UPCOMING EVENTS

MEET MOSAB HASSAN YOUSEF, THE GREEN PRINCE AND SEE A SPECIAL SCREENING OF HIS MOVIE

Screening of the movie The Green Prince
Sunday, December 11, 5:00 pm
Followed by a discussion with the film’s star, Mosab Hassan Yousef, 7:00 pm.

This film is based on the autobiography of Mosab Hassan Yousef, entitled: Son of Hamas: A Gripping Account of Terror, Betrayal, Political Intrigue, and Unthinkable Choices

Since he was a small boy, Mosab Hassan Yousef has had an inside view of the deadly terrorist group Hamas. Everything changed when Mosab turned away from terror and violence, and embraced instead the teachings of another famous Middle East leader. In Son of Hamas, Mosab reveals new information about the world’s most dangerous terrorist organization and unveils the truth about his own role, his agonizing separation from family and homeland, the dangerous decision to make his newfound faith public, and his belief that the Christian mandate to “love your enemies” is the only way to peace in the Middle East.

This event is free; however, pre-registration is required at http://bit.ly/2gdN0V1

Israel Action Committee
Movie Screening and Discussion

Screening of the movie The Green Prince
Sunday, December 11, 5:00 pm
Followed by a discussion with the film’s star, Mosab Hassan Yousef, 7:00 pm.

KOLEINU
Hear Our Voices
COMING TO AMERICA

Introducing Koleinu,* and its inaugural event, “Coming to America,” a musical journey exploring Jewish immigration to America.

With Noah Aronson, Marsha Attie, Joel Breitzer, Gideon Herscher, Arik Luck, Rollin Simmons, Lizzy Weiss and featuring Roz Barak. Musical direction by Jonathan Comisar.

Tuesday, January 31, 7:00 pm
Martin Meyer Sanctuary

Where did we come from? How did we get here? What kinds of music express our individual and collective experience in coming to America? Our cantors will be joined by an exciting group of beautiful Jewish voices from around the country and Israel as they “dig in” to the music of our immigration. Representing diverse repertoire including original compositions, folk, Broadway, Yiddish theatre, and other genres, we will join with them to celebrate our journey.

A bonus private dinner with our guest artists will take place on Sunday evening, January 29, at a congregant’s home. This limited-capacity event will give you the opportunity to share in an evening of music and memory with our performers.

With Koleinu,* each year we will draw inspiration from a different Jewish theme and explore the music that surrounds and inspires it. As this year, performers from throughout the country will join with our musical staff to give their unique voices to this exciting and innovative continuing project.

Tickets for the January 29 dinner and January 31 concert can be found below:
Dinner: http://bit.ly/2gb7NLL
Concert: http://bit.ly/2gCxxSi

View All of Our Chanukah Events on Pages 6 and 7!
CHANUKAH: A TIME TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

By Richard and Rhoda Goldman Senior Rabbi Beth Singer

If you have ever been in Jerusalem during Chanukah, you may recall two great traditions. In certain neighborhoods when you walk through them at just the right time of evening, every single window has a Chanukiah with candles blazing in the window. It’s such a beautiful sight to see them in all the different apartment windows at once. The other is the tradition of street food vendors walking down the street pushing a cart with a deep vat of hot oil. If you order a sufganiah, they will plop a blob of dough into the vat of oil, pull it out at the exact right moment, inject it with a shot of raspberry jam, roll it in powdered sugar, and hand you the hot, gooey mess to pop into your mouth.

One of the wonderful elements of all Jewish holidays are the ways in which we layer new rituals upon old rituals. The core ritual involves adding an extra light each night of Chanukah. It is traditional to set your Chanukiah up in a window in order to “proclaim the miracle.” Each night, add a new candle from right to left, say or chant the blessings, and then light the newest candle to the left first. It is traditional to eat foods fried in oil, to remember the miracle of the oil. In the United States it became a tradition to give children gifts throughout Chanukah or for all family members to exchange gifts. Each household develops its own tradition around gift-giving.

Before gift giving became popular in the US, parents used to give their children gelt or coins at Chanukah. In some cases the children got to keep the gelt, but one reason for giving children gelt was to teach them how to give tzedakah donations to others. In that spirit, I encourage our congregants to re-embrace the concept of giving to others and “using” Chanukah to teach our children how to give to others. I specifically encourage all of us to participate in our own Jewish Family and Children’s Service (JFCS) opportunities for giving. JFCS is a remarkable organization that “walks the talk” of caring for the widow, the stranger and the orphan, as we are commanded throughout the Torah. JFCS makes it easy for each of us to be great Jews by partnering with them to take care of those in our own community who are in greatest need.

#1 Let’s all give to the JFCS Chanukah Food Drive. Bring nutritional food to share each time you come to Temple and look for the JFCS bins. Please shop for the food drive the way you would shop for your own household. Donate the best and not the dented cans of pineapple that have been sitting at the back of your pantry! Too many Emanu-El food donation bins are filled with food you would never serve your own family. The Torah instructs us to bring our best for this purpose.

#2 On Friday, December 16, from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm, help assemble holiday food bags full of festive foods that will be delivered to new emigres and people with disabilities.

#3. On Sunday, December 18, help deliver Chanukah bags to seniors, people with disabilities and families in need.

Don’t you love that idea that Chanukah can provide an opportunity for each one of us, at any age, to remember how to give to others? I do!

