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# JUDAISM NO MATTER WHAT!



Introducing our new Rabbi



**High Holy Days** 



Emanu-El B'Bayit Small Groups

### YOUTH & FAMILY EDUCATION (YFE)

ike everyone, we wish we knew what the coming days, weeks, and months will bring. However, because information about indoor gatherings of any size remains unclear and is ever changing, YFE is taking a leap of faith into the evolving arena of online learning. Please leap with us as we plan the 2020–2021 school year!

We can promise you three things:

- Judaism No Matter What. We will offer Jewish educational opportunities for all of our children as we shelter in place and as we venture out into whatever the new normal will be.
- No Over Promising. We will be as transparent as possible as we move forward with our planning. We won't tell you we're doing things that we can't do.
- 3. Health and Safety is Everything. We will keep everyone's health and safety in the forefront of everything we do. If we change our plans, it will be for health and safety reasons.

Our YFE programs will start up on September 13, 2020. The school year will begin virtually (Phase One) with Zoom T'fillah sessions led by Jonathan Bayer, our clergy, and special guests. "Nachas Man" will be there, among others! The Virtual T'fillah gatherings will feature everything we came to love about last spring: song, prayer, polls, art with Ava, cooking competitions, chat shout-outs, fun, and laughter. Following T'fillah, students will meet with their teachers and madrichim in grade-level classes. The activities will be interactive and engaging, and break-out rooms will be used to allow for small groups and individual attention. The full-time YFE staff is spending the summer taking every possible course on distance learning strategies and techniques as well as online relationship building. We are investing in various resources and planning professional development sessions for our teaching staff. Our goal is to provide interesting learning experiences for the children using online platforms, with follow-up activities for families to do at home between classes. Our 4th- through 7thgrade Hebrew classes, taught by our talented Hebrew teachers, will also be held on Zoom.

When it's safe to be back in the building, we will have our **Phase Two** "soft opening"—that is, a hybrid model. Lead teachers will work with small groups in the Temple classrooms, while the rest of the students participate via Zoom, and additional teachers on the team will lead small group discussions and activities in break-out rooms. Families will choose where they prefer to have their children; then, depending on the numbers, we may rotate students in and out of in-person classes, keeping small groups of children together as recommended by Health Department guidelines.

When everything eventually goes "back to normal," we'll do that too (**Phase Three**), with T'fillah in the Sanctuary and the building once again filled with children, teachers, and families.

If you have any questions, please contact me at fkupferman@emanuelsf. org. YFE staff and clergy are happy to write back, speak to you by phone, or meet with you via video. Please let us know how we can make this year work for you and your family.



An amazing film outlining the three phases of YFE 2020–2021 is available for your information and enjoyment. If you have not yet had the pleasure of seeing it, let us know and we'll send you the link.

We're excited about continuing this journey with all of our YFE families. We encourage all families with children ages 4 through 18 to renew their Emanu-El membership and then to complete the YFE registration form, which can be found on the same MyEmanu El portal.

We miss seeing the children's smiling faces and can't wait to see everyone online (and in person as soon as possible). We're holding an encore summer Virtual T'fillah in August. If you're not on the YFE mailing list and wish to join us, let us know, and we'll send you the Zoom invitation. We look forward to working with the children and their families in what promises to be a truly innovative year!

Flora Kupferman YFE Acting Director Congregation Emanu-El

### SHALOM RAV FROM OUR RABBI

By Richard and Rhoda Goldman Senior Rabbi Beth Singer

year ago last February, following the retirement of our beloved Terry Kraus, Congregation Emanu-El was contemplating a new Engagement Leadership Model. Jonathan and I were headed to New York City for a family event when Rabbis Fenves and Rodich pulled us aside and told us: "We know a very talented Rabbi who is currently working at the Columbia Barnard Hillel in New York City, but her husband just got a job at Facebook headquarters and they are moving here." "Her name is Rabbi Sarah Joselow Parris," the Rabbis said. "She is amazing and you should hire her!" So after we arrived in New York, we met with Rabbi Parris on a Friday morning in a bakery on the Upper West Side. As we walked out an hour later, Jonathan said, "We should hire her!" And so we did.

