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Connecting
As One Community

MESSAGE FROM ALAN GREINETZ



Dear Emanu-El Community,

I am writing today to thank you for your ongoing support of our synagogue and to invite you to join us for the year ahead by renewing your Emanu-El membership. Despite the shelter-in-place orders that have caused us to move all of our programming online and have our staff work remotely, we've been able to retain each and every member of our fabulous staff! Your membership renewal will enable us to continue to fully support the community during this period of unprecedented challenge.

Due to the economic effects of the coronavirus, we have decided not to increase our dues this year. Emanu-El is here to support our members in any way necessary at this time. If you are able to contribute at or above the suggested level, we encourage you to do so, as your community needs you more than ever. As always, there is room for everyone under our dome, and no one will ever be turned away.

Despite the new COVID-19 reality, we are not standing still. Emanu-El remains a vital source of community and support for our members. It has been a joy and a comfort to join with many of you in online Shabbat services. Emanu-El has also hosted virtual baby groups, preschool and YFE classes, Passover Seders, and family *T'filah*, and we've conducted one-to-one outreach to congregants in need. In partnership with Chabad, we delivered 145 Passover meals to the most vulnerable members of our community. In addition, we have leveraged our community's entrepreneurship, creativity, and heart to support local small businesses by launching the Tikkun Emanu-El Shuk.

Jewish tradition teaches us that, in a crisis, we should not sit back and pray for a miracle. Instead, we should do everything we can to address the situation for ourselves, our loved ones, and our entire community. The most impactful thing you can do is quite simple: continue to be a member of Congregation Emanu-El. We appreciate each and every one of you. Please visit emanuels.org and click on LOG IN TO MYEMANU-EL (top right of the homepage) to renew your membership. Please renew by June 15.

We know that the year ahead will be an unusual one in our history as a congregation, a city, and a people. We must and we can create this future together.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alan Greinetz', written over a light blue background.

Alan Greinetz
Board President



Our goal is to reach all of our congregants where they are. If you do not have internet access, please call Ariana Estoque, our director of member experience, at **(415) 750-7552** and let her know. We want to do all we can to make Emanu-El as accessible as possible during these trying times.

SHALOM RAV FROM OUR CLERGY

By Richard and Rhoda Goldman Senior Rabbi Jonathan Singer and Senior Rabbi Beth Singer

A *I tifrosh min hatzibur*. “Do not separate yourself from the community.” The Talmud teaches us those words by the great Rabbi Hillel. The COVID-19 pandemic has truly tested what it means to be in community, and we wonder if the ancients could have anticipated a time such as this when separation would be necessary in order to protect our health.

Many times in human history, we’ve had to rise to great challenges, and the Jewish community has responded with comfort and true support for those in need. Here in San Francisco, after the 1906 earthquake, the Jewish community worked very hard to assist people in desperate situations. Our community stood together with strangers new to the city as well as those who had been here since its founding, and we helped during one of the greatest times of need — providing support, comfort, friendship, and hope.

Today at Emanu-El we practice that same purposeful *keruv*, drawing people in and holding them close. Our diverse, welcoming membership includes descendants of our founders as well as those who have just arrived in the Bay Area. Our community focuses on building friendships, educating both youth and adults thirsty for learning, joining hands to repair the world through *tikkun olam*, and supporting each other in times of need while

also celebrating together in times of joy. All of our work is based in love of Torah and Jewish spiritual practice, but our membership includes not only those seeking religious connection, but also those wanting to simply be part of a dynamic Jewish community.

Although we’ve traditionally gathered on Shabbat, the palpable vibrancy of Emanu-El has also been evident in our Temple on Sundays and during the week, as well as in various city neighborhoods and in Marin where we’ve engaged in religious, cultural, and social action activities. And this year, out of necessity, we’ve forged a new path to togetherness — meeting online — as we Zoom our connection into your home for learning, spiritual events such as Havdalah, or sharing a Passover Seder.

As Rabbis and Cantors, we are grateful to be a part of this community. We ask you now to renew your connection and continue to be counted in our *minyan*. The work we do together is holy and can only be done if we truly stand together. Please renew your membership, bringing back old friends as well as drawing in those who are new to Emanu-El. Help make all of us better! *Keruv* — come close and we will do much more!

