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OCTOBER 11, 2017
RABBI’S LETTER
By Richard and Rhoda Goldman Senior Rabbi Jonathan Singer

At Rosh Hashanah, I spoke to you about returning to the Stone of Losses, about finding our Jewish voice and speaking out for religious pluralism in the State of Israel, something I believe we Bay Area Jews are uniquely positioned to accomplish. Israel, the Jewish miracle of our time, must be a home for the entirety of the Jewish people – Orthodox, Reform, Conservative, Secular, and non-denominational. Unfortunately, we have allowed a small group to dominate religious life in Israel, and ultimately to discriminate against everyone else. However, you will have the opportunity to begin shifting that tide on Thursday night, November 16, by welcoming and engaging with Natan Sharansky – Israeli politician, former refusenik, human rights activist, and the current Chairman of the Executive of the Jewish Agency For Israel – when he speaks from the Emanu-El bimah.

A hero is someone who acts courageously in the face of challenge. Natan Sharansky – as the prisoner of Zion, the most famous of the refusniks – clearly is a heroic figure. A Jewish hero is one who also questions whether or not his actions are just. Sharansky did and continues to do just that. He courageously stood against the oppressive Soviet Regime, which used anti-Semitism as a tool to support its monopoly on power, and his nonviolent resistance lent added inspiration to the Save Soviet Jewry movement. Following his release from Soviet prison in 1986, Sharansky’s work on behalf of the Jewish people continued in earnest. He found himself in Israel, fighting for the rights of Soviet Jewish emigres and their families.

I had demonstrated for Sharansky’s release from Soviet prison while in college in Claremont, California, and I remember his wife Avital speaking poignantly about the need for us to stand together for Jewish freedom. A decade later, I sat at a table near Sharansky when I was part of an emergency delegation standing up for Reform Jewish rights in the midst of an attempt to change the law of return. My hero was sitting with the government group prepared to make that change. It was strange to be there, but it was especially surreal to have to challenge such a hero. But because heroic personalities continuously seek to do justice, Sharansky did listen to us and to many others, and he went on to change his position! He ultimately became an advocate for non-orthodox rights and now heads the Jewish Agency where he tirelessly speaks out for Israel as a home for ALL Jewish people.

It is important that Sharansky be able to return to Israel with a strong message from Bay Area Jews: that we care deeply about Jewish status in the homeland. We want Israel to be a place where our children are accepted and our rabbis are treated with the dignity that is the right of all free people living in a western democratic state. An Israel that rejects such values will lose its sense of purpose and certainly its connection to American Jewry. I hope that, with the help of our Israel Action Committee and our synagogue partnership with ARZA, we will begin to change the attitude of many Israelis who do not understand who we are. Natan Sharansky is our partner in this endeavor. So come and meet him and be part of the change for the health and wellbeing of Klal Yisrael, the entire Jewish people!

FROM THE RABBI

Mark your calendar!

167TH ANNUAL MEETING OF CONGREGATION EMANU-EL

December 3, 9:30 am
Martin Meyer Sanctuary
SHABBAT CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Friday, November 3
FIRST FRIDAY SHABBAT SERVICES!
5:30 pm, First Friday Under Five Service (MMS)
6:00 pm, Classic Shabbat Service (Main)

Saturday, November 4
10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service (MMS)
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service (Main)

Friday, November 10
6:00 pm, One Shabbat Service (MMS)
8:30 pm, Young Adult Late Shabbat

Saturday, November 11
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service (MMS)
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service (Main)

Friday, November 17
6:00 pm, One Shabbat Service (MMS)

Saturday, November 18
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service (MMS)
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service (Main)

Friday, November 24
6:00 pm, One Shabbat Service (MMS)

Saturday, November 25
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service (MMS)
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service (Main)

SPONSOR AN ONEG SHABBAT

Sponsoring an Oneg-Shabbat on Friday evening is a sweet 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, contact Svetlana Leykin at sleykin@emanuelsf.org or call (415) 751-2541 ext. 123.

