Israel Independence Day Celebration (Yom Ha’Atzmaut)

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ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION WITH MATISYAHU

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
Social Justice Well-Being Committee Tackles Stigma and Mental Illness: Education and Advocacy program launches with our Mental Health Awareness Shabbat on May 6

By Lori Campbell, Tzedek Council Well-Being Working Group

One of the four subgroups of Emanu-El’s Tzedek Council, the Well-Being committee, has chosen overcoming the stigma of mental illness as the focus of our commitment to social justice. Fueled by negative stereotypes, stigmas surrounding mental illness can be dehumanizing and often lead to isolation, discrimination, and an unwillingness to seek treatment.

We have all heard the statistics: 1 in 5 Americans will be affected by a mental health condition in their lifetime. For those affected by mental health issues such as bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, and major depression, life can be extremely difficult. Often there is a breakdown of the home and family life, jobs are lost and the situation can spiral out of control. People living with mental illness and their family members are reluctant to discuss their situation with others. Fear and uncertainty about how someone might react inhibits people from reaching out for support. Nobody brings you chicken soup when your son has schizophrenia or your daughter has an anxiety disorder.

The secret to changing stigma is to provide education and to empower people to tell their story. Hearing their stories, we learn that mental illnesses are biological brain disorders, common and treatable and that recovery is possible. Knowing the facts about mental illness can help reject stigmatizing stereotypes. Understanding mental health isn’t only about being able to identify symptoms and having a name for these conditions, but dispelling many false ideas about mental health conditions as well.

Mental Health Month is a national program dedicated to raising awareness about mental illness and the challenges that occur when we fail to address mental health concerns early and effectively. We join this endeavor with our Mental Health Awareness Shabbat on May 6. Rabbi Beth and Rabbi Jonathan will be sharing their thoughts on mental illness during our Shabbat service. Following the service we will have an opportunity to hear from people with lived experience and family members, and learn more about upcoming Well-Being committee activities. Replace stigma with hope - learn about mental health issue, see the person not the illness and advocate for improved mental health services.

If you are interested in joining the Well-Being committee or would like assistance with resources for you or a family member please email Sara Isaacs saraisaacs@gmail.com.
By Richard and Rhoda Goldman Senior Rabbi Jonathan Singer

As a rabbi, I am thrilled with the diversity of artists, thinkers and political perspectives about Israel that we as the Emanu-El community have had a chance to learn from and engage with this past year. Our Israel Action Committee, Adult Learning Salon, along with your clergy have worked hard to insure that people like Stav Shachir, Knesset member and rising star in the Labor party and Ron Dermer, current Israeli Ambassador to the United States and leader in the Likud Party, have been given a forum to share their perspectives on Israel and hear back from our community in return. This month we will have an opportunity on Israel Independence Day to just celebrate Israel and be entertained by the formerly Hassidic reggae and beat box star Matisyahu. In the fall the leading Israeli folk star Noa will perform here as well!

Unfortunately, besides being Jewish the one thing the two artists above have in common is that they have been boycotted because of their identity and connection to Israel. Matisyahu was disinvited from performing at a Spanish music festival in response to pressure from the BDS movement, only to finally later be re-invited when the uproar that this was an act of anti-Semitism – boycotting an American Jew because he would not side with BDS, became overwhelming. Achinoam Noa had the awful experience of having the Jewish National Fund in Canada withdraw their sponsorship of her performance at an Israel gathering because they incorrectly accused her of supporting the BDS movement only to have the Israeli government step in and replace their funding.

Both actions reflect an illness in our world - one that we at Emanu-El have and will continue to stand up against- the desire when it comes to Israel to isolate ideas and people you disagree with, shutting down respectful conversation and refusing to see the presence of God - that reflection of the holy in the one in front of you.

We, your clergy, acknowledge that our members have different perspectives about how Israel might achieve peace in that difficult region. It is essential to us that under our beautiful dome we, as a diverse community, be able to share different visions of how the hard questions about Israel’s future may be answered. It is an essential value of both Jewish tradition and American freedom, that people be able to share ideas respectfully, learn from speakers with different points of view and then reach their own conclusions.

At Congregation Emanu-El we will continue to welcome and encourage our members to engage a wide range of perspectives without imposing a majority view. It is an essential value of both Jewish tradition and American freedom, that people be able to share ideas respectfully, learn from speakers with different points of view and then reach their own conclusions.