Over the past year, Rabbi Parris joined Randi Fields and Ariana Estoque to form a powerful Emanu-El Engagement Team. Rabbi Parris distinguished herself by teaming up with our Early Childhood Director, Nika Greenberg, to offer small group opportunities to young parents. Rabbi Parris has worked on numerous engagement projects, and has met with more than 100 congregants (over both caffeinated and decaffeinated beverages) to help each one find a place at Emanu-El.

When Rabbi Fenves told us that her family would be relocating to the East Coast, Rabbi Parris approached us about shifting her role from engagement to full-time clergy. She had attended our weekly clergy meetings and observed how we operate as a highly collegial and collaborative team to serve the members of Emanu-El and the wider community. After a national search, utilizing a congregant search team, and an affirmation from our Board, there was no question that Rabbi Parris was the most qualified candidate and a great match. On July 1, Rabbi Sarah Parris officially joined us as a full-time Rabbi. She will be focusing on the preschool, working with young families, organizing synagogue small groups, and heading up our Jews of Color, Inclusion and Diversity group. Her portfolio also includes service leadership rotation, conversions, pastoral care, life-cycles, and all of the things that Pulpit Rabbis do.

Rabbi Parris has been a vital partner as we have grappled with the uncertainties of our time vis-a-vis the upcoming High Holy Days. By the time you read this, our entire clergy team will have spent hundreds of hours imagining and planning an impactful High Holy Day experience, as

our community mostly meets online to keep everyone healthy until there is a vaccine. We have worked and continue to work on every facet of your High Holy Day experience from the website to the services to numerous creative opportunities for small, safe physical gatherings. One thing we can promise you: These High Holy Days will be historic! They will be like none other you have ever experienced. They will be more inclusive



and open, yet powerful and to the point. While we would never wish for anything like what the world is currently experiencing, we are excited about the opportunity to create something that draws deeply from the well of our tradition and speaks uniquely to this moment in time. You don't want to miss this! And you also won't want to miss the specific, highly personalized opportunities for congregants only. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please do so now. We need you and you need Temple.

The warmest of welcomes to Rabbi Sarah Joselow Parris! Watch our website and Chronicle for a future date when we will all gather safely in the Main Sanctuary to officially "install" her as our newest Assistant Rabbi, and of course welcome you back in person. Your connection is what makes this Temple a sacred and special place.

### **Interview with Rabbi Sarah Joselow Parris**

You started out as our Director of Engagement a year ago, and now you're becoming a Bimah Rabbi. How did you make that decision?



year ago I could not have imagined the journey I would be on, and I'm so grateful for all of the experiences that led me to this opportunity. When I first visited Congregation Emanu-El in March of 2019, I was at a crossroads personally and professionally. My husband's job was leading us to San Francisco, and relocating across the country meant that I had the opportunity to pause and refocus my rabbinate. I knew I loved teaching and had a passion for deepening individuals' connections to Judaism through ritual, pastoral

care, and lifelong learning, but I didn't know where I would find a new rabbinic home for myself.

After a full day meeting with clergy, lay leaders, and staff at Emanu-El during my engagement interview, I realized I had found the place I belonged. Each and every person that I encountered was someone I admired and wanted to be in community with. It was so clear to me that Emanu-El is filled with thoughtful, committed, and caring modern Jews who are deeply connected to their Jewish community.

Every day that I have spent immersed in our congregation since then has only further affirmed this truth. I feel so lucky and blessed to have found my way to our congregation. My desire to serve our community is even more real today than it was when I applied to join the Emanu-El team last year. What has changed—and what has led me to take on this new role as a Bimah Rabbi—is how I believe I can best serve our community and deepen engagement at Emanu-El.

