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## Purim Celebration



**Resiliency Series**



**B'Bayit Spring  
Groups**



**A Taste of  
Israeli Wines**  
FEBRUARY 18

# SPOTLIGHT

## Resiliency Series

Our **Resiliency Series** continues in February as Congregation Emanu-El invites you to join us for virtual sessions that will explore and uncover tools to help build resiliency in thought and practice — both as individuals and as a community — in this time of COVID-19. Led by clergy and expert facilitators, we'll explore Jewish texts and history to illuminate the topic of resilience as we deepen sacred and communal connections and spark our own light during this dark season.

Finding Meaning  
and Purpose  
in this  
Unusual Time

**This month, we're hosting two programs geared toward parents who have taken on the immense role of teacher and caregiver. These sessions are meant for parents and grandparents alike!**

You can create your own path by signing up for individual courses

or multiple courses (free for members; \$10/class for non-members). You're welcome to enjoy your dinner or a snack while participating in the class. Please register for the series at [emanuelsf.org/resiliency](http://emanuelsf.org/resiliency)

### Program Dates & Information

**All sessions are from 7:00-8:30 pm.**

**FEBRUARY 10: Childcare and Becoming Teachers to our Children** (led by Rabbi Sarah Joselow Parris and Early Childhood Education Director Nika Greenberg / co-facilitated by Dana Blum, Senior Director, Bay Area, Common Sense Media)

This program is for parents (and grandparents!), who want to support their children's distance learning while maintaining screen time balance for young kids. Dana Blum will dive into the research around YouTube and young kids, give recommendations for early childhood screen time, offer tips and resources to find quality digital content, and guidance on creating a screen time plan to implement with your family immediately.

**FEBRUARY 17: Supporting Your School Age Child and Adolescent Through the Pandemic** (led by Rabbi Ryan Bauer and Marjorie Swig, MS/LMFT)

Together, Rabbi Bauer and Marjorie Swig discuss how to support our young people through the pandemic, emotionally and spiritually. They will address issues including helplessness, isolation, fear, the unknown, frustration, and boredom.

### Save the Dates

**MARCH 3: Navigating Bereavement and Loss**  
(led by Rabbi Sarah Joselow Parris)

**MARCH 10: Caring for Sick or Aging Relatives**  
(led by Julie Mayer, Emanu-El's Pastoral Care Provider)

**MARCH 17: Confronting Uncertainty**  
(led by Rabbi Jason Rodich)

**MARCH 24: Creating a Roadmap and Developing Tools**  
(led by Cantor Marsha Attie / co-facilitated by Nina Kaufman, Coach)

### Program Leaders



Cantor Marsha Attie



Rabbi Ryan Bauer



Dana Blum



Nina Kaufman,  
Coach



Nika Greenberg,  
M. Ed.



Rabbi Sarah  
Joselow Parris



Rabbi Jason Rodich



Marjorie Swig,  
MS/LMFT

# SHALOM RAV FROM OUR RABBI

By Richard and Rhoda Goldman Senior Rabbi Beth Singer

## Resilience: That's what Purim is all about

We are in the middle of a multi-session Temple series — “Building Resilience: Finding Meaning and Purpose in this Unusual Time” — for which you can still sign up on our website. As we wait for everyone to be vaccinated to give our bodies resilience in the face of coronavirus, we continue to wear our masks and practice social distancing. This month, our worlds collide with our annual celebration of Purim, a “Resilience holiday” (with a capital R!). On Purim, we wear masks and “inoculate” ourselves from the scourge of anti-Semitism by telling the story of our survival and our triumph over hate.

While most of us know about costumes, hamentaschen, and the Purim Spiel, there are two Purim traditions, less known among Reform Jews, that have the power to make us even stronger.

One of these traditions is called *Matanot l'evyonim*, which means “gifts to the poor.” You can fulfill this tradition by giving tzedakah during Purim to any organization that helps the vulnerable in our society. Among so many poverty-related issues, we know that food insecurity is an ongoing problem. JFCS and the SF Marin Food Bank are both worthy recipients for our practice of *Matanot l'evyonim* because they distribute food to those in immediate need while simultaneously advocating for changes that reduce the numbers of hungry people. Or you can volunteer with one of our Tzedek Council projects (check them out on our website) or any place that needs volunteers. Jewish practice asks us to give

*tzedakah* throughout the year, but especially on Yom HaKipurim and on Purim (both of which contain the word Purim in them). Purim stands for “lots” or “casting the dice.” Both Yom Kippur and Purim remind us that much of what happens in the world feels out of our control, and enduring this current COVID pandemic has also served as a reminder of the many things outside our control. However, by giving to others, we build resilience against the things we cannot change; we fortify ourselves spiritually by serving the needs of others. Regardless of how rich or poor we may be, each of us can give to or help others. We are more powerful than we think.

