Join us for the Annual MLK Pulpit Exchange with 3rd Baptist Church

FEB 06 KOLEINU* SONGS OF RESILIENCE AND RENEWAL
By Richard and Rhoda Goldman
Senior Rabbi Jonathan Singer

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If we are to fulfill our purpose as a prophetic people, we must speak our truth to power. For example, men in our culture – Jewish men – must take ownership of an overly sexualized dynamic in which people in power are allowed to exploit and assault those over which they wield that power. We must call it for what it is: abuse! And we must proclaim that it is unacceptable. Certainly, there is no correlation between Judaism and such offensive actions; however, because we are Jewish, we must examine the behavior of our own and scrutinize how we are communicating and implementing Jewish values within our community.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL MLK PULPIT EXCHANGE!
THIRD BAPTIST CHURCH/CONGREGATION EMANU-EL INTERFAITH SERVICES – HONORING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

We are delighted to continue our historical relationship with Third Baptist Church!

Friday, January 12, 2018
6:30 pm, dinner
7:30 pm, service at Temple Emanu-El

Sunday, January 14, 2018
10:00 am, Third Baptist Church
1399 McAllister Street (at Pierce)

Our annual pulpit exchange interfaith event will begin on Friday evening with a light supper, followed by Shabbat services. The Third Baptist Choir will join with our cantors and their ensemble, and Reverend Amos Brown will deliver that evening’s sermon.

Then on Sunday, Congregation Emanu-El members will visit Third Baptist Church to take part in the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday morning service, followed by a festive lunch. Rabbi Beth Singer will deliver the morning sermon and Cantor Marsha Attie will participate with song.

CELEBRATE TU B’SHEVAT IN THE PARK!

Join Reboot,
Save the Redwoods League,
and Congregation Emanu-El

January 28, 2:00 – 5:00 pm
Golden Gate Park, Heroes Grove
(Enter Heroes Grove from JFK Drive – closer to the de Young Museum.)

Tu B’Shevat is our day to celebrate the trees and the work we as Jews must do to keep our planet green and healthy for generations to come. Congregation Emanu-El is partnering with Reboot and Save the Redwoods League to literally plant trees for our future. Save the Redwoods League is revolutionary by not only preserving ancient redwood forests but also restoring forests that have been cut down. Tu B’Shevat in the Park includes great music and activities—and celebrates the work of Save the Redwoods League and Reboot and anyone who is committed to healing our planet. This event will showcase that environmental preservation, restoration and justice are a core Jewish value while raising awareness of environmental issues facing our planet and how the Jewish community can take action. (Learn more about: rebooters.net and savetheredwoods.org)
RABBI’S LETTER

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We are pleased to announce the establishment of the Taube Scholar program through a generous gift of the Taube Philanthropies. Rabbi Stephen S. Pearce, senior rabbi emeritus, will fill this position for a period of three years. During this time, Rabbi Pearce will share his knowledge in various areas of interest to many communities within the temple family. In the coming months, look for him to present sermons, classes, lectures, workshops for Jewish learners across all age groups and backgrounds.

Our congregation is so grateful to Taube Philanthropies for their commitment to the vitality of Jewish life in San Francisco and for Tad’s amazing work both here, in Israel and in Poland as a philanthropic example for so many.

Rabbi Stephen S. Pearce
SHABBAT CALENDAR

JANUARY

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

Saturday, January 6
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service (MMS)

Friday, January 12
7:30 pm, MLK Commemoration Service (MMS)

Saturday, January 13
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service (MMS)

Friday, January 19
6:00 pm, One Shabbat Service (MMS)

Saturday, January 20
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service (MMS)

Friday, January 26
6:00 pm, One Shabbat Service (MMS)

Saturday, January 27
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service (MMS)

SPONSOR AN ONEG SHABBAT
Sponsoring an Oneg-Shabbat on Friday evening is a sweet
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:
• Susanna and Milo Benningfield, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah
  of Max Benningfield
• Stephanie and Milton Assang, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of
  Erica Assang
• Elyse, Zack, and Zoe Blatt, in memory of Anne Batté; mother
  of Elyse and grandmother of Zack and Zoe
• Zapol and Laird Families, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of
  Ruth Zapol
• Wendy Kohn and William Fleissig, in honor of the Bat
  Mitzvah of Mia Kohn

GIVING
APPRECIATED STOCK GIFTS
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, now is an excellent time to avoid
potential capital gains taxes while generously supporting the
congregation. You may also reduce your taxable estate by
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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.

