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Shalom Rav from Richard and Rhoda Goldman Senior Rabbi Jonathan Singer

As we reel from the horrific attack on Israel by Hamas we begin to remember those who perished, understand what was lost, and consider how we can come together and go forward. It is paramount that we see Hamas differently from other actors in the conflict as they are a nihilistic terrorist organization bent on destruction. They clearly state that they have no interest in finding a path to peace and they certainly reject a two-state solution. The killing we witnessed on social media was a modern-day pogrom, and the targets were civilians, the innocent, children, elderly, and even babies. Their deaths were celebrated by these haters, and those who try to use phrases that equate Israeli actions which we at times must condemn, with what Hamas did, either do not understand what they are seeing with their own eyes, or do not want to understand.



Richard and Rhoda Goldman
Senior Rabbi Jonathan Singer

At the same time, we must not vilify the Palestinian people - they, like us, are reflections of God, and we must keep seeing that in them and in each other and find the path to peace.

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*The New Israel Fund in partnership with Congregation Emanu-El and
Congregation Sherith Israel invite our communities to:*

Shared Grief & Working for a Just and Peaceful Future

An Evening with New Israel Fund CEO Daniel Sokatch

Thursday, November 16 at 7:00 pm

Hosted at Congregation Emanu-El

Please join us for a community gathering in shared grief and yearning for a peaceful future. The event will feature a conversation between Rabbi Jessica Zimmerman Graf, Rabbi Jonathan Singer, and Daniel Sokatch about Israel and the war in Gaza. There will be a special focus on the incredible work civil society is engaging in, with support from NIF, to help provide humanitarian aid to Israel's most vulnerable, work to decrease inter-communal tensions, and provide mental health and trauma counseling. Hear about the kind of work that helps us see the holy in each other.



The New Israel Fund is the leading organization advancing and defending human rights and democracy in Israel. Widely credited with building Israeli progressive civil society, NIF has provided over \$300 million to more than 900 organizations since its inception in 1979.

**Find the New Israel Fund, more information on this program,
and other pathways for support at emanuelsf.org**

Charles Michael Scholar-in-Residence Weekend

Adam Kirsch

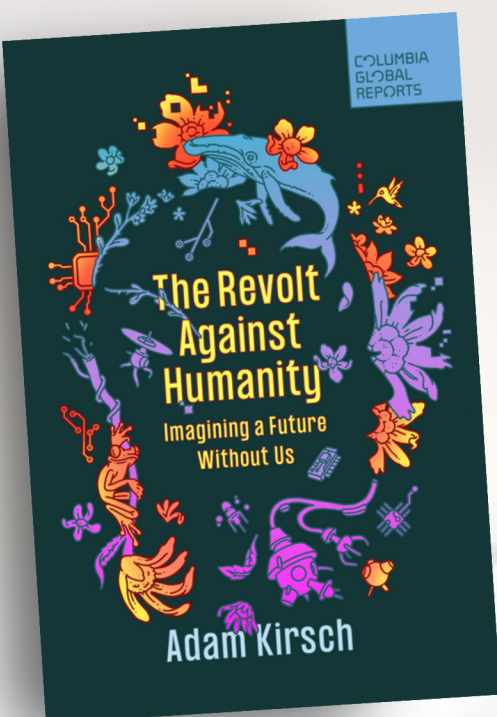
November 3 - 5

We are thrilled to welcome Adam Kirsch, one of the leading writers on Jewish life, and also widely published as a literary critic, poet, and public intellectual. He is a professor at Columbia/Barnard, an editor at the Wall Street Journal, and a regular contributor to the New Yorker, The Atlantic, and The Times Literary Review and Poetry Review, and more!



His latest book is entitled *The Revolt Against Humanity: Imagining a Future Without Us*, and he has also written *The People and the Books*, *18 Classics of Jewish Literature*, *Who Wants to Be a Jewish Writer?* and *The Global Novel: Writing the World in the 21st Century*, among others.