While I have loved the work I've done to support our vibrant committees and events, this past year I have longed to teach and sorely missed being a part of ritual, pastoral care, and life-cycle celebrations. In my new role as a member of our clergy team, I am excited to share new facets of myself and my love of Judaism with our congregation. I am looking forward to having the privilege and honor of supporting you and your loved ones on your Jewish journeys as one of your Rabbis for years to come.

#### How do you view your work as a Rabbi?

My rabbinate is fundamentally grounded in my translation of Rav (Rabbi) as "teacher." At my core, I am, and always will be, an educator. Whether I am teaching Talmud, teen philanthropy, or Introduction to Judaism, sharing my love of Jewish learning is my greatest joy. Because I approach my rabbinate through the lens of education, the lessons I learned as a middle school math teacher in New Orleans are in many ways just as critical to my success as a Rabbi as the pastoral and spiritual practices I acquired at Hebrew Union College.

I am also a strong believer in the critical importance of individual relationships. Mishnah Sanhedrin 4:5 teaches, "v'kol ham'kayem nefesh achat miyisrael ma'aleh alav hakatuv k'eilu kiyem olam maleh" (any person who saves a single life is considered by Scripture to have saved an entire world). This teaching highlights an essential truth I hold dear: the notion that each and every individual matters and has the potential to change and enrich the world. I believe it is my sacred task as a Rabbi to meet all individuals where they are and to learn their unique stories and spiritual needs. It is only by truly seeing all individuals for who they are that I can guide them on their Jewish journeys, pastorally care for them, and help them recognize the many sparks of divinity within themselves. My rabbinate is filled with countless coffees and conversations. If we have not had the chance to get to know each other yet, please reach out so we can schedule a meeting!

### What are the three things you're most excited about in your new rabbinic portfolio?

1. Small Groups. I believe it is a special responsibility of a Rabbi to intentionally connect individuals to each other. While it can be hard to "find your people" in a vibrant and diverse large congregation of nearly 2,000 families, I believe it can be accomplished by creating curated small group communities, which is why I am so excited to launch Emanu-El B'Bayit! Emanu-El B'Bayit will be a new way for you to get to know a small group of 3 to 20 fellow congregants well through learning, praying, playing, and/or celebrating together this fall. Groups will be organized by geography, demographics, and interests. Make sure to check out the feature about our new small groups on page 10 of this Chronicle!



Preschool and Young Families. One of the absolute highlights of my year this year has been getting to know our preschool community, and I am so thrilled to be our new Preschool Rabbi. I love helping young parents and children connect with Judaism and each other in new and different ways, and I'm looking forward to collaborating with Nika and her phenomenal preschool team to support their work. Be on the lookout for monthly Shabbat and holiday events for young families with Jonathan Bayer and me, and an anti-racism book club for young parents coming soon. I can't wait to see all of our preschool students and families playing in our courtyard and celebrating Shabbat together this August!

3. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. The makeup of our Jewish world is changing and we now understand gender, identity, and individuality differently than we ever have before. Jews of color already make up an estimated 12 to 15 percent of the Jewish population, and in the Bay Area an estimated 25 percent of Jewish households identify as multi-racial or multi-ethnic. As the largest congregation in the Bay Area, with a historic and deep commitment to social justice, Emanu-El must be one of the congregations leading the Jewish world in its commitment to anti-racism and diversity, equity, and inclusion. Over the past few months, I've begun working with a core team of leaders to create safe, meaningful spaces for Jews of color and members of multi-racial and multiethnic families within our congregation. I am so excited to build on and expand this sacred work in years to come.

#### Talk to us about your Jewish journey.

Ask me over coffee (or Zoom)! I would love to share my story with you, and to learn yours! Here is the CliffsNotes version of mine:

- · Grew up in Ossining, New York
- Spent summers at Eisner Camp
- Studied history and Arabic at Harvard, focusing on African American studies
- Thought I wanted to work in counterterrorism, but then quickly realized I did not
- Realized I wanted to be a Rabbi
- Taught middle school math in New Orleans with Teach for America
- Went to rabbinical school at Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles
- Worked at Columbia/Barnard Hillel as an Engagement Rabbi
- Got married and adopted a dog named Brisket (@briskeyboy)
- Spent a year leading engagement at Emanu-El

All the details and stories in between you'll have to ask me during our next conversation.