The other lesser known Purim tradition is called *mishloach manot*. This is the custom of bringing gifts to all of your friends on Purim. Many people fill compostable/disposable plates with hamentaschen and other treats like nuts, candies, and fruits, and then drop these gifts off at the homes of everyone they know. If you have never before participated in this Purim tradition, it provides pure joy... and joy builds resilience.

Just as we use an array of practices to build resilience against coronavirus, our customs of giving to the poor and sharing gifts are part of our practice of resilience as Jewish people. These joyful practices give us a sense of something we *can* do and they are a way to bring us all together. I hope you will continue to attend our Resilience series and maybe even try a new Jewish practice.

*Chag Purim Sameach.* And don't forget to wear your mask!



Richard and Rhoda Goldman  
Senior Rabbi Beth Singer

## COVID and Clergy Support

If you or your loved ones have tested positive for COVID-19 — whether asymptomatic and in quarantine, experiencing symptoms, or in the recovery process — we want you to know that we are here for you. Some of our congregants have already shared their own COVID stories with us, and it's important to not feel any stigma if you have been affected by this terrible virus. If you would like a member of our clergy to reach out to you in support, please do not hesitate to email Ariana Estoque at [aestoque@emanuelsf.org](mailto:aestoque@emanuelsf.org). We pray for healing for all who are struggling, and we want you to know you are not alone.





**CELEBRATE AND CONNECT: JOIN US FOR PURIM!**

**To register for any of the programs below,  
please visit [emanuelsf.org/purim](http://emanuelsf.org/purim)**

### **Purim CAR-nival and Food Donation**

**Wednesday, February 24, 6:00 – 7:00 pm**

**Congregation Emanu-El (on Arguello Street)**

Channel your best Mordechai/Esther/Haman, grab a bag of canned food to donate, and join us at the "Palace Gates of Shushan" (aka the front of Emanu-El) for a lively drive-through celebration. Your canned goods will help Jewish Family and Children's Services meet the increased needs of families and seniors at this time. Every car donating to JFCS will receive a sweet treat in return!

### **Purim Masquerade Meet-and-Mingle**

**Tuesday, February 23, 7:00 – 8:00 pm**

On the eve of Purim, join us for a lighthearted evening of revelry and the opportunity for friendship and connection. You bring the costume and your favorite libation, and we'll provide the music and ice breakers!

### **The Whole Megillah: An Adult Reading (with Rabbi Jonathan)**

**Thursday, February 25, 6:00 – 9:00 pm**

**(or last person standing)**

The night of Purim, gather for lively discussion and the opportunity to imbibe until you can't tell the difference between Mordechai and Haman, as we journey through the entire Megillah. The book of Esther is about power, sexism, and inflated ego, which sounds strangely contemporary! To follow along, pull up "Megillah from Sefaria" by using the search string "megillah text" in Google.







## Zoom/Facebook Purim Celebration! – Youth and Family Education

Sunday, February 28, via Zoom

10:00 – 11:00 am

YFE Purim Songs and Megillah reading, led by Jonathan Bayer, YFE staff, and Cantor Marsha Attie. Open to the entire congregation!

11:00 am – 12:00 noon

YFE Classes with Purim Fun!

## Purim Video

*Looking for a fun and engaging way to celebrate Purim at home with your little ones?*

Rabbi Sarah Joselow Parris and Jonathan Bayer come to the rescue with a special Purim video that can be played anytime! Get your best group costume together and visit [emanuelsf.org/purim](http://emanuelsf.org/purim) for more details.

## A Virtual Purim Costume Parade

Although we cannot gather to celebrate Purim in person this year, we still want to see your creative disguises! Sift through your closet, imagine yourself strutting down the streets of Shushan, and email us a photo at [engagement@emanuelsf.org](mailto:engagement@emanuelsf.org) (with the subject line "Purim Photo") of you and yours in your best get-ups!





# Emanu-El B'Bayit: Spring 2021

We are thrilled that Emanu-El B'Bayit is launching its second semester of small groups! Here is a sneak peek at the groups that will begin meeting on a monthly basis starting in February and running through June:



**Emanu-El B'Bayit**

- 18+ East Bay Emanu-El'ers
- 18+ Road Cycling Club
- Accent on Brooklyn
- Boomers (Marin)
- Boomers (San Francisco)
- Boomers (San Francisco)
- Explorers Group
- Families (Noe/Mission/Bernal)
- Families (West Portal)
- Interfaith Families (Elementary/Middle School)
- JCL Tutors
- Jewish and Israeli Movies
- LGBTQ+
- Mindfulness
- New Parents (Under 35)
- New Parents 35+
- Portuguese Speakers
- Single Parents
- Surfing Group
- Wayfinding Through Divorce and After
- Women's Challah Baking
- Young Adult Book Club
- Young Adult JCL Tutors
- Young Adult Golfing Club
- Young-ish & Senior-ish

