

Emanu-El ^S_F

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HIGH HOLY DAYS 2019

September 29 - October 9



SEPT **Selichot**
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Shalom

UPCOMING EVENT

SELICHOT *Program of Forgiveness*

Saturday, September 21

7:00 pm Shmooze & Havdalah

7:30 pm HaMapah Program

9:00 – 9:30 pm Selichot Service

HaMapah/The Map: Finding Forgiveness

For Selichot, we welcome the DNAWORKS program “HaMapah/The Map: Finding Forgiveness,” which incorporates both live and filmed dance performances. Founded in 2006 by Daniel Banks and Adam McKinney, DNAWORKS is an arts and service organization dedicated to furthering artistic expression and dialogue by focusing on issues of identity, culture, class, and heritage. By applying its award-winning arts process to create dance, theatre, and film, DNAWORKS promotes social justice action and community building with academic institutions and community organizations throughout the U.S. and abroad. DNAWORKS believes *art = ritual = healing = community*, leading to greater peace and understanding in the world.

Daniel Banks, Ph.D. is a theater director, dramaturg, performer, and author who has worked in 20 countries. He has directed at the National Theatre of Uganda, the Belarussian National Drama Theatre, The Market Theatre in South Africa, Playhouse Square in Cleveland, HERE Arts Center in New York, Bay Area Playwrights Festival, and Kompany Malakhi in London. Daniel was Choreographer/Movement Director at Shakespeare in the Park/NY Shakespeare Festival, Theatre for a New Audience, Maurice Sendak’s The Night Kitchen, Singapore Rep, and La Monnaie/De Munt in Brussels. He is on the dramaturgical

team of Camille A. Brown & Dancers, and he is Founder and Director of the Hip Hop Theatre Initiative, which promotes youth self-expression and leadership.



Adam McKinney, M.A. is a former member of Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Béjart Ballet Lausanne, Alonzo King LINES Ballet, Cedar Lake Contemporary Ballet, and Milwaukee Ballet Company. He has led dance works across the U.S. as well as in Benin, Canada, England, Ghana, Hungary, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Mexico, Palestine, Poland, Rwanda, Serbia, South Africa, and Spain. Named one of the most influential African-Americans in Milwaukee, Wisconsin by St. Vincent DePaul, Adam is the Co-Director of DNAWORKS.

He holds a B.F.A. with high honors in Dance Performance from Butler University and an M.A. in Dance Studies with concentrations in Race and Trauma Theories from NYU-Gallatin. Adam is an Assistant Professor of Dance at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.



SHALOM RAV FROM OUR RABBI

By Richard and Rhoda Goldman Senior Rabbi Beth Singer

"Dear Rabbi Singer: I am writing because my dad was sick recently. I did not hear from you and it really hurt my feelings."

"Dear Rabbi Singer: I saw you at Trader Joe's and it felt like you did not recognize me."

"Dear Rabbi Singer: At the event last week, I saw you talking to others, but you never came up and said Hi to me."

I don't receive emails like this often, but when I do, I always feel terrible for letting a congregant down because knowing our members and making them feel honored and respected is so important to me. And although none of us enjoys being told that we have fallen short in some regard, I actually appreciate these messages because I cannot make amends if I'm unaware that I have upset someone.

I myself have occasionally run into a person whom I believed should have recognized exactly who I am, only to see them clearly confused about that. (For example, an elderly congregant once stopped me on the street near Laurel Village and asked, "Excuse me. Are you my doctor or my Rabbi?!") So I understand how hurtful it can be. And on that note, I apologize to those of you who have experienced this from me. I hope you know it is never intentional. I WANT to know your name, your face, your story. If you make an appointment through my assistant

Saundrah (sanjali@emanuelsf.org), as many of you have, and come to my office, I will take your photo and I will study it until I know you!

I believe I have a mild case of "prosopagnosia," the medical term for the inability to distinguish faces. I have facial blindness. But each one of us has some type of "blindness" or another. September 1 coincides with the first day of Elul, a traditional time on the Jewish calendar of deep personal introspection as we prepare to ask forgiveness of others and of ourselves. Although Judaism teaches us to forgive those who have offended us on a nightly basis just before we fall asleep, the current calendar period offers us a special opportunity to focus on asking for and granting forgiveness.

I encourage you to give others the opportunity to say they are sorry, and I urge you to forgive those who offended you in this past year. Bitterness, anger, hurt, and offense are heavy burdens to lug from one year into the next. But our beloved tradition provides us with spiritual tools now (and year-round) to lighten those loads. May the month of Elul be, for you and for me, a deeply meaningful season of opening our eyes and forgiving.



September Shabbat Calendar

Friday, September 6

5:30 pm, First Friday Under Five Service

(Martin Meyer Sanctuary)

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

Saturday, September 7

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

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

Friday, September 13

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

8:30 pm, Young Adult Late Shabbat Service (Main Sanctuary)

Saturday, September 14

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

Friday, September 20

5:30 pm, Special Oneg — Come nosh and meet our new Engagement Team

6:00 pm, One Shabbat Service — Welcoming our new Engagement Team (Martin Meyer Sanctuary)

Saturday, September 21

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

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

Friday, September 27

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

Saturday, September 28

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

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

* We will use the beautiful Mishkan HaLev Selichot prayer book each Friday night starting Friday, September 6-27.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2019 Hamilton Families Benefit — Honoring Rabbi Ryan Bauer

Thursday, September 26,
6:00 pm VIP Cocktail Reception
7:00 pm Dinner & Program,
Bimbo's 365 Club

Hamilton Families is honoring Senior Associate Rabbi Ryan Bauer, along with our entire Congregation, for our vital role in working toward ending the family homelessness crisis in San Francisco.

Join the Hamilton Families and Emanu-El communities as we celebrate the honoring of Rabbi Bauer at Hamilton Families' annual benefit. Enjoy a VIP reception, a gourmet dinner by Foxtail Catering, a live auction, and an overall exciting program!

For more information, check out Hamilton Families' website at www.hamiltonfamilies.org.