# CONGREGATION EMANU-EL 15781



Selichot: A Time to Embrace

Saturday, September 12
In the evening — Time TBD

Congregation Emanu El is a mirror of the beautiful racial and ethnic diversity of the Bay Area. To honor that diversity, join us as we lift up the voices of Jews of Color from within our Emanu El community.



Ark Moment — Helping Your Family Sanctify the Month of Elul For Members

During the month of Elul (August 21 - September 25), the month leading up to Rosh HaShanah, all members are invited to sign up for a special private blessing with a member of our clergy. We will take great care to provide for physical distancing in front of the ark in one of our three sanctuaries or the courtyard.

All of our rabbis and cantors will be available for 15 minute "Ark Moments." We would love to offer your family wishes for a sweet new year and an opportunity for all congregants to spend a moment in our sacred space. More details to come.

We miss seeing your faces, hearing your voices, and being together shoulder-to-shoulder as a community. Each year, in the quiet of summer, we look forward to our big family reunion during the High Holy Days. But this year is different. While the pandemic prevents us from going big, we are aiming to go deeper than ever before.

This year, we are excited to offer meaningful services that can be livestreamed into your home and that are open to all (we encourage you to invite family and friends from far and wide to join). The High Holy Days are also a time when we yearn to be close to people we hold dear. **We will have special member-only opportunities for engagement, reflection, and connection.** We want to create meaningful experiences for you to come together with your Emanu-El community. Join us.

Services will be livestreamed and open to the community.

### EREV ROSH HASHANAH Friday, September 18

#### Shofars Across the Bay — 11:00 am PDT (2 hrs)

Join us at various locations across San Francisco and Marin to hear the shofar blast as we awaken to the new year! (Location details coming soon.)

### Team Shofar: Family Worship Service — 5:00 pm PDT (30 min)

A service for elementary children and their families (ages 6+), led in a participatory, educational style by our clergy and musicians.

### Under One Dome: Erev Rosh Hashanah Service — 6:00 pm PDT

Zoom into our Main Sanctuary for this service led by all of our Emanu-El clergy and accompanists.

### ROSH HASHANAH - 1ST DAY Saturday, September 19

### Apples & Honey: Family Worship Service — 9:00 am PDT (30 min)

A service for young children and their families (ages 0-6), led in a participatory, educational style by our clergy and musicians.

### Under One Dome: Rosh Hashanah Morning Service — 10:00 am PDT (1 hr)

Zoom into our Main Sanctuary for this morning service led by all of our Emanu-El clergy and accompanists.

### Return Again: Teen-led Rosh Hashanah Service — 2:00 pm PDT (1 hr)

Community service conducted by our teens and teen alumni who will lead us in song, worship, poetry, and prose. Directed by Cantor Attie, with musical accompanists.



#### Tashlich Around the Bay — 5:00 pm PDT (2 hrs)

As instructed by the Prophet Micah, we will gather to throw breadcrumbs into the water on Rosh Hashanah afternoon. This *Tashlich* ceremony, led by Emanu-El clergy and musicians, 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.

As safety regulations allow, we will gather in various locations, such as Baker Beach, Ocean Beach, Mountain Lake Park, Golden Gate Park, Marin, etc. There will also be a podcast option, so you can take Emanu-El with you to any body of water you choose!

### ROSH HASHANAH - 2ND DAY Sunday, September 20

#### Second Day Service — 10:00 am PDT (2 hrs)

Zoom into our Main Sanctuary for this morning service led by Senior Rabbi Jonathan Singer, Rabbi Ryan Bauer, and Cantor Arik Luck. This will be a full Rosh Hashanah service with riveting live Torah reading, teachings, music, and song, as well as full shofar blasts.



