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Meet Emanu-El's New Co-Presidents

We are thrilled to announce that Ellen Kaye Fleishhacker has been elected to serve as Co-President of the Board of Directors. Ellen is joining our current President Alan Greineitz, effective January 1, 2022. Last year, the membership approved allowing for co-presidents to advance Emanu-El's goal of maintaining a diverse leadership team with the skills needed to fulfill its mission to the community.

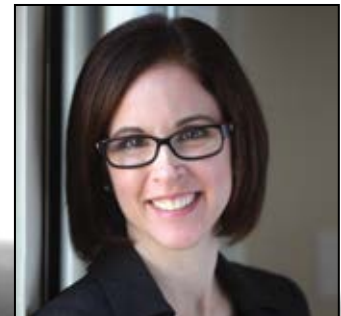
Ellen has served on Emanu-El's Board since 2018 and on the Executive Committee since 2019, recently as Board Secretary. Professionally, Ellen is Co-Managing Partner of the global law firm, Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer. Her background advising clients on the legal aspects of important financial matters and her management experience have already benefited Emanu-El. A Temple member for 20 years, Ellen's two adult children, Kara and Jonah, attended the preschool and then YFE through 12th grade. Her husband William's ancestors were among the families that founded Congregation Emanu-El in 1851.

The Board also re-elected Alan for his final one-year term to serve as Co-President. Alan has served on the Board since 2014 and as President since 2018. Alan said "I'm very excited to embark on the Co-Presidency model at Emanu-El which I believe will serve the institution well with broader leadership and I could not be happier to be working with Ellen. Our community is lucky to have such a talented leader in Ellen who is willing to serve, and I am honored to be able to continue in service to the Temple."

If you have questions for Alan or Ellen, you can reach them at president@emanuelsf.org.



Alan Greineitz



Ellen Kaye Fleishhacker

Shabbat with Manny Yekutieli

Friday, January 7, 2022. 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Manny Yekutieli founded Manny's — a community focused meeting and learning place in the heart of San Francisco that combines a non-profit restaurant, political bookshop, and civic events and gathering space — in 2016. Manny's has become a cornerstone of the community, and we are excited to welcome Manny to speak during Shabbat. **Learn more and RSVP online at emanuelsf.org/calendar.**



Hearing Each Other

Shalom Rav from Richard and Rhoda Goldman Senior Rabbi Jonathan Singer

"Bersheet Bara — In the beginning, creation unfolded" is one translation of this opening text of the Torah. Another, promulgated by Ibn Ezra, an 11th century Spanish commentator, begs to differ. The Masorites who added the helper vowels to the printed version of the text, he reminds us, made a choice. Their rendering produced the approach that many take — but he points out that it is also correct to read it not as "In *the* beginning," but "In *a* beginning," creation unfolded. I love that approach and the fact that I can encounter a radically different understanding of the creation story in almost every traditional Torah commentary. When you open such a commentary, called a *Mikraot Gdolot*, you see on the page many opinions supporting the well-known thesis "two Jews, three (if not more) opinions."

I think this Jewish encouragement of multiplicity of perspectives while still embracing a strong sense of community is important as we consider what it means to be a synagogue today. That the synagogue serves as a "third" place in this time of alienation and atomization, especially as we learn to live with COVID, is to me more important than ever. It needs to be a place where Jews can discuss and hear different ideas, including those that may make each of us uncomfortable. But lately, I have heard from more than a few of you that you worry that the bully pulpit is used by us clergy, at times, for exactly that purpose: to bully from the pulpit. I appreciate that concern because I know what a privilege it is for us as clergy to have freedom of the pulpit and teach Judaism from our varying perspectives. And I recognize that it can be a burden at times to hear words with which you disagree as you sit respectfully in the congregation.

