

# *Emanu-El SF*

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*Thank you for joining us  
for a High Holy Days season  
like no other.*

*Your Emanu-El Family*

# How Community Cares for Each Other

Shalom Rav from Richard and Rhoda Goldman Senior Rabbi Beth Singer

Every morning when I wake up, before I even get out of bed, I engage in the beautiful Jewish practice of saying: *"Modah Ani."* I thank God that my soul was restored to me for another day and that I get another opportunity to live on this planet, to feel the love of my family and friends, and to try and do something good for others. I love the way another Jewish daily prayer zones in on the workings of our bodies. Because, the prayer reasons, if any internal organ that is supposed to open can't open, or other body parts that should stay closed, don't stay closed, we would not be well enough to get up every day and express our gratitude to God for life itself.

As many of you heard from our President, Alan Greinetz, in August, I was diagnosed with a spinal tumor. Thanks to a skilled neurosurgeon, it was removed and found to be benign. As I recovered, I started to think about what I learned about what helps us when we are ill. Knowing that everyone's needs vary, here are a few thoughts, fresh from my time of diagnosis and recovery.

- Joining Temple and finding your group(s) can be powerful. Feeling a strong sense of community is right up there with the "right" pain meds. Every text, email, voicemail as I prepared for and came out of surgery, made me feel connected and less alone. Those loving and encouraging words were a balm. The Emanu-El community response was so helpful.
- Send a note. Leave a voicemail. Email. Text the person you know who is sick. Do not assume they know you are thinking of them. Do not expect any responses to your messages, phone chats or personal visits if they are ill. They may not have the strength. But texts, emails and voicemails (preferably left as voicemail, after 9:00 am and before 5:00 pm) along with old fashioned US Postal service notes are easy for a recovering person to read, listen to and enjoy on their own time during recovery. If you are ill and recovering, do not ever feel obliged to answer the phone or to text anyone or everyone back. Those reaching out simply want you to know you are in their thoughts.
- Do you have a very concrete way of helping your friend/family/fellow Emanu-El Congregant? Do they need help with an errand? Groceries purchased? A meal? Hundreds of times, I have said to others, "Just let me know if you need anything," and I think that conveys the sentiment of caring but ultimately, it can be too vague. Sometimes, a sick person may need nothing but to be left alone. Or they may need a meal. Or a ride to the doctor, a walking companion or simply more sweet texts/emails/voice

mails. If you want to help, try to be as specific as possible with your offer.

- Remember, it is easier for most of us to offer help than to ask for it. Many of us, no matter how much we need it, have a very hard time accepting actual offers of help. "Oh, I'll be fine," is our auto-response.
- If you are recovering from illness or have needs, learn how to graciously accept genuine offers of help from others. If, at first, you automatically respond, "Oh, I'll be fine," it is always ok to take a few hours or days and write back, "I thought about your kind offer and here is something that would be helpful to me. If you can do it, great, and if you cannot at this time, I completely understand."

Please email me with your own guidance for people who want to help, especially if your needs and preferences are different than mine!

When I received my diagnosis and learned that I would need the surgery very quickly, I patiently explained to my surgeon that I had too many upcoming important Jewish events that I could not miss. A rabbinical colleague and the surgeon patiently explained to me that, when it comes to our health, it doesn't work that way! My clergy colleagues all stepped up so I could take care of myself.

Your health always comes first.

Judaism emphasizes health in our daily and Shabbat prayers. When we pray to God the Healer, we don't mean a Surgeon in the Sky who cures some of us, but rather — a powerful unseen Force that supports our healing. We sing *mi shebayrach* for those who need healing. These prayers matter, whether or not you believe in God.

By the time you read this, I will be back on my feet doing the holy work I love most in the world. I will have woken up this morning and thanked God for restoring my soul.

Who is sick? Who is struggling and in need of community? I want to be there for that person, and I bet you do, too.