Your Clergy



Join us in Bidding Farewell to

RABBI CARLA FENVES!

We are sad to see our beloved Rabbi Carla Fenves leave us as she and her family relocate back to New York in July. But we won't let her go without a proper goodbye from our congregation!

Please join us on **Wednesday, June 3, at 7:00 pm** for our Zoom celebration with Rabbi Fenves and the Fenves-Frommer family. Register to participate: www.emanuelsf.org/event/farewell-rabbi-fenves



Legacy and Connection

Shalom!

As I wrap up my first year as Director of Member Experience at Emanu-El, I wanted to reintroduce myself. Although I know many families already, I would love to know you all. I thought I would take a moment to share my personal connection to this wonderful community and tell you why I feel that synagogue membership is particularly relevant during these difficult times.

My maternal grandparents, one a Holocaust refugee from Austria and one a Russian émigré, met in San Francisco in 1947 (through a *shitach*, of course). They became Emanu-El members in 1956. My mother went through Emanu-El's religious school and confirmation, and became a teaching assistant for Mrs. Pollack (z"l). My brother and I became b'nei mitzvah and were confirmed here as well. I loved being a part of Emanu-El so much that I became a teen teacher at 15, like my mother, and have worked in this building for the past 28 years. While we lived in a Jewish home and attended services regularly, my father officially went through Emanu-El's conversion process with Rabbi Helen Cohn in 2002. My husband and I were married in the Martin Meyer Sanctuary and are now raising our own three children under this dome. We are preparing for our eldest's bar mitzvah this coming September (yes, I'm *kvelling*). In addition, three generations of my family are buried at Home of Peace cemetery.

I share all of this so you will understand my deep-seated connection to Emanu-El. Emanu-El membership defines my family's Jewish identity in San Francisco. It is the backbone of our Jewish journeys, not only individually, but also collectively. Our family's participation in this

community and with this synagogue has been the setting for our *simchas* and has supported us during our heartache.

The Talmud tells us that a Jewish community must provide for all of its members' spiritual and physical needs. Being a member of Emanu-El means that you are not only sustaining your own Judaism, but also investing in the legacy of the Jewish people — providing opportunity for study, worship, helping those in need, and community discourse. Membership is not transactional here! Membership is participatory, yet obligatory, for our Jewish future.

I wholeheartedly believe that synagogue life is not disappearing, regardless of what the Pew Research Center report tells us. Reform Judaism is ever changing and therefore consistently relevant. This synagogue stands as a permanent place in modern Jewish life. It is the physical pillar of our sacred community. In the past few months, I have witnessed our community step up in ways that no one could ever imagine. Our staff and Clergy took action to bring everything we do into the virtual world. And our members have consistently offered to help those in need with Care Calls, food delivery, and continued outreach to make sure that all of our congregants are taken care of. I know we all miss walking through the courtyard, seeing the sanctuaries, the Ark, the Torah scrolls, and the people that make up our Jewish community. I look forward to returning to our "new normal" and seeing your beautiful faces in person very soon.

L'Hitraot,
Ariana Estoque



Congregation Emanu-El is delighted to welcome our summer Rabbinic intern, Leo Fuchs.



The Hebrew Union College (HUC-JIR) rabbinical student summer internship enables our congregation to train a rabbinical student with essential professional development opportunities while simultaneously providing us with a student who can support us in our ongoing spiritual work. Throughout the pandemic, Congregation Emanuel-El will continue to provide a wide variety of services and classes that bring us together and Leo will be part of that effort while he is with us through July.

We are especially fortunate to have Leo Fuchs as our student intern. Leo recently completed his second year of rabbinical studies at the Hebrew Union College — Jewish Institute of Religion. He and his wife, Dr. Liz Goldman and children, Zachary and Jeremy, have been members of Congregation Emanu-El for nearly fifteen years. Leo holds an M.A. in Non-Profit Management from the Heller School at Brandeis University and an M.A. in Education from U.C. Berkeley.

