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6:00 pm  One Shabbat Service – Martin Meyer Sanctuary

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10:15 am Got Shabbat? – Chapel
10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service – Martin Meyer Sanctuary

Sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat:
The week of Shabbat, please consider sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat on Friday evening. This 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.

Karen Hindin and Jeremy Pasternak in honor of their daughter Abby Pasternak’s Bat Mitzvah, and in honor of Alan Pasternak, grandfather of Abby Pasternak.

Deborah Mann in memory of Betty Mann and Morris Melnick.

Kendal Agins Friedman in honor of Lexi and Ari Friedman’s B’nai Mitzvah.

Scholar-In-Residence Weekend with Richard Elliott Friedman

Friday, April 8 to Sunday, April 10

Scholar-In-Residence weekend with one of the world’s leading biblical scholars and proponents of the documentary hypothesis, Richard Elliott Friedman. His visit will include a Friday night lecture as part of the 6:00 pm service, Shabbat morning Torah Study and a Sunday morning lecture.

This lecture is made possible by the generosity of Jon Holman.

Weekly Torah Study Opportunities at the Temple

Weekly Torah Study with Emanu-El Clergy
Saturdays, 9:15 am, Library
Drop-ins welcome, no registration necessary!

Weekly Torah Study with Rabbi Lawrence Kushner
Saturdays, 9:15 am, Room 55
Drop-ins welcome, no registration necessary!

Legacy Circle

We have been Temple members since 1959 and our children and grandchildren grew up here and are now members themselves. As we strongly believe in “Idor vador” (from generation to generation) and want Emanu-El to be here for our great-grandchildren, we have remembered the Temple in our estate plan.

Ron and Barbara Kaufman
WHO ARE OUR ESTHERS TODAY?

By Rabbi Jonathan Singer

“If you keep silent in this crisis, relief and deliverance will come to the Jews from another quarter…and who knows, perhaps you have attained to royal position for just such a crisis.”

This line, from the Megillah of Esther, is spoken by Mordecai as he encourages his niece, perhaps a sixteen-year-old girl, to stand up against oppression and speak for the Jewish people. Esther takes up the challenge, and this courageous young woman uses her intelligence, ingenuity and influence to bring about true change.

Who are our Esthers today? Jewish women willing to put so much at risk to make a true difference? We have been privileged to support one such person, encouraging her when we could, to keep doing her work to help the Jewish people. Like Esther, she is an unlikely Jewish standard bearer, having grown up in a secular home in Israel. She began to engage with progressive Judaism when she came to UCLA as a competitive swimmer. But like Esther, when she found her voice, the Jewish world changed.

I am referring to Anat Hoffman, leader of the Israel Religious Action Center of the Reform Movement, and founder and leader of Women of the Wall, which this past month reached an historic agreement creating significant new pluralist prayer space at the Western Wall in the area referred to as Robinson’s Arch. According to their website, among other benefits “the allocation of holy space in Israel and state budget to women and non-Orthodox Jewish factions is groundbreaking. In this agreement, the state and the office of the administrator of the Western Wall and Holy Places formally recognize and accept pluralist Jewish denominations and movements for the very first time. This achievement in and of itself will open the floodgates to Jewish pluralism in Israel.”

How did this change, which moves forward the cause of religious pluralism in Israel, which is beneficial to all Jews, come about despite strenuous opposition from the Haredi communities and ultra-orthodox parties? Much of the credit must be given to the heroic work of Anat, who, when others were silenced, found her voice, organized protests and actions that caught worldwide attention, and refused to let this issue be cast aside by those who argued that Jewish freedom at the Wall was not important enough to fight for.

Anat understood that this wedge issue, if fought for smartly, would open the door to a better Israel for all. That brave Jewish leader stands on the shoulders of essential Jewish women who came before her – Rebecca, Miriam, Deborah and, yes, Esther. I would not be surprised if one day my great-great-grandchildren read from Megilat Anat. At least, you can come this year to Purim, whether to our shpiel on Wednesday, March 23 or on Thursday morning, when we will read the whole Megillah at our adult reading, and perhaps be inspired by Jewish women’s courage to keep changing the world for the better.

Chag Purim Sameach,
Rabbi Jonathan Singer
Our New High Holy Day Prayer Books for a New Era

During the High Holy Days of 2016 (5777) our congregation will be using a wonderful new set of prayer books (machzor). This machzor, the Mishkan HaNefesh, comes in two volumes, one for Rosh Hashanah and one for Yom Kippur. These beautiful and inspiring editions represent the first new High Holy Days texts to be introduced in the Reform Movement in over 30 years!

The new prayer book contains fully transliterated liturgy that encourages congregants to participate at their own pace. Structured for flexibility in worship style, the prayer books contain essays from today’s leading Reform Movement thinkers, thought provoking text, poems and beautiful artwork.

Our new Mishkan HaNefesh offers a wealth of resources to aid in inspirational and meaningful prayer during the High Holy Days – a new and fresh source of inspiration that is sure to lift our prayer together during High Holy Day Services to new heights!

Dedicate a Machzor to the Ones You Love

Members will have an opportunity to sponsor personalized bookplates to remember a loved one, celebrate a life-cycle occasion, or honor clergy, family and friends. These bookplates are beautifully designed by a local modern Judaic artist and will be placed in each of the volumes.

For more information about our new High Holy Day prayer books, contact Rob Freedman at rfreedman@emanuelsf.org.

Reserve your bookplate today at www.emanuelsf.org/bookplates. Thank you!
The Dalai Lama once asked some Jewish leaders about the secret to Jewish survival. He asked this on behalf of the Tibetan people because he wanted to learn our secrets.