*More groups will be added to the fold in fall 2021, so if you have an idea for a group that you'd like to start up, email Leah Shapiro at [lshapiro@emanuelsf.org](mailto:lshapiro@emanuelsf.org).*



# ADULT EDUCATION

## Conversation with Rabbi Ryan Bauer and Rabbi Steve Leder

Thursday, February 4, 7:00 pm, via Zoom

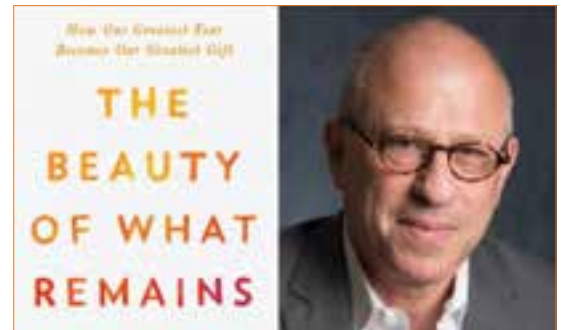
Join us for a conversation with Rabbi Ryan Bauer and Rabbi Steve Leder on his new book, *The Beauty of What Remains: How Our Greatest Fear Becomes our Greatest Gift*.

As head of one of the world's largest synagogues and a Rabbi who has presided over more than a thousand funerals, Steve Leder thought he knew how to cope with death — until his father died. It was then that Rabbi Leder suddenly found himself facing his own experience of love, regret, and pain in a more personal and intimate way than ever before. What he discovered was life changing: in death we do not lose; we actually gain more than we ever imagined. *The Beauty of What Remains*

(published January 5, 2021) is a deeply moving and inspiring narrative that takes us on the journey of loss and grief that is common to us all. For it is along this path that we learn the beauty of what remains. Rabbi Leder says that “understanding death — its rituals, its lessons, its gift to reshape love through memory, its grief, its powerful reminder that it is not what but who we have that matters — gives our lives exquisite meaning.” Through personal reflections and heart-warming stories, he brings the reader into a conversation about what is important and urges us to live more meaningful, more beautiful lives that are less anxious and less frenetic.

Steve Leder is the Senior Rabbi of Wilshire Boulevard Temple in Los Angeles and the author of several books: *The Extraordinary Nature of Ordinary Things*, *More Money Than God*, and the bestseller *More Beautiful Than Before*. He received his degree in writing from Northwestern University, and spent time studying at Trinity College, Oxford University before receiving a master's degree in Hebrew letters in 1986 and rabbinical ordination in 1987, from Hebrew Union College. Originally from Minneapolis, Rabbi Leder now lives in Los Angeles with his family.

Please register online for this program at: [emanuelsf.org/education/adult-education/](https://emanuelsf.org/education/adult-education/)



Rabbi Steve Leder

# YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

One of the first YFE events to be cancelled in 2020 because of COVID was our Purim Shushan Bazaar. The event had been scheduled for Sunday, March 8, just when San Francisco had taken a visionary step by banning large gatherings. I vividly remember

coming to the Temple on that very rainy Saturday the day before, and for the first time activating the emergency SMS text messaging system to inform our families about the cancellation. I spent the rest of the day crying, as we had all worked tirelessly for weeks to plan this popular event. I couldn't have guessed that, a year later, I would be writing to you about our Zoom/Facebook Purim celebration on February 28, 2021.

As listed in the Purim section of this issue, we are planning to entertain

and engage not only YFE families, but all interested congregants, with a show written by our talented music educator, Jonathan Bayer, and performed by some of our spirited teachers. You're in for a funny program of songs, interspersed with more serious Megillah chanting and other surprises. This program will be held on Zoom for YFE families and also livestreamed on Facebook. Come in costume! And following this very special version of our weekly online T'fillah, our students will be able

to participate in fun Purim-themed online classes to celebrate the holiday by baking, engaging in art projects, and playing games. We will also provide families with an opportunity to fulfill the mitzvah of Matanot l'evyonim, giving gifts to the needy.

As we turn another page on this new calendar year, we continue to follow City guidelines for staying safe and healthy by meeting primarily online, while also looking forward to finding even more ways to be together in person. The overnight camps that had to shut down their programs last summer are planning safe ways for campers and counselors to experience the unparalleled joy of Jewish summer camp in 2021. We are pleased to be able to once again offer camperships to families in need of financial assistance. We sent out the application form in January, and we will make decisions about allocating the funds in March. If you would like help sending your child to a Jewish overnight camp this summer and need an application, please request one soon!

We so appreciate the support and participation of our YFE students, families, and teachers, whose smiling faces and enthusiasm make our work meaningful and worthwhile. Our community remains strong and resilient as we move through this year together.