Thank you to the following for co-sponsoring recent Oneg-Shabbat receptions:
The Vapnek Family, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of David Vapnek
David and Anne Feinberg, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Morgan Feinberg
The Goldberg Family, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Skylar Goldberg

Appreciated Stock Gifts for Year-End Giving

Did you know that you can make charitable donations—including your Emanu-El membership dues and Impact Fund gifts—from your appreciated stock? With the Dow continuing to break new records and year-end giving in mind, now is an excellent time to avoid potential capital gains taxes while generously supporting the Congregation. You may also reduce your taxable estate by donating stock.

If you are making a stock gift, please use the following information:
First Republic Securities Co, LLC
Account Name: Congregation Emanu-El
For Further Credit to Account Number: 33L064574
Clearing Firm: Pershing LLC
Pershing LLC DTC# 0443

Note: Please make the Development Office (tbrown@emanuelsf.org or 415-750-7554) aware of your stock gift before it is transferred so your donation can be tracked and appropriately directed as you wish. Donate online to save postage, paper, and time!

Don’t let unexpected simchas, mitzvahs, and life-cycle events catch you off guard!

Donating online is a quick and easy way to honor friends and family while supporting the synagogue. Just go to our website (www.emanuelsf.org), select “Click to Donate,” and follow the steps to make a credit card gift over a secure server. Be sure to include all dedication information and let us know if we should notify someone. You will receive an electronic confirmation, followed by an acknowledgment letter in the mail. That’s all there is to it! If you need assistance, contact Tyler Brown in the Development Department at tbrown@emanuelsf.org or (415) 750-7554.
RABBI RYAN BAUER AT CITY ARTS & LECTURES

Tuesday, November 28, 7:30 pm
Nourse Theater,
275 Hayes St, San Francisco

Reza Aslan is an internationally acclaimed writer and religious scholar. His books include *No god but God: The Origins, Evolution, and Future of Islam*, *Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth*, *How to Win a Cosmic War: God, Globalization and the End of the War on Terror* (published in paperback as *Beyond Fundamentalism*); and most recently *God: A Human History*. Aslan’s degrees include a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies, a Master of Theological Studies, a Ph.D. in the Sociology of Religions, and a Master of Fine Arts from the University of Iowa, where he was named the Truman Capote Fellow in Fiction. Born in Iran, Aslan now lives in Los Angeles, where he is an Associate Professor of Creative Writing at the University of California, Riverside, and a cooperative faculty member in the Department of Religion.

City Arts & Lectures series tickets can be purchased by calling (415) 392-4400.

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL KRISTALLNACHT COMMEMORATION.

REFLECTIONS ON RESISTANCE: AFTER AUSCHWITZ – AN AFTERNOON WITH EVA SCHLOSS

Sunday, November 12, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm, Martin Meyer Sanctuary

86-year-old Eva Schloss is an Auschwitz survivor and the stepsister of Anne Frank. Both Frank and Schloss were Jewish refugees in Amsterdam, and the pair played together as children until their families were forced into hiding in 1942. After the war, Otto Frank (Anne’s father) married Fritzi (Eva’s mother). Eva Schloss is the co-founder of the Anne Frank Trust UK and the author of several books about her experiences during the Holocaust. Hear Eva tell of her personal journey through the Holocaust, her life after Auschwitz, and the artwork that survived her brother’s time in hiding during the war. This program is open to the community and is appropriate for participants 11 years of age and older.

Eva Schloss’s books will be on sale following the event. Register online at www.emanuelsf.org/learning/teens. Questions? Contact Ariana Estoque, aestoque@emanuelsf.org or call (415) 751-2541 ext. 307.

Reflections on Resistance is 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, and Marin and Sonoma Counties.
THE AMBIVALENCE WE FEEL AT 50: CREATING SPACE TO TALK ABOUT ISRAELIS, PALESTINIANS, AND THE CONFLICT

Sunday, November 5, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm, Emanu-El

This very special afternoon will begin with an introduction by Daniel Sokatch, CEO of NIF, to provide some context, history, and discussion points about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The remainder of the afternoon will consist of small group conversations – in a Café Dilemma format – focusing on our contradictory emotions and the concerns we feel 50 years after the Six-Day War. We are creating an intentional space in which to both voice our opinions and hear others’ perspectives on peace, a possible resolution, and how to exist in this in-between place. This event is co-sponsored by the New Israel Fund.