Socially Distant Reflection Hikes — 1:00 pm PDT For Members

With members of our clergy. (Location details coming soon.)

Recreating Creation: Young Family Excursion & Treasure
Hunt at the San Francisco Zoo — 1:00 pm PDT For Members
This opportunity will depend on public health guidelines
at the time.

### **KOL NIDRE Sunday, September 27**

Team Shofar: Family Worship Service — 5:00 pm PDT (30 min)

A service for elementary children (ages 6+), led in a participatory, educational style by our clergy and musicians. [We encourage families to prepare and partake in a festive family dinner before fasting.]

Under One Dome: Kol Nidre Service — 7:00 pm PDT (1 hr)

Zoom into our Main Sanctuary for this Kol Nidre service led by all of our Emanu El clergy and accompanists.

#### **LEARNING**

Yom Kippur Day, September 28 For Members

8:45 - 9:45 am via Zoom

"The Best of the Best: Gleanings from Five Decades of Preaching and Teaching" with Taube Scholar, Rabbi Stephen Pearce, Ph.D.

12:30 - 2:00 pm via Zoom

"The Seasons of Life: Judaism's take on Making Existence Holy" with Scholar-in-Residence, Rabbi Lawrence Kushner

### YOM KIPPUR DAY Monday, September 28

STAY ENGAGED AND PRAY FOR THE DAY

Apples & Honey: Family Worship Service — 9:00 am PDT (30 min)

A service for young children (ages 0-6), led in a participatory, educational style by our clergy and musicians.

Under One Dome: Yom Kippur Day Service — 10:00 am PDT (1 hr)

Zoom into our Main Sanctuary for our Yom Kippur Day service led by all of our Emanu El clergy and accompanists.

Reflection & Renewal in the Redwoods — 12:30 to 2:00 pm PDT (in three rotating groups, with sign-up) For Members

Prayer, meditation, and music with Rabbi Sydney Mintz.



Healing Service — 12:30 to 2:00 pm PDT (in two rotating groups) For Members

This healing service will take place in the Temple Courtyard and will be led by Senior Rabbi Beth Singer.

A Journey to Social Justice — 1:30 pm PDT For Members

An event hosted by Emanu-El Tzedek Council.

Return Again: Teen-led Yom Kippur Service — 2:00 pm PDT (1 hr)

Community service conducted by our teens and teen alumni who will lead us in song, worship, poetry, and prose. Directed by Cantor Attie, with musical accompanists.

Afternoon Yom Kippur Service — 3:00 pm PDT (1 hr) Community *Mincha* service led by Senior Rabbi Jonathan Singer and Cantor Arik Luck.

Meditation with Rabbi Bauer — 4:00 pm PDT (1 hr) For Members

Afternoon meditation led by Rabbi Bauer.

Yizkor Neilah Havdalah — 6:00 pm PDT (1 hr, 15 min) Led by Emanu-El clergy and musical accompanists.

Emanu-El B'Bayit Groups — Helping You Connect to Other Emanu-El Congregrants For Members

Find your people at Emanu-El, connect with our community, and get to know a small group of fellow congregants well. Grounded in a deep belief in the holiness and divinity of sacred relationships, B'Bayit groups are designed to inspire us and transform our lives and the world around us, with deeper relationships and a greater experience of connection, joy and meaning. See page 10 for more details.

## Membership Matters —

## We Can't Do It Without You

We have been going to friends' shuls, our parents' Temple, and then for a while we were without a shul. Even though we had attended Emanu-El for quite a few events in the past and had so much fun, we had not yet joined. Now that we have our son and with everything going on, we felt it was time to put down roots and complete our home. Almost like the last thing we needed to do to feel like we are home;

we are part of this community and here to stay. This, in my mind, is putting down roots and broadening our family. It's everything from the community support to the events to the people.

—Jason M. and Family (members since June 2020)

We have been so happy to be members of Congregation Emanu-El and have been so impressed by how you have kept your programming going during the pandemic. Looking forward to a time when we can be back in the synagogue.