The reason is, Judaism has perfected the art of moving with the times while retaining its core essence. Think it’s easy? Think again.

Our brand new machzor is the most recent, thrilling example of Judaism’s ability to speak to our times, to connect us with Reform Jews all over the country and world, and to hold on to the essence of our age old tradition.

The other secret? It’s YOU. Come be part of the New Machzor experience and write your name and the name of those you love into the books.

Reserve your bookplate today at www.emanuelsf.org/bookplates, thank you!
One Warm Coat Donation Drive
March 1 - March 15
We are accepting new and gently used coats (only coats in good condition). Coats for both children and adults may be dropped off in the designated bin found in the temple foyer.

Health experts report that even a two-degree drop in body temperature results in reduced heart rate, loss of coordination and confusion. Adults cannot work effectively and children find it difficult to learn. For most, a warm coat solves the problem. But for the nearly 15% of Americans living in poverty, a warm winter coat is a budget “extra.”

All coats will be donated to our community partner, St Anthony’s.

Volunteer to Cook Sunday Dinners at G-House
Sundays, 5:00 – 7:00 pm This Larkin Street Youth Services site in the Richmond District helps former foster youth and homeless youth between the ages of 18 and 24 to make successful transitions into adulthood and into living independently. Each Sunday, congregants from Emanu-El plan and cook dinner, and then join the G-House residents for a social meal.

To sign up, or get more information, please contact Community Engagement Director Sandy Rechtschaffen at sandyr@emanuelsf.org.
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
EMANU-EL IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD
MARCH AND APRIL GATHERINGS

Emanu-El in the Neighborhood offers home-hosted, potluck gatherings, ranging from clergy-led Havdalahs, to Shabbat dinners, to 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. Look for your email invitation and RSVP!

Marin
Saturday, March 12, 6:30 – 8:00 pm – Havdalah
Hosts: Avi Downes and David L. Bilsker
Clergy: Rabbi Ryan Bauer

Saturday, April 30, 6:30 – 8:00 pm – Post-Passover Havdalah
Hosts: Julie and Seth Bokser
Clergy: TBD

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 Jennifer Goldstein at jgoldstein@emanuelsf.org or (415) 751-2541 x171.

Inner Richmond
Saturday, April 2, 6:30 – 8:00 pm – Cocktail Havdalah
Hosts: David Bass and Ilene Goldberg
Adults only!

Outer Richmond/Sea Cliff
Saturday, April 16*, 6:30 – 8:00 pm – Havdalah
Hosts: Jean and Gershon Levinson
Clergy: Rabbi Jason Rodich and Cantor Arik Luck
*Note this gathering was previously planned for Saturday, February 20 but was rescheduled

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Tuesday, March 15, 7:00 pm, Temple Emanu-El. Register at www.emanuelsf.org/register.

Join with a small group of fellow congregants in a guided conversation to brainstorm ways of welcoming and integrating new members into our community. This invitation comes from the Membership Working Group, congregants who are working to find ways to deepen the engagement of our members and best meet their needs. Questions? Contact Director of Membership Services Terry Kraus, tkraus@emanuelsf.org or (415) 750-7552.

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
Register at www.emanuelsf.org/register.

Thursday, March 3  Thursday, March 10
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 Jennifer Goldstein at jgoldstein@emanuelsf.org or (415) 751-2541 x171.

WOMEN’S GROUP
The Congregation Emanu-El Women’s Group monthly get-togethers offer a combination of relationship development along with the creation of meaning and impact in the lives of participants. The Women’s Group spans all demographics of the congregation and meets the second Wednesday of each month from 7:00 - 9:00 pm in the Temple Chapel unless otherwise noted. Women’s Group events are congregant only. Questions? Contact Jennifer Goldstein at jgoldstein@emanuelsf.org or (415) 750-7548.

A Frank Discussion on Sex! With Janie Friend
Wednesday, March 9, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, Emanu-El Chapel
Please register at www.emanuelsf.org/register.

Janie Friend, congregant and a licensed Marriage, Family, and Child Counseling therapist invites you to join her for a frank discussion on sex and aging. Together we will share in our struggles and gain tools to help us through these next phases of life. No topic is off limits!

MEN’S GROUP
Men of Congregation Emanu-El enjoy a monthly opportunity to socialize and study with a member of the clergy at a private home. This cross-generational group provides a small group experience so important to building community. Men’s Group events are congregant only.

Sunday, March 6, 9:30 – 11:30 am, Private Home
Please register at www.emanuelsf.org/register.

Join Rabbi Jonathan Singer and the Men’s Group for a discussion in a congregant’s home. Together we will discuss the new Western Wall prayer space and Women of the Wall while enjoying a bagel breakfast.

Breakfast is provided free of charge thanks to a generous donation.
THE TRIBE
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.

Wednesday, March 15, 7:30 – 9:30 pm, Temple Emanu-El
Please register at www.emanuelsf.org/register.
Join a special guest and “Guru in Residence” congregant for a meditation session you won’t soon forget.

STORIES OF YOUR LIFE
First Monday of the month, 10:00 am - noon, Temple Emanu-El
Monday, March 7
Monday, April 4
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 Jennifer Goldstein at jgoldstein@emanuelsf.org or (415) 750-7548. New participants are always welcome!