CLASSIC SHABBAT SERVICE WITH RABBI PEARCE

November 3, 6:00 pm, Main Sanctuary

Senior Rabbi, Emeritus Stephen S. Pearce will deliver the sermon at this evening's Shabbat.

TAUBER SPARK!
IGNITE YOUR JEWISH LEARNING
SPARK YOUR IMAGINATION!

Returning Tuesday evenings beginning in March 2018.
 Allow yourself to dive into our tradition! Open your mind to a transformative experience and let your heart be moved by Torah! Join your friends, rabbis, and guest teachers for three nights of SPARK, a powerful Jewish learning opportunity at Temple Emanu-El.

Our evenings will begin with “schmooze time” for participants to mingle and nosh, followed by an hour of engagement in one of four hot-topic SPARK study sessions – with rabbis and leading guest educators. Each of these evenings will be followed by a communitywide keynote address or seminar with special scholars/speakers.

A few of our upcoming educators include: Dr. Greg Marcus, Ilan Vitemberg, and our very own Rabbi Sydney Mintz.

AN EVENING WITH NATAN SHARANSKY

Thursday, November 16, 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm, Emanu-El

Join us for an evening with former Soviet Refusnik, Natan Sharansky, who will share his life story, discuss Israel-Diaspora relations as well as what are the urgent challenges facing Israel and the US today.

See the Rabbi’s Letter in this edition of the Chronicle for background on Natan Sharansky and thoughts about how we can engage in the process.

Register for both of the Israel-related community events at www.emanuelsf.org/learning/Israel-Experiences. Questions? Contact Ariana Estoque at aestoque@emanuelsf.org or call (415) 751-2541 ext. 307.
BUILDING OUR JEWISH FUTURE TOGETHER

By Donny Friend, President, Emanu-El Board of Directors

We are more free to be Jews than ever before in our history. We find ourselves in leadership roles in almost all areas of our secular world, and we are achieving great acclaim, far beyond our numbers. But are we still God's partners?

We definitely are still the recipients of the miracles. We have freedom, we are accepted, we can be Jews any way we want. This isn’t something we can just take for granted.

How CAN we keep our Judaism relevant? We can all “do Jewish.” Doing mitzvot, caring for the homeless and hungry, taking action to stand up for the less fortunate. Doing Jewish can mean adding one Jewish ritual to your week. How about visiting or delivering a meal to someone who is sick or in mourning? How about saying a prayer before a meal, or at the site of a beautiful sunrise or sunset, or apologizing to someone that you have been afraid to approach because it feels awkward? That’s doing Jewish.

Congregation Emanu-El is where we can discover and nurture connections. The robust attendance over the High Holy Days and at our One Shabbat services is a testament to our clergy and congregation’s openness to helping us make Judaism our own. But we can’t stand still and expect our tradition to take care of itself. How might we make this a place for all of us to better find our own paths to Jewish connection?

We know that we want to have a building which is welcoming and secure and which will include space for us to stick around and “hang out.” When we leave services, we spill into our courtyard, but we are often brief in our conversations because of our battle with the weather. When we drop our kids off at Sunday school, parents are squeezed back out the entry as there is no place to visit. We want to create more intimate spaces in which to be together. We want to create an exciting space that will make Emanu-El the place you think of to hold your joyous celebrations and simchas. Maybe most importantly, we want to create classroom and learning spaces that will be “state of the art” and attract our children to learn and play here, so they go to college armed with the knowledge that will give them confidence to address the many challenges that await them. While we do this, we want to make sure that we create the financial stability that will keep us operating and affordable to all.

We have made much progress since this time last year, and with the help of competent advisors, we are diligently pursuing the best solution. The possibilities for what this space can be are incredible!! We are getting closer!

All of the members of the board have personally made substantial financial commitments to make sure that our project will move forward. As Jews, we have traveled a long road filled with great adversity and success. Today we find ourselves in the midst of a “golden era.” It is our role and responsibility to build upon this tradition, so that those who sit in this sanctuary 100 years from now will look back and say that their ancestors sustained this for us.