-Alex C. (member since 2015)



Jason M. and Family



In non-COVID times, we regularly go to the Friday night service, which gives us a lovely break from the week to the weekend. I can't think of a Friday night when we chose to stay home. Having been raised by an areligious Jewish family, what initially connected me with Judaism was the different ways we try to make the world better, not just for Jewish people, but for all who need help. Thus, the social activism of Congregation Emanu-El strongly speaks to me. Our commitment to help homeless people through collections of needed items or sharing meals with them are strong examples of helping others. Another example is the involvement with helping young underserved children to be able to read and succeed in school. Emanu-El truly does try to make the world better for all.

-Susan R. (member since 2005)

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)

My grandparents joined the Temple shortly after it moved to Arguello Boulevard in the 1920s. When I was about eight years old, I started religious school, going all the way through and then getting involved in the high school programs, too. I got married in the Chapel and taught during the summers. I was on the steering committee that started some of the Adult Education programs, and was also in the first adult bat mitzvah program. My son went through religious school and now my grandchildren are enrolled. With my long history of involvement in the Temple, I want to contribute.

-Eleanor C. (member since 1957)



### Introducing



### **Emanu-El B'Bayit**



Would you like to build deeper relationships with fellow members of this large and diverse congregation who share your interests, passions, and life experiences?

# **Emanu-El B'Bayit:** Find Your People

Emanu-El B'Bayit groups are a new way for you to

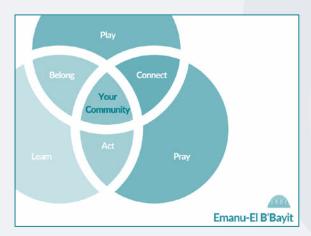
"find your people" at Emanu-El, get to know a small group of fellow congregants well, and help make our large congregation feel more intimate. One of Emanu-El's strengths is the breadth and scope of our large congregation, and Emanu-El B'Bayit groups are an opportunity to help you find a sense of home and belonging within our community.



Many different types of Emanu-El B'Bayit groups will be formed—some around geography, others around interests, and still others around demographics. Each group will consist of up to 20 individuals or 10 families who will get together regularly to celebrate, play, pray, and/or learn with each other. B'Bayit groups will all be member-led and can be conducted virtually or in person, with an eye toward the ever changing realities of our world in 2020.

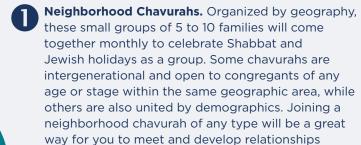
Emanu-El B'Bayit groups for fall 2020 will run from August through December 2020. All groups will launch together on Saturday, August 22 with a special Havdalah led by Rabbi Parris to mark the start of Elul. Then all groups will wrap up the fall season in December with a candle lighting for Chanukah. At the end of the fall season, each group will have the opportunity to decide if they wish to continue meeting in 2021.

Find your B'Bayit group for High Holy Days 5781 and deepen your relationships at Emanu-El at this time of connection and renewal!



### **Types of Groups**

For fall 2020, there are three types of B'Bayit groups you can join:



with fellow congregants who live near you! The word "chavurah" comes from the Hebrew words for "friendship" and "connection," concepts that capture the spirit of these groups.

Chuggim (activity-based groups). Looking to meet congregants that enjoy similar activities? Whether you love mahjong, historic walking tours, or anything in between, there's a chug for you! Chuggim will come together monthly to enjoy their activities of choice as a group. (You may recognize this word from Jewish summer camp: "chug" is Hebrew for

elective or activity.)

**Elul Learning Groups.** Interested in deepening your personal spiritual practice and connecting with fellow congregants in anticipation of the High Holy Days this year? Elul is the Hebrew calendar month leading up to the High Holy Days, and it is traditionally a time for spiritual reflection and preparation. Elul groups will provide an opportunity to embark on this reflective journey in community with others, using the book *This is Real and You are Totally Unprepared* as a discussion and reflection guide for the month. These groups will meet weekly throughout Elul (toward the end of August through mid September) and will have the option to continue meeting monthly for additional learning through December if so desired.

