Hello, Come on In!

AUG 26
BRING A FRIEND AND JOIN US FOR OUR OPEN HOUSE SHABBAT BBQ DINNER

AUG 30
AN EVENING WITH ROSEANNE BARR

ADULT LEARNING
Classes Now Enrolling!
INTRODUCING THE TZEDEK COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE
Join us to make a difference in our community!

Nearly one year ago, Rabbi Beth Singer and Rabbi Ryan Bauer called upon congregants to stand up and take social justice action. “Tzedek” or “Justice” is part of the Jewish responsibility to repair the world (“tikkun olam”). The launch of our new Tzedek Council - with dedicated congregant, board, staff, and clergy - marked Congregation Emanu-El’s increased effort to bring social justice to the forefront of our minds, deepen our positive impact in the community, and ensure social justice is infused throughout the Temple’s programming and operations.

Interested in getting involved?
• Join a working group to help plan action
• Sign up for events to learn about social justice issues or do direct service
• Stop by our Tzedek Council Social Justice Expo this Yom Kippur to learn more

Keep reading to check out the Council’s five main areas of focus and visit https://www.emanuelsf.org/community/volunteer/ or email Monica Pevzner (mpevzner@emanuelsf.org) for more information.

ECONOMIC JUSTICE
The Economic Justice group coordinates opportunities for congregants to work together to fight homelessness, hunger and poverty in our community. Our current volunteer opportunities include Larkin Street Youth Services (G-House), Meals on Wheels, Raphael House and The Roosevelt Healthy Children Pantry.

Visit our webpage for more on this topic: https://www.emanuelsf.org/community/volunteer/hunger/.

EDUCATION
The Education Group is working with key partners such as the Jewish Coalition for Literacy and Back on Track to raise literacy levels in the city’s public schools. In addition, this group is promoting a much-needed school supply drive and will co-host a conversation with the November San Francisco School Board candidates on September 7, 2016.

Visit our webpage for more on this topic: https://www.emanuelsf.org/community/volunteer/literacy/.

ENVIRONMENT
The Environment Group works with the Temple’s facilities team to make building operations carbon neutral, such as by making all events and meetings nearly zero-waste and lowering our energy and water use through installing more efficient equipment.

Visit our webpage for more on this topic: https://www.emanuelsf.org/community/volunteer/environment/.

HUMAN RIGHTS
The Human Rights group works on a variety of issues including Racial Justice, Refugee Resettlement, ending Gun Violence, and LGBTQ. This group hosted several events to support refugees and formed a Unity Group to increase partnership between the African American and Jewish communities with the goal of working together on projects that increase racial justice.

Visit our webpage for more on this topic: https://www.emanuelsf.org/community/volunteer/human-rights/.

WELLNESS
The Wellness Group is focusing on reducing the stigma of mental health illness. Over the next year, they will plan educational events and explore opportunities for workshops and conversations to help ensure our community is one of understanding and support.

Visit our webpage for more on this topic: https://www.emanuelsf.org/community/volunteer/well-being/.
TEMPELS AND POLITICS

By Richard and Rhoda Goldman Senior Rabbi Beth Singer

Many people do not know this about me, but I was born into a family of staunch conservative Republicans. It was like our family was part of some endangered species at our Temple in southern California, where virtually everyone else was a registered Democrat. Speaking purely anecdotally, Reform temples provide a Jewish, spiritual home to a large number of Democrats, a handful of Republicans, a sprinkling of Independents, Green Party members, and Libertarians. Even here at Emanu-El, some of our congregants are with Hillary, others want to make America great again with Trump, still others will never cease feeling the Bern and many are terrified of what will be, come this November.

Congregation Emanu-El strives to be a Jewish spiritual home for anyone who wants a Jewish spiritual home, regardless of one’s party affiliation. We are too small a people to exclude anyone based on their political party affiliation. As a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, it is against our tax exempt status for us to support one party over another, one candidate over another or to endorse any one individual for office. We do take positions on issues which are consistent with fundamental Jewish values and teachings. Judaism teaches that we are all created in the Divine Image, so we are sensitive to bigotry and discrimination against any of God’s creations. These days, we focus on racial equality, LGBTQ equality and combating anti-Semitism. Judaism teaches that we were strangers in Egypt and so we have a special affinity for immigrants and refugees. We have partnered with the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society Welcome Campaign to advocate for refugees who are fleeing unspeakable, life-threatening conditions. The most vulnerable in the Torah were the orphan, the widow and the stranger.

