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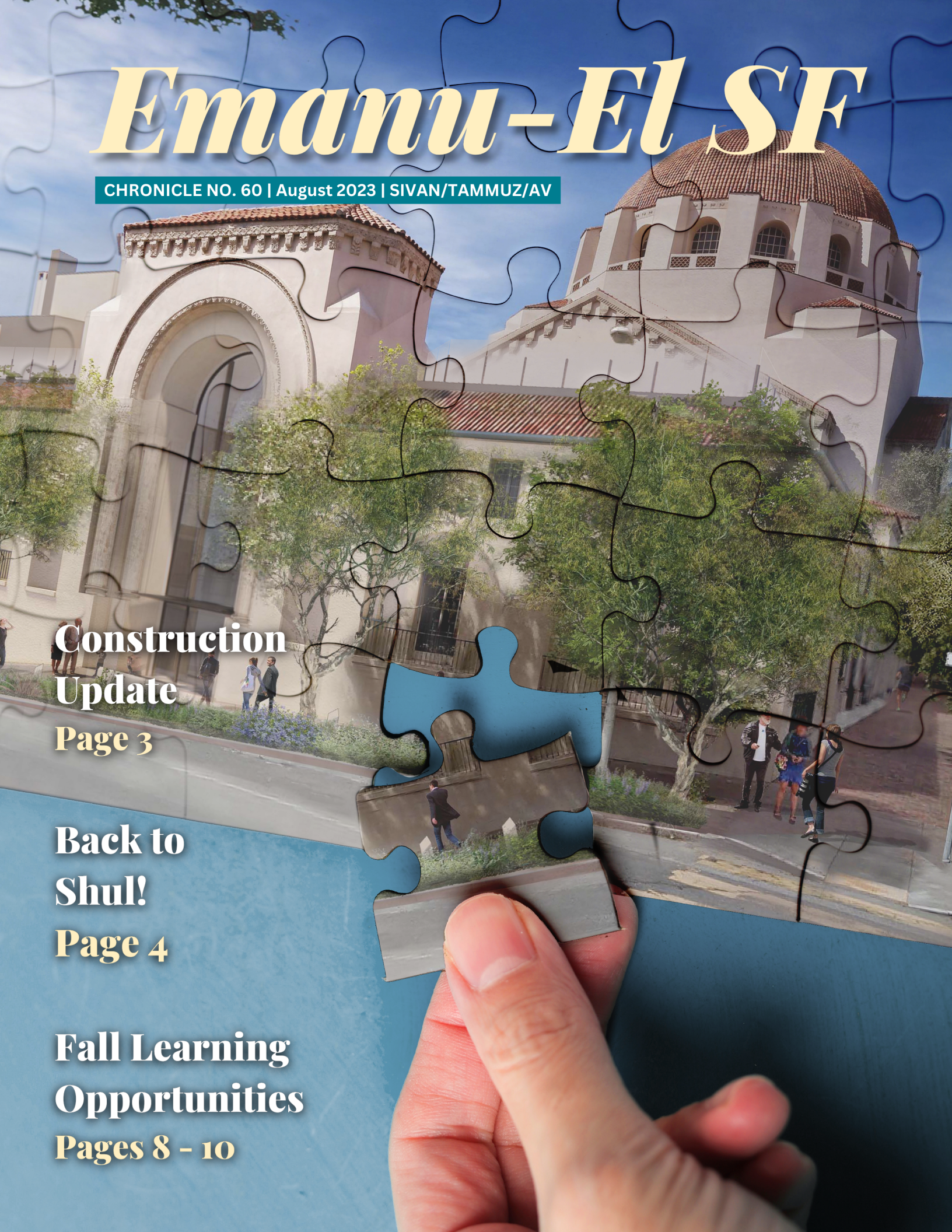
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Ch-Ch-Ch-Changes

Shalom Rav from Richard and Rhoda Goldman Senior Rabbi Beth Singer

Time may change me
But I can't trace time.

