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SPECIAL ISRAEL EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW

Israeli Elections Discussion

Sunday, April 7, 9:30 – 11:00 am, Main Sanctuary

Advanced registration is required for security purposes.



The Israeli election will take place on April 9. Join us for a conversation about what we can expect, with commentary by the Israeli Consul General Shlomi Kofman and Professor John Rothmann. It will most certainly be a stimulating discussion!

Shlomi Kofman began his appointment as Israel's Consul General to the Pacific Northwest in August 2017. He most recently served as a Policy Advisor to the Deputy Foreign Ministers based in Jerusalem, Israel. Over the course of his 20-year diplomatic career, Shlomi has served as Israel's Deputy Consul General in New York City, Chief of Staff to



*Shlomi Kofman (top) and
John F. Rothmann (bottom)*

Ambassadors in Washington D.C., Deputy Ambassador in Thailand, and Deputy Consul General in Shanghai. His past domestic Foreign

Ministry positions include Director of North American Economic Affairs, Policy Advisor to the Deputy Foreign Minister, Diplomatic Advisor and Director of the International Department in the Parliament and Ministry of National Infrastructure, and Head of the Northeast Asia sector.

John F. Rothmann is a radio talk show host on KGO 810 AM in San Francisco. John first joined the KGO family in 1996. A frequent lecturer on American politics and the presidency, John has spoken on over 150 university campuses throughout the United States, Canada, and Israel. John has been a professor at the Fromm Institute at the University of San Francisco since 2004.



Iran Talk: Next Steps After the Collapse of the Deal and Iran's Role in the Region with Professor Abe Sofaer and National Security Advisor Michael Ledeen

Thursday, May 2, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, Martin Meyer Sanctuary

Join Abe Sofaer and Michael Ledeen — world-class Hoover Institute Fellows and experts on Iran, international law, and treaty negotiations — for an in-depth exploration of this complex issue. As renowned authorities on these topics, our guest speakers have decades of first-hand experience in operating and advising the highest levels of government. We will ask them: "How do we prevent terrorism, war, or a nuclear catastrophe while supporting human rights for the Iranian people?"

This event is sponsored by the Israel Action Committee.

If you have questions about this event, contact Ariana Estoque, Director of Adolescent and Adult Education, at aestoque@emanuelsf.org or (415) 751-2541 x307.



*Abe Sofaer (top)
and Michael Ledeen
(bottom)*

SHALOM RAV FROM OUR RABBI

By Richard and Rhoda Goldman Senior Rabbi Jonathan Singer

The Atlantis Resort in the Bahamas has jumped on the Passover bandwagon! This year, rather than cleaning your house, you can opt for a Seder at a resort that has been kashered for Passover! Enjoy Passover meals as Matasiyahu entertains you, and experience freedom for the entire week of the holiday!

That is one way to celebrate *Yitziat Mitzrayim* — the going out from Egypt — which our tradition teaches us to do for the week of Passover. The tradition of this festival encompasses the celebration of freedom, the enjoyment of a sumptuous spring feast, the chance to relax (recline), and the remembrance both of our liberation from slavery in Egypt and of our people surviving on *Lechem Oni* (matzah, the bread of affliction) as we wandered the desert for 40 years. While the observance of all of the above may seem contradictory, I believe the ancient rabbis wanted us to both recall and rejoice, *zocher v'oneg!* So at Seders, we drink fine wine while eating wonderful foods (some of which have been “magically” conjured up with Passover matzah meal), but also remember *Avadim Hayunu* by eating matzah — plain at first, then combined with bitter herbs, recalling both our liberation and our suffering, reconnecting to our people’s experience of oppression but ultimate redemption.

I am grateful that in the diaspora, we have the opportunity to celebrate more than one Seder. While I love our congregational Seders with the chance to retell the story as a community, there is a formal reason for that gathering on the second night. The mitzvah of Passover commands you to “take a lamb and roast it, and eat it, with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and staff in your hand... it is a Passover sacrifice to Adonai.” But note that it is our individual responsibility as Jews, in our own or our neighbor’s house, to observe and celebrate the Seder. The obligation is not upon the rabbis, but on each one of us, regardless of our level of knowledge or observance, to make a Seder — because each of us was redeemed from enslavement. *Avadim Hayenu — V’ata B’nai Horin!*

The rabbinate here at Emanu-El encourage you, on that first or second night, to empower yourself by making a Seder, even if you have never done so before. We’re glad to share with you activities or discussion questions to make your Seder meaningful, and you can even download Haggadot from the internet! Your Seder can be adjusted to meet your needs and those of your guests, to engage children, and to discuss and debate topics of interest to those in attendance. It is your story to tell, your identity to affirm and celebrate.

