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Night Watch: Multi-City Art and Social Justice Event

On September 20, Congregation Emanu-El is proud to host a special Sukkot artist presentation with internationally renowned multimedia artist, Shimon Attie (twin brother of our own Cantor Marsha Attie!). Mr. Attie's multimedia installation *Night Watch* is a floating media arts installation that will travel the San Francisco Bay and Oakland Estuary on the evenings of September 17 – 19, 2021 (6:15 pm – 9:00 pm). *Night Watch*, co-produced by BOXBLUR and Immersive Arts Alliance, features silent, close-up video portraits of twelve refugees who were granted political asylum in the United States. The images displayed largely feature members of international LGBTQI+ communities, as well as unaccompanied minors, who fled tremendous violence and discrimination in their homelands of Colombia, Honduras, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Nigeria, Peru, and Russia. A retrospective exhibition of Mr. Attie's work, entitled *Here, Not Here* will also be on view at the Catharine Clark Gallery in San Francisco from September 18 to October 30.

Read Heidi Sanders' interview with artist Shimon Attie on page 6.

Night Watch Schedule

Friday, September 17:

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(San Francisco)

Saturday, September 18:

Fort Mason and Warm Water Cove (San Francisco)

Sunday, September 19:

Oakland Estuary + Brooklyn Basin (Oakland)

Shimon Attie, Night Watch (San Francisco, Bay Bridge), Digital Rendering, 2021. BOXBLUR/Immersive Arts AllianceLiberty, 2018. Originally produced by Moreart.org in New York City.

Shalom Rav from our Rabbi

By Richard and Rhoda Goldman Senior Rabbi
Jonathan Singer

The last act one is taught to do as Yom Kippur concludes is to begin building your own sukkah. As a person disinclined to engage in picking up a hammer and nails, nonetheless each year I build our sukkah even though I am tired after having welcomed in the New Year. The sukkah is a fragile booth with an open wall and partially open roof so one might welcome guests and also see the stars. It is constructed for two reasons: First, we celebrate the Fall harvest festival as we decorate with a cornucopia of fruits of the field and invite guests in for food and drink — connecting us to the natural cycle, which, as we continue to experience drought made worse by global warming, is so important to do. Second, we remember that our ancestors dwelt in these temporary booths as they wandered through the wilderness making their way to the Promised Land.

Though my sukkah handiwork may leave something to be desired, I love that we get to rejoice in our blessings in a simple way, connecting with nature by being outside in a sukkah during this time together with friends and family, while also embracing the reminder that we come from humble beginnings. Yes, we were once a homeless people, wandering in the wilderness, erecting temporary shelters, hoping that God's presence would inspire us to keep journeying forward and not lose hope of reaching our promised land.

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This year as we continue to struggle with the effects of Covid, and even as we gather for High Holy Days, having been vaccinated or tested, it may be easier for some of us to embrace the open air shelter of the sukkah as a

place to greet friends and gather with family. There is a plethora of homemade sukkah building examples on the web and one can easily still go to the hardware store and procure materials to build such a booth for there are no material limitations — just the requirements of being open and of a temporary nature. Put one in your backyard or on your deck, decorate it and then safely have friends over for a *l'chayim*, or plan a sleepover with your children, gently basking in the starlight and comfort of that cozy space. You are also invited to come join in our Sukkah celebration in Emanu-El's courtyard and shake the *lulav* and *etrog* and make new friends as part of our vibrant community.



Richard and Rhoda Goldman
Senior Rabbi Jonathan Singer

Now it is especially important to acknowledge that the pandemic has put even more pressure on those seeking housing. Homelessness, as you well know, is a complex issue and, in many cases, tied in with drug addiction and mental illness. But it is also the result of profound poverty, housing shortages that have been amplified by the last recession as well as this most recent one, and opposition to increasing housing density by NIMBY activists. The lack of housing is affecting the entire state, not just San Francisco. Let Sukkot remind us that we too were once homeless and be less judgmental of those in dire straits while also working to help them realize their promise by making an even greater effort to increase the housing supply. Great cities like ours have to make room for people to live in dignity and it is time for San Francisco to welcome more housing density.

