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UPCOMING EVENTS



ACADEMY AWARD WINNING ARTIST NOA WITH GIL DOR IN CONCERT!

November 6, 6:30 pm
Congregation Emanu-El

Noa is Israel's superstar international pop singer/songwriter. Along with her long-time collaborator, Gil Dor, she has released over 15 albums that have sold millions of copies throughout the world. At home in many languages, she is a favorite in Italy, where she has performed before several Popes. She has sung here at the White House and has shared the stage with Andrea Bocelli, Quincy Jones, Sting, and Steve Wonder among others.

Purchase tickets at Eventbrite:
<http://tinyurl.com/NoaConcert>

CHARLES MICHAEL SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE RABBI BRADLEY SHAVIT ARTSON

Join us to hear for this amazing Jewish thinker! Rabbi Artson holds the Abner and Roslyn Goldstine Dean's Chair of the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies and is Vice President of American Jewish University in Los Angeles. He has long been a passionate advocate for social justice, human dignity, diversity and inclusion. He wrote a book on Jewish teachings on war, peace and nuclear annihilation in the late 80s, became a leading voice advocating for GLBT marriage and ordination in the 90s, and has published and spoken widely on environmental ethics, special needs inclusion, racial and economic justice, cultural and religious dialogue and cooperation, and working for a just and secure peace for Israel and the Middle East.



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 6:00 PM ONE SHABBAT

Sermon: Embracing the God You Actually Love: Process Theology and Contemporary Jews

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 9:15 AM

Torah Study: Alexander the Great Learns from African Women Warriors (It's In the Talmud!)

NOVEMBER 19, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Off site event for Young Adults. Pre-registration required. For more info: www.emanuelsf.org/young-adults-activities

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 9:30 AM

Beit Midrash Lecture: My House is For All People: Special Needs Inclusion is A Mitzvah!

The scholar-in-residence weekend is sponsored by the
Charles Michael Lecture Endowment Fund

COME LEARN ABOUT OUR TWO UPCOMING CLERGY-LED TRIPS!

Thursday, November 17, 6:00 pm

Eastern Europe Trip
(May 1 – May 12, 2017)
Informational Meeting with Rabbi Jonathan Singer

Israel Trip
(June 21 – July 3, 2017)
Informational Meeting with Rabbi Bauer

ALLOW YOURSELF TO RECEIVE SHABBAT

By Richard and Rhoda Goldman Senior Rabbi Jonathan Singer Whew.... By the time this drops on your doorstep, they will be over! Not the contentious elections but the High Holy Days. Yes, we as a community do look forward to those days of awe and coming together as a reunion of the tribe, and the opportunity to focus on renewing our lives paths. But they were late this year, so to speak, and now that it is November, we can focus on being in the new year and the day-to-day and week-to-week wonderful challenge of living the better lives we envisioned during those days of repentance.

In all of November and most of December, we have no holidays on which to focus except that which our tradition teaches is actually the most important of all.... Shabbat. Now that you are done planning break the fasts, Sukkot celebrations, and dancing with the Torah, and you have two months till Chanukah, you can focus on giving yourself the gift of Shabbat. We know that Shabbat is something that you, as busy Bay Area residents trying to re-imagine the world, plan your children's ultimate success from the moment they get out of the cradle, or jump from event to event as empty nesters, really need. So let's get started!

One of the best things you can do to help your life, and bring in Shabbat is to plan ahead, purchasing Shabbat candles at any local store, a challah, and a favorite wine of your choice (I have to make kiddush over Manischewitz, but then switch to a nice cab or zin). Set the table Thursday night with a white cloth and dress it with your nicest dinnerware and kiddush cups. When you come home after services, undo that tie, and be in Shabbat by resting and engaging your loved ones and friends over a nice Shabbat dinner.



Daylight Savings Time ends on November 6th and so our days grow shorter. Lighting Shabbat candles brings the light of joy and hope into your home, as we live more in darkness. Saying the prayer, l'hdalik Ner Shel Shabbat, declares that this moment, with this light of peace, is now your moment of rest and blessing. At the very least, start this Shabbat practice – kibbel Shabbat– Receive Shabbat, and do so wherever you may be -- at home, on a trip, in a restaurant with friends. Don't be shy, and don't think it is weird, but start a Shabbat ritual practice!