I've always loved that classic David Bowie song, Changes. Those opening chords, the beat, and that wistful opening, "Still don't know what I was waiting for, and my time was running wild." The song came out the year before my Bat Mitzvah. Talk about Changes. Oy. Puberty. Leaving home. Learning. Growing. Changing. Heraclitus said that the only constant in life is change.

More about change in a moment. But first, I'm excited for you to read all the pages of this month's Chronicle. One thing that hasn't changed is our commitment to providing the widest variety and depth of Jewish experience. As you thumb through the pages, take note of the different religious, educational, and cultural activities coming up in the next few months. From our Welcome Back Shabbat on Friday, August 25 to our upcoming High Holy Day services and events to the thrill of scholar Adam Kirsch in November (Google him! It's a big deal), there are as many opportunities for you to strengthen your connection to Judaism and to Emanu-El as fit in your schedule.

We recently opened the fifth book of Torah, the Book of Deuteronomy, or D'varim. D'varim literally means "stuff" or "words," or "words about stuff." Throughout D'varim, Moses looks back with the Israelites and reviews all the changes that have taken place and are yet to take place as the Israelite people stand at the threshold of the Promised Land after a long sojourn in the wilderness.

Like those Israelites, we, too, stand at the threshold of our Promised Land. Portions of our building are under renovation. We continue to gather in our Main Sanctuary and around the Bay. Sometimes, though, it feels like we are wandering in the wilderness—holding meetings in coffee shops, looking for other venues around the City for programs, preparing to gather in our Main Sanctuary for the upcoming High Holy Days.

Change is hard! Seeing evidence of the renovation in progress can feel unsettling. Uncertainties about what it is all going to look and feel like when the new building opens can make us feel anxious.

Right now, we are all together in the wilderness marching toward the promised land of a stunningly renovated building that is far more safe, secure, welcoming, and user-friendly than the one that served our people so well for these past 100 years.

This year, the changes you see happening as you arrive for High Holy Day services may feel off-putting at first. Try this. When you see the changes as the building is transformed, see those changes as an invitation to take stock of how you want to change in this coming year. Do you want to spend less time on your device? Give more to the community? Focus on your friendships? Work on patience? Stand up for human rights? Show your love for San Francisco? Deepen one aspect of your Jewish practice? Strengthen your Jewish identity? The High Holy Days teach us that change is desirable and possible! If Congregation Emanu-El can change to meet the needs of the time, so can we.

Change is hard. But change is easier when we journey together. It might be tempting to check out for a couple years and come back when it is all done. But we need you now. Please be sure you have renewed your membership. That commitment means so much to us and enables us to serve the whole community. Have you encouraged friends to join us? Bring them to our beautiful services, educational and social justice events. Jewish or non-Jewish, every week new people walk through our doors, find meaning in our Jewish path, and choose to walk with us. Are your kids enrolled in YFE and in our Teen programs? They will experience so many more changes throughout their lives. The kids and teens who come to our youth programs attest to the sense of connection, love and meaning they get from peers and the loving, supportive adults who run our youth programs.

Learning leads to changing leads to growing. "Ch-ch-ch-changes. Turn and face the strange!" We don't have to do it alone. We can face the familiar and the strange together.



**Richard and Rhoda Goldman
Senior Rabbi Beth Singer**

Preserving the Past While Building the Future

Emanu-El members – you are making history. In late June, the construction component of Emanu-El Next began in earnest. Just as impressive as the work being done to the physical building are the ways we're building new and innovative programming and services to engage and inspire our community.

Emanu-El Next is as much about preserving what's great about Emanu-El as creating new spaces and ways of being in community with one another. Whether as a backdrop for a special simcha or for grabbing apples on Rosh HaShanah to celebrate the sweetness of the new year, the courtyard fountain has been part of so many special moments. This month, our construction and preservation teams lovingly removed the fountain to keep it safe during construction. If you were in the area, you witnessed an enormous crane - our contractor's largest! - gently hoisting the fountain into the air for a safe landing on a flatbed truck that transported it for safekeeping. We plan to incorporate the fountain into the renovated courtyard to keep its traditional role as a central gathering place.