I want to convey to you that we as a clergy team do understand that it is our essential duty to teach Torah and promote a deeper understanding and love of Judaism. As I look back at the sermon flow this past year, many were not politically or policy focused, but were spiritual or Torah focused messages. And yet we as clergy are also charged to promote Jewish values that reflect a living Torah and are applied to our lives today. Those values of loving the stranger, caring for the poor and for the earth, seeking justice, or promoting Zionism, are not the bastion of either the Democratic or Republican parties, but in our politically charged day

each of us can reach such a conclusion after hearing a particular sermon.

I acknowledge having worked as a rabbi for over 30 years that people often hear either what they want to hear or attach to one part of a teaching and don't focus on the totality. Certainly, we clergy have our political perspectives, but we are a diverse bunch and do want to engage the whole community. And if you as congregants disagree with something we have taught, we all welcome your response and engagement in respectful discussion.



Richard and Rhoda Goldman Senior Rabbi Jonathan Singer

What is most important is that we both promote the beauty of Torah and its call to reach higher in our lives, and then not be afraid to engage in dialogue as community.

The synagogue is not just a big tent, but a center of Jewish dynamic creativity and, like a page of Torah commentary, needs all of us to share our piece of Torah with each other and not shy away when we disagree. God loves diversity and we at Emanu-El love and respect all our members whether you are right, left, center or, like me, at times a mix of all of the above.

We are learning to live with COVID and Emanu-El is striving to be a place that is welcoming, that is safe, but that is also a center of meaning and a home to the Jewish people. I encourage you to come daven with us, hear us, and engage us if you agree or disagree — for that is what we Jews have always done!

Happy Secular New Year!

35th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Pulpit Exchange and Tu B'Shevat Weekend

Friday-Sunday, January 14-17, RSVP Required

For more info and to RSVP: emanuelsf.org/mlk

Join us Friday through Monday, January 14–17, for a weekend of 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 6:30 pm at Emanu-El Friday evening as we welcome the light of Shabbat into the community. We'll gather at 5:30 pm for dinner in the courtyard (vegetarian and vegan options available), create communal art, and stay late for vibrant conversation, hot drinks, and spirits post-service. All ages welcome!

On Sunday, Congregation Emanu-El members are also invited to take part in Third Baptist Church's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday morning service, with a sermon delivered by Rabbi Beth Singer, a musical presentation from Cantor Luck, and greetings to the church delivered by one of our synagogue leaders.

The culminating activity for this incredible weekend will be the historical Martin Luther King, Jr. March, this year on Tu B'Shevat! Beforehand we will meet up at SF's Caltrain Station at 4th and King, where our group will be led by our friends in the SF Black & Jewish Unity Coalition.

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, and the impact these disparities have on local communities of color. We will have a communal mutual aid opportunity at Emanu-El on Friday night — look for an updated list of items (i.e. dental hygiene items, pantry items, etc) you can bring to fill up our Tzedakah Boxes at emanuelsf.org/mlk!

Weekend Schedule

Friday, January 14 at Congregation Emanu-El

5:00 pm: Gather and Schmooze

We will have a **Tzedakah Corner** in the courtyard throughout the night, where you can drop off pantry items and dental hygiene items! Look for an updated list on our website.

5:30 pm: Community Dinner in the Courtyard (Mexican, vegetarian/vegan options available)

Our **Repair the World/I Have a Dream Tu B'Shevat Tree** interactive art project will be available for all ages to contribute to during our schmooze and dinner. Write down your hopes for the world on a leaf and help fill our branches!

6:30 pm: MLK Commemoration Service with sermon by Rev. Amos Brown in the Main Sanctuary

After the Service: Gather in the courtyard for hot beverages, cookies, adult beverages, and lively conversation