FROM THE RABBI

Last month, in the midst of a clergy meeting, a younger member came in and gave all of the clergy a beautiful gift, a beautiful Traveling Shabbat Kit. You can find it on www.theshabbatcollection.com. He told us that whenever he is traveling, and brings out the kit, people are so grateful to have those moments of sanctifying time, as Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel taught, with a short ritual acknowledging that life is filled with wonder, with holiness, and that the Shabbat pause helps us to stop and just be aware of the many blessings this life gives us.



Yes, the High Holy Days are over, now be renewed in this year. Help yourself to receive Shabbat!

May 1 - 12, 2017

**Cost \$4470,
land only**

**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 excited to announce a trip in 2017 to the part of the world where both Jewish Yiddish secular culture and Hassidism flourished.

Join us as we learn about the past and engage with Jews who are building, much to everyone's amazement, a Jewish future there too.



**For more information and to book the trip, please visit:
<http://www.arzaworld.com/congregation-emanu-el-of-san-francisco-europe-tour.aspx>**

SHABBAT SCHEDULE:

Friday, November 4

FIRST FRIDAY SHABBAT SERVICES!

5:30 pm, First Friday Under Five Service (MMS)

6:00 pm, Classic Shabbat Service (Main)

Special Guest Speaker, Jeff Kositsky,
Director of the new SF Department of
Homelessness and Supportive Housing

6:15 pm, Simchat Shabbat Dinner (Guild Hall)

7:30 pm, Late One Shabbat Service (MMS)

Special Guest Speaker, Jeff Kositsky,
Director of the new SF Department of
Homelessness and Supportive Housing

Saturday, November 5

9:30 am, Youth and Family Education Shabbat
Experience

10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Minyan (MMS)

10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service (Main)

Friday, November 11

6:00 pm, One Shabbat Service (MMS)

8:30 pm, Young Adult Late Shabbat

Saturday, November 12

10:15 am, Got Shabbat? (Chapel)

10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service (Main)

10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Minyan

Friday, November 18

6:00 pm, One Shabbat Service (MMS)

Scholar-in-Residence Guest Speaker, Rabbi Artson

Saturday, November 19

10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Minyan (MMS)

10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service (Main)

Friday, November 25

6:00 pm, One Shabbat Service (MMS)

Saturday, November 26

10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Minyan (MMS)

10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service (Main)

"U'VAYOM HASHVI'I SHAVAT VAYINAFASH"

This is the third line from the V'shamru prayer which is found in our Friday night and Saturday morning liturgy. We sing it almost every week. The Mishkan T'filah, our prayer book, translates this line as "And on the seventh day God ceased from work and was restored," and so we are taught that we should do the same.

Let me illuminate the teaching expressed in this beautiful line of Jewish wisdom. The Hebrew root for Shabbat is shin-bet/vet-tav: SHAVAT, just as in the phrase "shavat vayinafash." Stop and be restored. So much is contained in this one word, Shabbat. Stop. Once a week, we are taught that we should stop. Stop work, stop commerce, stop trying to attain, stop trying to change the way things are, stop and smell the roses.

Don't just do something, sit there. Many from our tradition teach that this profound, simple, and, at times, difficult thing to do, which we call Shabbat, is what keeps Jews together and what keeps Judaism alive. The most powerful teachings are often the simplest ideas and right under our noses. Simply stop.

The next word is just as fascinating. Vayinafash. The root in this word is nun-fay-shin. Nefesh. You may have heard this word before. It means "soul" or "spirit." Vayinafash is a reflexive verb form of the word nefesh and it expresses the idea of being "re-souled" or "re-spirited." When we put the two words together we have shavat vayinafash, which literally means "stop and be re-souled." What does it mean to be re-souled? As I write this, I take a deep breath and sense that the meaning is one that we can all feel but may lack adequate words to express. Does it have something to do with replenishing our spiritual selves or getting in touch with the depth of our essential nature? We know that Shabbat is a day of rest but this line also teaches us about a kind of deep spiritual recharging that Shabbat is meant to offer us. So many jewels of wisdom are contained in our liturgy and this is just one of them.

