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New! Sage Brigade: *Emanu-Elders*

We are thrilled to announce our new senior programming initiative, Sage Brigade: Emanu-Elders. This programming will be tailored for congregants 55+ who are seeking more involvement in the life of the temple as well as social activities inside and outside the synagogue. The unique Sage Brigade logo will be an identifier for all activities suitable for senior congregants and those events specially designed for our new Sage Brigade group.



Please join us for our kick-off Sukkot lunch in the courtyard on Tuesday, October 11, at 12:30 – 2:00 pm. See more details on the Sukkot events page in this issue!

Please note the office will be closed on the following days:

Tuesday, October 4 – will close at 1:00 pm

Wednesday, October 5

Thursday, October 6

Monday, October 10

Monday, October 17

Also please note that Tot Shabbat will not be held on October 7.

Join Cantor Luck and Family in Israel, June 2023!

From the vibrant city of Tel Aviv, to the ancient waters of the Kinneret, and the historical and spiritual richness of Jerusalem, please join us on Emanu-El's Congregational Family Trip to Israel! Led by our own Cantor Arik Luck, prepare for a summer experience you won't forget.

See our website for exact dates, rates, and pre-trip meeting dates

Welcoming Sukkot – Let it Rain!

Shalom Rav from Richard and Rhoda Goldman Senior Rabbi Jonathan Singer

American music has so many songs about rain. “Let it Rain, Let it Rain,” by Eric Clapton; “Here Comes the Rain Again,” by the Eurythmics; and the musical theater classic, “Singin’ in the Rain,” to name a few. Not to be outdone, one of the first Israeli songs our children learn is a rain song too — “*Mayim Mayim Mayim*,” a rain dance song composed by Emanuel Amiran-Pougatchov to celebrate water being found in the Negev in 1937, after a seven-year search.

Songs about rain remind us just how precious water is. Our lives depend on rains coming in their seasons to help grow our crops, renew our forest, fill our rivers and lakes, and bring hope to our lives. Ancient Israel did not draw much water from the Jordan River but was dependent upon rainfall to help with agriculture. Our ancestors knew that, each year, they had to be concerned about water usage. As a community, they prayed and hoped for the blessing of rainfall. And so they developed ceremonies and prayers expressing this longing that also teach us about our interdependency and the need to care for the land and appreciate nature’s beautiful gifts and rhythms.

Sukkot, the Festival of Booths, which begins this month in the evening of Sunday, October 9th, is not just an agricultural celebration of the fall harvest. It also incorporates prayers for rain. Perhaps this year, with the ongoing drought that is causing so much damage to our essential systems, those of us who have seen Sukkot as a minor festival to connect with lightly, after having fully engaged with the High Holy Days, might come and join together in hopes of bringing on a better rainy season.

The rain features of the holiday are manifold. The act of bringing together the *lulav* — a combination of a pine, willow, and myrtle branches — with the *etrog* — a citron from the lemon family — and shaking them in four directions is a prayer movement meant to help bring on the rains. In ancient Israel, Sukkot was also celebrated with a water-drawing festival, during which the Levites would bring waters up to the Temple and pray for a good year of rain. And of course, at the end

of Sukkot we change the second verse of the *Gevurot* prayer, praising God who “*Moshiv ha’ruach, umorid ha’geshem* — causes the winds to blow and the rain to fall.” We continue to say this prayer from the end of Sukkot all the way to Passover.

In a time of drought like this one, I wonder if the physical act of spiritual expression — shaking the *lulav* and praying for rain — is needed more than ever. I ponder bringing the whole congregation to the Golden Gate Bridge for a *lulav* rain prayer. But maybe, really, what we need is for the time of Sukkot to remind us of our essential connection to the earth, the fragility of our existence, and the work we must do to refocus ourselves on being caretakers of this earth, understanding and respecting the preciousness of water.