Rabbi Bauer

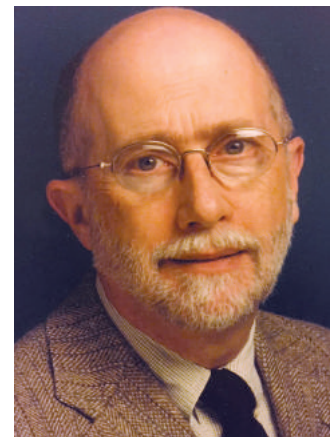


Rabbi Kushner's Torah Study: Hasidic Masters on the Weekly Parasha

Saturdays, September 21, 2019 thru
May 2020, 9:15 – 10:15 am, Room 55 (5th floor)

Join us for discussions on the weekly Torah portion based on the teachings of Rabbi Dov Baer, the Maggid (story teller) of Mezritch. Dov Baer was the principal disciple of the Baal Shem Tov and teacher to the earliest generations of Hasidic masters. He and his disciples set the agenda for Jewish spirituality, even up to modern times. Each week, we will read one of the selections in Hebrew and discuss it in English. No Hebrew knowledge is necessary to follow along and join in the discussion.

The text for this study group is the two-volume *Speaking Torah: Spiritual Teachings From Around the Maggid's Table*, edited by Arthur Green (Jewish Lights Publishing, 2013). We highly encourage participants to purchase these two volumes to add to their own Jewish library, although we will have a few copies available for on-site use (not to take home).



Rabbi Kushner

SAVE THE DATE!

A Panel on San Francisco's Homelessness Crisis

Wednesday, October 9 (Yom Kippur Day),
2:00 pm, Guild Hall

Learn about the Tzedek Council's efforts to reduce the number of homeless youth in San Francisco — our successes in serving this population, our plans for social justice work in the coming year, and opportunities to get involved.

FALL 2019 ADULT EDUCATION

Introduction to Judaism (2019-2020)

Join Emanu-El clergy to learn about the breadth and wonder of Jewish tradition. This class is a pathway for the adult learner who wishes to discover or deepen Jewish knowledge, non-Jews who are marrying a Jewish partner, and those who are considering conversion to Judaism. Participants register for each trimester separately. Register below.

When: Tuesday evenings, 7:00-9:00 pm

Location: Temple Emanu-El, Martin Meyer Reception

Cost per trimester: Emanu-El Member \$54; Non-member cost: \$75

Fall: Oct. 22, 29; Nov. 5, 12, 19; Dec. 3, 10, *13, 17

Winter: Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, *28

Spring: April 21, 28; May 5, *8, 12, 19, 26

(*Shabbat Dinner and Class)

Register now: www.emanuelsf.org/learning/adult-education/

Volunteers Needed



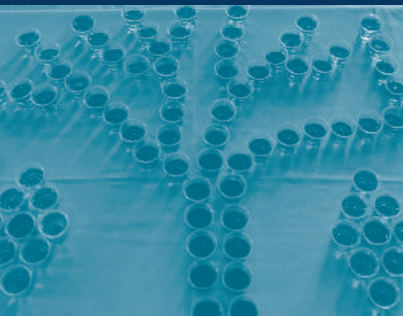
Ushers Needed for the High Holy Days

We are looking for a group of energetic and reliable congregants (teens welcome!) to help as ushers for the High Holy Days.

What you give: Your time, energy, and love to other members of our community to help them feel safe and cared for during the Haggim.

What you get: Special seating during the services you are working, endless smiles and appreciation, mitzvah brownie points, and additional snacks on Rosh Hashanah.

To sign up, please contact Ariana Estoque at (415) 750-7552 or aestoque@emanuelsf.org.



Ushers Needed for Shabbat

We're looking for a group of dedicated members to greet and welcome the community at our One Shabbat services on Friday nights. Responsibilities include distributing prayer books, welcoming members with a smile, and sharing your love of Shabbat! This new opportunity will begin after the High Holy Days, with a rotation schedule to be determined (time commitment: 5:30 - 7:15 pm).

Contact Rabbi Sarah Joselow Parris at sparris@emanuelsf.org for more information.



Our Voorsanger Library Needs Your Help!

We are looking for volunteers with library skills to help organize and update our Voorsanger Library. For details, please contact Ariana Estoque at aestoque@emanuelsf.org or (415) 750-7552.

CONGREGATION EMANU-EL

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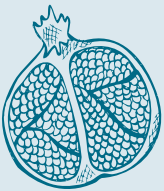
SERVICES

EARLY SERVICE (formerly Classic Service)

Cantor Arik Luck leads a majestic musical ensemble, including strings, clarinet, choir, and keyboard, creating a deeply emotional, uplifting, and contemplative experience.

LATE SERVICE (formerly Contemporary Service)

Cantor Marsha Attie and her musicians lead soulful, spirited, participatory, warm, intimate, and prayerful services.



Rosh Hashanah

**EREV ROSH HASHANAH
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

**5:00 pm - FAMILY SERVICE,
Martin Meyer Sanctuary**

One hour worship, led in a participatory, educational style by our clergy and musicians. Open to the community. Appropriate for children under age 5.

No One Pass or ticket required

6:00 pm - EARLY SERVICE, Main Sanctuary

Led by Rabbis Ryan Bauer and Sydney Mintz.

Sermon by Senior Rabbi Beth Singer.

Music: Cantor Arik Luck and accompanists.

8:30 pm - LATE SERVICE, Main Sanctuary

Led by Senior Rabbi Jonathan Singer and Rabbi Carla Fenves.

Sermon by Senior Rabbi Beth Singer.

Music: Cantor Marsha Attie and accompanists.

ROSH HASHANAH DAY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

9:00 am - EARLY SERVICE, Main Sanctuary

Led by Senior Rabbi Jonathan Singer and Rabbi Carla Fenves.

Sermon by Rabbi Jason Rodich.

Music: Cantor Arik Luck and accompanists.

**10:00 am - Service for families with children age 5
and under, Martin Meyer Sanctuary**

Led by Rabbis Ryan Bauer, Sydney Mintz, and Beth Singer.

Music: Cantor Marsha Attie and accompanists.

No One Pass or ticket required

11:45 am - LATE SERVICE, Main Sanctuary

Led by Senior Rabbi Beth Singer and Rabbi Jason Rodich.

Sermon by Rabbi Sydney Mintz.

Music: Cantor Marsha Attie and accompanists.

**2:30 pm - Service for families with children ages
5-10, Main Sanctuary**

Led by Emanu-El clergy.

Music: Cantor Arik Luck and accompanist..

No One Pass or ticket required



**3:30 pm - Community Service led by our Teens,
Main Sanctuary**

Come and be inspired by the music, communal singing, Torah readings and commentaries created and led by our teens. With Cantor Marsha Attie and accompanist.

No One Pass or ticket required

Please note: All Passes for High Holy Day services are non-transferable.