Our synagogue is so proud to support both the JFCS food pantry as well as the SF-Marin Food Bank. Each serves a different clientele. There are homeless and low income Jews in this community whose needs are cared for by our donations to JFCS. We take seriously our commitment to feeding hungry Jews and everyone else who needs good food to eat. I’m always interested to know about the traditions you add to your own Chanukah observance. If you participate in any or all of the three JFCS initiatives, let me know how it goes.

Happy Chanukah!

JFCS Chanukah Food Drive
Jewish Family and Children’s Services Food Pantries offer nutritious, high-protein food to seniors on fixed incomes, adults with disabilities, young families with low incomes, and others individuals and families facing temporary crises. This Chanukah join JFCS in making sure those in our community who are hungry, or are at risk of hunger, have enough to eat. Please drop off your unopened food items and household products to Congregation Emanu-El throughout the holiday season or deliver directly to JFCS at 2150 Post Street. For more information contact Miriam Markowitz at MiriamM@jfcs.org.

JFCS Chanukah Holiday Bag Assembly and Shabbat Celebration
You can help new emigres, people with disabilities and families in need feel the joy of the season by assembling holiday bags full of festive foods. This is a great activity for families with school-aged children! Date: Friday, December 16, 4:00 – 6:00 pm at 2150 Post Street. Refreshments and after-school snacks will be served. RSVP by November 30 to Rachel Kesselman at RachelK@jfcs.org.

JFCS Chanukah Holiday Bag Delivery
Join Jewish Family and Children’s Services for their annual bag delivery and help seniors, people with disabilities, and families in need feel the joy of Chanukah! This is a great activity for families and people of all ages. Gather for bagels and coffee before delivering festive foods to JFCS clients. Date: Sunday, December 18, 10:30 am – 1:00 pm at 2150 Post Street. RSVP by November 30 to Rachel Kesselman at RachelK@jfcs.org.

Jewish Family and Children’s Services Volunteer Opportunities can be found here: http://www.jfcs.org/volunteer/
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 an Oneg Shabbat reception:

Aimee and Steve West in honor of Spencer West's Bar Mitzvah
Patricia Lurie in honor of Emma Hsieh's Bat Mitzvah

SHABBAT SCHEDULE:

DECEMBER

Friday, December 2
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, Late One Shabbat Service (MMS)

Saturday, December 3
9:30 am Youth and Family Education Shabbat Experience (Guild Hall)
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Minyan
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, December 9
6:00 pm, One Shabbat Service (MMS)
8:30 pm, Young Adult Late Shabbat

Saturday, December 10
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Minyan
4:00 pm, Havdalah Got Shabbat (Chap)

Friday, December 16
6:00 pm, One Shabbat Service (MMS)

Saturday, December 17
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Minyan
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, December 23
6:00 pm, One Shabbat Service (MMS)

Saturday, December 24
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Minyan (Chap)
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, December 30
6:00 pm, One Shabbat Service (MMS)

Saturday, December 31
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Minyan (Chap)
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service
7:15 pm Chanukah dinner (Guild Hall)

JANUARY

Friday, January 6
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, Late One Shabbat Service (MMS)

Saturday, January 7
9:30 am Youth and Family Education Shabbat Experience (Guild Hall)
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Minyan
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, January 13
7:30 pm, MLK Pulpit Exchange and Late Shabbat

Saturday, January 14
10:15 am, Got Shabbat? (Chapel)
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Minyan

Friday, January 20
6:00 pm, One Shabbat Service (MMS)

Saturday, January 21
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Minyan
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, January 27
6:00 pm, One Shabbat Service (MMS)

Saturday, January 28
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Minyan
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service
The Week: A Jewish Concept
by Rabbi Ryan Bauer

“Shabbat, and the concept of a week, is a complete human fabrication.” Noam Zion, sat back and let these words set in. I had never considered that something which framed my existence so completely was arbitrarily constructed by our species.

The year is “real” framework to mark periodic events because my changing location relative to the sun serves as an external referent for a recurring occasion. The hills on Mt. Tam look different in the Summer vs. the Winter.

The month and day are also “real”: I look in the sky and see the moon wax and wane, the tides come and go, and the sun rise and set in rhythmic cycles.

But a week? Totally arbitrary and invented. The Jewish people came along 5 millennia ago and decided that every 6 days we would take one day, make it sacred, and call it Shabbat. Though not based on a natural phenomenon, if all of us bought into this system we would experience it as “real” as other periods in our lives. The world thought this was an impressive idea and the “weekend” was invented. Now if i walk up to anyone, Jewish or not, and ask if Saturday is different than Wednesday they would all say “of course!”

Boudin Bakery Docent Tour and No-Host Lunch

Wednesday, December 7, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm, Boudin Bakery at Fisherman’s Wharf, 160 Jefferson Street, San Francisco

Mmm... smell that sourdough bread! Learn more about the rich history of Boudin and San Francisco. Our docent-led Bakery Museum Tour invites you to witness history in the baking. Stroll through the collection of historic and interactive exhibits as you observe the bakery in action from the museum’s floor-to-ceiling window walls and glass-walled catwalk. A no-host lunch at a reserved table in the Boudin Cafe follows.

Cost: $5; register online through the MyEmman-El membership portal on the home page.

The brilliance of Shabbat is that we revealed that sacredness and meaning has the potential to be everywhere IF we create boundaries for it to exist. In many ways this is one of the foundational ideas in Judaism. Taking something mundane and enabling it to be sacred. Food is just a mundane energy source until you draw artificial boundaries around it to call some food kosher and others not.