For too long we have acted as if we are above nature. Sukkot teaches us that we are a part of and dependent upon it. Maybe observing this holiday in a more intentional way will remind us to conserve water, share food with those in need, and work for a greener earth and against climate change so the rains will fall in their season and the blessing of the land may be shared by all.

Hope to see you on Sukkot,
Rabbi Jonathan Singer



Richard and Rhoda Goldman
Senior Rabbi Jonathan Singer

Adult Education at Emanu-El

Charles Michael Scholar-in-Residence, DARA HORN

Join us for an extraordinary Shabbat with author, Dara Horn.

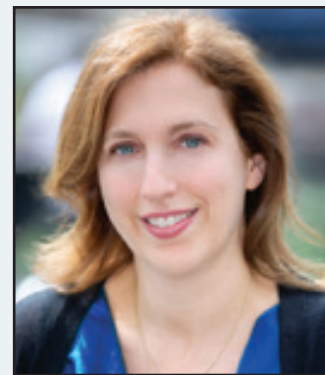
Friday, October 21 - 6:00 pm Shabbat Service

Friday, October 21 - 7:15 pm Dinner and Discussion

Saturday, October 22 - 9:15 am Torah Study

Registration to be posted shortly

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.



Dara Horn

Hebrew 101 (for beginners) with Yaffa Tygiel

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

\$100 for members; \$136 for nonmembers

Dates: October 25 - December 13; no class the week of Thanksgiving

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.



Yaffa Tygiel

Contemporary Jewish Ethics: Examining Our World's Issues from a Jewish Perspective

Tuesdays evenings, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, at Congregation Emanu-El

Free to members and nonmembers

Dates: October 25, November 1, 8, 15

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?



Rabbi Jonathan Singer

Shabbat Morning Torah Hevra with Emanu-El Scholar Rabbi Lawrence Kushner

This year Rabbi Kushner will be using Arthur Green's Speaking Torah: Spiritual teachings from around the Maggid's Table (Genesis-Leviticus).

Zoom meetings, Saturday mornings, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Classes run, with a few exceptions, through May 2023

To register, please contact Ariana Estoque at aestoque@emanuelsf.org to have your name and email address added to the Zoom invitation list.



Rabbi Lawrence Kushner

Israel Action Committee Presents Rabbi Uri Regev of Hiddush

Sunday, November 13, 11:00 am

By Zoom

Religion vs. State in the aftermath of the Israeli Elections: What Now?

Rabbi and Attorney Uri Regev, serves as President and CEO of Hiddush, "Freedom Of Religion for Israel" and of its counterpart, "Hiddush — For Freedom of Religion and Equality" He is a cum laude graduate of Tel Aviv University Law School and the Hebrew Union College-Institute of Religion in Jerusalem, where he was ordained in 1986. Rabbi Regev served as founding chair, and later as executive director and legal counsel of the Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC) and later as President of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. He appeared numerous times before Israeli courts, and especially the Supreme Court, in landmark cases involving religious freedom and pluralism.

Hiddush, founded in 2009, is an Israel-Diaspora partnership, focused on advancing religious freedom and equality for all in Israel. It is unique in that it cuts across political and religious boundaries and enlists support from a wide range of Jewish denominations and political persuasions. hiddush.org

Register at emanuelsf.org/register



Rabbi Uri Regev

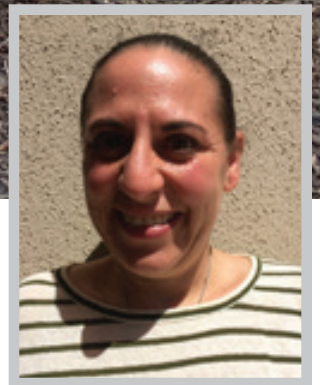


Putting the “Fam” back in Youth and Family Education (YFE)

Now that the sound of the shofar has been replaced by the sound of children in the hallways and 5783 has been rung in with the sweetness of honey, we want to share how invested we are in creating opportunities for families to connect with one another. In our end-of-year survey, you let us know that Kehillah (community) is a high priority for many of you. We hear you and are committed to offering multiple entry points for building community. In this new school year, I will be dedicating some of my time to engaging YFE families.