TASHLICH

5:00 pm - Baker Beach

As instructed by the Prophet Micah, we gather to throw breadcrumbs into the water on Rosh Hashanah afternoon. This ceremony is called Tashlich and represents a symbolic casting away of the transgressions of the past year. Dress casually (and warmly), bring some breadcrumbs and join us for this meaningful ceremony of song and personal reflection. Led by Emanu-El clergy and musicians.

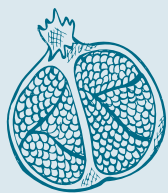
No One Pass or ticket required

2ND DAY ROSH HASHANAH TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

9:30 am - Reuben Rinder Chapel

A quiet, meditative, acoustic service led by Senior Rabbi Jonathan Singer, Rabbi Ryan Bauer and Cantor Marsha Attie.

No One Pass or ticket required



Yom Kippur

KOL NIDRE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

**5:00 pm - Family Service,
Martin Meyer Sanctuary**

One hour worship, led in a participatory, educational style by our clergy and musicians. Open to the community.

Appropriate for children under age 5.

No One Pass or ticket required

6:00 pm - EARLY SERVICE, Main Sanctuary

Led by Senior Rabbi Beth Singer and Rabbi Ryan Bauer.

Sermon by Senior Rabbi Jonathan Singer.

Music: Cantor Arik Luck and accompanists.

8:30 pm - LATE SERVICE, Main Sanctuary

Led by Rabbis Sydney Mintz and Jason Rodich.

Sermon by Senior Rabbi Jonathan Singer.

Music: Cantor Marsha Attie and accompanists.

YOM KIPPUR DAY - STAY THE DAY AND PRAY

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

9:00 am - EARLY SERVICE, Main Sanctuary

Led by Senior Rabbi Jonathan Singer and Rabbi Jason Rodich.

Sermon by Rabbi Carla Fenves.

Music: Cantor Arik Luck and accompanists.

**10:00 am - Service for families with children age
5 and under, Martin Meyer Sanctuary**

Led by Senior Rabbi Beth Singer and Rabbis Ryan Bauer and Sydney Mintz.

Music: Cantor Marsha Attie and accompanists.

No One Pass or ticket required

10:00 am - High Holy Day Learning, Guild Hall

Emanu-El Scholar Rabbi Lawrence Kushner: Parents

No One Pass or ticket required

11:30 am - High Holy Day Learning, Guild Hall

Senior Rabbi Emeritus Stephen Pearce: The Development and Transmission of Jewish Law and Lore

If the Bible is the foundation of Judaism, then the post-biblical writing of the Talmud and numerous other collections of Jewish Law (Halacha) and Lore (Aggadah), created by some of the most gifted scholars in Jewish history, was designed to legislate and narrate centuries of Jewish life in times of change, transition, and revolution — texts that created normative Judaism.

No One Pass or ticket required

11:45 am - LATE SERVICE, Main Sanctuary

Led by Senior Rabbi Beth Singer and Rabbi Carla Fenves.

Sermon by Rabbi Ryan Bauer.

Music: Cantor Marsha Attie and accompanists.

No One Pass or ticket required

2:00 pm - A Panel on San Francisco's Homeless Crisis

Please join us for a critical discussion and update on the Tzedek Council's efforts to reduce the number of youth experiencing homelessness in our city. Learn about our successes in serving this population, plans for our social justice work in the coming year, and opportunities for you to get involved.

2:00 pm - Reflection & Renewal in the Redwoods

Prayer, meditation and music led by Rabbi Sydney Mintz.

Participants will meet at the front gate of the Temple at 2:00 pm to walk to the Presidio and return in time for the 3:30 pm Community Service led by our teens.

No One Pass or ticket required

2:30 pm - Afternoon Service, Martin Meyer Sanctuary

Led by Senior Rabbi Jonathan Singer.

Music: Cantor Arik Luck and accompanists.

No One Pass or ticket required

**3:30 pm - Community Service led by our teens,
Main Sanctuary**

Come and be inspired by the music, communal singing, Torah readings and commentaries created and led by our teens with Cantor Marsha Attie and accompanist.

No One Pass or ticket required

4:00 pm - Guided Meditation, Guild Hall

Led by Rabbi Ryan Bauer. Latecomers will not be admitted.

No One Pass or ticket required

4:00 pm - Healing Service, Reuben Rinder Chapel

Led by Senior Rabbi Beth Singer.

No One Pass or ticket required

Yizkor and Neilah concluding worship

A memorial service called *Yizkor* (Remembrance) is recited near the conclusion of Yom Kippur. It is said by every person who has lost a parent or other loved ones.

Neilah, the full name is *Ne'ilat She'arim* (Closing of the Gates) referring to the daily closing of the Temple gates in Jerusalem, follows *Yizkor*. On Yom Kippur, this literal closing is symbolically associated with the closing of the heavenly gates that remained open to prayer until sunset. If you wish to wait until the *Yizkor* service concludes, you may enter the sanctuary at the beginning of *Neilah*.

**5:30 pm - Yizkor and Neilah Services
Main Sanctuary**

Led by Rabbis Ryan Bauer and Sydney Mintz.

Sermon by Senior Rabbi Beth Singer.

Music: Cantor Arik Luck and accompanists.

**5:30 pm - Yizkor and Neilah Services
Martin Meyer Sanctuary**

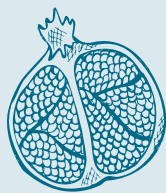
Led by Senior Rabbi Jonathan Singer and Rabbi Jason Rodich.

Sermon by Rabbi Carla Fenves.

Music: Cantor Marsha Attie and accompanists.

Space is limited. Tickets or One Passes are required.

Following Neilah - Havdalah and Break-the-Fast, Courtyard



Sukkot and Simchat Torah

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 -
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20**

Celebrate Sukkot at the Temple with a festive outdoor service at 5:00 pm on Sunday, October 13 followed by dinner in the courtyard. Reservations are required for the dinner; please log in to the MyEmanu-El portal at the top right of our website to register.

Throughout Sukkot, bring lunch or dinner to enjoy in the sukkah and come shake the lulav!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13
5 - 7:30 pm, Sukkot Service + New Members
Welcome Dinner
(Courtyard Sukkah)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14
9:00 am, Sukkot Morning Service and Breakfast

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15
6:30 pm, LGBTQ+
Dessert Reception
(Sukkah of Rabbis Beth and Jonathan Singer)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16
7:00 pm, Women's Sukkot Dinner
(Courtyard Sukkah)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18
6:00 pm, One Shabbat Services, plus Oneg

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19
5:00 pm, Young Families Havdalah
(Sukkah of Rabbi Carla Fenves)

YIZKOR SERVICE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20
9:30 am - Nosh and Service

**SIMCHAT TORAH
CELEBRATION + DINNER**
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20
5:00 pm

Please join us as we mark the conclusion of the annual cycle of public Torah readings, consecration of our newest students, and the beginning of a new cycle!