This weekend is sure to be moving, uplifting and intellectually engaging.



Friday night, November 3

Am I hidden, do I want to hide?

How we are seen and how we see ourselves in popular media

6:00 pm - During Shabbat services

7:00 - 8:30 pm - Shabbat dinner and discussion

Registration required for dinner

Saturday, November 4

Post-Talmud, Post-Roth, Post-Ozick

Is there still such a thing as Jewish literature?

10:15 - 11:15 am

The New Religion of Artificial Intelligence

Late afternoon - For the Young Adult community

Sunday, November 5

AI, is it a blessing or a curse?

A Jewish Writer's Perspective

9:30 - 11:00 am

*It is with special gratitude that we honor the memory of Charles Michael who made this wonderful weekend possible.
Zichrono Livracha*

ELIJAH

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18
7:00 PM

Calvary Chancel Choir & Orchestra
 San Francisco City Chorus

Arik Luck, *Elijah* – Kristin Clayton Knezevic, *soprano*
 Leandra Ramm, *mezzo-soprano* – John Bellemer, *tenor*
 Michael Conley, *conductor*

Calvary Presbyterian Church, 2515 Fillmore Street
www.calpres.org



Get your tickets and join us at
 Calvary Presbyterian Church for
 Cantor Arik Luck's performance
 in the titular role of Elijah!



Interview with *Elijah's* Conductor, Michael Conley

Tell us a little bit about Calvary Presbyterian Church, their historic musical tradition, and the role that you play as Minister of Music.

For more than a century Calvary has been known in San Francisco and beyond for having choral music of the finest quality. Our 40-voice Chancel Choir sings almost every Sunday service of the year along with additional liturgies during Advent, Christmas, and Holy Week. And our choirs have for many decades been presenting concerts of great choral and orchestral masterpieces for the wider community. It is my great privilege to be a part of that ongoing tradition, and to help it continue to evolve, grow, and diversify. One of the ways we're accomplishing that now is by collaborating with other musical ensembles and arts

organizations, including for this performance the San Francisco City Chorus and the San Francisco Academy Orchestra. And we are thrilled to be partnering with Congregation Emanu-El to present the pre-concert lecture on Monday, November 13th at Calvary.

What is it specifically about Mendelssohn's *Elijah* that drew you to select it as part of your season at Calvary?

Elijah is one of the great pinnacles of the choral/orchestral repertoire, and I have wanted to program it for a long time. But it is a long, technically demanding work—on the scale of Handel's *Messiah* or Bach's passions—which requires a large and proficient choir, a cast of excellent soloists, a superb orchestra, and a venue appropriate to the occasion. After 8 years of building relationships in the arts community in San Francisco and working with the choirs at Calvary, I felt we were now ready for this great work. It will also be the first time Calvary has ever presented *Elijah*!

Some of our congregants may not know that, while Mendelssohn's oratorio was originally composed in German, it actually premiered in English, in 1846. Your production will also be presented in English, yet interestingly, you chose to personally scribe your own brand new English translation from the original German. Why?

The libretto for Elijah was written by Mendelssohn's friend Julius Schubring and in no small part by Mendelssohn himself. Drawn from the Book of Kings and from various scriptures found in both the Hebrew Bible and the Christian New Testament, their source was naturally the German Bible of the time, a fairly straightforward, colloquial, unadorned translation of the original texts. That is in stark contrast to the King James translation (1611) used by the Church of England that served as the source for the English translation of Elijah that everyone has been singing since 1846. The King James Bible, while poetically beautiful, sometimes takes enormous liberties with the original scriptures which can obscure or even outright change the meaning of the words, especially to our modern ears. My goals in making this new translation were: to restore the libretto to something that more accurately reflects the meaning and intent of the original German; that is more dramatically effective and comprehensible to the listener; and that honors Mendelssohn's oft-stated intent that the characters in Elijah would be living, breathing, real humans, rather than religious stereotypes.