Today, we stand up for homeless people, impoverished individuals and underfed children. Depending on the orientation of our political affiliations, we may not always agree on the best way to remedy these social issues, but we agree that we are a strong, powerful community who will not stand idly by in the face of injustice or bigotry.

As you are aware, our Tzedek Social Justice Council sponsors a wide variety of initiatives and programs so that our congregation will be a voice, locally and nationally, and so that we can work together as a synagogue community in areas of human rights, education, economic justice, mental health and the environment. We want members of every political party to work collectively on these issues.

The upcoming election feels fraught. There is tremendous uncertainty about which way the election will go. I have heard numerous people express a sense of dread and helplessness. Even though the synagogue will not be campaigning for any particular candidate, you can! Be sure you are registered to vote and that everyone you know is properly registered. This is our first election since some basic voter rights were stripped away in a Supreme Court decision, so find out how you can engage in ways to make sure everyone in our country who can vote is able to vote. Educate yourself on the November ballot issues. Join us here at Emanu-El on September 7th for a JCRC-sponsored educational forum with the candidates for the public school board. Connect yourself to a Tzedek Council initiative. Find opportunities on our website and at the social justice expo that will take place on Yom Kippur.

Most importantly, just as your synagogue is radically welcoming of those who believe in God and those who do not, and of Jews and non-Jews, we ask you to make space at the Temple for diverse congregant political viewpoints other than your own. Do not assume that the person next to you plans to vote as you plan to vote or agrees with you on every issue. If a rabbi gives a sermon with which you disagree, make time to share your perspective with the rabbi. I told you that my parents were Republicans. So, what does that make me? Your rabbi.
WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Friday, August 5

FIRST FRIDAY SHABBAT SERVICES!
5:30 pm, First Friday Under Five Service (MMS)
6:00 pm, Classic Shabbat Service (Main)
6:15 pm, Simchat Shabbat Dinner (Guild Hall)
7:30 pm, One Shabbat Service (MMS)

Saturday, August 6
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Minyan (MMS)

Friday, August 12
6:00 pm, Shabbat Service (MMS)
8:30 pm, Young Adult Late Shabbat

Saturday, August 13
10:15 am, Got Shabbat? (Chapel)
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Minyan (MMS)

Friday, August 19
6:00 pm, Shabbat Service (MMS)

Saturday, August 20
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Minyan (MMS)

Friday, August 26
6:00 pm, Shabbat Service (MMS)

Saturday, August 27
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Minyan (Main)

Sponsor an Oneg-Shabbat

Sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat for Friday evening is a lovely way to honor or remember a loved one or to celebrate a simcha. When you sponsor an Oneg Shabbat, you help us welcome Shabbat with the warmth and community that are characteristic of our congregation. For more details please contact Svetlana Leykin at sleykin@emanuelsf.org or (415) 751-2541 x123.

Thank you to the following for recently sponsoring Oneg Shabbat receptions:

Stephanie and Seth Rubin in honor of Ella Rubin’s Bat Mitzvah
The children and grandchildren of Harmon Shragge Sr.
The Sisitsky Family in honor of the upcoming Bar Mitzvah of Tyler Eli Sisitsky
Bima flowers were donated by Paul and Jacob Zarefsky in loving memory of Jacqueline Reed

THE DEFINITION OF PARTNERS - A SUMMER SURVEY RECAP

by David N. Goldman and Jessica Marx

Overall - Very High Rates of Satisfaction

Both the comments and ratings showed a community broadly satisfied with the services as well as the clergy, teachers and staff providing those services.

• 77% said that they would recommend Emanu-El to friends and family.

• Participants showed a great level of enthusiasm for giving specific feedback. Nearly 46% of the respondents made comments about the clergy and 21% provided comments about programs and staff. This is an outstanding number of responses for this type of survey.

• 75% of our respondents ranked nearly every person and program as good, very good or excellent.

Yet, there are still pockets of dissatisfaction, with certain members having a hard time finding the type of people or programs that bring meaning and connection.

Our Diverse Rabbinic Team: Broad Satisfaction with the Clergy

One of Emanu-El’s strengths is that our clergy team provides numerous and diverse pathways to worship, study and receiving pastoral care. The survey reflects members’ appreciation of the opportunities to learn and worship in a variety of styles. Overall, sentiments expressed about the rabbis reflected congregants’ familiarity, with the most experienced rabbis mentioned roughly the same number of times.