INTERFAITH FAMILIES
Do you consider yourself to be part of an interfaith family? Then this group is for you! Interfaith families may include those who identify their family as Jewish, as more than one religion or who are unsure of how they identify.
Thursday, March 24, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Swank Cocktail Bar and Lounge, 488 Presidio Ave. San Francisco
Back for the second year in a row! Get to know your fellow interfaith congregants over a drink or two at this Purim-themed, adult only happy hour at Swank Cocktail Bar and Lounge. Costumes, though not required, are definitely encouraged!

50s & 60s INDIVIDUALS HAVURAH

Shabbat Dinner
Friday, March 25, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Temple Emanu-El, Board Room
Are you an man or woman in your 50s or 60s looking to take part in monthly activities such as Shabbat dinners, hikes, urban events, discussions and holiday get-togethers? Then the “Individuals in their 50s and 60s” Havurah is the place for you!
To learn more about this Havurah or attend their Shabbat potluck on March 25, please contact congregant Peter Logan at peter@peterloganlaw.com.

ELIZABETH S. AND ALVIN I. FINE MUSEUM
UPCOMING EXHIBITS

REVEALED RADIANCE: THE PAINTINGS OF RABBI LAWRENCE KUSHNER - MAIN SANCTUARY FOYER
March 4 - April 15
From Rabbi Kushner: “I am so grateful to Emanu-El for offering me this wonderful opportunity to share another dimension of my soul with my students here. As a painter, I want to help my viewers see through the surface of everyday reality to a dimension where what is beautiful and even surprising perpetually awaits our sustained attention. I guess you'd call me an impressionist; I'm preoccupied with the atmospheric effects of light. When it works, you sense that were you to inhale deeply, you could taste the air.”
Rabbi Kushner will speak at services on Friday, March 4 in the Main Sanctuary, followed by a reception in the foyer.

NOT FORGOTTEN: JEWS FROM ARAB LANDS - Chapel Hallway and Martin Meyer Reception
March 1 - March 30; May 9 - June 30
Erella Teitler was born into a Sephardic family in Israel and has a strong connection with her Jewish identity. Her exhibit, Not Forgotten, highlights the lives of Jews from Arab lands who were forcibly expelled from their homelands during the mid-20th century.
Erella incorporates collage, mixed-media, altered books and monoprints in her art. She has exhibited in juried shows and galleries throughout Southern California. She is a member of Women Painters West, California Artists Guild, Jewish Artists Initiative, Pasadena Society of Artists, Collage Artists of America, Southern California Women's Caucus for Art and LA Experimental Artists. She also serves on the board of directors of Platt Gallery at the American Jewish University in Los Angeles.
This exhibit comes to us through the generosity of JIMENA: Jews Indigenous to the Middle East and North Africa.
SECURING A DANGEROUS WORLD - THE IMPACT OF ISRAEL CYBERSECURITY
Thursday, March 3, 7:00 pm, Martin Meyer Sanctuary

Please join us for an evening “fireside chat” with Rami Efrati, an expert and a noted speaker on cybersecurity. Rami will present the history of Israel’s cybersecurity infrastructure, its economic value, geo-strategic importance and implications for war and peace.

Rami is founder and president of Firmitas, a cyber defense technology solutions for critical infrastructure company. Prior to his current position, he founded the Israel National Cyber Bureau in the Prime Minister’s Office and commanded numerous prestigious positions in the Military Intelligence Division of the Israel Defense Forces.

STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY
Two-Part Workshop
Wednesday evenings, 4/13 & 4/20, from 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Register at www.emanuelsf.org/register.

Are you interested in growing as a leader through Congregation Emanu-El? Would you like to be part of building a community connected through deep relationships? Then this two-part workshop is for you.

Working with Rabbi Jessica Oleon Kirschner of URJ’s Just Congregations Initiative, we will explore the question, “Who is our neighbor?”. Through this workshop, we will root ourselves in the mitzvah “v’ahavta l’reyecha kamocha” (to love your neighbor as yourself) by developing practical skills to exercise neighborliness in such a way that we expand beyond our private and often busy lives to create the kind of community where we are able to be fully human, full citizens, and fully engaged with one another.

This series will use the congregation-based community organizing model to provide participants with a toolkit of resources which will help you be a leader, create relationships and affect change.

- April 13, Session 1: Powerful People Before Powerful Programs
  Storytelling as a tool for connection. Learning how to tell our own stories effectively.
- April 20, Session 2: The Power of Relationships
  Relational work as a building block for change.

Questions? Contact Community Engagement Director Sandy Rechtschaffen at sandy@emanuelsf.org or (415) 751-2541 x 177.

JBOP’S MOMS’ NIGHT OUT
Wednesday, March 9, 7:30 - 9:00 pm
Location TBD

Leave your partners at home! Join other moms with babies under 2 years for a fun night out! We’ll meet at a private home to get to know each other and take a break from the kids. Wine and light appetizers will be served.

FROM RABBI MINTZ:

Dear Congregants and Friends,

I want to thank you all for welcoming me back from my sabbatical. I am grateful to have had the time I needed to reflect and restore as well as to focus on my new creative projects. As I return to the holy work of the synagogue, I know that Emanu-El continues to be my spiritual home. I am excited for my new responsibilities and the opportunity to work with my new colleagues.

I’ll be focusing on special projects, developing new programs and bringing together a conference to be hosted here at Emanu-El designed to lift up opportunities and strategies for emerging Young Adult programs nationally and internationally in partnership with the Union for Reform Judaism. Furthermore, I’ll continue to represent the synagogue and nurture my congregational relationships at community events.