The Torah tells us that we traveled by stages through the wilderness to make it to the Promised Land. We, too, will have to go by stages as we deal with the effects of Covid that have amplified other problems in our society. May this new year and the experience of Sukkot help us renew our resolve to work on the essential problems facing us by caring more for our environment and caring more for each other.

Chag Sameach,
Rabbi Jonathan

High Holy Days Service Schedule

Services marked with * will be livestreamed at emanuelf.org/live and do not require registration. The rabbis leading each service are listed by service. Cantors Attie and Luck will provide music with their accompanists. All services are available in-person for Emanu-El members. Advance registration is required for all of the following programs and services.

For the most up-to-date information, visit our High Holy Days website at hhd.emanuelf.org.



ראש השנה Erev Rosh HaShanah Monday, September 6

Opening The Gates: Erev Rosh HaShanah Service*

6:00 – 7:30 pm, Main Sanctuary

Service led by Rabbi Sydney Mintz and Rabbi Ryan Bauer
Sermon by Rabbi Jonathan Singer.

ראש השנה Rosh HaShanah Day Tuesday, September 7

Opening The Gates: Rosh HaShanah Day*

10:00 – 11:30 am, Main Sanctuary

Services led by Rabbi Jason Rodich and Rabbi Jonathan Singer. Sermon by Rabbi Sydney Mintz.

Apples and Honey: Service for Young Families

10:00 – 11:00 am, Presidio Wall Park

Join Rabbi Sarah Joselow Parris and Jonathan Bayer for outdoor children's services and activities! Stop by for a bit or stay a while with a blanket and enjoy celebrating Rosh HaShanah together with other young families. We will have some activities to share that you can enjoy with your family pod and at 10:15 am there will be a musical children's service and story time aimed at children ages 4-7. This service is open to members and the entire community. Registration is required.

"New Year, New Me: Judaism's Take on Renewal and New Beginnings" with Rabbi Sarah Parris*

2:30 – 3:30 pm, virtual only

This learning session is open to the entire community.

Return Again: Teen-Led Rosh HaShanah Service*

2:30 – 3:30 pm, Main Sanctuary

Community service led by our teens who will share song, worship, poetry and prose. Led by Cantor Attie and musical accompanists.

Tashlich: Letting Go Together Service and Concert

5:30 – 7:00 pm, Baker Beach

After a year of isolation, we can finally all come together in a safe outdoor event with our cantors and musicians in joyous song and Rosh HaShanah celebration. As instructed by the Prophet Micah, we'll cast bread on the water and bid goodbye (and good riddance) to this past year. Bring the family, bring a blanket or beach chairs and some snacks. Dress in layers. Sing along.

ראש השנה 2nd Day Rosh HaShanah Wednesday, September 8

Rosh HaShanah Second Day Service*

10:00 am – 12:00 pm, Main Sanctuary

Cantor Arik Luck and musicians, along with Rabbi Jonathan Singer, Rabbi Ryan Bauer and Rabbinic Intern Leo Fuchs will lead a full-length, eclectic traditional style Reform Rosh HaShanah service. The music will draw upon multiple genres, including the master composers of the old world, Eastern European *chazzanut*, Emanu-El commissioned music from nearly 100 years ago, as well as newer, elevated melodies.

יום קפני Kol Nidre Wednesday, September 15

Opening The Gates: Kol Nidre Service 1

6:00 – 7:30 pm, Main Sanctuary

Service by Rabbi Sydney Mintz and Rabbi Jason Rodich. Sermon by Rabbi Ryan Bauer.

Opening The Gates: Kol Nidre Service 2*

8:15 – 9:45 pm, Main Sanctuary

Service by Rabbi Sydney Mintz and Rabbi Jason Rodich. Sermon by Rabbi Ryan Bauer.