This month also saw us digging deep – into spaces under the courtyard that are currently unusable. These spaces will be reimagined as a new welcoming and community engagement area in the new facility.

Preservation and digging deep also describe our services, programming, and engagement efforts during construction. Emanu-El is not just open during construction, we're vibrant and thriving, with deep, meaningful activities for education, community-building, and prayer. We're preserving what you cherish most about Emanu-El, such as our Shabbat services and lifecycle events, which are continuing in our beautiful Main Sanctuary. And we're finding new ways for members to worship, study, and engage together:

For adult learners

We're bringing adult learning opportunities to you by holding speakers' programs at locations around the city, including members' homes and partner organizations like the Contemporary Jewish Museum.

For parents with young children

We're holding informal meetups at parks and educational locations like the California Academy of Sciences as well as Park Shabbats.

For numerous affinity groups

We're developing a variety of monthly Shabbat gatherings and dinners.

For the whole community

We're planning a joyous Simchat Torah procession and celebration from our temporary school site at Star of the Sea School to Emanu-El.

These programs, and many others, will deepen our connections and inspire us to repair the world together.

You can be part of making history.



LET'S GO GIANTS!

Cantor Luck will be performing the National Anthem
at Jewish Heritage Night!



Join us August 15

We're continuing our long tradition of coming together as an Emanu-El community at Oracle Park to support our San Francisco Giants. This exciting night is not to be missed!

It's time for our annual...

BACK TO SHUL SHABBAT

Friday, August 25th at 6:00 pm!

Our beloved annual "Back to Shul Shabbat" provides an opportunity for current congregants, their friends, and potential members to welcome in Shabbat and to check in with one another after a summer that hopefully included some rest and travel. We encourage everyone in the congregation, of all ages, to join us for services followed by a little nosh in the foyer, just for the sake of being together.

We hope congregants will bring friends of all ages, genders, colors and religions to share Shabbat with us. We also love to welcome those who are curious and might want to consider Temple membership.

*meet
pray
nosh*

5:00 pm
Meet

Program Fair

6:00 pm
Pray

Shabbat Service

7:00 pm
Nosh

Schmooze and Nosh in Foyer

Park Shabbat Families

Join us for an incredible new experience, as Emanu-El introduces Park Shabbat this Fall! Designed especially for families with children under 8, this program promises to bring joy and meaning to your Saturday mornings.

Escape the hustle and bustle of the week and immerse yourself in the enchanting atmosphere of Shabbat in the park. From the picturesque locations in and around the city to the cool San Francisco air, every moment will be filled with warmth, music, and delightful festivities. Grab your picnic blanket, pack a scrumptious meal, and get ready for a morning of unforgettable fun.

Park Shabbat is a casual and family-friendly event that encourages everyone to participate. Children can bounce to their hearts' content in the bouncy house, while adults mingle and soak in the vibrant ambiance. With an assortment of delicious food and refreshing drinks, your taste buds will be tantalized, and your spirits lifted.

We will provide the essential elements of Shabbat, including challah, grape juice, and an engaging service to ensure a meaningful and memorable celebration. Whether you're a long-standing member of the community or new to the Shabbat experience, this is an incredible opportunity to come together and create cherished memories.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming Park Shabbat dates:

- September 16 (Rosh HaShanah)
- September 25 (Yom Kippur)
- October 28
- November 18
- January 13
- February 10
- April 20
- May 11
- June 15

Keep an eye out for more details as we approach these dates. We can't wait to welcome you and your family to Park Shabbat, a magical fusion of spirituality, togetherness, and joy. See you there!

Hebroots

from Cantor Marsha Attie

ABRACADABRA!

אברא כ'דברה!

Did you know this popular magical incantation is Hebrew?

ABRA: I will create

KA'DABRA: As I speak

ABRACADABRA: I will create as I speak. What I say will happen!