*Richard and Rhoda Goldman  
Senior Rabbi Beth Singer*



# Celebrating Late Shabbat in the Park with Emanu-El's Young Adults

**B**efore the pandemic, Congregation Emanu-El's Late Shabbat was the largest monthly gathering of Jewish 20s & 30s on the West Coast, so initially, as I headed over with a couple friends to attend my first in-person Late Shabbat celebration in a year and a half, I'll be honest: I was a little bit nervous. But then I arrived at the Bandshell in Golden Gate Park and heard Cantor Marsha Attie and Adam Swig singing, and all of my fears dissipated. Everyone was wearing masks and was socially distanced, sitting on camping chairs and a series of large park benches that had been arranged in a semi-circle around the bandstand. I immediately felt at home. Rabbi Sydney Mintz and Rabbi Jason Rodich led a beautiful, special, and brief outdoor Shabbat service that allowed us to mourn together all that we've lost during this difficult moment in history. As the sun set, the crowd was illuminated by the Shabbat candles and the ferris wheel behind us. Kosha Dillz performed several songs, and I danced for the first time outdoors since the pandemic started. Everyone around me also seemed elated. I got to meet new people my age in person for the first time since the pandemic began. This event felt like an oasis of healing, a refuge from the storm.

– Thaïs Miller

*Young Adult Leadership  
Committee member*



*Thaïs Miller*

**Our next Late Shabbat  
will be October 8!**  
For more information  
and to register, visit  
[emanuelsf.org/late-shabbat](https://emanuelsf.org/late-shabbat)



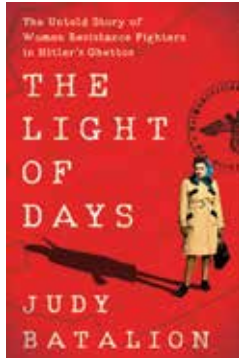
# Scholar in Residence

*This program is made possible by the Charles Michael Endowment Fund scholar-in-residence weekend.*

**Judy Batalion** is the *New York Times* bestselling author of the highly-acclaimed ***The Light Of Days: The Untold Story of Women Resistance Fighters in Hitler's Ghettos***, published by William Morrow in April 2021. ***The Light Of Days*** has been published in a young readers' edition, will be translated into 19 languages, and has been optioned by Steven Spielberg for a major motion picture for which Judy is co-writing the screenplay. Judy is also the author of *White Walls: A Memoir About Motherhood, Daughterhood and the Mess in Between*, optioned by Warner Brothers, and her essays have appeared in the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Forward*, *Vogue*, and many other publications. Judy has a BA in the History of Science from Harvard, and a PhD in the History of Art from the Courtauld Institute, University of London, and has worked as a museum curator and university lecturer. Born in Montreal, where she grew up speaking English, French, Hebrew, and Yiddish, she lives in New York with her husband and three children.



For more information and to register, visit [emanuelsf.org/adulted](https://emanuelsf.org/adulted).



**Friday, November 5, 6:00 pm**

**Sermon during Shabbat**

*The Light of Days: The Untold Story of Women Resistance Fighters in Hitler's Ghettos* (part 1)

**Friday, November 5, 7:00 pm**

**Extended exploration of The Light of Days**

Dinner may be included, COVID regulations permitting

**Saturday, November 6, 9:15 am**

**Torah Study**

Silences: Story behind the untold stories of the Holocaust

**Saturday, November 6, 5:00 pm**

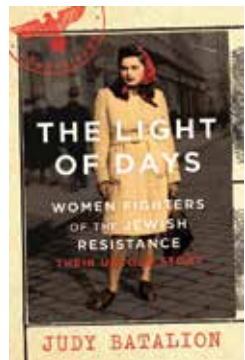
**Young Adult Happy Hour**

Author Judy Batalion in conversation with Rabbi Jason Rodich

**Sunday, November 7, 9:30 am**

**White Walls, Motherhood, Daughterhood and the Mess in Between**

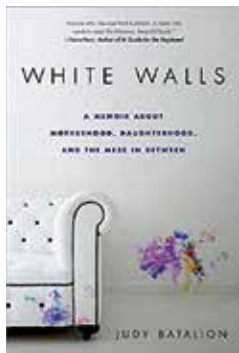
Conversation and Exploration about the emotional legacy of the Holocaust



Rabbi Jason Rodich



Courtesy of Ghetto Fighters' House Museum, Photo Archive



# Going Deeper with Emanu-El



Congregation Emanu-El offers many programs for both members and non-members to dive deeper into Judaism with us. Our special speakers, educational events, Introduction to Judaism series, Torah Study, and more are designed with our community in mind, and we are proud to offer a wide array of educational programs for adults in addition to our robust youth and family education offerings. Our Fall educational programs are listed below. To learn more about Adult Education at Emanu-El, reach out to our Director of Member Experience Ariana Estoque at [aestoque@emanuelsf.org](mailto:aestoque@emanuelsf.org).