While he is with us, Leo will take turns with the rest of the clergy leading Friday night services, Torah study and classes. He will sit on some of our conversion panels and work with us on projects such as rethinking religious school in a time of pandemic. As the rules of safety allow small outdoor gatherings, there may be opportunities for congregants to meet with Leo.

We are all very excited to welcome Leo to the clergy team this summer.

Emanu-El in Action

Passover Meals

When the shelter-in-place orders began, we had to cancel our Purim celebration. Soon afterward, we realized that Passover was going to be impacted as well. We would not be able to invite all of our loved ones, friends, and even strangers into our homes for Seder, let alone contain 500+ people in the synagogue for second-night festivities. So, with the help of a very generous Emanu-El member, and in partnership with our local Chabad chapter, we selected 79 members who were isolated at home, who just had a baby, or who had lost a loved one, and we delivered a full Seder meal (Seder plate and *Haggadah* included) to each door the day before Passover.

Recipients of our Passover Meals Program in their own words:

Having you phone to check on me the other day was dayenu, but then receiving that amazing bundle of Pesach supplies was beyond! I participated in a virtual Pesach and everything was there for me, including that darling Seder plate, with every little item supplied! The food was delicious, but the thought behind it was unforgettable. I can't thank you and the entire Clergy and staff enough for your generous gesture!

—Betty D. (member since 1960)



**We received a nice
package of Passover food
from the community.
We will have a nice Passover
with it. Thank you so much!**
—Young L. (member since 2000)

My doorbell rang a few minutes ago. I was not expecting any delivery. "It is a Passover meal." What a beautiful gift, smartly put together. To be remembered, the best gift of all. Single people, at this time, far from family, the loneliness is major. I will be doing virtual Seder with two dear friends from Torah study, and this meal will make it a Seder to remember.

—Eve M. (member since 1959)

Thank you so much for coordinating the Seder meal kit for us. I had absolutely no idea until it was delivered. We really felt the community's love. Thank you, my dear. Wishing you and your family a very special Passover celebration.

—Anonymous (member since 2009)

**Thank you so much for the
delicious Passover meal. It was
delicious and made Passover
really special for me. I do
appreciate your including me in
this wonderful opportunity!**

—Ellen C. (member since 2006)

It was more than thoughtful and kind to arrange for a driver to come all this long way to Sonoma to bring me the lovely Seder dinner. Like everyone else, we are all separated, but I will enjoy it tonight. Please thank the committee for sharing this kind act with me. I hasten to send my sincere thanks and wish you a peaceful Passover.

—Joann F. (member since 1968)

Emanu-El in Action

Finding ways of responding to COVID-19 led our community to create the Emanu-El Shuk, a virtual marketplace for congregants to advertise their goods and services to other members of our congregation. We officially launched our Shuk on April 1, and to date more than 200 purchases have been made, supporting approximately 40 merchants.

Here is the April 10 story on the launch of our Shuk in *J. The Jewish News of Northern California* below (republished with permission).

S.F. Synagogue Launches Online ‘Shuk’ to Save Small Businesses

BY ANDREW ESENSTEN | APRIL 10, 2020

During a regular week, Irving’s Premium Challah sells about 1,800 loaves to synagogues, JCCs, schools and grocery stores from San Jose to Tiburon to the East Bay.

The last few weeks, however, have been anything but business as usual.

As most Bay Area Jewish institutions closed their doors in mid-March as cities went into lockdown to try to stop the spread of the coronavirus, Irving’s had an 80 percent decrease in challah sales, according to owner Irving Greisman.



Other small businesses have experienced similarly precipitous drops in revenue.

“It was like dynamite exploding all at once,” said Jordan Schachter, a chef who runs a SOMA events space called Jordan’s Kitchen that catered primarily to corporate clients before the pandemic.

He said he has lost all of his corporate business for the foreseeable future. Even the San Diego Padres, who were supposed to come for an event during an Aug. 24-26 road series in San Francisco, cancelled, he said with dismay.

Hoping to ease the pain of community members who own or work at small businesses, Congregation Emanu-El in San Francisco last week launched an online marketplace for advertising goods and services for free.

In addition to food items, the marketplace includes listings for comic books, jewelry, and Judaica, as well as photo restoration, computer repair and personal training services. It’s called the Tikkun Emanu-El Shuk.