What is the most challenging aspect of conducting Elijah?

As with most works in the oratorio genre, the hardest part is always the recitatives. In oratorios there are several kinds of music that alternate to tell the story: purely instrumental passages, choruses, arias (solos), duets, trios, quartets, and recitatives. Recitative is a practice borrowed from opera where longer passages of text are composed in such a way that they move along quickly, echoing the natural pattern of speech, often notated to allow the performer to sing free from a strict rhythm or pulse. This allows the composer and therefore the singer to tell portions of the story quickly and efficiently, giving more time for the big choruses and arias which can then expound on grander themes and emotions. But it is precisely that freedom from rhythm and pulse that makes conducting recitative very tricky. And there is a LOT of it in Elijah. Pray for us.

What are you looking forward to the most?

Putting on a performance of a big piece like Elijah is a massive undertaking with many moving parts requiring many months of planning and preparation. But on the Wednesday evening before the concert, all those elements (soloists, chorus, and orchestra) will come together for the first time, and there will be a moment when I will become overwhelmed with emotion and gratitude. That is always the moment that makes these big productions worth all the hours of sweat equity. Great music has the power to bring a community together to collectively experience all the deep and transcendent emotions that make us human. And God knows, our troubled and contentious world needs all the community-building we can create. We are so excited to share this great work with your community, and are overjoyed to have Cantor Luck with us to sing one of the great roles in all of western classical music!

Preview Lecture: Becoming Elijah

From the Hebrew Bible to Mendelssohn's Oratorio

Monday, November 13 at 7:00 pm

Calvary Presbyterian Church

**Learn more at
calpres.org**



Who is this mysterious prophet, Elijah? How does he evolve over the course of Jewish and Christian history, from a Biblical miracle-worker -- who revived the dead and ascended to heaven in a fiery chariot -- to the forerunner of the Messiah and an annual guest at each Passover Seder?

Dr. Daniel Matt is a scholar of Jewish mysticism who taught for many years at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. Last year, Daniel's biography of Elijah the Prophet was published in Yale's series "Jewish Lives" titled *Becoming Elijah, Prophet of Transformation*. This book was awarded the inaugural Rabbi Jonathan Sacks Book Prize, established by Yeshiva University. Daniel lives in Berkeley and currently teaches Zohar online (danielcmatt.com).

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.

Looking ahead: February 2024
Special Shabbat Guest Speaker,
Sigal Kanotopsky
Jewish Agency for Israel

Sigal Kanotopsky joined the Jewish Agency for Israel in 2021 as the Northeast Regional Director. Based in Philadelphia, Sigal is responsible for cultivating partnerships and relationships between the Jewish Agency and local organizations and philanthropies. Sigal is the first Ethiopian Israeli to hold a regional Jewish Agency position.

In 2022, Sigal was featured as one of the Jerusalem Posts' 50 Most Influential Jews. Sigal is a member of International Women's Federation (IWF) and the Center for Ethiopian Jewry Heritage.



Reflections of God

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An example of what was lost: In rabbinical school Rabbi Beth and I had the honor of studying with Ben Zion Wacholder, professor of Talmud at the Cincinnati camps of the Hebrew Union College. Dr. Wacholder was legally blind, and it was rumored that this was due to his experience during the Holocaust. He had blonde hair and managed to pass himself off as non-Jewish laborer. People believe that to survive, he at one time resorted to eating bark from a tree. It is hard to separate the mythological from the historical, but it is true that after the war he learned English while attending Yeshiva University, where he got a BA in English literature. While getting his PHD at UCLA and working as a librarian at the Hebrew Union College while still a graduate student, he began helping the rabbinic students with their Talmud homework. It became clear that he was an *Illui* - a brilliant scholar, and eventually he became part of the faculty of the college. Rabbi Beth and I were privileged to attend a Passover seder in his home, and it was Dr. Wacholder who, using early PCs with a graduate student and a concordance that they had received, forced the publication of the Dead Sea Scrolls that were under the purview of just a few scholars, by using an early computer program to pre-publish some of the scrolls. He was such a brilliant, gentle man.