Because I have such strong connections with so many of you, I’ll still be leading services, but working with B’nei Mitzvah and other life-cycle events on a much more limited basis. I will be leading the monthly Late Shabbat with Rabbi Rodich and Cantor Attie and will periodically be on the bimah for One Shabbat. I will be available for meetings by appointment on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

I truly believe in the mission and vision of Emanu-El as a synagogue that provides deep engagement, connection and spiritual growth. I look forward to reconnecting with old friends and meeting all of our new congregants as together we continue to build a strong and vibrant Emanu-El.

Warmest Regards and Shalom,
Rabbi Sydney Mintz
Emanu-El Congregants Tutor for the Jewish Coalition for Literacy and Get More than They Give!

Tutoring at a Spanish immersion school in the Mission is one of the highlights of my week. Hearing the students excitedly yell “Peggy’s here!” each week when I arrive is enough to keep me coming back. I started as a JCL tutor at this school three years ago although I had never tutored or worked as a teacher before, nor do I speak Spanish. After thorough training and support from JCL, I felt confident to go out and begin tutoring. I enjoy the challenge of working in the afterschool homework program with students grades 3-5 who need additional help, many of whom do not speak English at home. Some of the students are reluctant readers who lack confidence and interest in reading. After I figured out that I could lure them in with topics like Giants baseball, the 49ers, dinosaurs, the solar system and the world’s most dangerous animals, my work became easier and I now stop by the public library every couple of weeks to pick up an assortment of books. We have even gotten to the point where they ask me for books on particular topics that they are interested in. Watching kids learn to love reading has been so rewarding and I am thankful to JCL for giving me the opportunity to be involved with the public schools and to be able to spread the joy of reading.

- Peggy Barbieri, Buena Vista Elementary School, San Francisco

Follow Our Congregants’ Lead: Tutor a Child Today!

Today in America, more than 40 million adults have low literacy rates. Many individuals can sign their names, but they might not be able to fill out an application, understand the labels on their prescription medications or locate an intersection on a map. Just imagine how lives are affected by a skill we all take for granted. Furthermore, they are also likely to have children with low literacy skills, because they are not able to act as models for their own sons and daughters. And these children are twice as likely to drop out of school.

Research confirms what is intuitively obvious: working with children early in their lives will help prevent struggles in literacy and their dismal consequences later in life. Even the simple act of reading and modeling reading to a child can have a great impact on future learning.

In this context, you can open a window of hope for a public school child experiencing difficulty in learning to read. The Jewish Coalition for Literacy, a joint project of the Jewish Community Relations Council and the Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma, trains volunteers to tutor reading to children in kindergarten through third grade. The commitment is one hour a week for the academic year at a time and a school site convenient for you. Many members of Congregation Emanu-El are current JCL tutors.

BECOME A JCL TUTOR

Wednesday, April 20, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Attend an upcoming training at the temple led by fellow Emanu-El congregant, and JCL Reading Specialist, Joan Green. After the training you may select which local school works best for you.

To sign up please go to www.jclread.org.

In the words of one volunteer: “My tutoring provides a ‘window of hope,’ a glimpse not only of our better selves but of a potentially better society, one built on individual acts of kindness.”

ORDER JCL’S BOOK-FILLED CENTERPIECES FOR YOUR NEXT EVENT

Let JCL provide centerpieces made with a pyramid of books, custom-designed to coordinate with your event. Your tax-deductible contribution will help us give more children a chance at a better future.

For more information, contact Bay Area Director Randi Fields at rdfields@jcrcc.org or call (415) 369-9978 x102.
JOIN US FOR PURIM 2016!

SHUSHAN’S BAZAAR
FAMILY PURIM CELEBRATION
Sunday, March 20, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Temple Emanu-El

Come in your favorite costume!
Plenty of crafts, food and games!
Open to member families with children: ages 2-12
New this year: Hamantashen Baking Contest!
Location: Middle School Lounge

MIMOSAS AND MEGILLAH
Thursday, March 24, 8:30 am
Ella’s, 500 Presidio Avenue, San Francisco

Join Rabbi Jonathan Singer for a full reading of
the Megillah during breakfast. Free to attend, just
purchase your own breakfast. Please register so
we can reserve enough space!

INTERFAITH GROUP
PURIM HAPPY HOUR
Thursday, March 24, 6:00 pm
Location: Swank Cocktail Lounge & Bar
488 Presidio, San Francisco

Back for the second year in a row! Get to know
your fellow interfaith congregants over a drink or
two at this Purim-themed, adult-only Happy Hour
at Swank Cocktail Bar and Lounge. Costumes,
though not required, are definitely encouraged.

PURIM DINNER & STAR WARS:
THE MEGILLAH AWAKENS

PURIM SPIEL EXTRAVAGANZA!
Wednesday, March 23
Pizza and drinks: 6:00 - 6:45 pm
Spiel: 6:45 - 8:00 pm
Location: Guild Hall

Come see the out-of-this world story of Purim
unfold as droids and Jedis work to defeat Darth
Haman in Emanu-El’s - The Megillah Awakens!
Join us for Pizza and drinks starting at 6:00
pm followed by the Megillah Awakens Spiel
Extravaganza at 6:45 pm! All ages welcomed,
costumes encouraged!

PURIMPALOOZA
YOUNG ADULT PURIM CELEBRATION
Saturday, March 26, 9:30 pm
Temple Emanu-El

Registration is available for all Purim events taking place at the Temple
at https://emanuelsf.org/purim.
Gems From The Classrooms

There are some wonderful moments occurring in YFE. I’m sure that comes as no surprise to anyone. Our kids are warm, smart, generous, funny, inquisitive and genuine. We never know when these precious moments are going to pop up, but we’re always glad to experience them. I have two great examples from our third grade classes.