I'm envisioning gatherings during YFE like nature walks in the Presidio or a nosh and schmooze in the courtyard. And is anyone up for tennis or a camping trip? Other offerings might include welcoming in Shabbat together by making challah, making latkes with other families in your neighborhood, or having Havdalah with your child's class. I'd love to hear from you with more ideas.

How are we going to make these events happen? We need family partners to take the lead and help us create engaging opportunities. I am grateful for the groundwork that has been laid by Inna Gartsman and Melissa Koenigsberg in creating an incredible database of interested YFE grownups. Like teamwork? Call one of your YFE family friends and collaborate. If you haven't heard from me and are interested in learning more about planning and leading a family engagement event, please reach out: tstarks@emanuelsf.org. I can't wait to see what our community creates for each other.



Tori Starks, Manager,
Teen Programs

Blessing of the Animals and Walk to Mountain Lake Park (Dog Play Area) in the Presidio *with Cantor Marsha Attie*



Sunday, November 6, 12:15 – 1:45 pm

12:15 – 12:45 pm: Emanu-El Courtyard

12:45 – 1:45 pm: Walk to Mountain Lake Park Dog Play Area and watch the dogs romp!

Gather in our courtyard with your furry or fluffy friends! Even your cats are invited to be blessed... as are your feathered friends and those with fins or shells! The blessing of the animals is popular in many religions, so make sure you don't miss this opportunity to pal around with your fur

babies. Afterwards, walk to the Mountain Lake Dog Park in the Presidio with other animal-loving folks. Please bring your own animal treats and people snacks! Please register for this event at emanuelsf.org/register.



Let's Get (Back) Together!

Men's Group Is Back!

Emanu-El Men's Group meets and studies with Rabbi Jonathan or another teacher on Sunday mornings, with intermittent trips and other activities. Join us for a chance to meet new friends, talk about a Jewish topic, and for a nice bagel and lox breakfast.

Sundays, 9:30-11:30 am

First Semester Dates:

October 9

November 20

December 11

Marin Gatherings

Marin Members Meet! Join Rabbi Jonathan for a monthly gathering either at bookstore or a member's home for a chance to meet and greet, study together or discuss a topic, as a Jewish happy hour.

5:00 – 6:00 pm

Wednesday, October 20

Thursday, November 10

Thursday, December 8

Thursday, January 12

Thursday, February 9

Thursday, March 9

Thursday, April 13

Thursday, May 11

Register at emanuelsf.org/register



High Holy Day Services 5783 / 2022

To register for in person services, please go to our special High Holy Day website: hhd.emanuelsf.org.

You only need to register for services to attend in person.

Kol Nidre

Tuesday, October 4

Sounds of the Shofar Children's Kol Nidre Service – Martin Meyer Sanctuary

5:00 – 5:30 pm: Rabbis Ryan Bauer, Sydney Mintz and Sarah Joselow Parris; Jonathan Bayer on music.



**Opening the Gates:
Kol Nidre Early Service – Main Sanctuary***

5:30 – 7:15 pm: Rabbis Beth and Jonathan Singer; Cantor Arik Luck. Sermon by Rabbi Ryan Bauer.

Opening the Gates: Kol Nidre Late Service – Main Sanctuary*

8:00 – 9:45 pm: Rabbis Sydney Mintz and Sarah Joselow Parris; Cantor Marsha Attie. Sermon by Rabbi Jason Rodich.