Each Friday evening as my family lights ritual candles, the words of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel echo in my mind: Shabbat creates a cathedral out of time, for Judaism is a religion of time not space. I am acutely aware that I have had another week as a sentient being on this planet. I pause and reflect on how my finite time in this infinite universe has revealed the sacredness all around me. As the glow of the candles flicker and reflect off the whites of my children’s eyes, I touch their heads with hands more worn with each passing year. Reciting the priestly blessing, these children are reminded every week that they are not just people, they are sacred.

Making the Jewish fabrication of Shabbat real in our lives transforms the reality of our existence.
LIGHT THE MENORAH!

CHANUKAH BLESSINGS:

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.
Candles are added to the hanukkiyah (menorah) from right to left but are kindled from left to right.
The newest candle is lit first. (On the Shabbat of Chanukah, kindle the Chanukah lights first and then the Shabbat candles.)
Light the shamash (the helper candle) first, using it to kindle the rest of the Chanukah lights. As you do, say or sing:

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah.
Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Hanukkah lights.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, she-asah nisim laavoteinu v'imoteinu bayamim hahaeim baz'man hazeh.
Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who performed wonderous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

FOR FIRST NIGHT ONLY:

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu laz'man hazeh.
Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

DONATE TOILETRIES & DENTAL SUPPLIES Next time you go to the dentist or you stay in a hotel, please ask for a donation of supplies to give to the homeless. Drop off all donations in the bin in the Temple Main Office Foyer.
CELEBRATE CHANUKAH WITH YOUR EMANU-EL COMMUNITY!

The flames of the Chanukah menorah are a symbol of Jewish identity and continuity. Kindle sparks of Jewish life with us throughout the festival of Chanukah by joining us at the many events detailed below.

POP-UP NEIGHBORHOOD MENORAH LIGHTINGS!

Saturday, December 24
with Emanu-El Clergy
Time: 5:00 pm
Address: 939 Clement street, SF (outside House of Banquet restaurant, between 10th and 11th avenues.
Join other Emanu-El members to light the first candle of Chanukah. Before you enjoy your traditional Chinese food on Christmas Eve, come join us for our 1st-night candle-lighting at House of Banquet restaurant.

Thursday, December 29
Time: 6:30 pm
Address: 3982 24th St in Noe Valley, SF (at the parklet in front of Just for Fun retail shop)
Enjoy the menorah lighting, music, and treats followed by a Gen E Happy Hour with Rabbi Jason Rodich and Emanu-El clergy.
Time: 5:30 pm
Address: Town Center Corte Madera, 100 Corte Madera Town Center, Corte Madera
Light the candles of the menorah with Cantor Marsha Attie and fellow members of Congregation Emanu-El!

Friday, December 30
CHANUKAH SHABBAT FESTIVITIES
All ages Chanukah Shabbat service, celebration dinner, and children’s animal show, beginning at 6:00 pm.

CHANUKAH SHABBAT SERVICE, DINNER AND SHOW
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Congregation Emanu-El
Celebrate the 7th day of Hanukkah on our blessed 7th day of the week! We will have a joyous musical service followed by a festive dinner and the greatest animal show on earth! Remember to bring your menorahs for our community candle lighting.
Emanu-El’s Jewish Music Project’s Inaugural Concert

Jewish Immigration to America

With Noah Aronson, Josh Breitzer, Lizzy Weiss, Gideon Herscher, Rollin Simmons, Arik Luck, Marsha Attie, Roz Barak, and musical director Jonathan Comisar.

Tuesday, January 31, 7:00 pm.

Our cantors have invited some of the top Jewish musical voices from around the country and Israel to spend several days collaborating in an intensive musical creative lab environment. Their work together will culminate in this extraordinary concert on January 31.

A bonus private dinner with our guest artists will take place on Sunday evening January 29, 6:00 pm in a congregant’s home. This limited-capacity event will give you the opportunity to mingle with the diverse performers. There will also be some musical surprises!

Visit Eventbrite for more information and tickets.

Dinner http://bit.ly/2gb7NLL
Concert http://bit.ly/2gCxxSi

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 will help you develop closer relationships in the Jewish community while building a strong foundation of Jewish knowledge.

Winter Trimester: Medieval Period
Jan. 17, 24, 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28
Tuesday Nights: 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Themes: Biblical exegesis, Ashkenazi and Sephardic, eschatology, rationalism, spirituality.
Readings: Rashi, Maimonides, Nachmanides, Ibn Ezra, Judah Halevi, Joseph Karo

Registration will be live online December 15.

Frances Dinkelspiel, Author
Presents From the Rhine to the Bay
- How Jews shaped the California wine business -

Wednesday, February 15

Learn about the Jewish connection to California’s wine industry and enjoy a wine-tasting featuring local wines.

Frances Dinkelspiel is an award-winning journalist, co-founder of the news site Berkeleyside, and author of the best-selling Towers of Gold. Her most recent book is Tangled Vines: Greed, Murder, Obsession and an Arsonist in the Vineyards of California.

The lecture is sponsored by Gunda Trepp in memory of her late husband, Rabbi Leo Trepp.
COMMUNITY

THE TRIBE FOR WOMEN
The Tribe for Women is a group of Congregation Emanu-El mothers of children, birth through 18 years old. We look forward to seeing you at our next event!
Tribe for Women’s Group events are congregant-only and require registration. Questions? Contact Community Engagement Professional Rachel Schonwetter at rschonwetter@emanuelsf.org or (415) 751-2541 x171

Fried Chicken Dinner
Thursday, December 8, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Location: Private Congregant Home
Contribution: $5
The Tribe for Women is proud to announce a December gathering featuring Rabbi Ryan Bauer and his famous fried chicken!

