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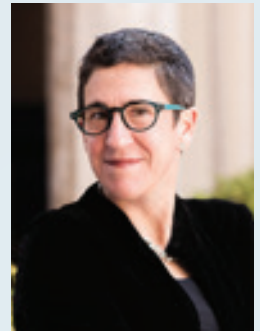
## 50 and 25 Years in the Rabbinate: Celebrating Rabbi Stephen Pearce and Rabbi Sydney Mintz

Friday, August 5, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Please join us to honor Senior Rabbi Emeritus Stephen Pearce for his 50 years in the rabbinate and Senior Associate Rabbi Sydney Mintz for her 25 years in the rabbinate with Congregation Emanu-El. Check out our interview with both Rabbis on page 4!



Senior  
Rabbi Emeritus  
Stephen Pearce



Senior  
Associate Rabbi  
Sydney Mintz



## Tu B'Av (Day of Love) Oneg

Friday, August 12, 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Join us after our Tu B'Av service for an amorous and social oneg in the Main Sanctuary Foyer. Libations and conversations to continue until 9:00 pm. This is an opportunity to schmooze with singles (40+) in our community, hear about love and life from our very own Rabbi Jonathan Singer, and share your interests for future singles events with our engagement staff.

Please note, this event is intended for singles in our congregation aged 40+.

Registration for this event is required.

## Back to Shul: Meet, Pray, Nosh

Friday, August 19, 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Our beloved annual “Back to Shul Shabbat” provides an opportunity for current congregants, their friends and potential members to gather, to welcome in Shabbat, and check in with one another after a summer that hopefully included some rest and travel. Especially since Covid-19, we do not take for granted our opportunities to find joy in our community.

5:00 pm – Temple Opportunities Fair in the Courtyard

6:00 pm – Shabbat Service in the Main Sanctuary

7:00 pm – Schmoozing and Nosh in the Courtyard



Visit [emanuelsf.org/calendar](https://emanuelsf.org/calendar) to register for events

# The Jewish Holiday of Love

Shalom Rav from Richard and Rhoda Goldman Senior Rabbi Jonathan Singer

Jewish Valentines Day (believe it or not, there is such a thing) falls this month. Of course, it has a different name with no reference to a Catholic saint. It's called Tu B'Av. The name is taken from the Hebrew pronunciation of the date, the Fifteenth of Av. On that day, during the time of the Second Temple, according to the Mishna, "the daughters of Jerusalem would go out, dressed in white, and dance in the vineyards. And they would call out, 'Young man, consider who you would choose to be your wife!'" I love that image of romance, being sought just outside the walls of the Temple. The Talmud is reminding us that love and the holy are intertwined. Our tradition wants us to find love in our lives- not just romantic love, but love of life, of being, of giving, and of connecting with wonder.

If you peruse the Siddur, the prayerbook, the word Ahava, the Hebrew word for love, is expressed multiple times describing both how we should feel a connection with the holy and appreciate this beautiful aspect of human expression. Love is built into the fabric of our religious sensibility. So Heschel taught when he said, "A religious individual is a person who holds God and humanity in one thought at one time, at all times, who suffers harm done to others, whose greatest passion is compassion, whose greatest strength is love and defiance of despair." The Hebrew word for love is built of the Hebrew word for give, implying that love is built on giving an aspect of the self to others.

It would be great to celebrate Tu B'Av at the synagogue and help make a space for singles to meet each other, if they so choose. Now and then, I try to make Shidduchim, matches between people, because the tradition teaches that you are helping God bring joy to creation. With our engagement department in the near future, we may set up a few speed dating opportunities and you can always write me to help try to make a connection.

But as we think about the coming year, and what it means to be part of a spiritual Jewish community, take a moment, and consider the various ways that our connection to this minyan called Temple

Emanu-El is grounded not just in responsibility, or obligation, but in Ahava — a sense of love, joy, friendship, and a giving of the self so as to be open to true meeting.

This Temple is one place to experience joy- whether celebrating a Bar/ Bat Mitzvah, wedding, standing under the Sukkah

with the starlight shining through the roof, welcoming Shabbat with the beautiful music of our Cantors, or standing at the edges of Baker Beach with hundreds of people gathering for Tashlich.

It is here that we hope you will find friendship in the minyan in a time when so many are missing a sense of community. Of course to do so, you have to be willing to come and gather with us and give of yourself- whether at services, helping in our schools, volunteering on our Tzedek Council or studying in one of our adult education classes.

We know that it is an act of love to bring your children to learn with us, enrolling them in our schools and youth programs and joining hands with other parents, our clergy and teachers as we pass Jewish values and love of Torah on to them. Just as it is an act of love as an empty nester to help keep Jewish life flourishing by engaging with us all the days of your life.

It is our hope that in the year to come we will continue to build an even deeper sense of community, based on joy, love and friendship as we work to support Jewish values and passionately see the wonder in life, even as we try to bring tikkun to a broken world. So come be with us in loving and joyful community, and make a friend, ground your life in meaning, and maybe even fall in love outside of the walls of this great Temple.