• Members gave rabbis very high marks - 64% or more gave ratings as excellent or very good in all 3 categories, garnering the highest ranking as educators. 72% of the comments about the rabbis were positive.

• Given the personal nature of pastoral care which is often tied to very specific events, it is encouraging that 78% of respondents have been able to access this means of support.

Room for growth

• In general, it seemed that many members only have significant experience with one rabbi or maintain one favorite. We want members to have the benefit of and exposure to the different skills and perspectives each clergy member offers.

• There was a general concern about quantity vs. quality. For example, several people mentioned that with so many clergy doing so many programs, it was hard to get to know any of them well.
Given the central role music plays in worship and holidays, it is a great sign that 84% of respondents rated music as very good or excellent. In fact, music was rated as “excellent” more than any other question addressed in the survey.

- The cantors also earned strong marks for their ability as teachers, with 50% ranking them as very good or excellent, indeed “love” was the most frequently used term when describing the cantors.

Many members have little or no experience with the cantors in their roles as pastors, counselors, or educators.

A few members raised concern about music taking a direction that is too performance based.

We are achieving excellence in nearly all of our programs and services.

- “Excellent” was the most frequent response in 6 of the 10 programs and services listed. Shabbat and holiday services received the highest ratings with over 73% of respondents rating these as very good or excellent.

- Social Justice, Adult Education, Early Childhood Education, Israel Programs, and Young Adult programs also rated very highly with 60% or more of the respondents rating these as very good or excellent.

- Members also seemed to really value the staff under our programs and services umbrella with very good or excellent ratings from 75% of respondents.

- The Emanu-El off-site programs, such as Front Porch and Emanu-El in the Neighborhood, are making a difference in people's lives but too few congregants have been able to experience them. There was also some confusion about how these programs differ from one another.

The issue of the lack of financial transparency was noted as it was on the last survey.

- Both sanctuaries are well loved by the community, with about half of the respondents giving each a high ranking score. It should be noted that many, many more congregants rated the Martin Meyer, while stating no opinion about the Main. This cements the Martin Meyer’s place as the most frequented worship space at Emanu-El.

- When asked to assess the sanctuaries’ reception areas, barely a quarter of respondents gave them the highest score.

- The adult classrooms on the 5th floor and Guild Hall garnered the least favorable ratings, with strong endorsements from just 10% and 18% of respondents respectively.

We are encouraged by the strong positive responses and the energy which members showed for giving individual feedback and we are always striving to improve. The following provides some steps toward improvement.

- Each member of the clergy and senior staff will receive an individual report with comments and all relevant data so that they can use the results to make needed changes.

- Several members of the community asked to be contracted to provide additional feedback, and we are in the process of doing just that.

- However, there are some to-dos apparent from the survey as a whole.
  - We need to ensure that members have relationships with more than one member of the clergy.
  - While we have transmitted more information about Emanu-El’s finances than ever before, it is clear that we need to provide more information, more often.
  - We are in the process of examining the needs for long term improvements to the building. Your responses let us know that we need to focus, at least, on providing better communal space and more up to date educational facilities.

Emanu-El seeks to foster a community inspired to do good that enriches members’ lives with meaning, knowledge and connection. Your partnership allows us to move forward on this path. Thank you for taking the time to provide your honest feedback.
a center for lifelong learning

Visit www.emanuelsf.org/learning/adult-education to register today!

FALL 2016
Courses and Lectures
COME AND LEARN!

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson
November 18 – 20, 2016

Friday night sermon/teaching:
Embracing the God You Actually Love: Process Theology and Contemporary Jews

Saturday morning Torah study:
Alexander the Great Learns from African Women Warriors (It’s In the Talmud!)

Saturday Night Young Adult Program:
In a time of radical freedom how do you structure a meeting?

Sunday Morning teaching/lecture:
Falling off a cliff for Pokemon: Can Jewish Ethics Influence the March of Technology?

UPCOMING LECTURES AT EMANU-EL

Rabbi Dovid Eliezrie, author of The Secrets of Chabad
Sunday, October 9 – 9:30 – 11:00 am

Who are these chabadniks anyway? What is their true agenda? What makes these people tick?
Come and hear this story of intrigue and why the Chabad movement is one of the largest growing Jewish movements around the world. You will also hear how the debate between Reform and Chabad originated with Congregation Emanu-El’s Rabbi Joseph Asher in the 1970s.

