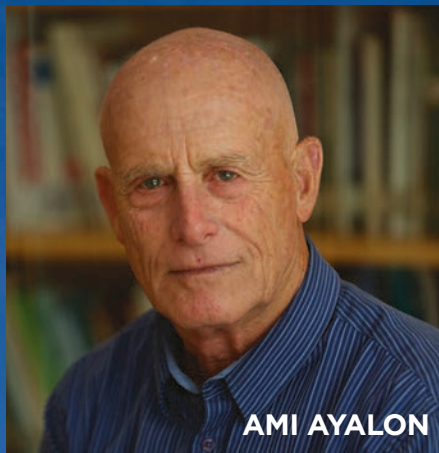


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AMI AYALON



LIAT SCHLESINGER



RICK JACOBS



## Progressive Voices for Peace



**NOV  
11** RACHEL KORAZIM  
ISRAELI SOCIETY  
AND  
THE HOLOCAUST



**NOV  
15** RABBI SYDNEY  
MINTZ, COMEDY  
NIGHT

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ISRAEL AT A CROSSROAD: AMI AYALON & LIAT SCHLESINGER OF MOLAD: THE CENTER FOR RENEWAL OF ISRAELI DEMOCRACY

Wednesday, November 14, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, Martin Meyer Sanctuary



Ami Ayalon and Liat Schlesinger will share their experiences from and analysis of their joint work in consolidating and revitalizing the progressive community. The Israeli center-left camp, they argue, can return to dominance in the public arena and ultimately win in the ballot box. Today, this task is not only a political goal, but also an existential necessity.

Ami Ayalon is Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Haifa Research Center for Maritime & Strategy. He is a senior research fellow at the Israel Democracy Institute and serves as the chairman of AKIM Israel (the National Association for the children and adults with Intellectual Disabilities). Ayalon is one of the founders of Blue White Future ("BWF"), a non-partisan political movement, committed to securing the future of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state through facilitating an inclusive discourse to promote a two state solution. Admiral (ret.) Ami is a former Director of Israel Security Agency (the Shin Bet) and a former

commander of Israel's Navy. He has served as a cabinet minister and a member of the Knesset. Along with Sari Nusseibeh, he headed the People's Voice peace initiative in 2002.

Liat Schlesinger is the Executive Director of Molad. Before that, she was head of investigative research at Molad. Prior to joining Molad, Schlesinger was an investigative journalist at *Ma'ariv*, an Israeli daily publication. In 2013, she was awarded the Pratt Prize for Environmental Journalism. Liat holds an M.A. in International Community Development from the Hebrew University.



## ANNUAL KRISTALLNACHT (POGROMNACHT) COMMEMORATION

### ISRAELI SOCIETY AND THE HOLOCAUST WITH RACHEL KORAZIM

Sunday, November 11, 2:00 – 4:00 pm,  
Martin Meyer Sanctuary

Please join us for a special afternoon with renowned educator Rachel Korazim. Rachel will speak about Israeli society and the Holocaust, exploring the development of the Holocaust narrative in Israel — from the early days while still under British Mandate up until modern times. We will listen to individual testimonies, evaluating ideological and political points of view to create a combined image of our quest for meaning.

Rachel is a freelance Jewish education consultant in curriculum development for Israel and Holocaust education. She engages

audiences worldwide through innovative presentations built around the stories, poems, and songs of Israel's best writers. Her thought-provoking talks open a window into Israeli society, inviting listeners to engage in new ways with the Jewish homeland and its history.

This program is designed to engage intergenerational conversation around the Holocaust. Children 11+ are welcome, and younger kids may also participate at parental discretion.

