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Our New President

We are thrilled to announce that Ellen Kaye Fleishhacker became sole President of the Board of Directors on September 1, in time for the High Holy Days season. As members may recall, Ellen and Alan Greinetz have been serving as co-presidents since



Ellen Kaye Fleishhacker

January, with Alan's term ending on August 31. Alan has gone above and beyond throughout his presidency, leading us through the challenges of the pandemic and guiding the succession planning process for our clergy leadership, while also spearheading our historic Emanu-El Next

efforts. Alan will remain a director and co-chair of our Emanu-El Next Master Plan Committee, and we are indebted to him for his ongoing service since joining the board in 2014 and serving as our president since 2018. "It has been my honor and pleasure to have had the opportunity to serve the Emanu-El community and I could not be more delighted to be passing the torch to Ellen," said Alan. "Ellen brings a wealth of leadership experience, wisdom, and devotion to our community in her expanded role."

Ellen is excited to serve as president and optimistic about Emanu-El's future. "I'm honored to serve as our congregation's president at this transformative time in our history and to become the third woman to serve as President of the Board at Emanu-El. As President, I will prioritize working with our clergy, professional staff, lay leaders and congregants to make and implement thoughtful and innovative plans to engage our community during construction of our new building."

"I also intend to focus on planning for our new edifice to serve as a thriving, inclusive and enriching hub of Jewish community, service, learning and worship and look forward to celebrating our past and future 100 years on Lake Street when the project is completed in 2025," Ellen added. "I am grateful to Alan for so capably steering us through the pandemic and Emanu-El Next, for his dedication to the well-being of our community, and for being an incredible ally as I move into this leadership role."

Ellen has served on Emanu-El's Board since 2018 and on the Executive Committee since 2019. Professionally, Ellen is a corporate lawyer and co-managing partner of the global law firm Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer. A Temple member for 20 years, Ellen's two adult children, Kara and Jonah, attended the Temple preschool and then YFE. Her husband William's ancestors were among the families that founded Congregation Emanu-El in 1851.

If you have any questions for Ellen, you can reach her at president@emanuelsf.org.

Where We Find Hope

Shalom Rav from Richard and Rhoda Goldman Senior Rabbi Beth Singer

s the relentless nature of the Ukraine War, the pandemic and mass shootings causing you to despair? When we wake up to another climate change reality or encounter more unhoused people as we go about our day, it is hard not to lose hope. Yet, we Jews know that hope is an essential component to change and to making things better.

As we prepare ourselves individually and as a community to greet the Jewish year 5783, let's pool our go-to's for our greatest sources of hope. Here are just a few:

Esah Einai el-he-harem. The psalmists invite us to turn to nature. That's right. Take a break from doom scrolling. Stick your device in a drawer for two hours. Get thee into nature and lift your eyes up to the mountains and trees. Gather with our community at the water on Tashlich and contemplate the vastness of our Pacific Ocean that connects us to the other continents and people. We can hike among soaring redwoods and giant sequoias and ponder their endurance and what they have seen in their time on earth. Ma'ayin yavo Ezri. Opening our eyes to the jaw dropping WOW of nature is a source of our hope. Spending time in nature compels us to advocate for a future of environmental sustainability. On Wednesday, October 5, join Rabbi Sydney Mintz and myself as our congregation spends part of Yom Kippur in the redwoods, refreshing our individual and collective sense of hope.

Another source of hope: recently, I wanted to help a wonderful conversion student of mine who told me he has a hard time reading history books but needed to do so for his conversion process. Rabbi Jason Rodich to the rescue! Rabbi Rodich told me about David N. Myer's Jewish History: A Very Short Introduction. At just 115 pages, I recommend it to you as an antidote to despair. This gem of a book reminds us of so many times when our people not only endured unspeakable tragedy but continued to create and evolve. We were expelled. We were massacred by the hundreds of thousands, then by the millions. We were made the scapegoat for pandemics and for every bad event. Reflecting on our sustained capacity not merely to survive but to live to see better times can give us all hope that there is much we can do to serve those in our society who are most vulnerable, and to be voices of resistance and for change.

More hope, closer to home: in just two years,



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our building will celebrate its 100th birthday, even as we collectively give it the remodel it so richly deserves. And our San Francisco Emanu-El community gathered for the first time in 1849, 173 years ago. So, when you renew your membership, as I hope you have done or will do, you are not "only" supporting the holy work we do right now. You are not "only" making sure you have any lifecycle service you need and access to our wonderful clergy. You are not "only" supporting the Jewish future. You are also a significant part of this magnificent redwood tree, planted over 170 years ago, that we call Congregation Emanu-El. When you become an official member or renew your lasting membership, you are expressing hope by acknowledging the deep roots of our history, our resilience, and our plan to help people find purpose and meaning in their own lives for many more centuries.

Looking for hope? BE WITH US THESE HIGH HOLY DAYS! Come in person. Watch our streamed services. Join us on the beach, in the redwoods, or in our magnificent, historic, enduring Main Sanctuary. Come virtually or in person to our Teen Services. I guarantee you will leave them feeling more hopeful.