Francis Dinkelspiel
Tangled Vines: Greed, Murder, Obsession and an Arsonist in the Vineyards of California.
Wednesday, February 15, 2017

Learn about the Jewish connection to California’s wine industry and enjoy a wine tasting featuring local wines. The lecture sponsored by Gunda Trepp in memory of her late husband, Rabbi Leo Trepp.

Spring Scholar-in-Residence,
Ruth Calderon:
Famous Talmudist and Founder of Alma, a secular yeshiva in Tel Aviv.

She served as a member of Knesset for Yesh Atid between 2013 and 2015. April 2017 – Details to Follow
This series is made possible by the generosity of Jon Holman and Diana Grand.

Rabbi Dr Bradley Shavit Artson (www.bradartson.com) holds the Abner and Roslyn Goldstine Dean’s Chair of the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies and is Vice President of American Jewish University in Los Angeles. Rabbi Artson has long been a passionate advocate for social justice, human dignity, diversity and inclusion. A frequent contributor for the Huffington Post and for the Times of Israel. He is the author of 12 books and over 250 articles, most recently Renewing the Process of Creation: A Jewish Integration of Science and Spirit (Jewish Lights).

This lecture sponsored by the Charles Michael Lecture Endowment Fund
JEWISH EUROPEAN HISTORY & CULTURE
Welcome to a year of study about the rich Jewish experience including history, culture, and the arts in a place that we left and yet stays with us as we shape the Jewish future.

Fall: Eastern European Jewish History
Join the fabulous Professor Fred Astren of SF State as he lays the intellectual foundations for our study.
7:00 - 8:30 pm at Temple
Oct. 25; Nov. 1, 29; Dec. 6, 13
Emanu-El Member cost: $54, Cost: $75

Contemporary European Antisemitism - Contemporary Trend or Long-Term Reawakening?
Led by Counsel Generals and facilitated by Gunda Trepp
Sunday, December 4, 10:30 am

The Creation and Impact of the Polin Museum on Polish Jews
Lecture by Tad Taube
Join us for this exclusive opportunity to hear from this visionary founder and supporter of this award winning museum on the site of the former Warsaw Ghetto.
Tuesday, March 7, 7:00 pm

A Tour of Jewish Eastern Europe with Rabbi Jonathan Singer and Rabbi Larry Kushner
We are announcing a trip this coming year to a part of the world where both Jewish Yiddish secular culture and Hassidism flourished. Join us as we learn about the past and engage with Jews who are building, much to everyone’s amazement, a Jewish future there too.
May 1-12 2017
Cost $4470, land only

Tuesday Night Class: Struggling with Spirituality, God Ideas and Religious Meaning
In this class Rabbi Jonathan will create a safe place for those who question God’s existence, have wondered about the possibility of spirituality with or without God. Using both traditional and radical texts from Rabbi Nachman of Bratzlav’s narrow bridge, to Buber’s eclipse of God, we will explore different Jewish pathways about technology and God’s presence, what does it mean to pray or meditate in 21st century context, and consider the value of ritual, and spiritual objects in contemporary life.
7:00 - 8:30 pm at Emanu-El
Oct. 25; Nov. 1, 29; Dec. 6, 13
Emanu-El Member cost: $54 cost; $75

JEWISH LIVING
Anshei Mitzvah is Back! (adult bar/bat mitzvah program)
Congregation Emanu-El is thrilled to announce the return of Anshei Mitzvah, our adult bar/bat mitzvah training program. Content will include practical Torah/Haftarah chanting skills, as well as continued academic study and enrichment with our cantors and rabbis. As a prerequisite for the class, interested participants must be able to read basic Hebrew (letter and vowel recognition as well as basic decoding). The Anshei Mitzvah Ceremony will take place in May 2017!
Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 11:00am
Starting in Fall 2016. (only open to Temple Emanu-El members)
Emanu-El Member Cost: $360

Introduction to Judaism 2016-2017
Join with Emanu-El clergy to learn about the breadth and wonder of Jewish tradition. This class is a pathway for the adult learner who wishes to discover or deepen Jewish knowledge, non-Jews who are marrying a Jewish partner, and those who are considering conversion to Judaism.
Tuesday evening from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Starting in Fall 2016.
Emanu-El Member Cost: $54, Cost: $75

TAUBER JEWISH STUDIES PROGRAMS
2016 - 2017 Tauber Yesod Year Two: The World of the Rabbis
Certificate in Jewish Knowledge Two-Year Course
Open to new and continuing students this in-depth learning opportunity leads to a certificate in Jewish Knowledge. Taught by award winning teachers, this class is helps one to build Jewish Community and creates a strong foundation of Jewish knowledge.