*Livestreamed at emanuelsf.org/live

Yom Kippur Day

Wednesday, October 5

STAY the DAY and PRAY

Open all day: Chapel, Personal Reflection Space

Open all day: Library, reading space

Apples & Honey: Children's Services – Presidio Wall Park

10:00 – 11:30 am: Rabbis Sarah Joselow Parris and Jonathan Singer and Rabbinic Intern Leo Fuchs; Jonathan Bayer on music. 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 (aimed for children ages 4-7).

*This service is open to members and the entire community. Registration is required.

Under One Dome: Yom Kippur Morning Service – Main Sanctuary*

10:00 am – 12:15 pm: Rabbis Ryan Bauer and Jason Rodich; Cantors Marsha Attie and Arik Luck. Sermon by Rabbi Sydney Mintz

Learning Session with Senior Rabbi Emeritus and Taube Scholar, Stephen Pearce

12:30 – 1:30 pm: On Zoom; registration required.

"The Architectural and Decorative Secrets of Temple Emanu-El" – With the Temple campus about to undergo the most major renovation and expansion in its 100-year history, this workshop will highlight the outstanding architectural and decorative features that we've all walked past without taking a closer

look. The Courtyard mosaic reveals the symbol for the Tribe of Ephraim. Is that a unicorn? The Hebrew is Re'em and the translation history reveals the secret.



Walk Towards Healing and Reflection in the Redwoods

12:30 – 1:45 pm: Meet at the temple front gate

Join Rabbi Sydney Mintz and Rabbi Beth Singer and 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.

We are honored to be joined by Jai Uttal, a Grammy-nominated sacred music composer, recording artist, multi-instrumentalist and ecstatic vocalist. Uttal combines influences from India with influences from American rock and jazz, creating a stimulating and exotic multicultural fusion that is truly world spirit music.

Grit & Endurance: How to Keep Hope Alive – Martin Meyer Sanctuary*

1:45 – 2:45 pm: Working to stop gun violence, preserve our climate, restore reproductive rights, and maintain fundamental democratic principles has become increasingly challenging. How do we hang in there and stay committed to the Jewish value of tzedek, tzedek tirdof (relentlessly pursuing justice) when things seem so difficult? Please join the Tzedek Council and Rabbi Jason Rodich as we hear inspiring and hopeful

reflections from social justice heroes who will share with us how they remain committed to the work of Tikkun Olam despite enormous challenges. We hope you will join us for this rare opportunity to hear from exceptional activists and leaders, witnessing hope and inspiration at a time when we all need more of both!

Please check our website for a list of our impressive panelists.

Learning Session with Emanu-El Scholar, Rabbi Lawrence Kushner

3:00 – 4:00 pm: on Zoom. Registration required.

“Jonah: The Recalcitrant Prophet” – A reading and discussion of the Hebrew text of The Book of Jonah.

Return Again: Community Service Led by our Teens Service – Main Sanctuary*

3:00 – 4:00 pm: Community Service led by our teens who will share song, worship, poetry and prose. Led by Cantor Marsha Attie and musical accompanists. Open to all. Registration required.

Azkarah Afternoon Service – Main Sanctuary*

4:15 – 5:15 pm: Rabbi Jonathan Singer and Cantor Arik Luck

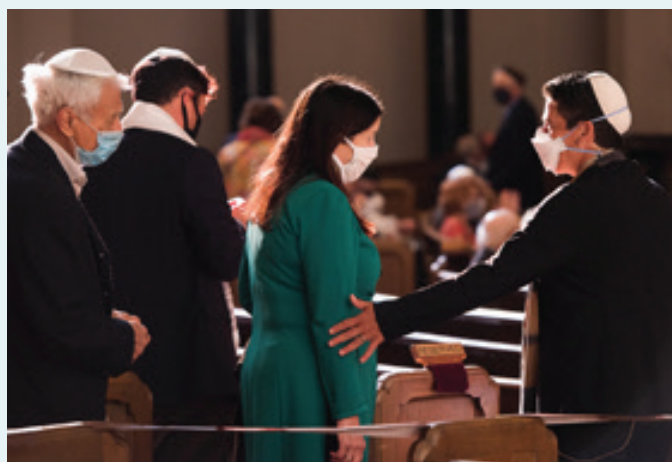
Meditation Service – Martin Meyer Sanctuary