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Shalom Rav, continued:

His grandson, the grandchild of this survivor, was murdered by Hamas in his home in Israel.

We have too many stories like his. The attack was the worst loss in terms of numbers of lives lost in one day, since the creation of the state. Our Israeli family members are now having to fight yet again for their right to exist, and they should not have to; the resulting cost on both sides, will be heavy. Innocent Palestinians will inevitably suffer because of the extremism of Hamas.

What can we do? How do we not just feel powerless to respond? First, we can come together to both comfort each other, but also to keep proudly building Jewish life both here and there. Join us by making the minyanim on Shabbat, come to the classes and lectures, and show that Jewish life here in San Francisco is flourishing.

We can speak out when others want to castigate Israel for defending its right to be a Jewish state. There are those who claim Israelis are colonialist, ignoring our history, or that the Jews who make up the majority of the state are from the Middle East. Their stand against the right for Jews to have nationalism just like any other people, is a form of antisemitism.

We can be more confident as we stand up against hatred - Am Yisrael Chai, the Jewish people live - and we can proudly stand up for ourselves. We can support the rebuilding of that which was broken and push for support from our leaders in government. We can donate to the hospitals and to the agencies that are committed to helping people in need. And despite the pain - we can also keep extending that hand of peace to those willing to take it.

We can also talk and listen to those who may have different perspectives from you about Israel and the conflict. One who wants a two state solution, and wants Israel to leave the West Bank, is one who desires peace and is not anti-Israel. However, they may not understand that Hamas does not embrace that vision. Hamas only believes in destruction. So listen and talk, and engage and do not write someone off. And we can keep calling, writing and reaching out to our friends there. They need to keep hearing from you, that you care, that you are there for them.

We can visit too - I hope to lead a solidarity trip in February , and walk the streets of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and Beersheba and the border, showing that we are one, a determined people standing together.

Let me know if you are interested.



Discover the Talmud

Taught by Rabbi Noah Westreich

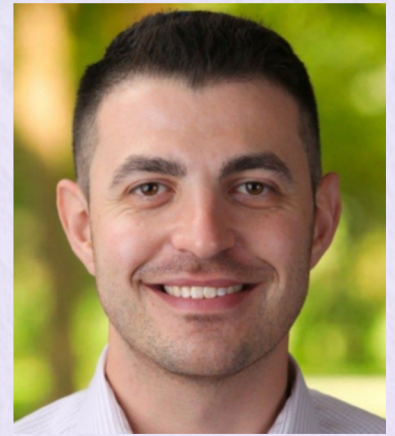
Monthly sessions: Tuesday evenings, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Star of the Sea (350 9th Avenue)

The Talmud is the record of narrative and legal change in Jewish tradition and is a whole lot of fun to study—if you know how. This discovery class provides an encounter with the text that will shift your perspective and reveal mysteries about the Talmud. Classes will consist of an introductory lecture, word-by-word translation of a Talmudic passage in its original language, a small group discussion, and a large group discussion.

Each class stands alone—you can register for one or more sessions. No prior experience with Hebrew or Talmud is necessary, though the ability to sound out the alef-bet is suggested.

Questions? Contact Ariana Estoque at 415-750-7552 or at aestoque@emanuelsf.org



Save the Date!

Rabbi Joseph Asher Memorial Lecture

An Evening With Author, George Prochnik

Thursday, December 14, 6:30 pm

Jewish Community Library (1835 Ellis Street – Parking garage available)

George Prochnik's most recent book, *I Dream with Open Eyes: A Memoir about Reimagining Home*, was published by Counterpoint in 2022. Among his earlier publications, *Stranger in a Strange Land: Searching for Gershom Scholem and Jerusalem* was a *New York Times* "Editor's Choice" and was short-listed for the Wingate Prize in the UK. *The Impossible Exile: Stefan Zweig at the End of the World*, received the National Jewish Book Award for Biography/Memoir in 2014 and was translated into more than a dozen languages.