Tuesday Nights from 7:00 – 9:00 pm beginning in October 2016 through May 2017. (Yesod has a rolling enrollment and students can register for any trimester at any time!)

Fall: Rabbinic Period
Oct. 25; Nov. 1, 8, 15, 29; Dec. 6, 13
Themes: Debate, interpretation, authority, community
Readings: Mishnah, Tosefta, Midrash Halacha, Midrash Aggadah, Jerusalem Talmud, Babylonian Talmud

Winter: Medieval Period
Jan. 17, 24, 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28
Themes: Biblical exegesis, Ashkenaz and Sephard, eschatology, rationalism, spirituality.
Readings: Rashi, Maimonides, Nachmanides, Ibn Ezra, Judah Halevi, Joseph Karo
Emanu-El Member Cost: $240, Cost: $360

The Tauber Jewish Studies Program is made possible by The Laszlo N. Tauber Family Foundation, reflecting the dynamic, generous, and enduring spirit of Dr. Laszlo N. Tauber.

The Madeleine Haas Russell Institute of Jewish Learning

MONTHLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES
At the Rabbi’s Table - Downtown
Take a break at lunch and join a monthly pop-up learning opportunity at various locations.
First Date, September 14 at Noon!
Location TBA.

First Wednesdays of the Month
Join Emanu-El clergy on one Wednesday a month for an hour of learning and engagement ranging from a rabbinic/Talmudic issue that speaks to today’s events to a cultural or spiritual discussion.
First Date: Learning and Limonata, September 7, 4:00 pm, Book Passage, Marin

New Brown Bag First Wednesdays at Emanu-El
Join Emanu-El clergy for engaging spiritual and cultural discussions.
12 pm at Congregation Emanu-El Library
First Date: September 7

Tauber Beit Midrash
In Hebrew, “Beit” means house and the word “Midrash” comes from the root “to seek” or “to investigate.” A Beit Midrash is a house of study. The Tauber Beit Midrash here at Emanu-El offers unique access to the rich tradition of Jewish textual interpretation in a welcoming and intellectual environment. Our house is open to those who have studied before and those who have never looked at a daf (a page of rabbinic literature).

Free and open to the community. Whenever school is in session.

Sundays, 9:30 – 10:30 am in the Main Sanctuary Foyer
Led by Rabbis Lawrence Kushner, Jane Litman and Jonathan Singer.
Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30; Nov. 13, 20; Dec. 4, 11
Jan. 8, 22, 29; Feb. 5, 12, 26; Mar. 5, 19, 26; Apr. 2, 9, 23
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

EMANU-EL IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Emanu-El in the Neighborhood offers home-hosted, potluck gatherings, ranging from clergy-led Havdalahs, to Shabbat dinners, break fasts and more. These gatherings provide an opportunity for congregants to meet their neighbors in intimate settings and get to know one another outside of the synagogue walls.

For latest updates on neighborhood gatherings and to meet your Neighborhood Liaisons, visit www.emanuelsf.org/EIN.

Interested in getting involved in your neighborhood? Many neighborhoods are seeking volunteers to host, reach out to congregants in need, welcome new congregants, or send a monthly newsletter. Questions? Contact Rachel Schonwetter at rschonwetter@emanuelsf.org or (415) 751-2541 x171.

STORIES OF YOUR LIFE

Monday, August 15, 10:00 am - noon

Join our ongoing group of adult peers to explore, share and preserve your unique life in writing. Get to know yourself and others better. The stories are more important than the writing, so don’t worry about skill level. Past topics have included: Turning Points, Your Relationship with Money, Pleasant Surprises and more. The writing is done at home and shared in class in a safe and structured way. Our friendly group welcomes newcomers. Facilitated by fellow congregant, Nancy Alpert, LCSW. To register, contact Valerie Bishop at vbishop@emanuelsf.org or (415) 751-2541 x177. New participants are always welcome!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

COOKING FOR CONGREGANTS:
An Easy Way to Give Back to the Emanu-El Community

First and Second Thursdays of the month, 9:00 -11:00 am in the Emanu-El kitchen
Thursday, August 4
Thursday, August 11
Register at www.emanuelsf.org/register.