Opening the Gates שאו שערים

This year we will combine the grandeur and majesty of the "Classic" service with the warmth and intimacy of the "Contemporary" service. The two Kol Nidre services will be identical musically and in every other way. Cantors Attie and Luck will provide music with their accompanists. Sermons are posted after each service.

יום קיפור Yom Kippur Day Thursday, September 16

Opening The Gates: Yom Kippur Day*

10:00 – 11:30 am, Main Sanctuary

Service led by Rabbi Jonathan Singer and Rabbi Ryan Bauer.
Sermon by Rabbi Jason Rodich.

Apples and Honey: Service for Young Families

10:00 – 11:00 am, Presidio Wall Park

Join Rabbi Sarah Joselow Parris and Jonathan Bayer for outdoor children's services and activities! Stop by for a bit or stay a while with a blanket and mark the day of Yom Kippur together with other young families. We will have some activities to share that you can enjoy with your family pod and at 10:15 am there will be a musical children's service and story time aimed at children ages 4-7. This service is open to members and the entire community. Registration is required.

"That Reminds Me of a Joke" with Taube Scholar and Senior Rabbi Emeritus Stephen Pearce, Ph.D.*

12:00 – 1:00 pm, virtual only

This learning session is open to the entire community.

"The Only Thing God Ever Says: 'Come Home'" with Emanu-El Scholar Rabbi Lawrence Kushner*

1:30 – 2:30 pm, virtual only

This learning session is open to the entire community.

Our High Holy Days schedule is subject to change based on COVID-19 health and safety guidelines. Visit hhd.emanuelsf.org for our most up-to-date information about our services, programs, and local guidelines.

Meditation and Healing in the Redwoods

1:30 – 3:00 pm, meet at the Temple gate to walk together

Join Rabbi Sydney Mintz and our musicians as we journey together from the Temple through the Arguello Gate and into the redwoods for guided meditation, music, silence, chanting and healing prayers. Join us this year to experience sacred space and time in the redwoods.

Translating Our Values Into Action: A Yom Kippur Tzedek Council Program For Members*

1:30 – 3:00 pm, Martin Meyer Sanctuary

Join us this Yom Kippur to renew our commitment in transforming our world from how it is to how it ought to be. Dr. Sheryl Evans Davis, Executive Director of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission will be our keynote speaker, giving a state of the union on homelessness in the Bay Area. Following, we will hear from youth leaders at Youth Spirit Artworks on the impact that local community support has made on their lives. Our activism creates a living Judaism that will endure.

Return Again: Teen-Led Yom Kippur Service*

3:00 – 4:00 pm, Main Sanctuary

A one-hour community service led by our teens who will lead us in song, worship, poetry and prose. Led by Cantor Attie and musical accompanists.

Meditational Azkarah Service*

4:30 – 5:15 pm, in the Courtyard

We take a meditative, musical journey through the Jewish past as we seek inspiration to push open the gates of a new year of meaning.

Yizkor/Neilah/Havdallah Service*

5:30 – 7:00 pm, Main Sanctuary

Service led by Rabbi Ryan Bauer and all Emanu-El Clergy. Sermon by Rabbi Sydney Mintz. RSVP Required.



Q&A with Artist Shimon Attie

In anticipation of Shimon Attie's powerful program during our holiest time of the year, Heidi Sanders, Emanu-El's Senior Manager of Engagement, sat down for a conversation with the artist.

HEIDI: *Night Watch* explores the urgent issues around political asylum, and past projects of yours have explored themes of identity, loss, displacement, and collective trauma — all themes that have helped shape contemporary Jewish life and identity today. How have Jewish identity, culture, traditions, and history informed your own creative practice?