This is our moment.

May this New Year be one where our partnership with the holy and with each other results in a world that is improved because of our determination to uphold our sacred tradition.

For the full speech, please visit our Sermons archive.
https://soundcloud.com/congregation-emanu-el/
DAYTIME PROGRAMS AT THE TEMPLE

Meet other congregants at these weekday opportunities at the temple! Questions? Contact Rebecca Reiner.

Cooking for Congregants
Thursday, November 2, 9:00 – 11:00 am, Emanu-El Kitchen
Do you enjoy working in the kitchen and helping others at the same time? Sign up for Cooking for Congregants, led by two fellow Emanu-El members, where you will prepare meals for congregants facing either a recent illness, death, or birth.

When someone we know is going through a challenging time, our natural reaction is to help, although we may not always know what to do. For those in need, food frequently becomes a low priority, so the support provided by this program can make a huge difference! As volunteer Sari Swig says, “There is no better gift to yourself than to help others,” while a recipient of meals expresses how “It is such a lovely gesture of community… I was most grateful.”

Register now to fulfill this mitzvah! All menus, ingredients, and storage containers are provided. And if you know a congregant who would benefit from a few delivered meals, please let us know.

The Stories of Your Life: Guided Autobiography and Life Review Writing
No charge; any skill level welcomed.
Monday, November 6, 10:00 am – Noon
Join this monthly group where you will share your unique life in writing while getting to know yourself and others better. All writing is done at home, then shared in class in a safe and structured way.

Scrabble
No charge; drop in; all ages & experience levels welcomed.
Mondays, November 6, 13, 20, and 27, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Do you enjoy the challenge of putting letters together to form words? Join the Scrabble group and play a rousing game or two! Expand your vocabulary along with your social circle. Bring a Scrabble set (optional) and, of course, your appreciation of words.

Mah Jongg
No charge; drop in; all levels welcomed.
Tuesday afternoons, November 7 and 21, 1:30 – 4:30 pm, Rinder Chapel
Tuesday evenings, November 14 and 28, 6:00 – 9:00 pm, Rinder Chapel

Bridge Club – Lessons and Game
Drop in; Cost: $15 for members, $20 for friends of members.
Tuesdays, November 7, 14, 21, and 28, 10:00 am – Noon, Congregation Emanu-El
If you enjoy bridge and are beyond the level of beginner, join this very popular and lively group for duplicate-style bridge! Play while improving your game. No partner needed. Deborah Murphy is the instructor.

COMMUNITY

CONGREGANT GROUPS & GATHERINGS

Meet other congregants at these weekend and evening opportunities! Questions? Contact Rachel Schonwetter.

INTERFAITH GROUP
Gatherings for interfaith members and families of Emanu-El.

Holiday Party
Thursday, November 30, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm, Congregant home near West Portal
Join our interfaith community for a potluck party! Bring a food that reminds you of your fondest winter holiday memories. This event is open to the whole family, so bring the kids. A separate room will be available for children to watch movies, which ensures that you’ll also be able to enjoy some adult socializing. We hope to see you there!

Address provided upon registration. Log in to “MyEmanu-El” on our home page.

MISHPACHA
Programs for families with children under age 5.

Side by Side
Tuesdays and Thursdays, October 31 – December 2, Emanu-El
Emanu-El’s Side by Side program introduces our youngest children (18 months to 2½ years) to a preschool environment with their parent or caregiver by their side. Spots are still open! Register through the member portal by clicking on October 31 on the calendar.

Got Shabbat?
Saturday, November 11, 10:15 am – 11:30 am, Emanu-El
Please join Mimi Greisman, Early Childhood and Family Educator, for a Shabbat experience for families with children under age 5. Questions? Contact Nika Greenberg, Interim ECE Director, at ngreenberg@emanuelsf.org.

THE TRIBE FOR MEN / THE TRIBE FOR MEN 2.0
For active and committed Emanu-El fathers 30 to 50 years old.
The Tribe for Men is for dads with children ages 5–12; the Tribe for Men 2.0 is for dads with children ages 0–5.