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Does the company you work for participate in corporate
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Many Bay Area companies, including Yelp, Clorox, Google,
and SalesForce, will match your gift dollar-for-dollar. Please
contact your company’s matching gifts coordinator to obtain
a matching gift form and determine whether your gift to
Congregation Emanu-El can be matched.

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Apple (4) • Clorox Corporation • Google (3)
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Ten Commandments

Play this puzzle online at: http://thewordssearch.com/puzzle/47861/
HEBREW READING CRASH COURSE: LEARNING TO DECODE THE ALEF-BET WITH CANTOR MARSHA ATTIE

In preparation for the Scholar-in-Residence weekend with Rabbi Benay Lappe

Sunday, February 11, Noon – 2:00 pm
Tuesday, February 20, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

This crash course is designed for those who want to learn how to read Hebrew as well as those who just need a refresher. Course participants must attend both sessions. A light nosh will be provided. (Note: If you plan to attend Rabbi Lappe’s Beit Midrash on Saturday, February 24, this two-session course is a prerequisite.)

RABBI BENAY LAPPE SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND

Talmud study – day learning (details to come).
Friday and Saturday, February 23 – 24

Rabbi Benay Lappe is the founder and Rosh Yeshiva of SVARA. Ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1997, Benay also currently serves as Senior Fellow at the Institute for the Next Jewish Future in Chicago, and as an Associate at CLAL – the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership. An award-winning educator specializing in the application of queer theory to Talmud study, Benay has served on the faculties of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Temple University, American Jewish University, the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, the Graduate Theological Union’s Center for Jewish Studies at UC Berkeley, Milken Community High School, and the Wexner Institute. This scholar-in-residence weekend is made possible by the generosity of Jon Holman and Diana Grand.
TWO DIFFERENT KOLEINU* EVENTS TO ENJOY

Tuesday, February 6 | 7:00 pm | Martin Meyer Sanctuary
Order tickets at https://www.emanuelsf.org/koleinu-hear-our-voices
- Premium ticket: $75 ($50 tax deductible)
  Includes reserved section premium seating project support
- General Admission: $25

EXCLUSIVE DINNER WITH KOLEINU ARTISTS

Sunday, February 4 | 5:30 pm
A bonus private dinner with our guest artists will take place on Sunday evening, February 4, 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. (tickets sold separately from concert)

Dinner - $150 per person | $100 tax deductible project support

We invite you to invest in this wonderful series by becoming a sponsor in support of Congregation Emanu-El’s Cantors’ music program.

$1000 Sponsorship | $400 tax deductible
Includes two tickets to exclusive Sunday, February 4 Koleinu artists dinner
Two premium tickets to February 6 Koleinu concert
Two premium tickets to March 25 Klezmatics concert.
Your name will be listed as a series sponsor in event promotions and programs.

Generous support for this series comes from the Ingrid D. Tauber Fund.

We are grateful to Bob Tandler and Valli Benesch for their in-kind support for this project.

FEATURING

CANTOR JOSH BREITZER
Congregation Beth Elohim, Brooklyn, NY

CANTOR LEIGH KORN
Temple Isaiah, Oakland, CA

CANTORIAL SOLOIST JASON MCKINNEY
Winston Salem, NC

SINGER/SONGWRITER CHAVA MIREL, Seattle, WA

SAVE THE DATE
Koleinu* is an innovative initiative of Cantors Attie and Luck that marries the centrality of music to our congregation with Emanu-El’s core tenet of tzedukah, social justice.

This exceptional collaboration for 2018 brings together eight great singers from across the nation who come together at Congregation Emanu-El to explore the resilience and renewal that are key to our survival and the flourishing of our culture throughout history.

What drives our determination? Why are our people at the forefront of labor, civil rights and other significant human rights movements? And where does our sense of humor in the face of devastating opposition draw from?