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

**When:** Sundays from 12:00 – 1:30 pm

**Where:** Partially on Zoom, partially in person.

**Cost:** Emanu-El Members only \$360

**Dates:** Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Nov. 7, 14; Dec. 5, 12; Jan. 9, 23, 30; Feb. 6, 13, 27; Mar. 6, 13, 27; Apr. 3, 10, 24; May 1  
*Summer 2022 session TBD*

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/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.

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.

**For more information and to register, visit [emanuelsf.org/anshei](https://emanuelsf.org/anshei).**

## Introduction to Judaism

**When:** Tuesday Evenings, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

**Where:** Via Zoom for our Fall trimester

**Cost:** Emanu-El Member \$54; Non-Member: \$75

**Dates:** Fall 2021 Trimester: Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26; Nov. 2, 9, 16; Dec. 3\*

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.

\*Shabbat Dinner experience at the Temple.

**Learn more and register at [emanuelsf.org/adulted](https://emanuelsf.org/adulted).**





Shlomo Motta

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

**When:** Sunday, October 17, 9:00 am

**Where:** Virtual Event, Open to the community

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

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 thousand Ethiopian Jews in Israel today and the efforts to bring the remaining 12 thousand 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 [emanuelsf.org/israel](https://emanuelsf.org/israel).**

## Israel's Weizmann Institute To Launch a Satellite to Explore the Origins of the Universe and Search for Extraterrestrial Life

**When:** Thursday, November 18 6:00 pm

**Where:** Virtual, Open to the community

Imagine a satellite (ULTRASAT) weighing less than 500 pounds — half as much as a horse — that will revolutionize our view and understanding of the Universe.

Because of rapid developments in technology and know-how from a small place (the Weizmann Institute of Science), in a small country (Israel), a never-before-possible worldwide impact is now possible at a modest price and in a short time-frame.

When combined with ground-based telescopes in Israel's Negev Desert and connections to earth's most sophisticated telescopes and scientific partners, Weizmann scientists will be able to unlock the mysteries of the Universe: gravitational waves — the discovery of which may be the single most important development since Galileo's telescope — supernovas, mutant planets, and white dwarfs and help find the most likely hospitable and habitable planets for intelligent life.

Join us on November 18, to hear more from the scientists and technicians who make this all possible in just three short years. Then, join us in 2024 at mission control at the Weizmann Institute, where we'll have a front-row seat when Ultrasat scans the heavens in real-time to alert us and the global scientific community that the show is about to begin.

**Learn more and register at [emanuelsf.org/israel](https://emanuelsf.org/israel).**





# Coming Back Strong

## G-House Dinners are Returning!

G-House coming soon! We are finalizing details with our partners at the G-House to return to providing them with home cooked meals and even have a few opportunities for in-person BBQ dinners! More information will be shared soon at [emanuelsf.org/tzedek](https://emanuelsf.org/tzedek).

## Bring Lunches to Jelani House Shelter for New Moms

**Partner: Homeless Prenatal Program at Jelani House**

Sign up on our webpage: [emanuelsf.org/jelani](https://emanuelsf.org/jelani)

What is Jelani House? Jelani House is a transitional housing shelter for new mothers experiencing homelessness, which opened in the Bayview District in February 2020. Our partner HPP (Homeless Prenatal Program) facilitates programs at Jelani House which focus on creating a healing home that fosters stability while residents acclimate to motherhood. These women need specialized support, as homelessness poses significant risk to birth outcomes. HPP offers health, parenting and financial classes along with housing assistance with the aim of boosting the women and their children into permanent housing and a better future.

How can you help? The volunteer's responsibility is to drop off lunch on Wednesdays between 11:00 – 11:30 am. Please plan on bringing a main course, vegetable/fruit salad, and dessert to feed 15 women. The items may be cooked at home or purchased (we are unable to offer reimbursement). Your coordinator will be in touch with reminders and more information a few days prior.

*"The meals prepared by the congregants at Temple Emanuel are the best meals of the week!" –HPP Founder, Martha Ryan*



## Light of Giving

**Save the Date: December 12, 2021**

Tzedek Council's annual Light of Giving program is almost here. We will be doing a temple-wide effort to help our San Francisco communities in need, obtain necessary items that nobody should live without. Please stay tuned for how you can get involved and be on the lookout for more details to come at [emanuelsf.org/tzedek](https://emanuelsf.org/tzedek).