You might recognize these Hebrew roots from other places - the first three words of Genesis say, "Be'reishit bara Elohim." In the beginning, God created... "Abra" is the future tense for "Bara," and we know "Abra" means "I will create!"

For "Ka'Dabra," the "Ka" is a prefix: as. "Dabra" means "speak." We most often hear this root when the Rabbi gives a "Davar" - a word, we pray a good one!

This incantation reminds me that words have power, even by us non-magicians. So let us choose our words wisely, lest we create what we speak! **Abracadabra!**

A Beautiful New Learning Space For Our Youngest Congregants

After many months of planning and much anticipation, Emanu-El's Preschool (CEEP) and the Youth and Family Education Program (YFE) have relocated to Star of the Sea on 9th Avenue. Beginning in late August, our beautiful, temporary space, previously home to the Laurel School and the San Francisco Girl's School will be teeming with Emanu-El students and families. For the next two years, Emanu-El will have full run of the building, dedicating the bottom two floors to the Early Education Center and the top two to YFE. Several staff and administrative offices, along with the main Temple office, have already begun operating from the space and soon, staff will resume meetings and many congregant-facing programs from the facility.

"This is an incredible milestone in our project," shares Nika Greenberg, Senior Director of Business Operations and Early Education, who spearheaded the relocation. The move took a full year of planning, the support of endless stakeholders, and the collaboration of the entire Emanu-El team. However, "we aren't done yet", she explains, "we are in the process of tenant improvements and our education teams are working around the clock to ensure the learning spaces are set up thoughtfully and intentionally, with our students' needs in mind."



Although this building was built and set up as a school, several changes need to be made to serve the wide range of students in our programs, comply with California Community Care Licensing requirements, and ensure that the building meets our safety and security standards. To this end, an incredible cross-functional team of Emanu-El staff and consultants is working tirelessly on this phase of the project, including Emanu-El's Director of Technology, Emilie Valentine, Director of Security, Lawrence Francis, and Building Superintendent, Fabian Vazquez.

The Preschool will open its doors to students on August 28th, and YFE will begin their school year with the High Holiday Fair on September 10th. As the teaching staff returns at the end of summer, they, too, will have an opportunity to put their stamp on the facility; each team will gather for professional development prior to the programs' respective starts and will work together to make the classrooms their own, reflecting their philosophies, values, and goals for the school year.

With construction and setup complete in mid- August, we will preview the facility to the incoming families to help students become familiar and comfortable with their new learning environments. "We can't wait to see students inhabit this incredible space. We are so fortunate to remain in our neighborhood, right across from the Public Library, steps from Mountain Lake Park, and walking distance to the Temple!" shares Greenberg. We are tremendously grateful for the partnership of the Star of the Sea Church and the congregant volunteers who have graciously offered their time and talents to help us prepare for the upcoming school year and are eager to welcome our community into our temporary home.

The Preschool and YFE programs are currently enrolling students. To learn more, please reach out to Liana Huang, Lhuang@emanuelsf.org for preschool and Natalya Gomes Ngomes@emanuelsf.org for YFE.

Time to renew!

You must be a member in good standing to register for in person High Holy Days services.

Shalom! It is hard to believe we are halfway through our summer. As we look toward the fall, the High Holy Days will be quickly upon us. We will be offering the majority of services in the beautiful Main Sanctuary, children's services at Presidio Wall Park, and a few new experiences at St. John's Church – right across the street. We look forward to bringing our entire community together for worship and connection. We want to count you in for all of these experiences. **Please renew your membership TODAY** in order to sign up for High Holy Day services in the coming weeks. Your continued support is so important to the strength, legacy and longevity of this synagogue. Your support makes it possible for all families to be part of our community, no matter their financial situation. For those who can give more, we would love for you to consider participating in the Sponsorship program, supporting an individual or family who is unable to afford the full membership dues. As we are told in the Talmud, all Israel is responsible, one for the other (Talmud, Shevuot 39a); we step up when needed, and allow others to support us in return.