*This program is free to the community and is presented in partnership with the Shalom Hartman Institute and the Koret Foundation.*



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By Richard and Rhoda Goldman Senior Rabbi Beth Singer

## IT'S A MOVEMENT!

Whenever I need a quick reminder of how modest my contributions to the rabbinate have been over the past 29 years, all I have to do is think of Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise. You may not recognize the name, but I assure you, the accomplishments and legacy of Rabbi Wise have significantly impacted your life. Like many German Jews, Rabbi Wise arrived in America in the mid-1800s. As he surveyed the American Jewish landscape at that time, with its hodge podge of disparate communities, he saw a need for two initiatives: (1) to reform and update Judaism, making it palatable to American Jews; and (2) to bring all American Jewry together under a single unified body. Clearly, he had never heard the joke about the shipwrecked Jew rescued from a desert island who, while marooned, had built two synagogues (one he wouldn't set foot in!).

Be that as it may, Rabbi Wise did end up having a monumental role in shaping our lives by creating four very significant building blocks of new American Judaism:

- The Union of American Hebrew Congregations (now known as the Union for Reform Judaism [URJ]), in 1873
- The Hebrew Union College, in 1875
- The Central Conference of American Rabbis, in 1889
- The Union Prayerbook, in 1894

Take note of the names he chose for each of these elements; because he sought to unite ALL American Jews, none of them includes the word "Reform" in the title!

Make Sure to

Vote

Congregation Emanu-El is partnering with other organizations — such as the League of Women Voters, Religious Action Center, and Jewish Community Relations Council — to ensure that our congregants and the broader community are registered to vote, committed to vote, and educated on the issues that matter to them.

Did you know that only 15 percent of 18 to 20-year-olds voted in the last midterm election in 2014? Check out MitzVote ([www.mitz.vote](http://www.mitz.vote)) to find out how you can help inspire our youth to get involved in the political process!

While Rabbi Wise's goal of creating ONE Judaism proved impossible — we now have many flourishing denominations (including Reform, Reconstructionist, Orthodox, Conservative, Renewal, Humanist, anti-denominational "Indie" movements, and numerous distinctive Hasidic branches) — such a diversity ensures a healthy, robust Judaism. Although every Jew is united to the whole by Torah, we need choices in how Torah teachings and values are incorporated into our daily lives, and multiple interpretations of our civilizational religion are vital to its sustainability.

The movement that Rabbi Wise created has flourished, and with its hallmark of embracing both tradition and innovation, Reform Judaism is now the largest denomination in North America! For example, one Reform leader — Rabbi Alexander Schindler — was an early adopter of the value of welcoming interfaith families into our congregations. Rabbi Schindler was a visionary who recognized that many families with parents from two different backgrounds want to raise a Jewish family and pass Torah along to the next generation. Additionally, Rabbi Rick Jacobs, the current leader of the URJ (and my boss for four years in my early years in the rabbinate) is an unapologetic Zionist who believes that Reform Judaism deserves full recognition in Israel.

Rabbi Jacobs will be speaking at our One Shabbat Service on Friday, November 9. He will also be in attendance to witness our Young Adult Late Shabbat that same evening, as recognizing Jewish millennials as the future of Judaism is another one of his passions. Please plan to be with us on November 9.

Mark your calendar also for December 11–14, 2019 (yes, a whole year from now) to join a delegation of Emanu-El members in attending the URJ Biennial in Chicago. This conference will provide a great opportunity to communicate with other Reform Jews about current issues, and to experience the thrill of a communal Shabbat along with 5,000 other Reform Jews all singing and experiencing Torah together!

As Judaism evolves, I believe that Reform Judaism will continue to serve the needs of a large segment of American Jews more effectively than any other denomination. Again, I invite you to join us at the November 9 One Shabbat Service so you can hear directly from the current leader of the Reform Jewish movement!