L'shalom,  
Rabbi Jonathan



Richard and Rhoda Goldman  
Senior Rabbi Jonathan Singer

# Mazel Tov

## to Rabbis Stephen Pearce and Sydney Mintz as they Celebrate 50 and 25 Years in the Rabbinate!

This year marks major milestones for two of Emanu-El's cherished rabbis. 50 years ago, Senior Rabbi Emeritus Stephen Pearce was ordained as a rabbi. 25 years ago, Rabbi Sydney Mintz was ordained and joined Emanu-El as a rabbi. As we prepare to honor Rabbis Pearce and Mintz at a celebratory Shabbat service on August 5, we asked them to reflect on highlights of their careers and what striking changes they have observed between 1992 and now.

### Senior Rabbi Emeritus Stephen Pearce

**Q: Rabbi Pearce, you came to Emanu-El from a smaller suburban congregation in Stamford, Connecticut. What was that transition like?**

**A:** I was interviewed for the position of Senior Rabbi on November 3, 1992—Election Day when Bill Clinton was running for president. The search committee asked me how I thought a rabbi serving a small Connecticut congregation would have the skills to run one of the largest congregations in America. I responded, "It depends on whether or not you think a governor from a small state can be president of the United States," and no one ever asked that question again. The other thing that stands out in my mind is what the committee said about sermons at the Temple, "The sermon is the centerpiece of worship at Congregation Emanu-El," something I always took seriously.

**Q: What are some of the changes you have witnessed during your time at Emanu-El?**

**A:** Compared to today, Congregation Emanu-El was a very different place in 1993 when worship was "high church" and formal. In the intervening years, additional styles of worship were developed, including the Minyan Service, the Young Adult Service, Tot Shabbat and Family services. The Main Sanctuary service has become more

informal and "user friendly," in part because the pulpit was redesigned to be closer to the congregation.

Voluntary dues were introduced to allow prospective members to join for the first year at any dues level, including zero. This fueled the membership from 1,400 households to well over 2,000 members.



Rabbi Pearce, Temple Sinai, 1977

One of the most significant changes was the decentralization of the Senior Rabbi's responsibilities. Each rabbi and cantor was given pulpit responsibilities as well as a portfolio of activities based on personal interests and skills. I told the Board that when the Temple has a great assistant rabbi, they should be encouraged to settle in rather than move on to their next position, which allowed members to build strong relationship with a rabbi other than a senior rabbi.

**Q: What are some of your proudest achievements over your tenure as senior rabbi at Emanu-El?**

**A:** Emanu-El had a tradition of never having any appeal from the pulpit on Yom Kippur, but on my first High Holy Days, I plunked a brown shopping bag on the lectern on Rosh HaShanah and asked the congregation to bring a bag of non-perishable foods for the SF Food Bank. During my 20+ year tenure, the congregation collected 90,000 pounds of food to help feed hungry people.



Other accomplishments include the successful Interfaith Clergy Coalition to save the Headwater's Forest in Northern California. I became known as the "Redwood Rabbi," and am proud to have built strong interfaith connections.

I also started the monthly men's group for fellowship and study and numerous other programs that are now taken for granted. As the senior rabbi emeritus, I am also proud to hold the position of the Taube Emanu-El Scholar which encourages my intellectual interests as well as continuing service to the members of the Temple.



Rabbi Pearce with interfaith leaders and environmentalists, 1995

## Senior Associate Rabbi Sydney Mintz

**Q: You were hired right out of rabbinic school by Rabbi Pearce in 1997 and ordained as Emanu-El's first queer rabbi. How did you feel about that milestone?**

**How have you seen the LGBTQ+ community change at Emanu-El?**

**A:** Twenty-five years ago in 1997 seems like yesterday and simultaneously one hundred years ago. It was still a big deal to be a woman rabbi and so joining the clergy of Emanu-El as the first (and still the only) Lesbian Rabbi and the fourth Woman Rabbi did both feel like milestones. Rabbi Pearce was a trailblazer in hiring me 25 years ago. The good news is that for most congregants, within a few years I became just their Rabbi and was not the "woman" Rabbi or the "lesbian" Rabbi. The way that I can tell that the world has changed radically is that recently the wonderful chair of our Young Adult Leadership Committee Claire Perelman let me and Rabbi Rodich know that the Late Shabbat could use a little "Queering" up. I was in disbelief!! What could be more queer than Rabbi Mintz and Rabbi Rodich?? She brought to our attention that the world has changed, and we need to be more inclusive of young queer Jews. It was an amazing opportunity for us to recognize how

much had changed considering how anxious I was 25 years ago about congregants' judgment of me as a Lesbian.



Rabbi Mintz receives her Doctor of Divinity at Hebrew Union College, 2022

**Q: Before becoming a rabbi, you spent some time doing stand-up comedy. How do those two passions connect for you?**

**A:** Obviously, Jewish humor and comedy are very much a part of our history and culture. I grew up surrounded by people laughing at me, not with me, and it was a painful part of my childhood. I realized at a young age that being able to make people laugh was a way of truly connecting in a deeply human way. I have always used humor as a way to connect to people. If people laugh and cry during my sermons and teachings, I feel that I have reached their hearts. During the past two-and-a-half years of our lives during this pandemic, I have found that laughter is very healing.