The Atlantis Resort has it right: whether you’re in the Bahamas or the Himalayas or at home for Passover, make a Seder, bring matzah, and recall from whence we came... and with inspiration from the Holy, how we can keep going forward to bring redemption for all.

Chag Pesach Sameach!



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Shabbat Calendar

APRIL

Friday, April 5

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

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

Saturday, April 6

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

Friday, April 12

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

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

Saturday, April 13

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

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

Friday, April 19

5:30 pm, Erev Pesach Shabbat Service
(*Chapel*)

Friday, April 26

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

Saturday, April 27

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

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

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 or (415) 751-2541 x123.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A Weekend with Rabbi David Ellenson

Friday, April 12 through Sunday, April 14

Weekend Schedule:

One Shabbat Service Lecture: "Faith, Doubt, Meaning, and Belief in the 21st Century"

Friday, April 12, 6:00 pm

Dinner (immediately following Shabbat Service)*

with continuation of the sermon topic
Friday, April 12, 7:15 pm

Torah Study: "Conversion, Membership, and Identity"

Saturday, April 13, 9:15 am

Lecture: "Multiple Consciousnesses - Jewish Identity in the Trump Era"

Sunday, April 14, 9:30 am



David Ellenson was the Interim President of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute on Religion, following the tragic death of Rabbi Aaron Panken on May 5, 2018. He is also immediate past Director of the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies at Brandeis University. David has written extensively on the origins and development of Orthodox Judaism in Germany during the 19th century; Orthodox legal writings on conversion in Israel, North America, and Europe during the modern era; the relationship between religion and state in Israel; the history of modern Jewish religious movements; and American Jewish life.

* There is limited space for the Friday night dinner, so registration is required.

This weekend is made possible by the generosity of Jon Holman and Diana Grand.

"Stories and Outlooks of Jews from Arab Countries"

Sunday, April 28, 2:00 - 4:00pm,
Martin Meyer Sanctuary



Join us as we hear the compelling personal stories of former Jewish refugees from North Africa and the Middle East. JIMENA leaders will

reflect on the current rise of Antisemitism, Antizionism, and attitudes towards Israel and the Middle East. This event will include a film, moderated panel discussion and Moroccan desserts.

Passover

Increase the anticipation in the days and weeks before Passover... engage children of all ages... and find ideas to liven up your Seder with these Passover activities & crafts!

Preparing for Your Seder

Part of the excitement of the Seder is in the preparation. You can do the following activities with the children to get them ready for the actual Seder:

- Make simple Seder plates out of paper plates and markers, two clear plastic plates with the five sections glued in the middle, or any other ideas you may have.
- Make or supply simple Kiddush cups.
- Make matzah or get it from a box and compare it to bread.
- Make a three-pocket matzah cover out of paper, felt, or cloth; napkins work really well, too.
- Sing songs that teach the themes and lessons of Pesach.
- Make charoset.
- Have a group search for chametz.



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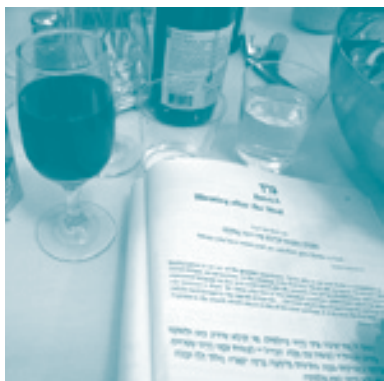
Set the Scene

Your activity area should be big enough for all to move about, but small enough to see and hear without amplification. Use child-sized tables and chairs. Children may be the “doers” of putting out the tablecloths, napkins, and cups.

Each place setting should have four half-cups of “wine,” a personalized/custom-designed filled Seder plate, a tiny cup of salt water, and a piece of matzah. Anticipation is exciting at this age. Everything should be “homemade” and a product of the children’s vision and creativity.

