Thank you to our members for another season of connection at Emanu-El.
Services & Celebrations

Teen-Led Chanukah Service for All Ages
Friday, December 3, 6:00 – 7:00 pm, Main Sanctuary
If you enjoyed our Teen-Led High Holy Day Services each year, then this special Chanukah Shabbat is for you! Join us as we bask in the light of community with a Teen-Led Chanukah Kabbalat Shabbat Service, which will include a community candle lighting, infused with beautiful music and a spiritual welcoming of the holiday, led by our teens and clergy. Bring your menorahs (or Chanukiot) for a community candle lighting. This service will be livestreamed on our website and on Facebook Live.

To learn more and register, visit emanuelsf.org/chanukah

Kabbalat Shabbat Eve Service
Friday, December 24, 6:00 – 7:00 pm, Main Sanctuary
Please join us for a beautiful Shabbat service and be warmed by our community before venturing out for your traditional practice of Chinese food and a movie. We will have challah and fortune cookies to enjoy after the service. RSVP to attend in person or tune in online. This service will be livestreamed on Facebook Live and on our website.

To learn more and register, visit emanuelsf.org/calendar.

Shabbat New Year’s Eve Service
Friday, December 31, 6:00 – 7:00 pm, Main Sanctuary
Ring in 2022 with Emanu-El! This year, New Year’s Eve falls on Shabbat and we are excited to welcome you to our temple for services. Embrace the new year in true Shabbat Spirit, with beautiful song and joyful company. After services, we will raise a toast with bubbly (champagne or sparkling cider) in our courtyard. RSVP to attend in person or tune in online. This service will be livestreamed on Facebook Live and on our website.

To learn more and register, visit emanuelsf.org/calendar.

Men’s Group Is Back!
December 5, 9:30 – 11:00 am
Sunday morning Men’s Group is back! Join us at the home of a congregant (address will be shared to registrants) for kibbitzing and bagels followed by a teaching/discussion with Rabbi Jonathan. Looking forward to seeing you!

Women of Emanu-El Reboot
Women of Emanu-El is a re-visioned group created for female-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 through various activities and community-building events.
First, let me wish you a very Happy Chanukah. Throughout my childhood, we always put our menorah on the dining room table, said the blessings and ate the most delicious hand-grated potato latkes. These days, we place our Chanukiah in the window to proudly “proclaim the miracle” to everyone. We run the potatoes through a food processor.

And then there are the community celebrations. We donate to JFCS to help other families. We went to Golden Gate Park and invited anyone, Jewish or not Jewish, to bring in the light. We’re gathering Friday night, December 3rd, all ages, to enjoy a Chanukah service led by our teens. On Sunday, December 12 we will participate in our annual Light of Giving tradition (see page 7). But mostly, Chanukah is celebrated in our homes.

What makes a home a Jewish home? I ask this question to each of my Bat and Bar Mitzvah students. They tell me about the mezuzah on their front door. Their shabbat candles. Their Chanukiah. Their family Seder traditions. One student recently told me of a particular drawer in her home, filled with Judaica items. I love hearing about the different ways our families observe Judaism at home.

If evidence of your Jewish identity is scarce in your home and you like it that way, I am not here to change your ways, I promise! But for those of you who would like to up your game in the “what makes a home a Jewish home” department, it is both easier and more life altering than you might imagine.

I love Reform Judaism’s idea that we each choose those practices that add meaning and grounding to our sometimes chaotic lives. Jewish home practice centers on values of gathering, celebrating and shifting our focus from material gain, to a cultivation of gratitude via religious/spiritual/cultural contemporary ritual. Judaism is not anti-pursuit of material goods, but it does provide a counterbalance to a secular culture of materialism. Not only a counterbalance, but a balance. It doesn't have to be difficult or expensive to build a more deeply Jewish home, but it takes some thought to adapt Jewish practices to our own sensibilities. Rather than thinking of Shabbat practice as onerous, it can be as easy or as complex as you choose.

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How has COVID affected the way you think of Judaism?