Congregants ask me if I have ever told a joke at a funeral and my answer is, of course. Obviously, humor is not always appropriate but if someone was themselves funny or a joke-teller, it is my job to channel that joyful part of them during their farewell ritual.



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**Q: What are the highlights of your rabbinate over the past 25 years and what are you most proud of?**

**A:** I am most proud of how much Temple Emanu-El has grown not only in the number of families, but in the depth of engagement and commitment to our community and the Jewish experience. I also have Rabbi Pearce to thank for his faith in me when I came to him 23 years ago with a very edgy, innovative program called the Late Shabbat. He told me to go for it even if at first the young adults did not become members or could not contribute financially to the Temple. He believed as I do today that if you offer Jews an authentic, deeply meaningful, engaging, joyful, musical path to explore their Judaism, they will want to stay and call the Dome their home. So, in terms of pride, I would say that my greatest joy and contribution to the Temple was and continues to be the Late Shabbat Young Adult community. You might not know them when you see them all grown up, but they are our Executive Director, our Board Members, our teachers, and our current parents! This year when we brought the Late Shabbat back to the Dome after being away for almost two years because of the pandemic, hundreds of new young Jews

showed up. A group of young men approached me after the service. They could not believe it. A wine and cheese reception, Queer Rabbis, incredible music, sermons that made them go "hmmm", tacos and beer after the service and an after party thrown by Adam Swig in the Richmond. They asked me how long the Late Shabbat had been going on. I proudly told them since 1999, which made them all laugh. They told me: "We weren't even born then...." They were 22 years old!! I smiled, hugged them, and said, "Welcome Home."



Rabbi Pearce and Rabbi Mintz, early in her tenure, as the rabbis and cantor get ready for High Holy Day worship



# Community in Times of Joy and Sorrow

By Temple Member Chelsea Eng

On February 23, 2022, after five years of study, I converted to Judaism and chose the Hebrew name “Ora” (Light) through my Guide Rabbi, Beth Singer, and Temple Emanu-El, with which I have a l’dor v’dor connection.

My late maternal aunt (she passed away 20+ years ago), my beloved Auntie Judy, converted to Judaism at Temple Emanu-El when she married my Uncle Mike Milstein, a Temple member then (and now). They had three children, two of whom were confirmed and married at Emanu-El. These two cousins of mine married Jewish spouses and had children as well, all of whom identify as Jewish. This branch of my family throws an annual Family Hanukkah Party with homemade latkes, sufganiyot, the whole nine yards.



Chelsea Eng

I have fond childhood memories of participating in the Passover Seder at Auntie Judy’s house, of celebrating Hanukkah thanks to her, of my cousin, Lori, saying the blessing over the Hanukkah candles after she returned from a trip to Israel. On the Friday night before her wedding, Lori was called up to the bimah for a blessing. My parents and I attended that Shabbat service, held in the Rinder Chapel. My mother and I never forgot the warm feeling we felt in that space, listening to the cantor singing and sensing the communal support for my cousin and her groom-to-be.

In the Fall of 2016, I began reminiscing about those Jewish experiences from my youth. I looked up “Intro to Judaism class SF” and found one at Temple Emanu-El starting the next week.

I took two years of Intro to Judaism alongside attending Friday night services. In 2019, my parents and I went on Emanu-El’s Trip to Israel with Rabbi Jonathan Singer. It was magical!

In April of 2019, I met Roger Low at a dinner I attended in the Rinder Chapel (special to me, given that memory of my cousin Lori’s pre-nuptial blessing in the Rinder Chapel). By mid-November 2019, Roger and I had somehow become a couple. A key aspect of our connection across the 2.5 years since has been our shared love of living Jewishly.

On January 1st of this year, Roger and I received the heartbreaking news that would divide our lives into “Before” and “After.” His 32-year-old daughter, Sarah Lopez Low, had died.

Part of what drew me to Judaism was the community coming together to share in the joy of my cousin’s impending wedding. What I experienced through the January shivas is how the community also comes together in times of sorrow.

I choose this community with whom to sing, pray, study, celebrate, mourn, share support, and engage in being a blessing. May I grow into a match for my chosen Hebrew name.





# Preparing for the High Holy Days

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## Rosh HaShanah

*Sunday, September 25 – Tuesday, September 27*

## Yom Kippur Day

*Tuesday, October 4 – Wednesday October 5*

If you will be joining us online for any of the High Holy Day services and would like to have your own copy of the High Holy Day prayerbook, *Mishkan HaNefesh*, you can order a copy for Kindle or in hardcopy directly through the CCAR Press: [ccarpress.org](http://ccarpress.org)



# Elul Offerings

Use the month of Elul (August 28 - September 25) to prepare your home, body, mind and soul for the High Holy Days.

## Organ Meditation with Organist John Hirten

**Wednesday, August 31, 7:00 – 8:00pm, Main Sanctuary, in-person and livestream**

As we begin the sacred work of returning to our soul, join us for an evening Organ Meditation. Find your own personal space in the main sanctuary. Cantor Arik Luck will introduce the evening, which will feature contemplative instrumental melodies from the upcoming High Holidays, as well as various selections meant to encourage individual reflection.