SHIMON: Well, you know, a lot of that comes from how one is raised, and there are a million different ways that people can define what it means to be Jewish. In our family, being Jewish was synonymous with being progressive and fighting for social justice and fighting for the less fortunate among us. They were synonymous; being Jewish was inseparable from *tikkun olam* ... But it wasn't sort of confined just to the Jewish community, it was more about shared common humanity among everyone and every community ... that would be the way in which my Jewish identity intersects with my overall artistic sensibility.

HEIDI: *Night Watch* will run concurrently to the High Holy Days, traditionally a time for deep introspection. In your opinion, what is the role of art in this larger engagement of reflecting and repairing ourselves, our communities, and our world?

SHIMON: It's kind of a central question ... art has something, a special language to reach people that's different than transmitting information. It's not about teaching someone something or elucidating them. It's about offering a way of experiencing some familiar, even old, subject matter in new ways ... And then from that more effective experiential place, things can shuffle around a bit, and there might be a fresh re-examination or reconsideration of our prior assumptions, and maybe we come to new understandings and new feelings. There are so many different opinions and positions on this, but for me, successful art does require a kind of poetry. Ultimately, I'm trying to create a good work of art: something that's visually arresting, something that gives us a sense of wonderment. And that is a felt, lived experience.

HEIDI: When we welcome you on September 20, we'll be in the midst of Sukkot, with its themes of homelessness and transience. These are all issues that San Francisco currently struggles with. What do you hope that viewers take away from the experience of seeing your work in San Francisco?

SHIMON: I don't have a goal ... I'm very mindful of, and humble about, what art can and cannot do ... I would like people to have a powerful aesthetic experience of their encounters with these individuals [Attie's video subjects]. They're looking at us, we look at them. How do they see us, what is their sense of how welcoming or rejecting we are? I hope that people will be moved and be given pause and have some wonderment. One last thing I'll add, is that the reason why I film the individuals, both in *Night Watch* and in several of my other pieces ... emotionally restrained, is because we think, as the viewer, that we know how they feel. And we don't ... they have a right to remain opaque and a right to their own interiority. So, I deliberately don't deliver the emotional goods. And that throws it back to the viewer to struggle with their own projections, in a certain way.



Shimon Attie

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Sukkot

Monday, September 20

Community Sukkot Celebration and Here Not Here: An Artist Talk by Shimon Attie
6:30 – 8:30 pm *RSVP Required*

Experience the joy of Sukkot with your community. The evening will include a presentation by the internationally renowned artist, Shimon Attie (and brother of our own Cantor Attie), as well as music and a brief service in our courtyard sukkah. Shimon Attie's new project, *Night Watch*, will travel the San Francisco Bay shoreline from September 17-19. All are encouraged to experience the floating installation, and then meet the artist and learn more about his powerful work.

Tuesday, September 21

Sukkot Festival Service
9:30 – 10:30 am, *RSVP Required*

Join us on the first morning of Sukkot for the festival service in our courtyard sukkah, infused with beautiful music by Cantor Luck.

Wednesday, September 22

Tzedek Council Sukkot Gathering and Program Launch
Led by Rabbi Ryan Bauer
5:30 – 7:00 pm, *RSVP Required*

As we end the High Holy Days, and reflect on opportunities for repairing our world, you may ask yourself, "What's next?" Join us on Sukkot to learn about the social justice opportunities that Tzedek Council has planned for the coming year. Gather in our sukkah, meet like-minded congregants, and hear about our accomplishments from the past year and plans for 2021-22. We'll hear from community partner Youth Spirit Artworks on how we can continue to strengthen their tiny house community for local unhoused youth, and participate in an art project to install at their Oakland site at a later date. This will be a space to connect, create, and take action with your Emanu-El community.

Thursday, September 23

Men's Group Sukkot Happy Hour
5:30 – 7:00 pm, *RSVP Required*

This Sukkot, all male-identifying members are invited to a happy hour learning session in our beautiful sukkah with Rabbi Jonathan. This is a chance to study a bit about the meaning of the harvest of our lives as we talk and greet each other.