Feel free to contact me with any questions or membership concerns.
All conversations are confidential:

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- 415-750-7552

L'Shalom,
Ariana Estoque - Director of Member Experience

2023 - 2024 YFE Registration

We strongly encourage you to renew your membership and register your child/ren TODAY. Your early registration helps us tremendously with teacher staffing, material purchases and classroom set-ups in our new temporary space at Star of the Sea on 9th and Geary.



Preschool Registration

The Congregation Emanu-El Preschool program is currently enrolling students for the 2023-2024 school year. This full-day program, which serves children 2-6, includes an Adventure TK enrollment option for our oldest students and a January start option for students turning two later in the school year.

To sign up, please email
CEEPOffice@emanuelsf.org



Starting this Fall our opportunities to *delve deep* or *just sample* Jewish learning abound!

Beit Midrash Emanu-El

*Learn Torah as adults, activate the mind,
and connect with wonder and community!*

Charles Michael Scholar-In-Residence Weekend

We welcome Adam Kirsch - public Jewish intellectual, professor at Columbia, published in New Yorker and Atlantic magazines, and author of *The Blessing and the Curse: The Jewish People and Their Books in the Twentieth Century* (2020), *The Global Novel: Writing the World in the 21st Century* (2017), *The People and the Books: 18 Classics of Jewish Literature* (2016), *Rocket and Lightship: Essays on Literature and Ideas* (2014), among many others.

Gateways into Talmud – *Series with Rabbi Noah Westreich*

For those who have never read a page of Talmud, to those who have had a taste of this most important basis of Jewish life.

Tauber Anshei Mitzvah - *Our adult b'nei mitzvah training program*

The next cohort will convene in the fall of 2023. This is an 18-month program that will meet weekly during the academic year. This course will culminate with a meaningful group b'nei mitzvah service. Content will include practical Torah/Haftarah chanting skills, as well as continued academic study and enrichment with our cantors and rabbis.

Students are encouraged to know the Alef-Bet before entering the class, although we will take students through the basics. Cantors Attie and Luck will help you learn as you go. We can also recommend fantastic Hebrew tutors should you wish to speed up the process.

Tauber SPARK!

Our mini university in March 2024 will focus on Jewish Pop Culture - From Music, to Literature, to Art, to Superheroes!

Jewish Art / Thought / Ideas Around Town

Join Rabbi Jonathan for pop up Jewish learning experiences around town. Some will be at lunch for a moment to delve into a question about ethics or Divine Providence, Some will be at Congregants for tea and a discussion about how their art collection reflects Jewish identity. Some will be an evening at a restaurant for dinner or dessert with an exchange of ideas with a person of note sharing their views on issues of the day and Jewish responses.

Holman-Grand Scholar-in-Residence, Spring 2024: Dr. Ruhama Weiss

Dr. Weiss is coming from Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem, Dr. Weiss, who is a professor of Talmud and Spiritual Care, is an exciting teacher, author, poet and artist. This will be a thrilling weekend of learning and discussion. Hold the date on your calendar!

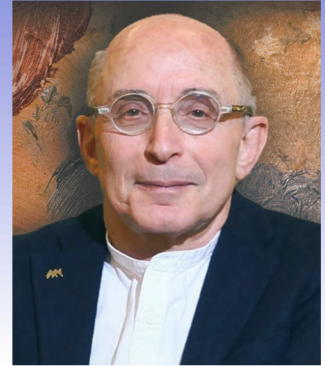
Learn more at emanuelsf.org

The Israel Action Committee fulfills one of Congregation Emanu-El's core missions - to increase the engagement of our community with the State of Israel and worldwide Jewry, through education, cultural exchange, celebration and involvement. Mark your calendar for these exciting, upcoming events!

Friday, September 8th, 6:00 pm

Shabbat Service Guest Speaker - Professor Ron Robin, President of the University of Haifa

In 2023, the University of Haifa was ranked among the top 200 universities worldwide by the United Nation's Times Higher Education Impact Rankings - the highest ranking of any Israeli institution. A notable achievement is the University ranking 9th place globally for Gender and Equality. Haifa has the largest percentage of Israeli-Arab students (41%) of which 70% are female students. Join us for a special Friday Shabbat Service as we hear from Professor Robin about the University's efforts to increase diversity and inclusion on campus, the role of academia in the political sphere, and the future of Israeli scholarship.