I invite you to use Shabbat as a day of spiritual recharging. Clear away the clutter of the week and come home to yourself, stop and be re-souled.

Shabbat Shalom, Cantor Marsha Attie

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:

Brand and Bellonzi Family in honor of Dillon Bellonzi's
Bar Mitzvah

Elizabeth Purl in honor of Julian Pierotti's Bar Mitzvah
Ellen A. Friedman in honor of Paul Aaron Friedman's Bar Mitzvah
Nicole and Tom Hsieh in honor of Emma Hsieh's Bat Mitzvah
Daniel and Meghan Gavigan in honor of daughter Abigail's
Baby Naming

In memory of Leon Mitchell

Trudy and Steve Katznelson in honor of Benjamin Katznelson's
Bar Mitzvah

Tia Winn and Brion Moss in honor of Adam Moss' Bar Mitzvah

4RD ANNUAL KRISTALLNACHT COMMEMORATION PROGRAM

REFLECTIONS ON RESISTANCE: YELLOW STARS OF TOLERANCE

Sunday, November 13, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Martin Meyer Sanctuary

Film screening, including a story told by a survivor, followed by facilitated intergenerational discussions

Free Holocaust Education Program for the community

Yellow Stars of Tolerance documents a project to preserve a series of yellow stars that were painted on an exterior wall of a synagogue in Normandy, France to terrorize the local Jewish community during the Holocaust. The wall's preservation is intended to serve as a testament to that terrible chapter of history, and as a reminder of the dangers of racial, cultural and religious intolerance. The tragic increase in France's anti-Semitism in the past year has recently found an outlet at this very wall, giving the story an even greater spiritual significance.

Reflections on Resistance is a project of TCI's Tauber Holocaust Educator Fellowship and was made possible by the generous support of the Ingrid D. Tauber Philanthropic Fund. Additional support is provided by the Holocaust Memorial Education Fund of the Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma Counties.

Questions about this program? Contact Ariana Estoque, Director of Adolescent and Adult Education at aestoque@emanuelf.org or (415) 751-2541 x307. This film is suitable for children 10 years and older.

ISRAEL ACTION COMMITTEE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR 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.

Screening of the movie: *The Green Prince*, 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. *cal Intrigue, and Unthinkable Choices*



COMING EVENTS

COAT OF MANY COLORS: THE DIVERSITY OF BAY AREA JEWRY FROM THE GOLD RUSH TO THE PRESENT DAY

Lecture by Fred Rosenbaum

Wednesday, November 16, 7:30 - 9:00 pm

Since 1849, when "the world rushed in," the Bay Area has attracted people from all over the globe. The large and influential Jewish community here has also been insular and today we find a rich tapestry that extends far beyond country of origin. How has the culture of the Bay Area spurred this diversity, and how has the impulse toward mixing with "the other" shaped our lives?

<http://catalog.lehrhaus.org/course/2016/fall/H300-CE/>

COMMUNITY EVENT

Pulitzer Prize-winning Holocaust Historian Saul Friedlander In Conversation with Rabbi Stephen Pearce

Monday, November 14 6:30 - 7:30 pm

The Commonwealth Club, 555 Post Street, San Francisco
(between Mason and Taylor)

SAVE THE DATE:

Panel Discussion: Anti-Semitism

Following our Annual Meeting, December 4, 10:30 am

Anti-Semitism is on the rise all over Europe. Is the European Union doing everything necessary to fight it? Are the national governments? What is the role of the far right? And how is the situation of Jews affected by the refugee crisis? Join us to discuss these important questions with the consuls general from Germany, France and Sweden.

IN DECEMBER:

JOIN US FOR OUR TOWN HALL DISCUSSION AND ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, December 4, at 9:30 am

We hope to see and hear from you at our 167th Annual Meeting of Congregation Emanu-El in Martin Meyer Sanctuary

COMMUNITY EVENTS

PRIVATE TOUR OF THE FISHER ART COLLECTION AT SF-MOMA

Tuesday, November 15, Meet at SF-MOMA
151 Third Street, San Francisco at 10:45 am.

Are you daytime available? Join other active adults for a one-hour private tour of the art collection donated by temple members Donald (ז"ל) and Doris Fisher to the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. A no-host lunch at a nearby venue will follow.