# SHABBAT CALENDAR

## NOVEMBER

### Friday, November 2

5:30 pm, First Friday Under Five  
(Martin Meyer Sanctuary)

6:00 pm, Classic Shabbat Service  
(Main Sanctuary)

### Saturday, November 3

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

### Friday, November 9

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

8:30 pm, Young Adult Late Shabbat  
(Martin Meyer Sanctuary)

### Saturday, November 10

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

### Friday, November 16

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

### Saturday, November 17

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

### Friday, November 23

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

### Saturday, November 24

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

### Friday, November 30

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

6:00 pm, TISCH - Teen Shabbat  
(Guild Hall)

## ONE SHABBAT SERVICE SPEAKERS

### RICK JACOBS: PRESIDENT, UNION FOR REFORM JUDAISM

*November 9, 6:00 pm,  
One Shabbat Service, Martin  
Meyer Sanctuary*

Sermon: **21st Century  
Reform Judaism: A Force for  
Transformation and Justice**

Hear from Rabbi Rick Jacobs, president of the URJ, the largest and most diverse Jewish movement in North America, with almost 900 congregations reaching nearly 1.5 million people. For close to 150 years, the URJ has been at the forefront in promoting an open, progressive Judaism. Rabbi Jacobs is a product of the Reform Movement and dedicated to global social justice issues.

Rabbi Jacobs was part of a delegation that assessed disaster response following Haiti's devastating earthquake in 2010. He also observed the plight of Darfur refugees as part of an international humanitarian mission to the Chad-Darfur border area in 2005, and in 2009, participated in an annual conference of Muslim and Christian leaders, held in Qatar, designed to build understanding between the West and the Muslim world.



### DONNY FRIEND: PRESIDENT, EMANU-EL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*November 30, 6:00 pm,  
One Shabbat Service, Martin  
Meyer Sanctuary*

Come give Donny Friend a blessing as we celebrate his tenure as Emanu-El Board President.



## 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:

Friedman-Lowenthal Family

in honor of Elie, Emma, Nathan and Emma Quad Mitzvah

Nate and Gracie Felsenthal in honor of Alan Weiss, Gloria and Eddie Felsenthal and in memory of Susan Weiss and Helga Cornell

## A NIGHT OF JEWISH STAND UP COMEDY

**Thursday, November 15,  
7:30 – 9:00 pm  
(doors open at 7:00 pm)  
Cost: \$15 online (until  
November 9); \$20 at the door**

Enjoy both established and emerging super-funny Jewish comedians for a night of unmitigated laughter! This program will showcase diverse backgrounds, personalities, perspectives, and talents, and will be emcee'd by Rabbi Sydney Mintz.



## TISCH - BRAND NEW TEEN SHABBAT SERVICE

**Friday, November 30, 6:15 – 8:30 pm, Guild Hall**

TISCH (Teens in Spiritual Communal Happenings - a program of the Teen Accelerator Initiative), is for teens and their friends who grapple with identity, connection to community, and spirituality. This teen engagement program of monthly Shabbat dinner and services provides leadership and personal growth opportunities and community building experiences that draw teens into fun and fulfilling Jewish life.



All 9th- through 12th-graders are welcome! They don't have to be Emanu-El congregants — bring friends!

*TISCH is part of the Jewish Teen Education and Engagement Initiative, with support provided by the Jewish Community Federation and Endowment Fund and the Jim Joseph Foundation.*

For more information about TISCH, please contact JC Cuttler, Youth Engagement Professional, at [jcuttler@emanuelsf.org](mailto:jcuttler@emanuelsf.org).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

## EMANU-EL'S 169TH ANNUAL TOWN HALL MEETING

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



This annual meeting offers you the opportunity to provide input on some of the opportunities and challenges we face as a Jewish community, and about how we can improve Congregation Emanu-El. Our town hall will feature a question-and-answer forum for our leadership team, including the senior rabbis, president, treasurer, chief financial officer, and executive director; and a vote for new directors. Please plan to stay afterward for a reception with coffee, tea, bagels, fruit and more.

Make sure to check your inbox for an email featuring the nominating committee's full report, including bios for all board nominees, and pause to acknowledge the debt of gratitude we owe to our departing President Donny Friend, after serving on the Board for 10 years.

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

## ADULT EDUCATION

### MONTHLY DROP-IN LEARNING SESSIONS

*First Wednesday of each month.*

#### **Brown Bag at Temple Emanu-El**

Wednesday, November 7, noon – 1:00 pm, Library

Bring a lunch and explore our texts with a member of the clergy.