Flora Kupferman  
YFE Acting Director



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YFE Acting Director



## We are Working to End Family Homelessness in the San Francisco Bay Area



### Sponsor “Welcome Home” Move-In Kits For Families Exiting Homelessness

Your help is needed! Congregation Emanu-El and Hamilton Families are working together to assist Bay Area homeless families in locating a safe place to sleep. Every day, Hamilton Families works tirelessly to help families find housing and transition into their own homes, ensuring they have the resources and services to stabilize and thrive. You can support our Rapid ReHousing program by providing household necessities and creature comforts that families experiencing homelessness need as they move into their new homes. Sponsor “Welcome Home” move-in kits — including such items as dish sets, pots and pans, towels, bedding, kitchen appliances, and so much more.

Check the Tzedek Council webpage here: [emanuelsf.org/community/volunteer](https://emanuelsf.org/community/volunteer) for details and to sign up.

### Volunteer for Sunday Dinner Delivery to G-House Shelter

Due to social distancing, our traditional dinners at G-House (a transitional home for homeless youth, run by Larkin Street Youth Services) have been cancelled. However, the youth living at G-House still need our support, so we are re-launching our efforts to alleviate their food insecurity by having meals delivered to them. Currently, Larkin Street is not comfortable with homemade or hand-delivered meals, so they are requiring that the delivered meals come directly from specified local restaurants. These include The Melt, Giorgio's, Tsing Tao, and Chipotle. Specific menus have already been chosen by the G-House Program Manager, and the cost for each meal (which feeds 25–30 youth) ranges from \$200 to \$500 (an estimate that does not include tax, tip, or service fees).

If this cost is too steep for individual volunteers, we suggest going in together with friends and/or other congregants. Each Sunday, we need one volunteer (or volunteer group) to purchase a G-House meal. The menus and ordering instructions will be provided to volunteers via email. To sign up for this opportunity and obtain more details, visit [emanuelsf.org/community/get-involved](https://emanuelsf.org/community/get-involved).

**Note: G-House meal delivery volunteer groups must be organized by the volunteers themselves, and Emanu-El is not able to offer reimbursement.**

Thank you for your generosity and flexibility in accommodating the needs of GHouse during the pandemic. We look forward to resuming in-person dinners when it is safe!



*Geary House volunteers*



## Homeless Prenatal Program at Jelani House — Bring Lunches to New Moms!

### What are Jelani House and HPP?

Jelani House, which opened about a year ago (February 2020) in San Francisco's Bayview District, is a transitional housing shelter for new mothers experiencing homelessness. The Homeless Prenatal Program (HPP) facilitates programs at Jelani House to create a healing home that fosters stability while residents acclimate to motherhood. These women need specialized support, as homelessness poses a significant risk to birth outcomes. Along with housing assistance, HPP offers classes in health, parenting, and finances, with the aim of boosting homeless women and their children into permanent housing and a better future.

### How can you help?

As a volunteer for this program, your responsibility is to drop off lunch for 15 on Wednesdays between 11:00 and 11:30 a.m. Please bring a main course, a vegetable or fruit salad, and dessert to feed 15 women. The food may be cooked at home or purchased (note that we are unable to offer reimbursement). Your coordinator will be in touch with reminders and more information a few days prior. Please check the Tzedek Council web page to sign up.



“The meals prepared by the congregants at Temple Emanu-El are the best meals of the week!”

– Martha Ryan (HPP Founder)

## Georgia Postcards

Last December, Tzedek Council volunteers, in partnership with Reclaim Our Vote, wrote and sent nearly 400 postcards to mostly rural, often older, voters of color that had been de-registered to vote in Georgia. This was a critical act of civic engagement in advance of the Georgia Senate runoff election on January 5, 2021, in which two U.S. Senate seats were determined.



# COMMUNITY (CONT'D)

## Thank You to Our Givers of Light

The Tzedek Council gives a heartfelt thank you to all of the volunteers, participants, supporters, and donors who made this year's Light of Giving for the Homeless Prenatal Program a huge success. Our community was able to donate 27 infant car seats, 46 lightweight strollers, 59 portable cribs, and 59 travel systems to HPP; this holiday season, 191 baby items were delivered to new families and mothers who need it most. In addition, on December 13, 2020, we were able to come together safely as a community and collect, from 100 Emanu-El families, 100 Hamotzi boxes (decorated boxes filled with kitchen staples) that were distributed to families moving into new and/or transitional housing this winter.

During this dark time, we thank you for bringing your light into the lives of others.

