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Our Sacred Sanctuaries

Shalom Rav from Richard and Rhoda Goldman Senior Rabbi Jonathan Singer

I sometimes give tours of our Main Sanctuary to curious visitors wanting to learn about our building, history and community. There is that moment when we come up the steps of the bimah and approach the ark that is for many, breathtaking. The view from up high is pretty amazing, but seeing the ark up close, the intricate design and tremendous attention to detail, its beauty is astounding. The artists who created at the behest of the architect, tried to utilize materials that the Torah describes as



having been part of the design of the original ark - lapis lazuli, rubies, gold, and there are even stave rings, to recall the ancients carrying the ark through the wilderness- though I can't imagine anyone being able to lift the one in our sanctuary. It must weigh a few tons.

As we find ourselves entering this new year in the midst of construction, I am grateful that our Main Sanctuary will be fully available for all of services. It is in that wonderful space, truly reflecting *hiddur mitzvah* - making the fulfillment of the mitzvah beautiful, that I find my spiritual self able to open up. Besides the sounding of the shofar, as the room reverberates with the prayers of more than a thousand people and the light pours through the beautiful stain glass, the melodies and music lift us spiritually higher, as do the

teachings of our rabbis and cantors.

These holidays are both meant to be grand and warm, elevating and inviting, communal and personal and the ark at the center calls us to say *Hineni*, here I am, in a place of holiness, ready to renew my own sense of holiness. It is a time of Jewish reunion, where we beckon anyone who wishes to connect with this ever young tradition to come and join us and experience the depth of Jewish wisdom and spiritually and find community.

Yes, we are under construction, and the High Holy Days are a time to reconstruct, redirect ourselves, and find new pathways of hope in our lives. This year, we will make sanctuaries and celebrate the beauty of creation in front of the Ark,



Richard and Rhoda Goldman Senior Rabbi Jonathan Singer

Shalom Rav (cont'd)

but also in the Redwood Grove, at Baker Beach, and even in the church next door which has so graciously offered to help us during this time of Emanu-El's renewal.

We hope to see you with us, helping us to build up Jewish life in San Francisco, and encouraging your friends to join this community as well. Let us together say, "Hineni - Here I am, as we join hands in working on teshuvah, making our lives even better and welcoming in a new year.

Shanah Tovah u Mtukah,
Happy Sweet New Year,
Rabbi Jonathan

**Women's Mikvah**

Sunday, September 10
8:00 am - Baker Beach

Rosh HaShanah is a time of reflection, return and new beginnings. Please join us for our beautiful annual ritual of mikvah including meditation, chanting and immersion in the incredible Pacific Ocean at Baker Beach. Please bring warm clothes, a towel and an open heart. Our 8:00 am mikvah is for female community members and is led by Rabbi Sydney Mintz.

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*.

**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 Mikvot

Men's Mikvah

Sunday, September 17
8:30 am - Baker Beach

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.

High Holy Days

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Tree of Life

עץ חיים

The new year of 5784 expands our reach, brings us into the light, and allows our community to be stronger together.

Visit our special High Holy Day website at hhd.emanuelsf.org to see all of the offerings.

Friday, Sept. 15
Erev Rosh HaShanah



Sounds of the Shofar:
Evening Children's Service
4:30 - 5:00 pm
St. John's Church*

Opening the Gates:
Early Erev Rosh HaShanah
5:30 - 7:15 pm
Main Sanctuary

Opening the Gates:
Late Erev Rosh HaShanah
8:00 - 9:45 pm
Main Sanctuary

Saturday, Sept. 16
Rosh HaShanah Day

Under One Dome:
Rosh HaShanah Day Service
10:00 am - 12:15 pm
Main Sanctuary

Apples and Honey:
Rosh HaShanah Service
for Young Families
10:00 - 11:00 am
Presidio Wall Park

Return Again:
Teen-Led Rosh HaShanah
recommended for children 8+
2:00 - 3:15 pm
Main Sanctuary

Tashlich:
Letting Go Together
Sunset Service and Concert
4:30 - 6:00 pm
Baker Beach



**Located across the street from
Emanu-El at 25 Lake Street*

Sunday, Sept. 17

Rosh HaShanah Day 2

Second Day

Rosh HaShanah Service

10:00 am - 12:15 pm

Main Sanctuary



Friday, Sept. 22

Shabbat Shuvah

*Between Rosh HaShanah
and Yom Kippur*

with Rabbi Lawrence Kushner

Topic: *Are We There Yet?*

Returning Home

6:00 pm

Main Sanctuary

Sunday, Sept. 24

Kol Nidre



Sounds of the Shofar:

Evening Children's Service

4:30 - 5:00 pm

St. John's Church*

Opening the Gates:

Early Kol Nidre Service

5:30 - 7:15 pm

Main Sanctuary

Opening the Gates:

Late Kol Nidre Service

8:00 - 9:45 pm

Main Sanctuary

Monday, Sept. 25

Yom Kippur Day

Under One Dome:

Yom Kippur Day Service

10:00 am - 12:15 pm

Main Sanctuary

Apples and Honey:

Yom Kippur Service

for Young Families

10:00 - 11:00 am

Presidio Wall Park

Learning Session with

Emanu-El Scholar,

Rabbi Lawrence Kushner

12:30 - 1:30 pm

Virtual - Zoom

Walk Towards Healing and
Reflection in the Redwoods

12:30 - 2:00 pm

Meet at corner of Arguello
and Washington

Return Again:

Teen-Led Yom Kippur

recommended for children 8+

2:00 - 3:15 pm

Main Sanctuary

Forgiveness: Service

and Discussion

3:30 - 5:00 pm

St. John's Church*

Yizkor / Neilah / Havdallah
Service

5:30 - 7:00 pm

Main Sanctuary

Sukkot

Did you know that Sukkot is the only festival where we are *explicitly commanded* to rejoice? During Sukkot, we celebrate and give thanks for the bountiful harvest and the nourishment that the earth provides. It is a beautiful reminder of the agricultural roots of many of our Jewish holidays.

We celebrate Sukkot by building and dwelling in Sukkahs, whose temporary and nomadic structures remind us to not prioritize materialism and to instead focus on the joys of spiritual connection, peoplehood, openness and hospitality.



Erev Sukkot Festive Friday Shabbat Service Friday, September 29th 5:30 - 8:00 pm

Join your Emanu-El community in the mitzvah of celebrating and rejoicing in Chag Ha'Sukkot at our Erev Sukkot Festive Friday Shabbat Service. All ages are welcome for a multigenerational celebratory evening to revel in the splendor of the harvest holiday. See the Main Sanctuary Foyer turned into one large, gorgeous sukkah! Special Shabbat service led by our clergy team, followed by Sukkot-themed foods and treats, Israeli wines, and more!

Sukkot celebrations to enjoy throughout the week!

Sunday, October 1 - Marin Family Sukkot Gathering

4:00 - 7:00 pm, *Pizza Hacker at Tam Junction in Mill Valley*

Join your fellow Emanu-El North-Bay friends for a family-fun evening celebrating Sukkot with Rabbi Ryan Bauer and Cantor Arik Luck. Order a pizza and join us in the Front Patio of Pizza Hacker for music and games.

Wednesday, October 4 - Annual Women's Sukkot Gathering and Potluck

6:00 pm, *Emanu-El Sukkah - Main Sanctuary Foyer*

Join your Emanu-El female clergy for an evening of schmoozing, learning, singing and sharing food! Bring your favorite harvest dish to share - savory or sweet!

Thursday, October 5 - 40s and 50s Jewish Trivia and Cocktail Night

7:00 pm, *Emanu-El Sukkah - Main Sanctuary Foyer*

Think you know a lot about the Jewish people? Test your knowledge at Emanu-El's first Jewish Trivia Night for members in their 40s and 50s (*late 30s OK*). Topics will include Jewish pop culture, Jewish history, religion, Jewish music and more! Cocktails and snacks provided.

Friday, October 6 - Yizkor Service

5:30 - 6:00 pm, *Main Sanctuary*

Everyone is welcome to join Rabbi Beth Singer and Cantor Arik Luck for a Yizkor Service to remember our beloveds on Friday, October 6 at 5:30 - 6:00 pm in our Temple Main Sanctuary. Whether you have experienced the death of a loved one this past year or in years past, we will gather together collectively to remember our loved ones.

Sunday, October 8 - Simchat Torah Parade and Celebration

11:45 am - 2:00 pm, *Starting at Star of the Sea*

Simchat Torah (Rejoicing of the Torah) celebrates and marks the conclusion of the annual cycle of public Torah readings and the beginning of a new cycle! Our annual parade will begin at Star of the Sea school, head down Lake St. and end at the temple for dancing and reading of the Torah.