In Morah Esther’s class, there is a box where students may anonymously submit a question. One side of the box is labeled “Rabbi” and one is “God.” Every now and then, Morah Esther needs to empty out the box to make room for new questions.

Here are some of the gems they want to ask the rabbi:
• Even if you are not Jewish, do you still have a spark of God in you?
• Is Adonai just one boy/girl, or is it everything you see around you?
• Did God name the Torah “The Torah?”
• Is God there when you do bad things?
• What does it take to be a rabbi?
• Why did God want to create the world?
• I feel that Adonai speaks to me in times of need. Does it happen to everybody or just me?
• Has God ever been young?
• For what reason did You create us?

For God the questions were a bit different.
• Do You think about us?
• When will you help me in football?
• When is the world gonna end?
• Do you have a family, G-d?
• Where was Moshe buried?
• How were You created?
• How old are You?
• Does God ever belong to just one temple?
• Who made up the first prayer?
• Why did God create rules for us and not for animals?
• Do you create miracles or do people do it with You and help You along the way?

Even though there aren’t always answers for these questions, Rabbi Beth met with the students and they had a rich dialogue about the topics raised.

In Rachel’s class, I observed a lesson about the three parts of a prayer. Rachel explained how in Judaism we have prayers that praise, thank, and ask. The students then role played ways in which they ask their parents for something they wanted by first praising them and then thanking them. Suffice it to say, it was hilarious, and the help they gave each other to be specific was awesome. In one case, a student wasn’t sure how to praise his parent and his buddy told him to compliment him on his choice of deodorant! I’m not sure how many of the kids got extra trips to get ice cream or a new Xbox recently, but if they did, we know how it could’ve happened!

I am looking forward to seeing and hearing more of these moments as the year continues.

Heather Erez
Director of Youth and Family Education

Parent Parallel Program: Parenting Jewish Teens

Parent Parallel Programs bring parents together to discuss the hard topics of parenting Jewish teens in a modern, secular society. This program is for parents only, is open to the community, and is free of charge.

Come together on March 8 to discuss the trials, and joys, of being a parent of Jewish teenagers in 2016. This will be an open and safe space for comradery, led by our director of adolescent and adult education Ariana Estoque and an additional facilitator. Your issues will not be solved but for these two hours, you will be heard, you will listen, and you will feel supported in your community.

RSVPs appreciated. Please contact Ariana Estoque at 415-751-2541 x307 or aestoque@emanuelsf.org.
Spring Trimester Courses
Register at www.emanuelsf.org/adultlearning

DOWNTOWN TAUBER SPRING COURSE
Midrash: Pirke de Rabbi Eliezer (PdRE) with Rabbi Lawrence Kushner
First published in Constantinople in 1514, Pirke de Rabbi Eliezer is a late, pseudepigraphic (Biblical wannabe) midrash claiming to explain, enhance and, indeed, reveal the inner mysteries of the Hebrew Bible and Jewish thought. This stuff is fanciful, imaginative, mysterious and sometimes off the wall, but it is always exciting! We will use the Friedlander translation.

Thursdays, noon – 1:00 pm
March 24 (Purim); April 7, 14; May 5, 19
Mechanic’s Institute, 57 Post Street.
This is a repeat of Rabbi Kushner’s class that was taught at Congregation Emanu-El in the fall.

AMERICAN JEWISH SHORT STORIES, PART 2 WITH RABBI CARLA FENVES
Do you love to read? Do you enjoy discussing fiction with an interesting group of people? Do you want to learn more about Jewish culture and modern history? Rabbi Fenves has chosen her favorite short stories from influential twentieth-century Jewish writers such as Philip Roth and Cynthia Ozick. Each week, participants will read a story together and connect its characters and themes to the larger questions of American Jewish life. This is a continuation of the short story class that Rabbi Fenves taught last year. It was so wonderful that we have do it again with new stories.

Thursday evenings, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, Temple Emanu-El
March 17, 24, 31; April 7, 14; May 5, 12

MACHZOR: PRAYING WITH INTENTION FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS
Happy New Year/Happy New High Holy Day Prayer Book!
Join Rabbi Beth Singer to get a sneak preview of the new High Holy Day prayer book (Mishkan HaHefesh) that our congregation will begin to use in fall 2016. The class will explore the new approaches and old traditions while wrestling with the concepts of sin and forgiveness in the twenty-first century.

• Lesson One: Welcome to the Mishkan HaHefesh
• Lesson Two: Shofarot, a New Approach
• Lesson Three: Avinu Malkeinu, Machzor and Metaphor
• Lesson Four: Sin and Forgiveness in the 21st Century
• Lesson Five: Wrestling with Untaneh Tokef

Thursday evenings at the Temple from 7:00 – 8:30 pm
March 17, 24, 31; April 7, 14

Ongoing Learning Opportunities

THIRD TRIMESTER: TAUBER YESOD CERTIFICATE IN JEWISH KNOWLEDGE
Rolling enrollment!

on Thursdays, 7:00 – 9:00 pm,
March 24, 31; April 7, 14, 21; May 5, 12
Emanu-El member price $240; price $360.
This two-year, six-course, certificate program offers Bay Area Jews the unique opportunity for comprehensive learning, with the highest quality educators, in core foundational Jewish texts that have sustained the Jewish people for thousands of years. The program is enhanced by creating spiritual and intellectual community as the participants grow and learn together in a college-like setting. Regardless of prior exposure, the Yesod certificate program allows participants to explore biblical and rabbinic texts in a purposeful and academic forum. It encourages small group learning and develops Jewish leaders within a supportive community that fosters long-term growth and in-depth discovery.