## In Our Words

### Tzedek Council Testimonials

*Like most activities, it's been over a year since we last went as a family to the G-House for dinner in person, but I remember it well. We spent much of that Sunday preparing a meal together, including myself, my wife, and our two boys. Big plates of food for everyone, lots of conversation, a rousing game of charades, and lots of laughter. That's how Sunday nights should be.*

*As a family, it has been so uplifting over the last few weeks to see family, friends, and co-workers in person, as we are fully vaccinated and working through our own fears of being in person. We have plans coming up to go out for dinner with another couple who we have not seen in well over a year. The chance to catch up, laugh in person, share stories, and yes...eat. That longing for connection that has never gone away.*

*It is this same sense of connection that is the heart of the partnership between Congregation Emanu-El community and G-House, a Transitional Living Program for Transitional Age Youth that is part of Larkin Street Youth Services. This has been an opportunity to get to know an incredibly talented and passionate group of young people along with an incredible staff at G-House.*

*As a member of Congregation Emanu-El's Tzedek Council, it has been an honor to not only participate with the G-House, but to work with them on the next steps in our story. We have been working creatively during the pandemic to build as much connection as possible, as congregants continue to send food (currently restricted to predetermined restaurants) any many participating in Zoom Meet and Greet on Sunday evening.*

*I am excited for the day that we can once again share food from our own home and, moreso, return to the G-House in person to break bread, laugh, and connect.*

*–Erik Rice, Tzedek Council member*

*The children were very excited to select the items placed in the Giving of Light Hamotzi box. It was important for our family to ensure that the family who received the gifts would be getting nutritious meals and household items that would make their transition easier and meaningful. Our family was surprised and touched when we did the box drop-off on a rainy day, and there was so much support, enthusiasm, and love from temple members to receive the deliveries. It made us all very happy and proud to be members of the Congregation Emanu-El Giving of Light community. Covid-19 made it especially hard to feel connected to our temple community and larger San Francisco community, and this opportunity gave our family a chance to reconnect. It brought light into our own lives. We feel so blessed to provide a gift to a mom of the homeless prenatal program. It was a heartfelt experience that brought pure family joy!*

*–Abigail & Brian Bloomking*

# 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 demands 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: Sara Seims

Our Congregation is proud to count Sara Seims among the many supporters of Emanu-El Next. "I don't think of myself as a donor," Sara says, "I work **for** nonprofits," referring to her long career in the social sector. "But I have been lucky to have this Hewlett Foundation match," a retiree benefit whereby the Hewlett Foundation matches every dollar Sara gives, up to a limit, usually at a ratio of 2:1 but during the pandemic the match has been raised to 4:1.

"It is a privilege to have a match — it's wonderfully generous of the organizations that give it, and it seems like a tragedy if you don't take advantage of it!"

As a former staff member of both the Hewlett and Rockefeller Foundations, Sara has pursued her lifetime passion of supporting developing countries, particularly in Sub-Saharan Africa, to have their own research and advocacy entities in women's rights, human rights and health.

Having dedicated herself to improving the lives of women and girls, Sara believes: "if you only had one dollar to spend in economic development, it should go to educate girls." Although retired now, she's still engaged in that work — "but in a different way," she says.

"I think of the old Chinese proverb that women hold up half the sky. And in so many parts of the world, girls are not allowed to reach the potential to do that. We see that now in the fall of Afghanistan — what will happen to girls?"

Sara admires the role our Congregation has played in the movement for civil rights and social justice. She thinks of Emanu-El's ties with GLIDE, San Francisco's oldest African American church, when she remarks that: "Emanu-El crosses boundaries through its work. It's an organization

that has not just been having the conversation but also doing the work on social justice for decades."

She adds that, "it's very important that the conversation be continued into the future. Emanu-El Next will put in place the infrastructure that will bring that conversation forward — at a moment in time now where the country is ready to talk about things it was never ready to talk about before."

Sara has seen firsthand the conversation on social justice evolve through the years. As a child in the UK, she grew up with a Jewish identity reinforced by the antisemitism around her — "seeing people with tattoos on their arms from the concentration camps at a time when antisemitism was overt and rife in Europe still, especially in London where I was born."