WOMEN’S GROUP
The Congregation Emanu-El Women’s Group offers a wide variety of programs, spanning all demographics of the congregation. Delve into relationship development and create meaning and impact in your life!
Women’s Group events are congregant-only and require registration. Questions? Contact Community Engagement Professional Rachel Schonwetter at rschonwetter@emanuelsf.org or (415) 751-2541 x171.

Sweets and Stories: Candy Tasting
Wednesday, December 14, 2016, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Location: Congregation Emanu-El
Does your mouth water merely at the thought of candy? Well, you’re in luck! The Women’s Group will host a delicious candy and treats tasting from The Candy Store in Russian Hill. Share stories of your childhood and the place candy had in it! Registration coming soon.

Women’s Group Volunteer Project at Star Community Home
Wednesday, January 11, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Do a mitzvah by participating in a community project. The Star Community Home gives families a safe place to live while they develop a plan to secure stability and permanent housing. The Home provides nutritious meals and helps families build the skills necessary for a self-sufficient future. Register online.

MEN’S GROUP
Men of Congregation Emanu-El have 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. All events are 9:30 am – 11:30 am unless otherwise noted. Men’s Group events are congregant-only and require registration.

Interfaith Shelter Dinner Followed by the Ancient Jewish Tradition of Sushi and Sake
Thursday, January 19, 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm, St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, followed by dinner at Sushi Bistro

Join your fellow Tribesmen for our yearly mitzvah of serving over 100 homeless men a hearty dinner at a local shelter in San Francisco. This is a special night, where giving a smile along with a full plate of food allows us to “pray with our feet.” And, once we have fed the hungry, as our Tribe-tradition goes, we will then convene at Sushi Bistro, ending the night with sake, maybe some sushi... and then some more sake! Register online.

Winter Interfaith Shelter Dinners
Volunteer to cook during our Winter Interfaith Shelter Dinners! Every January, Congregation Emanu-El joins in the mitzvah of feeding the hungry by providing volunteers to shop, cook and serve dinner to over 100 homeless men for eight consecutive nights at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church. These clients are extremely grateful to receive home-cooked meals served by people who look them in the eye and let them know they care. Under the coordination of long-time congregant Shabana Siegel, every constituent group from the community participates (over 150 volunteers last year). Each group brings a unique flavor to the evening and takes home unforgettable memories.
Sign up with your group or for Congregant Night on January 16th by contacting Shabana at ssiegel@ioaging.org or (415) 425-8869.
For all other events, contact Rebecca Reiner at reiner@emanuelsf.org or check online to register for your chosen group!

All events take place at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church; times vary.

Monday, January 16
Congregant night

Tuesday, January 17
Tzedek Council

Wednesday, January 18
Teens

Thursday, January 19
The Tribe for Men

Friday, January 20
Men’s Group

Saturday, January 21
Interfaith Group & Introduction to Judaism Students

Sunday, January 22
Young Adult Program

Monday, January 23
The Tribe for Women

WINTER INTERFAITH SHELTER DINNERS

THE TRIBE FOR MEN
There is an active and committed group of Congregation Emanu-El dads, 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 and require registration.

EMANU-EL SF
COMMUNITY EVENTS

INTERFAITH GROUP

When Emanu-El says “interfaith” in the context of “interfaith couple” or “interfaith family” or “people in interfaith relationships,” we’re inclusive of both immediate and extended families – interfaith couples where one person is Jewish and one is not, couples that include converts to Judaism who still have non-Jewish relatives, people with one Jewish parent, parents of intermarried children, grandparents of children being raised by intermarried parents, etc. Our goal is to meet these families where they are and facilitate deeper connection to Jewish life.

Interfaith Holiday Party
Thursday, December 1, 6:00 – 9:00 pm
Location: Congregant Home near West Portal

Join us for a potluck-style holiday party! Bring a food that reminds you of your fondest winter holiday memories. This event is open to your whole family – bring the kids! We will have a movie on in a separate room for the children so we can also have adult time. We hope to see you there! Register online for location address.

YOUNG ADULTS

Young adults are the future of our congregation, adding an essential, refreshing vitality and contributing new, forward-thinking perspectives. Congregation Emanu-El leads the nation in original, cutting-edge programming for those in their 20s and 30s.

Young Adult Schmoozing with Seniors on Shabbat
Saturday, December 3, 1:30 – 3:00 pm,
Location: Jewish Home of San Francisco
This event is free of charge and open to the public

Young Adult Chanukah Party
Wednesday, December 28, 7:00 – 10:00 pm,
Mayes Oyster House, 1233 Polk Street, San Francisco

FAMILIES/MISHPACHA

Mishpacha Park Playdate + Got Shabbat
Got Shabbat Havdalah PJ Party
Saturday, December 10, 3:30 – 5:00 pm,
Congregation Emanu-El

Join us once a month for a fun-filled afternoon for families with children under 5. Each month we will rotate to a different park or location in the city for songs, art activities and Havdalah. Mark your calendars and register now!

SOCIAL JUSTICE - TZEDEK COUNCIL

Mission of the Tzedek Council
The Congregation Emanu-El Tzedek Council was launched in August 2015 as a congregant, board and clergy-run group, charged with the task of raising our participation and impact in the social justice arena. What is social justice? Social justice means ensuring that everyone receives equal economic, political, and social rights and opportunities. Social actions promote a just society by challenging injustice and valuing diversity. For more information about social justice, contact Monica Pevzner at mpevzner@emanuelsf.org or (415) 751-2541 x124.