## Elul Shabbat Services

**Fridays in September, 6:00 – 7:00 pm, in-person and livestream**

For Shabbat services in the month of Elul, we will use the special Elul Siddur accompanied with Shofar blowing. The September 2 Shabbat service will be held in the Main Sanctuary. September 9, 16, and 23 Shabbat services will be held in the Martin Meyer Sanctuary.



## S'lichot Program and Service: Worldwide Ukrainian Play Readings

**Saturday, September 17, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, Martin Meyer Sanctuary, in-person and livestream**

Join Emanu-El, co-sponsored 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.

The theatrical program will be followed immediately by S'lichot, a short evening service, which prepares one's spiritual self for the High Holy Days. The service features some of the most powerful and meditative melodies in Jewish music and will conclude with the blowing of the shofar.

*This event is free and open to the public. (Staying on for the S'lichot service is optional)*

## Mikvah Experiences at Baker Beach

**Sunday, September 18**

5:00 am – with Rabbi Ryan Bauer (for male-identifying)

8:30 am – with Rabbi Sydney Mintz (for female-identifying)

## Sanctify Ark Moments

**Sunday, September 18, 1:00 – 4:00 pm, All Sanctuaries Open (just come on by!)**

We invite you to have a personal return to the sanctuary. Receive a private blessing from our clergy, come for a prayerful moment and find your place at the ark in one of our three beautiful sanctuaries.



**Please visit [hhd.emanuelsf.org](https://hhd.emanuelsf.org)  
for updates and to register in advance!**

# 29 Reflective Questions for the 29 Days of Elul

The month of Elul offers us the chance to spiritually prepare for the High Holiday 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! We will also 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™*





## High Holy Days 5783 Preview Schedule For Members

\*The following services will be in person as well as livestreamed at [emanuelf.org/live](http://emanuelf.org/live).

For the most up-to-date information and to register, please visit our High Holy Day website at [hhd.emanuelf.org](http://hhd.emanuelf.org)

### Erev Rosh HaShanah – Sunday, September 25

**5:00 pm** – Sounds of the Shofar: Children's Service, Martin Meyer Sanctuary, led by our rabbis, accompanied by Jonathan Bayer.

**\*5:30 pm** – Opening the Gates Early Service, Main Sanctuary, led by Rabbis Ryan Bauer, Sarah Joselow Parris and Cantor Arik Luck. Sermon by Rabbi Beth Singer.

**\*8:00 pm** – Opening the Gates Late Service, Main Sanctuary, led by Rabbis Sydney Mintz, Jonathan Singer and Cantor Marsha Attie. Sermon by Rabbi Sarah Joselow Parris.

### Rosh HaShanah Day – Monday, September 26

**10:00 am** – Apples and Honey Children's Service, Presidio Wall Park, led by Rabbis Ryan Bauer, Sarah Joselow Parris, accompanied by Jonathan Bayer.

**\*10:00 am** – Under One Dome Rosh HaShanah Service, Main Sanctuary, led by Rabbis Jason Rodich, Beth Singer and Cantors Marsha Attie, Arik Luck. Sermon by Rabbi Jonathan Singer.

**\*2:30 pm** – Return Again Community Service led by our teens, Main Sanctuary.

**5:30pm** – Tashlich: Letting Go Together Service and Concert at Baker Beach.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Day Rosh HaShanah – Tuesday, September 27

**\*10:00 am** – Main Sanctuary, led by Rabbis Ryan Bauer, Jonathan Singer and Cantor Arik Luck. Sermon by Rabbinical Intern, Leo Fuchs.

### Kol Nidre – Tuesday, October 4

**5:00 pm** – Children's Service, Martin Meyer Sanctuary, led by our rabbis, accompanied by Jonathan Bayer.

**\*5:30 pm** – Opening the Gates Early Service, Main Sanctuary, led by Rabbis Beth and Jonathan Singer and Cantor Arik Luck. Sermon by Rabbi Ryan Bauer.

**\*8:00 pm** – Opening the Gates Late Service, Main Sanctuary, led by Rabbis Sydney Mintz, Sarah Joselow Parris and Cantor Marsha Attie. Sermon by Rabbi Jason Rodich.

### Yom Kippur Day – Wednesday, October 5

**10:00 am** – Apples and Honey Children's Service, Presidio Wall Park, led by Rabbis Sarah Joselow Parris, Jonathan Singer, accompanied by Jonathan Bayer.

**\*10:00 am** – Under One Dome Yom Kippur Service, Main Sanctuary, led by Rabbis Ryan Bauer, Jason Rodich and Cantors Marsha Attie, Arik Luck. Sermon by Rabbi Sydney Mintz.

