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House of Cohen EXCLUSIVE SPOTLIGHT WITH PERLA BATALLA



ATTACK AND A COMMENT



UPCOMING EVENTS

The House of Cohen

Sunday, March 31, 5:00 - 7:00 pm, Temple Emanu-El

Congregation Emanu-El will provide its own unique spin on this exciting homage to Leonard Cohen. Cantors Marsha Attie and Arik Luck along with jazz great Pamela Rose will join Perla Batalla on stage for this outstanding performance. You'll want to be there!

Don't miss this extraordinary evening!

Buy your tickets online at

https://tinyurl.com/houseofcohentix Hallelujah!

The critics agree and you will, too!

"Batalla brings the house down!"

— The Guardian

"Onstage, offstage, digital or analog, I love Perla Batalla."

Leonard Cohen

"Batalla's gorgeous, rich, contralto voice adds another layer of beauty to Cohen's elegantly crafted songs."

San Jose Mercury News

"For those uninitiated to the glories of the songs of Leonard Cohen, this is a wonderful introduction. For the rest of us, it is simply heavenly."

– Sing Out Magazine

"Spellbinding!" – San Francisco Chronicle

These concerts are funded by a generous grant from the Ingrid D. Tauber Fund.

SHALOM RAV FROM OUR RABBI

Purim and How We Dress By Richard and Rhoda Goldman Senior Rabbi Beth Singer

O f all the Purim costumes I ever wore, the most popular was my See's Candy Lady costume. Sure, it was impressive that I got a real See's employee to loan me her official uniform, but what the Purim celebrants really appreciated were the free chocolate samples! Choosing a Purim costume is a venerated tradition in Jewish communities throughout the world. In Israel, in the days leading up to Purim, Jewish Israeli children wear Purim costumes in public the way children here in the U.S. dress up for Halloween.

Purim gives us an opportunity to reflect on the choices we make when we outfit ourselves. If you stop and think about the message of Purim, a costume can be viewed metaphorically: it allows us both to dress up as something we are not or to disguise ourselves so others will not see us as we are. Esther dressed in such a fashion that the king did not know she was Jewish. She used a costume to

disguise something essential about her identity.

The Torah includes many passages about costumes and the dress we use for worship. The priests and all Temple functionaries wore costumes that would easily associate them with their roles in the Temple sacrificial system. Aaron and his sons wore costumes for ordination and other sacred ceremonies.

When I was a child, people tended to dress more formally for synagogue, public cultural events, and even air

travel. In essence, dressing up for special occasions is a form of costume. Whether it be a suit and tie, a dress and stockings, a party dress or ball gown, other formal attire, bridal wear, etc., we wear such "costumes" to distinguish special times from the more mundane.

Even today, dress codes are still observed at bat and bar mitzvahs, weddings, opening nights at the opera, funerals, and the like, although this etiquette has relaxed over the past four decades or so (most notably at the theater, opera, and concert hall). At Temple, people still dress up for the High Holy Days, but dress more casually for Shabbat services. Why is that? And is it a positive or negative? Some argue that dressing up emphasizes class distinctions. Wealthier people can afford beautiful formal clothing, while people with lower incomes have smaller wardrobe budgets. In the 1960s, young Jews criticized older Jews for showing up at the High Holy Days in the latest fashion. They called it hypocritical and charged that some people judge others by what they wear on the outside rather



than by the character they have, or lack, on the inside. As someone who truly enjoys dressing up for Purim, I find

myself torn regarding the importance of dressing nicely

At Temple, people still dress up for High Holy Days, but dress more casually for Shabbat services. Why is that? And is it a positive or negative? for Temple. My mom taught us that we should always "look presentable," a standard that can be met regardless of wardrobe budget. I personally like dressing up in nicer clothing for Temple or for the theater because, in so doing, I'm saying that "this moment matters." That is the story our formal clothing tells at High Holy Days, Shabbat, and festival services. On the other hand, I would much rather see someone at Temple in casual clothing than not at Temple at all. In the scheme of values, being present and participatory and not judged

by outer appearance is more important than "honoring Shabbat" by wearing fancy clothing.