Sunday, January 16 at Third Baptist Church

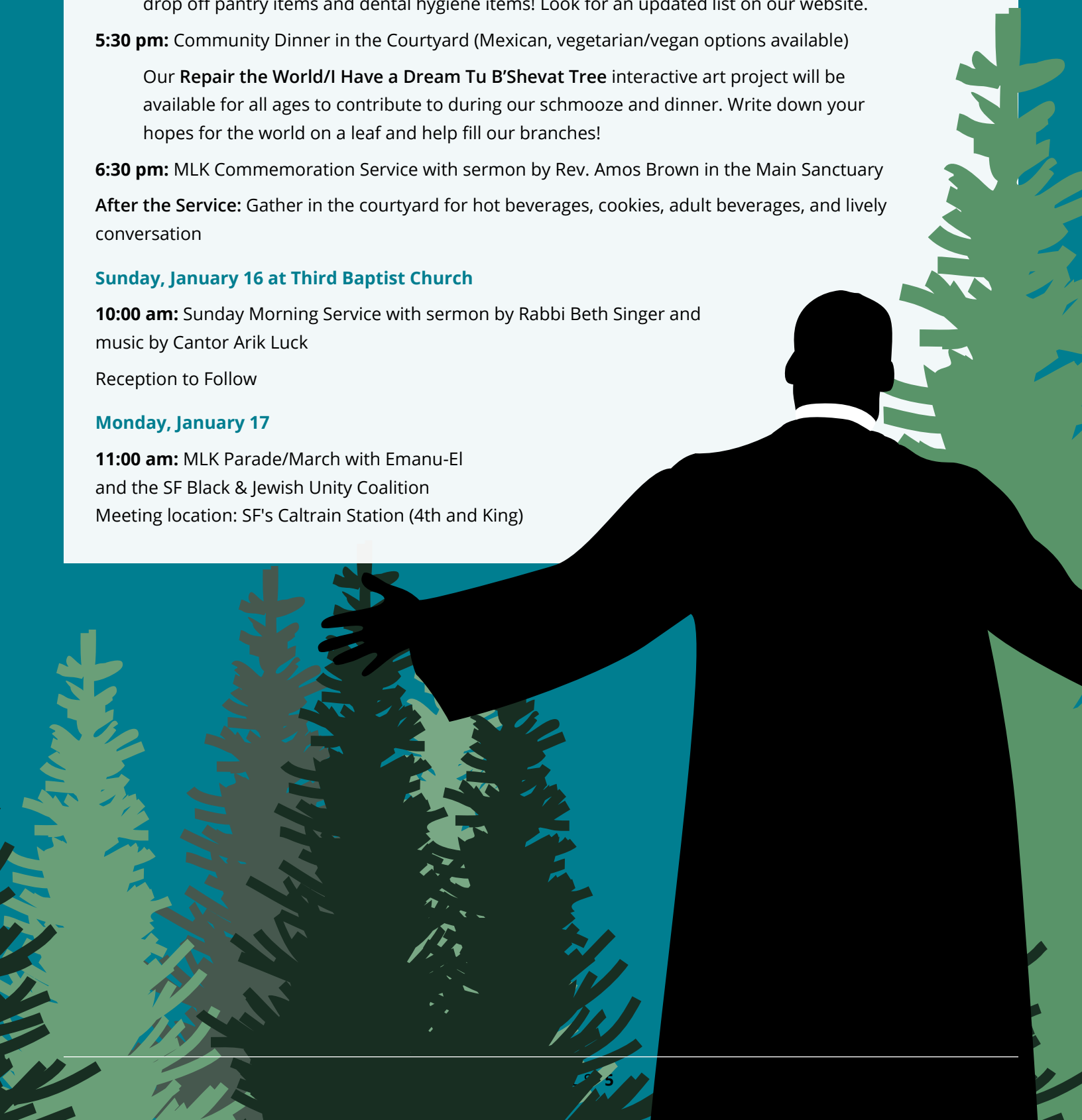
10:00 am: Sunday Morning Service with sermon by Rabbi Beth Singer and music by Cantor Arik Luck

Reception to Follow

Monday, January 17

11:00 am: MLK Parade/March with Emanu-El and the SF Black & Jewish Unity Coalition

Meeting location: SF's Caltrain Station (4th and King)



Praying With Their Feet

Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel first met in Chicago at a conference on Religion and Race. The bond between them was immediate. Color in this picture of two great leaders during their historic March on Selma, after which Rabbi Heschel famously said "I prayed with my feet" — and don't forget to pray with your feet at our march on Monday, January 17! More information on page 5.