Her family was not religious. Even though her father was raised orthodox, and her mother was raised anglicized Jewish, they didn't light candles on Shabbat, or fast at Yom Kippur. But when she came to New York City at 18 on a tourist visa, Sara fell in love with America. "It was new to live in an environment where you didn't have to whisper to be Jewish!"



Sara Seims

Today, she and her husband, Paul, have made their home in San Francisco to live near their two granddaughters. "They are the center of my life: Zoe and Sophia." Drawn to the Temple ever since she settled on Arguello Boulevard, Emanu-El was the first Congregation Sara joined in her life. "It took a while to get here! I joined at the same age I took my first yoga class — but you just keep growing!"

She's grateful to have had the chance to give back to a community that has supported her through hard times. When Paul badly broke his ankle a few years ago, Sara got a call from the Temple asking if she needed any help. "There's a support structure for me that comes with Temple membership," she says. "It's the communitarian aspect of Judaism that really attracts me — the emphasis that we're part of a whole, we're part of a group, and we're in it together."



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



**If you would like to make a commitment to Emanu-El Next, please contact Julie Weinberg, Director of Development, at [jweinberg@emanuelsf.org](mailto:jweinberg@emanuelsf.org) or 415-750-7557. Or you can visit the Emanu-El Next website ([next.emanuelsf.org](http://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 tzedakah 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:** [emanuelf.org/support-us](http://emanuelf.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@emanuelf.org](mailto:development@emanuelf.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 August 1, 2021 – August 31, 2021.

## CANTORS' MUSIC FUND

**Supports the Congregation's music programs and is used for charitable giving at the Cantors' discretion**

**Jeffrey Bornstein**

in memory of Veronica Sanchez

**Mark Cohn & Amy Katz**

**Charles Ehrlich & Elizabeth McMahon**

in appreciation of Cantor Arik Luck

**Gary Grossman & Michelle Sintov**

in celebration of Asher Grossman's Bar Mitzvah

**Fred Levin**

in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of Ben Shenson

**David Lutterkort & Tamara Troy**

in honor of Cantor Marsha Attie

**Henry & Carol Winetsky**

in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of Ruth Schutz

## EMANU-EL COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND

**Promotes and supports social action and community service programs**

**Charles & Lenore Bleadon**

**Michael Kaiser & Larry Sanders**

**Katherine Tyler**

in appreciation of Katherine Tyler

## EMANU-EL LIFE-CYCLE FUND

**Enables all congregants to celebrate significant milestones, regardless of economic circumstances**

**Michele Woolfe-Avramov**

in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of Arthur Liebert

## EMANU-EL PRESCHOOL FUND

**Provides scholarships and support for our Preschool programs**

**Caren Alpert**

**Jeff Wartell & Kelly Bourke**

in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of Robert Wartell

**Lauren Weitzman & Bruce Falck**

**Lisa & Alex Yakubovich**

## FOR THE ROOSEVELT FOOD PANTRY

**Leslie Friedman & Jonathan Clark**

in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of  
Ruth Rubenstein Hacker

**Stephanie Scott**

in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of Anna Bayard Ernst

**Stephanie Scott**

in memory of William M. Scott

**RABBIS' DISCRETIONARY FUND****Used for charitable giving at the Rabbis' discretion****Jeffrey Bornstein**

in memory of Veronica Sanchez

**Roberta Cohn**in celebration of Nelson and Pamela Heller's  
50th wedding anniversary**Charles Ehrlich & Elizabeth McMahon**

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**Brenda Friedler**

in honor of Rhoda Hershatzer

**Brenda Friedler**

in honor of Bobbie Miller

**Pamela & Paul Ginocchio**in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of Lawrence Ginocchio**Gary Grossman & Michelle Sintov**

in celebration of Asher Grossman's Bar Mitzvah

**Nelson & Pamela Heller**

in appreciation of Rabbi Jonathan Singer

**Julie Jeremy**

in honor of Rabbi Beth Singer

**Judith Kneeter & Rabbi Edward Zerlin**

in honor of Rabbi Beth Singer

**Meredith & Erez Levy**in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of Gretchen Berggruen**Albert Villa****YOUTH EDUCATION FUND****Supports special programming and materials  
for the Youth and Family Education Program****Morton Rivo**in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of Elliott Rivo, MD**Lauren Weitzman & Bruce Falck****OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS****Jennifer & Mike Derrick**in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of Barbara Kowitt**Rhoda Gilbert**