Queen Esther presented herself as one of the most beautiful and exquisitely dressed women of the land. However, the Megillah assures us that there was more to her than met the eye. Esther is remembered not for her fabulous outfits, but for mustering the courage to confront evil in her midst even if she had to risk her own position to do so.

Our clothing is our costume. It is nice to honor an occasion like Shabbat by dressing especially for it, but more than anything else, it is our character — i.e., what lies beneath the costume — that matters most.

JOIN US FOR PURIM!

Family Purim Celebration: Shushan's Bazaar!

Sunday, March 17, Carnival 3:00 – 5:30 pm, Purim Spiel 5:30 – 6:15 pm

Offering festivities for all ages, Shushan's Bazaar will feature carnival games, human foosball, jumpy houses, an animal show, face painting, henna tattoos, twisted balloons, hamantashen baking, a selfie photo booth, music, and art! Get ready for some serious fun with the carnival, the "Spiel," and the annual bake sale! Other food for sale will include pizza, hot dogs, nachos, and cotton candy.



The Whole Megillah: A Reading For Adults

Wednesday, March 20, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

On the night of Purim, join us for a lively discussion, a light meal, and the chance to imbibe until you can't tell the difference between Haman and Mordechai as we make our way through the whole Megillah. The book of Esther is about power, sexism, and inflated ego... hmm, that sounds strangely contemporary!





PurimPalooza 2019

Saturday, March 23, 9:00 pm – 2:00 am, VERSO, 1525 Mission Street, San Francisco

The Bay Area's biggest and best young adult Purim party is back and better than ever for its sixth consecutive year! Presented by Congregation Emanu-El's Young



Adult Community, PurimPalooza will be a night filled with dancing, drinking, costumes, a photo booth, and more! Join us at one of San Francisco's hottest nightclubs – VERSO! We'll have the venue privately booked for the entire night, with a fantastic lineup of DJs spinning on the main stage, making this a party you won't want to miss! In addition to the nightclub, we are excited to share that we have also privately booked The Forgery, a craft cocktail lounge and bar located directly next door and connected to VERSO. We look forward to seeing you there! To purchase tickets to PurimiPalooza, please visit emanuelsf.org/purim.

Shabbat Calendar March

Friday, March 1 5:30 pm, First Friday Under Five *(Martin Meyer Sanctuary)*

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

Saturday, March 2

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

Friday, March 8

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

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

Saturday, March 9

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

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

Friday, March 15

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

Saturday, March 16

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

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

Friday, March 22

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

Saturday, March 23 10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service *(Martin Meyer Sanctuary)*

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

Friday, March 29 6:00 pm, One Shabbat Service *(Martin Meyer Sanctuary)*

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

Senior and Disabled Transportation to Monthly Classic Shabbat Services

Thanks to a partnership with the Jewish Community Federation, we offer transportation to our monthly Classic Shabbat service at no cost for San Francisco residents. Congregation Emanu-El and the Federation share the price of hiring transportation services through SilverRide.

The Classic Shabbat service is held in the Main Sanctuary on the first Friday of every month at 6:00 pm (with pre-Oneg at 5:30 pm). To reserve a ride to this service, contact Julie Levine at julblevine@aol.com or Terry Kraus at tkraus@emanuelsf.org or (415) 750-7552.

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.



We need teachers!

Congregation Emanu-El Preschool is seeking a lead classroom teacher and support teachers for our extended day program! Our school is on a journey to become a model Jewish preschool that upholds contemporary best practices in the field of early childhood education. We use an inquiry-based approach to learning where teachers and children co-construct curriculum that is grounded in Jewish culture and traditions while interweaving developmentally appropriate lessons. Teacher research and pedagogical documentation are central to our work, as are responsive and reflective teaching practices. Fulltime and part time positions are available. To inquire, please contact Liana Miyamura, Assistant Director of Early Childhood Education, at LMiyamura@emanuelsf.org.

Emanu-El Spotlight: PERLA BATALLA

By Byron Gordon, Communications/Marketing

What a treat for Leonard Cohen fans and the Emanu-El community! Eclectic singer-songwriter and Grammynominated Perla Batalla will be performing Cohen's music on March 31. Exploring a full range of Jewish music while adding Emanu-El's brilliant local voices ensure a joyous celebration for all in attendance. Perla took time out of her busy touring schedule to fill me in a bit more about her upcoming appearance.