This joyful and festive occasion includes a light dinner and dancing and singing with the Torah, and is a perfect celebration for the whole family. Please log in to the MyEmanu-El portal at the top right of our website to register so we know how much food to order.

Services For High Holy Days Open to the Community

No One Pass or ticket required

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Service For Families
With Children Under Age 5 5:00 pm

ROSH HASHANAH DAY

Service For Families
With Children Under Age 5 10:00 am
Service For Families
With Children Ages 5-10 2:30 pm
Community Service Led By Our Teens 3:30 pm
Tashlich at Baker Beach 5:00 pm

2ND DAY ROSH HASHANAH

A quiet, meditative acoustic service 9:30 am

KOL NIDRE

Service For Families
With Children Under Age 5 5:00 pm
Yom Kippur
Service For Families
With Children Under Age 5 10:00 am
Panel Discussion 2:00 pm
Reflection & Renewal In The Redwoods 2:00 pm
Afternoon Service 2:30 pm
Community Service Led By Our Teens 3:30 pm
Guided Meditation
(No latecomers admitted) 4:00 pm
Healing Service 4:00 pm

HIGH HOLY DAY LEARNING

Yom Kippur 10:00 and 11:30 am

FOR CHILDREN

Young Children (Under Age 5),
Martin Meyer Sanctuary
Erev Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidre 5:00 pm
Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Days 10:00 am
Older Children (Ages 5 - 10), Main Sanctuary 2:30 pm
Rosh Hashanah



YOM KIPPUR FOOD DRIVE

Please continue your strong support of the San Francisco-Marin Food Bank and Jewish Family & Children's Services during the High Holy Days and throughout the year. Remember to bring a full bag of non-perishable food donations (no glass please) to the Temple during High Holy Day services. Protein items such as tuna and peanut butter are particularly appreciated.

Major Collection — Yom Kippur Day — Wednesday, October 9
BRING A FULL BAG OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD!

HIGH HOLY DAYS

LOGISTICS OVERVIEW

ONE PASS

With your **One Pass**, you may attend any service. You will need to show your **One Pass** for all services except those that indicate “**No One Pass or ticket required**” or “**Open to the Community**.” Students are welcome to come showing their school IDs; no passes needed.

Please note: All Passes for High Holy Day services are non-transferable.

SECURITY

For the protection of everyone, security personnel reserve the right to inspect all purses and packages and check identification. In the interest of time, please bring only what you will need during the service. Allow extra time to pass through the security lines.

TRANSPORTATION

For seniors and disabled members residing in San Francisco, we offer transportation for the 6:00 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah service on Sunday, September 29, the 6:00 pm Kol Nidre service on Tuesday, October 8 and the 5:30 pm Yizkor service on Wednesday, October 9, at a heavily subsidized price. Our transportation provider is SilverRide, a company that specializes in transportation for older adults. Congregation Emanu-El offers the subsidy through a partnership with the Jewish Community Federation.

Reservations for the subsidized SilverRide service are made through the Temple, and the firm deadline is Friday, September 7. To reserve and pay, please log in to the MyEmanu-El portal at the top right of our website or email membership@emanuelf.org or call (415) 751-2535. The cost is \$25 per person for each round trip. We also encourage those who are able to use any available ridesharing service.

PARKING

If you would like to look for street parking around the Temple, we have obtained waivers of time limits and street cleaning for both sides of the following streets:

- Lake from Arguello to 4th Ave.
- 2nd Ave., 3rd Ave. and 4th Ave. from Lake to California
- Arguello from Jackson to California
- Sacramento, Clay, Washington and Jackson from Arguello to Spruce
- Cherry, Maple and Spruce from Jackson to Sacramento

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about the High Holy Days, please contact our High Holy Days office at (415) 751-2541 x 138 or email hhd@emanuelf.org. Please note the office is staffed on a part-time basis

CHILD CARE

Child care is for ages 2 - 10 and is provided during Rosh Hashanah morning services, Kol Nidre early service and all day on Yom Kippur. There is no childcare for Erev Rosh Hashanah services or the late Kol Nidre service. A form must be submitted in advance to enroll your child(ren) for child care. Please log in to your MyEmanu-El portal at the top right of our website to find the form.

If you choose to bring a young child to a service not specifically noted as child-friendly, please be sure that your child is able to sit through the entire two hour service so as not to disturb other worshippers. Otherwise, please register for child care when offered, or make other arrangements.

VISITORS

You may include your friends or relatives who would like to attend in one of the following ways:

Please log in to the MyEmanu-El portal at the top right of our website to find the form to request tickets. Tickets are \$175 per seat per service or \$600 if you are requesting tickets for all five services (two evenings, two mornings and Yizkor). We have a limited number of tickets available for visitors and they can only be purchased by members of the synagogue. It is important to emphasize that Congregation Emanu-El members are our first priority with respect to space at High Holy Day services.

If your visitors belong to a Reform or Liberal congregation, please ask them to request tickets by having their synagogue contact reciprocity@emanuelf.org with proof of their current membership and the services they would like to attend. Your guests should ask their synagogue to indicate in the e-mail that they are attending with you.

TRAVEL

If you will be traveling within the United States and/or abroad during the High Holy Days, we can request seats for you at other Reform and Liberal congregations. Please log in to the MyEmanu-El portal at the top right of our website to request reciprocity by **Friday, August 30**.

HIGH HOLY DAY USHERS

Every year for the High Holy Day services, we need Temple ushers who extend a warm welcome, help congregants with seating and answer general questions. Enrich your High Holy Day experience by helping others. There are openings for every service. Please log in to the MyEmanu-El portal at the top right of our website to sign up.

Requirement: You must arrive 45 minutes prior to the start of the service to be at your post and ready to greet when the doors open. For more information, email membership@emanuelf.org or call (415) 751-2535.

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

Cooking for Congregants

Thursdays, 9:00 – 11:00 am, Emanu-El Kitchen

No charge

Be one of two volunteers — under the guidance of former restaurant owner Gail Laghi and chef Sari Swig — helping to make meals for congregants in need. Here's just one of the many expressions of appreciation for this program:



"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."

While there are limited volunteer slots for Cooking for Congregants due to the layout of our kitchen, you can also help by calling the Temple office whenever you learn of a congregant who is grieving or ill or has become a new parent. By law, hospitals will not release patient information, so clergy and staff rely on YOU to enable us to reach out.