Prochnik was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship in 2021. He has written for *Granta*, *The New York Times*, *The Boston Globe*, and many more publications, and he is Editor-at-Large for *Cabinet* magazine.



Mishpachot Emanuel-El

Programs for families with children under age 6

MISHPACHOT



Mazel Tots are *back*!

Mondays, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Dive into a world of fun and connection at our weekly baby group! Join us for Havdalah and music led by the renowned Jonathan Bayer, and quality bonding time for both children and parents/caregivers/grandparents. Come be a part of our vibrant, supportive community and watch your child grow alongside new friends!

Member price: \$10

Non-Member Price: \$18

Reach out to Sarah Balagey at sbalagey@emanuelsf.org



Friday

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November 2023
5:00 - 6:00 pm

Tot Shabbat

Join us in our new location at St. John's! Just across the street from our beloved temple. Come by at 5:00 pm to connect with fellow families while children nosh. Followed by a joyful and engaging 30-minute service from 5:30 - 6:00 pm.

PJs are highly encouraged!

Friday

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November 2023
10:30 am

Mishpachot Meetup

On parental leave? Have a flexible schedule? This is a chance for families to come together and connect with each other. We'll discuss Judaism, child-rearing, and our lives, while also enjoying some coffee and pastries. Come join us for some meaningful conversations and new friendships!

Children & babies are welcome to join us.

Saturday

18

November 2023
11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Park Shabbat

Looking for a unique and spiritual way to welcome Shabbat? Look no further! We invite you to join us for Park Shabbat, an exciting new tradition that brings our community together in the serene embrace of nature. With the acoustic stylings of our musicians, clergy, and light nosh. Food will be available for purchase at Spark Social! This is a great opportunity to join in community and celebrate Shabbat, together.

Visit us at emanuelsf.org/mishpachot

Join our Young Families WhatsApp! Reach out to Sarah Balagey at sbalagey@emanuelsf.org

CHANUKAH 2023

Sundown Thursday, Dec. 7 to Sundown Friday, Dec. 15

Join us for Rabbi Noah Westreich's Installation!

Friday, December 8

5:00 pm - Treats in the Foyer | 5:45 pm - Community Candlelighting

6:00 pm - Service

Join us for a warm and light-filled erev Shabbat service celebrating the miracle of Chanukah and the installation of our Rabbi Noah Westreich as the newest member of our clergy team! We'll start the evening with Chanukah treats and delights for the whole family – be sure to arrive at 5:00 pm to take part in the fun!

Rabbi Westreich's installation will include special guest speaker Rabbi Matt Green, associate rabbi of Congregation Beth Elohim in Brooklyn, and leader of Brooklyn Jews, a young adult community.



Save the Date - First Candle

December 7 at Thrive City / Chase Center

Join your Emanu-El family at the **Golden State Warriors Community Chanukah Celebration** as we light the first candle!

Light of Giving

Sunday, December 3

Each year, Congregation Emanu-El supports a local organization that sparks real change in the San Francisco Bay Area through our annual Light of Giving program.

Stay tuned for how you can support your community this Chanukah!