Byron: What exactly is House of Cohen?

Perla: After two world tours singing backing vocals, I started singing Leonard's songs on my own many years ago. I would visit Leonard regularly at his modest home in Los Angeles, and one day as we sat and had coffee in his kitchen, he mentioned to me that he was well aware of the changes in the music business and how he may no longer be relevant. I decided to record a tribute to him just to express my love and appreciation for him and his profound body of work. It was a total labor of love for me. I was so pleased that he came by the studio to give me his blessing and take some photos. Shortly after the recording, I began to tour with the release of "Bird on the Wire" and I found it was the perfect opportunity to tell MY stories of my friendship and travels with Leo. And since we spent a great deal of time at that small pine table in his kitchen, I decided to call these concerts "Perla Batalla in the House of Cohen."

What was Leonard like to work with?

He was not only a mentor and a friend, but also a very great inspiration. Being as I was young when I worked with Leonard — I was in my 20s — I watched him like I was watching a master and learning as much as I possibly could. His need to always seek the comfort of his audience was truly generous and all too rare. We began working together in the 1980s and we never lost touch, even after I was touring on my own. In Leonard's earlier tours, he would tell stories before every song — very funny, honest stories about his life.

Each night he'd tell similar stories, but they always seemed fresh — like I'd never heard them before — I think that was because of his honesty, and his ability to show up and always be authentic, be authentically Leonard Cohen.



Many of Cohen's songs have a spiritual bent to them. During Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, Leonard Cohen's "Who by Fire" is also frequently heard in synagogues. This song is based on the Unetaneh Tokef prayer, one of our most sacred pieces of liturgy that speaks of the fragility and uncertainty of life. How do Cohen's songs affect you personally?

For me, it is his imagery, use of metaphor and painful honesty, which gives Leonard's lyrics such depth of meaning. His poems and songs are also intrinsically personal. When I sing his songs, Leonard's lyrics help sustain me. I reinterpret them with each performance. Plus, his lifetime dedication to his craft at the expense of all else is the epitome of devotion to beauty.

He had a huge impact on what I do and how I perform. If I approach a song with unconditional honesty, the meaning is not static; it can ebb and flow as I relate the words to my own life and experiences.

What other kind of music have you performed in your life?

I didn't choose singing. It chose me. I come from a long line of musicians on my father's side in Mexico and theater people on my mother's side of the family in Argentina. My father was a singer and my uncle Cipriano Silva was a trumpet player with the world-famous Mariachi Vargas de Tehcalitlan. My desire to sing came early; when my family took a camping trip, I can remember sitting by myself among the redwoods singing to them. I made up a song and it felt strange, but good. Trees are a very attentive audience. I grew up in Venice, California. Our family owned a Mexican record shop called Discoteca Batalla, which served as an important hub for Latino culture in west L.A. I constantly feel the push and pull of the Afro-Mexican influence from my father and the Euro-Argentinian-Jewish elements from my mom. This is my own Mestiza mix. I wouldn't trade it for the world. From all sides, theatricality is in my bones, my roots. I don't only use my voice to sing a song. To completely engage, I have to use my entire body. And it has to be sincere. It has to come from within.

When I was a little older, I remember watching my uncles and my father (who were usually pretty scary) singing traditional songs after dinner and openly weeping as they sang, and it occurred to me at the time that music seemed to have a unique power.

By the time I was in my teens, I was studying opera privately and singing in clubs at night; I have never wanted to do anything else. Since then, I have performed pop, jazz, Latin, classical, original compositions (the LA Museum of Contemporary Art commissioned me to write a song cycle based on their women's impressionist exhibit)...you name it.

You mentioned in earlier interviews about possibly doing a Volume Two of Cohen's songs. Is that still in the works? Any other projects you care to tease us about? I recently returned from a month in Europe performing

"House of Cohen" with a group of brilliant Catalan

musicians from Barcelona. We have already begun initial tracking on some devastatingly beautiful arrangements... more to come.