Starting with traditional liturgy, in this exciting performance, we’ll start with the ancient Israelites, and move all the way to 21st century America, rejoicing together at Jewish songs of resistance, confrontation, camaraderie and triumph.

AND WAIT! THERE’S MORE! COMING IN MARCH…
SPECIAL PASSOVER CONCERT
BROTHER MOSES SMOTE THE WATER

KLEZMATICS WITH SPECIAL GUEST JOSHUA NELSON
Sunday, March 25 5:00 pm | Main Sanctuary | Congregation Emanu-El

World renowned Grammy-winning superstars of the Klezmer world, the Klezmatics celebrate their 30th anniversary at Congregation Emanu-El as they bring us their music steeped in spiritualism and Eastern European tradition while incorporating themes of social justice. In this concert, they join forces with Joshua Nelson, the Prince of Kosher Gospel, to explore the complexity of Jewish identity, Black identity, and humankind. Age-old Hebrew Passover songs will be melded with the African soul tradition, echoing the great stylings of Mahalia Jackson.

Community choirs will join in this multi-cultural celebration of freedom and fellowship. Details coming soon. This exciting, soul-stirring concert is not to be missed and perfect for the whole family.

Premium ticket: $82 ($50 tax deductible)
Includes reserved section premium seating, post-show reception with artists and project support
General Admission: $32
Student (under 18 or with student ID): $18
Cooking for Congregants

**Thursday, January 4, 11, and 25, 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 Emanu-El members, where you will prepare meals for congregants facing 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 know exactly what to do. For those in need, food frequently becomes a low priority, so the support provided by Cooking for Congregants 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, January 8, 10:00 am – Noon, Temple Emanu-El**

Join this monthly group to share your unique life in writing while getting to know yourself and others better. The writing is done at home, and then shared in class in a safe and structured way.

Scrabble

*No charge; drop in; all ages & experience levels welcomed.*

**Mondays, January 8, 22, and 29, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm, Temple Emanu-El**

Mah Jongg

*No charge; drop in; all levels welcomed.*

**Tuesday afternoons, January 16 and 30, 1:30 – 4:30 pm, Rinder Chapel**

**Tuesday evenings, January 9 and 23, 6:00 – 9:00 pm, Rinder Chapel**

Join us for Mah Jongg! There will be no teaching at these Tuesday sessions; play time only.

Bridge Club – Lessons and Game

*Drop in; Cost: $15 for members, $20 for friends of members.*

**Tuesdays, January 16, 23, and 30, 10:00 am – Noon, Temple Emanu-El**

If you 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.

**MISHPACHA**

Programs for families with children ages 0–5.

**Side by Side**

A new session begins January 2. Register through the Member portal by signing in to “MyEmanu-El” near the top right of our website.

**Tu B’Shevat Havdalah at Mountain Lake Park**

**Saturday, January 27, 4:00 – 5:30 pm**

Join us for a special outdoor Tu B’Shvat celebration and Havdalah in beautiful Mountain Lake Park. Tu B’Shvat, the 15th of Shvat on the Jewish calendar, is the day that marks the beginning of a new year for trees. Together, with our little ones under age 5, we will appreciate the beauty of nature and Shabbat and usher in the new week.

For more details about programs for families with young children, including our daytime drop in programs Bagels and Babies and Mazel Tots, see www.emanuelsf.org/families.
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!

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 information on the following group gatherings:

- Men’s Group: For men of Congregation Emanu-El, focused on Torah study and socializing.

As a large congregation, we recognize the importance of small group connection, so we create many opportunities for learning, socializing, and enjoying local culture together. These group gatherings generally occur in the evening hours 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)
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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 – 7:30 pm, African American Art & Culture Complex, 762 Fulton Street, San Francisco

For the past two years, a group of Emanu-El congregants have met monthly with members of the Bay Area African-American community – for fellowship and to advance the cause of racial justice in the Bay Area and beyond. 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.

Please contact Saundrah Anjali (sanjali@emanuelsf.org) for more information or to be added to our Unity Group mailing list.

Multicultural Book Drive
Tzedek Council Annual Children’s Multicultural Book Drive for the Jewish Coalition for Literacy.