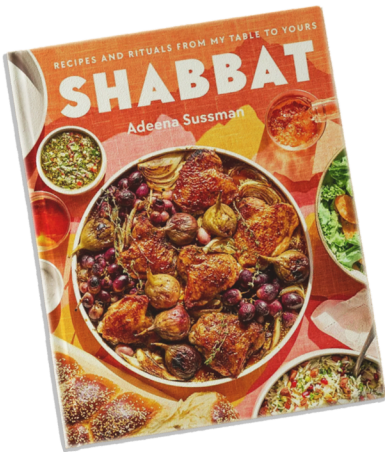


The Israel Action Committee is pleased to sponsor a special oneg featuring Israeli wine and snacks.



Saturday, September 23rd, 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Foods of the Shabbat Table with cookbook author Adeena Sussman and Rabbi Sydney Mintz *Live cooking demonstration and interview at the Contemporary Jewish Museum*



Calling all foodies! Join renowned American Israeli cookbook author **Adeena Sussman** for a special event in celebration of her forthcoming cookbook ***Shabbat: Rituals and Recipes***, a follow-up to her 2019 New York Times bestseller ***Sababa: Fresh, Sunny Flavors From My Israeli Kitchen***. Adeena will be joined on stage by Emanu-El's Rabbi **Sydney Mintz** as they prepare dishes from Adeena's book and chat about all things Israeli food and flavor. Ticket price includes full-day admission to the museum and a copy of ***Shabbat***.

This program is in partnership with the Contemporary Jewish Museum, San Francisco

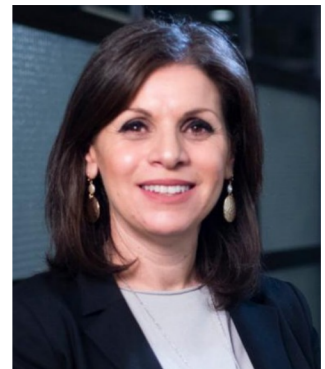


Wednesday, October 18th, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Dr. Dalia Fadila, co-CEO of Atidna and the first Israeli Arab woman to be awarded the Presidential Medal of Honor (2022) for her outstanding contributions to education and women's advancement in Israel.

Emanu-El is honored to host Dr. Dalia Fadila, a maverick educator who has dedicated her career to advancing Israeli Arab society through education. Dr. Fadila's latest project is the social-innovation non-profit organization, ***Atidna*** - a coalition of educators and social entrepreneurs, Israeli Arabs and Jews, who believe that full participation in civic life for all citizens is essential for a thriving democratic Jewish state.

Atidna exists in a small yet bright space as an organization that promotes Jewish democratic values and the integration of marginalized Arab populations into Israeli society and workforce. Their vision is an Arab-Jewish partnership based on mutual respect. *Atidna's* multipronged approach develops youth and student empowerment programs, higher education scholarships, leadership opportunities, and job training.



Dr. Dalia Fadila will be joined at Emanu-El by her Atidna co-CEO Amit Deri.



If you are interested in learning more about the Israel Action Committee and how you can get involved, please contact Senior Engagement Manager Alexa Asher aasher@emanuelsf.org

Elul Activities

Selichot - A Time for Turning

Saturday, September 9

7:00 - 9:00 pm — Main Sanctuary

As we come to the end of Elul, please join us for a beautiful meditative preparation for the High Holy Days. We will gather with candles and music in the Main Sanctuary, to offer prayers, poems and songs of selicha. We'll open our hearts for teshuvah so we can come back to our best selves as we enter the High Holy Day season. There will be moments for everyone to take personal time at the open Ark, and we will end with a l'chayim - blessings of hope as we come together to open the gates to welcome in the new year.