Talk about the arrangement and/or program for your upcoming show at Emanu-El. What can listeners expect? In addition to my personal Cohen tribute, some very talented members of Congregation Emanu-El will also be performing. I will bring a pianist named Michael Sobie and an oud player named Dimitris Mahlis, whose solo compositions you can hear in the soundtrack to the movie "Argo." (By the way, Leonard also toured with an oud player all throughout our world tours together.) Michael Sobie recently returned after touring as assistant conductor and pianist with the Game of Thrones Concert Stadium Tour. Michael also performs as the principal pops pianist with the Grand Rapids Symphony and has toured internationally as pianist/conductor with countless Broadway musicals. They are both a dream to work with.

Could you share a couple of stories about Leonard, whose life seems enigmatic to so many?

Leonard lived to tell a joke or a good story... and I promise to share some great Leonard stories during our show at Emanu-El.

The Emanu-El Board "Retreated" to Manny's in the Mission



The Congregation Emanu-El Board of Directors held its annual retreat at Manny's, a civic social gathering space in San Francisco. Manny's has been the target of protests and calls to shut down because the owner, Manny Yekutiel, wished Israel a "happy 70th birthday" on social media. (See the January 2 "Inside" email to the Emanu-El community from Senior Rabbis Beth and Jonathan Singer). To show support, the Emanu-El Board of Directors held

Manny Yekutiel

its first meeting of the year at Manny's!

That decision was about more than just helping a young Jewish professional who is doing good work in the community. Emanu-El and Manny's values and mission share common themes:

From Manny's website: "In an era where our conversations, our connections, and much of our civic discourse is happening digitally, we believe that we need to come together in person now more than ever. We've built a civic social gathering space in the heart of our San Francisco that combines a cafe, restaurant, civil rights themed bookstore, and a community gathering and programming space."

From Emanu-El's Business Plan for Community Gathering: "In a time of isolation, people are looking for connection and meaning, people need the type of Judaism Emanuel-El practices more than ever. Emanu-El is a place where people want to stay because it's comfortable and joyous and welcomes small, intimate gatherings, planned and spontaneous, for moments of learning, worship, and engagement. We welcome all who seek to learn, pray, connect, and act."

As you can see, Manny's and Emanu-El are two very different organizations that share a belief in the power of face-to-face conversations to deepen connection, form stronger communities, and make the world more just.

David Goldman, Executive Director

ADULT EDUCATION



We all need a little SPARK in our lives!

Tauber SPARK offers a "mini-university" where you choose one of three courses from our esteemed educators to attend over three consecutive weeks. Each night of SPARK also features a different keynote speaker.

Nosh – Schmooze – SPARK your Jewish learning! Tuesdays, March 12, 19, and 26, 6:45 – 9:15 pm, Temple Emanu-El

Cost: \$36 for members; \$45 for non-members

Your Course Instructors:

Jewish Masculinity in the #MeToo Era



Rabbi Joshua Ladon

Reckoning seriously with questions of power and gender inequality requires us to investigate and reimagine notions of masculinity. In this class, we will study traditional Jewish texts in new ways. We will focus on key questions about power, vulnerability,

and equality. We will aim to take seriously what a full and textured Jewish understanding of masculinity can mean and how our texts may lead us to think and act differently.

Rabbi Joshua Ladon is West Coast Director of Education for Shalom Hartman Institute of North America, where he oversees educational and programmatic activity in the San Francisco Bay Area. Rabbi Ladon received a B.A. from Washington University in St. Louis, an M.A. in Jewish Thought at Tel Aviv University, and his rabbinic ordination at the Shalom Hartman Institute. He is currently a doctoral student in Jewish Education at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York.



How Jewish Feminists Transformed Judaism and American Culture

Rabbi Jane Litman

All four non-Orthodox denominations (Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist, and Renewal)

are now headed by women! This would have been unimaginable forty years ago, and unlikely even a decade ago. But over the course of one generation, Jewish life and practice have changed dramatically to include women's voices and perceptions, allowing for more creative and flexible Jewish observance for both men and women. At the same time, Jewish women have brought a unique vision of empowerment to American culture as a whole. Jewish values such as education, free speech, tolerance, and hard work have produced Jewish women Supreme Court justices, politicians, writers, filmmakers, artists, and intellectuals whose ideas have inspired mainstream society.