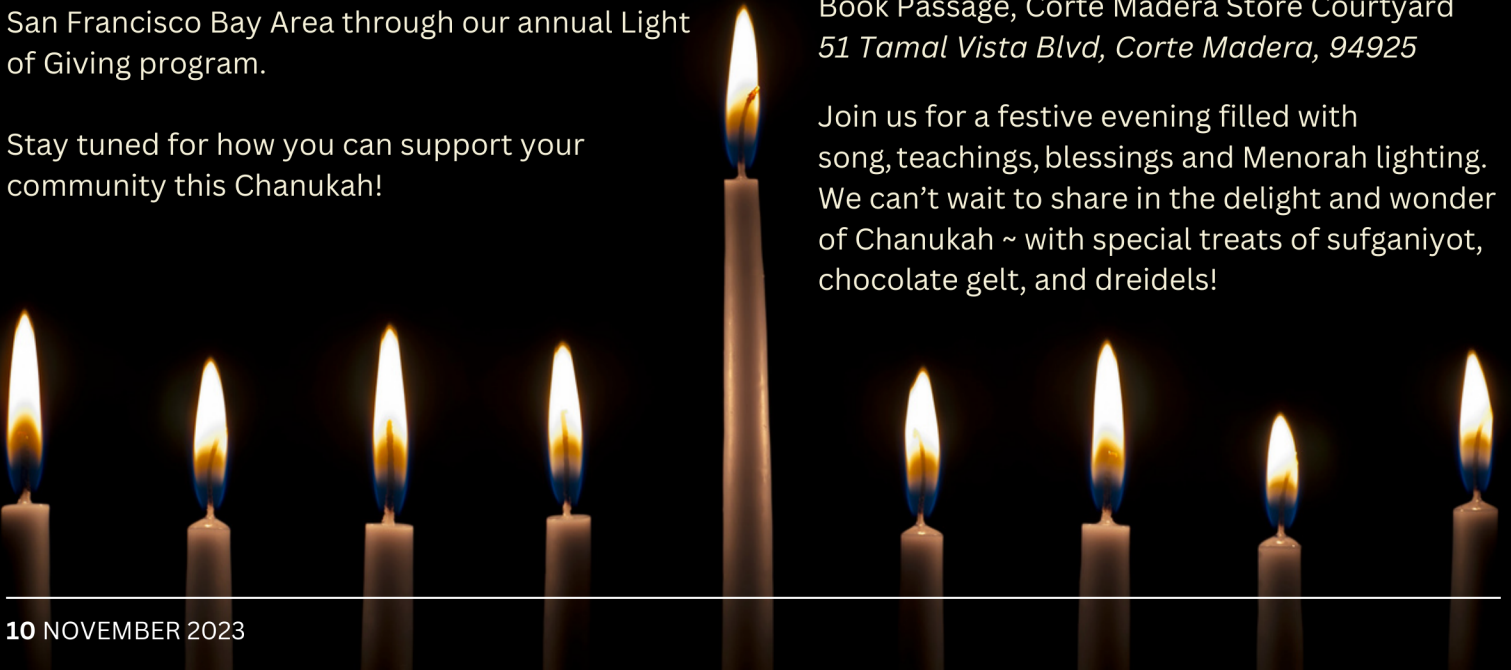
Chanukah Celebration and Menorah Lighting in Marin!

Wednesday, December 13

5:30 – 6:15 pm

Book Passage, Corte Madera Store Courtyard
51 Tamal Vista Blvd, Corte Madera, 94925

Join us for a festive evening filled with song, teachings, blessings and Menorah lighting. We can't wait to share in the delight and wonder of Chanukah ~ with special treats of sufganiyot, chocolate gelt, and dreidels!





Ukraine Resettlement Initiative Update **The Taranov/a Family Safely Arrives!**

In a heartwarming testament to the power of community and compassion, the Taranov/a family has found a new home and a fresh start, far from the turmoil and uncertainty of war-torn Ukraine. This community effort was led by congregants, Lisa Krim and Josh Cohen, with the assistance of their Welcome Circle, the outpouring support from our congregations and the invaluable assistance of HIAS. Theirs is a story of hope, and a shining example of the sacred principles of tikkun olam and gemilut chasadim.