**This service is open to members and the entire community. Registration is required for in-person attendance only. This event will also be livestreamed on our website.*

High Holy Day Men's Mikvah

Sunday, September 17

8:30 am - Baker Beach

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 cannot control.

The Tribe Mikvah, with Rabbi Bauer – Join Rabbi Bauer and your fellow Tribesmen for this morning of spiritual exploration and preparation. We will meet at Baker Beach for a short meditation followed by our mikvah in the ocean! Bring warm clothes and a towel. We will then travel back to Emanu-El for 2nd Day Rosh HaShanah Services.

Shabbat: Rituals and Recipes

with cookbook author Adeena Sussman

Saturday, September 23

1:00 - 2:30 pm - Contemporary Jewish Museum

Shabbat meals are all about gathering and unwinding with friends and family over a nosh that feeds the soul. Dive into some of the traditions and recipes of the Shabbat table during this discussion and cooking demonstration with author and Bay Area native Adeena Sussman and Rabbi Sydney Mintz.

This program is presented on the occasion of Sussman's new cookbook, *Shabbat: Recipes and Rituals from My Table to Yours*, which offers a personal take on the food of Shabbat. Throughout the book, Sussman shares how the "Shabbat table is a centering force, a nourishing place where one and all are welcome. It's an opportunity every week to feed the soul." Get ready for a fun talk, demonstration, and small bites of some of Sussman's recipes.

getting to know

Rabbi Westreich

Interviewed by
Communications Manager Vlad Metrik

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How did you find yourself at Emanu-El?

I have visited San Francisco a whole bunch, we have family out here. I came here growing up to visit, I remember going to Noah's Bagels. I spent a lot of time in the Bay Area over the last ten years; coming to a program called "Queer Talmud Camp" which took place, before the pandemic, in Marin County. First I went as a participant, and then I was on the staff. It was there that I got to know Rabbi Jason Rodich and Cantor Marsha Attie.

What do you love most about San Francisco so far?

[I love] the beauty within the city. There is no city like it in my opinion. Whether it is the architecture, the sky, or the hills in the distance. Everything- the constant beauty [when] walking around. Something about being surprised by the beauty at every corner.

What was Judaism like for you growing up?

[Living] In Montclair, New Jersey, I grew up with Judaism at the center of my household. Our synagogue, friends, and community were the most important parts of our lives.

What is your favorite part about being a Rabbi?

I find people endlessly fascinating. There is a world in every person, and I enjoy the opportunity to travel from world to world with every person I meet.

Emanu-El NEXT

Investing in 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 needs 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.



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Bob Tandler and Valli Benesch

Across four decades of marriage and working together, Bob Tandler and Valli Benesch remain in love and in business. Mutual respect, aligned priorities, and deep friendship have sustained their marriage and working relationship as co-CEOs and parents. "Before we were married," Bob says, "a dear friend gave me this one piece of advice... you go to the altar every day."

Valli, a first-generation American, is immensely grateful for the Jewish community that welcomed her family when they fled Europe in the 1940s. San Francisco was a safe haven for refugees who had experienced the horrors of war, and the Jewish community provided a strong sense of support and solidarity for her family, who joined Congregation Emanu-El soon after arriving.

Valli went to Lowell High School, graduated from Stanford with a BA in history, and studied law at the University of Chicago. She pursued a career in law before entering her family's apparel manufacturing and design business, Fritzi California. She worked beside her father, learned the business, and became CEO in 1983 at a time when women executives were few and far between. "I didn't know any other women in my position," Valli says. "It was very lonely, but an incredible opportunity."

"She broke a lot of glass ceilings"

Bob remarks with pride. His upbringing was drastically different than his wife's. Bob's father, having immigrated from Vienna to St. Louis, was devoted to assimilating into the local community. Although Bob attended Sunday school, he was more focused on working to put himself through school and financed his own education. Before starting law school at Washington University in St. Louis, he traveled to California, having never been west of Kansas. "Somewhere between Santa Cruz, San Francisco and Yosemite, I knew San Francisco was where I wanted to live." Bob says. The day after graduating, he moved here.