Friday, September 24

Sukkot Festival Service
6:00 – 7:00 pm

Join us in community as we move outdoors for a special Shabbat service in our courtyard sukkah. The evening will be a spiritual celebration of the holiday, with beautiful music and the shaking of the *Erog* and *Lulav*.

Sunday, September 26

Women of Emanu-El Sukkot Garden Tour At the San Francisco Botanical Gardens

11:00 am – 1:30 pm
RSVP Required, \$8 per person, Open to Members + Guests

Help us kick off a new group — WOMEN OF EMANU-EL, created for women-identified members of all ages, to join together to strengthen the voice of women in our community and help to foster personal and spiritual growth thru various activities and community-building events. This first Sukkot event will be a private tour of the San Francisco Botanical Gardens, with tour guide and member, Marjory Kaplan. Bring your own picnic lunch to enjoy while you schmooze in the garden at the end of the tour.

Monday, September 27

Yizkor Service
4:30 – 5:00 pm

Join us in the courtyard for a Yizkor (Remembrance) Memorial Service, which is recited on the eighth day of Sukkot (Shemini Atzeret). It is said by every person who has lost a parent or other loved ones.

Monday, September 27

Simchat Torah Parade and Celebration
5:30 – 7:30 pm, *RSVP Required*

Rejoice with us as we mark the conclusion of the annual cycle of public Torah readings and the beginning of a new cycle! We will meet at the staircase at 8th Ave. and Lake St. for a festive parade with the Torah, as we return to our courtyard for music and revelry. The perfect celebration for all ages!

Learn more and register for Sukkot programs at
emanuelsf.org/sukkot

Adult Education Fall Programs

Shabbat Morning Torah Hevra with Rabbi Lawrence Kushner

"The Spiritual Teachings of the *Sefat Emet*."—A Zoom Seminar

The Language of Truth, trans. & ed. Arthur Green (Jewish Publication Society). Available in paperback on Amazon. The *Sefat Emet* is the pinnacle of Hasidic spirituality.

Only a very, very modest familiarity with Hebrew but a serious interest in learning more will be needed.

When: Starting Saturday, September 4, from 10:00 – 11:00 am

If interested, please contact Ariana Estoque, aestoque@emanuelf.org or at (415) 750-7552. Zoom invitations to be sent out at 9:45 am each morning to those who sign up.

Tauber Anshei Mitzvah (Adult *B'nei Mitzvah*) Program

Congregation Emanu-El is thrilled to offer the Tauber Anshei Mitzvah, our adult *b'nei mitzvah* training program. The next cohort will convene in the Fall of 2021. This is an 18-month program that will meet weekly during the academic year. This course will culminate with a meaningful group *b'nei mitzvah* service. Content will include practical Torah and Haftarah chanting skills, as well as continued academic study and enrichment with our cantors and rabbis.

The first session of 2021 will be on Zoom. It will be determined by the class how in-person and Zoom sessions are balanced. This course is best delivered in person; however, we want to accommodate all participants as best we can.

Students are encouraged to know the Alef-Bet before entering the class, although we will take students through the basics. Cantors Attie and Luck will help you learn as you go. We can also recommend fantastic Hebrew tutors should you wish to speed up the process.

When: Sundays from 12:00 – 1:30 pm

Location: Partially on zoom, partially in person.

Cost: Emanu-El Members only \$360

Summer 2022 session TBD. For a list of all dates or to register, visit emanuelf.org/adultbm. Please contact Ariana Estoque, at (415) 750-7550 or at aestoque@emanuelf.org if you have any questions.

The Tauber Jewish Studies Program is made possible by The Laszlo N. Tauber Family Foundation, reflecting the dynamic, generous, and enduring spirit of Dr. Laszlo N. Tauber.

Introduction to Judaism

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

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

Location: Congregation Emanu-El, 2 Lake Street SF 94118

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

Fall Trimester: Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26; Nov. 2, 9, 16; Dec 3*

*Shabbat Dinner experience at the Temple.