The Doris and Donald Fisher Collection is among the world's greatest private collections of contemporary art. Founders of San Francisco-based Gap Inc., the couple began collecting prints to enliven the company's offices in the mid-1970s. Never interested in working with an advisor or a curator, they developed their knowledge independently by visiting galleries, museums, and artists' studios around the world, building lifelong friendships with many artists along the way.

Cost of admission and tour: \$30

Registration is required at www.emanuelf.org/register. If you have questions, please contact Director of Membership Services Terry Kraus at membership@emanuelf.org or (415) 750-7552.

COMMUNITY

THE TRIBE FOR WOMEN

Urban Hike with The Tribe for Women
Sunday, November 6, 2016, 9:30 am – 11:30 am

Work it out! Get your blood pumping with an energizing hike along the hilly Land's End trail.

Leave the kiddos at home, then meet at the Land's End sign near 32nd Avenue and Lincoln Highway. Bring your water bottle and any fuel you need!

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 or event. This cross-generational group provides a small group experience so important to building community. Men's Group events are congregant only and require registration.

Praise, Raise, or Fold

Wednesday, November 9, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

At congregant home

For more information, please contact Valerie Bishop at vbishop@emanuelf.org or (415) 751-2541 x177.

Men's Group - Featuring Rabbi Kushner

Sunday, November 13, 9:30 - 11:30 am, at congregant home

For more information, please contact Valerie Bishop at vbishop@emanuelf.org or (415) 751-2541 x177.

Save the Date -

Men's Retreat at Camp Newman December 9 - 10.

SMALL GROUP

COOKING FOR CONGREGANTS:

An Easy Way to Give Back to the Emanu-El Community

First and Second Thursdays of the month,
9:00 - 11:00 am in the Emanu-El kitchen

Thursday, November 3 and Thursday, November 10

Register at www.emanuelf.org/register.

Participate 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 rreiner@emanuelf.org or (415) 751-2541 x170.

THE STORIES OF YOUR LIFE: A GUIDED AUTOBIOGRAPHY AND LIFE REVIEW WRITING GROUP

Occurring monthly on Mondays from 10:00 am – noon
November 7 and December 5

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@emanuelf.org or (415) 751-2541 x177. New participants are always welcome!

SCRABBLE

Monday afternoons except on holidays or when the
synagogue is closed, no charge; drop in

11:00 am – 3:00 pm, 5th floor

No Scrabble on December 26.

Do you love Scrabble and the challenge of putting letters together to form words? Join the congregation'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@emanuelf.org or (415) 751-2541 x177.

MAH JONGG

Weekly Tuesdays

6:30 – 9:00 pm; Rinder Chapel; no charge; drop in

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.

For more information, contact Valerie Bishop at vbishop@emanuelf.org or (415) 751-2541 x177.

BRIDGE CLUB - LESSONS AND GAME

Weekly Tuesdays

10:00 am – noon; Rinder Chapel

Members \$11; Friends of members \$16

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.

TZEDEK COUNCIL

Raphael House Monthly Chef Nights

Thursdays, November 3 and December 8

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 6 volunteers per evening.

If you would like to volunteer with us, please register on our website at: <https://www.emanuelsf.org/community/volunteer/hunger/>

YOUNG ADULTS

To learn more, check out our Young Adult webpage:
<https://www.emanuelsf.org/young-adults/activities/>

REFORM CA PROP 57 WORK: YOUNG ADULT CANVASSING

Sunday, November 6, 3:30 - 6:30 pm
Location TBD, San Francisco

Interested in social justice? Thinking about our upcoming election? Join Emanu-El Young Adults in an effort to bring more justice to our state! We are joining our statewide Reform movement in an effort to pass a prison reform proposition, called Prop 57. As part of this effort, we are taking to the streets to help get out the vote! We want YOU to join us on a door-to-door adventure!



YOUNG ADULTS: LATE SHABBAT

Friday, November 11

8:00 pm welcome reception; 8:30 pm service

Late Shabbat is always on the second Friday of the month

Our young adult community is warmly invited to experience one of the most popular young Jewish events in the Bay Area. No registration necessary, just show up! Accompany hundreds of young adults for a bewitchingly divine contemporary service led by one of our clergy: Rabbi Sydney Mintz, Rabbi Jason Rodich, and Cantor Marsha Attie, along with the sensational Eric Schoen and Jonathan Ferris. All of the splendor is followed by a lively Oneg featuring schmoozing, snacks and spirits.