#### **Limonata and Learning at Book Passage**

**Wednesday, November 7, 4:00 – 5:00 pm, 51 Tamal Vista Blvd., Corte Madera**

Grab a nosh or a drink at this no-host learning session led by Rabbi Jonathan Singer.

### CHESHVAN YOGA: YOGA FOR REST – WITH JULIE EMDEN

**Fridays, November 2, 9, and 16  
Noon – 1:15 pm, Temple Emanu-El**

Cost: Members \$36; nonmembers \$54

Prepare for Shabbat, on all levels of being, in this Friday lunchtime weekly series during the month of Cheshvan (the Hebrew month of rest). Integrate mind, body, heart, and spirit, and cultivate the quality of *menuchah* (rest) in a gentle yoga and movement practice rooted in Jewish mystical teachings. This course will be taught by Julie Emden, founder and director of Embodied Jewish Learning.

Register by visiting: [www.emanuelf.org/learning/adult-education/](http://www.emanuelf.org/learning/adult-education/).



### CONGREGATION EMANU-EL SUMMER 2019 FAMILY ISRAEL TRIP (JUNE 27 – JULY 7)

**Sunday, November 11 – Information meeting  
11:30 am, Temple Emanu-El**

Join Rabbi Jonathan Singer's amazing multi-generational trip to Israel. We will tour, connect with Israeli political and cultural leaders. 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 in between programs. A few of our teens will become B'nei Mitzvah and it will be magical.

Review the website and itinerary here: <https://arzaworld.com/EmanuElsf2019.aspx>

## GIVE YEAR END WITH STOCK

Did you know that you could make charitable gifts — including your Emanu-El membership Dues and Impact Fund gift — by donating your appreciated stock? This is an excellent time to avoid capital gains taxes while generously supporting the Congregation.

If you are making a stock gift, please use the following information:

First Republic Securities Co, LLC  
Account Name: Congregation Emanu-El  
For Further Credit to Account Number: 33L064574  
Clearing Firm: Pershing LLC  
Pershing LLC DTC# 0443

Note: Please make the Development Office aware of your stock gift before it is transferred so your donation can be tracked and appropriately directed as you wish. Email [lzinn@emanuelf.org](mailto:lzinn@emanuelf.org) or call (415) 750-7557.

## Corporate Matching

Many Bay Area companies, including Yelp, Clorox, Google, and Salesforce, will match your gift dollar-for-dollar. Please contact your company's matching gifts coordinator to obtain a matching gift form and determine whether your gift to Congregation Emanu-El can be matched.

Thank you to the following companies for matching our member's donations:

- Apple • Clorox • Google • BlackRock
- Deloitte & Touche • Salesforce • Visa • Gap, Inc.
- Pacific Gas & Electric Co.



# EMANU-EL SPOTLIGHT

*This November, Emanu-El will be celebrating Donny's tenure as president of the Congregation Emanu-El Board of Directors. An interview with Donny will be featured in a future Chronicle, but in the meantime, we are sharing his sermon from this year's Rosh Hashanah service. "ROSH HASHANAH 5779"*

By Donny Friend

Good Yontif! It is a privilege and an honor on behalf of your Board of Directors to address this Congregation on this important day. My tenure in this sacred role has truly fulfilled so many of my dreams for our community's Jewish connection.

Some of us only see each other during these "days of awe" and yet the feeling of closeness is present immediately like we haven't missed a beat. We have an ongoing relationship bound by our covenant to live our lives in the great Jewish tradition, at any level we choose. We come to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services because it marks our time in the calendar and causes us to reflect on ourselves and where we are. In fact, our Jewish calendar has these magical reminders filled with festivals and observances to focus our attention on relevant matters throughout the year. Today and during the last month of Elul we contemplate. What do I want to change? What am I doing to make the world a better place? Am I and/or my close ones being wasteful? Are we displaying anger? Are we being kind?