Rabbi Jane Litman directs the Jewish Roundtable at the Pacific School of Religion. Prior to this position, she was the Senior Congregational Consultant of the Reconstructionist Movement, advising over 100 congregations in North America. She has been on the faculty of American Jewish University; California State University, Northridge; and Loyola Marymount University. Rabbi Litman is the rabbinic co-chair of the Progressive Jewish Alliance and on the executive committee of Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice.



Things They Never Taught You in Hebrew School: The Practice of Mussar

Rabbi Beth Singer

Rabbi Beth Singer will offer an introduction to the concept of Mussar, an old but evolving Jewish practice

that involves working on specific soul traits in order to be a better person in the world. This course will cover a brief history of Mussar, and we will learn how to develop a few positive traits such as humility, generosity, and equanimity. The third session will be taught by a special guest teacher.

Rabbi Singer is the Richard and Rhoda Goldman Senior Rabbi at Congregation Emanu El. Ordained at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, she also earned her undergraduate degree from Pomona College. Before coming to Emanu-El in August 2013, Rabbi Singer served as Temple Beth Am's Co-Senior Rabbi in Seattle for sixteen years.

Keynote speakers will include:



MARCH 12 Good News from Israel: Medical Achievements and Daily Miracles at Rabin Medical Center, Israel's Premier Hospital

Rabbi Joshua Eli Plaut, Ph.D.

Rabbi Joshua Eli Plaut, Ph.D. reveals how Israel's premier hospital — Rabin Medical Center — has become a beacon of light in the Middle East and beyond. Founded in 1936, Rabin Medical Center is a global leader in healthcare, with the leading cancer center, women's hospital, ER and trauma center, and a vast research center. The center's Medical Exchange Doctors Program has brought 100 doctors to the U.S. (including at Stanford Medical Center and University of San Francisco Medical School) in recent years to study and observe. Rabin Medical Center is a model of peaceful coexistence: it treats a million patients annually, and a third of its patients and staff of 4,500 are Israeli Arabs.

Rabbi Plaut is the full-time Executive Director of American Friends of Rabin Medical Center, a New York-based national nonprofit that raises funds and awareness for the center. Rabbi Plaut leads New York City's Metropolitan Synagogue, and previously led communities in Martha's Vineyard and Connecticut as well as being a Jewish Chaplain at MIT. He is also a prolific photographer and author.

Rabbi Plaut's most recent book, "A Kosher Christmas: 'Tis the Season to Be Jewish" (Rutgers University, October 2012) is the first book to be written on the subject of Jews and Christmas. He is currently writing a book about the civil rights movement in Great Neck, Long Island circa 1961, including his father's (Rabbi Walter Plaut) Freedom Ride. As an acclaimed American photographer of Jewish life in the diaspora, Rabbi Plaut's ten photography exhibitions and photographs — on subjects ranging from Central Asia to the Balkans to the American South to Jewish markets and merchants throughout the world — are in private collections and have been displayed at major museums and galleries across the U.S., Europe, and Israel.



MARCH 19 Black Power, Jewish Politics: Reinventing the Alliance in the 1960s Professor Marc Dollinger, Ph.D.

Dr. Marc Dollinger's most recent

book — Black Power, Jewish Politics: Reinventing the Alliance in the 1960s (2018, Brandeis University Press) takes a new and different look at Jewish involvement in civil rights, showing how American Jews leveraged the Black Power movement to increase Jewish ethnic and religious identity in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Join us as we explore never-before-seen historical documents that reveal a story hidden from view for over half a century. With so much contemporary interest in Black Lives Matter and the larger questions of race and justice, we'll explore a fascinating and surprising Jewish past!