After moving to San Francisco and commencing his legal career, Bob got involved with the Jewish community through the Young Adults Division of the Jewish Community Federation (JCF), where he and Valli met. Forty-three years later, he recalls that first encounter with reverence. After they were married, Valli's family invited Bob to leave his law practice and join her family business in 1986. In the meantime, they were blessed with two wonderful daughters, Michelle and Jaclyn. In 1998, after the sale of their apparel manufacturing business, they wanted to give back to the community that had given them so much, so they visited Phyllis Cook who became an invaluable mentor, recommended Valli for the Wexner program, and guided them into early opportunities for leadership and philanthropy.

Valli and Bob remained co-CEOs of Fritzi Realty, their real estate investment, management and development firm, and continued to pursue their support for Jewish organizations like the JCF, Jewish Family & Children's Services, and JCCSF. Bob serves on the Board and is Development Chair at Congregation Emanu-El and Chairs the San Francisco-Haifa Sister City Committee which recently took Mayor London Breed to Israel. They also support and serve on the Boards of community hospitals like SF General Hospital Foundation and UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital. As avid fans of the arts they contribute to the opera, ballet, and symphony. "Our giving changed as our ability to give grew," Valli says. "We believe you give according to your means." They both agree that "the mantra in our house is not could or would or should. It's must. We believe if you can give and serve, you must, because it's part of your obligation to the community."

Valli and Bob have deepened their connection to Jewish life at Emanu-El and through their Wexner experience. Bob came to appreciate the beauty of Torah, but it was being embraced by the Jewish community that brought him into the fold. "It felt like: you're one of us, we want you to be with us, and we're here for you," he says. "You go to Emanu-El on a Friday night and you've got Rabbi Jonathan Singer out there standing in the rain without a top coat, welcoming everybody into the shul! The arms are wide open." Both reflect on how Emanu-El has touched them in life's most joyous and trying moments. "Few institutions can impact your life in so many ways – and not just your life, but generation after generation."

In a world of increasing complexity and social isolation, Valli and Bob want our congregation to continue to be an invaluable source of support and connection for the community. They dedicate the merit of their gift to Emanu-El Next for the benefit of their daughters and future generations. Valli marvels at how Emanu-El has evolved over her lifetime, while Bob reflects on the founding families who had the foresight to build a sanctuary that could support a congregation nearly ten times the size of their original community. Driven by the vision of expanding our synagogue into a hub of worship, community connection, education, and love, they sense the tremendous opportunity our congregation has to create a focal point for the future of Judaism and the local Jewish Community.

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.

Breaking ground together on

EMANU-EL NEXT

We want to extend our most sincere thanks to everyone who attended the Emanu-El Next groundbreaking ceremony in June. Thank you for being part of this special moment in our history!



Congregants from all stages of life came together to mark an important milestone in our project to reinvigorate our home and unite our community for the next century. We feel honored to work together with you on this next phase of Emanu-El's evolution – your passion and enthusiasm continue to inspire us as we look forward to a promising future.



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B. Mitzvah



Noah Smollin

B. Mitzvah:
August 5, 2023

Parents:
Craig Smollin
Jean Yuan

Torah Portion:
Ekev



Logan Kurin

B. Mitzvah:
August 12, 2023

Parents:
Jeff Kurin
Eryn Kurin

Torah Portion:
Re'eh



Elena Bley

B. Mitzvah:
August 12, 2023

Parents:
Andrew Bley
Luciana de Melo Bley

Torah Portion:
Re'eh



Eliana Alban

B. Mitzvah:
August 19, 2023

Parents:
Tali Alban
Adam Alban

Torah Portion:
Shoftim



Jonah Maremont

B. Mitzvah:
August 19, 2023

Parent:
Eve Maremont

Torah Portion:
Shoftim



Lydia Kleinbart

B. Mitzvah:
August 26, 2023

Parents:
Melissa Kleinbart
Edward Chow

Torah Portion:
Ki Tetze



Asher Barenblat

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August 26, 2023

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