New participants are always welcome. Registration is required on the Temple website by the Tuesday before cooking day. Questions? Contact Rebecca Reiner at (415) 751 2541 x170.

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

Monday, September 9, 10:00 am – noon, Room 53

No charge

This is a great opportunity for self-reflection, starting your memoir, and getting to know other warm and wonderful synagogue members. Join this friendly group that meets monthly to share stories on assigned themes. It's about the story, so no writing skill is necessary, and new participants are always welcome! Facilitated by member Nancy Alpert, LCSW. Registration on the Temple website is required, or contact Nancy at nalpo@igc.org.

Scrabble

Mondays (except when the Temple is closed), 11:00 am – 3:00 pm, 5th floor

No charge; drop in.

Do you love Scrabble and the challenge of putting letters together to form words? Join our scrabble group and play a rousing game or two! Perfect your word skills and expand your social circle. All ages and experience levels are invited.



Mah Jongg

Tuesdays (except when the Temple is closed), 1:30 pm

No charge; drop in.

Join us for American Mah Jongg! Open to players at all levels — from beginner to expert — but you must have some knowledge of the game as there will be no teaching at this time. Please arrive in the first half-hour if you have any questions.



Bridge Club – Lessons and Game

*Tuesdays, September 10 and 24, 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 monthly group for duplicate-style bridge. Play while improving your game, with pointers from Deborah Murphy, certified bridge instructor and American Contract Bridge League champion.

Congregant Groups & Gatherings

FOR BABY & TODDLER

Bagels and Babies

*Mondays and Fridays, 9:30 – 11:00 am,
Martin Meyer Reception*

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



Drop in with your little one (birth to 2 years) 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.

Interfaith Picnic Sunday

September 15, 12:00 – 2:00 pm

Join together with other Interfaith members of Congregation Emanu-El for a fun and casual afternoon at Off the Grid Presidio Picnic

See our website for details and registration.

Elul Mikvah's hosted by Tribe for Men & Tribe for Women/Women's Group

Sunday, September 22

Join us for a morning of spiritual exploration and preparation for the High Holy Days at Baker Beach. Men at 6am, Women at 9am. See our website for details and registration.

Men's Group

Sunday, September 22

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.

Side By Side

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 – 11:00 am

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



Emanu-El's Side by Side program introduces our very young children (18 months to 2.5 years) to a preschool environment, with their parent or caregiver by their side. Side by Side is rich in Jewish content, celebrating our traditions and holidays. This program is a wonderful introduction to preschool that deepens relationships in our community and launches a meaningful school experience for both parents and children. To register, please contact Administrative Coordinator Katie Saleh at KSaleh@emanuelf.org.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT *(cont'd.)*



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. www.emanuelsf.org/youthhomelessness/

"All In" Campaign

Congregation Emanu-El has partnered with a new citywide coalition called "All In."

The "All In" campaign is a diverse coalition of San Franciscans working together to end homelessness in San Francisco by advancing a new level of shared responsibility toward resolving this issue. Current partners of the campaign include already-established Emanu-El partners such as Larkin Street Youth Services and Hamilton Families as well as other faith-based organizations such as Glide Memorial.

Joining the "All In" coalition is a continued step forward in Emanu-El's efforts to address homelessness in San Francisco. Over the past two years, our Tzedek Council's focus has been on this critical issue.



Emanu-El Receives Volunteer of the Year Award!

Thanks to all of your hard work, Congregation Emanu-El was presented with the "Community Volunteer of the Year" Award at the Larkin Street Youth Services Board of Directors dinner on June 25. From



Sunday dinners at Geary House to in-kind support of Larkin Street Youth Services programs, as well as the Yom Kippur conversation with clients of the organization, the Emanu-El community has had a deep and lasting impact. Check out our ongoing Tzedek Council volunteer opportunity at Geary House (see below).

Sunday Dinners at Geary House

Sponsor a Sunday night dinner for youth experiencing homelessness: cook, eat, and socialize with residents of Geary House, a transitional housing program of Larkin Street Youth Services

Sundays, 5:00 – 7:00 pm

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

has partnered with Geary House to support these youth by bringing in volunteers on Sunday evenings to cook, eat, and build meaningful relationships with the residents.

Interfaith District Attorney Candidate Forum in San Francisco

September 10, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

**Jewish Community High School of the Bay
1835 Ellis Street**

Co-sponsors: Calvary Presbyterian, Catholic Charities, Congregation Emanu-El, Congregation Ner Tamid, Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, Congregation Sherith Israel, Grace Cathedral, Grace Tabernacle Community Church, Jewish Community High School of the Bay, Mission Adelante, Muslim Advocates, NCJW San Francisco, Or Shalom Jewish Community, Pacifica Institute, San Francisco African-American and Jewish Unity Group, SFOAHT Interfaith Committee, and St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Presented by the Jewish Community Relations Council.

Yom Kippur Panel: Homeless Crisis in San Francisco

Wednesday, October 9, 2:00 pm, Guild Hall

Please join us on Yom Kippur day for a critical discussion and update on the Tzedek Council's efforts to reduce the number of youth experiencing homelessness in San Francisco! Learn about our successes in serving this population, as well as our plans for social justice work in the coming year and opportunities for you to get involved.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our monthly collection drives!

The Tzedek Council is proud to announce that we completed our goal of collecting donations from our Emanu-El community and then assembling 30 "Welcome Baskets" that we gave to Larkin Street Youth Services graduates who are transitioning out of homelessness and settling into permanent housing. Thank you to all who supported this effort. We couldn't have done it without you!

SPECIAL GUESTS

24/6: The Power of Unplugging One Day a Week

Thursday, September 26, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Martin Meyer Sanctuary

In her latest book, *24/6: The Power of Unplugging One Day a Week*, internet pioneer and renowned filmmaker Tiffany Shlain explores the value of her own family's decade-long practice of "Technology Shabbats." Tiffany Shlain's book takes us on a provocative and entertaining journey through time and technology, introducing a strategy for healthy living in our 24/7 world

— that is, turning off all screens for a 24-hour period each week. With humor and wisdom, Tiffany shares her story, offers lessons she has learned along the way, and provides a blueprint for how to do it yourself. She delves into the neuroscience, philosophy, psychology, and history of a weekly day of rest across cultures, making the case for why we need to bring this ritual back.

According to Tiffany, "Technology Shabbats" can work wonders on the brain, body, and soul, and the practice has completely changed her family's lives, affording them more time, greater productivity, and deeper connection.