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G-House Sunday Night Dinners are Back!

Sunday nights

Dinner sign up on our website

We are thrilled to share with you that our partnership with the G-House is back up and running! Run by the Larkin Street Youth Services, G-House is a 30-bed housing program for San Francisco homeless young adults (ages 18-24, transitioning from adolescence to adulthood), providing residents with tools to remove the obstacles in their life which threaten a successful transition to independent living. We are excited for our community to sign up to sponsor a Sunday night meal for the incredible clients and community at the G-House.

Due to continued COVID protocols in place with G-House, we are not yet able to have in-person dinners (we are hoping this can occur by early 2022 — stay tuned!). However, **we can now provide home cooked meals** in addition to still being able order from a local restaurant. More precise instructions for food options and delivery will be sent to you following your sign-up.

State of the Union with City Supervisor Rafael Mandelman

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Wednesday, February 2, 7:00 pm

RSVP Required, Open to Members

The Tzedek Council invites you for a special conversation with Supervisor Rafael Mandelman around homelessness, mental and behavioral health crises, and other key issues that our city is facing. This is a rare opportunity to engage with a City Supervisor, ask the questions that are important to you, and learn more about what you can do to make our community more equitable for all. This conversation will be moderated by Rabbi Ryan Bauer.



Supervisor
Rafael Mandelman

Space is limited, so be sure to RSVP. Participants are invited to send in questions for Supervisor Mandelman at the time of registration.

Supervisor Mandelman has served on the Board of Supervisors since July 2018. He has worked to address the City's mental health and substance use crises. He represents District 8 and currently serves as Vice-Chair of the Rules Committee and as a member of the Government Audit and Oversight Committee of the Board of Supervisors.

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brought the holiday home with him. "I think the best thing YFE can do is teach us the rituals," Mathis said. "And then the children can become teachers of their religion to the adults."

Isaac, who is in Kindergarten, continues to surprise Mathis with the Jewish identity that has been shaped, in part, by the YFE program. "You know, he really wants to meet Santa Claus," Mathis said. "But he still

said 'Daddy, yesterday I told everyone in kindergarten that I'm Jewish.' I said, oh my God. This temple is amazing."

Mathis and his wife used to regularly attend Emanu-El B'nei Mitzvah services before they had Isaac, he said. "It was so fun, because you get a really intimate experience for free. You could see how moved the parents were, and you'd think, 'wow.' I think everyone is looking for spirituality, and it's right here."

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
- **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

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. The following gifts were received from November 1, 2021–November 30, 2021.

CANTORS' MUSIC FUND

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

Marcy Belfer

in memory of Dr. Bill Gottfried

Glenn Egrie & Lisa Kessler

in celebration of Talia Egrie's Bat Mitzvah

Fred Levin

in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of Lewis Shenson

Alan Ovson

in memory of Susan Cole

EMANU-EL COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND

Promotes and supports social action and community service programs

Angie Dalfen

in honor of Ryder Meisel's Bar Mitzvah

Stuart & Debra Eisendrath

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Harriet Kesselman Hansher

Erika & Alex Grab

Judi Leff & Kevin Brown

in memory of Henia Milkier

Elyse Salven-Blatt

in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of Anne Batte

EMANU-EL LIFE-CYCLE FUND

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

Jason Rose & Katherine Mitchell

in memory of Barbara Marion Mitchell

EMANU-EL PRESCHOOL FUND

Provides scholarships and support for our Preschool programs

Caren Alpert

Heather Barondess & Jesse Byler

Deirdre & Darryl Bosa

Jeffrey & Dana Decker

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William Goldfarb & Heidi Adams

in memory of Olga Vilko

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Evan Moses & Susanne Cooper

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FLOWERS FOR THE BIMAH

Glenn Egrie & Lisa Kessler

in celebration of Talia Egrie's Bat Mitzvah

FOR THE ROOSEVELT FOOD PANTRY

Stephanie Scott

in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of William M. Scott

LIGHT OF GIVING 2021

Anonymous

Ron & Allison Abta

Abigail & Brian BloomKing

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Stuart Corvin & Marissa Wertheimer