4:15 – 5:15 pm: Rabbi Ryan Bauer

Yizkor/ Neilah – Main Sanctuary

5:30 – 7:00 pm: Rabbis Sarah Joselow Parris and Beth Singer; Cantors Marsha Attie and Arik Luck; Sermon by Rabbi Jason Rodich

*These services will be in person for members, as well as livestreamed for the community.



Sukkot

Please join us in our courtyard sukkah between October 9th - 14th, as we celebrate the festival of Sukkot. Registration for all the events listed below can be found on our website.

Please remember to dress warmly in layers for all events in the sukkah!

Erev Sukkot Services and Celebrations Sunday, October 9

Sukkot YFE Family Celebration

11:30 am: Join YFE with your family for a welcoming Sukkot celebration just at the end of religious school. We will gather in the sukkah and say the blessings, shake the *lulav* and *etrog* and enjoy some music and treats.

Come help us welcome this beautiful week of festivities!

6:00 pm: Celebrate the joy of Sukkot with an Erev Sukkot Service led by Rabbi Sarah Joselow Parris and Cantor Arik Luck. Multiple clergy will be on hand as we gather. Everyone is welcome as we come together as a community to shake the *etrog* and *lulav* in our courtyard sukkah.

6:30 – 8:00 pm: Social in the Sukkah
Adults ages 55+ are invited to join clergy for a joyful evening of wine, cider, snacks, games, and live music in the sukkah. Be sure to dress warmly!

Sukkot Morning Service

Monday, October 10

8:30 am: Join us on the first morning of Sukkot for the festival service in our courtyard sukkah. Led by Rabbi Jonathan Singer, the service will be followed by a short breakfast.

Tuesday, October 11

Sage Brigade: Emanu-Elders Sukkot Lunch 55+

12:30 – 2:00 pm: A Mediterranean lunch in the sukkah to kick off our new Sage Brigade Seniors Programming! This is an opportunity to socialize with other Sage Brigade members of our congregation, and learn about our upcoming activities and meet with clergy.



Tribe for Men Sukkot BBQ Potluck

6:30 – 8:30 pm: All male-identifying parents aged 30s-50s are invited to join Rabbi Ryan Bauer, Cantor Arik Luck and your fellow Emanu-El Tribesmen for a night of grilling and chilling in the sukkah! Bring your favorite BBQ foods to share with the tribe.

Wednesday, October 12

Ladies' Lilah in the Sukkah

6:00 – 8:00 pm: Join your fellow Emanu-El sisters and clergy for a special evening in the sukkah full of schmoozing, teaching, singing and sharing food! Bring your favorite Sukkot or yummy harvest dish to share — savory or sweet!

Thursday Oct. 13

6:00 – 7:30 pm: Social Justice Sukkot Gathering

Join Rabbi Jason Rodich and Emanu-El social justice leaders for a gathering under the sukkah to learn more about social justice programming in the coming year. This will be a space to connect, enjoy good food and take action with your Emanu-El community!





Friday, October 14

Sukkot Festival Service

6:00 – 7:00 pm: Join us in community as we move outdoors for a special Shabbat service in our courtyard sukkah. The evening will be a spiritual celebration of the holiday, with beautiful music and the shaking of the *etrog* and *lulav*.

Late Shabbat Sukkot Party for Young Adults (20s and 30s)

8:00 – 11:00 pm: All Jews in their 20s and 30s living in the Bay Area are invited to join us for our monthly Late Shabbat. This month we'll have a special Sukkot theme!