Kolya, Natasha, their daughters Nelli (13 years old) and Nikol (9 years old), along with their beloved feline companions, Nana and Nurchik, embarked on an 11-hour bus ride from their birthplace of Vinnytsia in west-central Ukraine,



crossing the border into Moldova. From there, they caught a flight from Chisinau to Istanbul, where they had an overnight layover before their final leg to San Francisco International Airport (SFO), arriving on Monday, October 9. The warmth of our community's welcome was felt from the moment the Taranov/a family touched down on American soil, as they were greeted with signs, flowers, and thoughtful gifts, expressing our joy at their safe arrival.

Their new home, furnished and accessorized with love by our Housing Committee members, Mae Hochhauser, Lorie Hirson, Rachel Zarrow, Linda Gerard, and Deb Hilleboe, awaited them. Our congregation rallied together to stock their new abode, using an Amazon wishlist. The Taranov/a family was truly touched by the kindness and generosity that has given them the opportunity for a fresh start. Their new home is a source of great happiness for them, with a spacious



backyard, large windows flooding the space with sunlight, and all the comforts of a lovingly prepared environment. They are filled with gratitude, not just for their new physical surroundings but for the sense of safety and stability that our community has provided.

Kolya had been in Ukraine since 2021, facing the challenges of an ever-changing and tumultuous environment. Meanwhile, Natasha and their daughters had left their hometown of Vinnytsia when war broke out and initially moved to Poland and then



Canada. After six months of separation, they made the courageous decision to return to Ukraine to be reunited with Kolya. Their journey to safety and to be together once more was not an easy one, but with the support of our community, they have finally found refuge and stability as a family. Even before the family arrived, congregants Robert Rohr (retired USF ESL professor) as well as Lynn Winter Gross, Janice Wood and Karen Hindin, taught the family English via video calls. The girls, Nelli and Nikol, are enrolled in SFUSD schools and started their academic journey a mere three days after their arrival. This is an incredible testament to the family's resilience and the supportive environment that our





community has fostered.

The story of the Taranov/a family's journey to safety and the warm embrace of our community exemplifies the values of compassion, unity, and support that our temple, alongside HIAS, strives to provide. We are guided by our partnership with HIAS. Their mission is to provide vital services to refugees and asylum seekers around the world and advocate for their fundamental rights so they can rebuild their lives. As the saying goes, "We used to help refugees because they were Jewish; now we help refugees because we are Jewish."

Their safe arrival is a testament to the power of collective action and the unyielding spirit of those who seek refuge and safety in times of crisis. It is a reminder that, regardless of where we come from, we all share a common humanity, and it is our duty to stand together and provide sanctuary to those in need. The Taranov/a family's



new beginning is not just a chapter in their lives; it's a symbol of hope and solidarity for all of us.



The Tzedek Justice Collective Thanks You for Your Support

Welcome Circle

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Finding the Apartment

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ESL Teachers

Karen Hindin

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Rachel Zarrow

Robert Rohr

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Meal Delivery

**Everyone who mobilized and
immediately purchased each and
every item on our Amazon Wishlist!**

*And more congregants than we can count who reached
out to offer assistance, volunteer their time, and help.*

They are such a lovely family and invited us in for a few minutes. My husband, Chuck, came too. Even one of the cats came out for a pet and to say hello! They were so appreciative and honestly, when I left, I shed a tear. Knowing what they have been through, the heartbreak in Israel right now, and the continuing war in Ukraine, it made me sad but hopeful that we could help one family.

Patty Ortenberg, Ukraine Resettlement Initiative Contributor

November B. Mitzvah



Nathan Dade

Bar Mitzvah:
November 4, 2023

Parents:
Victoria Dade
Rick Dade

Torah Portion:
Vayera



Cooper Edelstein

Bar Mitzvah:
November 18, 2023

Parents:
Michael Edelstein
Rachel Styne

Torah Portion:
Toldot



Noa Schachter

Bat Mitzvah:
November 11, 2023

Parents:
Charlene Schachter
Bart Schachter

Torah Portion:
Bereshit



Elliot ("Leo") Coffman

Bar Mitzvah:
November 18, 2023

Parents:
David Coffman
Heather Coffman

Torah Portion:
Toldot



Simone Leonard

Bat Mitzvah:
November 11, 2023

Parents:
Mark Leonard
Natasha Fain

Torah Portion:
Haye Sarah



Alexander Bold

Bar Mitzvah:
November 18, 2023

Parents:
Emily Bold
Ethan Bold

Torah Portion:
Toldot

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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:** www.emanuelsf.org/support-us/
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- **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