**12:30 pm** – Zoom Learning Session with Senior Rabbi Emeritus and Taube Scholar, Stephen Pearce.

**12:30 pm** – Walk Towards Healing and Reflection in the Redwoods with Rabbis Sydney Mintz and Beth Singer.

**\*1:45 pm** – Grit & Endurance: How to Keep Hope Alive Tzedek Council Program, Martin Meyer Sanctuary.

**\*3:00 pm** – Return Again Community Service led by our teens, Main Sanctuary.

**3:00 pm** – Zoom Learning Session with Emanu-El Scholar Rabbi Lawrence Kushner.

**\*4:15 pm** – Afternoon Azkarah Service, Main Sanctuary, led by Rabbi Jonathan Singer and Cantor Arik Luck.

**4:15 pm** – Meditation Service, Martin Meyer Sanctuary, with Rabbi Ryan Bauer.

**\*5:30 pm** – Yizkor/Neilah, Main Sanctuary, led by Rabbis Sarah Joselow Parris, Beth Singer and Cantors Marsha Attie, Arik Luck. Sermon by Rabbi Jason Rodich.

**7:00 pm** – Concluding Havdallah, Courtyard with all Emanu-El clergy.

# YFE is the Place to be!



## Preschool-3rd Grade Kadimah (Kadimah means “forward”. This is the outdoor pathway)

Kadimah is an engaging, weekly outdoor Jewish learning program with an emphasis on the arts, kehillah and Tikkun Olam. Our inquiry-based, emergent curriculum model allows student voices and interests to guide predetermined thematic investigations around Jewish rituals, practices, traditions, and holidays. This is a program that will be led through our Jewish explorations, with thoughtful guidance from Rabbi Sarah Parris, active partnership with families and will ultimately be inspired by the questions and curiosities of your children. Students will partner with community leaders, the Tzedek Council, participate in Hebrew Through Movement, explore

the Presidio and help heal the world as future 21st-century mensches of the world.

## Kindergarten-5th Grade (Keshet/indoor)

Inside the walls of Emanu-El, we will create a thriving learning community that students will look forward to all week long. Each grade’s nurturing teams of teachers and madrichimot\* (teen leaders) will guide children in fun and meaningful learning experiences, while always building a safe and supportive environment where different viewpoints will be accepted and explored. The children will participate in a wide range of age-appropriate learning activities covering history, values, holidays, Israel, Torah, and more as they delve into and celebrate the richness of being Jewish in San Francisco in the 21st century.

\*madrichimot is a nonbinary version of the words madrichim/ madrichot inspired by the Nonbinary Hebrew Project.



## 4th and 5th Grade (Keshet/indoor) Beit Midrash and Nisayon

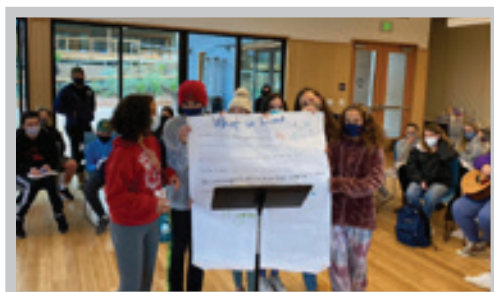
Nisayon and Beit Midrash will share this new base curriculum. Both will include opportunities for discussion and artistic expression. We hope both programs will be fun, engaging, and foster a connection to Jewish learning and students to one another. While both sections will have at least one Hebrew word per week, Beit Midrash will teach a little more Hebrew and lean toward student discussion and debate based on the text. Nisayon will lean slightly toward artistic exploration with the text as a point of departure.

**Register at [emanuelsf.org/yfe](https://emanuelsf.org/yfe)**



## 6th Grade

The sixth-grade program focuses on three topic areas and integrates with students' preparation to become B'nei Mitzvah: 1) Jewish textual sources including the three sections of the Hebrew Bible (Torah, Prophets and Writings), and major works of Oral Torah – Talmud and Midrash (seven weeks taught by instructor), 2) understanding of the prayer service (seven sessions taught by clergy) and 3) B'nei Mitzvah specific whole family instruction about, for example, the meaning of becoming B'nei Mitzvah and reading a Torah portion for meaning (seven sessions taught by clergy).



## 7th Grade

The seventh-grade program is divided into three components: Mitzvah Corps, Identity, and Philanthropy. The class meets on Sundays, as well as on the second Tuesday afternoon of the month. There is also a Shabbaton retreat at Camp Newman.

## 8th – 12th Grade Emanu-El Fellowship Classes (TEF)

8th Grade: Tough Questions Jews Ask with Rabbi Beth Singer and Rabbi Jason Rodich

- MIT (Madrachim in Training) is our optional educational leadership program for 8th graders wishing to work in YFE programs when they're in high school (must be enrolled in TEF 8th grade).



## 9th Grade: History of Israel and The Holocaust with Ilan Vitemberg (Israel) and Ariana Estoque (the Shoah)

- Trip TBD

## 10th Grade: Being Yisrael- Jewish God Ideas/American Jewish identity with Rabbi Jonathan Singer

- Jewish Heritage trip to New York City.

## 11th Grade: Comparative Religion with Rabbi Sarah Joselow Parris

- L'Taken Seminar in Washington, D.C.

## 12th Grade: Jewish Life on Campus and Confirmation with Rabbi Ryan Bauer

- L'Taken Seminar in Washington, D.C.