These are just a few sources of hope that have served me well. If you are struggling, therapy can be so helpful, and be sure to take time on Zoom or in person with one of our clergy. It really helps. Wishing each of you a renewed sense of hope in 5783 — and please share with me the sources of hope in your own life.

Emanu-El B'Bayit

A re you looking to find your people at Emanu-El? Want to build deeper relationships with others who share your interests, passions, and life experiences?



In 2020, Emanu-El launched our small groups program, Emanu-El B'Bayit, and it was a huge hit! B'Bayit is Hebrew for "at home" and Emanu-El B'Bayit is our way of helping you to find your people at Emanu-El, get to know a small group of fellow congregants well, and help make our large congregation feel smaller.

Over the course of the past two years, over 350 households have come together in Emanu-El B'Bayit small groups. This year, we would love for you to join us! Check out some participants' experiences and groups that will be continuing this fall:

- "It was so special to connect in person with a group from synagogue after such a long time." Rachel B.
- "I can say with confidence that my meetings with both the JCL group and the Marin Boomers have brought a smile to my face and a feeling of connection with a broader community." *Joanne V.*
- "It was extremely valuable to cultivate and receive the sense of community that being in the group provided, especially during the period right before the High Holy Days."
 Anonymous
- "Created a group of friends at the end of the session, we were a group of friends." *Shelley A.*





Accent on the New York City Boroughs **New Parents SF Boomers Explorers** Women's Circle Two Mezuzot: A Divorce Affinity Group Women's Challah Baking **Single Parents** Jewish & Israeli Movies Group **Teens and Tweens Baseball Fans** Hebrew Learners Group Nature Magic Families w/ Elementary Aged Children (NOPA/Alamo Square) Sharing Life Stories: Paths Toward an Ethical Will New Parents 5782/5783 Women's Circle

B'Bayit groups will meet about once a month from October, 2022, to June, 2023. Visit our website to learn more about this program, and if you've got an idea for a new group that you'd like to lead, contact Sarah Overton at soverton@emanuelsf.org.

Adult Education

Charles Michael Scholar-In-Residence Award-Winning Author Dara Horn

Friday, October 21 – Saturday, October 22 October 21, 6:00 pm – Shabbat Sermon October 21, 7:15 pm Dinner and Discussion October 22, 9:15 am – Torah Study October 22, 1:00 pm – Lunch and Learn

Dara Horn is the award-winning author of six books, including the novels *In the Image* (Norton 2002), *The World to Come* (Norton 2006), *All Other Nights* (Norton 2009), *A Guide for the Perplexed* (Norton 2013), and *Eternal Life* (Norton 2018), and the essay collection *People Love Dead Jews: Reports from a Haunted Present* (Norton 2021). One of Granta magazine's Best Young American Novelists (2007), she is the recipient of two National Jewish Book Awards, the Edward Lewis Wallant Award, the Harold U. Ribalow Award, and the Reform Judaism Fiction Prize, and she was a finalist for the Wingate Prize, the Simpson Family Literary Prize, and the Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction. Her books have been selected as New York Times Notable Books, Booklist's 25 Best Books of the Decade, and *San Francisco Chronicle*'s Best Books of the Year, and have been translated into eleven languages. Her nonfiction work has appeared in *The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, The Atlantic, Smithsonian Magazine*, and *The Jewish Review of Books*, among many other publications, and she is a regular columnist for *Tablet Magazine*. Horn received her doctorate in comparative literature from Harvard University, studying Yiddish and Hebrew. She has taught courses in these subjects at Sarah Lawrence College and Yeshiva University and held the Gerald Weinstock Visiting Professorship in Jewish Studies at Harvard. She has lectured for audiences in hundreds of venues throughout North America, Israel, and Australia. Horn lives in New Jersey with her husband and four children.

Hebrew 101 (for beginners) with Yaffa Tygiel

Tuesday evenings on Zoom: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

In this class, students will learn to speak basic modern Hebrew by communicating with each other, reading texts, poems and songs, and writing short paragraphs in Hebrew. We will be using the book Hebrew from Scratch.

The course also offers an introduction to Jewish and Israeli culture, as well as many Jewish traditions, using music, food and art.

The class will be taught by Ms. Yaffa Tygiel, a highly experienced teacher and native Hebrew speaker.

Fall Course with Rabbi Jonathan Singer and Special Guests Contemporary Jewish Ethics: Examining Our World's Issues from a Jewish Perspective

Tuesday evenings, November 1, 8 and 15; 7:00 – 8:30 pm at Temple Emanu-El

Come and explore the latest headline topics — such as going to war, reproductive rights and addiction — through a Jewish lens. What do our sages have to say? What does Reform Responsa say? How do we navigate these challenging times while keeping our faith and tradition?