Sunday, October 16

Yizkor Service

3:00 – 3:30 pm: Join us in the courtyard for a Yizkor (Remembrance) memorial service, which is recited on the eighth day of Sukkot (Shemini Atzeret). It is said by every person who has lost a parent or other loved ones.

Sunday October 16

Simchat Torah Parade and Celebration

4:00 – 6:00 pm: Rejoice with us as we mark the conclusion of the annual cycle of public Torah readings and the beginning of a new cycle! We will meet at the staircase at 8th Avenue and Lake Street for a festive parade with the Torah, before we return to our courtyard for music and revelry. It's the perfect celebration for all ages!

*Livestreamed at emanuelsf.org/live

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

Judi Shils | *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 received a Bachelor's degree in Mass Communication and Chicano Studies from the University of California, Berkeley. A Bay Area native, he currently lives in the East Bay.



Adrian Schurr



Scott Wiener

Senator Scott Wiener

Elected in November 2016, Senator Scott Wiener represents District 11 in the California State Senate. District 11 includes all of San Francisco, Broadmoor, Colma, and Daly City, as well as portions of South San Francisco.

In the Senate, Senator Wiener works to make housing more abundant and affordable, invest in our transportation systems, increase access to healthcare, meaningfully address climate change and the impacts of wildfires, reform our criminal justice system, reduce gun violence, reduce California's high poverty rate, and safeguard and expand the rights of all communities, including immigrants and the LGBTQ community.

* 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 Opportunities In The Community

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

The Jewish Coalition for Literacy (JCL) 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 complete 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.

Join us at the following Fall training date:

- **Thursday, October 27th, 3:30 – 5:30 pm**

Sign up for a free, online tutor-training workshop at <https://jclread.org/volunteer>.

We invite 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@jclrc.org



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: The Ehrlich Family

Chris and Sara Ehrlich were non-practicing Jews when they came to California from the east coast in the early 2000s. When they sent their daughter, Charlotte, to a Catholic private school, she came home one day and told them that her friends were getting confirmed — and asked — could she get confirmed, too? They wanted her to know their roots, so they enrolled her in the Youth and Family Education program at Congregation Emanu-El. As Sara said, "Charlotte, it's time that you learned who and what you are."

It was fortuitous timing. Just weeks later her two year old brother, Campbell, passed away unexpectedly. The family found the temple to be an indispensable guide through that unspeakable trauma. "When our son died, we realized how fleeting life is," says Chris. "It made us think of our legacy and how we wanted to make an impact." It was a difficult way to find religion, but since then, the Ehrlichs have recommitted to Judaism and built strong ties to our congregation.

Chris grew up in Concord, Massachusetts, where his family essentially hid the fact they were Jewish, celebrating Christmas and Easter in lieu of the High Holidays. His father, a pediatric orthopedist, helped young kids walk. Chris remembers people approaching his dad when they went out to dinner, thanking him for



The Ehrlich Family

helping their children. "I was impressed. And my dad told me: don't go into medicine! It's a terrible lifestyle tradeoff!"

Despite the warnings, Chris became a biotech strategy consultant, helping firms in Boston develop their business. The end users of the drugs they produced were doctors — some of whom were friends of his father — and Chris felt comfortable gathering feedback from them to improve his clients' products. He was a successful consultant, but the biotech industry primarily exists on the east and west coast, and over time, Chris grew tired of the cold in Boston. He found himself

dreaming of a new life in California. He put some feelers out and, on Memorial Day of 2000, got an interview for a dream job at Interwest, a venture capital firm. "I had a great life on the east coast, but I never looked back."

Over a 30 year career in biotech, Chris and Sara got more and more involved in philanthropy. Passionate about oncology, they continue to support efforts that impose a business discipline around academic research to ensure life-saving products have a chance of reaching the market. Chris remarks that one of his proudest moments as an investor was helping bring a drug to market that his father, who had cancer, was able to take to extend his life span. They also give to the Rivers School in Weston, MA, to support internships for kids who want to explore summer jobs in biotech. Furthermore, they contribute to the cancer accelerator at Dartmouth college and the Healthcare program at the Kellogg Graduate School of Management, both of which Chris and Sara attended.