Learn more and register at emanuelf.org/intro

Ethiopian Jews: Our Overlooked Brethren — Helping To Bring Those Remaining, Home to Zion

Featuring Shlomo Motta, a former shepherd who made *aliyah*, served in the IDF, and became Deputy Speaker of the Knesset

When: Sunday, October 17th at 9:00 am

Location: Virtual Event, open to the community



Shlomo Motta

Join us to hear Shlomo Motta's personal account of his journey to Israel via Operation Moses. We will discuss the history of Ethiopian Jews and their rescue via Operation Moses and Solomon as documented in the Netflix documentary, *The Red Sea Resort*. We will explore the current status of roughly 100,000 Ethiopian Jews in Israel today and the efforts to bring the remaining 12,000 Jews stranded in Ethiopia home to Zion.

This event will include us streaming in live to a compound in Ethiopia providing food and nourishment to the remaining Jews.

To register, visit emanuelf.org/israel



Looking Forward with YFE!

As YFE is set to begin the 2021-22 / 5782 school year, we are excited not only about seeing each other in person again, but also about all the new programs that we're planning. Last month we mentioned our outdoor pathways, *Kadimah*, for preschool through second grade, based on last year's successful pilot, and *B'hootz* for third through fifth grade, run by our partners at Wilderness Torah.

Our new sixth grade program focuses on three topic areas and integrates with students' preparation to become *B'nei Mitzvah*:

1. Jewish textual sources including the three sections of the Hebrew Bible (Torah, Prophets and Writings), and major works of Oral Torah — *Talmud* and *Midrash* (seven weeks taught by instructor)
2. Understanding of the prayer service (seven sessions taught by clergy) and
3. *B'nei Mitzvah* – specific whole family instruction about, for example, the meaning of becoming *B'nei Mitzvah* and reading a Torah portion for meaning (seven sessions taught by clergy).

In seventh grade, we are reinvigorating the popular Mitzvah Corps program, in which students choose a volunteer opportunity and meet monthly to study a related text, do the mitzvah, and then reflect on their experience.

The thread that will weave through and connect everyone and everything we do this year is our theme: *Olam Chesed Yibaneh*, We build this world in love. As we come together as a community again, we will focus on what is truly important in our heritage and history while reestablishing our bonds week by week and envisioning the tightly knit *kehillah kedoshah* (sacred community) of the future.



Koret Match Doubles All New Contributions to Emanu-El Next

We are excited to announce that Emanu-El Next has passed the \$90 million threshold with an audaciously generous \$7.5M matching grant from the Koret Foundation. The Foundation will match dollar-for-dollar up to \$7.5M any new gift that we receive for the Emanu-El Next campaign. Thanks to the amazing generosity of our supporters, and with one final push from our community, we are ready to reach our \$97M campaign goal!

"As a leading foundation helping to promote Jewish life, we are so excited that the Koret Foundation has created a matching gift opportunity for our community," Senior Rabbi Jonathan Singer says. "This is an endorsement of the vision of Emanu-El Next and an understanding that we are building not just for our community but to nurture the Jewish future of the Bay Area. Please help us meet this historic, generous, visionary grant by participating as much as you can as we build Emanu-El Next together."

Believing that a strong Jewish community requires strong Jewish institutions, the Koret Foundation has supported the Bay Area and Jewish community for almost half a century. "Congregation Emanu-El is a pillar institution in the Jewish and civic communities," says Jeff Farber, Koret CEO. "It is an inspiring place for Jews to connect, learn and celebrate, and it has been a steadfast voice on critical issues facing the Jewish community. Support for Emanu-El Next's campaign will strengthen the organization for a bright future."

President of the Board of the Koret Foundation, Anita Friedman, agrees, adding that now is the time to make an impact on our community. "We are dedicated to strengthening the Jewish community locally and worldwide. Toward this end, there is no more important partner than Congregation Emanu-El. Especially in these times, it is critical to step up to the challenges our community faces — and so the Koret Foundation is deeply honored to be a major investor in the Emanu-El Next campaign."