Dara Horn



Yaffa Tygiel



Rabbi Jonathan Singer

Youth Education Vision for the Coming Year

rever the course of the last year, several groups of parents met online or in person to share ideas about the

Ofuture of Youth and Family Education (YFE). Parents thought together about who we hope our kids will grow to be and the role that YFE can play in that growth. Overwhelmingly, the responses fell into five categories: Community, Identity, Tzedek, Spirituality, and Study. These meetings and follow-up conversations with staff members, teachers and clergy led to the crafting of the following vision for our program:

- Our children will be builders of our Jewish future. They will not only soak in our tradition but develop our people's project - a way of life, spiritual for the individual, just and compassionate as a society.
- YFE enhances our students' sense of connectedness to each other, our local and global Jewish community, and their individual sense of Jewish identity through strong and carefully planned curricula and experiences.

In order to realize this vision, we are investing in teacher development and quality curricula, and crafting empowering experiences for parents and youth. We are pleased to announce that, for the first time <image>





in many years, we will have a family Shabbaton at Camp Newman for kindergarten-5th grade families (January 27-29) to have a Shabbat experience away from the hubbub of San Francisco weekend life.

This year, teachers will be collaborating with one another after Sunday YFE sessions in order to plan for the coming weeks, and there will be two days of planning interspersed over the course of the year. Much of the kindergarten-5th grade curriculum will be new this year, written by teachers or publishers we have identified. Over the next few years, the content taught will further shift to align with plans made by a group of Emanu-El clergy and educators.

We also could not be more thrilled to further enhance our already amazing teen education and programming by bringing on board Indy Jeremy who will lead our Youth Group and teach a number of classes in the middle grades. Of course, our talented clergy continue to teach our 8th -12th grade classes.

We are very excited for the coming year and look forward to seeing you on the second Sunday of September!

- Leo and the YFE Team

Our New (but old) Youth Group!

Please give a warm welcome to Indy Jeremy (pronouns: they/them/theirs), who will advise our Youth Group and teach our middle school students on Sundays, as well as provide B'nei Mitzvah training and teach Hebrew throughout the week. Below is a short interview we conducted to get to know Indy better.

Interview with Tori Starks (TS) and Indy Jeremy (IJ)

Tori Starks: So, Indy, you're new to the staff, but you aren't new to Congregation Emanu-El, is that right?

Indy Jeremy: Totally. I am so happy to be joining the staff and help create a creative and safe space for students to learn and feel at home here. I have been a member of Congregation Emanu-El for a while. I briefly attended preschool here, and then rejoined the community in 8th grade with MIT (Madrichimot-in-Training) and TEF (Temple Emanu-El Fellowship).



TS: Wow, that is awesome! We are so lucky to have you on staff. What are you doing now?

IJ: Right now, I am preparing for this year in YFE training our teachers, planning our ETY events, retreats, 7th grade at City Hope, 6th Grade B'nei Mitzvah Prep, Hebrew Curriculum... there's a lot going on! And I am so excited for all of it! This year is going to be iconic.

TS: You mentioned ETY, what is that?

IJ: Oh, right, it's our youth group — Emanu-El Temple Youth. I got the name from our youth group we had way back in the 80s. I mean, I wasn't a part of it (I wasn't born yet), but my mom went to events! She told me they were the best. I love that there is



Indy Jeremy

history of a youth group here, so I figured why not use the same name now? I made up the phrase, "old but new." It's kind of like Judaism, right?

TS: Totally. Are there any events coming up? Do you have a board? Any members?

IJ: Well, you might be jumping ahead there. Right now, since we're so new, we don't have a board. Anyone who wants to plan or lead an event can do it. If they want to be on the "board" they just need to reach out to me! And they must be in 8th grade or high school to join. But technically everyone who is a member and in high school and below are already members of ETY, or JETY (junior ETY) if they are younger than our 8th graders. And don't worry, there will be events for our JETY members too!

TS: Oh yeah? Like what?

IJ: Well, as part of our YFE program, we have retreats already planned for our middle schoolers at Camp Newman! It'll be a true summer camp experience. I can't wait to get to know everyone, and I am an open book, so ask me any questions you want! My email is ijeremy@emanuelsf.org and our Instagram username is @/emanueltempleyouth.





S'lichot Program & Service*

Saturday, September 17, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Join Emanu-El in partnership with ACT and Grace Cathedral for a reading of short plays written by Ukrainian theatre artists. This evening is part of a worldwide effort to support Ukraine and the artists whose lives have been upended and destroyed by the war with Russia. Cantors Marsha Attie and Arik Luck will offer Ukrainian songs in counterpoint. This program will be immediately followed by a traditional S'lichot service.

High Holy Day Mikvahs

Sunday, September 18

The High Holy Days are a time where we open ourselves up and look deep inside our souls to examine who we have been and who we want to be. We confront who we are and what we can change, as well as what we can and cannot control. This year, we will have two opportunities at Baker Beach for you to have a mikvah experience before diving into services for Rosh HaShanah:

5:00 am: The Tribe Mikvah with Rabbi Bauer (male-identifying)

8:30 am: Women's Mikvah with Cantor Marsha Attie (female-identifying)



Sanctify Ark Moments

Sunday, September 18, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Open house style, just come on by! Our rabbis will be available to greet you in the courtyard, offer you a new year blessing, and send you into the sanctuary with suggestions for how to have a meaningful moment in our sacred space. We would love to offer your family wishes for a sweet new year and an opportunity for all congregants to spend a moment in our sacred space.