in memory of Sandra Gordon

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**Susan L Rothstein & John Koeppel**

in memory of Sylvia Rothstein

**Sharon & Leonard Silverman**

in celebration of Eyla Bauer's Bat Mitzvah

**Alan Warshaw**

in honor of Judi Leff

**Welcome New Members**

Jeff Amlin

Naomi Assaraf

Kyle Berkley

Jason Berland

Mem Bernstein

Ilana Cohen

Bianca Fagnoli

Alexander Favvas

Mazie Gonsalves

Harrison Gonsalves

Liz Grossman

Heather Henson

Yoyis Hernandez

Jonah Hernandez Berland

Benjamin Hernandez

Berland

Lily Hessekiel

Jordan Hessekiel

Jeff Hessekiel

Mae Hochhauser

Jonathan Karmel

Alessandra Karmel

Joshua Kornberg

Naomi Kort

Sivan Krems

Ines Levy

Asher Levy

Arlen Levy

Michael Levy

Angela Londono

Jessica Maguilenik Leao

Leah Marquis

Brooke Oxtal

Dalia Powers

Zachary Powers

David Price

Wendy Price

Ilana Risman

Isaac Risman

Daniel Risman-Jones

Daniel Sack

Jeremy Schwartz

Scarlett Sedwick

Magen Shepard

Justine Simpson

Eben Simpson

Stas Sokolin

Caren Wachtenheim

Susan Wartell

Ari Weiser

Haim Zaltzman

Sabrina Zaltzman

Maya Zaltzman

David Zilberman

Zoe Zilberman

Chase Zilberman

**Welcome Back Rejoined Members**

Scarlett Adelson

Jeremy Adelson

Cyril Allouche

Lorien Allouche

Neomie Allouche

Julian Allouche

Calla Axelrad

Brian Bank

Jennifer Bank

Benjamin Bank

Sidney Bank

Sofia Barron Kardos

Sasha Barron Kardos

Janice Berman

Elsa Berry

Oscar Berry

Harper Berry

Robin Carlson

Sarah Cohen

Emilie Cowan

Michael Ehrlich

Rachel Ernst

Rachel Fishman

Alexander Fishman

Andie Fishman

Joshua Goldberg

Wendi Gross

Emily Hatas

Leslie Kardos

David Klein

Madeline Levine

Rachel Masters

Dan Mosedale

Lilah Mosedale

Laurel Nelson

Richard Nelson

Aliza Rosen

William Rubenstein

Lucie Rubenstein

Rachel Sam

Stephen Scheier

Haley Scheier

Gene Schnair

Abby Schnair

Evan Schnair

Daniel Schnair

Lee Schwartz

Emily Sheridan

Paige Sheridan

Ally Sillins

Michael Topol

Santosh Vadlamani

Molly Wang

Winston Wang

Naomi Wang

Oliver Wang

Olivia White

Justin Zalkin

# B'nei Mitzvah



**Skyler Schick**

**Bat Mitzvah:**  
October 2, 2021

**Parents:**  
Ushi and Jonathan Schick

**Torah Portion:**  
*Bereshit*



**Adam Nassi**

**Bar Mitzvah:**  
October 23, 2021

**Parents:**  
Victoria and Mark Nassi

**Torah Portion:**  
*Vayera*



**Sonia and Reyes Lake**

**B'not Mitzvah:**  
October 9, 2021

**Parents:**  
Linda and Jonathan Lake

**Torah Portion:**  
*Hukkah*



**Willa Cook**

**Bat Mitzvah:**  
October 23, 2021

**Parents:**  
Beth Cook

**Torah Portion:**  
*Vayera*



**Eva and Alexis Spero**

**B'not Mitzvah:**  
October 9, 2021

**Parents:**  
Leah and Benjamin Spero

**Torah Portion:**  
*Noah*



**Aaron Bell**

**Bar Mitzvah:**  
October 23, 2021

**Parents:**  
Aylin and Andrew Bell

**Torah Portion:**  
*Vayera*



**Abraham Marshall**

**Bar Mitzvah:**  
October 9, 2021

**Parents:**  
Tristi and Damon Marshall

**Torah Portion:**  
*Noah*



**Dylan Wintroub**

**Bat Mitzvah:**  
October 30, 2021

**Parents:**  
Carey and Noah Wintroub

**Torah Portion:**  
*Haye Sarah*



**Isaac Katz**

**Bar Mitzvah:**  
October 16, 2021

**Parents:**  
Laura Gasser and Marc Katz

**Torah Portion:**  
*Lech L'cha*



**Natalie Arroyo**

**Bat Mitzvah:**  
October 30, 2021

**Parents:**  
Mayya and Albert Arroyo

**Torah Portion:**  
*Haye Sarah*