We need to ask these questions of ourselves. Our world is so full of problems from the divided nature of our citizens, to nuclear threats, to our homeless, to random shootings, to global warming, to fires wiping out neighborhoods just miles from where we sit. It would be easy for us to be hopeless and to forecast a bleak future for our community and our world. If it feels overwhelming, you are not alone.

It is our job as Jews to be hopeful and to find opportunities to improve our world rather than contribute to its deterioration. In our history, more than any other people, we have experienced adversity and almost certain destruction time after time. The miracle of our continued existence as we celebrate the arrival of 5779 is remarkable. I believe that the secret is our adherence to Torah that instructs us on how to behave as humans. When we wrestle with Torah, we re-examine life situations contemplated for thousands of years. The experiences of our forefathers and foremothers are enveloped in this Tanakh, the most popular book of all time. It was handed down to us at Mt. Sinai over 3,000 years ago and yet when we read the various parshyot throughout the year, we always discover new questions to consider which help guide us to better decisions and better ways to live together.

In the last four years I have noticed a shift in our society. There seems to be more aggressive behavior when it comes to day to day interaction. Common courtesies seem to have been somehow lost. This attitude carries over into business and political arguments and positions that isolate us from one another in harmful ways. I believe that we can help to shift that attitude by turning to Torah.

I suggest, as Rabbi Beth suggested last night, that we need to make efforts as much as possible to look at everyone as if they are in the image of God. We might go from cutting people off, or making assumptions about their differences, to approaching

them with an open heart. We might well receive a changed attitude in return and, perhaps, be able to re-open those conversations that now seem so impossible. I believe more common ground exists than we are ready to acknowledge.

In Moses lengthy final speech before the Israelites enter the Promised Land, he establishes that everyone that enters the land must be able to tell the story of how we were once slaves and how God saved us with an outstretched hand. Each individual had to be able to tell that story so that it would become "their own story". This spiritual core, this essential prayer, is a story that we remember. The people are commanded to remember, they are also commanded to pass that memory down to their children.

Last month we observed the 40th anniversary of my Grandfather's Yahrzeit. My Papa Ben bestowed upon me his great love of Yiddishkeit and I was inspired to learn more. Papa Ben never taught me prayers or even much ritual, but he lived a Jewish life that fulfilled him and communicated deep and enduring love. In his own way, he recited the story of our history and helped me to understand who I am. I decided that I wanted to love my family as deeply and as unconditionally as my Papa Ben did me and my brother. The roadmap for doing that turned out to be the incorporation of Jewish values and ritual into our lives. This has become possible because of our connection to this community and this Congregation and we have grown in ways that help us to tell our story to each other and to communicate at ever deeper levels.

I am so grateful to the clergy and staff here at Congregation Emanu-El that contribute their full beings to ensure that Judaism in San Francisco will be eternal and that the more than 2100 member families are given the opportunity to experience our great heritage at a level that works for them. We are blessed as a Congregation to have our story handed down to us and to have this magnificent sanctuary in which to gather together.

I have been speaking to you for the last few years about our dreams to help transform our building. We have been intentionally deliberate because we want to make sure that we get it right, and that this place will satisfy the needs of our community for the next 100 years. We now are visioning a design which will facilitate all of our programing needs and make this the place where you and your loved ones will want to be. We want to make our experience at Temple Emanu-El more welcoming and secure and create more intimate spaces to connect and share each other's joys and sorrows. We want to create a new social hall that will make planning simchas for weddings and B'nei Mitzvah a one stop operation. We want our classrooms to sparkle with the latest in learning technology and invite our children to be excited about coming to Sunday school. All of these improvements will insure that Judaism in San Francisco will be here for generations to come. In the space that we are planning, I have dreams of talking Torah over a coffee or while baking a challah together.

There is a story in the Talmud of an old guy observed planting a carob tree. When asked if he really expected to live long enough to consume the fruits of his labor, he replied: "I was born into a world flourishing with ready pleasures. My ancestors planted for me, and I now I plant for my children..."

We want everyone in this community and Congregation and their children to be able taste the magnificent fruits that have been handed down to us.