Shabbat Shuvah

Friday, September 30, 6:00 pm at Temple or livestream at emanuelsf.org/live Rabbis Beth Singer and Sarah Parris; Rabbi Lawrence Kushner will deliver the sermon.



High Holy Day Services 5783 / 2022

Note: For all in-person services and Zoom study sessions, register at hhd.emanuelsf.org

Erev Rosh HaShanah

Sunday, September 25

Sounds of the Shofar: Evening Children's Service

5:00 – 5:30 pm, Martin Meyer Sanctuary Led by Rabbis Sydney Mintz, Jason Rodich, Beth Singer and Jonathan Singer with Jonathan Bayer.

Opening The Gates: Early Erev Rosh HaShanah Service*

5:30 – 7:15 pm, Main Sanctuary

Led by Rabbis Ryan Bauer and Sarah Joselow Parris with Cantor Arik Luck. Sermon by Rabbi Beth Singer.

Opening The Gates: Late Erev Rosh HaShanah Service*

8:00 – 9:45 pm, Main Sanctuary

Led by Rabbis Sydney Mintz and Jonathan Singer with Cantor Marsha Attie. Sermon by Rabbi Sarah Joselow Parris.

Rosh HaShanah Day

Monday, September 26

Under One Dome: Rosh HaShanah Day Service*

10:00 am – 12:15 pm, Main Sanctuary Led by Rabbis Jason Rodich and Beth Singer with Cantors Marsha Attie & Arik Luck. Sermon by Rabbi Jonathan Singer.

Apples and Honey: Service for Young Families

10:00 – 11:30 am, Presidio Wall Playground Join Rabbis Ryan Bauer and Sarah Joselow Parris with Jonathan Bayer for outdoor children's services and activities! Stop by for a bit or stay a while with a blanket and celebrate Rosh HaShanah together with other young families (for children ages 4-7, open to community).

Return Again: Teen Led Rosh HaShanah Service*

2:30 – 3:30 pm, Main Sanctuary A community service led by our teens who will share song, worship, poetry and prose. Led by Cantor Marsha Attie and musical accompanists.

Tashlich: Letting Go Together Service and Concert

5:30 – 7:00 pm, Baker Beach

Join together globally on a new concept- Reverse Tashlich. To repair the earth and sea, we cast a pebble, a shell, or a handful of sand. As we toss this past year away and celebrate the possibilities of the New Year, we leave the beach as we found it, pristine for the New Year. The Tashlich concert is part of the Cantors' Concert Series, which is generously supported by Ingrid D. Tauber and Frank Taforo.

2nd Day Rosh HaShanah

Tuesday, September 27

Rosh HaShanah Second Day Service*

10:00 am – 12:15 pm, Main Sanctuary Cantor Arik Luck and musicians, along with Rabbis Ryan Bauer, Jonathan Singer, and Rabbinic Intern, Leo Fuchs, will lead a full-length, eclectic traditional style Reform Rosh HaShanah service. Sermon by Rabbinic Intern Leo Fuchs.

Ticketing Information

Please reach out to Director of Member Experience, Ariana Estoque, with any questions or comments at aestoque@emanuelsf.org.

For general High Holy Day inquiries, please contact: 415-751-2535 x138 or hhd@emanuelsf.org

*Livestreamed at emanuelsf.org/live

Kol Nidre

Tuesday, October 4

Sounds of the Shofar: Evening Children's Service

5:00 – 5:30 pm, Martin Meyer Sanctuary Service led by Rabbis Ryan Bauer, Sydney Mintz and Sarah Joselow Parris with Jonathan Bayer.

Opening The Gates: Early Kol Nidre Service*

5:30 – 7:15 pm, Main Sanctuary Service led by Rabbis Beth Singer and Jonathan Singer with Cantor Arik Luck. Sermon by Rabbi Ryan Bauer.

Opening The Gates: Late Kol Nidre Service*

8:00 – 9:45 pm, Main Sanctuary

Service led by Rabbis Sydney Mintz and Sarah Joselow Parris with Cantor Marsha Attie. Sermon by Rabbi Jason Rodich.

Yom Kippur Day

Wednesday, October 5

Under One Dome: Yom Kippur Day Service*

10:00 am – 12:15 pm, Main Sanctuary Service led by Rabbis Ryan Bauer and Jason Rodich with Cantors Attie and Luck. Sermon by Rabbi Sydney Mintz.

Apples and Honey: Service for Young Families

10:00 – 11:30 am, Presidio Wall Playground Join Rabbis Sarah Joselow Parris and Jonathan Singer, along with Jonathan Bayer for an outdoor children's service and activities at Presidio Wall! Stop by for a bit or stay a while with a blanket and mark the day of Yom Kippur together with other young families (for children ages 4-7, open to community).