# 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/](https://emanuelf.org/support-us/)
- **Appreciated Stock Gifts:** The Congregation accepts all contributions made via stock transfers. You will enjoy an immediate tax deduction for the value of the stock transfer and avoid paying capital gains.
- **Corporate Matching:** Many Bay Area companies will match your gift dollar-for-dollar. Please contact your company's matching gifts coordinator to determine whether your gift to Congregation Emanu-El can be matched.
- **Planned Giving:** Including Congregation Emanu-El in your estate planning is a promise to your children, grandchildren, and future generations that Emanu-El will continue to be a thriving home for worship, study, and community.

If you need assistance, please contact the Development Office at [development@emanuelf.org](mailto:development@emanuelf.org)

*Thank you for your generosity and participation. Your contributions will help ensure we meet the needs of the Emanu-El community — now and for future generations. The following gifts were received from May 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022.*

## CANTORS' MUSIC FUND

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

**Sue & Bruce Bergman**

in celebration of Aaron Bergman's Bar Mitzvah

**Elyse, Lily & Sydney Boyar**

in appreciation of Cantor Arik Luck

**Antonia Cohen**

in honor of Laurie Beijen and Mah Jong

**Conrad & Sandra Donner**

in appreciation of Cantor Arik Luck's involvement in Maxwell Donner's Bar Mitzvah

**Marsha Felton**

in memory of Janette Thames, Molly Bloom, Stuart Felton and Paul Felton

**Robert & Randi Fields**

in celebration of Yedidyah Luck's Bar Mitzvah

**St. Francis Yacht Club**

in honor of Cantor Marsha Attie

**Darleen & Marc Franklin**

in celebration of Sadie Franklin's Bat Mitzvah

**Shelley Friedman & Tania Lowenthal**

in honor of Cantor Marsha Attie

**Fred Levin**

in observance of the Yahrzeit of Rose Shenson

**Stephen & Marcia Ruben**

in memory of Gershon Ruben

**Jeanne Sassoon**

in appreciation of Cantor Arik Luck for leading the Passover Seder

**Ted Storey & Jaimie Sanford**

in appreciation of Cantor Marsha Attie

**Paul Zarefsky & Marsha Felton**

in celebration of Yedidyah Luck's Bar Mitzvah

## EMANU-EL COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND

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

**Anonymous**

Charles & Lenore Bleadon (2)



**Stuart & Debra Eisendrath**

in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of Dr. Ervin Hansher

**Judi Leff & Kevin Brown**

in memory of Harold Stein

### **EMANU-EL LIFE-CYCLE FUND**

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

**Jonathan Caravayo-Strober**

in celebration of Tallulah Strober-Holt's Bat Mitzvah

**Darleen & Marc Franklin**

in celebration of Sadie Franklin's Bat Mitzvah

**Terry Kraus**

in celebration of Artie Cohn

**Michele Woolfe-Avramov**

in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of Francine Woolfe

**Michele Woolfe-Avramov**

in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of Joseph Mordecai Woolfe

### **EMANU-EL PRESCHOOL FUND**

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

**Caren Alpert (2)**

**Jeffrey & Lana Horowitz**

### **FLOWERS FOR THE BIMAH**

**Darleen & Marc Franklin**

in celebration of Sadie Franklin's Bat Mitzvah

**George Landau**

in honor of Edda Landau

**Erica Levin & Belmer Negrillo**

in celebration of Levi Sol Saltiel Negrillo's Bar Mitzvah

### **FOR THE ROOSEVELT FOOD PANTRY**

**Conrad & Sandra Donner**

in honor of Rabbi Stephen Pearce's involvement in Maxwell Donner's Bar Mitzvah

**Stephanie Scott (2)**

in memory of William M. Scott

**Stephanie Scott**

in celebration of Ellery Estoque's birthday

### **ONEG SHABBAT AND KIDDISH**

#### **SPONSORSHIP FUND**

**Provides for the weekly Shabbat Oneg, Kiddush, and other congregational receptions.**

**Trudy & Joseph Burger**

in celebration of Michael Burger and Angeline Vong's wedding

**Jonathan Caravayo-Strober**

in celebration of Tallulah Strober-Holt's Bat Mitzvah

**Darleen & Marc Franklin**

in celebration of Sadie Franklin's Bat Mitzvah

**David Ginsburg & Jennifer Jackson**

in celebration of Maxwell Ginsburg's B'nei Mitzvah and in memory of Sigmund Ginsburg

### **RABBIS' DISCRETIONARY FUND**

**Used for charitable giving at the Rabbis' discretion.**

**Beth Alberts**

in memory of Louis Bert Rovens

**Terezie Bohrer**

**Marilyn Brenner**

in appreciation of Emanu-El's clergy

**David & Jeanine Chavenson**

in celebration of the baby naming of Sam Lennie Chavenson (Shaina Liba) and Goldie Ruth Chavenson (Moshet Rivka)

**Betty Dvorson**

in memory of Harold Stein

**Darleen & Marc Franklin**

in celebration of Sadie Franklin's Bat Mitzvah

**Brenda Friedler**

in honor of Jim Sansone

**Brenda Friedler**

in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Alan Hunte

**Brenda Friedler**

in honor of Mr. Joseph Martone

**Brenda Friedler**

in celebration of the birth of Rabbi Stephen Pearce's granddaughter, Frida Pearce