Throughout January

Many Bay Area public schools lack well-stocked libraries or the funds to buy new books. Our annual community collection drive helps provide our local schools with multicultural picture books for grades Pre-K through 3rd (ages 4–9)!

You can participate by purchasing TWO COPIES of a K-3 picture book that reflects the Bay Area’s ethnic diversity – from your local bookstore or favorite website, or from our online wishlist the Driven to Care webpage (www.emanuelsf.org/emanu-el-driven-care/) – then bringing ONE COPY of the book to Emanu-El’s main office foyer to give to a child in need (keeping the other copy for your personal library).

Donate anytime during January and also look for this collection drive to be featured at our annual MLK Shabbat service with Third Baptist Church on January 12. All donated books will be donated to the Jewish Coalition for Literacy.

DONATE ONLINE AND 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.
Congregation Emanu-El is a member of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), the umbrella organization for North American Reform Judaism, the largest Jewish movement in North America. The URJ provides the vision and voice to build strong communities that, together, transform the way people connect to Judaism and change the world. The URJ also provides resources to its member congregations, which includes Emanu-El.

We have been invited to join the URJ’s next cohort of a system of congregational assessment. Through this process, each congregation can take an inward look at itself every few years and use the information collected to assess its strengths and areas for advancement, as well as to help set the congregation’s agenda and priorities for its development in the coming years. At the end of January, you will receive an email with a survey link; we hope you will take the 7–10 minutes necessary to complete the survey online. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Monica at mpevzner@emanuelsf.org.

San Francisco Interfaith Winter Shelter

Various dates in January – see list below

Since 1988, the San Francisco Interfaith Council, Episcopal Community Services, and San Francisco Human Services Agency have partnered to operate the San Francisco Interfaith Winter Shelter. Designed to augment existing shelter opportunities during the coldest months of the year (the Sunday before Thanksgiving through the end of February), the Interfaith Winter Shelter provides breakfast and dinner, as well as a safe, warm place for up to 100 homeless men to sleep each night. The Interfaith Winter Shelter rotates locations and is hosted by four congregations: St. Boniface Catholic Church, St. Mary’s Cathedral, St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, and First Unitarian Universalist Society. Each year, a large networking effort takes place with local faith communities to open their spaces and their hearts.

Congregation Emanu-El has been an enthusiastic partner in this venture for over a decade. Each year, our dedicated congregants volunteer over the course of eight consecutive days to provide a warm meal to homeless men in San Francisco at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church. At the end of each evening, we give each of these gentlemen a bag of toiletries to keep. Please consider donating to our Driven to Care collection drive so that we have enough supplies to hand out. Collection bins are located near the front office.

Please see the list below to see which evening fits best with your demographic:

- **Tuesday, January 16**
  Tribe for Men (group for dads ages 30–50 with children ages 0–12)

- **Wednesday, January 17**
  Tzedek Council (Social Justice Committee)

- **Thursday, January 18**
  Tribe for Women (group for mothers with children of all ages)

- **Friday, January 19**
  Adolescent Education (contact Ariana)

- **Saturday, January 20**
  Congregant Night 1 (at capacity)

- **Sunday, January 21**
  Young Adults (congregants in their 20s and 30s)

- **Monday, January 22**
  Congregant Night 2 (openings still available)

- **Tuesday, January 23**
  Interfaith (members that identify as interfaith)
RECOGNITION OF HONORARY DUES GIVERS

We are grateful to the following members whose generosity makes it possible for us to remain an “open tent,” including all those who wish to be members of Congregation Emanu-El:

**Visionaries (Anshei Chazon) $25,000 or above**
- Mr. Robert and Ms. Colleen Haas
- Mrs. Phyllis Moldaw
- Mrs. Lydia Shorenstein
- Anonymous