Three Kiddush Cups and Wine Glasses

Use Kiddush cups for the Seder leader, for the cup of Elijah, and also for the cup of Miriam (to honor Moses’ sister Miriam, who played a vital role in the history of our people). Pour wine for your guests into regular wine glasses.



Matzah Holder

Three ceremonial boards of matzah are placed in a special holder or on a plate for the Seder, and the middle one is broken in half and used for the afikomen (the dessert – the hidden matzah children search for at the end of the Seder). Stack matzah for guests on pretty plates or make a decorative matzah holder.

Kosher-for-Passover Wine and Grape Juice

During the Seder, we drink wine in a formalized ritual. It is considered a mitzvah to drink four cups of wine at the Seder. Grape juice may be substituted for wine. The kosher-for-Passover wine selection today is a far cry from the sweet red wines that were once a Passover mainstay. Wine is another appropriate item for guests to provide.

*Note: Our offices will be closed April 19 & 26
for the observance of Passover.*

Passover

Emanu-El Passover Seders and Services

Please visit the Passover page of our website (emanuelsf.org/passover) for details on registering for any of our Seders.



Image: Janet Mishner www.janetmishner.com

Women's Seder

Wednesday, April 10, 6:30 – 8:30 pm,
Temple Emanu-El

Cost: \$20 per congregant, plus a Passover dessert

We invite all women of the Emanu-El community to participate in our annual intergenerational Women's Seder. With song, ritual, story, and prayer, we join Jewish women all over the world who gather each Passover to name what is, and to dream of what is yet to be. This evening will provide ideas for you to incorporate into your own Seder, offer you greater comfort in hosting and/or attending a Seder, and deepen your relationships with other women of Emanu-El as well as our clergy.

The \$20 cost covers the main dish, side dishes, Seder goodies, and wine. Please bring a Passover-appropriate dessert to share! There are Passover dessert options online and fruit is always an option.

Registration closes on April 2.

Family Passover Seder

Saturday, April 20, 4:30 – 6:45 pm, Guild Hall

This Family Seder is designed to engage families with children. It will be led by Rabbi Beth, Rabbi Fenves, Cantor Luck, and Jonathan Bayer. The Seder will be musical, participatory, and fast-paced with a delicious dinner.

Please arrive at 4:30 pm for registration. The service will start around 4:45 pm, followed by dinner. We will conclude our Seder at 6:45 pm.

(No childcare will be available)

Seating Requests: Please email anable@emanuelsf.org with the names of the people with which you would like to be seated.

Dietary Restrictions: If you have any dietary restrictions please email Alex Nableat anable@emanuelsf.org.

Registration will close at 12:00 pm (Noon) on Friday, April 12th, 2019. Space is limited and priority is given to members.

Please register.



How to Make Matzah Man

Have the kids decorate a large square of brown construction paper with a silly face. Then cut another sheet into four strips and accordion fold each strip. Tape to the face for arms and legs. Punch a hole in the top, thread a string through it and have fun "walking" your matzoh people around.

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Adult Passover Seder

**Saturday, April 20, 6:00 – 9:00 pm,
Martin Meyer Reception**

This Seder, which will be led by Rabbi Jonathan Singer, welcomes adults and youth who wish to participate in a full Seder experience. Join us for discussion, songs, and engagement. We will follow the order of the Haggadah and end with the Birkat Hamazon and songs.

If you have any dietary restrictions, email Alexandra Nable (anable@emanuelsf.org). Please register for this event.



Young Adult Passover Seder

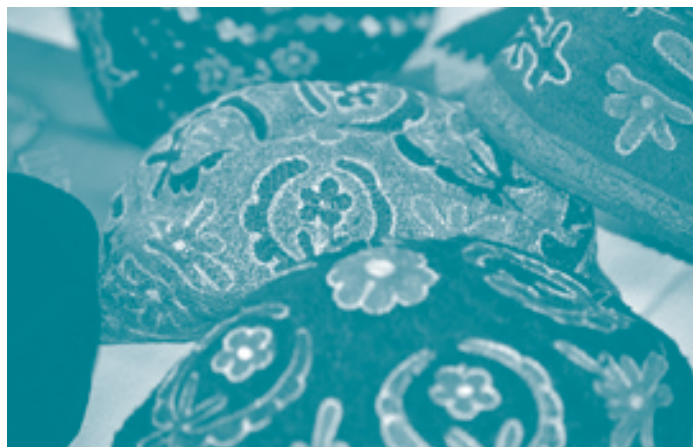
Saturday, April 20, 6:30 – 10:00 pm, Foyer