Zionist organizations and Jewish leaders as long as they support the right of the Jewish state to flourish in peace. I for one, am grateful for AIPAC and its work to support Israel in congress, JStreet and its efforts to actively engage the peace process, Friends of the IDF, who support Israeli soldiers on the front lines of the conflict, The New Israel Fund as it tries to build bridges to peace, Rabbis for Human Rights and their work of conscience, The San Francisco JCRC and their tireless efforts to stop the isolation of Israel and anyone who is willing serve in the Knesset!

If we are going to remain a leading synagogue in the country, then we have to model true Jewish dialogue and interaction. A living Judaism is an engaged and open Judaism that respects other opinions. An honest Judaism whether it comes to prayer, belief in God, or how to vision the future of the promised land knows that no one group has a monopoly on truth or the right way forward. We as a center of Bay Area Judaism can show that there is strength in diversity – it is something to be embraced and not feared!

So let us engage, learn from each other, at times agree to disagree, but then let us also celebrate. We live in amazing times - there is a state of Israel thriving like a beautiful Joshua tree shooting up from the desert floor. Its existence is an amazing thing to behold. There is much to rejoice in its democracy, vibrancy and determination to thrive in a world that is not always welcoming. So, come this month and join us as we partner with multiple Jewish organizations and celebrate Israel Independence Day on Wednesday, May 11. Hear a reading from the independence scroll and be entertained by Matisyahu. If there is a protester or two give them a flower and invite them to join us in prayers for peace. Additionally, stay tuned for Noa coming to share her artistry with us in November.

And let us, in the words of Matisyahu, keep praying for peace:

All my life I’ve been waiting for
I’ve been praying for
For the people to say
That we don’t wanna fight no more
They’ll be no more wars
And our children will play
One day (one day), One day (one day)
One day (one day), One day (one day)
One day (one day), One day (one day)

Let me know how we are doing and even though your perspective may be different from mine, let me know how we could do it better! I welcome your responses by email to jsinger@emanuelsf.org.
Please see calendars on pages 13 & 14 for all of our May/June/July services and events.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: PRESERVING TRADITION. EMBRACING THE FUTURE.
Please Respond by June 1!

All Jews, or those with Jewish partners, are welcome to become members. To learn more about membership, contact Director of Membership Services, Terry Kraus at membership@emanuelsf.org

April 23, 2017- May 2, 2017
A JOURNEY OF INSPIRATION, OUR SPIRITUAL ROOTS, SADNESS AND HOPE

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. Where Zionism founds its leaders and from where the majority of American Jews have their roots. Join us as we learn about the past, honor those who died in the Shoah, and engage with Jews who are building, much to everyone’s amazement, a Jewish future there too.

We hope to travel to Poland, Lithuania, The Czech Republic and Berlin – but the itinerary is yet to be finalized. We are announcing it now to determine interest and get you to hold the dates.
MUSEUM NEWS

The Elizabeth S. and Alvin I. Fine Museum is pleased to present:

ISRAEL IMPRESSIONS: 
THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF PAUL MARGOLIS
May 11 until June 27 in the Main Sanctuary Foyer

Paul Margolis is a documentary and fine art photographer, as well as a writer. His subjects include people living on the margins of society, vanishing Americana, historic architecture, and the vibrancy of life on the streets. He uses traditional cameras in his work and he still hand-processes and prints black and white film for the classic look that it gives.

In the fall of 2013 and again the following year, Paul Margolis visited Israel to photograph the land and people. He covered 11 different cities in 14 days, working the streets, market places and homes with his quiet, discreet Leica camera and black and white film. The photos reflect pastry merchants discussing their wares, Arab fishermen, a rock festival held close to the border with Gaza, a very pregnant young woman in the Negev Desert, a portly bedding merchant re-lighting his cigarette in a quiet moment, and many other scenes. These photographs are a small portion of the work representing slices of day-to-day life in Israel.

http://www.paulmargolis.com

Please join us at 5:00 pm on Friday, May 13 in the Main Sanctuary foyer for an opening reception and an opportunity to meet the photographer.
SUMMER EVENTS

MAY

Making a Killing film screening followed by Q & A with gun violence prevention leaders

Tuesday, May 24, 6:30 pm
Martin Meyer Sanctuary

Gun violence continues to sweep across our country, threatening our sense of safety in our homes and public spaces. For the first time, gun deaths are predicted to surpass traffic deaths. State laws regarding guns remain in flux. For example, laws permitting conceal carry and open carry of guns are on the rise. Suicide constitutes two-thirds of gun deaths. How can one individual have an impact on this crisis when guns are part of America’s cultural DNA? How can a voter find out about candidates’ positions on gun legislation during this important election year?