The Emanu-El Next transformation will restore the original entrance from Lake Street, with an inviting entrance into a light-filled courtyard that draws focus towards the Main Sanctuary.

Emanu-El Next is our ambitious effort to revitalize and reimagine our home to meet the expanding needs of our current members and those of generations to come. We will make our synagogue safe, secure and sustainable by upgrading our courtyard, enhancing security, and improving technology. The building will be even more warm, welcoming and accessible for all community members. We will provide new spaces to deepen community members' connections, and create a beautiful and multi-purpose event space for community gatherings. We will create new classrooms to facilitate education that meets the needs of learners of all ages. And we will build greater financial capacity to ensure we are able to welcome all people, no matter their means. To learn more, you can visit next.emanuelsf.org.

This challenge grant "will help us to complete the renovation of our precious home, and will ensure that we will have another 100 years of vibrant Jewish life in San Francisco," says Donny Friend, Co-Chair of Emanu-El Next. Koret has helped us maintain our proud pillar of Jewish presence in the San Francisco and Bay Area community."

Congregation Emanu-El Development Director Julie Weinberg was excited to hear about the grant. She says: "The Koret Foundation strengthens our Jewish community in so many ways. The impact of this Koret Foundation grant is just incredible. It reaffirms everything that we're doing at Emanu-El — not only worship and spiritual events, but community, education and programs. We are so grateful for the matching component which encourages the whole community to participate in this historic campaign."

We want to thank the Koret Foundation and the many generous supporters who have gotten us this far. Now is the perfect time to give: every gift is doubled. The goal line is imminent, and we want every member of our congregation to know when they enter our beautiful temple that they were a part of making this happen.



Emanu-El Next will dedicate the top floor to education, with a Preschool playing area for young children and families.



Emanu-El will become the perfect destination to enjoy small, intimate gatherings through the creation of more flexible spaces.

If you would like to make a commitment to Emanu-El Next, please contact Julie Weinberg, Director of Development, at jweinberg@emanuelsf.org or (415) 750-7557. Or you can visit the Emanu-El Next website (next.emanuelsf.org) to learn more and make your contribution.

Ways to Give

Making a gift to Emanu-El is a meaningful way to honor friends and family while supporting the synagogue. The Temple offers a variety of donation opportunities so all members can participate in the mitzvah of *zedakah* at whatever level is comfortable. For additional information about our different funds and various ways to give, please visit our website.

- **Send us a Check:** 2 Lake Street, San Francisco CA, 94118. Congregation Emanu-El – Attn: Development.
- **Visit Our Website:** emanuelsf.org/support-us/
- **Appreciated Stock Gifts:** The Congregation accepts all contributions made via stock transfers. You will enjoy an immediate tax deduction for the value of the stock transfer and avoid paying capital gains.
- **Corporate Matching:** Many Bay Area companies will match your gift dollar-for-dollar. Please contact your company's matching gifts coordinator to determine whether your gift to Congregation Emanu-El can be matched.
- **Planned Giving:** Including Congregation Emanu-El in your estate planning is a promise to your children, grandchildren, and future generations that Emanu-El will continue to be a thriving home for worship, study, and community.

If you need assistance, please contact the Development Office at development@emanuelsf.org

Thank you for your generosity and participation. Your contributions will help ensure we meet the needs of the Emanu-El community — now and for future generations. Thank you for giving! The following gifts were received from July 1 – 31, 2021.