Dr. Dollinger holds the Richard and Rhoda Goldman Endowed Chair in Jewish Studies and Social Responsibility at San Francisco State University. He is the author of four scholarly books in American Jewish history. His next project traces his own experience of fighting anti-Semitism at both right-wing and left-wing universities. Dr. Dollinger is a past president of both the Jewish Community High School of the Bay and Brandeis Hillel Day School. He serves as an academic vice president of Lehrhaus Judaica as well as a trustee of URJ Camp Newman. He sits on the California advisory committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights, was named 2008 Volunteer of the Year by the San Francisco Jewish Community Federation, and was awarded the Jewish Community Relations Council's 2015 Courageous Leadership Award. And just for fun, Dr. Dollinger helped actress Helen Hunt learn about her Jewish roots on the prime-time NBC show, "Who Do You Think You Are?"



MARCH 26 Shaping Your Destiny: How Rabbi Leo Trepp turned an Atrocity into a Force of Life *Gunda Trepp*

Gunda Trepp is a trained attorney and journalist. She has written for

major German publications and has broadcast on a variety of topics, including economics, politics, cultural affairs, and, most personally, issues facing the Jewish world. Ms. Gunda is the author and editor of five nonfiction books, and she is currently working on two new books. Ms. Gunda has lectured on the consequences of the Shoah and the rise of new anti-Semitism as well as about Jewish ethics and culture.

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, March 14 and 28, 9:00 – 11:00 am, Emanu-El Kitchen

Be one of two volunteers preparing meals for Emanu-El congregants who are facing significant life challenges. You'll be 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.

Under the skilled leadership of chefs Gail Laghi and Sari Swig, volunteers prepare delicious meals. Here's just one of many expressions of appreciation:

"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, March 4, 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, March 4, 11, 18, and 25, 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



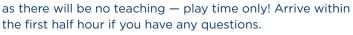
Scrabble group and play a rousing game or two! Expand your vocabulary along with your social circle. Bring a Scrabble set (optional) and, of course, your appreciation of words. Scrabble meets every Monday except when the Temple is closed.

Mah Jongg

Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, and 26, 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



Bridge Club - Lessons and Game

Tuesdays, March 12 and 26, 10:00 am – noon, Rinder Chapel

Cost: Members \$20; friends of members \$25; 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@emanuelsf.org) with any questions.

The Men's Group with Rabbi Jonathan

Sunday, March 17, 9:30 – 11:30 am, private residence (address 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. All events are held at the same time (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.

Women's Group — Tea-lightful: A Tea Tasting at Crown & Crumpet Tea Salon

Wednesday, March 27, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, Crown & Crumpet Tea Salon, 1746 Post Street, San Francisco

Cost: \$18 for members; \$24 for prospective members

Join Emanu-El women for an evening of exotic tea tasting, accompanied by sweet and savory pairings. Amy Denebeim Dean (long-time Emanu-El member and owner of Crown & Crumpet Tea Salon) and her trusty sidekick Elissa Winer



will lead you on this culinary adventure as we explore the world and history of tea.

Registration required by logging into your MyEmanu-El membership portal on the home page. The registration deadline is March 24.

Two Baby Groups Available!

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

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!

Bagels and Babies

Fridays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 9:30 – 11:00 am, Martin Meyer Reception

Mazel Tots! (birth to 18 months)

Mondays, March March, 4, 11, 18, and 25, 9:30 – 11:00 am, Martin Meyer Reception

Side by Side

Two sessions per week for 8 weeks (16 total sessions).

Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 5 through April 25, Temple Emanu-El

Cost: \$360 for members; \$485 for non-members

Emanu-El's Side by Side program introduces young children (18 months to 2½ years) to a preschool environment with their parent or caregiver by their side. Our Side by Side program is rich in Jewish content, celebrating Jewish traditions and holidays. This program provides 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 now for the winter 2019 session!

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Tzedek Council

What is the Tzedek Council?

The Congregation 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.



Emanu-El's Impact on Youth Homelessness:

Hear directly from congregants and the youth we've supported!

G-House Dinners

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



with G House to support Reiner the youth integrating

Emanu-El has partnered Judy Nadel (I) with Rebecca

into the community by bringing in volunteers on Sunday evenings to cook, eat, and build meaningful relationships with the residents.