"I think it's really cool to see a gift actually help people," Chris says. "To see students develop an interest in biotech and want to go off and contribute. To see a cancer drug reach the market and impact lives. And, in Emanu-El's case, to build our community so it's there in perpetuity."

The Ehrlich family see their gift to Emanu-El as a lifelong investment. "You're at your synagogue forever," Chris says. As an institution that celebrates birth, observes death, and gathers people together constantly, he sees no other institution with as much longevity as his temple. "Make an investment at 30, and you'll be around to see it when you're 70."

They see their gift to Emanu-El Next as just one piece among the many "co-owners" of the synagogue. "This is like an equity investment. We like the experiences we

have and it makes us feel great, and we get to be part of it. Contributing to make the Institution what it deserves to be is a privilege."

Of note, Sara and Chris are grateful to Rabbi Ryan Bauer for recruiting the family to go on a trip to Israel years ago, where they had a cathartic, life changing time and made friends with whom they still keep in touch and, in fact, travel internationally every year. They also appreciate the effort Emanu-El, particularly Julie Weinberg, have made to host events in support of Emanu-El Next. They thank our congregation for bringing the family back to Judaism. Says Chris, "Emanu-El got me through losing my son, my mother and my father. I'm eternally grateful. They make me and my family proud to be Jewish."

Perhaps even more interesting, their kids have embraced Judaism in a way they would never have dreamed. When their son, Harrison, came back from Maccabi Camp, he told the family he wanted to wear a necklace with the Jewish star to represent his religion proudly. When his daughter, Charlotte, became a bat mitzvah at our temple, she wanted to come back to teach in the YFE program, where she found a community of teachers, kids and their families. "As someone who went to a Catholic school where I felt like an outsider, Emanu-El was the first place I would call home," Charlotte says. "I love it. I know some people say they don't want to go to church, but I'm always excited to go to temple for the High Holy Days."

"Emanu-El Next will make our synagogue even more interesting and relevant to people today," Chris says. "But it's not just about making a nice place that people want to go to. When people get in the door, it gives them the opportunity to discover the substantive meaning of Judaism on their own."

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, Senior Director of Philanthropy, 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:** Congregation Emanu-El, 2 Lake Street, San Francisco, CA 94118. Please make it out to Congregation Emanu-El – ATTN: Development.
- **Visit our website:** emanuelsf.org/support-us/
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- **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.
- **QR Code:** Scan the code to the right with your phone's camera to access our development web page.



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 August 1, 2022 – August 21, 2022.

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

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in observance of the *Yahrzeit* of Ben Shenson

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David Zapol & Diana Laird

in celebration of Elliot Zapol's Bar Mitzvah

EMANU-EL LIFE-CYCLE FUND

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

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in honor of Carole Breen

David & Gina Pell

in celebration of Octavia Pell's Bat Mitzvah

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in memory of Leonid Urman and Shmerel Favelukis

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in memory of Marcia Shaps

Condolences to Our Members Who Have Suffered A Recent Loss

William Feis on the loss of his wife; Linda Ach (Andrew) and Douglas Rosenberg (Ellen) on the loss of their mother; and Amanda, Sara and Liza Ach and Julia and Lauren Rosenberg on the loss of their grandmother, **Marjorie Feder**.

Marvin Breen on the loss of his wife; Robin Moses (Donald) on the loss of her mother; and Amy Moses on the loss of her grandmother, **Carole Breen**.

Harold Goldman on the loss of his wife, **Zelda Goldman**.

Dana Rabb (Erica) on the loss of her father; and Alec and Megan Rabb on the loss of their grandfather, **Ronald Rabb**.