Join other Jews in their 20s and 30s for our annual Young Adult Passover Seder. Nosh on gefilte fish and horseradish! Sing Dayeinu! Find the afikomen! Make a new friend! Led by Rabbi Rodich, Rabbi Mintz, and Cantor Attie, this Seder will be musical and fun. All young adults are welcome.

Food will be kosher style. If you have any dietary restrictions, email Alexandra Nable (anable@emanuelsf.org). Registration for this Seder will close at 12:00 pm on Friday, April 13. **Note that space is limited and priority will be given to members.**

23rd Annual Multicultural Passover Freedom Seder

**Wednesday, April 17, doors open at 5:45 pm,
program starts at 6:45 pm, JCCSF**



Join the Jewish Community Relations Council, the Jewish Community Center of San Francisco, and Congregations Emanu-El (with Rabbi Carla Fenves) and Sherith Israel for the 23rd Annual Multicultural Freedom Seder.

Our community is a bastion of freedom with a commitment to acceptance. The Freedom Seder celebrates this with a joyous gathering of friends, neighbors, and fellow San Franciscans! During this multicultural and multifaith Seder, we extol freedom for all with songs, storytelling, and a delicious kosher meal.

Passover Services

Erev Passover Shabbat Service

Friday, April 19, 5:30 pm, Chapel

Passover Shabbat Service

**Saturday, April 20, 10:30 am, Martin Meyer
Sanctuary**

Passover Yizkor Service

Friday, April 26, 5:00 pm, Chapel

Passover One Shabbat Service

Friday, April 26, 6:00 pm, Martin Meyer Sanctuary

End of Passover Pizza Oneg

Friday, April 26, 7:00 pm, Martin Meyer Reception

Please join us as we end Passover noshing on tasty pizza!

Passover

Blessing for Searching and Removing Leaven

Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread; on the very first day, you shall remove leaven from your houses... (Exodus 12:15)

One of the many fun customs associated with Passover is to search for, collect, and destroy any chametz (leavening or grain that ferments) in the house. Children are particularly enthusiastic about this “search and destroy” mission. Look any place in the house where chametz was used during the year. Or designate one family member to hide 10 pieces of chametz (a Kabbalistic tradition) throughout the house (just remember where you put them). Before the search, this blessing is recited. Use the feather to sweep all the crumbs into the spoon and deposit them in the paper bag. The next morning, make one final search and then burn or discard the bag and its contents.

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu al biur chametz.

Blessed are You, our God, Ruler of the world, who sanctifies us with mitzvot and calls upon us to remove chametz.

Source: Reformjudaism.org.

Set the Table like the Red Sea

This is fun for kids to help out with before the dinner guests arrive: Ask them to dig out a selection of LEGO figurines, superheroes, or any other set of small action figures, and set the table with two cloths of the same color to represent the water (blue works well, but so can red for the Red Sea). Lay the table with a gap down the middle, and the figurines can march down the middle to freedom.

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Homemade Handkerchief Matzah Cover for Passover

Create a beautiful matzah cover to be used at your Passover seder for years to come. This activity is perfect for children ages 2-10.

Materials:

- Handkerchief (white or other light color)
- “Bleeding” tissue paper cut into 1” to 2” squares (To test if the tissue paper bleeds, place a small piece of tissue paper on a piece of regular white paper and drop water droplets on it. If the color bleeds from the tissue paper onto the paper, it will work for this project.)
- Spray bottle with water
- Optional: Stencil bearing the word “matzah” in English or Hebrew

Instructions:

1. Write/stencil the word “matzah” onto the handkerchief with a permanent marker (if desired). Let dry.
2. Dampen the handkerchief and place on a towel on a table or flat work surface.
3. Place colorful bleeding tissue paper squares on the handkerchief. The tissue paper can be placed in a pattern or randomly, depending on preference and the age of the child.
4. Spray the tissue paper with water, causing it to bleed into the handkerchief in a colorful design.
5. Allow the handkerchief to dry completely, then discard the tissue paper.
6. Place the handkerchief in a hot dryer (with no other clothing in it) to help set the dye.