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Emily Dubinsky

Simona Dumitru-Rose & Jeffrey Rose

Lara Ettenson

William & Ellen Fleishhacker

Lauren Fox

David Ginsburg & Jennifer Jackson

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Debra & Scott Hilleboe

Matthew Jacobson & Salima Taplin

Kim Johnson

Judith Kneeter & Rabbi Edward Zerin

Karen Leigh

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Jill Nisson & Herk Confer

Aaron & Kimberly Obstfeld

Elyse Salven-Blatt

Kimberly & Dan Sanner

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Harold & Vera Stein

in honor of Rita Semel's 100th birthday

Rebecca & Phil Susser

Noah & Carey Wintroub

Peter Yolles & Jill Einstein

Michael Zwibelman

Audrey Zwibelman

RABBIS' DISCRETIONARY FUND

Used for charitable giving at the Rabbis' discretion

Glenn Egrie & Lisa Kessler

in celebration of Talia Egrie's Bat Mitzvah

Ellen Freudenheim & DP Wiener

in appreciation of Rabbi Beth Singer for her
guidance of Ian Sherman and Anna Wiener

Brenda Friedler

in honor of Harald Miller

Lisa and Douglas Goldman Fund

in appreciation of Rabbi Sydney Mintz

Jennifer Goldman & Erich Wallis

in appreciation of Rabbi Sydney Mintz

Patricia Lurie

in appreciation of Rabbi Beth Singer

Sonia Melnikova-Raich & David Raich

in observance of the *Yahrzeits* of Abraham Raich,
Adelyn Raich, Mikhail Melnikov-Edchenval,
Maya Israilevich, Yerukhim Israilevich,
Leah Kholodovskaya

Kenneth & Deborah Novack

in memory of Dorothy Louise Scheibner Novack

Alan Ovson

in memory of Susan Cole

Mordechai Pavlovsky & Timothy Stuebbe**Robert & Anne Rosenfeld**

in honor of Rabbi Jonathan Singer

Elyse Salven-Blatt

in memory of Charlene Tuchman

Albert Villa**Lawrence & Caroline Werboff**

in celebration of Dylan Wintroub's Bat Mitzvah

Howard & Diane Winer

in appreciation of Rabbi Beth Singer

Paul Zarefsky & Marsha Felton

in celebration of Rita Semel's 100th birthday

YOUTH EDUCATION FUND**Supports special programming and materials
for the Youth and Family Education Program****Susie Becker**

in celebration of Violet and Eli Abta's B'nai Mitzvah

Jean and David Gumpert

in honor of Dylan Wintroub's Bat Mitzvah

Daniel & Alla Klionskyin observance of the *Yahrzeit* of Hannah Katz**Robin Reitzes****OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS****Anonymous**

in memory of Susan & Elliott Winograd

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Michelle Brant

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Barbara Cahrssen

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Vladimir & Ada Cupermanin observance of the *Yahrzeit* of Silvia Cuperman**Jeanne Dinkelspiel**

in memory of Mary Ann Tonkin

Frances Dinkelspiel

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and Roberta Keyak Reichmuth**Ken Miller & Julie McKenzie**

in memory of Ann Miller

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in memory of Charlene Tuchman

Robin Reitzes

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Jeanne Sassoon

in memory of Joseph Ehrman III

Stephanie Scottin observance of the *Yahrzeit* of William Scott**Dore' Selix-Gabby**

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John & Jane Siegel

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Paul & Janet Sipos**Michael Spinrad**in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of Hy Spinrad**James Thomson & Elisabeth Semel**

in celebration of Rita Semel's 100th birthday

Loren Woo

in memory of Karen Liberman

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: David Friedman

Congregation Emanu-El is delighted to count David Friedman among the supporters of Emanu-El Next. A longtime member of our congregation, he and his wife, Paulette Meyer, set aside a portion of their contribution for testamentary giving. "I love the idea of a legacy gift for the future — the future beyond me: the next generation. That's why the 'Next' in this campaign is a profound gesture to what it's all about."