Abta Family  
Aks Family  
Albucher Family  
Anonymous  
Arons and Fastiff Family  
Arroyo Family  
Atkins Family  
Barnett Family  
Bauer and Arquilevich Family  
Bell Family  
Berluti Family  
Blatman and Yeh Family  
Blatt Family  
Bley Family  
BloomKing Family  
Bober and Stringer Family  
Bold Family  
Boussina Family  
Breen Family  
Brown Family  
Caler and Loewenstein Family  
Callahan Family  
Campbell Family  
Cessna Family  
Cherry Family  
Cohen Family  
Coleman Family  
Colvin Family  
Corvin and Wertheimer Family  
Davisson Family

Deaver Gianos Family  
Deitch Family  
DeRose Family  
Derrick Family  
Downie Family  
Dumitru-Rose and Rose Family  
Egrie and Kessler Family  
Ehrlich Family  
Eisler Family  
Esterkyn and Steiner-Esterkyn Family  
Estoque Family  
Ettenson Family  
Feld and Huot Family  
Feldman and Glastonbury Family  
Felson Family  
Fleishhacker Family  
Fluhr Family  
Fogel Family  
Fox Family  
Fudem Family  
Gardi Family  
Gartsman Family  
Gebler and Bach Family  
Geller and Borah-Geller Family

Gilden and Inman Family  
Goldblatt Family  
Goldman Family  
Goldman and Lin Family  
Goldstein Family  
Goren and Shapiro Family  
Gorkin Family  
Green Family  
Greenberg and Juliusson Family  
Grunberg and Dravland Family  
Heller and Kutner Family  
Hellman Family  
Hilleboe Family  
Hochschild Family  
Hoffman and Morris Family  
Holman and Grand Family  
Houska and Easterbrook Family  
Hymowitz Family  
Jacobson and Taplin Family  
Jason Family  
Kaplan Family  
Kaslofsky Family  
Katz Family





Kaufman Family  
 Kay Family  
 Kayes Family  
 Kneeter and Zerlin Family  
 Knobbe Family  
 Kort Family  
 Kostow Family  
 Kowal Family  
 Kramer and Donaldson Family  
 Kraus Family  
 Krim Family  
 Laghi Family  
 Laghi-Starks and Starks Family  
 Lazarus Family  
 Levchin Family  
 Levinson Family  
 Lewenstein and Allan Family  
 Lockshin Family  
 Lurie Family  
 Lutterkort and Troy Family  
 Lynn and Hershenson Family  
 Lyss-Lerman and Lerman Family  
 Malka-Arnold and Arnold Family  
 Manshel and Rusitzky Family  
 Medlin and Miklas Family  
 Melnick and Atwood Family  
 Metlitzky and Gould Family  
 Meyer Family  
 Moldaw and Stallings Family

Moses and Cooper Family  
 Myers and Quandt Family  
 Myers Family  
 Nystrom and Rice Family  
 Ostrovsky and Trubin Family  
 Parkhill Family  
 Pearl Family  
 Perlman Family  
 Pfeifer Family  
 Portnoy Family  
 Rich Family  
 Reiner Family  
 Rivo Family  
 Rothenberg Family  
 Rubin Family  
 Rutberg Family  
 Salan Family  
 Sanner Family  
 Saslaw Family  
 Schachter Family  
 Schur Family  
 Segal Family  
 Shegalov Family  
 Sherrard Family  
 Shlain and Goldberg Family  
 Siegel Family  
 Silverman Family  
 Singer Family

Smith Family  
 Solomon and Schaefer Family  
 Spiegel and Brouillat-Spiegel Family  
 Steinberg and Collentine Family  
 Sugar Family  
 Sugarman Family  
 Taplin Family  
 Topkis Family  
 Trachtenberg Family  
 Trepp Family  
 Vollen Family  
 Weissman and Carini Family  
 Weitzman Family  
 Wintroub Family  
 Zarrow Family  
 Ziskroitz Family  
 Zuercher Family  
 Zwibelman Family  
 Zwibelman Family

We appreciate all of our Light of Giving supporters and volunteers. If your name has been inadvertently left off the list, feel free to contact us.



# Emanu-El Next: Investing for our Jewish Future

**W**e believe that Judaism guides us on our journey to be better people, create community, and repair the world. Our historic home has long been cherished as a magnificent building that symbolizes Jewish arrival and integration into our city. But the building no longer adequately serves the need of the Emanu-El community and hinders our ability to effectively support and engage our congregation. The needs of the 21st century Jewish community — and Emanu-El's 1,800 congregant families — are quite different than those of the 300 families in the 1920s who created our current building. That's why we have embarked on an ambitious effort to revitalize and reimagine our home to meet the expanding needs of our current members and those of generations to come.

## Donor Spotlight: Steven Dinkelspiel



*Steven Dinkelspiel*

Congregation Emanu-El has been lucky to have Steven and Pamela Dinkelspiel as generous supporters to Emanu-El Next. Building on years of service to the congregation, they have made the largest gift in their family history to this transformative campaign.

"Being involved with Emanu-El has been one of the most meaningful experiences of our lives," Steven says. "It has not only enhanced our spiritual lives but brought us deep and lasting

friendships and a feeling of community."