The Architectural and Decorative Secrets of Temple Emanu-El with Taube Scholar, Senior Rabbi Emeritus Stephen Pearce, Ph.D.

12:30 – 1:30 pm, virtual only

This learning session will highlight the outstanding architectural and decorative features that we've all walked past without taking a closer look.

Walk Towards Healing and Reflection in the Redwoods

12:30 – 1:45 pm, meet at the Temple gate to walk together

Join Rabbis Sydney Mintz and Beth Singer, along with 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.

Grit & Endurance: How to Keep Hope Alive*

1:45 – 2:45 pm, Martin Meyer Sanctuary Please join the Tzedek Council and Rabbi Jason Rodich as we hear inspiring reflections from social justice heroes: Michael Tubbs, Judi Shils and a panelist from Larkin Street Youth Services, who will share with us how they remain committed to the work of Tikkun Olam despite enormous challenges.

Learning Session with Emanu-El Scholar, Rabbi Lawrence Kushner

3:00 – 4:00 pm, virtual only

Jonah: The Recalcitrant Prophet. In this learning session, read and discuss the Hebrew text of the Book of Jonah.

Return Again: Teen Led Yom Kippur Service*

3:00 – 4:00 pm, Main Sanctuary A community service led by our teens who will share song, worship, poetry and prose. Led by Cantor Marsha Attie and musical accompanists.

Yom Kippur Meditation Service

4:15 - 5:15 pm, Martin Meyer Sanctuary Guided meditation led by Rabbi Ryan Bauer.

Azkarah Afternoon Service*

4:15 – 5:15 pm, Main Sanctuary 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

Led by Rabbis Sarah Joselow Parris and Beth Singer with Cantors Attie and Luck. Sermon by Rabbi Jason Rodich.

29 Reflective Questions for the **29** Days of Elul

The month of Elul offers us the chance to spiritually prepare for the High Holy Day season of reflection and repentance. Allow these reflective questions to guide you in daily meditation. Write down your answers in a journal or ask a loved one over a meal. We will be posting these questions daily on our social media platforms during the month of Elul and invite you to share your responses with the community! Finally, we will be incorporating personal Elul reflections into our Erev Rosh HaShanah services.

Elul 1/ August 28: What is a memory that will forever make you laugh out loud?

Elul 2/August 29: How have you changed this past year?

Elul 3/August 30: What is the biggest risk you have taken? If you had another chance, would you do anything differently?

Elul 4/August 31: What has been your favorite age so far?

Elul 5/September 1: What have you read, seen, or listened to that has shaped your life?

Elul 6/September 2: In an ideal world, what would the next year of your life look like?

Elul 7/September 3: What is something you wanted for a long time, but once you got it, it didn't quite meet your expectations?

Elul 8/September 4: What is the best piece of advice you have ever been given?

Elul 9/September 5: What in your life are you most excited about right now?

Elul 10/September 6: How have your spiritual views changed in the last decade?

Elul 11/September 7: What message would you put on a billboard for thousands of people to see every day?

Elul 12/September 8: Do you feel most connected to the past, present, or future?

Elul 13/September 9: What is something creative you did when you were younger that you no longer do? Why don't you do it anymore?

Elul 14/September 10: What is one magical memory from the past year?

Elul 15/September 11: If you could wake up tomorrow having gained any one quality, what would it be?

Elul 16/September 12: If you could gift all humans one thing, what would it be?

Elul 17/September 13: Who in your life are you most grateful for?

Elul 18/September 14: What is the kindest thing a stranger has ever done for you?

Elul 19/ September 15: What family tradition did you think was weird as a kid but now you appreciate?

Elul 20/September 16: What is the greatest act of bravery you have witnessed?

Elul 21/September 17: Who is the most resilient person you know? What makes them resilient?

Elul 22/September 18: What are you holding onto that you need to let go of?

Elul 23/September 19: When was the last time you tried something totally new?

Elul 24/September 20: If you didn't have to sleep, what would you do with the extra time?

Elul 25/September 21: What is your proudest accomplishment?

Elul 26/September 22: Who have you lost touch with but still wonder about?

Elul 27/September 23: When you think about adventures in your childhood, what memory comes to mind?

Elul 28/September 24: Who was your most memorable teacher or mentor?

Elul 29/ September 25: What are you doing right now that your future self will thank you for?

*These reflective questions are from HOLSTEE Reflection Cards™

Tzedek Council Yom Kippur Speakers:

Grit & Endurance: How to Keep Hope Alive*

Michael Tubbs

Special adviser for economic mobility and opportunity for Governor Gavin Newsom. Former mayor of Stockton, CA

At the age of 26, Michael D. Tubbs became the youngest mayor of any major city in American history. As mayor, Tubbs was lauded for his leadership and innovation. Under his stewardship, Stockton was named an "All-America City" in 2017 and 2018, saw a 40% drop in homicides in 2018 and 2019, led the state of California in the decline of officer involved shootings in 2019, was named the second most fiscally healthy city in California and one of the topmost fiscally healthy cities in the nation and was featured in an HBO documentary film, Stockton on My Mind. Tubbs raised over \$20 million dollars to create the Stockton Scholars, a universal scholarship and mentorship program for Stockton students. He is the Founder and Chair of Mayors for a Guaranteed Income.



