El's Aaron Tartakovsky, co-founder and CEO of Epic CleanTec. Israel offers a story of inspiration for the current moment here in California. Facing a similar situation, its leaders took the courageous decision to create a system immune to drought. The unique way that Israel thinks about and manages its water offers an alternative model for California and others facing water scarcity issues.

**Registration will close on Wednesday, March 22.**

*This program is in partnership with the Environmental Working Group of Congregation Emanu-El's Tzedek Council and is co-sponsored by the American Technion Society.*



## ECONOMIC JUSTICE

### Sunday Dinners at G-House

Sundays, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Help us cook, serve, and eat dinner for and with G-House residents at the Larkin Street Youth Services site in the Richmond District, which helps former foster youth and homeless youth between the ages of 18 and 24 make successful transitions into adulthood and into living independently. We are looking for leads to organize these Sunday efforts as well as regular volunteers. If interested, please contact Rebecca Reiner at [reiner@emanuelfs.org](mailto:reiner@emanuelfs.org).

### Weekly Food Bag Distribution to Local Families

Mondays, 2:00 - 5:00 pm

We are looking for volunteers to set up and distribute food bags at a farmer's market style food pantry hosted by Emanu-El's volunteers in partnership with The San Francisco Food Bank at Roosevelt Middle School. This is a wonderful opportunity to give back to your community and help others. This is volunteer-run program and we cannot do it without your help! Please contact Rebecca Reiner at [reiner@emanuelfs.org](mailto:reiner@emanuelfs.org) to volunteer.

### Thank You for Making a Difference in Our Community!

A big thank you to all our Emanu-El families who sponsored over 120 Hamilton Families who are exiting homelessness, by donating necessary household items such as sheets and towels, pots and pans, dishes and silverware. We also want to give a big thank you to our congregants who spent their Sunday afternoon to help beautify a garden at the Hamilton's Transitional Housing garden with new plants, trees, and flowers. Thank you for supporting other San Francisco families during their time of need. Together as a community we can help stop family homelessness.

For more information on how to get involved with Emanu-El's partnership with Hamilton Families, visit [www.emanuelfs.org/end-homelessness-san-francisco/](http://www.emanuelfs.org/end-homelessness-san-francisco/)

### Deliver Disaster Kits to Homebound Seniors with Meals on Wheels

Sunday, March 19, 9:00 am - noon

The Economic Justice group is partnering with Meals on Wheels to deliver Disaster Preparedness Kits to homebound seniors around the city. The kits are to be used during an earthquake or other emergency. Register online.

## ENVIRONMENT

### Volunteer Opportunity at the San Francisco Botanical Garden

Sunday, March 19th, 8:45 am - Noon

We invite our members of Congregation Emanu-El to team up with the SF Botanical Garden's Green Team on a Sunday morning! Give a few hours of your time, learn about the Garden, and gain new skills. Share your love for the environment, make new friends, and take care of an urban space that serves thousands of children and their families every year.

The Environment working group is also partnering with our Israel Action Committee to bring Seth Siegal to match with this year's theme of water.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## WINTER INTERFAITH SHELTER DINNERS

TODAH RABAH! Thank you to our following congregants and volunteers who were a part of our annual Winter Interfaith Shelter Dinners, an exceptional week of providing warm meals to the homeless men of San Francisco.

We would like to acknowledge Shabana Siegel who is our lead volunteer for these eight evenings every year, helping us coordinate the calendar and all logistics.

Together, the following congregants and staff provided 520 individual meals - not including seconds!

Overall, the congregants who participated in one of these evenings felt welcome, found this event emotionally satisfying, provided an opportunity to participate in tikkun olam, and would highly recommend this event to fellow congregants in the future. We'd love to have you join us next year, want to take charge of an evening? Contact Rebecca at [reiner@emanuelfs.org](mailto:reiner@emanuelfs.org).