The Dinkelspiels trace their roots at Emanu-El to 1853, just two years after the birth of the congregation. Steven's great-great grandfather, Lazarus Dinkelspiel, who came from Germany as part of the great migration of Jews seeking religious and economic freedoms, helped lead the effort to build the old temple on Sutter Street. Steven's great grandfather and grandfather both served as temple presidents. Steven also served as president from 2010 to 2014. (Despite this history, his children were the first in the Dinkelspiel family ever to be b'nai mitsvah'd!)

"I was lucky enough to come from a family with a long history of involvement in the community. I was raised to believe that if you can, you do. My commitment to philanthropy really came from watching my mom share her time with anyone who needed any help whatsoever. From her I learned that one gets satisfaction and gratification by being involved with and giving back to the community."

Steven has been deeply committed to guiding a number of organizations and spearheaded major fundraising efforts for the Urban School of San Francisco (his alma mater), the East Palo Alto Community Law Project and others.

While on the board of Emanu-El, he chaired the Development Committee for eight years and, as Board President, led a multi-million dollar campaign to bridge financial challenges brought on by the 2008 recession. Now, he's serving as a principal lay advisor to the team working on bringing Emanu-El into its next century.

Steven is proud to be part of the campaign that builds on the efforts of earlier congregants, including the 150th anniversary campaign led by Rhoda Goldman, of blessed memory, and the push to build and the push to build the temple at 450 Sutter Street and the current synagogue. "This is a chance for our generation to carry on the work done by those before us to maintain and enhance an historic center of Bay Area Jewish worship, service and community."

The architectural redesign is intended to provide more opportunities for congregants to coalesce as a community. It will create more spaces for learning together, engaging in social activism together, praying together and raising children together. And these are just some of the planned changes that capture the vision for what Congregation Emanu-El can become.

The renovation will also bring the building to today's seismic standards, create a safer outdoor play space for young children, and be more energy efficient and green. The original Lake Street entrance will be restored and will transform the courtyard into a bustling center for

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community engagement. New, larger and more flexible classrooms with improved technology will meet 21st century educational needs for learners of all ages. And the campaign will build an endowment that will ensure Emanu-El continues to provide innovative programs and is able to welcome all people, no matter their means.

“Every time we have asked our congregation what is most important for them, what comes out is some expression of a desire for community,” Steven noted. “Our congregation seems hungry for opportunities to connect in all ways Jewish in more intimate gatherings that also help make the larger events feel like a collection of friends and not of strangers. The most important gift that Emanu-El gives to all of us is a sense of togetherness and connectedness in an increasingly fragmented world.”

Recent events have made Dinkelspiel more acutely aware of the importance of this project.

“The experience and isolation of COVID — with all of us being unable to be together in groups this year — just deepens my belief that connection is essential to mental health, spiritual health and community health.”

This campaign promises to make a resounding impact that Steven hopes congregants at Emanu-El will feel for generations.

“My hope is that this campaign will bring a sense of collective accomplishment by our congregation in redefining a historic place to worship and gather. This is a great opportunity for every member of our congregation to be a part of a once-in-a-century effort to enhance the experience that our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren are going to be able to have. It’s for all of us — and all of us will be able to look back with pride and know we did something extremely meaningful for our community.”



***Emanu-El Next will maintain the historical integrity of our beloved sanctuary and allow us to adapt our facilities to best serve Emanu-El's community for generations to come.***

# Emanu-El Legacy Circle

Thank you to the following Emanu-El Legacy Circle members for your vision and commitment to include Emanu-El as a beneficiary in your estate plans.

Anonymous (15)  
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Eugenie Alanson z"l  
Herbert and Gertrude Alter z"l  
Ludwig and Emmy Altman z"l  
Marion Bacciocco and  
Werner T. Gleitzman z"l  
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Rabbi Ryan Bauer and  
Alisa Arquilevich Bauer  
Centa Baum z"l  
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Ilya Berman and Larisa Lisitsa  
Louis and Lenore Blumenthal z"l  
Bertel Borowsky z"l  
Dale Boutiette and Alla Gershberg  
Sue Bransten z"l  
Louis z"l and Iris Bulasky  
Caro-Serensky Families  
Arthur and Shirley Cerf z"l  
Alvin and Hélène Cohen z"l  
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The Harold and Annette Dobbs Family  
Conrad and Sandra Donner  
Diane and Joseph Ehrman III  
Philip M. Eisenberg z"l  
Stuart and Debra Eisendarth  
Maurice Eliaser z"l  
Helene and George z"l Ettelson  
Edward and Susan Euphrat z"l  
B.J. Feigenbaum z"l  
Dorothy B. Feigenbaum z"l  
Joseph and Cheryl Feigenbaum  
Egon Fireside z"l  
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- Visit Our Website: [emanuelsf.org/support-us/](https://emanuelsf.org/support-us/)
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Dr. Edith Piness on the loss of her husband, **George Piness**