Year One: In-depth Exploration of the TaNaKh

Third Trimester: Ketuvim
The wild library of writings – Ecclesiastes to Job, the sensuality of the Song of Songs, the depths of the Psalmists and an encounter with Daniel’s radical vision. Taught by Yiskah Rosenfeld.

TAUBER BEIT MIDRASH
drop in on Sundays, 9:30 – 10:30 am
Taught by Rabbi Jonathan Singer, Rabbi Jane Litman and Rabbi Lawrence Kushner.

Introducing the 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). Each Sunday, when religious school is in session, the Tauber Beit Midrash will open with a class offered by a leading teacher in our community. The teacher will present a text from Talmud – the compilation of Mishna, the first major redaction of the oral law, and Gemara, rabbinic commentary on the Mishna, as well as the Zohar, mystical writings – each with English translation. Participants will gather with coffee in hand and study in chevruta (partnership). The teacher will then bring participants back together for discussion and explanation. Monthly, the Beit Midrash will be followed with a presentation on Applied Judaism, as students encounter an issue or phenomena in society as presented by experts in their field. The values explored in the text study will inform the discussion in this section. Each session is independent and no registration is required. Please come as often as you can. Each session will include an hour of teaching by an esteemed rabbi from our community and a short schmooze with other participants, followed by additional study, a panel discussion or deeper chevruta study.
Good morning, Third Baptist Church! I have to start by saying this: “To see your face...is to see the face of God!” I share with you these words from Genesis, chapter 33 to tell you what I am feeling as I gaze out into this sacred community. To see your face is to see the face of God. Here we are together, Christians and Jews, black and white, embracing this tradition in which our two communities consecrate our efforts to make manifest Dr. King’s vision.

Reverend Brown’s enduring commitment to the NAACP inspired me.

This past summer, I learned that the NAACP planned to march in a Journey for Justice from Selma, Alabama to Washington, DC to demand justice, a living wage and voting rights everywhere they are being denied. Rabbi Seth Limmer in Chicago heard about the march and asked if Reform rabbis could participate. With NAACP approval, Rabbi Limmer decided that he would carry a Torah scroll at the start of the march and then he would try to enlist 49 other rabbis to take turns along the way carrying that scroll the 800 miles. In the end, the march was well over 800 miles and 200 rabbis participated along with thousands of other marchers. If Jews and African Americans were joining together to make the world hear that “Black Lives Matter,” then I wanted in. Our newest rabbi, Rabbi Rodich, and I joined the march on day one in Selma and, over the course of the first two days of the march, we marched to Montgomery. May I just mention, it was HOT in Alabama in August? The Torah scroll we all took turns carrying was not too light nor too heavy, but it was something to carry it in that hot southern sun. Christian and Jew — everyone wanted to take turns carrying that scroll.

I loved so many things about being part of that Journey for Justice march, especially the peaceful protesters I met along the way. One extraordinary privilege was meeting the national head of the NAACP, Mr. Cornell Brooks, and his two sons, known as “the Brooks Brothers!” Cornell Brooks is a coalition builder and we want to be part of the coalition. Many of us fight for racial justice...as often as we can. He stands at the forefront every single day. In Mr. Cornell Brooks, we see the face of God.

That Journey for Justice march provided the opportunity to walk side by side, black and white; Jew and Christian to meet one another face to face, to hear each other's stories, to listen, to laugh, to cry, and to collectively express our shared demand for racial justice in this country. I met so many fine people along the journey and I could see the face of God in each and every one.

Jewish wisdom teaches us to see the face of God in every person. Easier said than done, right? You just look a person in the eyes. You look past skin color, religion, political differences, sexual orientation, nationality, socio-economic distinctions. In Hebrew, we have a term called neshama. This refers to a person’s soul, neshama. It is the aspect of the Divine, of God, that makes the person a person. It is deep and pure. It is the God-part within every one of us. Each of us carries our neshama within us. Finding the neshama, the soul of each person, does not mean that we cease to see or celebrate external differences. Our country is so much more beautiful, and this city of San Francisco would be so much more beautiful, with more diversity of skin color, race and all the things that make up our unique identities.

I share this Jewish teaching with you about neshama and about finding God by looking into faces and looking beneath the surface, because I want to help you understand, as I try to help my own congregation understand, why fighting for racial equality is a core value of Judaism. Do we Jews think that we are required to fight for racial justice because we were slaves in the land of Egypt? Yes, but that is not the primary reason. Do we Jews think that we are required to fight for racial equality because of our own minority status? Of course, but it is not the primary reason. The primary Jewish reason is that God resides in each one of us, but in our daily lives we hardly take notice of that and we don’t spend enough time really getting to know each other! We participate in a culture that continues to systemically see the face of God in white people more than in anyone else. As a result, we — all of us, black and white — live in a country that is segregated and discriminatory. If we Jews really take to heart the command to see the face of God in every face, well, we have to do more than just look.

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The NAACP march this past August and our yearly family reunion of Third Baptist and Congregation Emanu-El prompts me to reflect on just how segregated we remain. I don’t know what Dr. King would think of all of this, but I wonder how many of us live in neighborhoods of primarily our own race and socio-economic cohort? How many of us spend our day to day with people like us? I realize that a large part of that is the result of decades of systematic discrimination and one part is choice. We like being surrounded by people like us. That’s ok, as long as it is truly by choice. But I think it causes us to have to go out of our way to purposefully meet people who are other than us, face to face. So, we need this pulpit exchange, the Journey for Justice, Back on Track, the city-wide MLK March on Monday. Because — white people especially — we need more opportunities to walk and talk and hear where
each other is coming from and to find the face of God in the face of the person who does not look like us. And the onus is on those of us whose skin color privileges us to initiate these alliances.