David is no stranger to capital campaigns with architectural engineering components, having chaired several within and beyond the Jewish community. "My background made me think with a slightly more critical eye about the project," David reflects. "I've seen a lot of what works and what doesn't. And this time, I saw all of the pieces in place."

A structural and earthquake engineer, former CEO of Forell/Elsesser Engineers, and a board member of SPUR — David has worked on many large projects throughout his career, including the Jewish Community Center of San Francisco, a handful of Jewish Home of San Francisco projects and campaigns, and the collaboration between the Jewish Home and the Palo Alto JCC in what is now the Taube Koret Campus for Jewish Life.

Born to a family with a long philanthropic history, David's mother, "Phyllis Friedman, was a philanthropist with a capital P," he remarks with respect and regard. His father, Howard Friedman, was born and raised an Orthodox Jew in Yonkers, New York. He joined the United States Naval Construction Battalion, also known



David Friedman

as the Seabees, and came into Port in San Francisco in 1943 while stationed in the South Pacific. He and other Jewish service members went to shabbat at Emanu-El.

"My great grandmother, Fannie Haas, used to go to temple on Friday nights. She would invite servicemen she saw there to her home on Washington Avenue, ostensibly for shabbat dinner, but really to meet her granddaughters!" David laughs, "My father went, and that's how my parents met."

A third-generation member of Emanu-El, David Friedman has been extraordinarily impressed with Emanu-El Next. "All of the questions I might ask about the project were thought through," he recalls. "By the time a visit was made to our home it was just a matter of reflecting on our own motivations to give."

Emanu-El Next was conceived by looking at the administrative spaces of the courtyard building — to find out how to, in an already packed space, get more use out of it. And David was brought in from the start. “When you want to renovate, you have to assess the existing structure,” David says, “My firm was contracted to do the initial assessment, and during the analysis, we found some seismic vulnerabilities.”

“I presented what the seismic issues were to the Emanu-El Building Committee, and ultimately the question became: how do we deal with it?” After careful planning, the leaders of Emanu-El encapsulated the seismic retrofit into an expansive vision for the whole temple.

“More than just a captivating, advanced architectural design — there was a method to what was trying to be achieved by returning to Lake Street for the grand

entry,” David says. “The design eliminates the seismic hazards, keeps the historic façade on the sidewalks, and does security in a way that makes sense. It brings everything up to code, and up to date in terms of how people will use it, giving the entire assemblage of buildings a life into the next 100 years.”

Considering his family ties to our temple, David feels honored to have grown closer with the leadership, clergy and congregants over the years of his involvement with Emanu-El Next. He believes his work throughout his career has been incredibly rewarding thanks to the people he’s met along the way.

“Emanu-El Next truly became important to me because it was important to a whole group of some of my favorite people — and some of my true friends — rolling up their sleeves for the future of our community.”



Emanu-El Next is less than \$2 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.

Condolences to Our Members Who Have Suffered A Recent Loss

Byron Gordon (Melissa Thompson) on the loss of his father; and Senya Gordon on the loss of her grandfather, **Bernard Gordon**.

Samantha Greenberg (Matthew Lerner) on the loss of her grandmother; and Blake Lerner on the loss of his great-grandmother, **Blanche Rose Greenberg**.

Katherine Dowling (Marc Axelbaum) on the loss of her father; and Charles, Cameron and Phoebe Axelbaum on the loss of their grandfather, **Roderick Dowling**.

Joachim Bechtle on the loss of his wife; 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**.

Sandra Braverman (Bill Weiss) on the loss of her step-mother; Sophia and Jacob Weiss on the loss of their grandmother, **Lynne De Roy Braverman**.