The way it works is this: The synagogue does not process any transactions, so if you see something you want to buy — for example, a Passover candy gift pack — you click on a “buy this item” link and you’ll receive information via email on how to make the purchase.

New businesses are being added all the time, and Emanu-El members can apply to list their products or services via an online form.

Rabbi Sarah Joselow Parris, director of congregational engagement at Emanu-El, said that 140 *shidduchim* (matches) have been made since the marketplace opened on April 1.

As one of the first businesses to be listed, Irving’s Premium Challah received about 30 challah orders in the days before Passover, according to Greisman, 73, who’s been in business for 16 years. He expects orders to resume after Passover ends April 16.

“I’m very grateful to Emanu-El.
It sure is helping us and opening
a totally new market for us.”
-Irving Greisman

The online shuk also has given some business to Jordan’s Kitchen, which quickly pivoted to curbside meal pickups for families.

“It’s not our only source of clientele,” Schachter said of the shuk, “but this is another community that I’m grateful to be a part of ... The only thing that matters is that we’re keeping the doors open, paying the bills and paying our staff.”

The idea for the marketplace came from Rabbi Ryan Bauer of Emanu-El. After seeing pleas for help from small business owners on his Facebook feed, he began to think about how he could rally his online “village” to help keep these businesses afloat.

“This isn’t the first pandemic, but it’s the first pandemic where we have new tools at our disposal to help others,” Bauer said.

He brought the idea to members of the synagogue’s social justice committee, including Melissa Koenigsberg, Lisa Krim and Joel Lewenstein. Within a few days, they had recruited 17 businesses to participate and Lewenstein (an employee of Airtable, an S.F.-based cloud collaboration service) built the platform using his company’s tools.

“This is like Machane Yehuda,” Bauer said, referring to the famous shuk in Jerusalem. He noted that the social justice committee has shared details of the project with the Union for Reform Judaism so that other synagogues across the country can start their own similar projects.

Additionally, Parris said that Emanu-El is supporting small business owners by connecting them with marketing and financial planning professionals. “We’re focused on getting them the help that they need,” she said.

Before the coronavirus outbreak, Chuck Siegel, the owner of S.F.-based Charles Chocolates, did a lot of business with the travel industry, supplying his products to airlines, duty free shops and hotels. Now he is trying to convert his wholesale business to a retail business “because we’re all stuck inside,” he said.

After listing his chocolate-covered matzah in the shuk, he received more than 20 orders in a matter of days. After Passover, he plans to list other chocolate products.

“Anything that helps us raise our retail business profile I absolutely love,” said Siegel, who has been making chocolate for three decades. “We’ve been members of Emanu-El for decades. I really appreciate that they put this together as a way for congregants to help other congregants.”

Bauer said that “these can be deeply meaningful times” for a community like Emanu-El.



Chuck Siegel

“If we can make our community realize, through this process, that they have a responsibility to one another — even if it means buying chocolate matzah — we are going to dance longer and faster than we ever have when we get to the other side of this.”

Emanu-El *in Action*

Gratitude From Our Congregation

Dear Clergy, Thanks for being there for so many and for sharing ways in which we can be connected. Stay well, all of you. I'm looking forward to a time when we don't have to "shelter in place" and can see all your lovely faces in our beautiful synagogue!

— Marilyn M. (member since 1996)

Thanks for the uplifting, positive little YouTube about our Jewish homes. During the sheltering-in-place, I appreciate that Temple Emanu-El has brought Clergy into my home via Zoom/Facebook with worship services, presentations, and teaching. It's like my Temple makes house calls!

— Alan W. (member since 2001)

We feel connected to and supported by the incredible Clergy and Emanu-El community.

— Anne & Tim Q. (members since 1997)



YFE Livestream

We feel lucky to be involved with Emanu-El and the entire team for all you are doing for the community, and also blessed to be able to try and provide a little more this year, understanding others may not be in a similar situation.

— Anonymous (members since 2007)

During this extended period of isolation, I have been comforted by Zoom sessions offered by Emanu-El to honor my late father during the Pesach Yizkor service and inspired by the heartfelt conversation between Rabbi Beth and Mayor Breed.