Turkey Bowl IV
Thanksgiving morning, November 23, 8:30 am – 10:30 am, Big Rec Field, Golden Gate Park
Are you ready for some gridiron action? Join your fellow Tribesman at Big Rec Field in Golden Gate Park for an exuberant Thanksgiving morning football game (the one time of year when pigskin is acceptable for everyone). Come dressed ready to play ball, but you might want to save your best pair of sweatpants for right after Thanksgiving dinner.
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WOMEN’S GROUP / THE TRIBE FOR WOMEN

The Women’s Group is for all adult women of Emanu-El; the Tribe for Women is for moms with children ages 0–18. Gatherings for both groups are held throughout the year.

Moral Imperatives for Today’s World: Reproductive Justice on the Front Lines

Wednesday, November 15, 7:00 pm
Calvary Presbyterian Church,
2515 Fillmore Street at Jackson Street

Cost: $20 for adults, $15 for students & seniors

Join other members of the Tribe for Women and the Women’s Group in an upcoming program co-sponsored by Emanu-El and held at Calvary Presbyterian Church. We will hear from renowned physician and author Willie Parker, MD, who will be discussing the critical issues surrounding reproductive justice. We'll also learn about his new book – Life’s Work: A Moral Argument for Choice. Dr. Parker will be joined by Carole Jaffee, PhD, of the Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health at UCSF.

Get your tickets at calvarypresbyterian.org/event/reproductive-justice-front-lines/.

EMANU-EL IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Build Emanu-El in your community with neighborhood gatherings.

Do you love your local coffee shop or farmers market? And does bringing a little Emanu-El into your neighborhood appeal to you? If you’re looking for a volunteer opportunity close to home, consider becoming a Neighborhood Liaison to reach out to congregants in need, coordinate neighborhood events, and welcome new congregants in the city. Or volunteer to host a local community get-together in your home. Interested? Let us know!

Contact Rachel Schonwetter at rschonwetter@emanuelsf.org

FRONT PORCH

This innovative program assembles congregants into groups and gives them the tools they need to build deep and meaningful relationships at home-hosted gatherings. The gatherings include short videos filmed by one of our rabbis and discussion questions on Jewish topics relevant to life today.

Would you like to join a Front Porch group this fall? Fill out the interest form at https://www.emanuelsf.org/front-porch/.

Stay tuned to future editions of the Chronicle for gatherings of the Congregation Emanu-El Men’s Group, which focuses on both Torah study and socializing.

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TZEDEK COUNCIL

Meet your fellow congregants for these social justice opportunities! Questions? Contact Monica Pevzner.

What is 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. The Tzedek Council comprises four working groups, covering the following topics: Economic Justice, Education, Environment, and Human Rights.

Human Rights:

Unity Group

Congregation Emanu-El and First African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church sponsor an African-American/Jewish Unity Group that meets monthly.

Second Thursdays of the month, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
African American Art & Culture Complex,
762 Fulton Street, San Francisco

This year, the Unity Group will partner with other organizations to push for bail reform legislation in California. We believe that this legislation, if passed, will make an enormous difference in the lives of many poor people and people of color. We would love to have you join us in this effort. You are welcome to come to meetings simply to learn more about the topic, after which you can decide how involved you’d like to be.

Social Justice Programs:

Thank You For Donating Food To The Hungry!

We are so grateful to all of the congregants who contributed to our annual food drive over the High Holy Days. With your help, we were able to top last year’s San Francisco Food Bank donation by over 1,000 pounds (a 21% increase)! What a mitzvah!

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As a large congregation, we recognize the importance of small group connection, so we offer many opportunities for learning, socializing, and enjoying local culture within more intimate groups. These small group gatherings generally occur on weekday evenings or on weekends. Refer to the Community or Social Justice pages on our website for more information and staff contact information. Remember to register online in the MyEmanu-El portal for all of these programs (unless otherwise noted below) so we know to expect you.