Tania Lowenthal (Shelley Friedman) on the loss of her sister; and Elie, Emma, Nathan and Noa Friedman-Lowenthal on the loss of their aunt, **Monica Lowenthal Buchnik**.

Our community mourns the loss of **Lawrence Goldberg**.

Mazel Tov to Our Members Who Have Experienced Joy

Barbara and Jesse Weglein on the birth of their daughter **Ame**.

Nicole and Joel Lewenstein on the birth of their son **Simon Allan Lewenstein**.

Daniela Bornstein and Diego Dayan on the birth of their son **Theodore Dayan-Bornstein**.

Welcome New Members

Jeremy Balagey
Andee Constine
Joshua Constine
Kennedy Constine
David Grabstald
Jacqueline Kiu
Sarah Overton

Gale Picker
Jessica Porter
Randee Seiger
Oscar Semere
Edwin Shonfeld
Marcia Shonfeld
Steve Zafft

Welcome Back Rejoined Members

Barak Ben-Gal
Talia Bengal-Priorreschi
Pamala Deikel
Theodore Deikel
Donald Pino
Massimo Priorreschi



Bob Tandler

Congratulations to Our Board Member

Congratulations to Board Member Bob Tandler on receiving 2021 Civic Leadership Award from the American Jewish Committee.

Kol Hakavod!



Save the Date

A Film Screening of *Lead Me Home*

Tuesday, February 8, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Includes discussion with social justice filmmaker and CEE congregant Jon Shenk

B'nei Mitzvah



Jonah Schwarcz

Bar Mitzvah:

January 1, 2022

Parents:

Priscille Schwarcz-Besson
and Fred Schwarcz

Torah Portion:

Vaera



Lucas Geller

Bar Mitzvah:

January 22, 2022

Parents:

Lisa Borah-Geller
and Jason Geller

Torah Portion:

Bo



Eva Richey

Bat Mitzvah:

January 8, 2022

Parents:

Gina Silverman
and Reagan Richey

Torah Portion:

Bo



Marc Chang

Bar Mitzvah:

January 22, 2022

Parents:

Rachel and
Joseph Chang

Torah Portion:

Yithro



Ziv Metlitzky

Bat Mitzvah:

January 8, 2022

Parents:

Christine Gould
and Warren Metlitzky

Torah Portion:

Bo



Malia Gassman and Rivaleah Imber Safdar

B'not Mitzvah: January 29, 2022

Parents:

Patricia Kao and Seth Gassman;
Sarah and Shabbir Imber Safdar

Torah Portion: *Mishpatim*



Marlena Zuercher and Naomi Coffman

B'not Mitzvah: January 15, 2022

Parents:

Karen and Stephan Zuercher;
Heather and David Coffman

Torah Portion: *Beshalach*



Asher Ellis

Bar Mitzvah:

January 29, 2022

Parents:

Nicole Lipman and Michael Ellis

Torah Portion:

Mishpatim



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PERIODICAL

We are a vibrant, sacred Jewish community that is dedicated to advancing our members' lifelong involvement in Judaism through worship, learning, good deeds, and congregant-to-congregant connections.

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Jonathan Singer,
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Rabbi Lawrence Kushner, Emanu-El Scholar

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Onegs are Coming Back!

After almost two years, a limited post-Shabbat Oneg is returning to Emanu-El in January 2022. The Oneg is a vital part of our Jewish tradition, as it lets us gather and celebrate the joy of Shabbat — Oneg Shabbat literally translates to "Joy of Sabbath."

After each Shabbat service, we will be providing individually-wrapped Challahs, pre-poured Kiddush wine, and individually-wrapped fruit and/or cheese.

While this is an exciting opportunity to slowly reintroduce Onegs at Emanu-El, this plan is subject to change due to COVID safety protocols, Emanu-El public health and safety guidelines and the advice of our medical advisory team to keep our community safe.

We look forward to seeing you at the next Oneg!