Michael Tubbs



Judi Shils

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Founder and Executive Director, Turning Green

Judi has spent the last 26 years of her life spearheading grassroots community projects. The dearth of answers around Marin County's high cancer rates led Judi to found the nonprofit Search for the Cause, now Turning Green, a global student-led movement advocating for healthy food, safer products, and ethical businesses. She is also the force behind The Conscious Kitchen, a paradigm shifting model for school food service, transitioning school meals from pre-packaged, processed, heat-and-serve to chef-prepared, scratch cooked local, organic food, cooked in on-site zero waste kitchens. Believing that access to healthy food is a right, not a privilege, she began this work on a campus where 95% of children live below the poverty line, qualifying for free-and-reduced government-subsidized school meals. Judi has also

been a consultant with the California Coastal Commission around public education for the past two decades.

Adrian Schurr Bay Area Social Impactor at Google.org

Adrian Schurr is the Regional Giving Lead for Google.org, which supports local nonprofit organizations providing greater access to opportunity for low-income and underserved communities with a current focus on education and homelessness. Before joining Google.org, Adrian served as a program manager for Google Fiber.



Adrian Schurr

* Livestreamed at emanuelsf.org/live

Volunteer Opportunities at Emanu-El

As the world opens up — open up your hearts and hands, and

"pray with your feet!" (Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel)

As we emerge from the past two years of being under the influence of Covid-19, we open up our hearts and souls and reinforce our congregant-to-congregant connection. We are thrilled to bring back our volunteer programs this coming fall, such as:

- **Cooking for Congregants:** Prepare healthy and hearty meals for congregants with special needs
- Care Calls: Reach out to community members during life-cycle moments
- Card writing: Write and send greeting cards for Birthdays, Congratulations and Condolences
- Shabbat Greeting: Welcome fellow congregants and guests to Shabbat services

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these programs, please email Ann Jackson, Volunteer Coordinator at ajackson@emanuelsf.org.

Volunteer Opportunites In The Community

Make A Difference In A Child's Life With The Jewish Coalition For Literacy

The Jewish Coalition for Literacy matches volunteer tutors from all backgrounds with young readers in grades K-5 attending Bay Area public schools for in-person tutoring.

Even before the pandemic, nearly three out of four children who completed third grade in California public schools struggled to read at grade level. Now they need your help even more to bounce back from three years of massive educational and societal disruption.

Fall training dates are as follows:

- Tuesday, September 20th, 3:30 5:30 pm
- Thursday, October 27th, 3:30 5:30 pm

Sign up for a free, online tutor-training workshop at www.jclread.org/volunteer.

JCL invites people ages 14 and up to take part in this rewarding opportunity for Tikkun Olam. You will make a difference in a child's life by committing one hour each week during the school year.

Questions? Contact JCL Director Lisa Peckler at lpeckler@jcrc.org







Upcoming Events

Teach-In on Reparations for African Americans in California and San Francisco

Sunday, September 18, 2:00 pm, Congregation Sherith Israel – 2266 California St.

Co-Sponsored by Congregation Emanu-El Co-Hosted By: San Francisco Black and Jewish Unity Coalition Congregation Sherith Israel Third Baptist Church of San Francisco



Our distinguished speakers are:

- * California Secretary of State Dr. Shirley Weber, author of Assembly Bill 3121, which established the California State Task Force to Study and Develop Reparations Proposals for African Americans
- * **Dr. Theopia Jackson,** psychologist and co-founder of the Therapist-in-Residency Program (TnRP) in Oakland, an African-centered program dedicated to supervising Black clinicians-in-training
- * Eric McDonnell, chair of the San Francisco Advisory Committee on Reparations for African Americans
- * **Rev. Amos Brown** of Third Baptist Church, vice chair of the California State Task Force and member of the San Francisco Advisory Committee

Presentations followed by Q&A session with our presenters, followed by facilitated break-out tables to continue the conversation together about reparations. To learn more and register, contact sfunitygroup@gmail.com. Free and open to the community.



More Open Than Ever! Come home to the dome.

Please let us continue to count you as part of our Emanu-El Family.

How To Renew Your Membership:

It's easy — just log in to your My Emanu-El account, which is found at the top right of our website, www.emanuelsf.org

Here are some helpful tips for logging in to your My Emanu-El account:

- Can't remember your username? It's often your email address.
- Forgot your username or having issues logging in? Email Irina Leinova at ileinova@emanuelsf.org
- Remember that passwords are case-sensitive, so ensure your Caps Lock is OFF.
- Additional questions about your membership or renewal? Contact Director of Member Experience Ariana Estoque at aestoque@emanuelsf.org

*Note: Our login portal no longer supports Microsoft Internet Explorer 9 and 10. Please consider using another browser.