If you don't see a B'Bayit group that fits the community you're seeking, please get in touch with Rabbi Sarah Parris (sparris@emanuelsf.org) or Leah Shapiro (Ishapiro@emanuelsf.org) and they will guide you through the process of designing your own B'Bayit group.

In launching Emanu-El B'Bayit small groups, we are particularly grateful for the thought partnership of Temple Beth El in Charlotte, as well as the small groups resources from Central Synagogue in New York, The Temple in Atlanta, and the Union for Reform Judaism.

### ADULT EDUCATION

# Gold(Berg) Rush: History of San Francisco Jewry Led by Emanu-El legacy member Judi Leff.

Via Zoom!

Thursday, August 6, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm PDT OR

Thursday, August 13, 7:00 - 9:00 pm PDT

Cost: Free for members; \$10 for non-members

The "Gold(berg) Rush" is Judi Leff's educational, funny, and occasionally irreverent take on the presence and impact of Jews in San Francisco in the 19th and early

20th centuries. This talk will focus on the importance of Congregation Emanu-El in the formation of San Francisco's Jewish community.

Judi Leff is a San Francisco native who is passionate about the City's Jewish history. She produced the 125th Anniversary of the Jewish cemeteries in 2014; is a duchess in the court of Emperor Norton; and enjoys writing, directing, and performing comedy. Judi worked at Emanu-El for 17 years as Director of Operations and Arts and Culture. She currently teaches Current Events and Memoir Writing at the San Mateo Union High School District Active Adults Program.



### **Zoom Baby Groups**

**When:** Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Where: zoom.us/j/802983751

Our Baby Groups will continue to be available via Zoom this summer. Join "Mimi's Music and Fun Group" with Mimi Greisman every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning!

While these online offerings are currently free for all participants, we invite you to make a direct donation to our Early Education programs at Emanu-El, in lieu of your Side by Side tuition, to continue supporting this important programming. To do so, please select "Emanu-El Preschool Fund" from the dropdown ment Thank you for your consideration!

Mimi will introduce your little one to Jewish stories, songs, puppets, dancing, and the important weekly rituals of Shabbat and Havdalah.

Stay connected with your Emanu-El community of young children and families without leaving the comfort of your home. We look forward to seeing you under our digital dome!



### COMMUNITY\_

### A Note to our Community:

## **Great Plates Delivered San Francisco**

"Great Plates Delivered San Francisco" is a new food program, offered by the State of California through the City of San Francisco. Created by Governor Newsom, this meal delivery program is designed to assist older adults in this time of crisis by providing up to three homedelivered, restaurant-prepared meals every day.

The eligibility criteria are as follows:

- Age 65 or older; alternately, age 60-64 and in a high-risk category\*
- Unable to obtain or make their own meals
- Not currently participating in CalFresh or receiving home-delivered meals
- Living alone or with one other adult who also meets these criteria
- Earning less than \$74,940 for a single-person household or \$101,460 for a two person households
- Living in San Francisco

If you meet the above criteria and wish to apply, call (415) 355-6700. The intake line is open seven days a week from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

The Great Plates Delivered San Francisco program is tailored to fit the needs of middle class older adult residents of the City who meet the above criteria. We know that many people in this income category do not think programs like this are for them; they think they are for low-income individuals and families. But this one is truly different.

Food insecurity is the greatest need expressed to the City during the pandemic, and many older adults suffer from isolation as they live alone with little social support. This program addresses that very important segment of our population.

\* High-risk categories include those with chronic conditions, including chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma; serious heart conditions; immunocompromised; severe obesity; diabetes; chronic kidney disease and undergoing dialysis; liver disease; and those who are COVID19-positive or have been exposed to COVID-19 (as documented by a medical professional).