Rabbi Beth Singer
In November, 2019, Rabbi Jonathan said, “We’d better start preparing to close down our Temple and run everything remotely.” I thought he was being dramatic. Judaism is about gathering people together. In March, 2020 we started Zooming services, rescheduling B’nei Mitzvah, conducting batei din (conversion courts) online, and even Zoomed into brises. We conducted High Holy Days, 2020 to an empty sanctuary. When the service ended, we had no idea if anyone had watched it. I have always admired Judaism for its resilience and its capacity to evolve in every generation while holding on to its core. With the pandemic, I only admire Judaism more and am in awe of its enduring qualities of connection and meaning.

Rabbi Jonathan Singer
The notion of minyan, community in Jewish life, is of such great importance — and yet, our culture has encouraged atomization. One would think that COVID would amplify that sensibility. And yet for me, COVID has clarified the deep need for community; the thirst we have for connection and being in relationship with others. In this time, Judaism, with its call to come together for Shabbat, to live in Jewish time guided by the framework of the holidays, to see joy and hope in the world, to be there for each other, and to work on tikkun olam, becomes even more meaningful.

Rabbi Sydney Mintz
These 21 months of living in a reality altered completely by the pandemic have given me a renewed appreciation and reliance on the theme song of the Jewish people: “Ha-Tikvah” — The Hope. Standing on the bimah in 2019 in a completely full sanctuary, in 2020 in a completely empty sanctuary and this year in 2021 in a hybrid celebration of the New Jewish Year having the ability to be present simultaneously in the sanctuary and in people’s homes across the country filled me with the continued faith that we are still very much Echad-One and B’yachad-Together. That is our past, our present and our future.

Rabbi Ryan Bauer
I pored over thousands of years of Jewish texts, hoping to learn about building community and there wasn’t a single line that described how to do so. But we are told to show up and be with each other. One cannot mourn alone; you need nine other people to say kaddish. A couple cannot say the sheva brachot at their wedding without nine other people. Judaism does not tell us how to create community; Judaism tells us to show up and be there for each other and with each other. A byproduct of showing up is often connection, which can turn into relationships, and those relationships are the foundation of community. Beyond all the death and physical suffering, the hardest part of this pandemic is that we have been kept from each other, and ‘each other’ is the foundation of what makes Judaism sacred.
The pandemic shines a bright light on the essential nature of our community. Rabbi Hillel taught “do not separate yourself from the community” and Judaism forbids prayer services without ten people present. These precepts remain difficult to observe. Humans need one another like trees need sunlight; we are malnourished without each other. Judaism compels us towards one another in a spiritual practice that technology cannot replace. I take pride in our strong commitment to safety and remain convinced that coming together for hope, sorrow, song, joy, peace, laughter, learning, growth and love is essential.

Cantor Marsha Attie

During the last year and a half I have been deeply moved to see the many ways that our community has shown up for each other. Whether it has been seeing each other’s sweet faces on Zoom or gathering in our cold and windy courtyard for Bnei Mitzvah ceremonies, I have been awed by our insistence to show up and “do Jewish.” We have continued our traditions and have held onto our community in spite of the pandemic. I’m reminded of these ancient words from Proverbs, “She is a tree of life and all who embrace her will be joyful.”

Cantor Arik Luck

For the last 20 months, the consequences of COVID-19 have directly impacted Jewish practice. The virus strangely created an opportunity of sorts for me personally. My father became terminally ill (not COVID-related), and because of the sudden necessity of remote living, we were able to temporarily move to Tucson to help care for him in his final months. During this time, it was deeply meaningful for both of us to sing psalms together and study Torah. At the same time, COVID-19 was causing deep suffering in the world. How do we explain events that can have both negative and positive effects? How did I find myself leading an Emanu-El shiva minyan online, able to provide pastoral care to an extended family who couldn’t have been together without Zoom? Jewish history teaches us that we are a resilient people. I take comfort in our history of perseverance and our ability to adapt to the environment in which we find ourselves.
YFE’s New Plan
With the start of the 2021-22 school year came a brand new plan for the Youth & Family Education program! Since we were all eager to be together in person again, we transformed the Courtyard into our "school house" and held all our classes outside. With designated sections for each class, the teachers and students enthusiastically embraced the opportunity to learn and rekindle the connections we’d been missing for so long. Running dual sessions and offering the additional options of Kadimah and B’hootz outdoor classes has allowed us to limit the number of people in the space at one time. We’re always impressed by the resilience of the children, parents, and staff as we keep Jewish education thriving at Emanu-El, no matter what the universe throws at us.