Steven Fingerhood on the loss of his mother, and Olivia, Mina, and Sarah Fingerhood on the passing of their grandmother, **Doris Fingerhood**

Marc Axelbaum (Katherine Dowling) on the loss of his mother, and Charles, Cameron, and Phoebe Axelbaum on the passing of their grandmother, **Arlene Shapiro Wiseth**

Andrea Greenberg (Alex Wellins) on the loss of her father, and Max Wellins on the passing of his grandfather, **Phillip Greenberg**

Melissa Nemer (Josh Einhorn) on the loss of her brother, and Samson and Ayal Einhorn on the passing of their uncle, **Adam David Nemer**

Rob Freedman on the loss of his mother, **Karen Freedman**

Janie Friend (Donny) on the loss of her father, Benjamin (Jackie Frey), Jason (Aliza), and Lauren Friend on the passing of their grandfather, and Elijah, Josephine, and Reuben Friend on the passing of their great-grandfather, **John Morris Greenberg**

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Jonathan Beck on the loss of his wife, and Vivianna, Anton, and Julian Beck on the passing of their mother, **Alessandra Beck**

Dr. Kenneth Laxter on the loss of his sister, **Ellen Garner**

David Pell (Gina) and Karen Pell (Heather Lupa) on the loss of their father, and Emma, Tessa, Herschel, and Octavia Pell on the passing of their grandfather, **Joseph Pell**

Jerome Rossen (Sandra Bragar) on the loss of his father, and Benjamin and Natalia Rossen on the passing of their grandfather, **Richard Rossen**

## Mazel Tov to Our Members Who Have Experienced Joy

**Dr. Madeleine Katz and Michael Sabes** on the birth of their daughter, Mira Pearl Sabes, born on September 10, 2020

**Kathleen Easterbrook and David Houska** on the birth of their son, Gideon Lee Easterbrook, born on October 20, 2020

**Perri Kramer and Bryan Donaldson** on the birth of their children, Louisa May and Elliot Donaldson Kramer, born on December 24, 2020

**Dr. Anita Josefa Barzman** for being accepted to the Academy for Jewish Religion/California for rabbinic studies

## Welcome, New Members!

David Breslauer  
Stevie Cline  
Brenna Cooper  
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## Welcome Back, Rejoining Members!

Laurie Bienstock  
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## Weekday Evening Minyan

We have launched a weekday evening minyan to offer our community another time during the week to say kaddish. This is an opportunity to come together with other members of our community who have lost a loved one in the past year; to offer healing prayers and support. There is no need to register — just join our sacred 'zoom room' to be with each other and create space for memory.

*Every Wednesday from 5:00 - 5:15 pm, led by members of Emanu-El's clergy team. Visit our online calendar: [emanuelsf.org/calendar/](https://emanuelsf.org/calendar/)*



Watch Shabbat Services livestreamed each Friday at 6:00 pm  
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**Ruby Goldblatt****Bat Mitzvah:**