**Angels (Malachim) $10,000-$24,999**
- Mr. Ian Altman & Ms. Laura Scher
- Mrs. Nancy & Mr. Joachim Bechtle
- Ms. Jeanne Dinkelspiel
- Mrs. Cheryl Frank & Mr. Michael Linn
- Mr. & Mrs. John Goldman
- Mrs. Mimi Haas
- Dr. & Mrs. Stephen Leavitt
- Ms. Julie & Mr. David Levine
- Mr. Gregg Lynn
- Ms. Susan Moldaw & Mr. Bob Stallings
- Mr. Josh & Dr. Laurie Olshansky
- Mr. & Mrs. Martin Romo
- Mr. & Mrs. Richard Rosenberg
- Dr. Christine Russell & Mr. Mark Schlesinger
- Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Safier
- Mr. & Mrs. John Siegel
- Mr. Todd Sisitsky & Mrs. Holly Hagens
- Mrs. Roselyne Swig
- Mrs. Mary Ann Tonkin
- Mr. Ron Zeff

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- Mr. & Mrs. Laurence Baer
- Mr. & Mrs. Mark Breitbard
- Mrs. Cathy Brooks Fox
- Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell Cohen
- Ms. Dana Corvin & Mr. Harris Weinberg
- Mr. Stuart Corvin & Ms. Marissa Wertheimer
- Mrs. Adele Corvin
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- Mr. David Friedman
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- Dr. & Mrs. Theodore Geballe
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- Dr. David Goldstein & Ms. Julia Vetromile
- Dr. Claude Gruen
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- Mr. & Mrs. Charles Michael
- Mr. & Mrs. Robert Newman
- Ms. Karen Pell & Ms. Heather Lupa
- Mr. & Mrs. Mark Petri
- Mr. Joel & Ms. Laurie Roos
- Mr. Robert Rosner & Ms. Julie Goldman
- Dr. & Mrs. Samuel Saks
- Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Sampson
- Mr. & Mrs. Gary Shapiro
- Mr. & Mrs. Alex Slusky
- Mr. & Mrs. Richard Swig
- Mrs. Nina Taft & Mr. Misha Weidman
- Mr. Douglas Winthrop & Dr. Yamilee Berningham
- Ms. Hilary Zarrow

**Heroes (Gibborim) $3,600-$5,399**
- Mr. & Mrs. Roger Barnett
- Mr. Lance Bayer
- Mrs. Valli Benesch & Mr. Bob Tandler
- Ms. Susanna & Mr. Milo Benningfield
- Mr. & Mrs. David Berelson
- Ms. Elyse Blatt
- Mr. Richard Blum & Senator Dianne Feinstein
- Mr. & Mrs. Robert Blum
- Mr. Gedalia Braverman
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- Dr. Emma Farr Rawlings & Mr. James Farrell
- Mr. & Mrs. Leland Faust
- Mr. & Mrs. Steven Fayne
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- Mr. & Mrs. Robert Fields
- Mr. Steven Fingerhood
- Mr. & Mrs. John Fisher
- Mrs. Rachel & Mr. Alexander Fishman
- Mr. William & Ms. Ellen Fleishhacker
- Mr. Albert & Ms. Eleanor Fraenkel
Mr. Thomas Frankel  
Mrs. Cynthia & Mr. Eliot Fried  
Ms. Ellen Friedman  
Dr. Linda & Mr. Sanford Gallanter  
Mrs. Jessica & Mr. Stephen Galloway  
Ms. Lisa & Mr. Mohsen Gamshad  
Mr. Stuart Gasner & Mrs. Kate Ditzler  
Mrs. Mariela & Mr. Richard Gerstein  
Dr. Patricia & Dr. Richard Gibbs  
Mr. Malcolm Gissen & Ms. Judith Cohen  
Mr. Jason & Ms. Ilysa Goldblatt  
Mr. Gary Grossman & Ms. Michelle Sintov  
Mr. Mark Hamilton & Mrs. Lauri Paul  
Dr. Dennis Jaffe & Dr. Cynthia Scott  
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Kaufman  
Ms. Ekaterina Kazakova Mizrahi & Mr. Jacob Mizrahi  
Mrs. Beth & Mr. Jeff Klugman  
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Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lehmman  
Mrs. Janni Lehrer-Stein & Mr. Leonard Stein  
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Ms. Marcy Lynn & Mr. David Hershenson  
Prof. Howard & Ms. Siesel Maibach  
Ms. Dagny Maidman & Ms. Molly Wood  
Ms. Michelle Mercer & Mr. Bruce Golden  
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Mr. & Mrs. Laurence Mindel  
Mrs. Susan Morris  
Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Moskowitz  
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Dr. & Mrs. Mark Oscherwitz  
Mrs. Judith & Mr. Gary Pasquinelli  
Mr. Eric Prosnitz & Ms. Courtney Klinge  
Dr. Corey & Dr. Kathy Raffel  
Mrs. Tali Rapaport & Mr. Nicholas Josefowitz  
Mr. Joshua Richter & Mrs. Rachel Levin  
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Rimer  
Mr. & Mrs. James Rogers  
Mr. & Mrs. Alan Rothenberg  
Ms. Susan L Rothstein & Mr. John Koeppel  
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Mr. & Mrs. Arc Rubin  
Dr. Natalie Sacks & Dr. John MacGregor  
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Mr. Martin Schenker & Ms. Susan Diamond  
Mr. Gary Schnitzer & Ms. Sandra Wilder  
Mrs. Thelma Schnitzer  
Ms. Sara Seims  
Mr. Adam & Ms. Hilary Seligman  
Mrs. Rita Semel  
Mr. Adam and Ms. Tara Shane  
Ms. Leora Goren & Mr. Eric Shapiro  
Mr. Mark Shostak & Dr. Emily Von Scheven  
Ms. Claire Solot & Mr. Sinjin Bain  
Ms. Ellice Sperber & Mr. Dale Van Fossan  
Mrs. Belena Stanford & Mr. Eric Reading  