## Condolences to Our Members Who Have Suffered A Recent Loss

Emanu-El Staff on the passing of their colleague, **Joe Whelan**.

Raphael Hirsch (Jodi) on the passing of his father,  
**Rabbi Richard Hirsch**.

Claire Chedekel (Mark) on the loss of her mother;  
Alea, Jacob and Moriah Chedekel on the loss of their  
grandmother, **Dorien Ruth Silverstein**.

Our community mourns the loss of **Marilyn Benioff**.

Keith Bauman (Rozlynn Silvaggio) on the loss of his mother;  
and Brooklyn and Rocco Bauman on the loss of their  
grandmother, **Cindy Agress Bauman**.

Alla Mezhvinsky (Victor) on the loss of her mother; Ethan  
and Aaron Mezhvinsky on the loss of their grandmother,  
**Iraida Markova**.

Claudia Siegel and David Siegel (Carmen Santos-Siegel) on  
the loss of their mother; Isaac Siegel Hanly and Rebecca  
Siegel on the loss of their grandmother, **Sue Siegel**.

Tod Vanlandingham (Rebecca) on the loss of his brother,  
**Tim Vanlandingham**.

Dr. Larry Rand (Jonathan Fuchs) on the loss of his mother,  
Miriam Rand.

Daniel Cohen (Nancy Keizer Cohen) on the loss of his  
mother; Esme, Jaxi and Ione Cohen on the loss of their  
grandmother, **Eleanor Mazie Cohen**.

## Mazel Tov to Our Members Who Have Experienced Joy

Eve and Joseph Loecher on the birth of their son,  
Leo Ari Loecher.

Heather and Adam Judd on the birth of their daughter,  
Marlowe Judd.

Rachel and Yonatan Melamed on the birth of their son,  
Ethan Emanuel Melamed.

Sara Osias and Andrew Hanes on the birth of their son,  
Lev Virgil Hanes.

Rachel Tucker and Kenan Frager on the birth of their son,  
Jules Eren Frager.

Rachel Sam and William Rubenstein on the birth of their  
son, Theodore Rubenstein.

Oren Henry and David Rak on the birth of their son,  
Levi Henry-Rak.

Emily Hatas and Jonathan Axelrad on the birth of their  
daughter, Calla Ruth Axelrad.

Maggie and Jeff Moore on the birth of their daughter,  
Noa Moore.

Corinna King-Brown and Jeremy Wallenberg on the birth of  
their daughter, Georgette-Louise Margaret Wallenberg.

Anita and Stuart Tannenberg on the birth of their  
granddaughter, Lillian Melinda Collins

## Achievements

**Bill Rusitzky** was elected to the Alpha Epsilon Pi  
Foundation Board of Directors.

Taube Philanthropies executive director **Shana Penn** will  
receive the European Solidarity Centre Medal of Gratitude  
on August 31 in recognition of her groundbreaking research  
on the role of women in the Solidarity movement that led to  
the end of communism in Poland.

**Anita Friedman**, executive director of S.F.-based Jewish  
Family and Children's Services, will be given the American  
Friends of Tel Aviv University's Visionary Leadership Award.

The S.F.-based Jewish Community Relations Council has  
elected **Sandi Bragar** as treasurer.





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# Return of the Men's Group In-Person Happy Hour

**When:** Wednesday, October 20, 5:30 pm

**Where:** Tia Margarita in the Outer Richmond

Join us for a no-host happy hour. As we sit outdoors, Rabbi Jonathan will teach some Torah and discuss events of Jewish interest over chips and salsa.

Come make a friend, discuss ideas and enjoy!

To register, visit [emanuelf.org/calendar](http://emanuelf.org/calendar).

Please email Rebecca Reiner

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with any questions.



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