Your Community Engagement Team:
Terry Kraus (tkraus@emanuelsf.org, ext. 111);
Monica Pevzner (mpevzner@emanuelsf.org, ext. 124);
Rebecca Reiner (reiner@emanuelsf.org, ext. 170);
and Rachel Schonwetter (rschonwetter@emanuelsf.org, ext. 171).
We are grateful to those who helped make the 2017 High Holy Day services so beautiful and moving! Please join us in thanking the following volunteers:

### CANDLE LIGHTING
- Janie Friend
- Lisa Goldman
- The Lehmann Family: Charlotte, Kerri, Mark, and Teri
- Fred Levine and Nancy Livingston
- Patsy Lurie

### HAFTarah Blessings
- Denia Mittelman
- Stuart Corvin and Marissa Wertheimer

### HAFTarah Readings
- Anita Barzman
- Michael & Larry Edelstein
- Joel Kassiola
- Melissa Koenigsburg
- Rita Semel

### HAGbah AND GLilAH
- Adam & Julia Bergman
- Robert & Dana Blum
- Stuart Corvin and Marissa Wertheimer
- Chris & Sarah Ehrlich
- Julie & David Levine
- Joel & Laurie Roos

### MUSIC
- Fran Benjamin
- Lilah Ferris
- Donny Friend
- Janie Friend
- Bernard Levin
- Amy Mack
- Dick Nathan
- Robin Reitzes
- Steve Reuben
- Pamela Rose
- Priscille Schwarcz-Besson
- Bonni Shenk
- Carlyn Strang
- Carol Vollen

### READERS
- Alyce Brown
- Doug Goldman
- Sam Jaber
- Allen Mathis
- Anat Pilovsky
- John Rothmann
- Ben Wood

### SHOFAR BLOWERS
- Marc Benioff
- David Coffman
- Jonah Fleishhacker
- Gregory Grunberg
- Sam Yolles
- Andy Zittell

### TEEN SERVICE LEADERS
- Ava Becker
- Michael Berler
- Peri Charmatz
- Jonah Fleishhacker
- Denia Mittelman
- Sophie Rose
- Hezekiah Smithstein
- Isaiah Starks
- Sasha Steiner
- Adrien Stroumza
- Marissa Torrano
- Lucy Ugar
- Abby Walker
- Margeaux Wolberg

### Torah Blessings
- Joel and Laurie Roos
- Alan and Susan Rothenberg
- Mark Sugarman
- Jonah Tate
- Margeaux Wolberg

### Torah ProCESSION Honoring Past Presidents
- Stuart Aronoff
- Andy Colvin
- Steven Dinkelspiel
- Donny Friend
- Ann Lazurus
- Hal Stein

### USHERS
- Larry Israel (Head Usher)
- Suzi Alexander
- Alyce Brown
- Nancy Cappelloni
- Dana Corvin
- Stuart Corvin
- Lara Ettenso
- Miriam Freedman
- Robert Freedman
- Jonathan Fuchs
- Aaron Hattenbach
- Frances Hurwitz
- Rachel Israel
- Philip Klugman
- Svetlana Kristal
- Gail Laghi
- Melanie Lawrence
- Karen Leigh
- Gershon Levinson
- Jean Levinson
- Laurie Miller
- Kirsten Muetzel
- Kelly Pfeifer
- Blake Premer
- Larry Rand
- Robin Reitzes
- Rebecca Rich
- Marcia Ruben
- Stephen Ruben
- Merle Ryan
- Diane Scheiman
- Stuart Scheinholtz
- Dee Seligman
- Shulamit Sofia
- Gary Stolzoff
- Lester Strouse
- Natalya Sverbilov
- Yefim Sverbilov
- Richard Swig
- Anita Tanenberg
- Stuart Tanenberg
- Vladimir Trilesskiy
- Caroline Kahn Werboff
- Marissa Wertheimer
- Margeaux Wolberg
Donate Toiletries For Winter Interfaith Shelters
In November, we will be collecting donations of travel toiletries to donate to homeless men's shelters in San Francisco. Every year, Congregation Emanu-El serves dinner to over 100 homeless men (for 8 nights), and also gives each man a toiletry bag filled with essentials such as shampoo, soap, and toothbrushes. We hope you will help our toiletries drive this year by dropping off your donation in the collection bin in the Main Office Foyer. (The next time you go to the dentist or stay at a hotel, please ask for a donation of toiletry supplies – if not in time for this year’s drive, hold onto them for next year!)