Traditional Food of the High Holy Days

Try This
Vegan Challah Recipe



Round Challah for Rosh HaShanah

Have you ever wondered why High Holy Day challah is round instead of a long braid? Some see the round shape as a reflection of the continuing cycle of years and seasons. At a time of year when our thoughts turn to repentance and resolutions of self-improvement, the round challah reminds us that the opportunity for *t'shuvah* ("return" or atonement) is never-ending.

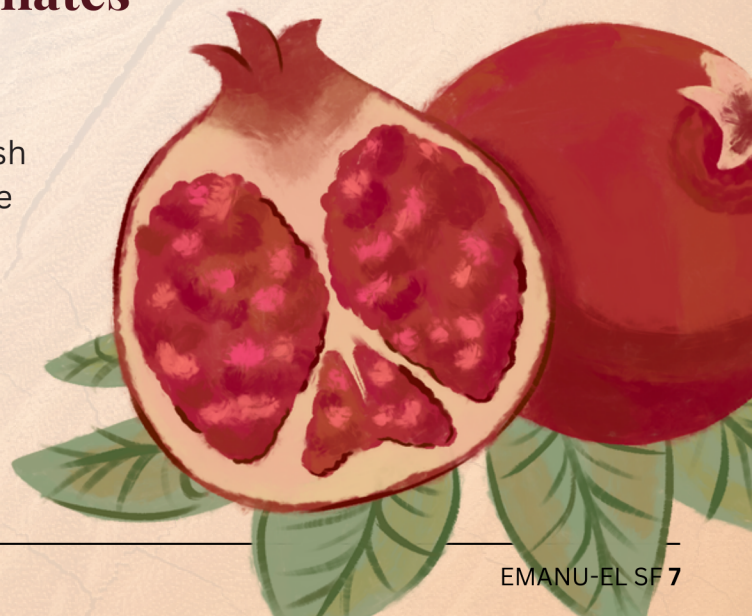
Apples & Honey

For many Jews, these words are an inseparable pairing. We dip a slice of apple in honey to express our hopes for a sweet and fruitful year.



Pomegranates

The seeds of the pomegranate symbolize the 613 *mitzvot* (sacred obligations) attributed to the Torah, which form the foundation of traditional Jewish practice. The abundance of seeds in the pomegranate also symbolizes fertility. Many Jewish families serve the fruit on Rosh HaShanah in the hope that the coming year will bring many blessings, much prosperity, and the opportunity to do good deeds.



Source: Union for Reform Judaism, urj.org



Ukraine Resettlement Initiative

Welcome Circle

In the tapestry of life, certain threads weave a narrative that resonates deeply with the Jewish values of tzedek (justice) and tikkun olam (repairing the world). The Welcome Circle, a guiding light comprised of 11 congregants, led by Lisa Krim, embodies these values through their unwavering commitment to the Ukraine Resettlement Initiative. This effort was propelled forward by Josh Cohen, who shares responsibility with Lisa Krim as our Ukraine Resettlement Co-Chairs. Each month in our Chronicle, we will feature a few members of our Welcome Circle. All play integral roles in bringing the Taranov/a family, comprised of Kolya, Natasha, Nelli (13), and Nikol (9) from Vinnitsa, Ukraine to San Francisco by October. Their dedication to the Ukraine Resettlement Initiative exemplifies the power of individual commitment in shaping a future of empathy, resilience, and hope.



Mauri Schwartz

"There's a role for everyone in this compassionate endeavor."



Mauri Schwartz, a passionate advocate, is profoundly committed to her role on our Welcome Circle. Raised with a deep appreciation for the teachings of the Torah and Talmud, Mauri's perspective is shaped by the imperative to welcome and protect immigrants, resonating with the timeless wisdom that instructs humanity to honor the divine spark within all individuals. Her engagement with the Ukraine Resettlement Initiative stems from a combination of her Jewish heritage, the values of tikkun olam (repairing the world), and her inherent understanding of the immigrant experience.

Having witnessed the impact of immigration stories on families and communities, Mauri's motivation is further kindled by her own family history. Grateful that her ancestors managed to immigrate to the United States, she carries the stories of her maternal grandfather, who journeyed from Europe in pursuit of a better life. These narratives of courage, resilience, and adaptation drive her unwavering commitment to supporting those embarking on similar journeys today. Mauri's own upbringing in a tight-knit Jewish community in Alabama, while integrated with the general population, cultivated a sense of "otherness" that fuels her empathy for immigrants and fuels her dedication to making their transition smoother.