These are painful times. Police shootings, daily gun violence, lack of equal education, jobs and affordable housing — it’s terrible. I agree with Reverend Brown — God must be ashamed and we should be ashamed, too. Ashamed that President Obama has been treated dishonorably by some of our nation’s leaders, in a way that no other president has been treated. Ashamed that young black lives are endangered every single day in a way that Jewish American lives are not — both by the living conditions created by systemic racial injustice and also by the culture of policing. There are good police and there are bad police, but the real problem is a culture that results in the daily violence perpetrated against our black citizens.

As a culture, we all need to be trained to see the face of God in the other. We also need stronger laws, policing reforms, incarceration reforms, and to vote the bad politicians out of office. What we need is so big that it cannot be Christians alone or African Americans alone or Jews alone. It is going to take all of us working together to remind the country that justice for all is what America is about. That is what seeing God’s face means. That is what loving every neshama really means.

I wish I could tell you that every Jewish person gets up every day and reads the Torah, understands the concept of finding the neshama in each person, and then joins a black-Jewish coalition and asks, “tell me how we can be your best ally.” As with all white people, it is too easy for us to deny, ignore or look the other way after the next police shooting or the shrinking of the African American community here in San Francisco. We need more Jews and more whites to take notice and to take ownership of the problem.

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This past fall at Congregation Emanu-El, we celebrated our holiest service of the year, when each rabbi gets to pick one topic to address the congregation and it is the one time of year when the congregation shows up in full force. I chose to speak to my community about the ongoing quest for racial justice in our country. And it wasn’t only me. Hundreds of rabbis all around the country made this their focus. To my own congregation, I observed how easy it is for white people who do not feel the daily negative effects of the system to ignore or deny the problem. As you know all too well, this problem did not start with the police shooting of Michael Brown. And it does not end with the butchering of Mario Woods. But such events have caused more white people to start paying attention and taking note of the scope of the problem and of our own complicit role. Back on Track tutoring is very important, but it is not enough. Our synagogue’s numerous hunger and homelessness initiatives, including a project with Mayor Lee to turn empty church buildings in San Francisco into affordable housing, are important. But they are not enough.

Let me share with you one other more complicated thought from my experience marching with the NAACP this past summer. For the two days that I marched, starting with crossing the Edmund Pettis Bridge and all along the way with state troopers cheerfully and purposefully dedicating their efforts to keeping the marchers safe, I did have this little feeling inside of me like we were trying to copy something from history, but we should not think for a minute that our experience of marching was anything like those who marched in the 1960s. What our new and improved marching experience taught was this: let us never forget the sacrifices made to get us to this time and place. Let’s not forget the reality of Dr. King’s experience and that of so many other civil rights heroes. Dr. King is our history of nonviolent struggle. He is our history of voting rights. He is our history of refusal to accept the status quo. And that is why we are gathered here together right now — to remember. We are here to take that history and to move forward. The only way things are going to change is if we get together, share our stories, stand together and fight together.

Rabbi Tarphon who lived in the first century taught, “It is not your responsibility to finish the work [of perfecting the world], but neither are you free to desist from it.” Let these words be our call to action to carry on with Dr. King’s vision of the world we want to live in.

Eloheinu v’elohay avoteinu v’imoteinu, God and God of our ancestors, how grateful we are for the neshama, your spirit that emanated from Dr. King. Without his legacy that flowed from that neshama, we might never have cause for hope. Please God, fill us with hope. Cause us to come together to see the problems and to seek the solutions. God, may we look into one another’s faces: Blacks, Whites, Christians, Jews, Muslims and people of every faith and no faith at all, minorities, immigrants, refugees, poor and rich, police officers, civic leaders and religious leaders, teenagers, women and men, children, each homeless person and each person of privilege, may we look deeply into the eyes of each of these and say with all our hearts, “To see your face is to see the face of God.” Amen.
This month we celebrated the birthday of one of our most important community members, Lawrence Francis, Emanu-El’s Director of Security, who you may see at our door on a regular basis. When we got back from the winter break, I asked the Pre-K and TK classes to please plan something special for him for his birthday because he’s such a good friend to our school. The kids did an amazing job and made him the best party! Jerusalem class hosted and made him gifts, Jaffa class baked him a cake, and our Adventure TK class decorated the room. We’ve put an emphasis on bringing our Jewish values to life at TEEP this year and this project demonstrated how possible it is for children to express those values. Lawrence was so touched, and our values of chesed (loving-kindness), kavod (honor) and kehillah (community) were really lived out in that moment!

- Heather Mendelsohn Posner, Director of Early Childhood Education

Join us for a summer of learning, exploration and adventure at Temple Emanu-El’s summer program! Each week will feature an exciting new theme filled with a variety of activities including art, science, cooking, outdoor play and field trips. Children ages 2.5 - 5 are welcome. Register for three or more weeks and save!

Camp will run for eight weeks total, from June 20 to August 12, 9:00 am - 1:30 pm, Monday-Friday (extended day care options available for early morning and late afternoon).

For additional details and registration, visit https://www.emanuelsf.org/summercamp or contact Nika Greenberg, Early Childhood Programs Manager, at ngreenberg@emanuelsf.org.