February 6, 2021

**Parents:**Steven and  
Marly Goldblatt**Torah Portion:***Vayelech***Benjamin Thayer****Bar Mitzvah:**

February 20, 2021

**Parents:**Brad and  
Yanina Thayer**Torah Portion:***Terumah***Eli Linn****Bar Mitzvah:**

February 6, 2021

**Parents:**Cheryl Frank and  
Michael Linn**Torah Portion:***Yithro***Hannah Coleman****Bat Mitzvah:**

February 27, 2021

**Parents:**Lori and  
Andrew Coleman**Torah Portion:***Tetzaveh***BenNoah Arnold****Bar Mitzvah:**

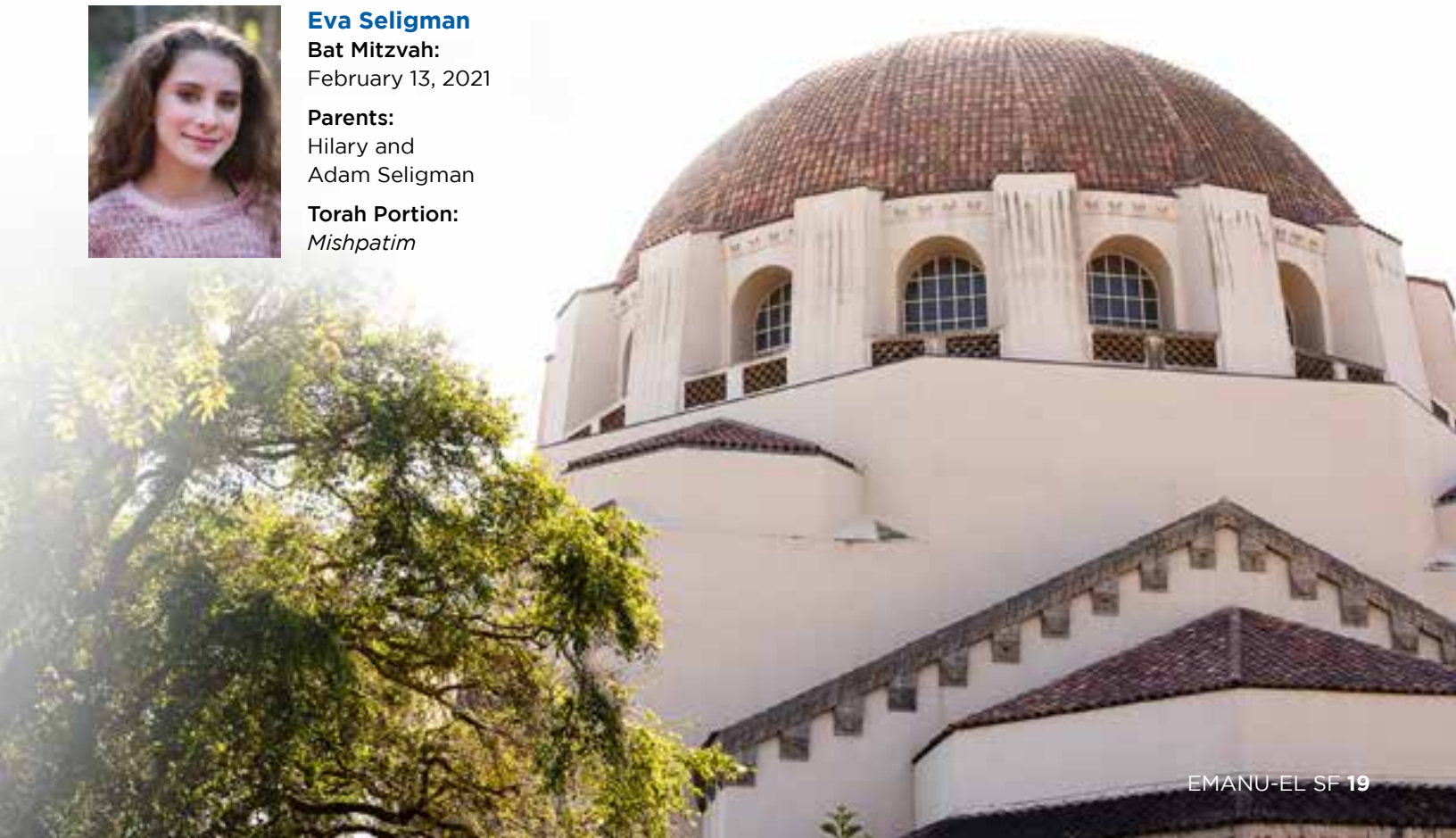
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**Parents:**Miriam Malka and  
James Arnold**Torah Portion:***Mishpatim***Elinor Feldman****Bat Mitzvah:**

February 27, 2021

**Parents:**Michael Feldman and  
Christine Glastonbury**Torah Portion:***Tetzaveh***Eva Seligman****Bat Mitzvah:**

February 13, 2021

**Parents:**Hilary and  
Adam Seligman**Torah Portion:***Mishpatim*



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## L'Chaim: A Taste of Israeli Wines

Thursday, February 18, 6:30 pm, via Zoom (register by Feb. 11)

**Cost: \$65/person, flight of wine included**

We are delighted to be joined by Evan Hufford, a Sommelier for many Michelin starred restaurants. For this fabulous event, Evan has curated several of Israel's finest wines — three white and three red — which we will drink together and discuss. In addition to Evan's expertise, Rabbi Jonathan will weigh in on the significance of wine in Jewish ritual and tradition, as well as the process of making wine kosher.

**Prior to the event, starting on February 16, you may pick up your flight (six 4-oz bottles) of wines from the Temple, contact-free.**

In addition, to prepare for the wine tasting, please watch the documentary "Somm" beforehand. This 2012 film, which features the attempts of four candidates to pass the extremely difficult Master Sommelier examination, can be found on Netflix, YouTube, and Amazon Prime Video.

*Evan Hufford served as the opening Wine Director at SingleThread Farms in Healdsburg, and was a driving force in many facets as it attained three Michelin Stars in a record two years. Prior to that, Evan's career began at the Native American owned and inspired Kai Restaurant in Phoenix, where he was instrumental in the restaurant attaining a Forbes Five-Star rating. Continuing his wine studies in Las Vegas and the Bay Area, Evan served as Sommelier at several Michelin starred restaurants and helped develop multiple Wine Spectator Grand Award-winning wine lists, including Joël Robuchon in Las Vegas, and as Head Sommelier and Restaurant Director at Saison in San Francisco. Evan is an Advanced Sommelier, French Wine Scholar, and California Wine Appellation Specialist, and he teaches part time at the San Francisco Wine School.*

**\* The registration deadline for this event is February 11.**