We know who we are, because we remember.

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## DAYTIME PROGRAMS AT THE TEMPLE

Meet other congregants at these weekday opportunities at the temple! Questions? Contact Frana Price.

All Daytime Events listed are at Temple Emanu-El

### Cooking for Congregants

**Thursdays, November 22 and 29, 9:00 – 11:00 am, 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. 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, November 5, 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! For more information, contact the group facilitator Nancy Alpert, LCSW at nalpo@igc.org.

### Scrabble

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

**Mondays, November 5, 12, 19, and 26, 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.

### Mah Jongg

*No charge; drop in.*

**Tuesdays, November 6 and 20, 1:30 – 4:30 pm and November 13 and 27, 6:00 – 9:00 pm, Rinder Chapel**

These sessions are open to all levels of experience, but you must know the basics as there will be no teaching — play time only!

### Bridge Club – Lessons and Game

*Drop in.*

**Tuesdays, November 6, 13, 20, and 27, 10:00 am – noon, Rinder Chapel**

*Cost: Members \$15; friends of members \$20*

If you are beyond the level of novice, join this very popular and lively group for duplicate-style bridge. Play while improving your game. No partner needed. Deborah Murphy is the instructor.

## CONGREGANT GROUPS & GATHERINGS

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

### THE MEN'S GROUP WITH RABBI JONATHAN

**Sunday, November 11, 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 donations from two members of the Men's Group, the majority of gatherings are now offered for free!*

### 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.

### Book Club – *iGen: Why Today's Super-Connected Kids are Growing Up Less Rebellious, More Tolerant, Less Happy, and Completely Unprepared for Adulthood, and What That Means for the Rest of Us*

**Wednesday, November 7, 7:00 – 9:30 pm, Guild Hall  
Cost: \$10 per person (including a light dinner)**

If you have ever argued about, denied, or succumbed to your children's unending appetite for screen time and electronic devices, this discussion provides an opportunity to share your experiences and to learn the real costs of screen time on your kids and family. (Spoiler alert! Screen time has been linked to a seismic shift in teen behavior — from driving to sexual activity, depression, and suicide. These outcomes should inform our understanding of the true risks of screen addiction.) Come prepared to discuss what you learned in the book as well as your personal experience of the impact of screen time on your family. Even if you're unable to read the book in advance, you are still welcome to join the conversation! Please register online.



## THE TRIBE FOR WOMEN

A group for moms with children ages 0–18.

### Urban Mikvah and Dinner

**Sunday, November 4, 3:45 – 8:30 pm,  
466 Eddy Street, San Francisco**

Join us for an urban mikveh/spa day and dinner at Onsen — with a private (clothing optional) 105-minute soak in Onsen's bath house, followed by a three-course prix fixe dinner in a private tatami mat room. Onsen's bath house was created to foster community and social connection in a relaxing, warm water environment. Amenities at the facility include a redwood dry sauna, steam room, custom overhead cold plunge, and 4-foot-deep soaking pool.

Beginning at 3:45 pm, our group will have private access to the bath house, and at 5:30 pm, we will move to the adjoining restaurant to delight in the gourmet dinner. You may participate in either or both of these events, as space allows (capacity is limited for dinner). You can also choose to extend your day at Onsen by scheduling any of their other spa services earlier in the day (contact Onsen directly for those additional services). Massage anyone?

Please register for the mikvah/spa and dinner on our website.

## TZEDEK COUNCIL

*Meet your fellow congregants for these social justice opportunities! Questions? Contact Rebecca Reiner.*

### What is the Tzedek Council?

Congregation Emanu-El's Tzedek Council was launched in August 2015 as a congregant-, board-, and clergy-run group, charged with the task of raising our participation and impact in the social justice arena. The Tzedek Council comprises four working groups, covering the following topics: Economic Justice, Education, Environment, and Human Rights.