Alex	Chuzhoy	Jolinda	Gladstein
Alexander	Davis	Judy	Nadel
Alisa	Mosler	Julian	Pierotti
Anne	Quaintance	Katherine	Seligman
Barry	Bram	Lara	Ettenson
Beth	Steinberg	Laura	Zuckerman
Betsy	Levy	Leo	Shveyd
Carla	Fenves	Leslie	Fine
Carly	Levin	Linda	Rubinstein
Catherine	Manshel	Lisa	Faulkner
Charles	Siegel	Marcia	Lusk
Cherie	Golant	Marvin	Nathan
Craig	Lipton	Megan	Kossar
Daliah	Chuzhoy	Michael	Edelstein
Daniel	Saper	Michael	Colvin
David	Levy	Michelle	Green
Diana	Urman	Nancy	Killion
Diane	Winer	Nicole	Hsieh
Donna	Bernstein	Noah	Wintroub
Edward	Fine	Rachel	Luck
Eli	Lipton	Ralph	Guggenheim
Elizabeth	Purl	Rebecca	Susser
Elizabeth	Avalos	Renny	Feldman
Emilie	Valentine	Richard	Shaw
Ethan	Killion	Ron	Abta
Gail	Laghi	Shabana	Siegel
Gerald	Adelberg	Spencer	Rosen
Harry	Taub	Stella	Davis
Howard	Winer	Susan	Mack
Isabell	Kossar	Susan	Rothstein
Ivria	Sisson	Talia	Kishinevsky
Jacqueline	Mostny	Theodore	Maidenberg
Jill	Saper	Tom	Hsieh
Jill	Nisson	Tori	Laghi-Starks
John	Koepfel	Vincenzo	Pierottiher



# SPARK

Tuesdays, March 14, 21, 28, 6:45 - 9:00 pm,  
includes nosh and schmooze time,  
course and seminar

**\$54 Member Pricing (after Feb 15)**  
**\$75 Non-member Pricing (after Feb 15)**

## SPARK COURSES 7:00 - 7:50 pm

(select one course to focus on for all three nights of SPARK)

### The Good Old Days:

#### Buying and Selling American Jewish Nostalgia

Today, American Jews make, buy and sell nostalgia, a sentimental longing for a past that cannot be recovered. This course will examine how American Jews express nostalgia for Eastern European Jewish immigration history and connect to it emotionally through visiting historic American synagogues, buying children's books and dolls, and consuming trendy interpretations of Ashkenazi cuisine.

### Ethical Fitness

In ethics, it's usually the big issues — capital punishment, lifeboats, euthanasia — that get all the attention. However, being a good person in the real world of jury duty, time-share offers, and internet bargains poses more frequent challenges to our consciences and our society. Being an ethical person is not about having ready-made decisions; rather, it is a byproduct of a process that requires training and practice. Strive for "ethical fitness" through a "workout" with "personal trainer" Rachel Brodie. Lively conversation and text study guaranteed to make you a better person (or at least an even more thoughtful one)!

### Judaisms: A Twenty-First Century Introduction to Jews and Jewish Identities

Jewish identity is probably not what you think it is, and likely never was, contends Aaron J. Hahn Tapper. In these sessions, we will explore the multifaceted, complicated, age-old, and ever-changing ideas of what it means to be a Jew, including how this group is understood as a culture, ethnicity, nation, nationality, race, religion and more.

### Together, With Love, We Can Change the World: Talmud Study as a Counter-Cultural Rebellion

Deep-dive into the universe of the Talmud. Our task will be twofold: First, we will study three different texts from the Babylonian Talmud that will be moving, provocative and relevant in their own right. Next, we will explore what the Talmud and process of engaging with it means for us in our world today: How can this ancient text, with its seemingly strange logic (or lack thereof), be a powerful spiritual and communal resource? No experience needed, just be ready to have fun and think big. Original text and translations provided.

## SPARK SEMINARS 8:00 - 9:00 pm

### March 14 - Tad Taube and Shana Penn

The Museum of the History of the Polish Jews in Warsaw has, in every respect, been a success story. *The New York Times* has called it the "most ambitious cultural institution to rise in Poland since the fall of Communism." Visitors are stunned by its sophisticated architecture and exhibitions. Within the Jewish community, however, the museum has been controversial from the beginning. While some see it as a gift to a society still indifferent toward the Jewish people, others see it as a celebration of the rich Jewish history in Poland, or, as Tad Taube, one of the museum's principal supporters, puts it: "Jews were a part of Poland for thousand years. We cannot forget about the richness of their lives and their contributions to society. Poland would not be what it is without the Jews." Learn more about the museum, its history and its goals and join us for an evening of study and discussion.