Again, thank you so much for being part of this wonderful community. On behalf of Emanu-El staff, board, and clergy, we wish you Shanah Tovah U'Metukah.



Emanu–El Next: Investing for our Jewish Future

E manu-El has continued to make wonderful strides in the transformational Emanu-El Next project. We are grateful for our community's dedication to building a bright future for our congregation.

With groundbreaking anticipated to begin in June 2023, we are working to ensure the least impact on services and congregational life as possible, including arrangements for off-site locations for preschool and religious school. We are on track to complete the Design Development phase this fall/winter. And we are navigating the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process, assessing the environmental effects of our construction plans. This represents one of the last major steps in completing the entitlements process and gaining the approvals we need to enter the construction phase.

A key upcoming aspect is the public comments period, in which community members will have the opportunity to raise any concerns or objections to the project. Emanu-El is committed to being a good neighbor and involving the broader community — that's why we're planning a new round of outreach and additional town halls this fall.

We have been blessed with widespread support from every part of the Emanu-El community of individuals, families, and institutions who have contributed to this campaign. While we achieved our initial fundraising milestone, we continue to seek additional funds to help with the unforeseen costs to the project that have resulted due to COVID-19, supply chain issues and inflation.

We are laying the foundation for a transformed Emanu-El that better serves our collective Jewish community — from the oldest member to the youngest — while adapting to a changing world. Thank you for being part of this sacred journey.



Please visit our website, next.emanuelsf.org to learn more. 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.

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: 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. The following gifts were received from July 1, 2022 – July 31, 2022.

CANTORS' MUSIC FUND

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

Andrea Fleischman & Bhavuk Kaul in celebration of Zoe Kaul's Bat Mitzvah

Jennifer & Nir Margalit in memory of Dina Margalit

Stacey Silver & Jonathan Yolles

in appreciation of Cantor Arik Luck for assisting in Mia Yolles's Bat Mitzvah and helping her feel more connected to Judaism and the temple

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

Anonymous Charles & Lenore Bleadon Mariya Urman in memory of Mina Favelukis

EMANU-EL LIFE-CYCLE FUND

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

Andrea Fleischman & Bhavuk Kaul in celebration of Zoe Kaul's Bat Mitzvah

Michele Woolfe-Avramov in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of Barnett Woolfe

Michele Woolfe-Avramov in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of Rose Liebert

FLOWERS FOR THE BIMAH

Andrea Fleischman & Bhavuk Kaul in celebration of Zoe Kaul's Bat Mitzvah

FOR THE ROOSEVELT FOOD PANTRY

Leslie Friedman & Jonathan Clark

Stephanie Scott (2) in memory of William M. Scott

ONEG SHABBAT AND KIDDISH SPONSORSHIP FUND Provides for the weekly Shabbat Oneg, Kiddush, and other congregational receptions

Andrea Fleischman & Bhavuk Kaul in celebration of Zoe Kaul's Bat Mitzvah

Sanford & Nancie Garfinkel

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

Andrea Fleischman & Bhavuk Kaul in celebration of Zoe Kaul's Bat Mitzvah

Brenda Friedler in honor of Dr. Caren Glickson

Brenda Friedler in celebration of Dr. Mark Gang's birthday

Jill Kneeter & Rabbi Edward Zerin in honor of Rabbi Sydney Mintz

Jill Kneeter & Rabbi Edward Zerin in honor of Rabbi Stephen Pearce

Roslyn Payne in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of Aaron Braeman

Stacey Silver & Jonathan Yolles

in appreciation of Rabbi Ryan Bauer for assisting in Mia Yolles's Bat Mitzvah and helping her feel more connected to Judaism and the temple

Bruce Spiegelman

in appreciation of Stan & Roxanne Cohn and Robert & Heidi Feldman for their involvement in Keith Spiegelman's celebration of life

Nina Taft & Misha Weidman in appreciation of Rabbi Jonathan Singer

Howard & Lynn Tatar in celebration of Rabbi Stephen Pearce's 50th anniversary

Albert Villa

Naftali & Schirley Zisman in observance of the Yahrzeit of Greta Winter

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

Mahdokht Frouzan in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of Mordecai Moallem

Allen Mathis & Elizabeth Clark-Mathis in memory of Larry Clark

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

Suzanne & David Broad in memory of Harold Stein

Janis & Martin Coper in memory of Harold Stein

Stephanie & Stanislav Garber Preschool Educators Stipend

Norman Gordon in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of Sandra Gordon

Craig & Deborah Hoffman in appreciation of Rabbi Beth Singer

Jewish Community Federation Preschool Scholarships

Jonathan & Kelsey Kaplan in observance of the *Yahrzeits* of Jean and Bernard Kaplan

Jonathan & Kelsey Kaplan in appreciation of Ariana Estoque

Joann Kay in memory of Harold Stein

Joseph Kitterman in appreciation of Congregation Emanu-El

Joy Sterling in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of Barry Sterling

James Thomson & Elisabeth Semel in honor of Emanu-El Clergy

Sands Tucker in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of Edwin Tucker

Lisa & Alex Yakubovich Preschool Educators Stipend

Condolences to Our Members Who Have Suffered A Recent Loss

Sharon Kaplan on the loss of her mother; Lilia Diaz on the loss of her grandmother, **Meredith Kaplan**.