Come early to mingle and meet new people before the service for our intimate wine and cheese Welcome Reception at 8:00 pm.

YOUNG ADULTS: AT THE RABBI'S TABLE

Wednesday, November 16, noon – 1:00 pm

55 2nd Street, San Francisco

No charge for admission

We're continuing a monthly learning session with one of our Emanu-El clergy during your lunch break in downtown San Francisco. Bring your own lunch and our rabbi will bring the Torah to you!

Directions for 55 2nd Street: After entering a sumptuous marble lobby from Stevenson Street, the indoor park is a few steps up on the left, inside the historic building. There are tables and chairs on wood flooring, and big leather chairs near windows on carpeted areas.

YOUNG ADULTS: SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE EVENT WITH RABBI BRADLEY SHAVIT ARTSON

Saturday, November 19, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Free of charge and open to the community

Location: aMuse Gallery, 614 Alabama Street, San Francisco

Enjoy an evening with our Scholar-in-Residence on the topic of "In a time of radical freedom how do you structure meaning?" Kick back with some wine, appetizers, and a wonderful lecture.

FAMILY

PARK PLAYDATES!

Saturday, November 19, 4:00 - 6:00 pm, Walter Haas Park

Join us once a month for a fun-filled park afternoon for families with children under 5. Each month we will meet at a different park in the city for songs, art activities and Havdalah. Bring your own blankets, snacks, toys and comfy clothing to have the most fun possible!

Register at www.emanuelsf.org/register.

BABY BLESSING

We invite all babies born during the past year to bring their parents up to the bima for a special blessing!

Friday, November 4 at 5:30 pm during the First Friday Under 5 service.

"MAKE TUESDAY NIGHT YOUR JEWISH STUDY NIGHT!"

Spaces still available in the following classes:

- Struggling with Spirituality, God ideas and religious meaning, taught by Rabbi Jonathan Singer.
- Eastern European Jewish History, taught by Prof. Fred Astren.
- Tauber Yesod: Certificate in Jewish Knowledge - World of the Rabbis.

For more information go to: www.emanuelsf.org/adult-learning



INTERVIEW WITH CONGREGANT WES FASTIFF

by Byron Gordon

Emanu-El has many connections to the historic Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island. Emanu-El member, Don Green can trace his family roots to the earliest days of the Touro Synagogue. “My family’s lineage dates back to 1695 upon their arrival to America. My mother’s (Edith Solomons Green) great grandmother, Selina Seixas, was the niece of Moses Seixas, a warden of the Touro Synagogue back in the late 1700s. Selina’s son came to San Francisco and was one of the early founders of Temple Emanu-El. Most recently, on August 22, long-time Emanu-El member Wes Fastiff, Chairman Emeritus and co-founder of Littler Mendelson, P.C., one of the most prestigious employment and labor law firms in the United States, delivered the keynote address at the 2016 George Washington Letter Reading. The annual event at Touro Synagogue, this country’s oldest surviving synagogue, commemorates the United States’ rich heritage of religious freedom. Previous keynote speakers have included Supreme Court Justices Elena Kagan and Ruth Bader Ginsburg. It was an honor for Wes, who not only has been a long-time supporter (along with his wife, Bonnie) of the Touro Synagogue, but even more special because of his unique insight into President Washington’s letter as we learned from this interview with him.

Q. Can you share with us a brief history of this historic letter by Washington?

A. Washington’s letter (penned in August of 1790) was in response to Moses Seixas, an official of the Hebrew Congregation in Newport, Rhode Island. In his letter to Washington, Seixas thanks him for his leadership in forming the new government of the United States, and also expresses his hope that the young country would accord tolerance and respect to all of its citizens. Or in his words, “a government affording to all Liberty of conscience.” Washington came to Rhode Island for political reasons, as it was the last state to ratify the constitution. This letter was Washington’s official response to Seixas.

Q: When did you first learn about President Washington’s letter to the Newport Hebrew Congregation?