# **2020 IMPACT FUND CONGREGATION EMANU-EL**

### IMPACT FUND DONORS

We sincerely appreciate all donors who have contributed to Congregation Emanu-El's 2020 Impact Fund from July 1st, 2019 to June 30th, 2020. We rely on gifts to the Impact Fund to keep our community financially stable and thriving. Your participation empowers us to build a spiritual community that provides opportunities for transformative social justice work, lifelong learning and cultural expression that reinforces positive elements of Jewish history and life.

#### Sustainers (\$20,000 +)

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Marv and Marilyn Brenner on the birth of their grandson, Daniel Joshua Murphy

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Marv and Marilyn Brenner as their twin grandsons, Matthew and Sam Gordon, will be attending Yale and Cornell Universities in the fall

**Susan Moses** on publishing her novel, *Double*. This is an international thriller that takes place primarily in Israel.

### Condolences to Our Members Who Have Suffered Recent Losses

Lynn Hershman on the loss of her brother, **Gerald Arnold Lester** 

Shelly Dolev on the loss of her grandmother, and Katherine Dolev on the loss of her great-grandmother, **Leonora Farkas Kain** 

Robin Melnick (Jeremy Atwood) on the loss of her brother, and Eva and Benjamin Atwood on the loss of their uncle, **Neil Brian Melnick** 

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Our community mourns the loss of Maria Diamond

Phyllis Scott on the death of her husband, Dr. William Scott

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Jaime Uziel (Tara) on the loss of her father, and Scarlett and Micah Uziel on the loss of their grandfather, **Abraham Uziel** 

Stephen Kaufman on the loss of his wife, Margel Kaufman

Victoria Dade (Rick) on the passing of her father, and Benjamin and Nathan Dade on the passing of their grandfather, **Maximilian Bryer** 

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Maya Anabelle Lum Bat Mitzvah: August 1, 2020 Parents: Amy Brownstein Lum and Christopher Lum

Vaethanan Nahamu

**Torah Portion:** 



**Ethan Kopstein** Bar Mitzvah: August 13, 2020 Parents: Leslie Kopstein and Elliott Kopstein

**Torah Portion:** 

Korah



Kate Rayne Hilleboe Bat Mitzvah: August 22, 2020 Parents: Debra and Scott Hilleboe **Torah Portion:** Shoftim



**Aja Nomi Saraf** Bat Mitzvah: August 1, 2020 Parents: Daria Saraf and Jonathan Horn **Torah Portion:** 

Ahare Kedoshim



Jacob Gerstein Bar Mitzvah: August 13, 2020 Parents: Mariela and Richard Gerstein Torah Portion: Korah



**Riley Simone Klugman** Bat Mitzvah: August 22, 2020 Parents: Beth and Jeff Klugman **Torah Portion:** Shoftim



Mira Lena Cooper Bat Mitzvah: August 13, 2020 Parents: Leslie and Richard Cooper **Torah Portion:** Korah



Bar Mitzvah: August 15, 2020 Parents: Natalie and Matthew Leopold **Torah Portion:** Behar/Behukkotai

**Aaron William Leopold** 



**Madison Bradford Polsky** Bat Mitzvah: August 27, 2020 Parents: Kirsten and Steven Polsky **Torah Portion:** Shemini



**Miles Ian Cooper** Bar Mitzvah: August 13, 2020 Parents: Leslie and Richard Cooper **Torah Portion:** Korah



Raya Aziza Gottesfeld Bat Mitzvah: August 15, 2020 Parents: Amy and Perry Gottesfeld Torah Portion:

Reeh



Talia Rose Brook Becker Bat Mitzvah: August 29, 2020 Parents: Lena Brook and Jonah Becker **Torah Portion:** Shemini



**Max Grey Randall** Bar Mitzvah: August 13, 2020 Parents: Michelle and Doug Randall **Torah Portion:** Korah



Bat Mitzvah: August 22, 2020 Parents: Sheri Weiser and William Wolfe **Torah Portion:** 

Bemidbar



**Eli Louis Singer** Bar Mitzvah: August 29, 2020 Parents: Patricia Drummond and Richard Singer **Torah Portion:** 



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