More Connected Than Ever
This year, even with the Delta surge raging, we opened our doors safely and on time. To accommodate our 570 students, we utilized our courtyard, Mountain Lake Park and other areas of the Presidio. While some programs remained online, most of our programs met in person — to the advantage of our students and teachers. Students thrived and teachers reported a strong sense of connection and community — perhaps even stronger than in previous years.

We’re Listening
Emanu-El's Youth & Family Education program benefits from the direct input of its community. In October and November, we hosted several visioning meetings, providing a forum for parents to share their hopes and dreams for the YFE program. Equipped with our community’s valuable insights, a strategy team will identify our strengths and determine the extent to which our current program aligns with parents’ goals. Together, we will bring our ever-evolving program to new heights.
Calling all givers of light! Please register to participate in our 4th Annual Light of Giving, hosted by Tzedek Council. As a community, we will assemble much-needed home goods for single adults who have experienced chronic homelessness.

This year’s effort will support our new partner HomeRise, whose "housing first" mission focuses on stabilizing residents and providing essential foundations and wraparound support. HomeRise’s newly-constructed Mission Bay South Block 9 (MB9) will permanently house 141 single adults beginning this spring. The majority of residents are people of color and many are mobility-impaired.

Light of Giving will take place at Emanu-El on Sunday, December 12 from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm or 1:00 – 2:00 pm. You are invited to join us in the Main Sanctuary Foyer for a festive gathering of community, action and celebration, as we assemble Modeh Ani Baskets filled with linens and kitchen staples. Modeh Ani is a Jewish prayer that is said upon waking each morning as an expression of gratitude for the gift of life.

Participants will have the opportunity to create personalized greetings and special art projects to illuminate the living spaces at MB9. Together, we will bring light and life to vulnerable adults in our community this Chanukah season!

Not able to join us at Light of Giving? You can still bring light by donating towards the purchase of appliances for MB9’s residents.

Last year’s Light of Giving, our most successful ever, raised over $30,000 to purchase strollers, car seats and portable cribs for HPP, in addition to 100 boxes of kitchen staples assembled by our congregants. Your participation this year will again enable us to spread a message of resiliency and light to those in need this holiday season.

To participate and support this program go to: emanuelsf.org/community/get-involved
Emanu-El Next: Investing for our Jewish Future

We 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: Fred Levin

Emanu-El Next is grateful to count Fred Levin among its supporters. A fourth-generation Californian, Fred's philanthropic family line remains unbroken. “I learned by observation,” he says, “Giving has always been part of my life. I just assumed this is what people did — if you couldn’t give a million dollars, you could give ten.”

Fred’s great-grandfather, Aaron Shenson, was the second president of Hebrew Free Loan, a nonprofit providing interest-free loans to Northern Californians. “If the stories are true,” Fred remarks, “I think they started with a handful of guys who would put in 25 cents a week. And when they had 10 dollars, they lent it out. That’s really starting from scratch!”

Fred’s mother’s side have been active in the Jewish community for over a century. His cousins, Ben and Jess Shenson, established The Shenson Foundation, which Fred was involved with from the start. Five years later, Fred would head the foundation. “It was a huge honor to be given this responsibility. I made it a goal to keep the name alive. It deepened the ability to be philanthropic,” Fred recalls.

Nancy Livingston Levin, Fred’s wife of 40 years, passed away in November of 2019. Her family, like her husband’s, was also very involved in the Jewish community — in Cleveland where Nancy grew up.

The couple met through work. Fred was in the importing business, Nancy was in advertising — he hired her advertising agency. “We worked together on everything, on all of our philanthropic adventures! Of course, when you’re young with kids there’s a lot to do and not so much to give.”