Mauri's role on the Welcome Circle is Employment, which is a seamless fusion of her professional expertise and personal mission. As a seasoned career coach and job search specialist, Mauri will assist the Taranov/a family in pursuing stable employment and successful integration into their adopted homeland. Her invitation to the community to join hands in this transformative pursuit carries an inspirational message: regardless of expertise, there's a role for everyone in this compassionate endeavor. Mauri's experience exemplifies the power of community, unity, and shared purpose, making it evident that together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those seeking a new beginning.



*Mauri's grandparents
with her Aunt Minnie*

Danny Grossman

"This is deeply meaningful, sacred work."

Although born and raised in San Francisco, for Danny Grossman, immigration stories are a part of his family's history, woven with migration and survival. With family who settled in Israel and the US, Danny's perspective has been indelibly marked on the plight of those seeking refuge. Danny's father has roots in Kiev, and subsequently journeyed through Harbin, China. His wife, Linda Gerard has a similar story, with her own mother escaping from pre-war Germany following the horrors of Kristallnacht.

At the core of Danny's involvement lies a resonance with the Jewish principle of welcoming the stranger, born from the awareness that we were all strangers once. This guiding principle echoes throughout his work, infusing each action with a sense of sacred purpose. To those considering supporting the Ukraine Resettlement Initiative, Danny offers a heartfelt message: "This is deeply meaningful, sacred work. We are all pointing the way toward a future of refugee resettlement in the US where private citizens will be called upon to bear more responsibility." Danny has taken on a vital role of Budget and Finance on the Welcome Circle. This position entails not only ensuring the initiative's financial stability but also



Danny with his wife, Linda, and children, Noah and Jonah

setting the Taranov/a family on a trajectory toward financial independence and security. His dedication to financial responsibility is rooted most in empowering the Taranov/a family to build a stable future for themselves and their loved ones.

Looking ahead, Danny hopes this program will be transformative for its families. Beyond the immediate impact on the Ukrainian refugees, he envisions a profound ripple effect on the larger community. The initiative's success, he believes, will help shape the next chapter of US refugee resettlement, fostering a future where compassion and communal support are the guiding lights.

Cindy Marks Shegalov

"The impact of collective goodwill cannot be underestimated."

Hailing from Maryland, just outside DC, Cindy Shegalov's upbringing in an interfaith family instilled in her a deep commitment to inclusion and to celebrating diverse backgrounds. Cindy's motivations to contribute to the Ukraine Resettlement Initiative are deeply intertwined with the immigration narrative of her own family and of those in her community. From tutoring immigrants in Boston's Chinatown during college to learning about her husband's journey from Russia to Germany to the United States, Cindy has experienced firsthand the aspirations, challenges, and the transformative power of embracing a new beginning. Currently at the helm of the Documentation & Legal aspect of the initiative, Cindy's experience navigating complex government and administrative processes is an integral part of the puzzle that will help the Taranov/a family overcome bureaucratic obstacles. Cindy will also collaborate with legal experts within the congregation, leveraging the collective support and strength of our community.

Guided by her Jewish values of tikkun olam and the imperative to welcome strangers, Cindy's message to others considering support for the initiative is clear: every individual has unique skills and resources to offer. She emphasizes that whether through time, financial support, personal expertise, or logistical assistance, the impact of collective goodwill cannot be underestimated.

For Cindy, the ultimate aspiration for the Ukraine Resettlement Initiative is to provide the families with a sense of safety, belonging, and opportunity, while fostering a connection to both their newfound home and the culture they carry with them.



Cindy with her daughter, Cecily, husband, Gera, and mother-in-law, Betti

To donate to the Ukraine Resettlement Initiative, please reach out to Lauren Wardle.
lwardle@emanuelf.org

Men's Group Is Back!

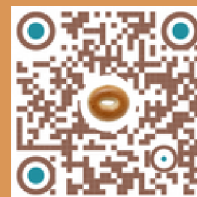
Join us for our first Men's group of the year, Sunday, September 10.

The Men's Group is led by Rabbi Jonathan and other clergy. The group meets on a monthly basis, usually on Sunday mornings, for a chance to make new friends, study, and connect with our Jewish identity. The group is open to all ages, though it is targeted at our members aged 55+.