**Gary Goddard**

in memory of Louis Rovens

## DEVELOPMENT

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**Scott Greenberg**

in appreciation of Rabbi Jason Rodich

**Cathryn Hilliard**

in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of Eva Sampson

**Ellen Holderman & Matthew Polland**

in celebration of Aviva Leigh Polland's baby naming

**Nancy Killion**

in appreciation of Rabbi Jonathan Singer

**Joyce Lampert**

in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of Ernest Lampert

**Fred & Marlene Levinson**

in memory of Louis Rovens

**Eve Masonek**

in celebration of Adele Corvin's birthday

**Susan Molinari**

in memory of Harold Stein

**Patricia & Charles Ortenberg**

in appreciation of the congregation for honoring the  
new confirmation class

**Roslyn Payne**

in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of Sophie Braeman

**Adrienne Rovens**

in memory of Lou Rovens and in honor of  
Rabbi Jason Rodich

**Damon Silver**

in appreciation of Rabbi Jonathan Singer

**Vera Stein**

**Ted Storey & Jaimie Sanford**

in appreciation of Rabbi Ryan Bauer

**Sari Swig**

in appreciation of Rabbi Beth Singer

**Albert Villa**

**Paul Zarefsky & Marsha Felton**

in memory of Harold Stein

**Paul Zarefsky & Jacob Zarefsky**

in memory of Jacqueline Reed

**Paul Zarefsky & Marsha Felton**

in honor of Rabbi Sydney Mintz's 25th anniversary  
of her Rabbinat

**Paul Zarefsky & Marsha Felton**

in celebration of Rabbi Edward Zerin's birthday

**Alison Zarrow & Nic Gerard**

in appreciation of Rabbi Beth Singer's participation in  
Alison Zarrow & Nic Gerard's wedding

## TZEDEK COUNCIL

**Steven Ganz & Judy Tick**

## YOUTH EDUCATION FUND

**Supports special programming and materials for the  
Youth and Family Education Program.**

**Barry Bram & Mary McLain**

in memory of Summer Skye and in honor of Rabbi  
Sydney Mintz obtaining her Doctorate of Divinity and  
being apart of the Young Adult Program

**Joanna Forster**

in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of Madeline Forster

**John & Marcia Goldman**

**Frana Price & Rick Ohlrich**

in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of Peshe Soloff

**Sonoma Country Day School**

**Pamela Wellner & Eugene Dickey**

in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of Henry Wellner

## OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

**Anonymous**

in celebration of Adele Corvin's birthday

**Stuart & Myrna Aronoff**

in memory of Donald Kahn

**Stuart & Myrna Aronoff**

in memory of Harold Stein

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in memory of Harold Stein

**Bill Black & Lenore Naxon**

in memory of Harold Stein

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**Irina Colligon**

in memory of Lev Barinov

**Andrew & Suzy Colvin**

in memory of Harold Stein

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in memory of Harold Stein



**Conrad & Sandra Donner**

in honor of Maxwell Donner's Bar Mitzvah

**Michael Donner**

in celebration of Max Donner's Bar Mitzvah

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in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of Ann Ehrlich

**Stuart & Debra Eisendrath**

in memory of Harold Stein

**Albert Fraenkel**

in appreciation of Rabbi Beth Singer and  
Rabbi Jonathan Singer

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in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of Thomas E. Curran III

**Alan & Susie Greinetz**

in appreciation of David Goldman

**Joseph & Elizabeth Hartog**

in memory of Regina Hartog

**Nelson & Pamela Heller**

in honor of Cantor Arik Luck

**Nelson & Pamela Heller**

in celebration of Yedidyah Luck's Bar Mitzvah

**Jeffrey & Lana Horowitz**

Preschool Educators Stipend

**Jewish Community Federation**

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**Mina Katsis**

in memory of Harold Stein

**Evelyn Krimen**

in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of Robert Ersepke

**George Landau**

in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of Dr. Miere Landau

**James & Ann Lazarus**

in memory of Harold Stein

**Fred & Marlene Levinson**

in memory of Harold Stein

**Bradford & Frieda Liebman**

in memory of Maxwell Myers

**Kazue Lowenstein**

in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of Ralph Lowenstein

**Terry Magnin**

in celebration of Adele Corvin's birthday

**Craig Miller & Jacqueline Shelton-Miller**

in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of Ilse A. Shelton

**Craig Miller & Jacqueline Shelton-Miller**

in memory of Al Friedman

**Eleanor Myers**

in celebration of Adele Corvin's birthday

**Harry & Marilyn Nebenzahl**

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Meyer Nebenzahl

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in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of Barbara S. Rogers

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in memory of Harold Stein

**Richard & Barbara Rosenberg**

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**Christine Russell & Mark Schlesinger**

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**Robert Shapiro & Flora Milkier-Shapiro**

in memory of Harold Stein

**Henry & Jacqueline Shinefield**

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**Martin & Evelyn Singer**

in honor of Henryk Singer

**Jeremy Tanner, Shyanne Martin & Allen Tanner**

in celebration of Cora Belle Martin Tanner's  
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**Taube Foundation For Jewish Life and Culture**

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**Judie Wertheimer**

in memory of Harold Stein

**Kirsten Wolberg**

in celebration of Margeaux's wedding

**Andrew Ziperski**

in celebration of Gabi Greenberg and Andrew Han's  
marriage

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

John Atkins (Jody) on the loss of his sister; Leah and Sarah Atkins on the loss of their aunt, **Valarie Atkins**.