Raphael House Corporate and Community Monthly Chef Nights
Thursday, December 8, 3:30 pm – 7:00 pm

The mission of Raphael House is to help at-risk families achieve stable housing and financial independence while strengthening family bonds and personal dignity. We will be preparing and serving dinner to the residents at Raphael House, working with their chef. Space is limited to six volunteers per evening. Register online.

Deliver Disaster Kits to Homebound Seniors with Meals on Wheels
Sunday, January 22, 9:00 am - noon

The Economic Justice group is partnering with Meals on Wheels to deliver Disaster Preparedness Kits to homebound seniors around the city. The kits are to be used during an earthquake or other emergency. Register online.

Sunday Dinners at G-House
Sundays, 5:00 pm – 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 living independently. Each Sunday, congregants from Emanu-El plan and cook a delicious meal and then G-House residents for dinner and conversation.

We are looking for leaders to organize these Sunday efforts. Contact Rebecca Reiner at rreiner@emanuelsf.org or (415) 751-2541 x170 to sign up or volunteer to lead.

Weekly Food Bag Distribution to Local Families
Mondays, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
We are looking for volunteers to help facilitate Emanu-El’s Weekly Food Bag Distribution Program in partnership with the San Francisco Food Bank at Roosevelt Middle School. Volunteers set up and manage this farmer’s market-style food pantry. It’s a wonderful opportunity to give back to your community and help people who are struggling fulfill the basic need for nourishment. This program is completely volunteer-run and we cannot do it without your help! To volunteer, contact Rebecca Reiner at rreiner@emanuelsf.org or (415) 751-2541 x170.
End Family Homelessness in San Francisco
In just TWO weeks, our Emanu-El community took two families off the streets and into stable housing! We envision a city where every family has a home. We are proud to partner with the city of San Francisco, Hamilton Families, and the SF Unified School District. Join this city-wide effort to end family homelessness for all families in our city!

Three ways you can help now:

Individual Giving - Give Directly to Hamilton Families (All gifts pledged between November 11 and December 8 will be doubled) https://hamiltonfamilies.org/get-involved/congregation-emanu-el

Corporate Giving
Interested in learning how your company can help? Email congregant Ben Spero (bspero@spectrumequity.com) to learn more about corporate giving opportunities.

Get Involved Now
There will be opportunities in 2017 to provide new home supplies for families exiting homelessness. Contact Rebecca Reiner at reiner@emanuelsf.org or (415) 751-2541 x170 to sign up for future volunteer opportunities.

SMALL GROUP

COOKING FOR CONGREGANTS:
An Easy Way to Give Back to the Emanu-El Community
First and Second Thursdays of the month, December 1, 8; January 5, 12
Register at www.emanuelsf.org/register.

Participant in this mitzvah led by congregant and former restaurant owner, Gail Laghi. Gail leads a two-hour cooking session with up to ten congregant volunteers to 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.

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

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE: JACOB’S DREAM: A LUMINOUS PATH
Thursday, January 19, 3:00 pm
Grace Cathedral, Nob Hill
Every year, Grace Cathedral offers a residency to an artist or artists who creates work that illuminates the cathedral’s annual theme, amplifying the cathedral’s vision, mission and goals.
The 2016 Artists in Residence are Benjamin Bergery and Jim Campbell, and the exhibition runs through February 2017.
Join us for an afternoon of artistic exploration! We’re lucky to have guides for this special exhibit. Guides will be Katherine Thompson, Canon Director of Development, and Rebecca Nestle, Cultural Programs Manager.
For more information about the exhibit visit http://www.gracecathedral.org/artist-in-residence/
For each registrant that attends and contributes their $10, an anonymous donor will match the same!
RSVP Deadline: Wednesday, January 18

THE STORIES OF YOUR LIFE:
A GUIDED AUTOBIOGRAPHY AND LIFE REVIEW WRITING GROUP
Occurring monthly on Mondays from 10:00 am – noon December 5, January TBD
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.
For more information and to register, contact Valerie Bishop at vbishop@emanuelsf.org or (415) 751-2541 x177. New participants are always welcome!

SCRABBLE
Monday afternoons except on holidays, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm, 5th floor
Free, no registration required
Scrabble will not take place on December 26.
Do you love Scrabble and the challenge of putting letters together to form words? Join the temple’s Scrabble Group and play a rousing game or two. Perfect your word skills and expand your social circle. Bring a Scrabble set (optional) along with your enthusiasm and a love of words. All ages and experience levels are invited.
For more information, contact Valerie Bishop at vbishop@emanuelsf.org or (415) 751-2541 x177.

MAH JONGG
Weekly Tuesdays
6:30 – 9:00 pm; Rinder Chapel; no charge; drop in
Mah Jongg will not take place on December 27, 2016
Enjoy playing Mah Jongg? Come and join us! Arrive by 6:30 pm if you have any questions. Play starts at 7:00 pm and lasts till 9:00 pm. Open to players at all levels from beginners to expert, but you must be able to play as there will be no teaching at this time.
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BRIDGE CLUB - LESSONS AND GAME
Weekly Tuesdays
10:00 am – noon; Rinder Chapel
Members $11; Friends of members $16
Bridge Club will not take place in December, 2016, and will resume in January, 2017
If you are more than a beginner, you are welcome to join this very popular and lively group for duplicate-style bridge. Play while improving your game. No partner needed. Deborah Murphy is the instructor. For more information, contact Valerie Bishop at vbishop@emanuelsf.org or (415) 751-2541 x177.
We are grateful to our volunteers who helped us create such beautiful and moving High Holy Day services.