### March 21 - Prof. Marc Dollinger in conversation with Ilana Kaufman from the JCRC

**Jews and Race: The Changing Color of American Jewry**  
Prof. Dollinger will speak to and about white privilege about how Jews have become white and its implications as we navigate the world around us. Prof. Marc Dollinger holds the Richard and Rhoda Goldman Endowed Chair in Jewish Studies and Social Responsibility at San Francisco State University. He is author of *Quest For Inclusion: Jews and Liberalism In Modern America* published by Princeton University Press, *California Jews*, co-edited with Ava Kahn, and *American Jewish History: A Primary Source Reader*, both published by Brandeis University Press. He is currently at work on: *Is It Good For The Jews? Black Power and the 1960s*. He is a past president of both the Jewish Community High School of the Bay and Brandeis Hillel Day School. Prof. Dollinger serves as academic vice president of Lehrhaus Judaica as well as trustee of URJ Camp Newman and the Bay Area Jewish Healing Center. He sits on the California advisory committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights, was named 2008 Volunteer of the Year by the SF Jewish Community Federation, and was awarded the San Francisco JCRC's 2015 Courageous Leader award for his work against the BDS movement. Just for fun, Professor Dollinger helped actress Helen Hunt learn about her Jewish roots on the NBC program, "Who Do You Think You Are?"

**Ilana Kaufman** will bring perspectives on and from Jews of color in the US, and on Jews, Jewish identity and racial justice in the US. Ilana is Public Affairs and Civic Engagement Director, East Bay, for the San Francisco-based Jewish Community Relations Council. She has twenty years of leadership, community building and organizational development experience. As a strategic designer, planner and problem solver, Ilana is regularly engaged by regional and national Jewish federations, community relations

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## MARCH 2017 B'NEI MITZVAH

### Anjali Frumkes

Bat Mitzvah: March 4  
Main Sanctuary  
Parent: Nancy Frumkes  
Torah Portion: *Terumah*



### Eric & Olivia Sunshine

B'nei Mitzvah: March 4  
Martin Meyer Sanctuary  
Parents:  
Stuart & Lisbet Sunshine  
Torah Portion: *Terumah*



### Reilly Derrick

Bat Mitzvah: March 18  
Main Sanctuary  
Parents: Mike & Jennifer Derrick  
Torah Portion: *Ki Tissa Parah*



### Caroline Scharf

Bat Mitzvah: March 25  
Main Sanctuary  
Parents: David Scharf &  
Felicia Goldstein  
Torah Portion:  
*Vayakhel Pekude Hahodesh*



### Nathan Rockman

Bar Mitzvah: March 25  
Martin Meyer Sanctuary  
Parents: David & Mary Jane Rockman  
Torah Portion:  
*Vayakhel Pekude Hahodesh*



## 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, 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.

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organizations, philanthropic entities and community service providers. She has been featured in the *Jewish Times of America* and the *J Weekly*, and has published articles in the *Forward*, *eJewish Philanthropy*, *The Foundation Review* and *Independent School Magazine*. A nationally regarded thought leader on the importance of grappling with race and racism in the Jewish community, Ilana was featured in the series "Ell Talks: Inspired Jewish Ideas" in 2015 and was recognized by both the Jewish Multiracial Network and the New York Public Library Blog Celebrating African American Jews for Black History Month in 2016.

### March 28 - Rabbi Lawrence Kushner

*'God was in this Place and I, I did not Know'*  
A very close reading of *Genesis 28:16*.

We will examine one of the great epiphanies of the Hebrew Bible, which happens after Jacob wakes up from his great dream. Our commentators find in this verse a complete spiritual manual for encountering and comprehending the divine.

Rabbi Lawrence Kushner has served as the Emanu-El Scholar since 2002. He is the author of eighteen books including the just published *I'm God; You're Not: Observations on Organized Religion & Other Disguises of the Ego*; a novel, *Kabbalah: A Love Story*; and a screenplay, *Your Good Friend* (with Matthew Jacobs); *Honey from the Rock*; *God Was in This Place and I, I Did Not Know*; *Invisible Lines of Connection*; and *Five Cities of Refuge* (with David Mamet). He has been a commentator on National Public Radio's *All Things Considered*.

This program is part of the Madeleine Haas Russell Institute of Jewish Learning, co-sponsored by Lehrhaus Judaica.

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## MONTHLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Join us each month for a drop-in study session with a member of our clergy. Free and exciting! Just bring your lunch, snacks, and an open mind!

Brown Bag	1st Wednesday of every month, Noon - 1:00 pm, at Temple Emanu-El
Limonata and Learning	1st Wednesday of every month, 4:00 - 5:30 pm, Book Passage, 51 Tamal Vista Blvd, Corte Madera
At the Rabbis' Table	3rd Wednesday of every month Noon - 1:00 pm, 55 - 2nd Street, downtown SF

Please check our website,  
[www.emanuelsf.org/adult-learning](http://www.emanuelsf.org/adult-learning), to register.