GIFT PLANNING AND THE EMANU-EL LEGACY CIRCLE

The Emanu-El Legacy Circle was established to honor and recognize the individuals and families who have left legacies to Congregation Emanu-El, and those who have made charitable provisions in their estates to benefit our synagogue.

Including Congregation Emanu-El in your estate planning promises your children and future generations a place of worship, study and community. Your legacy gift automatically makes you a member of the Emanu-El Legacy Circle.

With your permission, your commitment to the congregation will be honored by a permanent place of recognition at the synagogue as a tribute to your values and generosity, you will be acknowledged in our donor reports, and invited to special events during the year.

**There are several ways to leave a legacy to Congregation Emanu-El:**

- Name the synagogue in your will or estate plan as a recipient of a set percentage or dollar amount of your estate
- Designate Emanu-El as a beneficiary to a life insurance policy, retirement fund, or IRA
- Make a bequest of real estate, a valuable work of art or other personal property

Unrestricted gifts provide Emanu-El with the maximum flexibility to allocate funds where the need is greatest. If you wish to designate a more specific purpose to your gift, please consider one of the broad areas that serve our congregation’s core mission – worship and spirituality, Jewish education, or community and social justice; and let us know, so we can ensure that we will be able to honor your wishes.

The following sample provision may be helpful to you and your attorney.

I bequeath to Congregation Emanu-El, Two Lake Street, San Francisco, California 94118, the sum of $_____________ [or ______ percent of my estate] for its general charitable, religious and educational purposes.

If you have made a provision in your will, or would like more information on the Emanu-El Legacy Circle, please contact Lani Zinn in the Development Office by phone: (415) 750-7557.
LIFECYCLES

JANUARY 2018 B’NEI MITZVAH

Tobin Parkhill
Bar Mitzvah: January 6
Martin Meyer Sanctuary
Parents: James & Hilary Parkhill
Torah Portion: Shemoth

Miriam Freedman
Bat Mitzvah: January 13
Martin Meyer Sanctuary
Parents: Robert & Amalia Freedman
Torah Portion: Vaera

Carly Goldblatt
Bat Mitzvah: January 20
Martin Meyer Sanctuary
Parents: Jason & Ilysa Goldblatt
Torah Portion: Bo

Simon Aks
Bar Mitzvah: January 27
Martin Meyer Sanctuary
Parents: Allan & Katherine Aks
Torah Portion: Beshalach Shirah

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.