Please join us celebrate to the importance of art as a form of expression for young children during our Temple Emanu-El Preschool art show April 1 – May 7. Working with our art specialist Ava Rosen, and their teachers, children ages two – five years old will display their most important works created during the school year.

TEEP will host an art opening and silent auction on Sunday, April 17 for those who wish to add to their permanent collection.
MAZEL TOV TO OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED JOY

Jill Nissen and Herk Confer on the birth of their daughter, Reece Nissen Confer
Alessandra and Jonathan Beck on the birth of their son, Julian Beck
Monica and Adam Mosseri on the birth of their son, Nico Elijah Mosseri
Beth and Guillaume Saban on the birth of their daughter, Rebecca Ann Saban
Sharon and Dean Rubinstein on the birth of their son, Russell Paul Rubinstein
Jamie and Michael Polin on the birth of their daughter, Ellie Blake Polin

CONDOLENCES TO OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE SUFFERED RECENT LOSSES

Joel Roos (Laurie) on the death of his cousin, Ellen Stovall
Jill Silverman (William Guertin) on the death of her mother, and Russell and Andrew Guertin on the death of their grandmother, Phyllis Silverman
Elysa Yanowitz on the death of her husband, Herbert Yanowitz
Janet Reider and John Sampson (Sharon Litsky) on the death of their cousin, longtime member Louise Oser
Kelny Denebeim (George Calys) and Amy Dean (Christopher) on the death of their mother, and Daisy Dean, Nathaniel, Benjamin and Alexandra Farber on the death of their grandmother, and Bob Denebeim (Betty) and Bill Denebeim (Mark Vogel) on the death of their aunt, Beverley Denebeim
Elizabeth Purl on the death of her sister, and Julian Pierotti on the death of his aunt, Jenna Purl
Larry Wollin (Hillary) on the death of his mother, and Charles and Heather Wollin on the death of their grandmother, Ruth Cooper Wollin
Richard Yanowitch (Wendy) on the death of his father, and Ariella and Nathaniel Yanowitch on the death of their grandfather, Harold Yanowitch
Audrey Shapiro (Andy) on the death of her father, and Claudia and Randy Shapiro on the death of their grandfather, William Tiefenthal
Friends of member Sara Hasson who is survived by her children Vida and Victor Hasson
Lauren (Matt) Van Horn on the death of her grandmother, Ruth Epstein.

NEW MEMBERS, AS OF FEBRUARY 5

Vivianna Beck, Anton Beck, Julian Beck • Dayze S. Chocron, Dashell S. Chocron • John C. Crabtree-Furtado • Ari E. Levy • Nico E. Mosseri • Rebecca A. Saban • Lillian R. Weinstein

REJOINED MEMBERS, AS OF FEBRUARY 5

Lindsay and Oliver Gratry, Sophie C. Gratry, Annabelle G. Gratry, Nicholas G. Graty • Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Kriegel • Akiba and Sunny Lerner, Ellie L. Lerner, Jeremiah J. Lerner

MARCH B’NEI MITZVAH

Rachel Kay
Bat Mitzvah: March 5 – Main Sanctuary
Parents: Deborah & Scott Kay
Torah Portion: Vayakhel Shekalim

Leo Katz
Bar Mitzvah: March 5 – Martin Meyer Sanctuary
Parents: Emily Newman & Gregory Katz
Torah Portion: Vayakhel Shekalim

Emma Shaw
Bat Mitzvah: March 12 – Martin Meyer Sanctuary
Parents: Beth Steinberg & Richard Shaw
Torah Portion: Pekude

Julia Shaw
Bat Mitzvah: March 12 – Martin Meyer Sanctuary
Parents: Beth Steinberg & Richard Shaw
Torah Portion: Pekude

Harry Levinson
Bar Mitzvah: March 26 – Martin Meyer Sanctuary
Parents: Elizabeth O’Neill & Arnold Levinson
Torah Portion: Tzav

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, Emanu-El’s 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.
## March Calendar

For more information, please call us at (415) 751-2535 or visit www.emanuelsf.org. All events take place at Temple Emanu-El unless marked Not at Temple (NAT).

### View school calendars at
www.emanuelsf.org/school-calendars

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MUSIC AT MEYER FOR MARCH

March 14
San Francisco Choral Artists
Prayers from the Ark: Songs of Lamentation and Jubilation

This excellent choral group will sing rarely heard Yiddish and Ladino folk music, liturgical works, psalms, songs and chants from many centuries.

“...wide dynamic range along with facial animation, clear enunciation, sensitive harmonic blend, and tight rhythmic cohesion” - SF Classical Voice

March 28
Cypress Quartet

We are certain audiences will be dazzled again by this fabulous quartet playing the Mozart String Quartet in C, K. 465 “Dissonance,” Glazunov - Selections from “Novelettes,” and the Beethoven String Quartet in Eb, Op 127.

“This young quartet is among the impressive I have heard in modern sound” - Sterophile (reviewing CSQ’s “Beethoven: The Late String Quartets”)

April 4
HighNote recording artist Wesla Whitfield with The Mike Greensill Trio
Jean G. Hartman Memorial Concert

This long time favorite local singer and group will perform "They Say It’s Spring," a concert featuring the best of the Great American Songbook from George Gershwin to Irving Berlin, and Rodgers & Hart to Cole Porter.

“This wonderful singer thrills me when I hear her.” - Tony Bennett

Tickets are $22 for seniors and students; $25 for general admission
Tickets available at http://tinyurl.com/mam2016 or by calling Judi Leff at (415) 750-7545.

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