This September 10, we will be talking about the *Akedah*: do we identify with Abraham or Isaac? Have we forgiven our fathers for their mistakes, and are we working on our own relationships?

The group meets at a member's home with **coffee and lox and bagels at 9:30 am** and will end by 11:30 am. You will receive address information when you register.

If you have questions, you can reach out to Rabbi Jonathan at jsinger@emanuelf.org.



Lunch and Learn!

New Fall Course for Seniors



Getting Good at Getting Older by Rabbi Laura Geller and Richard Siegal

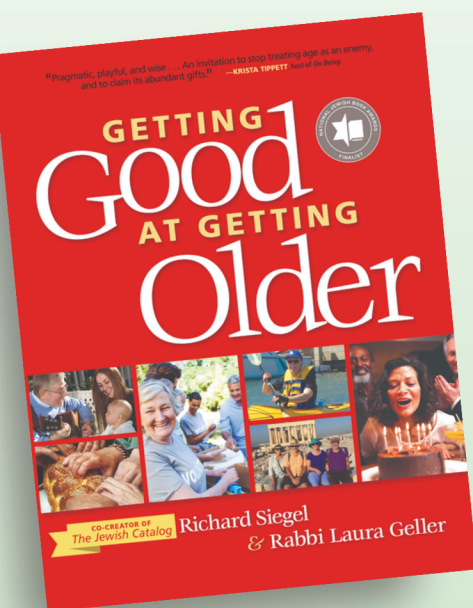
A six-week course facilitated by Rabbi Stephen Pearce

*This class will meet **in person** on Wednesdays from 12:00 -1:30 pm, October 4th - November 8th. Additional information at emanuelf.org.*

Bring a bagged lunch - coffee, tea, and cookies will be provided.

From the creator of the best-selling *The Jewish Catalog*, *Getting Good at Getting Older* is a tour for all of us "of a certain age" through the resources and skills to navigate the years between maturity and old age. It brings humor, warmth, and more than 4,000 years of Jewish experience to the question of how to shape this new stage of life. Organized into six sections, each devoted to getting good at:

- **Gaining Wisdom:** learning, personal growth, and self-discovery
- **Getting Along:** dealing with aging parents, adult children, grandchildren, deepening intimacy, and friendship
- **Getting Better:** taking care of your emotional self, facing the reality of our aging bodies, visiting someone who's sick
- **Getting Ready:** organizing and planning for the inevitable
- **Giving Back:** volunteering, mentoring, and getting involved
- **Giving Away:** leaving a legacy, not a landfill



Save the Date**Fireside chat with author Jennifer Lang on her memoir,
*Places We Left Behind***

Sunday, October 8, 7:00 pm

Limited spaces. Address given upon registration.

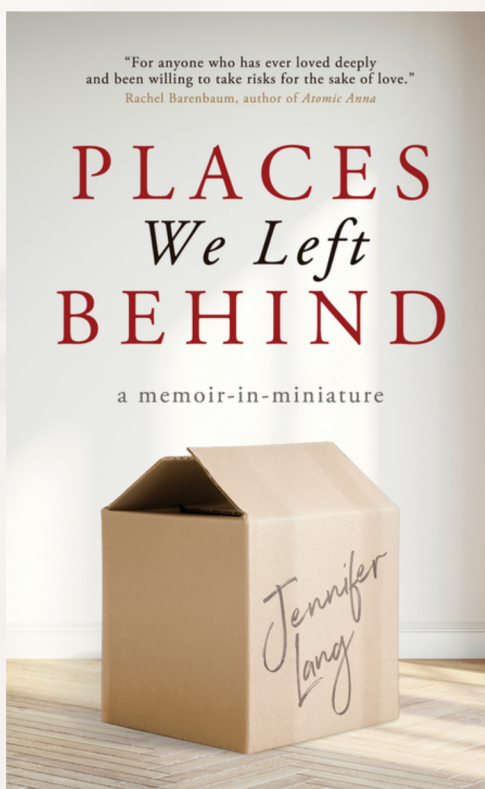
Join us for an evening with Jennifer Lang in conversation with Gunda Trepp on her upcoming memoir.

"For anyone who has ever loved deeply and been willing to take risks for the sake of love."- Rachel Barenbaum, author of *Atomic Anna*

When American-born Jennifer falls in love with French-born Philippe during the First Intifada in Israel, she understands their relationship isn't perfect.