Shelley Friedman (Tania Lowenthal) on the loss of her father; Emma, Elie, Noa and Nathan Friedman-Lowenthal on the loss of their grandfather, **Allan "Bumpy" Friedman**.

Janet Sassoon-Upton (John) on the loss of her sister, **Celia "Sally" Sassoon**.

Dr. Ken Covinsky on the loss of his mother, **Florence Covinsky**.

Ashley Rutberg (Josh) on the loss of her mother; Hunter and Savannah Block, and Jake Rutberg on the loss of their grandmother, **Susan Brochstein**.

Robin Reitzes on the loss of her sister, **Shannon "Shawn" Steckel**.

Laura Weinstein (Mark Lorenzen) on the loss of her father; Lily and Joseph Lorenzen on the loss of their grandfather, **Henry C. Weinstein**.

Marilyn Brenner on the loss of her husband, **Marvin Brenner**.

Vera Stein on the loss of her husband; Peter Stein (Brian Freeman) and Deborah Hoffman (Craig) on the loss of their father, and Jessica and Gabriel Hoffman on the loss of their grandfather, **Harold "Hal" Stein**.

Joseph Breall on the loss of his mother; Maximillian and Alessandra Breall on the loss of their grandmother, **Ann Fay Breall**.

Silvie Jensen (David Masterson) on the loss of her father; Anska Hilash and Vera Masterson on the loss of their grandfather, **Josh Jensen**.

Nersi Boussina (Eileen) on the loss of his cousin, **Eli Shamilzadeh**.

Constance Norton (Perry Lisker) on the loss of her mother; Aidan Lisker on the loss of her grandmother, **Carol Cosgrove**.

Aviva Litman-Cleper (Hery) on the loss of her mother; Julia and Arlen Litman-Cleper on the loss of their grandmother, Mally Cleper.

Jon Benjamin (Ellen) on the loss of his father, **Robert Benjamin**.

Our community mourns the loss of **Ken Kramarz**.

## Mazel Tov to Our Members Who Have Experienced Joy

Susan and David Dossetter on the birth of their daughter, **Ever Eloise Dossetter**.

Rabbi Stephen Pearce and Laurie Pearce on the birth of their granddaughter; Michael and Sima Pearce on the birth of their daughter, **Frida Baara Pearce**.

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

**Lynn Bunim** was the recipient of the Jewish Public Affairs Committee of California's Earl Raab Award. This award annually acknowledges a "community activist who best exemplifies Mr. Raab's high standard of communal activism and advocacy for residents of the State of California."

**Roselyne "Cissie" Swig** was honored by the California College of the Arts.

**Joy Sisisky** has been appointed as the CEO of the Jewish Community Federation and Endowment Fund.

## Welcome New Members

Susan Adler

Ashlen Aragon

Alexa Asher

Max Baruth

Matai Baruth

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Alisha Carlile

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Evgeni Vlasov

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Hope Wise



# B'nei Mitzvah

**Lylah Cutler****Bat Mitzvah:**

August 13, 2022

**Parent(s):**

Lawrence Cutler and Laura Jernigan

**Torah Portion:***Vaetchanan***Elliot Zapol****Bar Mitzvah:**

August 27, 2022

**Parent(s):**

Diana Laird and David Zapol

**Torah Portion:***Reeh***Anska Hilash****Bat Mitzvah:**

August 13, 2022

**Parent(s):**

Silvie Jensen

**Torah Portion:***Vaetchanan***Maren Boigon****Bat Mitzvah:**

August 27, 2022

**Parent(s):**

Kimberly and Jared Boigon

**Torah Portion:***Reeh***Olivia and Kyle Seff****B'nei Mitzvah:**

August 20, 2022

**Parent(s):**

Amy and Jonathan Seff

**Torah Portion:***Ekev***Wyatt Klugman****Bar Mitzvah:**

August 27, 2022

**Parent(s):**

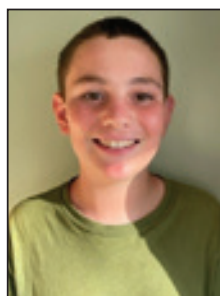
Beth and Jeff Klugman

**Torah Portion:***Reeh***Charlie Steinberg****Bat Mitzvah:**

August 20, 2022

**Parent(s):**

Alexis Collentine and Jon Steinberg

**Torah Portion:***Ekev***Aaron Gabe****Bar Mitzvah:**

August 27, 2022

**Parent(s):**

Melissa and Matthew Gabe

**Torah Portion:***Reeh*



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# 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 happy 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@emanuelf.org](mailto:ajackson@emanuelf.org).