The premiere Bay Area screening of Making a Killing: Guns, Greed, and the NRA, directed by Robert Greenwald of Brave New Films, will address these questions. (www.makingakilling.com) Following the film, Eve Meyer, Executive Director of San Francisco Suicide Prevention, Damien Posey, survival of gun violence of United Playaz, a representative from Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence, and a volunteer from a gun violence prevention organization will talk about their work and answer questions from the audience.

The event is organized by Emanu-El’s Human Rights Working Group of the Tzedek Council, and a coalition of GVP organizations and activists that include the SF Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, Healing 4 Our Families and Our Nation, United Playaz, San Francisco Suicide Prevention, and others.

High school age or older is advised.
Open to the community at no charge.

JUNE

Emanu-El Scholar Course

Introductory Hebrew Grammar with Rabbi Kushner

Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:30 pm
June 23, July 7, July 21, August 4
Room 53, 5th Floor

Invigorate your study of Hebrew at a relaxed pace with a captivating master. Rabbi Lawrence Kushner will lead four sessions of instruction, each spaced two weeks apart throughout the summer, providing an opportunity to absorb the language at a more languid summer’s pace. In addition to being our resident scholar, Rabbi Kushner is also the author of The Book of Letters, in which he wrote about the Hebrew alphabet being more than just symbols. Perhaps getting a glimmer of how all twenty-two letters of the Hebrew alphabet overflow with meanings and personalities of their own will invigorate both you and your study of Hebrew.
It’s Membership Renewal Time!

Please watch for your packet this month and enjoy the ease of renewing online with our new technology. You can log into your account at www.emanuelsf.org, click a few buttons, and check this off your list. Please know that we don’t store your payment information, so annual renewal is required.

While membership is an annual commitment, we recognize that many people choose to make installment payments, and we have several options to accommodate. If you choose to pay on other than an annual basis, would you please consider an electronic funds transfer from your bank, rather than using a credit or debit card? The temple spends in excess of $100,000 of your dues paying credit and debit card fees, as well as a great deal of staff time tracking down those who cards have expired or been subject to fraud. You will find the electronic funds transfer information both on the myEmanu-El portal and in the materials you receive by mail. Thanks for considering this option.

Questions about your membership renewal? Contact Director of Membership Services Terry Kraus at membership@emanuelsf.org or (415) 750-7552.

No High Holy Days This Year?

Of course there will be – just don’t look for them on your September 2015 – September 2016 Jewish calendar! As some people say, the holidays are “late” (but on the lunar calendar, they are right on time.) Here are the dates:

Erev Rosh Hashanah – Sunday, October 2
Rosh Hashanah day – Monday, October 3
Kol Nidre – Tuesday, October 11
Yom Kippur – Wednesday, October 12
Erev Sukkot – Sunday, October 16
Shmeini Atzeret – Simchat Torah, by the Reform observance – Sunday, October 23

Watch for details about services and celebrations in the months to come. To assure that you will receive your High Holy Day passes, please renew your membership when the packets arrive.

Pianos Wanted!

Congregation Emanu-El is looking for two used Steinway (or comparable) grand pianos that are in both excellent playing condition and excellent aesthetic condition. Are you downsizing your house/apartment? Please consider donating your used piano to us, and take advantage of the generous tax benefits of doing so. Interested persons should reach out directly to Cantor Luck at aluck@emanuelsf.org.*

*We are looking specifically for both a large concert grand and a smaller “baby” grand. We are not looking for “upright” pianos at this time. Congregation Emanu-El will need to have your piano examined before agreeing to any donation. Thank you for your consideration.

SUMMER MUSEUM EXHIBIT

Elizabeth S. and Alvin I Fine Museum presents

THIS IS BAY AREA JEWRY

The San Francisco Bay Area Jewish community has been referred to as “the diaspora of the diaspora” and is often portrayed as the edgiest, least engaged and most outrageous. Many of us embrace our role as bellwether to American Jewry. Our community includes born Jews of color, interfaith couples raising Jewish children, Jews by choice from Egypt and Asia, LGBT Jews, adoptive parents, and the list goes on.