— Don S. (member since 2018)

Proud to be members and happy to be able to support.

— Jackie C. (member since 2010)



Baby Brigade Livestream

I am part of the synagogue's retired community. I regularly attend the Torah study classes and Shabbat services. The interaction with Emanu-El during the virus outbreak is tremendously valuable for me. Seeing and hearing the Clergy and other members is uplifting, strengthening, and makes lovingly real the so much-needed sense of community. What the synagogue has done during this time has been a true blessing.

— Miriam R. (member since 2004)

After moving here from San Diego two years ago, I eagerly joined Emanu-El and started going to Friday night services. Lucky for me, I also attended the summer retreat at Asilomar where I met a group of wonderful people, many of whom became friends. Emanu-El has given me a beautiful sense of community, so many learning opportunities, and a deeper connection to Judaism. Even with the pandemic, I'm surprised at how the services via Zoom bring me such joy! Who knew?

—Marjory B. K. (member since 2018)



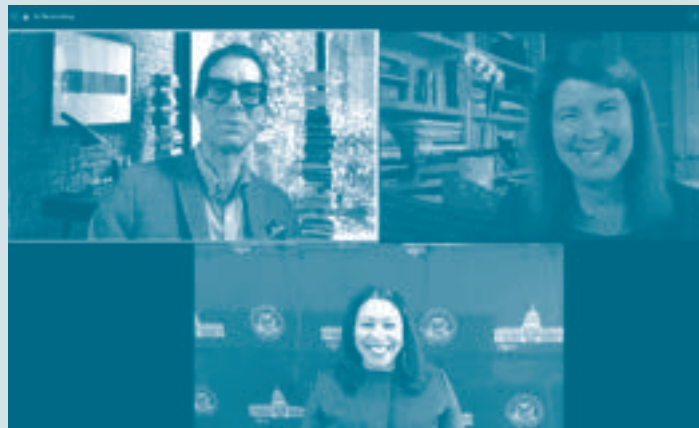
Baking Class Livestream

It's been really comforting to know that Emanu-El/YALC is a valuable resource, fostering community and conversation during this fragile time when we need it most. I tuned in for Emanu-El's Havdalah four Saturday nights ago, which sparked my own weekly Havdalah ritual that has consistently been one of the most meaningful parts of my week since.

— Leah H. (member of Emanu-El Young Adult Community)

My gradually increasing engagement with Judaism and Emanu-El had me wanting to become a member — to mobilize my ever-growing appreciation for Emanu-El's vibrant Clergy, staff, and congregation, and on a personal front, enrichment of my life on a weekly basis. I've been impressed with what the Temple is doing in this time of the pandemic. I've participated in a number of the Facebook Live services (Shabbat, Havdalah, Re Imagine) and appreciated the spirit-lifting. I am aware of the phone calls-to-congregants project; I received a call, as did two people dear to me. So nice!

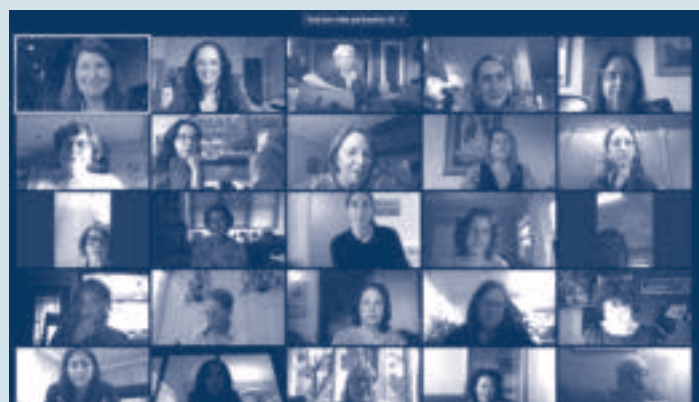
— Chelsea E. (member since 2020)



Conversation with Mayor London Breed Livestream

As soon as shelter-in-place began, Emanu-El was quick on its feet to shift its young adult programming online. Social gatherings, live Shabbats, cooking and workout classes were scheduled for weeks at a time, which provided a lot of comfort to young adults seeking community while in isolation. Emanu-El has been a wonderful resource for Bay Area young adults looking for a variety of engagement opportunities!