Do you enjoy cooking? Participate in this mitzvah, led by congregant and former restaurant owner, Gail Laghi. Together, up to five volunteers make meals for congregants in need due to a recent illness, death or birth. All congregants are welcome to join! Menu, ingredients and storage containers are provided. Basic cooking skills preferred.

Questions? Contact Rebecca Reiner at rreiner@emanuelsf.org or (415) 751-2541 x170.

THE TRIBE:
CAMPING FOR DADS AND KIDS

An active and committed group of dads of Congregation Emanu-El, ages 30-50, working on building community over time. The Tribe’s areas of focus are deep discussions, community service and play. Tribe events are congregant only.

Saturday, Aug 19, 10:00 AM - Sunday, Aug 21, noon

Join the Tribe for camping with your children in one of Northern California’s premier locations, Alice Eastwood Group Campsite in Mt. Tamalpais State Park.

The weekend includes hiking, dinner and fire circle (Havdalah, sing along and star gazing), breakfast, closing circle and more. Once we confirm the number of registrants, we will coordinate assignments for food and other supplies. Questions? Contact Rebecca Reiner at rreiner@emanuelsf.org or (415) 751-2541 x170.

SWIM FOR SIGHT

Sunday, October 23, 5:30 am, Aquatic Park, San Francisco

Join Rabbi Ryan Bauer and congregants Lorie and Ron Hirson for the Fifth Annual Alcatraz Swim for Sight on Sunday, October 23. Fight against the San Francisco Bay currents and blindness! Sign up now to secure your spot in this coveted 100-person, community-based swim, benefiting That Man May See, the support foundation of the University of California, San Francisco, Department of Ophthalmology.

Learn more and register at http://thatmanmaysee.org/Alcatraz/.

RECRUITING NOW FOR 5777 TEEN HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICE LEADERS

Calling ALL TEENS 8th – 12th Grade who are interested in leading Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur High Holy Day Services.

Rehearsals Thursday evenings from 6:00 – 8:00 pm with dinner included: Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29; Oct. 6.

Rosh Hashanah Service: October 3 at 3:30 pm
Yom Kippur Service: October 12 at 3:30 pm

• Be creative and help develop the service
• Include your own readings (poetry and prose)

SENIORS- here is your final chance to shine on the bima for the High Holy Days!

Additional Opportunity:
Help with childcare during the High Holy Day Services
To sign up for one or both of these opportunities contact Ariana Estoque, Director of Adolescent and Adult Education at (415) 751-2541 x 307 or at aestoque@emanuelsf.org
WHAT DOES AN EDUCATOR DO OVER THE SUMMER?

by Heather Erez, Director of Youth and Family Education

Although it seems like the Youth and Family Education (YFE) department should be on a summer holiday, and we do try to take some time for ourselves to rejuvenate, there is a lot of preparation that takes place during the summer so we can welcome our students in the fall. Aside from hiring staff and ordering books, these months provide us with time to reflect on the past year and to make our dreams realities for the upcoming one.

For example, our students’ parents have told us that they wanted more insight into what happens in the classrooms. Together with our faculty, we are designing ways for families to connect with the teachers by giving parents a chance to ask questions about our programs and receive our prompts to spark conversations with their children at home. We see ourselves as partners in your child’s Jewish education and hope this is one way we can work together.

Another suggestion we received was to create more opportunities for families to connect with each other, either by grade, school, neighborhood, interests, etc. We work on creating community in the classroom and hope that some of the methods will appeal to our YFE families as well. In the late summer, we will be reaching out to families to assist us in this exciting undertaking.

There has been some interest in an elementary school-level book club, so one fun part of the summer is being spent choosing books for our pilot year and creating reading guides. We are hoping for students to opt in to this once-a-month club to connect in different ways with modern Jewish literature.

Integrating hands-on service learning is another way we are bringing our Jewish values into the classroom. Direct service is challenging at times due to our size, the ages of our students and the timing of our program. However, with the help of our clergy, the Tzedek Council and community partners, we are venturing into new intriguing areas.