MAZEL TOV TO OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED JOY

Jane and John Knox on the marriage of their son, Jordan Knox to Liese Pruitt
Alyssa and Aviram Zagorie on the birth of their daughter
Ella Lilyan Zagorie
Kacey and Alec Ofsevit on the birth of their son, Zachary
Reese Ofsevit
Renée Ledeisma and Jake Bridgland on the birth of their daughter, Aviva Harper Bridgland
Inna Gartsman and David Nelson on the birth of their daughter, Esme Leah Nelson
Susan Cole and Alan Ovson on the birth of their granddaughter, Zazie Juliette Wahlgren
Karen Goff and Dario Avram on the birth of their daughter, Gia Avram
Abby and Vitaly Vorobeychik on the birth of daughter, Lily Shayna
Monica and Adam Mosseri on the birth of their son, Blaise Emanuel Mosseri
Rachel and Marc Rochman on the birth of their daughter, Scarlett Eliana Rochman

CONDOLENCES TO OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE SUFFERED RECENT LOSSES

Leslie Friedman (Jonathan Clark) on the death of her uncle, Sterling Friedman
Martin and Edis Robinson on the death of their daughter, Susan Goltsman
Michael Kaiser (Larry Sanders) on the death of his mother, Jeanne Kaiser
Ron Blatman (Emerald Yeh) on the death of his mother, and
Benzi and Robbie Blatman on the death of their grandmother, Margaret Blatman
Randy Maycock (Karen Barton-Maycock) on the death of his mother, and Isaac Maycock on the death of his grandmother, Sally Ilene Comfort Maycock Voss
Susan Bach (Colin) on the death of her father, and Natasha
and Karl Bach on the death of their grandfather, Julian Toole
Cynthia Silverstein (Lloyd) on the death of her mother, and
Samuel and Eleanor Silverstein on the death of their grandmother, Harriet Barbanell
David Golden (Susan) on the death of his mother, and Amanda
and Jennifer Golden on the death of their mother, Rivoli Ann Golden
Sherri Sugarman (Charles) and Cindy Morris on the death of their aunt, Maxine Cohen Siegel
Dorothea Kaz (Kevin) on the death of her father, and Massimo Kaz on the death of his grandfather, Guido Baffico
Rob Wolfson (Tamara) on the death of his father, and Ayden
and Sophia Wolfson on the death of their grandfather, Blair Wolfson

NEW MEMBERS - Welcome!

Mr. Dario Avram ● Ms. Shulamit Kashy ● Ms. Hayley Kerstein, Mr. Salomon Kofman, Jonathan Kofman-Vanek, Ms. Sharon Vanek, Emma Kofman-Vanek ● Mrs. Lorie Rice ● Mr. Alan Roof ● Dr. Benjamin Rubin, Olivia Rubin, Ms. Diana Wong ● Ivan Chabra, Oona Chabra, Ms. Tara Siegel, Declan Chabra

REJOINED MEMBERS - Welcome Back!

Mrs. Deborah Kurland ● Mr. Adam Shane, Mrs. Tara Shane, Alexander Shane, Harper Shane ● Ms. Tal Yeshanov

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS ON THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr. Jill Einstein on being named Director of Physician Engagement for The Maven Project, linking volunteer physicians via telehealth technology to underserved patients and under-resourced communities
YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

One of our goals is to ensure that students learn about and hold onto their Jewish heritage. In order to reach the learning preferences of all children, we utilize a variety of methods and strategies. One of the elements that makes our program so special is our amazing art department, led by Judaic Arts Education Coordinator Ava Rosen. Ava provides our students and their families the opportunity to create real art pieces that can be displayed on their walls or used in their home rituals. In addition, most of our teachers include arts & crafts projects in their weekly lessons, and in the Joseph L. Portnoy Art Studio and in some family day sessions, the children produce special items that are meant to last. Through the creative process and the finished products, we hope that all of our congregant families’ lives and homes are enhanced and beautified.
We are a vibrant, sacred Jewish community that is dedicated to advancing our members’ lifelong involvement in Judaism through worship, learning, good deeds, and congregant to congregant connections.

Join us on Thursday, February 15, 7:00 – 9:00 pm and/or Friday, February 16, 6:00 pm, One Shabbat Service

Hear from Gilad Kariv, President and CEO of the Israel Movement for Reform and Progressive Judaism. Engage in a conversation about religious freedom and identity in the State of Israel; how do we fit in?