It's important to note that this dye is not permanent, so do not wash the handkerchief.

Place the handkerchief over your plate of matzah at your Passover seder for a fun, colorful addition to your holiday table. Wishing you a zissen Pesach!



EMANU-EL SPOTLIGHT

Ben and A. Jess Shenson Cantor Arik Luck interviews composer Sascha Jacobsen about the world premiere of his composition *Kanta Judezmo* at Congregation Emanu-El on April 30.

Arik: Tell us about the origins of *Kanta Judezmo*.

Sascha: For some time, I have been wanting to compose a work of music that represented the Ladino language and culture of my ancestors, who came to the U.S. from the island of Rhodes 500 years after being expelled from Spain. A cultural equity grant from the San Francisco Arts Commission has made this exciting collaboration possible. *Kanta Judezmo* means "Ladino Song," and this work is an oratorio and a multi-media presentation with music, dance, and narration.

For this collaboration, I have the wonderful humanist and poet, Bobby Coleman, writing the lyrics and narrating the story, and the outstanding mezzo-soprano, Melinda Becker, singing. Both Bobby and Melinda have Sephardic roots. They will be accompanied by a string ensemble, The Musical Art Quintet, along with Venezuelan Flamenco guitarist Carlos Caminos, and Uruguayan percussionist Edgardo Cambon. Argentine dancer Andrea Fuchilieri will also perform.

Arik: How did your composition get involved with the Neighborhood Performance Project?

Sascha: The NPP is an amazing organization that puts on free, all-ages concerts all around San Francisco. I have performed with them before, and we are so thrilled that they agreed to partner with us for this performance.

Arik: Why did you want your composition to have its world premiere at Congregation Emanu-El?

Sascha: When the NPP agreed to partner with us, the first place we thought of was Congregation Emanu-El. It is really such an honor to perform this world premiere at such an iconic and beautiful representation of Jewish culture, and it fits with the mission of the Neighborhood Performance Program to present concerts in diverse areas of San Francisco.

Arik: What can concertgoers expect from the performance?

Sascha: Hopefully, an incredibly moving journey, as told through the struggle of a Jewish girl forced to leave her home and forge a new life. We will begin the concert with a short introduction set of 20 minutes. Then after a brief intermission, we will present *Kanta Judezmo*, which is about 45 minutes. The music that I compose is melodic and infused with the rhythms and flavors of Spain, Argentina, American Jazz, Klezmer, and European Classical tradition. I really believe your congregation will love this music and be moved by the story we present.



Sasha Jacobsen

YOUTH AND FAMILY

TISCH - Teens In Spiritual Community Here

Friday, April 26, 6:15 - 8:15 pm
(special chametz dinner)

Dinner - Acoustic Shabbat Service - Friends

Fun Programming - Dessert - All Free!

On the fourth Friday of every month, teens come together for a spiritual journey: an evening to hang out with Jewish friends, experience wonderful music, and eat fantastic food. If you are in 9th through 12th Grade and looking to connect with other peers in a Jewish setting, this is the place for you. Check us out!



The TISCH program is part of the Jewish Teen Education and Engagement Initiative, a project of the Federation, in partnership with Jewish Federation and The Jewish Community Foundation of the East Bay, and with support from the Jim Joseph Foundation.

Another Successful Multi-Cultural Book Drive

Congratulations to our Youth & Family Ed's Sunday 1st Grade and Wednesday 2nd Grade classes for another successful multi-cultural book collection drive. This Jewish Service-Learning Mitzvah Project, annually spearheaded by teacher Susan Aronow in support of the Jewish Coalition for Literacy, donated 50 books this year to students in under-served Bay Area public schools. The generous donations from our children and their families help to foster a love of books and lifelong learning among some of our community's most vulnerable children. Thank you to everyone who participated!



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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Weekday Activities at the Temple

Choose one or more and participate!

Cooking for Congregants

Thursdays, April 4 and 11, 9:00 - 11:00 am, Emanu-El Kitchen

No charge.