We hope you are ready to enroll your child in our program. Registration can be found online at https://www.emanuelsf.org/learning/youth-and-family/registration-forms.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TEAM REORGANIZES TO SERVE YOU BETTER!

We say good bye and thanks to Jennifer Goldstein and wish her luck in her USC School of Social Work Graduate Program. She was a valuable asset to our team. We also thank Sandy Rechtschaffen who decided not to return from her leave in order to pursue new challenges. Sandy’s work will have a lasting impact on our community. These changes have given us the opportunity to evaluate and restructure the Community Engagement Department. Our primary goal is to enable congregants to bring meaning and connection to their lives through their affiliation with Emanu-El.

Monica Pevzner has promoted to Assistant Director, Community Impact and will be staffing initiatives including the Tzedek Council, Front Porch and internal and external engagement strategies. She will be ably assisted by Community Engagement Assistant Rebecca Reiner, who joined us in March with extensive volunteer coordination experience. We share Rebecca’s time with Rabbi Bauer, so many of you may already be familiar with her.

We are pleased to welcome two new staff members: Rachel Schonwetter and Valerie Bishop. Rachel recently graduated with dual degrees from the Master’s program in Jewish Nonprofit Management and Social Work through Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and the University of Southern California. As Community Engagement Professional, Rachel will be working with many of our small groups, including Emanu-El in the Neighborhood, the Israel Action Committee, both the Tribe for Women and the Women’s Group, the Interfaith Group, and the Young Adult Leadership Committee.

Valerie holds a Master’s degree in Communications and came to us from Congregation Kol Shofar as the Marketing and Communications Manager. As Community Engagement Coordinator, Valerie will assist with our small group programming logistics and communications, as well as take responsibility for holiday programming and one-time programming, such as our recent Israel Independence Day celebration.

We are delighted to continue working with Monica and Rebecca, and welcome Rachel and Valerie! If you have any questions, please contact Terry Kraus, Director of Membership Services.
LIFECYCLES

AUGUST 2016 B’NEI MITZVAH

Reuben Ferris
Bar Mitzvah:  August 6
Martin Meyer Sanctuary
Parents:  Jonathan & Jacqueline Ferris
Torah Portion:  Mattoth Mase

Shea Galicer
Bar Mitzvah:  August 13
Martin Meyer Sanctuary
Parents:  Harold Galicer & Norine Yee
Torah Portion:  Devarim Hazon

Sophie Rose
Bat Mitzvah:  August 20
Martin Meyer Sanctuary
Parents: Louis & Jamie Rose
Torah Portion:  Vaethanan Nahamu

Benjamin Katznelson
Bar Mitzvah:  August 27
Main Sanctuary
Parents: Steven Katznelson & Trudy Edelson
Torah Portion:  Ekev

Celebrating a Shehecheyanu Moment?

Congregation Emanu-El is an ever-present partner in the transitional moments of our members’ lives. Be it a baby naming or brit milah, bar or bat mitzvah, conversion or wedding ceremony, or a recovery from illness, the Temple clergy and staff strive to ensure that each sacred ‘Shehecheyanu Moment’ is deeply fulfilling and personal. A donation to the Emanu-El Life-Cycle Fund is a lovely way to mark a personal life-cycle experience, to honor friends or family celebrating a happy milestone or in gratitude for the services the clergy provide during these profound moments. Please donate online at www.emanuelsf.org or call the Development office at (415) 750-7554.

MAZEL TOV TO OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED JOY

Andrea and Gregory Hahn on the birth of their daughter, Emma Rae Hahn
Debby and Stuart Eisendrath on the birth of their granddaughter, Mila Helene Eisendrath
Brian Groner and Evyn Zell on their upcoming marriage
Laura and Ian Sherr on the birth of their son, Theodore Aufranc Sherr
Chloe and Mark Sugarman on the birth of their daughter, Neve Eden Sugarman
Alison and Adam Lewkowitz on the birth of their daughter, Mina Rose Lewkowitz
Ashley and Zachary Edell on the birth of their son, Gus Golek Edell
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Friday, September 2

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- 5:30 pm, First Friday Under Five (MMS)
- 6:00 pm, Classic Shabbat Service (Main)
- 6:15 pm, Simchat Shabbat Dinner (Guild Hall)
- 7:30 pm, One Shabbat Service (MMS)

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