Please join us in thanking:

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WISE AGING PRESENTATION
By Perry Lisker

At one of the study sessions presented on Yom Kippur, dozens of congregants gathered and were led by Rabbi Jonathan in a panel discussion and teaching, based on the book: *Wise Aging: Living with Joy, Resilience & Spirit*, by Rabbi Rachel Cowen and Dr. Linda Thal.

Rabbi Jonathan opened the session with an excellent discussion on aging, “a life process that many of us only become conscious of when we can no longer ignore it. It is only when we experience that profound moment of loss or sadness, or when glimpsing the horizon, that we may ask ourselves, is there not something in life that is deeper and more meaningful?” He suggested we should pursue that deeper meaning and wisdom at an earlier time, prior to experiencing that profound moment or the mere passage of time.

He recognized the prevailing idea of aging as based on a Declining Model that speaks to limitations, as opposed to the Life Stage Model, which identifies emotional and social tasks that individuals must work out at each stage of life. Hence, the Wise Aging program.

I was next on the agenda. I’m an Emanu-El congregant and a social worker. I shared some of the material from *Wise Aging* on forgiveness and reconciliation, clearly the essence and focus of Yom Kippur.

As expressed in the book, sometimes an important relationship can become troublesome. The discord it creates can keep us up at night, and cause us to be angry and even self-righteous, so that we are unable to escape the bad feelings. We analyze and reanalyze and, after a while, our memory of the relationship grows cold. But that knot in our soul remains, sapping our energy and restricting our freedom. Unresolved issues can also be destructive to our health.

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Participants were asked to reflect for a moment on a loved one from whom they have become estranged, or if the relationship is still ongoing, it is more problematic than they would like. They may find themselves harboring uncomfortable memories of relationships that have disappointed; there may be someone they no longer see or speak with. Sometimes the breach comes suddenly, over an incident, or sometimes you’re not quite sure what happened. Not all of these relationships can or need to be repaired. But some may call to you, inviting you to attempt resolution… if not with the person, at least with your own feelings and memories. Know that there is no magic formula or guarantees of forgiveness; it is a complicated matter, nuanced and layered.

“What is good about aging?
What is surprising about aging and what is scary about aging?”

This was followed by a discussion of why most religious traditions pay so much attention to forgiveness, and what our tradition requires before God forgives sin committed against another. The steps involved are an attempt at restoring justice, and uphold a core value that people should be held responsible for their harmful deeds. The most important part of forgiving is letting go of our own preoccupation.

The last presenter was Julie Mayer, social worker and congregant, who had the participants break into small groups of five people to discuss the following questions: What is good about aging? What is surprising about aging and what is scary about aging? After several minutes of intense chatter, the participants gathered together for a lively and engaging discussion. Congregant Betty Schafer recorded it on a white board for all to see. The results indicated mutually shared concerns.

The hour went by very fast and many people shared how thoroughly they enjoyed the presentation, while others requested additional information on the proposed program. Prior to ending the session, Julie talked about the program of Wise Aging that is to be rolled out in the early spring at Emanu-El. The pilot program of 10 participants will meet for 8 weeks after studying specific chapters from the book at home. They’ll engage in reflections and complete the recommended exercises; the meetings will be co-facilitated; the sharing of personal information will remain confidential; it will be an exercise in contemplative listening. It is not intended to be group therapy, but group support. No judgment, no comparing, no fixing.

For those congregants who were and are interested in participating, please contact Julie Mayer at juliemayersfca@gmail.com.
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Max Young
Bar Mitzvah: December 3
Main Sanctuary
Parents: Adam & Julie Young
Torah Portion: Tol’doth

Julia Kos
Bat Mitzvah: December 3
Martin Meyer Sanctuary
Parents: Ivo & Nayra Kos
Torah Portion: Tol’doth

Amelia Cook
Bat Mitzvah: December 10
Main Sanctuary
Parent: Beth Cook
Torah Portion: Vayetze

Jonah Tate
Bar Mitzvah: December 10
Martin Meyer Sanctuary
Parents: Clark & Valerie Tate
Torah Portion: Vayetze

Ariel Goldsztejn
Bar Mitzvah: December 17
Main Sanctuary
Parents: Laurent Goldsztejn & Deborah Stein
Torah Portion: Vayishlah

Grady Collins
Bar Mitzvah: December 17
Martin Meyer Sanctuary
Parent: Christie Collins
Torah Portion: Vayishlah

JANUARY 2016 B’NEI MITZVAH

Julia Susser
Bat Mitzvah: January 7
Main Sanctuary
Parents: Phil & Rebecca Susser
Torah Portion: Vayiggash

Owen Swagel
Bar Mitzvah: January 7
Martin Meyer Sanctuary
Parents: Eric & Mindy Swagel
Torah Portion: Vayiggash

Adam & Noah Margulies
B’nei Mitzvah: January 14
Main Sanctuary
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Torah Portion: Vayhi

Mitch Moeller
Bar Mitzvah: January 14
Martin Meyer Sanctuary
Parent: Heidi Queen
Torah Portion: Vayhi

Noah Moscovici
Bar Mitzvah: January 21
Main Sanctuary
Parents: Marius & Ping Moscovici
Torah Portion: Shemoth

Adam Pantilat
Bar Mitzvah: January 21
Martin Meyer Sanctuary
Parents: Steven Pantilat & Cindy Fenton
Torah Portion: Shemoth