## HUMAN RIGHTS

### UNITY GROUP

*Congregation Emanu-El and First African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church sponsor an African-American/Jewish Unity Group that meets monthly.*

**Second Thursdays of the month, 6:00 – 7:30 pm  
African American Art & Culture Complex,  
762 Fulton Street, San Francisco**

For the past several years, a group of Emanu-El congregants have met monthly with members and leaders of the Bay Area African-American community — for fellowship and to advance the cause of racial justice in the Bay Area. Please contact Saundrah Anjali ([sanjali@emanuelsf.org](mailto:sanjali@emanuelsf.org)) for more information or to be added to our Unity Group mailing list.

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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.

### Your Community Engagement Team:

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Thank you to all who came to our Tzedek Council discussion on how we can support our city in the effort to house homeless youth.

## Larkin Street Youth Services

*This year, the Tzedek Council is partnering with Larkin Street Youth Services and the City of San Francisco to reduce the number of youth experiencing homelessness in San Francisco.*

On Yom Kippur, the Tzedek Council's "A Conversation with Youth Experiencing Homelessness in Our City" brought together over 250 Emanu-El members to discuss how we can help homeless youth in our city. The program included presentations from: (1) Two inspirational youth who, after having experienced homelessness themselves, are now connected to Larkin Street Youth Services; (2) Dr. Colette Auerswald, a pediatrician and associate professor in Community Health Sciences at U.C. Berkeley School of Public Health; (3) Program moderator Jeff Kositsky, an Emanu-El congregant and director of the San Francisco Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing; and (4) Emanu-El Rabbis Jason Rodich and Ryan Bauer.

**More photos and an audio recording of this program can be found here: [www.emanuelsf.org/homelessyouth](http://www.emanuelsf.org/homelessyouth)**

### How You Can Help!

Would you like to help make a difference in the lives of young adults experiencing homelessness? To participate in this tikkun olam, please see below for ideas about how you can get involved, including some specific volunteer opportunities.

1. **Become a collection drive champion** — help collect and donate items for youth experiencing homelessness! Each month, we will announce a new drive for items needed by clients of Larkin Street Youth Services. Throughout the month, please bring packages of new adult hats or beanie caps with you when you come to services or participate in other programs at the temple. To become more involved in the collection drives for Larkin Street Youth Services, please contact the Tzedek Council at [TCvolunteer@emanuelf.org](mailto:TCvolunteer@emanuelf.org). The donation bin is located in Emanu-El's front office foyer. Please involve your family, friends, and community in filling the bin each month!

2. **Sponsor a Sunday night dinner for youth experiencing homelessness** — cook, eat, and socialize with residents of G-House! Run by Larkin Street Youth Services, G House is a 20-bed transitional housing program for homeless young adults in San Francisco. G-House provides its 18- to 24-year-old residents with the tools necessary to ensure a successful transition to independent living. Please sign up at our website: [www.emanuelf.org/homelessyouth.org](http://www.emanuelf.org/homelessyouth.org).

## Help Reunite and Support Immigrant Children and Families

While many immigrant children have been reunited with their parents, an unimaginable number of kids remain separated from their families. The Jewish Community Relations Council offers ways for our community to assist in this effort, and we are continuing our work with the International Rescue Committee to help with both the physical and emotional needs of these impacted families. Congregation Emanu-El has set out to help six families (\$2,500 per family), and we are one-third of the way to reaching our goal! If you would like to contribute, please make a donation at [help.rescue.org/donate](http://help.rescue.org/donate) (don't forget to put "Congregation Emanu-El SF" in the field that asks for your community's name).

## SAVE THE DATE

### Sponsor a Homeless Youth During Chanukah

**Sunday, December 2**

Sponsor a homeless youth during the Chanukah holiday with essential needs. Visit: <https://www.emanuelf.org/youthhomelessness/>. Check your weekly Emanu-El Inside newsletter for more details.

*More opportunities to come!*

In the coming months, we will be asking for your help with the following future programs (and more).



## **EMANU-EL CHANUKAH PREVIEW**

Please join us  
this year for  
our series of  
Chanukah Pop-  
Up Neighborhood  
Menorah Lightings,  
plus our special  
Chanukah Service  
and Dinner.

### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5**

#### **6:00 PM**

##### **LAUREL VILLAGE CHANUKAH LIGHTING**

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

### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6**

#### **6:00 PM**

##### **NOE VALLEY CHANUKAH LIGHTING**

We will have a large menorah, music and treats. All are welcome! Stay tuned to our weekly Inside for exact location.

#### **6:00 PM**

##### **MARIN CHANUKAH LIGHTING AND PARTY**

Location at a private residence. Please join with us as we celebrate with music, singing, candle lighting, & treats. Stay tuned to our weekly Inside for registration.

### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7**

##### **TEMPLE CHANUKAH SERVICE AND DINNER**

#### **5:30 PM** – Pre-oneg

**6:00 PM** – Brief service and story, followed by Chanukah dinner and entertainment.

This year, we are combining our traditional First Friday Under Five service and our One Shabbat service into a special Chanukah service and dinner.

Reservations must be made in advance!  
Visit your MYEMANU-EL portal page to register  
([www.emanuelsf.magentrix.com](http://www.emanuelsf.magentrix.com))



## NOVEMBER 2018 B'NEI MITZVAH

### **Samuel Eisler**

Bar Mitzvah: November 3  
Main Sanctuary  
Parents: Jessica Eisler  
& Michael Eisler  
Torah Portion: *Haye Sarah*



### **Louis Abraham Persky**

Bar Mitzvah: November 10  
Main Sanctuary  
Parents: Donald & Valerie Persky  
Torah Portion: *Tol'dot*

### **Julian Monatlik**

Bar Mitzvah: November 10  
Martin Meyer Sanctuary  
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Torah Portion: *Tol'dot*



### **Ian Chase Friedman**

Bar Mitzvah: November 17  
Main Sanctuary  
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& Michelle Lanae  
Torah Portion: *Vayetze*

## Donate Online and save postage, paper, and time!

Don't let unexpected *simchas*, *mitzvahs*, and life-cycle events catch you off guard!

Donating online is a quick and easy way to honor friends and family while supporting the synagogue. Just go to our website ([www.emanuelf.org/support-us/](http://www.emanuelf.org/support-us/)), select "Click to Donate," and follow the steps to make a credit card gift over a secure server. Be sure to include all dedication information and let us know if we should notify someone. You will receive an electronic confirmation, followed by an acknowledgment letter in the mail. That's all there is to it! If you need assistance, contact the Development Office at [t.rothman@emanuelf.org](mailto:t.rothman@emanuelf.org) or (415) 750-7554.

## 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.

## QUAD MITZVAH

### **Noa Friedman-Lowenthal**

B'nei Mitzvah: November 17  
Martin Meyer Sanctuary  
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Torah Portion: *Vayetze*



### **Elie Friedman-Lowenthal**

B'nei Mitzvah: November 17  
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Torah Portion: *Vayetze*



### **Emma Friedman-Lowenthal**

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Torah Portion: *Vayetze*



### **Nathan Friedman-Lowenthal**

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## MAZEL TOV TO OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED JOY

Stefani and Josh Baker on the birth of their son,  
Jack Henry Baker

Lillian and Adam Archer on the birth of their daughter,  
Abigail Samuel Archer

Richard Silver, on the birth of his nephew, Leedon Harvey,  
who was named for his late wife, Leda Silver

Paula Pretlow on the birth of her grandson,  
Miles Aleksandr Pretlow

## CONDOLENCES TO OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE SUFFERED RECENT LOSSES

Hillary Wollin (Larry) on the death of her mother and  
Hez Wollin and Charles Wollin on the death of their  
grandmother, Betty Fae Nusinow

Jeremy Scherer on the death of his father, and Clementine  
and Scarlett Scherer on the death of their grandfather,  
Paul Robert Scherer

Gabriel Kind (Liz) on the death of his mother, and Joseph and  
Emily Kind on the death of their grandmother, Phyllis Kind

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and Rafael Petlin on the death of their grandfather, Irving  
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