A: I’ve known about the letter for a long time. Having been born and raised in the region, I also knew about its annual reading. Bonnie and I have been supporting the Touro Synagogue for the past 20 years and we came to treasure this very special shul, the oldest of its kind in the United States

(it opened in 1763). I was asked numerous times to deliver the speech and previous guest speakers always tended to concentrate on Washington's promise of religious freedom and its statement that the government of the United States will give to "bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance." But upon reading it further, I discovered another phrase, which spoke to occupational opportunity. No one who had previously given the speech at Touro had ever before spoken about the economic significance of these words.

Q. What exactly did Washington write that stood out for you?

Near the conclusion of Washington's letter, he wrote: "May the father of all mercies scatter light, and not darkness, upon our paths, and make us all in our several vocations useful here, and in His own due time and way everlastingly happy." Right then and there, I recognized that with those words, President Washington recognized that opportunity, in the form of occupational freedom, is a necessary and crucial component of true religious liberty.

Q. Something that historically was denied for Jews, especially in Europe?

A. Absolutely. Historically, Jews in European countries had prohibitions against them, restricting their ability to pursue different crafts and professions. That is why so many of them became moneylenders or tax collectors. It was one of the few professions open to them. This momentous proclamation by Washington representing the newly established United States of America says we're going to get rid of all of these prohibitions. Because without the ability to work, religious freedom is not fulfilled. I based my talk on this interrelationship between religious liberty and occupational liberty. Only when you have both together, do you have true religious freedom.

Q. Can Jews trace their religious freedom back to this point in time?

A. Yes. And we have to. This letter represents the first official presentation by a government declaring religious and economic liberty. No one else had done that before. It's a historic document, and I want more of the Jewish community to not only appreciate it but to support Touro. The important thing for me is the historical significance of a physical body, a building that commemorates Jewish life in the United States from the beginning and everyone should try to support that.

Q. What about the history of the Newport area where the Touro Synagogue resides?

A. Newport was originally the commercial center of the New World. Bigger than Boston or New York. Originally, Sephardic Jews from Spain and Portugal populated New England. Eventually, they moved on and were replaced by Ashkenazi Jews from Eastern Europe. That is where it stands today. There aren't enough Jewish families left in Newport so the synagogue needs financial support to continue to sustain it.



Q. How did you become interested in labor law?

A. My legal career came to focus on representing employers. I got interested in labor law because of an advanced seminar I took at Harvard Law School. I drafted a paper on the subject, which got me noticed by the National Labor Relations Board. I was hired soon after. This was back in 1959. Prior to attending Harvard, I did my undergraduate studies at Tufts. I would work at my parents' fruit shop selling fruit to make money. But it was the Korean GI bill that got me through Harvard. I served in the Korean war where I was a navigator on one of the first navy spy ships. I loved it. My mother used to joke that I was the most highly educated fruit clerk in the country!

Q. When did you come to San Francisco?

A. I came to San Francisco in 1961 at the suggestion of a friend. I worked as a trial specialist for the NLRB for two years and then decided to pursue a private practice, which became Littler in 1963. I met Bonnie and we both started coming to Emanu-El. Emanu-El has remained an important part of the San Francisco/Bay Area Jewish community. Though I'm not particular observant, it's important to support it. You've got to recognize your responsibility to support Judaism in its various forms, whether it's orthodox, reform or conservative. It doesn't matter. It's about identifying with your community and it's your responsibility to support it.

Q. Any final words?

A. It was a huge honor to give this speech. I've been very fortunate in my life. I've been married 53 years, and it still feels like a honeymoon. I've had a great legal career. The kids are fine; the grandchildren are fine. We've tried to make life better for some to the extent that we can. Bonnie and I have set up scholarship funds both at Tufts and Harvard Law School for students who need financial aid. We also support the Touro Synagogue, of course, and the Jewish Home in San Francisco. Touro is a national treasure and it should be supported because of its historical significance. We should preserve and protect it. It could disappear. It's a beautiful building.