Be one of two volunteers preparing meals for Emanu-El congregants who are facing significant life challenges. You'll work under the guidance of former restaurant owner Gail Laghi and chef Sari Swig. New participants are welcome! Register at the Temple website by the Tuesday before each cooking day, or call Shelby David at (415) 751 2541 x177.



While volunteer slots for Cooking for Congregants are limited due to the layout of our kitchen, you can help by calling the Temple office when you become aware of congregants who are grieving or ill or have become new parents. By law, hospitals will not release patient information, so clergy and staff rely on the congregant network to enable us to reach out.

Here's just one of many expressions of appreciation for Cooking for Congregants:

"Thank you so much. Sari just dropped off a week's worth of meals for my family and me. I can't tell you how surprised I am by this generosity. Please let the Cooking for Congregants team know that I am so grateful for this lovely gift. With lots of gratitude."

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

Monday, April 8, 10:00 am - noon, Room 53

No charge; any skill level welcomed.

This is a great opportunity for self-reflection and the chance to tell your unique story while also getting to know other warm and wonderful members of our congregation. Join this friendly group that meets monthly to share stories on assigned themes. It's about the story, so no writing experience is necessary.

New participants are always welcome! Online registration is required. For more information, contact the group facilitator Nancy Alpert, LCSW at nalpo@igc.org.

Scrabble

Mondays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm, Room 57

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

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. Scrabble meets every Monday except when the Temple is closed.



Mah Jongg

*Tuesdays, April 2, 9,
16, 23, and 30,
1:30 – 4:30 pm,
Rinder Chapel*

No charge; drop in.

These sessions are open to all levels of experience, but you must know the basics as there will be no teaching — play time only! Arrive within the first half hour if you have any questions.



Bridge Club – Lessons and Game

*Tuesdays, April 9 and 16, 10:00 am – noon,
Rinder Chapel*

*Cost: \$20 for members; \$25 for friends of members
Drop in.*

If you are beyond the level of novice, join this very popular and lively group for duplicate-style bridge. Play while improving your game. Certified bridge instructor and American Contract Bridge League champion Deborah Murphy is the instructor.

Congregant Groups & Gatherings

Meet other congregants at these weekend and evening get-togethers! Register online! Contact Terry Kraus (tkraus@emanuelf.org) with any questions.

The Men's Group with Rabbi Jonathan

Sunday, April 28

*9:30-11:30 am. Private
residence, address given
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. All events are 9:30 – 11:30 am unless otherwise noted. 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.



Liking Biking?

We're forming a bicycle club of Emanu-El members. If you would like to share your contact information with other riders, please contact Terry Kraus at membership@emanuelf.org. Have fun and be safe out there!

Two Baby Groups Available!

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

Cost: Members FREE; \$10/session for non-members (first session free)



Bagels and Babies

*Fridays, April 5 and 12 (no session April 19 or 26),
9:30 – 11:00 am, Martin Meyer Reception*

Mazel Tots! (birth to 18 months)

*Mondays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 9:30 – 11:00 am,
Martin Meyer Reception*

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Tzedek Council

What is the Tzedek Council?

The Emanu-El 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.

G-House Dinners

Spring dates are open for registration!

Our Sunday night volunteer dinners at G-House have had such success, that we are continuing them throughout the spring months! Visit www.emanuelf.org/g-house-dinners/ to learn more and register for this meaningful program. Volunteer slots fill quickly, so sign up now!

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

Emanu-El has partnered with G-House to support the youth integrating into the community by bringing volunteers on Sunday evenings to provide a warm meal, eat, and build meaningful relationships with the residents.

Monthly Collection Drives

Check out Tzedek Council's monthly collection drives for homeless youth in San Francisco by visiting the Driven to Care page of our website: www.emanuelf.org/emanu-el-driven-care/.

Thank you to our members who help us repair our world!

This month we thank our Board of Directors for being part of our inaugural partnership drive with Larkin St Youth Services, collecting healthy snacks for youth experiencing homelessness in San Francisco. We also thank everyone who donated as we not only have an overflowing very large bin of snacks, but we also are able to provide shelving for Larkin Street to easily store the goods. Well done!



Bring Smiles To Elder Congregants Celebrating a Birthday Milestone!