Both 23, both Jewish, they lead very different lives: she's a secular tourist, he's an observant immigrant. Despite their opposing outlooks on two fundamental issues-country and religion-they are determined to make it work. For the next 20 years, they root and uproot their growing family, each longing for a singular place to call home.

In *Places We Left Behind*, Jennifer puts her marriage under a microscope, examining commitment and compromise, faith and family while moving between prose and poetry, playing with language and form, daring the reader to read between the lines.

**About the author:**

Born in the San Francisco Bay Area, Jennifer Lang lives in Tel Aviv, where she runs israelwriterstudio.com.

Her prize-winning essays appear in Baltimore Review, Under the Sun, Midway Journal, and elsewhere. She holds an MFA from Vermont College of Fine Arts and is an Assistant Editor at Brevity Journal, longtime yoga practitioner and instructor. Two unconventional books forthcoming, *Places We Left Behind: A Memoir-in-Miniature* (9/5/23) and *Landed: A Yogi's Memoir in Pieces & Poses* (10/15/24) both with Vine Leaves Press.

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Announcing 2023 - 2024 Shabbat Morning Torah Chevra with Rabbi Lawrence Kushner**Sefat Emet*****The Torah Commentary of Rabbi Yehudah Leib Alter of Ger***

Art Green calls it: "The crowning literary achievement of Polish Hasidism." The Hebrew text will be available on-screen.

The format will be via Zoom and identical to last year's "Speaking Torah."

The first session will be **Saturday, September 9, 2023, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.**

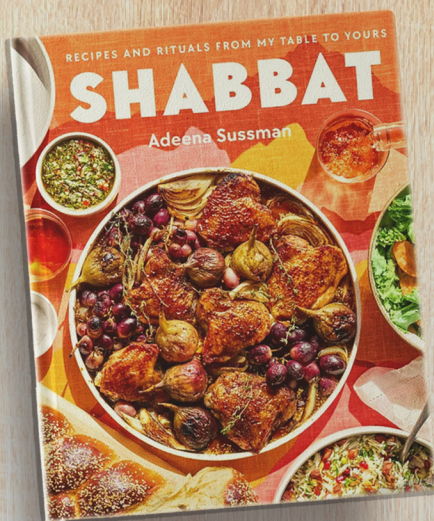
To sign up, please contact Ariana Estoque at aestoque@emanuelf.org.



Foods of the Shabbat Table

with cookbook author **Adeena Sussman** and Rabbi **Sydney Mintz**
Saturday, September 23rd, 1:00 - 2:30 pm

*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***. Tickets for this event are limited. Learn more and register at emanuelsf.org.

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



Save the Date!

Jodi Rudoren, Editor in Chief of the Forward
Thursday, October 12, 7:00 pm

Jodi Rudoren joined the Forward as Editor-in-Chief in 2019. A veteran reporter, editor, and digital innovator who spent over two decades at The New York Times, Jodi is transforming the storied 125-year-old Forward, America's leading voice in Jewish journalism.



Updates on Israel Action Committee Programming



Postponed! Professor Ron Robin, President of the University of Haifa
Our September program with Professor Ron Robin has been postponed. Please stayed tuned for further updates.



With heavy hearts, we announce the tragic passing of Dr. Daliah Fadila. Dr. Fadila was scheduled to speak at Emanu-El this October to share her work as the co-Ceo of the non-profit organization, *Atidna*. Dr. Fadila was a maverick educator who had dedicated her career to advancing Israeli Arab society through education. She was the first Israeli Arab woman awarded the Presidential Medal of Honor. May her memory be a blessing.

Construction Commences on Emanu-El NEXT Revitalization

An atmosphere of excitement has come over Emanu-El as construction has begun on Emanu-El NEXT, the much-anticipated revitalization of our synagogue! We are truly grateful for each of your individual support and the collective generosity of our community – a testament to our capacity to achieve so much more when we work together than can be done alone.

We have all worked hard for years to make this dream a reality, and now our efforts are just beginning to pay off. This redesign of our home will provide not only a beautiful new space for our congregants to come together, but also the foundation upon which we can support the next hundred years of congregants and future generations to come. Thank you for your support of Emanu-El NEXT.



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.

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.



time he was born they had long rejected organized religion. He was encouraged to find his own spiritual path, should the need arise.