In these 16 portraits, you will find that each person, couple or family has loved ones who are not Jewish. The reality of Bay Area Jewry is that we are all touched by our non-Jewish family members. How we incorporate our diversity into Jewish practice is admirable and, we hope, an example to other Jewish communities who are seeking harmony and mutual acceptance.

The exhibit can be seen in the Chapel Hallway July 6 through October 31.

Legacy Circle

Congregation Emanu-El has been an important part of our lives for over 50 years. We were married in the Main Sanctuary and Dana went to religious school and was confirmed at Emanu-El as well. We have received much and are fortunate to be able to give annual contributions and assure the future by providing support in our estate plan.

– Dana and Gary Shapiro
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, 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.

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) 750-7548.

WOMEN’S RETREAT
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. Women’s Group events are congregant only. Questions? Contact Jennifer Goldstein at jgoldstein@emanuelsf.org or (415) 750-7548.

Sunday, May 21, 10:30 am – 8:00 pm, at a congregant’s home in Mill Valley
Cost: $90

Led by Rabbi Mintz, Cantor Attie, with special appearances by other female clergy. Close out the year with this rejuvenating retreat and join us for a day of spirituality, learning, movement, food, and friendship. This year’s theme is the Transition of the Body, Mind, and Spirit.

Cost includes lunch, dinner, snacks, an art project and more!

THE TRIBE FOR WOMEN – NIGHT OUT AT THE CJM!
The Tribe for Women is a group of Congregation Emanu-El mothers of school-aged children.

Thursday, May 12, 6:00 – 8:00 pm (tour begins at 6:45 pm)
Cost: $20
Location: The Contemporary Jewish Museum

Join the Tribe for Women for a night out at The Contemporary Jewish Museum! After nibbling on wine and cheese in our own private room, a museum educator will take us on a private, in-depth exploration and tour of the Bill Graham exhibit, followed by heading to The Press Club for a fun conclusion to the evening with plenty of time to schmooze.

Questions? Contact Jennifer Goldstein at jgoldstein@emanuelsf.org or (415) 750-7548.

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, May 1, 9:30 – 11:30 am, Private Home in Presidio Heights
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 From Liberation to Disaffiliation: The Effects of the 60’s on American Judaism while enjoying a bagel breakfast. Breakfast is provided free of charge thanks to a generous donation.

INTERFAITH GROUP
When In-Laws Behave like Out-Laws: Navigating In-Law Relationships in an Interfaith Context

Tuesday, May 17, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, Chapel
Please register at www.emanuelsf.org/register

While intertwining families and in-law relationships can pose challenges in all relationships, special challenges exist for interfaith families. Led by Cantor Arik Luck, Laurie Beijen, and a representative from Interfaith Family/Bay Area, as well as fellow interfaith couples, we hope you will walk away from this discussion with tools you can implement in your own life. Whether you are part of an interfaith couple or have one in your family, we hope you will join in this discussion.
**STORIES OF YOUR LIFE**
First Monday of the month unless otherwise stated, 10:00 am - noon, Temple Emanu-El
Monday, May 9
Monday, June 6

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!

**Volunteer Opportunities**

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

*Thursday, May 5
9:00 - 11:00 am in the Emanu-El Kitchen*

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.

**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

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**FROM THE CLASSROOM**
By Susan Aronow
YFE 1st Grade Teacher

Our Sunday First Grade and Wednesday First and Second Grade Havurah collected $100 along with dozens of coats that will be distributed through One Warm Coat, a national non-profit organization that works with local agencies. This has become an annual Jewish Service Learning project for our students offering an opportunity to think about the needs of others and have their generosity be a benefit throughout our community.

**YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN**

It is time to enroll for the 2016-17 Youth and Family Education program. You may do so at https://www.emanuelsf.org/learning/youth-and-family/registration-forms/ by July 31 to avoid a late fee.

For more information and dates of all of our programs, please take a look at our website, https://www.emanuelsf.org/learning/youth-and-family/. Questions can be emailed to Heather Erez at herez@emanuelsf.org

Our first day of YFE is Sept 11, we look forward to seeing you there!

**Have You Remembered the Temple in Your Estate Plan?**

We invite you to become a member of the Emanu-El Legacy Circle. If you have included Congregation Emanu-El in your estate planning through a bequest, or as a beneficiary of an insurance or retirement plan, you already qualify as a member of our Legacy Circle. Just let us know that you have done so.

As a member of this esteemed circle of supporters, you will join others in proclaiming your commitment to the life and mission of Congregation Emanu-El.