“But we agreed it was one thing to give a grant, and another to actually be involved as much as possible with the organizations we supported,” Fred says. So, the pair rolled up their sleeves, particularly in the arts. Nancy was chair of ACT for 7 years. Fred was chair of San Francisco Performances for a few years, and is currently Chair of the Board of the Asian Art Museum. In various volunteer capacities they’ve supported the San Francisco Symphony, the San Francisco Opera, the Conservatory of Music, the Film Society (which was founded by Fred’s father, Irving Levin) and many more.

“Over the years we’ve come to support performing arts, visual arts, and Jewish social services. But we also do a lot of work in education and various other areas,” adds Fred. “And when I took over the foundation, I continued supporting Emanu-El.”

Bar Mitzvah’d at Emanu-El in 1957, his parents joined our congregation when Fred was a kid. Over successive generations, a steady progression occurred: Fred’s great grandfather was orthodox, the next generation went conservative, and the following went reform. “The whole
family all started going together when my grandmother became a member after my grandfather passed.” Fred’s mother worked on the flower committee in the 1950s, arranging the flowers on the bimah.

“The Temple is loaded with childhood memories for me.” Fred remembers a second rabbi by the name of Mike Heller who, “had an amazing way with kids, talking about Judaism in a way we understood. I remember a lot of sermons, stories and experiences from that time. And I always felt a certain majesty about high holiday services.”

Fred and Nancy continued to go to services at Emanu-El throughout their lives. When they lived in Marin for about 30 years, they joined Congregation Rodef Sholom. Fred became a past president of that congregation. But he still came to services at Emanu-El: “That was my personal commitment to the temple.”

Fred feels overjoyed at the success of Emanu-El Next. He believes that the synagogue must exist for future generations and is delighted to see that the community agrees. “Emanu-El offers an amazing array of lifelong programs — for new mothers, preschoolers, young adults and more — and these events are all very important for our community. It’s important that everybody support the congregation so that those who can’t afford dues can still attend.”

Ultimately, Fred thinks it’s important that Emanu-El simply exist, “that people have a place to go. That it’s here. It’s an eternal place of worship and education and a center of Jewish community in San Francisco. A temple has to be there for everybody — whenever. I feel this way about every temple across the country, and across the world. Emanu-El must be here for everybody, whenever.”

Emanu-El Next is less than $2.0 million away from its $97 million goal! With a generous 1:1 match from The Koret Foundation, now is the time to contribute and help finish our effort to revitalize our home. You can visit our website, next.emanuelsf.org to learn more and make a gift. Or, 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.
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- Marcy Belfer in observance of the Yahrzeit of Albert Belfer
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- Kenneth Laxer in observance of the Yahrzeit of June Laxer
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- Tristi & Damon Marshall in celebration of Abraham Marshall's Bar Mitzvah
- John & Ellen Rothmann in memory of Charlene Sabetay Tuchman

Katherine & Justin Taplin in celebration of Cole Taplin's Bar Mitzvah

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

- Charles & Lenore Bleadon (2)
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- Jason Rose & Katherine Mitchell in memory of Bernice Helene Rose

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- Adrian & Amanda Brown
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- Joanna & William Keller
- Melissa Koenigsberg & William Lee
- Arlo Renee Ledesma & Jake Jason Bridgland in celebration of Aviva Bridgland's birthday
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in celebration of Sonia and Reyes Lake’s B’nai Mitzvah
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in celebration of Abraham Marshall’s Bar Mitzvah
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in memory of Joe Whelan
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Preschool Educators Stipend Fund
Lani Zinn
in observance of the Yahrzeit of Marvin H. Zinn
**Condolences to Our Members Who Have Suffered a Recent Loss**

Ellen Tuchman Rothmann (John) on the passing of her mother; Samuel and Joel Rothmann on the passing of their grandmother, Charlene Sabetay Tuchman.

Robert Portnoy (Gunilla Haegerstrom-Portnoy) and Jeff Portnoy (Bonnie) on the loss of their brother; Ben Portnoy (Erica) on the loss of his uncle; and Elijah, William and Alexandra Portnoy on the loss of their great-uncle, Edmund Hillel Portnoy.

Joanne Liss on the loss of her former husband, Robert Liss.

Diane Ehrman on the loss of her husband, Joseph Ehrman III.