## MAZEL TOV TO OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED JOY

Leah and Aaron Kessler on the birth of their son, Elliott Dylan Kessler

Karen and Jason Brein on the birth of their daughter, Ava Sara Brein

Zoe Bell and Tom Murphy on the birth of their son, Clark David Murphy

Silvia and Michael Findling on the birth of their son, Benjamin Preston Findling

Lesley Bunim and Michael Jensen on the birth of their daughter, and Lynn and David Bunim on the birth of their granddaughter, Dagny Margot Jensen

Flora Kupferman on the marriage of her daughter Elana to Micah Scheindlin

## CONDOLENCES TO OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE SUFFERED RECENT LOSSES

Stuart Eisendrath (Debra) on the death of his aunt, and Michael Cohn (Sarah Stein) on the death of his grandmother, and Rachel and Simon Cohn on the death of their great-grandmother, Estelle Eisendrath

Charlene Tuchman on the death of her husband, and Ellen Rothmann (John) on the death of her father, and Samuel and Joel Rothmann on the death of their grandfather, Sidney Tuchman

Sherman Levine on the death of his mother, Maria Levine

Friends and family of longtime member, Jacqueline Lelyveld

Friends and family of longtime member, Barbara Krueger

Laura Gross (Josh Kline) on the death of her grandmother, Hilda Maio

Mark Mosheim (Nicole) on the death of his sister-in-law, and Hannah and Eric Mosheim on the death of their aunt, Gail Mosheim

Beth Heslowitz on the death of her aunt, Edith Heslowitz

Elizabeth Ozer (Cliff Staton) and Emily Ozer (Tony Fields) on the death of their sister, and Samuel, Max and Emilia Ozer-Staton and Benjamin and Elena Fields, on the death of their aunt, Kathy Ozer

Mia Mitchell (Andy Zittell) on the death of her brother, Matthew Mitchell

Trudy Edelson (Steven Katznelson) on the death of her father, and Benjamin and Hannah Katznelson on the death of their grandfather, Jerry Edelson

Andy Zittell (Mia Mitchell) on the death of his stepmother, Barbara Zittell

Tali Rapaport (Nick Josefowitz) on the death of her father, and Alex and Ben Josefowitz on the death of their grandfather, Bob Rapaport

Alyce Brown on the death of her sister, Minna Levitt

Mary Haber on the death of her uncle, and Charlotte and Jack Haber on the death of their great uncle, William Zellerbach

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS ON THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS

Paula Pretlow on being inducted into the Foundation for Oklahoma City Public Schools Wall of Fame at the organization's 32nd annual Wall of Fame Humanitarian Awards ceremony celebrating the rich history of Oklahoma City Public Schools. Paula is on the Temple's Board of Directors.

## NEW MEMBERS - Welcome!

Dr. Richard Katzwer, Ms. Rebecca Brodsky • Ms. Trela Caler, Mr. Louis "Lexy" Loewenstein, Levi Loewenstein • Lilah Fain, Mr. Vyacheslav Fain, Ms. Kari Simpson Fain • Mr. Renny Feldman, Ms. Gloria Wong, Edith Feldman • Alexander Goldberg, Michael Goldberg, Mr. Leonard Goldberg, Mrs. Nancy Goldberg • Mr. Jason Mooty, Mr. Andrew Schumeister • Ms. Janet Surkin, Mr. Robert Stillman • Dr. Jonathan Terdiman, Dr. Madhulika Varma, Mira Terdiman, Joya Terdiman • Mr. Ben Wolf

## REJOINED MEMBERS

Athena Campbell, William Campbell, Cerise Campbell, Ms. Karyn Campbell, Mr. Samuel Campbell • Dr. Natalya Vaksman, Mr. Robert Sverbilov, Liat Sverbilov, Evie Sverbilov • Mr. Alon Winterstein, Ms. Nina Markoff

## HAVE YOU REMEMBERED THE CONGREGATION IN YOUR ESTATE PLAN?

We invite you to become a member of the Emanu-El Legacy Circle. If you have included Congregation Emanu-El in your estate planning through a bequest or as a beneficiary of an insurance or retirement plan, you already qualify as a member of our Legacy Circle. Just let us know that you have done so.

As a member of this esteemed circle of supporters, you will join others in proclaiming your commitment to the life and mission of Congregation Emanu-El.

If you have made a provision for Congregation Emanu-El in your will, or would like to speak with someone at the congregation about the Emanu-El Legacy Circle, please contact Development Director Lani Zinn at (415) 750-7557.