If you have made a provision for Congregation Emanu-El in your will, or would like to speak with someone at the Temple about the Emanu-El Legacy Circle, please contact the Development Office at (415) 750-7557.
MAY 2016 B’NEI MITZVAH

Sasha Steiner
Bat Mitzvah: May 7
Main Sanctuary
Parents: Victoria & Timur Steiner
Torah Portion: Ahare

Samuel Levine
Bar Mitzvah: May 14
Martin Meyer Sanctuary
Parents: Julie & David Levine
Torah Portion: Kedoshim

Lucy Stovell
Bat Mitzvah: May 21
Main Sanctuary
Parents: Wendy & James Stovell
Torah Portion: Emor

Ethan Ticktin
Bar Mitzvah: May 21
Martin Meyer Sanctuary
Parents: Leslie & Stephen Ticktin
Torah Portion: Emor

Ethan Kahn
Bar Mitzvah: May 28
Main Sanctuary
Parents: Diane & Andrew Kahn
Torah Portion: Behar

Aviv Drobey
Bar Mitzvah: May 28
Martin Meyer Sanctuary
Parents: Ronit & Erik Drobey
Torah Portion: Behar

JUNE 2016 B’NEI MITZVAH

Tyler Sisitsky
Bar Mitzvah: June 4
Main Sanctuary
Parents: Holly Hagens & Todd Sisitsky
Torah Portion: Behukkotai

Ella Rubin
Bat Mitzvah: June 4
Martin Meyer Sanctuary
Parents: Stephanie & Seth Rubin
Torah Portion: Behukkotai

Rachael Hymowitz
Bat Mitzvah: June 25
Martin Meyer Sanctuary
Parents: Sarah & Jordan Hymowitz
Torah Portion: Behaalot’cha

Skye Zweben
Bat Mitzvah: June 30
In Israel
Parents: Elizabeth & Monte Zweben, & Louise McCallion
Torah Portion: Shelach Lecha

Audrey Scott
Bar Mitzvah: June 30
In Israel
Parents: Stacey & Andy Scott
Torah Portion: Shelach Lecha

MAZEL TOV TO OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED JOY

Joelle Birnberg and Alexander Braunstein on the birth of their son, Jerald Parnett Birnberg
Amy and Craig Kronberg on the birth of their daughter, Ellie Sarah Kronberg
Nicholas Josefowitz and Tali Rapaport on the birth of their sons, Ben and Alec Josefowitz
Jennifer Gans and Nir Margalit on the birth of their daughter, Jessica Shay Margalit
Rachel Styne and Michael Edelstein on the birth of their daughter and son, Sadie James and Oliver Rex Edelstein
Molly and Winston Wang on the birth of their son, Oliver Emerson Wang
Ditka Reiner on the birth of her grandson, Felix Mercer Rocket Brown
Lana and Seth Burstein on the birth of their daughter, Layla Victoria Burstein
Carly and Paul Levin on the birth of their son, Zev Asher Levin
Kristi and Gregory Grunberg on the birth of their daughter, Eden Victoria Galit Grunberg

CONDOLENCES TO OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE SUFFERED RECENT LOSSES

Allyson Kaufman (Matt) on the death of her father, and Zoe and Levi Kaufman on the death of their grandfather, Paul Bohensky
Trina Martynowicz on the death of her grandmother, Rosslyn Hills
Veliz Perez on the death of her sister, Priscilla Perez
Shirley Lippman on the death of her husband, Byron Lippman
Debra Bogaards (Pieter) on the death of her mother, and Danielle and Jamie Bogaards on the death of their grandmother, Evelyn Fink
Friends and family of lan Arnof
Friends and family of Vivian Solomon
Roberta Intrater (Richard) on the death of her father, Herbert Mendelsohn
Douglas Goldman (Lisa) and John Goldman (Marcia) on the death of their aunt, longtime member Marianne Goldman

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) 750-7557
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS ON THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS

Adam Seligman on being named the executive Vice President and General Manager of Salesforce’s App Cloud
Bart Schachter on being named the Chief Operating Officer of Iron.io, a technical company providing job processing solutions
Marcia Ruben on being named the recipient of the Russell T. Sharpe Research Professorship at Golden Gate University
Cantor David Frommer who will be serving Congregation Sherith Israel beginning in July

NEW MEMBERS
Mr. Joshua Kazdin • Mr. Adam & Ms. Arin Lasoff, Caroline • Mr. Jeffrey Osofsky, Tyler

REJOINED MEMBER
Dena Goldberg

INTERESTED IN HOSTING AN EVENT AT MANU-EL?