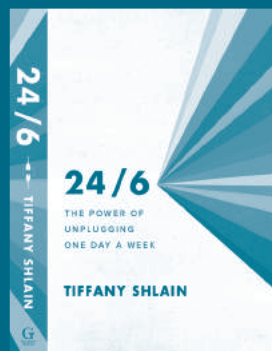
Join us for this pre-High Holy Days discussion as Rabbi Mintz interviews Tiffany Shlain along with her husband, Professor Ken Goldberg, and their two daughters, Odessa (16) and Blooma (10).

This program is recommended for the entire family. Tweens and teens are encouraged to participate! Books will be on sale at the event.

About Tiffany Shlain & Ken Goldberg

Honored by Newsweek as one of the "Women Shaping the 21st Century," Tiffany Shlain is an Emmy-nominated filmmaker and founder of The Webby Awards.

Tiffany's films and other works have received over 80 awards and distinctions, including being selected for the Albert Einstein Foundation's *Genius: 100 Visions of the Future*. NPR includes her UC Berkeley address in its list of best commencement speeches, and her films have premiered at top festivals, including



Sundance. Some of her Jewish-themed films include *The Tribe* (American Jewish identity told through the history of the Barbie doll) and *The Making of a Mensch*. Tiffany lectures worldwide on the relationship between technology and humanity. Find out more at tiffanyshlain.com and follow @tiffanyshlain on social media.

Ken Goldberg is an artist and William S. Floyd Jr. Distinguished Professor of Engineering at UC Berkeley. He teaches and supervises research in robotics, automation, and new media. Ken holds dual degrees in Electrical Engineering and Economics from the University of Pennsylvania (1984) and a Ph.D. from Carnegie Mellon University (1990). Ken has collaborated with Tiffany on many projects, including co-writing *The Tribe* and having a joint artist-in-residency at the National Museum of American Jewish History. Ken joined the UC Berkeley faculty in 1995. His artwork has appeared in the Whitney Biennial and is represented by the Catharine Clark Gallery in San Francisco. For more information, visit goldberg.berkeley.edu/.



Reviews for 24/6: The Power of Unplugging One Day a Week

"Put down your phone and pick up this book. I read it in one day, convinced that *24/6* is timeless and timely wisdom. Tiffany Shlain is a modern-day prophet, brilliant and incredibly funny in equal measure."

—Angela Duckworth,
New York Times bestselling author of *Grit*

"In this wise, wonderful work, filmmaker Shlain eloquently argues the merits of taking a break from technology, particularly smartphones, one day a week — a practice she refers to as "Tech Shabbat."... Bolstered with fascinating and germane facts about neuroscience, philosophy, psychology, and the history of the concept of a day of rest, this excellent cross between instruction and memoir deserves a wide audience."

—Publishers Weekly

"[A] bright debut...A useful and much-needed guide to turning the clock back to a less frazzled pre-internet and -smartphone day."

—Kirkus Reviews

"...She convinced me...that a day of disconnection is a path towards reconnection to the rest of our lives."

—Vint Cerf,
co-creator of the internet, VP and Chief Internet Evangelist at Google, and co founder of the Internet Society

YOUTH & FAMILY EDUCATION (YFE)

Who Ya Gonna Call (in YFE)?

Youth & Family Education is a wonderful web of programs, curriculums, calendars, teachers, students, classrooms, trips, retreats, and more. Between its incredible history and its constant innovation, every year, YFE provides comfort while also being full of surprises. Whether you are just starting Kindergarten, have relocated here with your 4th-grader, are moving through the b'nei mitzvah process, or are up to the high school fellowship program, inevitably, you will have questions. And luckily, in addition to our wonderful part-time teachers, our outstanding full-time staff is here to help! The new year is a great time to get to know both our new and returning YFE team members, and to learn about who you can call and for what purpose.

Shanah Kushner, **YFE Assistant Operations Manager**

Shanah is our newest member, having just joined the team in August. She brings years of congregational and school management experience, as well as a B.A. in Child & Adolescent Education. She was even a YFE Sunday school teacher years ago. In her new role, Shanah is helping YFE expand its capacity as our student body and our diversity of programming continue to expand. She will be planning special events (like Family Days), implementing improved program evaluations, helping keep parents better informed, and facilitating the myriad logistics that keep things running smoothly.

Ask Shanah about:

- Sunday Preschool and Kindergarten classes and teachers
- Special YFE programs (Family Days, Hebrew Naming, Purim, Chanukah, etc.)
- YFE Parents Association and volunteers
- Advance warning for expected student absences



Lauren Schuller, **B'nei Mitzvah Coordinator**

Lauren grew up and became bat mitzvah here at Emanu-El, and while still in high school, she taught in our YFE Sunday school program as a Madrichah. Lauren facilitates the b'nei mitzvah process, starting three years in advance with date requests and handling logistics up until the very special day itself. It is hard to imagine how many details she deftly masters every day. Lauren is also one of the kindest, most thoughtful people you will ever meet, so send every question and request with a smile.

Ask Lauren about:

- Your b'nei mitzvah date (set three years in advance)
- Red Binder Orientation meetings (one year before your date)
- Guide Rabbi pairings
- Calendaring meetings with clergy



Natalya Gomes, **YFE School Coordinator**

Natalya is both a national treasure and our secret weapon! With over 20 years of professional experience at Emanu-El, she has worn many hats and knows our community better than most. If you have ever registered a student, applied for financial aid, received a class or school email, or referred to our program calendar or website, you can thank Natalya.

Ask Natalya about:

- Registering for YFE K-12
- Financial aid and payment plans
- Program dates and calendar questions
- Updating your snail mail or email address
- Switching your student's program day (between Sunday and Wednesday or Hebrew days)
- If you think you are not receiving YFE email updates
- If you notice anything on the website that looks out of date



Tori Starks, Teen Programs Manager

Tori is also a homegrown talent as a 3rd-generation CEE member and veteran preschool teacher for over 10 years! She has also been a mentor to new teachers, and has taught in our Sunday morning YFE program, Mitzvah Corps (7th grade), and College Connection. She is the direct mentor and supervisor for all Madrichim staff working our Sunday and Wednesday programs, and she will bring our already strong programming to new heights!