The Torah considers old age a virtue and a blessing. Throughout the Torah, “old” (zakein) is synonymous with “wise”; the Torah commands us to respect all elderly because the experiences that come with each additional year of life bring a wisdom which is unlike any other.

In embracing this belief, we are looking for caring volunteers who can send handwritten birthday cards to fellow congregants who are celebrating a birthday of 85 years old or older. Each volunteer sends about 6 cards per month, and we supply the cards and envelopes. If you are interested in this very special at-home volunteer opportunity, please email Shelby David at SDavid@emanuelf.org



UPCOMING EVENTS

LGBTQ Family Get-Together: Picnic and Hike at Mt. Davidson!

**Saturday, April 13, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm,
a residence at the base of Mt. Davidson
(address provided upon registration)**

Please join us for a picnic brunch and hike led by Rabbi Sydney Mintz with Director of Education Lom Friedman. Witness the fantastic views from the highest natural peak in San Francisco!



About the Hike: Moderate, 1.5 miles round trip, 25 minutes, dogs allowed (on leash). Wear sturdy shoes and dress in layers. No strollers allowed.

About the Picnic: Coffee, bagels, and shmears will be provided. Please bring your own snacks and a bottle of water! Also bring a blanket to sit on as no camping chairs are allowed. And in the spirit of keeping it green, please be prepared to pack out your trash.

Note that there are no restrooms available on the hiking trail or at the picnic location.

Please register online at the Congregant Gatherings page of our website.

P.S. If you're bringing your dog on the hike and picnic, please join us at the Temple afterwards for the annual Blessing of the Animals at 1:30 pm!

Blessing of the Animals and Walk to Mountain Lake Dog Park in the Presidio

**Saturday, April 13, 1:30 pm, Emanu-El
Courtyard**

Gather in our courtyard with your furry or fluffy friends! Even your cats are invited to be blessed... as are your feathered friends and those with fins or shells!

The blessing of the animals is popular in many religions, so make sure you don't miss this opportunity to pal around with your furbabies. Afterwards, walk to the Mountain Lake Dog Park in the Presidio to share Shabbat with other animal-loving folks. Please register for this event online.



The Tribe for Men's 3rd Annual Earth Day Celebration

Sunday, April 14, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

For the third year in a row, The Tribe for Men will celebrate Earth Day with Hamilton Families, a San Francisco nonprofit organization that works to prevent and end family homelessness, providing shelter for families in crisis as well as helping families get back into permanent housing quickly. Bring your kids to this special Earth Day celebration as you join your fellow Tribesmen in revitalizing and beautifying one of Hamilton Families' gardens with new plants, flowers, and signage! We invite you to continue this community-building tradition. Please register online.



Kanta Judezmo: An Oratorio by Sascha Jacobsen

**Tuesday, April 30, 7:00 – 9:00 pm,
Martin Meyer Sanctuary**

Open to the public; FREE admission!



Join us for the World Premier of this Ladino and English oratorio by composer Sascha Jacobsen! The performance is narrated by Bobby Coleman and features mezzo-soprano Melinda Becker and the Musical Art Quintet.

Kanta Judezmo tells the story of the Sephardic diaspora through the lens of its central female character, with universal threads that traverse centuries, borders, languages,

cultures, and genres. *Kanta Judezmo* uses Jewish melodic themes, with motifs and rhythms from Spain, North Africa, the Middle East, and South America.

Sascha Jacobsen is an acclaimed composer and bassist, whose music has been praised by the *Strad Magazine* for being "Stylish and Vigorous... beautifully arranged" and by the *SF Bay Guardian*, "his concoctions hop nimbly through a world of styles while impressing with ear-catching intricacy and handsome technique."

The Neighborhood Performance Project, which brings high-quality chamber music to community spaces, is honored to join Congregation Emanu-El in presenting the world premiere of *Kanta Judezmo*. RSVPs to info@thenpp.org are appreciated.