Celebrate and host your most personal occasions in our Temple, including baby namings, Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, weddings, and memorial services, as well as professional gatherings and retreats. Facility rental rates are going up July 1. Book your event today to lock in today's rates! Contact our Director of Facilities and Special Events, Svetlana Leykin at https://www.emanuelsf.org/event-rental/ for more information.

Early Childhood Programs Continue During the Summer

Mazel Tots • Mondays, 9:30 - 11:00 am
Side By Side • Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 - 11:30 am
Bagels and Babies • Fridays, 9:30 - 11 am
Got Shabbat • May 28, June 11 and July 9

Temple Emanu-El Preschool’s innovative program

Did you know this year marks an exciting step for our preschool? We are closing out our pilot year of Adventure TK (Transitional Kindergarten)! We are the first Jewish preschool in San Francisco to offer a nature-based program which offers our oldest students the chance to participate in experiential learning. Each day the children and teachers spend their morning exploring San Francisco. They visit the Presidio, nearby beaches, and the library engaging in meaningful learning activities and good old fashioned outdoor play. They return to the temple at lunch time and spend the afternoon in more traditional learning activities using their experiences out in the world to drive the curriculum. We still have a few spots for four- and five-year-old children in the 2016 -17 school year. Please contact Heather Posner at hposner@emanuelsf.org for more information!

OTHER PROGRAMS

The Young Adult Leadership Committee at Emanu-El hosts a myriad of events throughout the year, this past March we held our annual PurimPalooza party including hamantashen and a megalah reading. The Young Adult Community filled a downtown bar to celebrate this great holiday! We continue to have year-round program with monthly home hosted text study with the clergy and intimate Shabbat dinners. Our next exciting event is this summer on August 19, 2016, join us for our fifth annual Young Adult Summer Camp at Camp Newman.
WE WISH ALL GOOD THINGS to our multi-talented synagogue professional Judi Leff on her upcoming retirement at the end of June. Judi’s dedication and eagerness to make a joke will be greatly missed by both staff and congregants. Judi has been a member of the synagogue for nearly 50 years. She first joined the staff as a religious school teacher in 1983. In the early years of her Emanu-El career, Judi was the Community Project Program Coordinator. At that time, she began to partner with Cantor Barak, writing parodies for Chanukah pageants and Purim follies. Next, Judi assumed the position of Director of Special Projects, then she became the Director of Operations and Office Management, and in the wind-down to retirement, Judi chose to be the Director of Arts and Cultural Programs. Below are a few of Judi’s major accomplishments over these many years – highlights only as the full list would take too many pages.

As a facilities maven, Judi oversaw the 2006 renovation of the Main Sanctuary bima and sound system; the creation of the security bollards (our little domes in concrete); the 2008 renovation of the Martin Meyer Sanctuary sound system; the renovations to create space to move the Accounting offices back into this building from their Geary Street location; the renovation of the Reuben Rinder Chapel; and obtained four Homeland Security grants to improve our safety.

Using her creative talents, Judi produced the Madeleine Haas Russell Institute of Jewish Learning Annual Lecture Series; the Annual Ludwig Altman, Shenson, and Jean Hartman concerts; the first couple of seasons (and the final season) of what became Music at Meyer; the Martin Meyer Movie Medley; years of Purim Follies; the Temple Chronicle and other print pieces before our communications and marketing department was formed; and as staff liaison to the Museum Committee, participated in years of planning and creating exhibits including the recent “Jews in Magic” and the accompanying magic show which wowed us! Judi also created and planned special programs such as the Panama Pacific International Exhibition and the Jews panel discussion, and “Buried Treasures,” a day-long celebration of the cemetery’s 125 anniversary, which featured the opportunity to interact with famous characters from the past.

Judi, we are grateful for your many years of service and wish you a retirement full of love, laughter and good health.
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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.

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During the High Holy Days of 2016 (5777), our congregation will be using a wonderful new set of prayer books (machzor). This High Holy Day prayer book (Machzor), 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 nearly 40 years!

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Sample bookplate inspired by the main sanctuary stained glass windows, “Fire” and “Water”.

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12TH GRADE HAVURAH DAN CONFORMATION SHABBAT

Friday, May 20 at 6:00 pm
Martin Meyer Sanctuary
Service led by the graduating class

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