Joel Paul on the loss of his partner, **Charles Uehrke**.

Kathy Bissinger on the loss of her husband, **Paul Bissinger**.

Rabbi Lee and Judy Bycel on the loss of their son, **Micah Bycel**.

Sheryl Reuben (James) on the loss of her mother; Eric, Aaron and Caroline Reuben on the loss of their grandmother, **Sheila Adelberg**.

Correction: *Sarah Rischin Gadye on the loss of her mother; Ari, Nathan and Levi Gadye on the loss of their grandmother, Ruth Rischin.*

Mazel Tov to Our Members Who Have Experienced Joy

Heather and Adam Judd on the birth of their second daughter, **Remi Evelyn Judd**.

Shana Inspektor and Daniel Pepper on the birth of their daughter, **Shira Inspektor Pepper**.

Emily Brauer Gill and Alexander Gill on the birth of their son, **William Archer Brinsfield Gill**.

Sarah Nathan and Adam Shapiro on the births of their eldest daughter, Sidney Ellis Shapiro and youngest daughter, **Frances June Shapiro**.

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Ethan Pearlmutter

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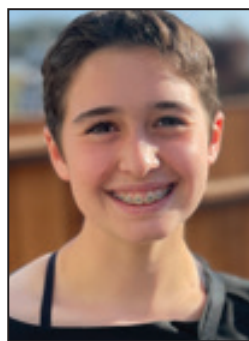
October 1, 2022

Parents:

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Vayelech



Zoe Sosna-Jacobson

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October 8, 2022

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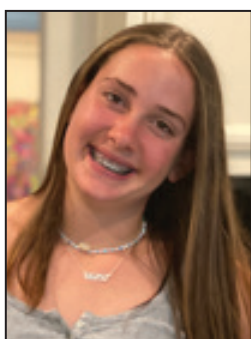
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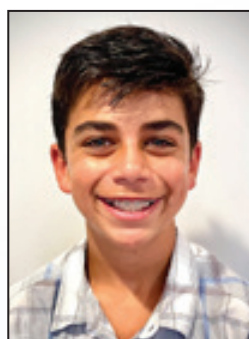
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From Fauda to Shtisel – The Holy Land Goes to Hollywood

The Global Appeal of Israeli Cinema

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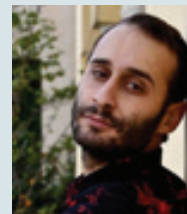


Join us for a provocative and timely discussion with Yochai Maital, co-founder of leading Jewish podcast "Israel Story," Ala Dakka, a Muslim Arab actor and featured actor in Season 3 of "Fauda," and, live via Zoom, Director of TV and Film at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel, Daniel Susz.

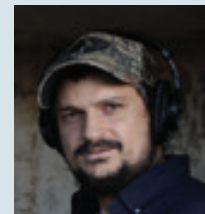
"Israel Story," one of the first podcasts in Israel, set out to tell the story of Israel one tale at a time. It endeavors to break free of "startup-nation" or BDS stereotypes and complicate the narrative around Israel.

Born to a Muslim Arab family in Beersheba but raised primarily in the Jewish educational system, Ala also complicates the narrative of what it means to be Israeli.

Growing up, he always felt like a bit of an impersonator wherever he went. Maybe that's why acting came so naturally to him.



Ala Dakka



Yochai Maital



Daniel Susz

Daniel, as part of the Israel Office of Cultural Affairs, strives to promote Israeli content and creators in the American TV & film market.

Together, all three of our guests will discuss why Israeli television and cinema are so appealing to international audiences and how the stories of real people, Arab and Jews, ultra-orthodox and secular Jews can teach us about relationships and society in Israel.

In short: does coexistence even exist in Israel and how can ties between communities be strengthened?

This unique, interactive, format of live conversation, including stories, and short film segments will offer you ample opportunities to ask Yochai, Ala, and Daniel questions about Israeli society.

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