LIFE-CYCLES

Mazel Tov to Our Members Who Have Experienced Joy

Erin and Steven Ludwin on the birth of their daughter, Lucy Devon Ludwin

Silvia and Michael Findling on the birth of their daughter, Isabel Grace Findling

Eliana Monti and Adam Riley on the birth of their daughter, Sarah Naomi Riley

Kaitlin Solimine and Joseph Smolen on the birth of their son, Rafael Quetzal Solimine-Smolen

Condolences to Our Members Who Have Suffered Recent Losses

Irina Kovriga (Sasha) on the death of her father, and **Maya Shur and Mimi and Isabelle Kovriga** on the death of their grandfather, Yuri Tarnopolsky

Anna Weinstein on the death of her grandfather, Isaak Khoury

Rabbi Ryan Bauer (Alisa Arquilevich) on the death of his grandmother, and **Eyla, Asa, and Noa Bauer** on the death of their great-grandmother, Katherine Bauer

Gedalia Braverman on the death of his mother, and **Ari and Ella Braverman** on the death of their grandmother, Ariella Braverman

Perry Lisker (Constance Norton) on the death of his aunt, and **Aiden Lisker** on the death of her great-aunt, Jeanne Lisker Bellman

Laura Fong-Cohen on the death of her husband, Bud Cohen

Margaret Charnas (Charles) on the death of her mother, and **Juliet and Nathaniel Charnas** on the death of their grandmother, Elizabeth Caspers Peters

Jeffrey Bornstein on the death of his father, and **David Bornstein** on the death of his grandfather, Oren Bornstein
Friends and family of longtime member Dulcenea Martinez

Cathy Manshel (Bill Rusitzky) on the death of her father, and **Isabell and Mitchell Rusitzky** on the death of their grandfather, Max Manshel

Erica Mainshine on the death of her mother, and **Aya Mainshine** on the death of her grandmother, Carol Sue Maienschein

Congratulations to Our Members on Their Achievements

Steven and Jenna Feinberg and Jessica and Michael Eisler for chairing the Jewish Family and Children's Services Fammy Gala

Debbie Findling and Abby Porth on being honored by Jewish Family and Children's Services for their creation of the Memory Garden

Susan Lowenberg and Joyce Newstat on being honored by Jewish Family and Children's Services for their work with the Holocaust Center

Rita Semel on being honored as 2019 Woman of the Year by California State Representative David Chiu

Welcome New Members!

Mr. Joseph Beyda
Mr. Samuel Lessin, Lion Lessin
Mr. Zachary Ostiller
Mr. Jeremy Shefer

Welcome Back Rejoined Members!

Aislinn Cushing
Ms. Dena Goldberg and Mr. David Linder
Ms. Barbara Lowenstein-Weglein, Mr. Jesse Weglein, Kennedy Weglein
Ms. Jacqueline Swire, Mr. Stephen Swire, Samuel Swire

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.

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B'NEI MITZVAH

**Lauren Wagonfeld**

Bat Mitzvah: April 6 –
Main Sanctuary

Parents: Lisa and Joel Wagonfeld

Torah Portion: *Tazria*

**Jackson Feinberg**

Bar Mitzvah: April 27 –
Martin Meyer Sanctuary

Parents: Anne and David Feinberg

Torah Portion: *Ahare Mot*

**Cole Wells**

Bar Mitzvah: April 13 –
Main Sanctuary

Parents: Denise and Bill Wells

Torah Portion: *Metzora*

**Isaac Bloom**

Bar Mitzvah: April 27 –
Main Sanctuary

Parents: Cynthia Vaughn and Mark Bloom

Torah Portion: *Ahare Mot*

**Liana Kadis**

Bat Mitzvah: April 13 –
Martin Meyer Sanctuary

Parents: Sharon Kovalsky and
Jonathan Kadis

Torah Portion: *Metzora*

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SAVE THE DATE

Confirmation of 12th Grade Havurah Reuben

**Friday, May 17, 6:00 pm
Martin Meyer Sanctuary**

This Erev Shabbat service will be led by our graduating seniors. It will be an evening not only to honor our fabulous teens, but also a reunion for the Confirmation Class of 1969 (see details below).

1969 Confirmation Reunion

Were you confirmed at Emanu-El in 1969? (Hint: You would have graduated high school in 1971.) If so, we will honor you at this year's Confirmation Service and treat you to dinner! If you have not already been contacted — or if you know someone who should be — please contact Terry Kraus, Director of Membership, at membership@emanuelsf.org or (415) 750-7552.