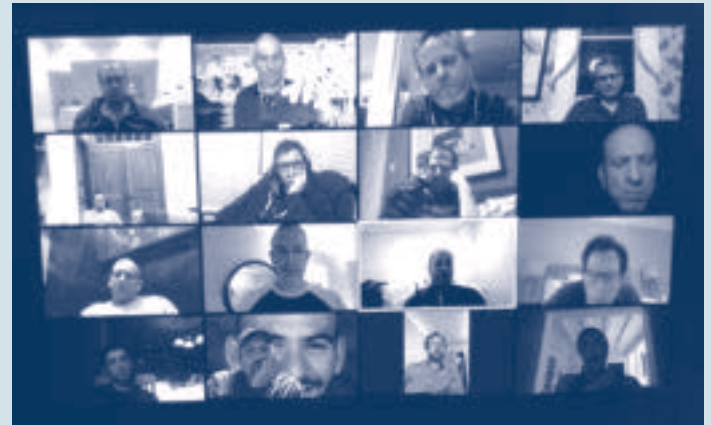
— Danit T. (member of Emanu-El Young Adult Community)



Women's Seder Livestream

I was delighted to find out that there will be Sunday school this Sunday [Mother's Day]! Thank you! That is a great Mothers' Day gift for our family... to enable us to join and connect with others is meaningful right now!

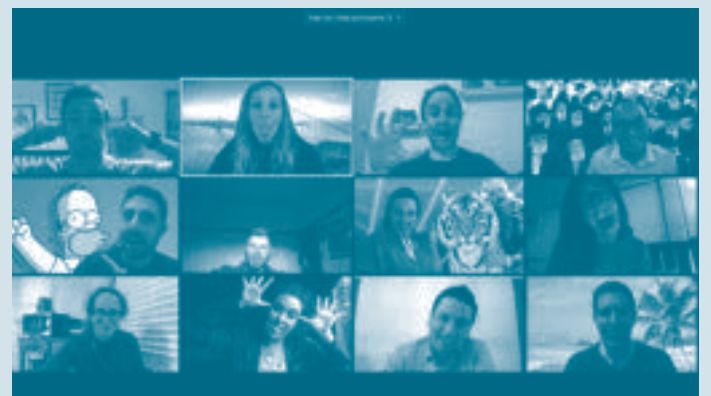
— Heather F., Member since 2019



Tribe for Men Livestream

Thank you, Flora! I wanted to compliment you on the really high-quality programming you and your team have been pulling off. We look forward to it every week and your emails always seem to hit the right tone. Even if we never join you for a virtual Shabbat, the heartfelt gesture and your willingness to share some of your experience has been meaningful. I wanted to let you know how much we are appreciating the continuation of YFE.

— Kim N., Member since 2017



Fun with the Young Adult Leadership Committee

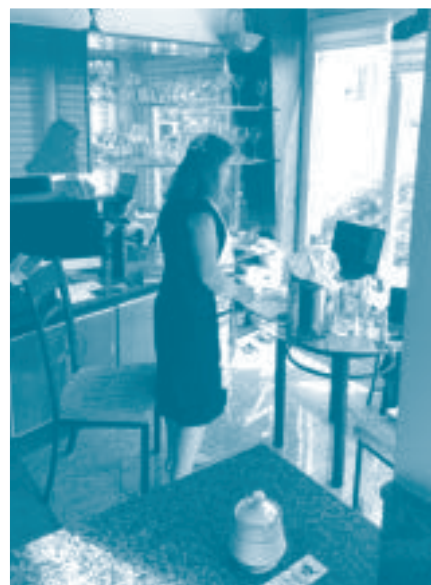
Thank you from our family and Shabbat Shalom to everyone in this really surreal time. Wishing good health and safety for all of us.

— Paul, Jen, and Ellie (members since 2017)

Emanu-El *in Action*

Our Clergy Continuing Their Rabbinic Work While We Shelter at Home

We moved our worship services and much of our programming online, with thousands of people tuning in to participate. From hosting virtual baby groups and virtual classes for our Preschool and Youth and Family Education, to leading virtual Passover Seders, to making personal Care Calls to approximately 1,000 vulnerable congregants, along with our Clergy providing pastoral care, Emanu-El continues to bring our community together!