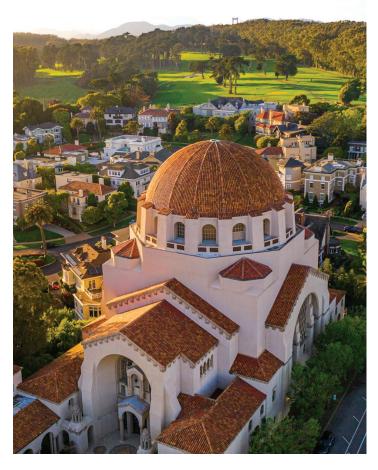
Joshua Hoffman (Katie Morris) on the loss of his aunt; Isaac and Alice Hoffman on the loss of their great-aunt, **Myra Berkowitz.**

Lisa Gamshad (Mohsen) and Laura Zuckerman (Kirk McInnis) on the loss of their mother; Ari and Alexandra Gamshad, and Benjamin and Jacob McInnis on the loss of their grandmother, **Eleanor Rosalie Levine Zuckerman.**

Nir Margalit (Jennifer) on the loss of his mother; Jesse and Lillian Margalit on the loss of their grandmother, **Dina Margalit.**

Shabbir Imber Safdar (Sarah) on the loss of his mother; Moishe and Rivaleah Imber Safdar on the loss of their grandmother, **Betty Jo Austin.**

Sarah Rischin Gadye (Clifford Gadye) on the loss of her mother; Arik, Nathan and Levi Gadye on the loss of their grandmother, **Ruth Rischin.**



Mazel Tov to Our Members Who Have Experienced Joy

To **Janet Haas** on her 99th birthday.

To Katherine Stillman and Jonathan Scherr on the birth of their daughter, **Nora Stillman Scherr.**

To Rachel and Justin Zalkin on the birth of their daughter, **Lylah Ann Zalkin.**

Achievements

Congratulations to our members recently elected to community boards:

Steven Dinkelspiel, Howard Fine and **Inna Gartsman** will serve on the board of the J, where **Alexandra Corvin** serves as a vice president and **Patricia Rosenberg** as treasurer.

Sandi Bragar has been elected treasurer of the Jewish Community Relations Council.

Welcome New Members

Rachel Balik Daniel Brosof Leigh Brosof Chikodi Chima Téo Chima Nimbus Goehausen Nicholas Halper Davies Heckroth Naomi Heckroth Talia Heckroth Thomas Heckroth Evan Macmillan Henry Macmillan Julie Macmillan Lucy Macmillan

Welcome Back Rejoined Members

James Conger Sasha Conger Sydelle Conger Natasha Fain Jill Hersh Emmett Hersh-O'Connor Rosemary Hersh-O'Connor Anne Irwin Gary Lerhaupt

Liam Leonard Mark Leonard Simone Leonard Mae Lerhaupt Sarah Lerhaupt Zachary Lerhaupt John O'Connor Elizabeth Trocker Matt Trocker Stella Trocker Theodore Trocker

B'nei Mitzvah



Octavia Pell Bat Mitzvah: September 3, 2022

Parents: David and Gina Pell

Torah Portion: *Shoftim*



Benjamin Elson Bar Mitzvah: September 10, 2022

Parents: David Elson and Annette Molinaro

Torah Portion: *Ki Tetze*



Sophie Fluhr Bat Mitzvah: September 10, 2022

Parents: Jeffrey and Claire Fluhr

Torah Portion: *Ki Tetze*



Bailey Tulchin Bat Mitzvah: September 17, 2022

Parents: Ben Tulchin and Laurie Beijen

Torah Portion: *Ki Tavo*



Micah Moskowitz Bar Mitzvah: September 10, 2022

Parents: Daniel Moskowitz and Sarah Fuchs Downie

Torah Portion: *Ki Tetze*

Congregation Emanu-El Large Gatherings (Worship, Learning, Holidays, Celebrations) B'Bayit You

Emanu-El B'Bayit

Register for B'Bayit 2022-2023

Open Enrollment: September 11 – September 25

Are you looking to find your people at Emanu-El? Want to build deeper relationships with others who share your interests, passions, and life experiences? Join a B'Bayit small group to connect with our community, and get to know a small group of fellow congregants.

Learn more at emanuelsf.org/bbayit-groups.



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THE PLACE TO BE

Join The **YFE Community** Registration is now open, enroll today!

emanuelsf.org/education/youth-and-family/

"The magic of Tashlich at Baker Beach is a highlight in the life of Emanu-El. We come together to sing and reflect while also enjoying the warm embrace of our loving community. I am so grateful to be uplifted by this vibrant, soulful gathering!"

– Cantor Marsha Attie