CANTORS' MUSIC FUND — supports the Congregation's music programs and is used for charitable giving at the Cantors' discretion

Marcy Belfer

in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of
Hazel Belfer

Andrew Cohen & Sylvia Magid

in celebration of Tobiah Cohen's
Bar Mitzvah

Stone & Nicole Melet

in celebration of Oscar Gershon
Melet's Bar Mitzvah

Laurie Miller

in memory of Lee Miller

Erica & Dana Rabb

in celebration of Alec Rabb's Bar
Mitzvah

John & Ellen Rothmann

in memory of Sally Little Berger

John & Ellen Rothmann

in memory of Martha Rosenberg

EMANU-EL COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND — promotes and supports social action and community service programs

Charles & Lenore Bleadon

Scott & Vicki Kahn

in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of
Norman Gothelf

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

Matthew Goldman

in celebration of Willem Rose Topik's
baby naming

Scott & Vicki Kahn

in memory of Susan Cole

Mordechai Pavlovsky & Timothy Stuebbe

in celebration of Dov Yonatan
Pavlovsky's Brit Milah

Joanne & Alan Vidinsky

in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of
Marcia Shaps

Michele Woolfe-Avramov

in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of
Barnett Woolfe

FLOWERS FOR THE BIMAH

Andrew & Suzy Colvin

in memory of Martha Rosenberg

Howard & Siesel Maibach

in memory of Martha Rosenberg

Stone & Nicole Melet

in celebration of Oscar Gershon
Melet's Bar Mitzvah

Erica & Dana Rabb

in celebration of Alec Rabb's
Bar Mitzvah

FOR THE ROOSEVELT FOOD PANTRY

Leslie Friedman & Jonathan Clark

Stephanie Scott

in memory of William M. Scott

Stephanie Scott

in celebration of Ellery Shalom
Estoque's birthday

**RABBIS' DISCRETIONARY FUND —
used for charitable giving at the
Rabbis' discretion**

Matthew Brunwasser

in memory of Arthur Brunwasser

Andrew Cohen & Sylvia Magid

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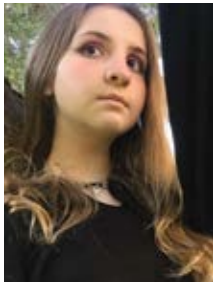
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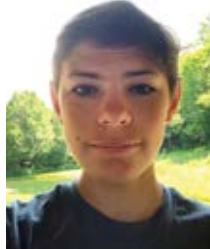
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Eileen (Nersi) Boussina on the loss of her uncle; Michael, Brandon and Ashley Boussina on the loss of their great-uncle, **Sampson Davidoff**.

Andrew Zittel on the loss of his wife, **Mia Mitchell**.

Jamie (Mark) Myers on the loss of her mother; David Myers and Eve (Joseph) Loecher on the loss of their grandmother, **Sally Berger**.

Dan (Emily) Spier on the loss of his grandmother; Elijah and Leora Spier on the loss of their great-grandmother, **Yelizaveta Livshits**.

Norman Gordon on the loss of his wife, **Sandra Gordon**.

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Rebecca Macieira-Kaufman on the loss of her mother-in-law; Isaac and Matilde Macieira- Kaufman on the loss of their grandmother, **Ana Maria Vieira da Cruz Macieira-Coelho**.

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Emily and Alexander Gill on the birth of their daughter, Cecily Anne Brauer Gill.

Caroline and Michael Dechert on the birth of their daughter, Lucy Dechert.

Flora Kupferman on the birth of her grandson, Rory Alexander Flagg.

Eve and Joseph Loecher on the birth of their son; Jamie and Mark Myers on the birth of their grandson; David Myers on the birth of his nephew, Leo Loecher.

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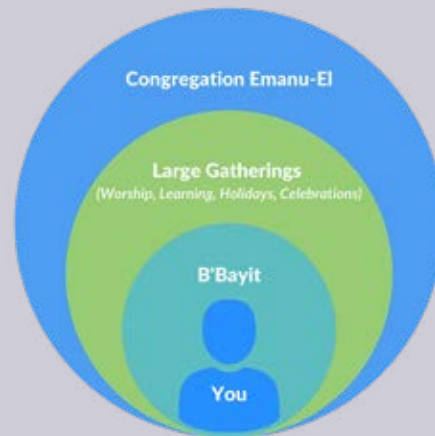


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