NOVEMBER 2016 B'NEI MITZVAH

Alexandra Eisler

Bat Mitzvah: November 5
Martin Meyer Sanctuary
Parents: Michael & Jessica Eisler
Torah Portion: *Noah*



Zachary Rivitz



Bar Mitzvah: November 5
Main Sanctaury
Parents: Mathew Rivitz & Blythe Lang
Torah Portion: *Noah*

Emma Hsieh

Bat Mitzvah: November 12
Martin Meyer Sanctuary
Parents: Tom & Nicole Hsieh
Torah Portion: *Lech L'cha*



Andrew Levy




Bar Mitzvah: November 12
Main Sanctuary
Parents: Erez & Meredith Levy
Torah Portion: *Lech L'cha*

Ezra Levy

Bar Mitzvah: November 19
Martin Meyer Sanctuary
Parents: David & Betsy Levy
Torah Portion: *Vayera*



Anthony Meyliker



Bar Mitzvah: November 19
Main Sanctuary
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Torah Portion: *Vayera*

Sage Gould

Bat Mitzvah: November 26
Main Sanctuary
Parents: George & Sara Jane Gould
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Max Weinman



Bar Mitzvah: November 26
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MAZEL TOV TO OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED JOY

Stephanie and Robert Ellis on the birth of their son, Lexington Mariko Ellis

Deborah and Mike Simms on the birth of their granddaughter, Elia Simms

Heidi Queen on the birth of her daughter, Samantha Kate Dreskin

Susan Willson and Aaron Michel on the birth of their daughter, Samantha Michel

Melissa Koenigsberg and William Lee on the birth of their son, Spencer Lee

Kaija-Leena Romero and David Huebner on the birth of their son, Diego William Romero-Huebner

CONDOLENCES TO OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE SUFFERED RECENT LOSSES

William Zellerbach on the death of his wife, Margery Zellerbach

Marilyn Benioff on the death of her husband, Alexis Benioff

Ruth DeHovitz (Bernard) on the death of her sister, and Joan DeHovitz (Aaron Braun) on the death of her aunt, Mignon Shanfeld

Mia Zuckerkandel (Mark Searle) on the death of her father, David Zuckerkandel

Friends and family of Jane Unger

Marsha Felton on the death of her brother, Paul Felton

Elizabeth Winograd on the death of her father, Elliott Winograd

Jonathan Clark (Leslie Friedman) on the death of his father, Keith Clark

Anderson Scott (Stacey) on the death of his stepmother, and Audrey and Nathan Scott on the death of their step grandmother, Patricia Scott

Jorun Shragge (Harmon) on the death of her father, and Ingrid, Ulrika, and Henrik Shragge on the death of their grandfather, Erland Yang

Alex Kishinevsky (Diana Urman) on the death of his mother, and Ariel, Talia, and Eli on the death of their grandmother, Eleanora Kishinevsky

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.

Alexander Rosen (Tracie) on the death of his mother, and Reilly and Kate Rosen on the death of their grandmother, Vega Rosen

Randi Fields (Robert) on the death of her father, and Jessica and Matthew Fields on the death of their grandfather, Cecil Dodick

Bart Schachter (Charlene) on the death of his father, and Simone and Noa Schachter on the death of their grandfather

To the family and friends of Legacy Circle member Martina Knee

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS ON THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS

Roselyne Swig on receiving the Philanthropy in the Arts Award at the Americans for the Arts' 2016 National Arts Awards, by Americans for the Arts', the nation's leading nonprofit in advocating for the arts and arts education

Laurent Goldsztejn on the publication of his novel in French, *Hier Je Suis Mort*