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

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Judy Wolfenstein
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TZEDEK JUSTICE COLLECTIVE UKRAINE RESETTLEMENT INITIATIVE

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Aubrey & Evan Minshew
Daniel & Nicole Shapiro

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in honor of Lida Soofer

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Stuart & Myrna Aronoff
in celebration of Cynthia Shapiro's birthday

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in observance of the Yahrzeit of Anna B. Ernst and in memory of William M. Scott

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in observance of the Yahrzeit of Marcia Israel-Curly

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in celebration of Avery Taylor's Bat Mitzvah

Andrea Werlin
in memory of Barbara Werlin

Henry & Carol Winetsky
in observance of the Yahrzeit of Ruth G. Schutz

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Condolences to Our Members Who Have Suffered a Recent Loss

Our community mourns the loss of **Senator Dianne Feinstein**.

Rabbi Leo Fuchs (Elizabeth Goldman) on the loss of his grandmother;
Zachary and Jeremy Fuchs on the loss of their great-grandmother,
Stefanie Steinberg.

Patricia Berkowitz on the loss of her husband, Edwin Berkowitz.
Thelma-Jeanne Taylor (J. Curtis) on the loss of her brother,
K. Bruce Friedman.

James Rosenfield (Heather) on the loss of his father; Aldan and Winslow
Rosenfield on the loss of their grandfather,
Robert Rosenfield.

Donna Gothelf on the loss of her husband; Adam Gothelf on the loss of
his father, and Vicki Kahn (Scott) on the loss of her brother, **Steve
Gothelf**.

Steven White (Emma) on the loss of his brother, Richard White.
Jody Barkin (David) on the loss of her father, Eva and Rebecca Barkin on
the loss of their grandfather, **Howard Allen Plotkin**.

Bart Schachter (Charlene) on the loss of his mother, Simone and Noa
Schachter on the loss of their grandmother, **Otilia Schachter**.

Leslie Karren on the loss of her father, **Fred Karren**.

Jeremy Bachrach (Laura Hansen) on the loss of his mother, **Ruth Ann
Bachrach**.

Donna Levin (Michael Bernick) on the loss of her father; Anna, Elena,
Sonia and William Bernick on the loss of their grandfather, **Marvin Levin**.

Fran Rubenstein on the loss of her mother, **Joan Robinson**.

Craig Miller (Jacqueline Shelton) on the loss of his father, Aaron, Joshua
and Ilan Miller on the loss of their grandfather, **Ovvie Miller**.

Jed Katz (Lisa) on the loss of his mother; Taylor and Chloe Katz on the
loss of their grandmother, **Ellen Katz**.

Donny Friend (Janie) on the loss of his brother; Jason (Alina) Friend and
Benjamin Friend (Jackie Frey) and their families, on the loss of their
uncle, **Robert Friend**.

Anne Quaintance (Timothy) on the loss of her mother; Paige Quaintance
on the loss of her grandmother, **Judith Miller**.

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New Member & Legacy Member Shabbat Services

**Thank you for joining us last month! The next
New Member & Legacy Member Shabbat
services and dinners are:**

January 26 & April 26 at 6:00 pm

We invite all new members, as well as members who have been with Emanu-El for 20+ years, to these upcoming special Shabbat services to honor your participation in this community. The services will feature Emanu-El's rich musical legacy, with new additions as well.

Contact Ariana Estoque at
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information. Special invitations to come.