Alison Geballe on the loss of her father; Daniel Geballe (Linda) on the loss of his grandfather, and Mealea Geballe on the loss of her great-grandfather, Theodore Geballe.

Anna Mandel on the loss of her daughter, Lisa Feher.

Michael Parish (Anne) and Jessica Galloway (Stephen) on the loss of their mother; and Chelsea and Meredith Parish and Oliver, Benjamin and Claire Galloway on the loss of their grandmother, Nancy Hellman Bechtle.

Diane Winer (Howard) on the loss of her mother; Elissa and Adam Winer on the loss of their grandmother, Sylvia Namvet.

Jill Steinberg (Seth) on the loss of her father; Sydney and Danielle Steinberg on the loss of their grandfather, Dr. Gary Gitnick.

Jill Feingold (Jeffrey) and Wendy Tonkin on the loss of their mother; and Ashton Feingold and Sean, Ryan, Joshua, Jacob and Robert Breuner on the loss of their grandmother, Mary Ann Tonkin.

**Mazel Tov to Our Members Who Have Experienced Joy**

Zoe Quandt and Ethan Brown on the birth of their daughter Josephine Sierra Brown.

Sara and Matthew Kaplan on the birth of their daughter Maya Kaplan.

Rachel Posman and Timothy Gillihan on the birth of their son Isaac Levi Gillihan Posman.

Carly and Daniel Abbott on the birth of their son Jordan William Abbott; belatedly on the birth of their daughter Sadie Anne Abbott.

Flora Kupferman on the birth of two grandchildren: Rori Alexander Flagg and Orli Maya Scheindlin.

Shaina Li and David Breslauer on the birth of their daughter Yael Breslauer.

**Welcome New Members**

Emily Blumenthal  
Daniela Bornstein  
Rachel Charatan  
Diego Dayan  
Ophelia Dayan-Bornstein  
Daniel Dovev  
Judith Dovev  
Erin Eisenberg  
Genevieve Eisenberg  
Geoffrey Eisenberg  
Elizabeth Greenfield  
Margaret Kadin  
Peter Kadin  
Theodore Kadin  
Brian Krausz  
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Marna Stein  
Benjamin Talavera  
Daniel Talavera  
Isabella Talavera  
Milenia Talavera  
Eric Weiss  
Henry Weiss  
Lydia Weiss  
William Witte

**Welcome Back Rejoined Members**

Aaron Steinberger  
Charlie Steinberger  
Marissa Steinberger  
Kate Vanzanten
LIFE-CYCLE EVENTS

B’nei Mitzvah

Amelia Wolfe
Bat Mitzvah:
December 4, 2021
Parents:
Sheri Weiser and William Wolfe
Torah Portion:
Mikketz

Sebastian Gebler and Dahlia Stringer
B’nei Mitzvah:
December 4, 2021
Parents:
Nicola Back and Adam Gebler; Elana Bober and Lewis Stringer
Torah Portion:
Mikketz

Noah Leopold
Bar Mitzvah:
December 11, 2021
Parents:
Natalie and Matthew Leopold
Torah Portion:
Vayigash

Natalia Rossen
Bat Mitzvah:
December 11, 2021
Parents:
Sandra Bragar and Jerome Rossen
Torah Portion:
Vayigash

Jacob Berland
Bar Mitzvah:
December 18, 2021
Parents:
Jennifer and Noah Berland
Torah Portion:
Vayechi

EMANU-EL SF 19
Save the Date

35th Annual Pulpit Exchange with Third Baptist Church

January 14 – January 17

Join us Martin Luther King Jr. weekend for worship, sermons, music, and the opportunity to gather and connect once again with the members of Congregation Emanu-El and Third Baptist Church. Reverend Amos Brown will deliver the sermon at Emanu-El Friday evening as we welcome in the light of Shabbat and enjoy a pre-oneg together again. On Sunday, Congregation Emanu-El members are invited to attend the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday morning service at Third Baptist Church, with a sermon delivered by Rabbi Beth Singer with music by Cantor Arik Luck.

This MLK weekend coincides with Tu B’shevat, so we will be taking this time to celebrate the holiday and explore the intersections of social, environmental, and food justice, as well as the impact these disparities have on local communities of color.

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