Condolences to Our Members Who Have Suffered Recent Losses

Ruth DeHovitz on the death of her husband; Joan DeHovitz (Aaron Braun) on the death of her father; and Ben, Rachel, Nathan, and Sara Braun on the death of their grandfather, **Bernard DeHovitz**

Thomas Frankel (Janet Reider) on the death of his sister, **Louise Frankel**

Natalie Leopold (Matthew) on the death of her mother, and Hannah, Noah, and Aaron Leopold on the death of their grandmother, **Ruth Katz Preiser**

Karen Zuercher (Stephan) on the death of her mother, and Tobias and Marlena Zuercher on the death of their grandmother, **Marilyn Silver**

Andrew Cohen (Syvia Magid) and Judi Cohen on the death of their mother, and Tobiah Cohen and Emily Radcliffe on the death of their grandmother, **Carole Cohen**

Barbara Moser (David) on the death of her sister, and Jeremy and Joshua Moser on the death of their aunt, **Carol Walsh Watkins**

Adam Berman (Alex Scotta) on the death of his father, and Emilio Berman on the death of his grandfather, **Martin Berman**

Our community mourns the loss of **Richard N. Levy**

Our community mourns the loss of **Harryette Nestel**

Lisa Mann (Alex) on the death of her sister, and Victoria and David Mann on the death of their aunt, **Rachel Pollock Wurman**

Juli Roos, Dan Rich (Abigail Dorosin), Andrew Rich (Michelle Leitzke), and Edward Rich (former wife, Laurie Miller) on the death of their father, and Hannah and Rebecca Rich on the death of their grandfather, **Neville Rich, Jr.**

Emily Ozer (Tony Fields) and Elizabeth Ozer-Staton (Cliff Staton) on the death of their uncle, and Ben and Elena Fields and Sam, Max, and Emilia Ozer-Staton on the death of their great-uncle, **Robert Teitler**

Madeleine Katz on the death of her father, **Mark Neil Katz**

Jane Graham on the death of her sister, **Joan Titus**

Sarah Rose (Jim) on the death of her grandmother, and Zachary, Adam, and Rachel Rose on the death of their great-grandmother, **Helen Fried**

Stephen Frapart on the death of his grandmother, **Nancy Stolper**

Our community mourns the loss of **Bertel Borowsky**

David Lewin (Simmone Fichter) and Michael Lewin (Jamie) on the death of their mother, and Samuel, Luciana, Benjamin, Max, and Emily Lewin on the death of their grandmother, **Libby Lewin**

Ivan Chabra (Tara Siegel) on the death of his father, and Declan and Oona Chabra on the death of their grandfather, **Harbans Chabra**

Mazal Tov

Anne and **Matthew Bertenthal** on the birth of their daughter, Lillian Jean Bertenthal (and Ethan Bertenthal on becoming a big brother)

David Rak and **Oren Henry** on the birth of their daughter, Maya Isabella Henry Rak

Samantha Greenberg and **Matt Lerner** on the birth of their son, Blake Lerner

Terry Magnin on the birth of her grandson, Benjamin Magnin Masin

Susan Willson and **Aaron Michel** on the birth of their son, Mason David Michel (and Samantha Michel on becoming a big sister)

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

Jennifer and **Andrew Rosenthal** on the birth of their son, Joseph Andrew Rosenthal (and Eden Rosenthal on becoming a big sister)

Alyssa and **Aviram Zagorie** on the birth of their son, Joshua Baron Zagorie (and Shira and Ella on becoming big sisters)

Welcome New Members!

Rose Frazier

Tyler Gregory

Adar Halil

Welcome Back Rejoined Members!