# MARCH CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Noon Brown Bag  7:00 pm I Heard it Through the Grapevine...	2 9:30 am Side By Side  6:30 pm Mah Jong	3 9:30 am Bagels and Babies (MMR)  5:30 pm First Friday Family Shabbat Service (MMS)  6:00 pm Classic Shabbat Service (Main)  6:15 pm Simchat Shabbat Dinner (Guild Hall)  7:30 pm Late One Shabbat Service (MMS)	4 9:15 am Torah Study (Library)  9:15 am Torah Study with Rabbi Kushner (R55)  9:30 am YFE-Shabbat Experience (GHI)  10:30 am Shabbat Morning Minyan - Anjali Frumkes (Main)  10:30 am Shabbat Morning Minyan - Eric & Olivia Sunshine (MMS)
5	6 9:30 am Mazel Tots (MMR)  10:00 am The Stories of Your Life  11:00 am Scrabble (R57)	7 9:30 am Side By Side  10:00 am Bridge  7:00 pm Amb. Dore Gold Lecture (MMR)	8 6:00 pm Eimatai Chapel	9 9:30 am Side By Side  6:30 pm Mah Jong	10 9:30 am Bagels and Babies (MMR)  6:00 pm One Shabbat Service (MMS)  8:30 pm Young Adult Late Shabbat Purim (MMS)	11 9:15 am Torah Study (Library)  9:15 am Torah Study with Rabbi Kushner (R55)  10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service (Chap)  4:00 pm Carnival Shushan's Bazaar  6:00 pm Purim Shpiel (Main)  7:00 pm Adult Purim Celebration
12 PURIM  Daylight Saving Begins Spring Forward 1 hour  10:00 am Purim Megillah Reading (NAT)	13 9:30 am Mazel Tots (MMR)  11:00 am Scrabble (5th Floor)	14 9:30 am Side By Side  10:00 am Bridge  6:30 pm SPARK Emanu-El	15 Noon At the Rabbis' Table (NAT)	16 9:30 am Side By Side  6:30 pm Mah Jong	17 9:30 am Bagels and Babies (MMR)  6:00 pm One Shabbat Service (MMS)	18 9:15 am Torah Study (Library)  9:15 am Torah Study with Rabbi Kushner (R55)  10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service - Reilly Derrick (Main)
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26	27 9:30 am Mazel Tots (MMR)  11:00 am Scrabble (5th Floor)	28 10:00 am Bridge  6:30 pm Mah Jongg  6:30 pm SPARK Emanu-El	29 6:30 pm The Tribe for Women and Women's Group Seder	30 9:30 am Side By Side  6:30 pm Mah Jong	31 Scholar in Residence Weekend  9:30 am Bagels and Babies (MMR)  6:00 pm Shabbat Service Guest Speaker Ruth Calderon  7:00 pm Dinner With Ruth Calderon	APRIL 1 Scholar in Residence Weekend  9:15 am Torah Study with Ruth Calderon (MMR)  10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service - Josh Mayer (Main)

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

The Cantor's Couch is presented in memory of Jean Hartman

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

### **LAURA KLAPPER, JCL TUTOR**

Two of my passions are reading and theater – I'm in two different book clubs and perform with a children's theater company. I also miss being with young children now that my kids are grown. The Jewish Coalition for Literacy (JCL) has provided a very fulfilling avenue to pursue my love of literature, "act out" stories that I read aloud, and make a real difference in young children's lives.

I've been tutoring with JCL at Argonne Elementary for about three years. I go once a week for three hours and mostly work with the same wonderful kindergarten teacher. While I initially met with kids who did not speak English at home or were struggling with their reading, I now work one-on-one with every child in the class. We made this switch since the teacher wanted all the students to have extra, individual attention and believed I was truly helping them love literature and advance their individual reading skills. In fact, the children are so excited when I come each week that a large contingent opts to stay inside at recess so I can read stories to them! I generally bring in books from my own collection of children's literature, from when my kids were young, but I also use supplemental tools provided by the teacher to help the kids with phonics and other reading basics.

Once the kindergarteners leave for lunch, I go upstairs to work with a fourth grader who needs extra help, and I really enjoy that experience, too. A special treat is greeting and chatting with my former kindergarten students, who are now in first, second or third grades, when I see them in the halls. I've come to absolutely adore my Tuesday mornings at Argonne. Thanks to JCL for giving me this wonderful opportunity!

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