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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:00 pm San Francisco Celebrates the Life of Shimon Peres, Main Sanctuary	2 Noon Brown Bag Wednesdays with Senior Rabbi Jonathan Singer, Library 4:00 pm Learning and Limonata, Marin	3 9:00 am Cooking for Congregants, Emanu-El Kitchen	4 5:30 pm, First Friday Under Five Service with Annual Baby Blessing (MMS) 6:00 pm, Classic Shabbat Service (Main) Guest Speaker, Jeff Kositsky 6:15 pm, Simchat Shabbat Dinner (Guild Hall) 7:30 pm, Late One Shabbat Service (MMS) Guest Speaker, Jeff Kositsky	5 9:15 am Torah Study (Library) 9:15 am Torah Study with Rabbi Kushner (R55) 9:30 am Youth and Family Education Shabbat Experience 10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Minyan, Alexandra Eisler (MMS) 10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service, Zachary Rivitz (Main)
6 9:30 am The Tribe for Women, Urban Hike, NAT 3:30 pm YA Canvassing, NAT 6:30 pm Noa in Concert	7	8	9	10 9:00 am Cooking for Congregants Emanu-El Kitchen	11 6:00 pm, One Shabbat Service (MMS) 8:30 pm, Young Adult Late Shabbat	12 9:15 am Torah Study (Library) 9:15 am Torah Study with Rabbi Kushner (R55) 10:15 am, Got Shabbat? (Chapel) 10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service, Andrew Levy (Main) 10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Minyan, Emma Hsieh
13	14	15 10:45 am Tour of the Fisher art collection, SF MOMA	16 Noon At the Rabbi's Table Noon Young Adults: At the Rabbi's Table, NAT 7:30 pm Bay Area Diversity Information Fom Within	17 6:00 pm Eastern Europe Trip (May 1 – May 12, 2017) Informational Meeting with Rabbi Jonathan Singer 6:00 pm Israel Trip (June 21 – July 3, 2017) Informational Meeting with Rabbi Bauer	18 6:00 pm, One Shabbat Service (MMS) Scholar-in-Residence Guest Speaker, Rabbi Artson	19 9:15 am Torah Study with Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Brad Artson, Chapel 9:15 am Emanu-El Clergy Torah Study Library 9:15 am Torah Study with Rabbi Kushner R55 10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Minyan, Ezra Levy (MMS) 10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service, Anthony Meyliker (Main) 4:00 pm Park Playdates! NAT 7:00 pm Young Adult Program: Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Brad Artson, NAT
20	21	22	23	24 OFFICES CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING	25 OFFICES CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING 6:00 pm, One Shabbat Service (MMS)	26 9:15 am Emanu-El Clergy Torah Study Library 9:15 am Torah Study with Rabbi Kushner R55 10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Minyan, Max Weinman (MMS) 10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service, Sage Gould (Main)
27	28	29	30	DECEMBER: Friday, December 2 5:30 pm, First Friday Under Five (MMS) 6:00 pm, Classic Shabbat Service (Main) 6:15 pm, Simchat Shabbat Dinner (Guild Hall) 7:30 pm, Late One Shabbat Service (MMS)		
https://www.emanuelf.org/learning/youth-and-family/calendar/ NEW URL FOR SCHOOL CALENDAR						

TEMPLE EMANU-EL PRESCHOOL PRESENTS: ICE CREAM FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE; HOW CAN YOUNG CHILDREN LEARN TO RESPECT AND APPRECIATE DIFFERENCE?

by Heather Posner, Director of Early Childhood Education

Last month two of our talented preschool teachers, Sarah Overton and Alejandro Urruzmendi presented with me about our work at a conference for early childhood educators at Solano Community College. We shared the inquiry-based curriculum that unfolded in their classroom last year. The teachers wondered from the beginning of the year how they might teach social justice principles to young three-year-olds? What transpired was a months long project weaving our values of kehillah, chesed and tikkun olam with the children's natural social development and their interests in making ice cream. Our audience was largely made up of teachers, and some community college professors, many of whom had little prior knowledge about our philosophy and approach. It was inspiring for us to hear from participants who said things like "Thank you, that presentation made the whole conference worth it!" and "Do you offer day long workshops at your school?" or "When can we come for a tour?" It's exciting to support the wider community by sharing our work publicly!

Our vision is to become a model Jewish preschool that exemplifies contemporary best practices in the field of Early Childhood Education. We strive to be a school where teachers, children, parents, and families experience transformative learning, and where other educators come to learn. Sharing our work in this conference is an important first step on this journey, and we're hopeful that we'll be taking this show on the road more in the coming months.



**To find out more about our school
we welcome you to register for a tour online:**
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TEMPLE EMANU-EL PRESCHOOL *NEW* JANUARY TWO'S PROGRAM! ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS NOW

Join us in our thoughtful and nurturing Jewish community this winter! We invite families with children turning two-years-old 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.

TEMPLE 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. To request additional information or to apply, please contact Stephanie Owen, Administrative Coordinator at sowen@emanuelsf.org.



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