They met through work in the 1990s. She had her MBA, he wanted to go to law school. When Dale passed the bar exam, he worked in litigation until deciding to pursue his own estate planning practice. "I thought of estate planning as a method to protect families - to allow them to do with their money as they wish." In the late 90s, while volunteering for the AIDS Legal Referral Panel (ALRP), Dale realized that LGBTQI+ families lacked basic protections under state law that he had taken for granted. "I wanted to help a group of people that really needed it." He practiced for almost a decade before joining Alla in real estate sales in

Donor Spotlight

Dale Boutiette and Alla Gershberg

Alla Gershberg and Dale Boutiette come from worlds apart. Born in Kiev and immigrating to Cleveland at 11, Alla's background as a Soviet Jew gave her a dualistic view of Jewish identity: you were either culturally Jewish, and held identity lightly - or Orthodox, kept kosher, wore the garb, and held ritual strongly. Like many émigrés, Alla felt strongly Jewish identified, but ambivalent and unknowing of religious ritual.

Born and raised in the Bay Area, Dale's parents were of different faiths - one Catholic, one Lutheran - but by the

the early 2000s. As they considered life with children, Dale asked Alla: “Shouldn’t we figure out what it means to raise a Jewish child?” He remembers it took her aback. “At first she thought: Oh gosh! He’s going to want to change our lives considerably!” He laughs. “But, no, I just felt strongly that our children should understand what it means to say, ‘I’m Jewish.’”

They found an Intro to Judaism class at Emanu-El together. It spoke to Dale right away. The core values of putting life in action and doing good in the community spoke to Dale. He converted, and their whole world did change – but not in the way they expected. A nourishing community emerged from every facet of the Jewish world that touched their lives. Their two daughters, Isabel and Sabrina, were both became B’nai Mitzvah at Emanu-El and went to Jewish day school at Brandeis. Brandeis wasn’t just a place to educate their kids, but a hub among families. Today, at High Holy Days, they sit side by side with the many fellow parents, families, and friends they’ve made there and at Emanu-El over the years.



At 38, Alla was diagnosed with colon cancer – the very cancer that took her mother’s life only weeks after her diagnosis. The treatment became a fact of their lives, but they were determined to minimize the impact on their young daughters’ daily lives. The Brandeis and Emanu-El community offered profoundly meaningful gestures of support. Parents organized meal trains, phone calls, regular visits, and helped their daughters get to afterschool activities. “The community propped us up and would not let us fall.”

“What came out of it was the realization that life is better in community,” Dale says. “Community works when you give yourself up to your community without seeking anything in return.” He says it’s been his and Alla’s mantra since – the fueling source for both their involvement in every community they’re a part of – just to be involved, for its own sake. “It matters. It’s meaningful.”

Over the years, Alla has been involved with JFCS, particularly on the committee for the Russian Emigre Community Gala. Dale currently serves on the board of Hamilton Families, and has been on the boards of JCRC, Camp Tawonga, Brandeis, and Emanu-El.

They see Emanu-El Next as a considerable step forward in making sure that, from a physical building standpoint, our congregation is ready to engage and serve the Jewish and the broader San Francisco community for the next hundred years. Their wish for Emanu-El is to see it become an even greater force for good through the Tzedek Council and many activities that benefit our City and beyond.

“Emanu-El is more than a place to go for Shabbat and High Holy Day services.” Dale says. “And our congregation has spoken volumes about their love of Emanu-El through their generosity. But we believe generosity doesn’t mean how many digits are in your gift, but how meaningful the gift is – so that’s why we gave the most meaningful gift of our lives to pay it forward in honor of those who paid it forward for us a century ago.”

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@emanuelf.org or **415-750-7557**.

September B. Mitzvah



Carolina Kreamer

B. Mitzvah:
September 2, 2023

Parents:
Marisa Pearl
Robert Kreamer

Torah Portion:
Ki Tavo



Avery Taylor

B. Mitzvah:
September 9, 2023

Parents:
Katherine Taylor
Brian Taylor

Torah Portion:
Nitzavim Vayeilech



Caleb Blum

B. Mitzvah:
September 2, 2023

Parents:
Ari Blum
Mead Blum

Torah Portion:
Ki Tavo



Alden Rosenfield

B. Mitzvah:
September 30, 2023

Parents:
James Rosenfield
Heather Rosenfield

Torah Portion:
Sukkot I



Hannah Weinberg

B. Mitzvah:
September 9, 2023

Parents:
Elana Weinberg
Daniel Weinberg

Torah Portion:
Nitzavim Vayeilech



Jakoby Gershman

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