Abigail Walker

Mia Walker

Samantha Walker

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James Thomson & Elisabeth Semel

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EMANU-EL ENDOWMENT FUND — secures the congregation's significant program needs while ensuring the Congregation's financial future

James & Diana Rogers

in observance of the Yahrzeit of Barbara S Rogers

EMANU-EL LIFE-CYCLE FUND — enables all congregants to celebrate significant milestones, regardless of economic circumstances

Eleanor Coffman

in memory of Bernard DeHovitz

Stuart & Debra Eisendrath

in honor of Carol & Dick Nathan on the birth of their first grandchild

Alisa Gilden & Lisa Inman

in honor of Shaya Inman Gilden's Bat Mitzvah

Robin Reitzes

in observance of the Yahrzeit of Robert Reitzes

Stacey Silver & Jonathan Yolles

in celebration of Sasha Yolles' Bat Mitzvah

Douglas Winthrop & Yamilee Bermingham

in honor of Micaela's Bat Mitzvah

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No access to the building, no problem! As soon as the shelter-in-place began, YFE took its programs and classes online and didn't look back. Our first offering was a video of Jonathan Bayer singing "Hashkiveinu" to our Wednesday group on March 18, which was then viewed by a much larger audience on the YFE Facebook page. We quickly followed up with two Sunday virtual *T'filah* services on Zoom

on March 22, and added all weekly Hebrew, Sunday, and Wednesday classes soon thereafter.

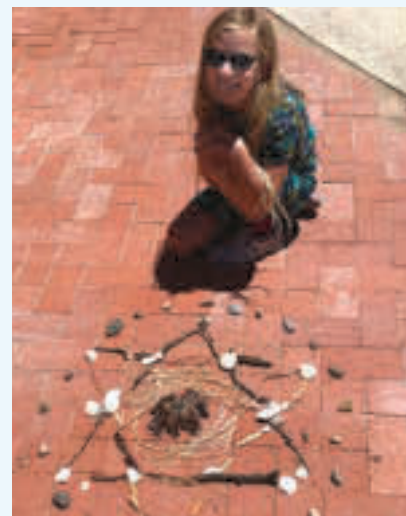
Almost immediately, we found that our staff and our students had deep wells of talent just waiting for this moment. We knew that Jonathan Bayer was an amazing song leader with a wealth of knowledge about Judaism and pretty much everything. We didn't know that he's also a whiz at stop-motion animation (especially with Legos) or that he can run a Zoom meeting, share his screen, monitor the chat, sing, and play guitar at the same time. We knew that Ava Rosen was a creative artist who knew how to teach students of all ages to appreciate the process while fashioning Jewish-themed objects suitable for family use for a generation. We didn't know that she could also produce weekly videos with comforting themes, easily demonstrating projects that could be created with items

already in our homes and that address both our artistic and spiritual needs. The list is almost endless: 5th-grade teacher Seth Feldman's alter ego, Iron Seth, cooking and baking with ingredients in his kitchen and lots of humor in competition with Teen Program Manager, Tori Starks, using the healthier ingredients she had on hand. Cantor Luck in ever-changing roles (and props) calling the play-by-play action of these competitions.

Thankfully, we were all muted or we would have drowned him out with our laughter. Nachas Man will

need to come back to meet the rest of the children and their families. Rabbi Bauer as the Israeli flag. The students themselves played music, sang, chatted, prayed, voted in the polls, and sometimes told us they loved Sunday School. And you can see how much they enjoyed doing projects at home, which they uploaded to our online art gallery. Our *T'filah* sessions and classes were so popular that we extended the school year for two weeks, something that has never happened before!

I could fill the page with the names of our teachers who somehow managed to turn on a dime and hold online classes weekly for their children. They took pictures of textbook and workbook pages; made Kahoot lessons; played Jewpardy; read stories; led quick art activities; baked; held deep discussions and fun check-in sessions; chanted blessings; counted the Omer in Hebrew; and taught history, values, Israel, prophets, holidays, and more. From different time zones, they juggled their own lives, families, and/or online college classes. They smiled and said that seeing their students was a high point of their week. Our teens helped out wherever they could and attended their own Emanu-El Fellowship classes, taught by the Clergy. None of this could have happened without the teamwork and dedication of everyone on our YFE



team, on and off camera, sending and answering emails, calls, and texts. Shanah Kushner, Tori Starks, and Natalya Gomes were the glue that held us together while we were apart. When we all look back on the months we spent at home, we hope that our YFE families will smile with happy memories. We all look forward to seeing everyone in person again soon!

Flora Kupferman
YFE Acting Director

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