Bradley Berman
Bar Mitzvah: January 28
Main Sanctuary
Parents: Mark & Yumi Berman
Torah Portion: Vaera

Samantha Shaw
Bat Mitzvah: January 28
Martin Meyer Sanctuary
Parents: Michael & Lisa Shaw
Torah Portion: Vaera

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MAZEL TOV TO OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED JOY

Erica and Nicolas Bureau on the birth of their daughter, Sloan Isabel Bureau
Judy and Gary Grossman, on the marriage of their son Daniel Grossman to Laura Cano
Joanna Steckler Goldman and Max Goldman on the birth of their daughter, Julia Beatrice Goldman
Bevan Dufty on his election to the BART board

CONDOLENCES TO OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE SUFFERED RECENT LOSSES

Bart Schachter (Charlene) on the death of his father, and Simone and Noa Schachter on the death of their grandfather, Armand Schachter
June Levy on the death of her grandson, Bert Levy
Libby Lewin on the death of her husband, and David Lewin (Simmone Fichtner) and Michael Lewin (Jamie) on the death of their father, and Emily, Luciana, Max and Sam Lewin on the death of their grandfather, Werner Lewin
Victoria Dobbs on the death of her husband, Aaron (Marissa), Joshua, Gabriel and Noah Dobbs on the death of their father, Ruby and Elijah Dobbs on the death of their grandfather and Marilyn Higuera on the death of her brother, Stephen Dobbs
Lora Buchler (Alex) on the death of her brother-in-law, and Sophia, Rachel and Benjamin Buchler on the death of their uncle, Blake Hinton
Alex Kishinevsky (Diana Urman) on the death of his mother, and Ariel, Talia, and Eli Kishinevsky on the death of their grandmother, Eleonora Kishinevsky
Elisette Weiss (Jacob Bockelmann) on the death of her grandmother, Barbara Fleisher
Mark Wolly (Beth) on the death of his stepmother, and Jacob and Evan Wolly on the death of their grandmother, Valentine Nazarian Wolly
Rabbi Sydney Mintz (Justine Shapiro) on the death of her cousin, Linda Bryant

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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.

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*NEW* JANUARY TWOS PROGRAM!
ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS NOW

Join us in our thoughtful and nurturing Jewish community this winter! We invite families with children who have turned two between September 2016 and January 2017 to get a jump start on preschool without waiting until next fall. Featuring small class sizes and our innovative approach to early childhood education, children will learn and grow with caring teachers as they explore developmentally appropriate curriculum.

For more information, please contact Nika Greenberg, Early Childhood Programs manager at ngreenberg@emanuelsf.org.

EMANU-EL PRESCHOOL SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR

We have limited spaces for children currently available in our fall two- and three-year-old programs.
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By Donnie Friend

Aleva Shalom… May he rest in peace…

My grandfather, Benjamin Friend, died when I was twenty-seven. That was my shofar blast or wakeup call that inspired me to want to know more about my Jewish roots.

Papa Ben loved my brother Bob and me so much. He and my Nany Mollie would squeeze our cheeks and exclaim “Hazeesa Kepala.”

When he died, I was suddenly hit with the realization that I would no longer have that Yiddishe love in my life. I started thinking, how could I replace the irreplaceable? I was compelled to explore more about my Jewish heritage and I realized how little I knew. I took a trip to Israel and began searching in our local Jewish community. What did it mean to “do Jewish” in my generation, in the same spirit that my Papa Ben did in his?

I somehow knew that I owed it to all our Jewish ancestors to hand down to my children, and, should I be so blessed, to my grandchildren, the strong sense of connection, community, values and love that I received. So, I began to participate and learn.

Learning how to do Jewish with my family has given us great meaning and purpose. It’s helped us to prioritize our family values and resulted in closeness and depth. Shabbat dinner with challah and songs became the most important dinner of the week, and we used the Jewish festivals and holidays as opportunities to collectively make our Judaism fun. The Jewish calendar helped us to eagerly anticipate great celebrations. These would include songs and plays on Passover and Chanukah, preparation with ritual objects, delicious aromas over festive tables – all pathways to express our love for our tradition and for each other.

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We were so fortunate that access to our tradition was so available for us when we were ready. That didn’t just happen. It was available because our ancestors kept our tradition alive and kept their tradition wherever they went. They could have just as easily forgotten about being Jewish. Why even bother? They bothered because, like us, their sacred tradition was in their veins – to be a good person and not just worry about themselves – to discuss our ancient teachings and apply them to the day. Not just to be takers, but to be givers. We are all standing here today on the shoulders of those who came before us. Our predecessors at Congregation Emanu-El knew that it was important to establish a place where they could gather and pray. They built the first synagogue on Broadway in 1854, moved to Sutter Street in 1866 and then, right here on Lake Street in 1925. In establishing each of the Congregation Emanu-El locations, there was a bold vision that required the collective efforts of all the congregants, coupled with an audacious desire to realize their dreams. Their vision required them to define what it meant to be Jewish in their own time. We can do the same thing today.
But things moved much more slowly in 1925. Today, even though we have the freedom to define what it means for us to be Jewish, I worry that we forget to take the time to do so. Our busy lives require us to respond instantaneously to every text, tweet or email, lest we lose a big deal or maybe disappoint a friend who thinks we haven’t gotten back to them soon enough. We can order things online that will, in hours, be at our doorstep. We hesitate to go to the grocery store because we might bump into someone we know and have to take the time to have a conversation.