Ask Tori about:

- 6th-grade YFE (Shabbat Family Education Experience and Shabbaton Weekend Retreats)
- 7th-grade Mitzvah Corps (service learning and family education)
- Teen Fellowship (Sunday morning programs for 8th- through 12th-graders)
- Madrichim and Madrichim-in-Training who work with younger students in YFE
- 8th-grade TEF trip to Los Angeles and 10th-grade TEF trip to New York City
- 12th-grade confirmation
- College Connection

Flora Kupferman, YFE Assistant Director

It would be hard to find anyone who remembers what YFE was like before the leadership and warmth of Flora behind its successes. Flora has been a teacher, has led a CEE junior youth group, has trained teachers on special needs education throughout the Bay Area, and continues to bring our Hebrew-learning programs to new heights. One of her many amazing superpowers is her ability to lead large-scale programs with hundreds of members while knowing each child individually and always responding to family questions.



Ask Flora about:

- 1st and 2nd grade teachers and classes (Sunday and Wednesdays)
- Hebrew curriculum, tutors, and student assessments or progress updates
- Special needs (learning and/or health) your student may have
- B'nei mitzvah timelines, blessings classes, and Hebrew reading coach sessions
- B'nei mitzvah Torah verse selection

Lom Friedman, Director of Education

Now in my second year in this role and community, I come to Emanu-El with a lifetime of study, practice, and dedication to Jewish education in various settings; these include summer camps, wilderness programs, philanthropy education, international travel programs, after-school centers, and retreats. I'm in love with the diverse ways in which people learn, and I'm a fierce advocate for both teachers and families. In YFE, I aim to bring innovation and a clear vision to an already strong and exciting institution. Our collective goal is to build community and a foundation in Jewish literacy that helps your children feel proud of their Jewish identity and grow into active, conscientious Jewish adults.



Call me about:

- 3rd- through 5th-grade YFE classes and teachers
- Overall curriculum and vision
- School safety
- Coming in for a cup of coffee and chatting!

Rabbi Ryan Bauer, Senior Associate Rabbi and YFE Guide Rabbi

Rabbi Bauer has served Congregation Emanu-El since 2005 and has led national award-winning community engagement programs replicated in synagogues around the US. He also serves on the board of the Jewish Community High School and the Rabbinic Advisory Council of Shalom Bayit, and is a regular faculty member at URJ Camp Newman. In addition to everything else he does for our community, Rabbi Bauer is the Guiding Rabbi for YFE and CEE B'nei-Mitzvah program.



We couldn't be more excited for the coming school year and we welcome you back!

Lom Friedman
Director of Education

Meet Our New Engagement Team!

By Byron Gordon, Communications

At Emanu-El we strive to create a community of deep connections, where congregants can build upon their relationships with each other to feel part of a sacred community. In an era when many people feel isolated and struggle to find meaning in their busy lives, Emanu-El remains a sanctuary, and we want our congregants to feel a strong sense of belonging, not just once a year at the High Holy Days, but throughout the entire year.

As part of our commitment to strengthen our community, Emanu-El has recently expanded its engagement team. We feel that enhancing our capacity in this area will help us better serve our congregants, creating and deepening the relationships between and among members, clergy and staff that makes Emanu-El so special. Our new engagement team represents Emanu-El's emphasis on centering members' lives in a dynamic and loving Jewish community, enabling us to better respond to their needs and concerns.

As we work diligently to make the experience of joining, worshiping, learning, engaging, and volunteering at Emanu-El more meaningful and relevant to your lives, we hope you will take the time to get to know our new Engagement team.

Randi Fields, Senior Director of Membership and Engagement Operations

Randi comes to Emanu-El with a background in broadcast journalism and the non-profit sector. She was most recently Director of the Jewish Coalition for Literacy.



Byron: The senior director of membership and engagement operations is a brand-new position here at Emanu-El. What attracted you to it?

Randi: I'm thrilled to take on a new leadership role at Congregation Emanu-El, which has meant so much to our family since my husband and I moved here from New York in the early 90s with our infant daughter. I've always been impressed by the variety of Emanu-El's excellent programs and am excited not only to support what exists, but to look for new and creative ways to enhance these offerings and meet the evolving needs of our membership. My goal is to help ensure that Emanu-El and the Reform Jewish community remain vital and strong and continue to thrive as a beacon for Jews well into the future.

Byron: You spent nearly 8 years as Bay Area Director of the Jewish Coalition for Literacy. What would you say the experience taught you about working for a synagogue?

Randi: My work as Director of the Jewish Coalition for Literacy (JCL) involved partnering with a wide variety of stakeholders — from principals and teachers to parents, students, and volunteers. This parallels the broad reach of a congregation's community and highlights the importance of listening to the needs and desires of a wide range of people and constituencies. Most of JCL's 300 volunteer

literacy tutors were Jewish, and providing literacy support to high-risk, young students was a hands-on way for them to engage in tikkun olam and put their Jewish values into action. I hope to build upon this drive for social justice, which is central to many of the programs at Emanu-El.

Byron: Any message you want to send to those who remain unaffiliated or unsure whether to join a synagogue like Emanu-El?

Randi: I think it's incredibly important that Emanu-El continues to be a welcoming community to Jews from all backgrounds. This means more than just saying we welcome all; it means listening to the needs of our community, providing extra support to those who need it, being sensitive to barriers to participation, and building programming that is accessible to and engaging for our congregants and our Bay Area community.

Byron: What has Judaism meant to you in your life?

Randi: I grew up in a small, isolated town in Canada — Thunder Bay, Ontario, on the northwestern shore of Lake Superior — with only about 25 Jewish families and no regular rabbi. But among these few Jews, there was a strong desire to keep traditions alive, so I grew up with a strong Jewish identity. Nonetheless, without a large Jewish community in my town, I always felt like the "other," so my Jewish identity came primarily from my family. When I went away to college, for the first time I began to feel that I was part of a larger community of Jews. That left a powerful impression on me — and I loved the sense of belonging I felt. So today, in a time when many people feel isolated, or struggle to find connection and meaning in the midst of our busy lives, I am grateful for the feeling of community here at Emanu-El.

Ariana Estoque, Director of Member Experience

Unbelievably, Ariana has worked at Emanu-El for more than 20 years in various capacities, but primarily in education. Ariana has been the Director of Adolescent Education since 2005, and in 2014 she added Adult Education and Israel Action to her portfolio. Ariana welcomes this opportunity to shift her focus to membership.



Byron: Why at this juncture did you turn to membership engagement?

Ariana: Yes, I have been employed with the Temple since I was a teen teacher. Although I have worked with other organizations over the years, this is where I have found my people and have been able to grow personally as well as professionally.

Why membership? Because I believe in it! Jewish education is where my passion lies but taking on Adult Education and Israel Action in recent years allowed me to “cross pollinate” programs and think about education as an opportunity for engagement and outreach in a different way than I had with the teens. I see a power and richness in congregational/synagogue life and believe we can thrive. Stepping into membership allows me to bring my passions together and share the values I see in Jewish communal life with others.