G-House
Providing youth with the necessary tools to remove the obstacles that threaten their successful transition to independent living.
Run by Larkin Street Youth Center (www.larkinstreetyouth.org), G-House is a 20-bed housing program for San Francisco homeless young adults (ages 18-24) transitioning from adolescence to adulthood. Emanu-El has partnered with G-House, providing volunteers on Sunday evenings to cook, eat, and build meaningful relationships with one another. We hope you will join us for this special volunteer opportunity. Want to get involved? Please contact Rebecca Reiner at reiner@emanuelsf.org.
Please note that we are asking for a commitment of one Sunday per month for a six month period.

13th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Day Service
Thursday
November 23, 2017
10:00 am - 11:00 am
Old First Presbyterian Church
1751 Sacramento Street
San Francisco, CA 94109
www.oldfirst.org
Sponsored by the San Francisco Interfaith Council
MAZEL TOV TO OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED JOY

Anita and Stuart Tanenberg on the birth of their granddaughter, Eliora Bridgelette Lawrence
Rebecca Winsor Goozh and Richard Goozh on the birth of their son, Raphael David Curtin Goozh
Emily and Mike Millman on the birth of their daughter, Isabel Grace Millman
Nanci and Chuck Cooper on the birth of two grandchildren: Shane Thomas Cooper and Nathan Joshua Varady

CONDOLENCES TO OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE SUFFERED RECENT LOSSES

Claude Gruen on the death of his wife, Nina Gruen
Charene Zalis (Peter Waldman) on the death of her father, and Jenna, Mikela, and Kira on the death of their grandfather, Edwin Zalis
Anne Cherry Barnett (Jason) and Neil Cherry (Beth) on the death of their mother, and Sophie Barnett and Elliott and Myles Cherry on the death of their grandmother, Marjorie Cherry
Audrey Zwibelman (Michael) on the death of her mother, and Charlie and Sylvia Zwibelman on the death of their grandmother, Judy Jorgenson
Cynthia Silverstein (Lloyd) on the death of her father, and Eleanor and Samuel Silverstein on the death of their grandfather, Clifford Alan Barbanel
Gabrielle Perelmuter (Scott Jacques) on the death of her grandfather, and Khaya and Nicola Jacques on the death of their great-grandfather, Rabbi Joshua Haberman
Ken Miller (Julie McKenzie) on the death of his mother, and Samuel Miller on the death of his grandmother, Ann Miller

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, a bar or bat mitzvah, a conversion or wedding ceremony, or a recovery from illness, Emanu-El 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 beautiful way to mark a personal milestone, to honor friends or family celebrating a happy experience, or to show gratitude for the services provided by our clergy during these profound moments.

Please donate online at www.emanuelsf.org or call the Development office at (415) 750-7554.
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS ON THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS

Shulamit Sofia (founder of Caring for Children, a nonprofit that addresses the emotional and psychological needs of traumatized children at home and around the world) on receiving a Jefferson Award, the national recognition system honoring community and public volunteerism in America

Dana Corvin on receiving the Robert Sinton Award for Distinguished Leadership at the Jewish Community Federation’s Day of Philanthropy event

NEW MEMBERS - Welcome!

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YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

By now, new and returning families are familiar with our mascot – the armadillo – which we see on a weekly basis Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. This year, armadillo is climbing up our collective family tree as we explore the concept of Klal Yisrael, the community or peoplehood of Israel. As the song below (written by our own Jonathan Bayer) states, we started with Abraham and Sarah, the first Jews. We’ve met Isaac and Rebecca, as well as Jacob, Rachel, and Leah, and we’ll continue to gain familiarity with our common ancestors as we learn about all of Jacob’s sons (who happen to have the names of each of our grade-level chavurot). By the end of the year, we will reach the top of the tree as each week we become a stronger, more unified, connected community.

Higher, and higher, higher and higher
Climb the family tree (x2)
Let’s start at the beginning
With the roots that sustain the tree
Let’s start with Abraham and Sarah
And we’ll climb higher to you and me
Higher and higher...
If we hold fast like armadillo, we will never fail
We are Klal Yisrael

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