“”That was my shofar blast or wakeup call that inspired me to want to know more about my Jewish roots.””

I’m worried that we have not yet learned how to balance this busy pace of modern life with taking the time to communicate in deep and meaningful ways with our dear ones. In this troubled world, we need to have more conversations and more connections.

When we see each other at Congregation Emanu-El, we create sacred moments. Whether we are dropping our kids off at school, coming to a Shabbat service, attending an adult education class, or like today, being together at Rosh Hashanah, we have opportunities to interface with each other in ways that can elevate our spirit or make us feel more whole and in control of our destiny. It also gives us comfort to know that this congregation is here for us for our most important life cycle moments – our weddings, brisses, Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, and funerals. We choose to sanctify our lives in our community and, thankfully, we are here when the need arises.

Our main sanctuary where we now sit is in fine shape and needs no upgrade, but we believe that our courtyard, Martin Meyer sanctuary and classroom building could be re-imagined in a way that would dramatically improve the functionality of our buildings and give us more and better space in which to congregate and to create those essential sacred moments. Together we need to dream big and think about the special opportunity we have to help lead our community toward a compelling 21st century Judaism.

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“”In the same way that our frontier forbearers chose to define and build what their Jewish place was for them, we, too, can dream of what we want our Jewish place to be for us, and for those generations that will, God willing, come after us.””

One of the rituals that I have adopted since being launched on my Jewish journey is to wrap tefillin each morning. I pray in a place where I can look east and see our magnificent dome in the midst of our breathtaking San Francisco landscape. I feel a special connection that literally bounces my prayers and thoughts through our dome on Lake Street to the Western Wall in Jerusalem. I take all of you with me on this journey and connect to the multitude of generations that have handed our great tradition down to us. We are blessed to have our own Beit Ha Mikdash or Holy Temple and I pray that this year 5777 will be a year where we will have the strength and courage to explore what it means for each of us to be Jewish and, in the process, accomplish all that is good. Through our joint efforts, we will indeed be stronger and better because we will bring more blessing to our family, community and all the people around us. Amen!
As of November 16, we have raised 33% of our goal of $1,000,000. Please contribute generously to help us reach our goal. Donate at www.emanuelsf.org/Impact

This fall members have been sharing with us what they are grateful for at Emanu-El and what some of your favorite moments have been.

Grateful that I have the most wonderful community that shows me what it really means to be Jewish. I lived.

$5,175/yr is the per household cost to provide all of the services Emanu-El delivers to our members and the greater community.

Dues and fees are not enough.
Together, we can reach our goal of raising the $1,000,000 required to keep our community financially stable and thriving.

665 students are enrolled in our innovative Youth and Family Ed program.

School fees cover only 44% of the costs in order to keep the program affordable to more families.

Emanu-El covers the $1,250/yr per student gap.

It costs $600K per year to maintain our historic landmark building and provide appropriate security.

I’m grateful that Emanuel friends I’ve had since before my kids were born are still my friends, but my kids
-David

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40% of our members cannot afford to pay the requested basic dues amounts. We rely on the generosity of those who can contribute more than the base dues to help make Emanu-El accessible to all.

500+ hours a year are dedicated to hunger relief efforts. Dozens of other social justice programs deepen our positive connects to the community though education, environment, wellness, human rights and economic justice work.

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Emanu-El

This year 1,078 events, services and programs will take place at Emanu-El. Each occasion requires staff, security and facility support.

This is my second home! -Eli

End suffering! Be happy! @RabbiBauer

Because I get to pray show why I love Judaism

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**NEW URL FOR SCHOOL CALENDAR**

https://www.emanuelsf.org/learning/youth-and-family/calendar/
We are delighted to continue our historical relationship with Third Baptist Church.
On Friday, January 13 at 7:30 pm, our congregations will celebrate Shabbat together. The Third Baptist Church choir will join both our cantors and their ensemble and Reverend Dr. Amos Brown will deliver the sermon.

On Sunday morning, January 15, at 10:00 am, Congregation Emanu-El members will visit the Third Baptist Church at 1399 McAllister Street (at Pierce), to take part in the annual MLK Sunday morning service. Rabbi Jonathan Singer will deliver the morning sermon and Cantor Marsha Attie and Cantor Arik Luck will sing.

30TH ANNUAL THIRD BAPTIST CHURCH / CONGREGATION EMANU-EL INTERFAITH SERVICES IN HONOR OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
Friday, January 13
Celebratory Pre-Oneg 6:30 pm
Service 7:30 pm, Main Sanctuary

and

Sunday, January 15, 10:00 am
Third Baptist Church,
1399 McAllister Street (at Pierce)
Join us on the 2017 Congregation Emanu-El Trip to Israel!
June 20 - July 3

*Must register by January 31

This trip will be led by Rabbi Ryan Bauer. Highlights include a guided tour of the biblical nature reserve Neot Kedumim, a hike up Masada in time for sunrise, a chance to float in the Dead Sea, travel along the Jordan River Valley to the Upper Galilee, a visit to the Christian Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem, including Via Dolorosa and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, an archaeological dig at the Beit Guvrin Caves, a jeep tour off-road up the Golan Heights, rafting down the Jordan river, and so much more!

To register over the phone or ask any questions, please call ARZA World Tours, (888) 811-2812 x1, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am – 5:30 pm EST.

A Tour of Jewish Eastern Europe with Rabbi Jonathan Singer and Rabbi Larry Kushner
May 1 - 12

*Must register by January 2

Enjoy a trip to a part of the world where both Jewish Yiddish secular culture and Chasidism 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.

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