Byron: As Director of Member Experience, what will be your main priorities?

Ariana: Terry (Kraus) was an amazing Membership Director and she left me very large shoes to fill (as many remind me). Taking her lead, I plan to be the personal connector for all of our members and visitors, helping everyone find their own pathway in our community. I love meeting with people, talking to people on the phone, and making this sizable building and community feel accessible to all. Beyond that, I will continue to work with the Adult Education Committee and the Israel Action committee on classes, programs, and speakers.

Byron: Talk to us about your Jewish journey. What has our synagogue done to your own sense of Jewish identity?

Ariana: WOW — now this is a big question! I can honestly say that Emanu-El has been my Jewish journey. I have been a part of this community since I was a very young girl. I remember attending High Holy Day services in the Main Sanctuary with my parents, when I was 6 or 7 years old, and bursting into tears when I heard Cantor Barak sing Kol Nidre.

My personal Jewish journey started with me finding my place here as a teenager, having clergy, staff, and community members believe in me, support me, and push me to think of my Jewish identity as more than peripheral. My parents provided me with a solid Jewish foundation, sending me to Sunday school, then to The Hebrew Academy of San Francisco for middle school. I became Bat Mitzvah in the Main Sanctuary, was confirmed, and so on. But it was becoming a teen teacher when I was 15 that lit a spark.

And then, at age 16, I participated in the International March of the Living and that literally changed my life. My grandfather was a Holocaust refugee; multiple generations of my family were killed at Dachau and Theresienstadt, so this was a very personal journey for me. I returned from that two-week experience knowing that I had to continue learning and in turn teaching. I had to show others that Jewish life was rich, was relevant and meaningful, and was important. This community has supported and showed me love. It has been the backbone of my Jewish journey.

Rabbi Sarah Joselow Parris, Director of Congregational Engagement

Sarah was ordained by the Los Angeles campus of Hebrew Union College and has a diverse background in education and community organizing. She has relocated to San Francisco from New York, where she was the Senior Jewish Educator at Columbia/Barnard Hillel.



Byron: The Director of Congregational Engagement is a brand-new position here at Emanu-El. What attracted you to it?

Sarah: I am thrilled and honored to have the opportunity to serve as Emanu-El's first Director of Congregational Engagement. There are only a few rabbinic positions like this nationally, and I am still pinching myself that this position was available at Emanu-El at the exact time my husband and I needed to relocate to San Francisco. I have a passion for working as an Engagement Rabbi and throughout my job search process I was consistently amazed by the many small, yet significant links I already had to the Emanu-El community. In many ways it feels like Emanu-El was the community I was already meant to be a part of, and I am so excited to finally be here.

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Engagement Team (continued)

Byron: So... what exactly does an Engagement Rabbi do?

Sarah: The way I see it, my portfolio includes every way that you relate to and interact with Emanu-El and your fellow congregants outside of services and life-cycle events. While of course these rituals are an important part of Judaism, I believe that holiness is found not only in these traditional spaces, but also in the ways we relate to and connect with each other every single day. As an Engagement Rabbi, it's my job to help support each and every one of you in finding the best ways for you to engage with your community at Emanu-El and to help you deepen your relationship to each other and to Judaism. Whether you're on a committee, participating in a class or retreat, or simply looking for ways to build relationships with your fellow congregants, I hope to find a time to grab coffee or lunch and get to know as many of you as possible in the coming months.

Byron: Talk to us about your Jewish journey.

Sarah: Ask me over coffee! I would love to share my story with you, and to learn yours. Here's the Cliff Notes version of mine:

- Grew up in Ossining, New York
- Studied history and Arabic at Harvard
- Discovered I wanted to be a Rabbi
- Taught middle school math in New Orleans
- Went to rabbinical school in Los Angeles
- Worked at Columbia/Barnard Hillel as an Engagement Rabbi

All the details and stories in between you'll have to ask in person.

Byron: How do you like to spend your time outside of work?

Sarah: I currently live in Lower Pacific Heights with my husband Zachary and Brisket, our adorable beagle-dachshund mix (you can follow him at @briskeyboy on Instagram). My husband and I love going on culinary adventures and exploring everywhere we go with our taste buds. And we are loving the food here in San Francisco so far. I love cooking and baking, and I'm a huge sports fanatic, especially football and basketball. On weekends, we can usually be found somewhere outside, either going on a hike, walking Brisket, or sharing some food with friends.



LIFE-CYCLES

Mazel Tov to Our Members Who Have Experienced Joy

Jessica Dorman and Joshua Richman on the birth of their son, Ethan Lewit Richman

Jennifer and Robert Futernick are the proud grandparents of a new baby boy, Levi Reid Rankin, born on July 30, 2019 to parents, Sarah Futernick and Brian Rankin.

Ian and Laura Sherr on the birth of their daughter, Beatrice Rose Sherr.

Condolences to Our Members Who Have Suffered Recent Losses

Monique Soltani on the death of her husband, and **Josephine and Ayla Erman** on the death of their father, Mark Erman

Stephen Katznelson (Trudy Edelson) and David Katznelson (Barbara Bersche) on the death of their father, and **David Arrick** on the death of his uncle, Gordon Katznelson.

Welcome New Members!

Leo Cieplinski
Max Cieplinski
Mr. Avi Cieplinski
Mr. Todd Fox
Rosalind Fox
Dorothy Fox
Mrs. Elizabeth Fox
Mr. Chad Fusco
Mr. Benjamin Halbig
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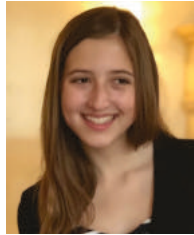
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Parent:
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Torah Portion:
Shoftim



Noah Babel
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Torah Portion:
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Parents:
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Torah Portion:
Nitzavim



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Parents:
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Ki Tavo



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DEVELOPMENT

Donate Online!

Making a contribution to Emanu-El is a meaningful way to honor friends and family while supporting the synagogue. Please visit our website (www.emanuelf.org/support-us/), select "Donate Now or Annual Giving," and follow the steps to make a gift. You will receive an electronic confirmation, followed by an acknowledgment letter in the mail. If you need assistance, contact Talia Rothman in the Development Office at trothman@emanuelf.org or (415) 750-7554.

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Ryan Bauer, *Senior Associate Rabbi*

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Jason Rodich, *Rabbi*

Marsha Attie, *Cantor*

Arik Luck, Ben and A. Jess Shenson, *Cantor*

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