"Last Sunday, Rebecca Reiner and I served a Chinese dinner and had the opportunity to get to know the residents. We learned so much that evening. Each resident is on his or her particular path. Jason sings downtown on Market Street near the Westfield Center where he is remunerated for his talent. Jason sang for us at dinner. Noah attends City College. His goal is to become an emergency room doctor. Noah is also a guitarist and provided mellow background music for the evening. Gentry works full-time in landscape gardening, but his passion is hip-hop music. We are going to send him the CD of 'Hamilton' to further his interest. The efforts of these young people to pull their lives back together is an inspiration, and the evening was truly an uplifting experience." - Judy Nadel, Tzedek Council member

"It was another awesome dinner, each one of vou were flexible and kind. Our youth really enjoy volunteers cooking (bringing dinners too) for them, taking time out of their busy lives, and engaging in their home. It's a beautiful thing to see different cultures, community getting together and breaking bread so to speak and filling the room with pure unconditional love and humanity." - G-House

Light of Giving Program

In December, the Tzedek Council hosted "Light of Giving," an afternoon of service and community, where we assembled 300 backpacks containing winter essentials for youth facing homelessness in San Francisco. These bags - which included clothing, rain gear, and other necessities - were distributed to the youth served by Larkin Street Youth Services. San Francisco has more than 1,300 youth who are without shelter every night. Our hope is that by distributing the backpacks, we were able to enhance wellbeing and show our support during a difficult time in the lives of these young people. We recently received this note in response:

"I received a backpack gift from you and was touched by your thoughtfulness. I am very grateful that you've taken time to select such a perfect gift for me. Your generosity and kindness holds a special place in my heart. This backpack will always remind me of you every moment. I am really thankful to you for thinking of me. You will always be a page in the book that holds the story of my life. Thank you!!!" - Larkin Street client



FAMILY AND YOUTH

TISCH - Teens In Spiritual Community

Monthly Teen Shabbat Experience

Dinner – Acoustic Shabbat service – Friends – Fun programming – Dessert – All for free!!!



Friday, March 22, 6:15 - 8:15 pm

On the fourth Friday of every month, teens come together for an evening of hanging out with Jewish friends, wonderful music, and 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 (Teen Initiative). The Teen Initiative is a project of the Jewish Federation, in partnership with the Jewish Community Foundation of the East Bay and with support from the Jim Joseph Foundation.



"Emanu-El Reads" Book Group

Our Spring Book: "History of Love" by Nicole Krauss

Book Discussion Meeting TBD

Leo Gursky taps his radiator each evening to let his upstairs neighbor know he's still alive. But it wasn't always like this: in the Polish village of his youth, he fell in

love and wrote a book. Sixty years later and half a world away, fourteen-year-old Alma, who was named after a character in that book, undertakes an adventure to find her namesake and save her family. With virtuosic skill and soaring imaginative power, Nicole Krauss gradually draws these stories together toward a climax of "extraordinary depth and beauty" (Newsday).



Like Biking?

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

Pet Lovers - Save the Date!



Saturday, April 13, 1:30 pm

Bring your furry one(s) to our third annual Blessing of the Animals! We'll meet in the Temple Courtyard for a brief, meaningful service and then walk to the Mountain Lake dog park (sorry, cats). Make new friends, both two-legged and four-pawed, and enjoy this special day!

Passover Yoga Sessions with Julie Emden



Fridays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 12:00 - 1:30 pm, Temple Emanu-El

Cost: \$10/class (cash on site) or \$40 for the whole series

Prepare for Passover this year with yoga lessons that deepen your experience of the Passover holiday by enhancing your understanding of

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March 1 – Mitzrayim: Finding Fluidity in the Body March 8 – Shal Na'alecha: Releasing our Habits March 15 – Kaved Lev: Opening Our Hearts March 22 – B'toch Hayam: Stepping into the Sea March 29 – Manna: The Practice of Not Knowing

Drop-ins are welcome! No previous yoga experience or knowledge about Torah, Hebrew, or Passover are necessary. Yoga accoutrement will be provided, but you're welcome to bring your own mat if you have one.

Julie Emden, RYT-500, is the Founding Director of Embodied Jewish Learning. Julie is a graduate of five fellowship and teaching certification programs related to her work as a Jewish educator, an Iyengar-based yoga instructor, and a movement/expressive artist. She has two decades of experience guiding others in exploring Jewish wisdom, text, and practices via the body within a variety of settings.

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