Back to School!

High Holy Days Preview
2018 - 5779

Fall Learning Programs

Elul Prayer Book
WELCOME BACK SHABBAT AND BARBECUE

Friday, August 24
6:00 pm One Shabbat Service
7:00 pm BBQ Dinner

Bring a friend to experience Shabbat at Emanu-El! Meet the clergy and catch up with fellow congregants while enjoying a barbecue dinner in our courtyard following the service. We look forward to kicking off another great year of spiritual togetherness and Jewish education with you!

Admission is free, but please register for this event online so we know to expect you.

HEADING HOME CAMPAIGN: WORKING TO REDUCE FAMILY HOMELESSNESS IN SAN FRANCISCO

As we approach the High Holy Days this year, members of Congregation Emanu-El can be especially proud of our role in reducing family homelessness in San Francisco. In 2016, San Francisco was facing its greatest family homeless crisis since the Great Depression. In response, Rabbi Ryan Bauer and the Tzedek Council announced during the 2016 High Holy Days that our congregation would take a leadership role in solving this problem by joining a public/private partnership initiative called the “Heading Home Campaign.” Emanu-El played a key role as a convener of the initiative, which involved a collaboration between the City and County of San Francisco, Hamilton Families, Salesforce, Airbnb, and the San Francisco Giants (organizations that include many of our congregants in leadership positions).

The Heading Home Campaign sought to (1) reduce the wait time for homeless families to receive services and (2) provide rapid rehousing for homeless families. The campaign recently announced that it had successfully raised $30 million and realized its goals in just one year’s time. The homeless housing wait time has been reduced from 400 days to 90 days, and 237 families have been successfully placed in permanent housing.

By partnering with Emanu-El, Hamilton Families was able to help these families transition out of homelessness. Between our Youth and Family Education program, the Preschool, and general members of Emanu-El, we sponsored over 75 families! Our Tel Aviv preschool class even sponsored a Hamilton family as a class project!

While we are extremely proud of our role in this important campaign and what we have accomplished, there is more work to be done. Stay tuned for more information about our next campaign!
THIS IS REAL AND YOU ARE COMPLETELY UNPREPARED

By Richard and Rhoda Goldman Senior Rabbi Beth Singer

Back in the days of “Classical Reform Judaism,” we only recognized a handful of Jewish holidays — the High Holy Days, Chanukah, Purim, and Passover — but along with an increased sense of security in both our Jewish and American identities, we’ve “discovered” many of the other Jewish sacred times, such as Selichot, Tisha B’Av, and Shavuot. You may or may not have heard of these holidays, but if they are still unfamiliar to you, read up on them! The Jewish calendar is an eternal cycle of agricultural, historical, and spiritually powerful observances, including the month of Elul, a tradition I had never learned about when I was a kid. Elul consists of 29 days of power and possibility leading up to the High Holy Days.

What I learned about the High Holy Days growing up was twofold: Rosh Hashanah, which included services, dinner guests, and of course apples and honey; and Yom Kippur, which mostly involved playing with my other Jewish friends while our parents fasted and prayed, although we did come in to services to hear the shofar blown and to attend the children’s service. Then, a week after the High Holy Days, was our trip to the rabbi’s open house to visit his sukkah. And a week after that, we marched with the Torah (no dancing, though; dancing was undignified). Back then, I didn’t know about the integral relationships between all of these fall season holidays, and I certainly never considered the month prior to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur as a time of preparation to deepen the High Holy Days experience. All I knew was that we called that period of time “August.”

Many of us seek spiritual growth through such disciplines as meditation, yoga, diet, and exercise — all paths toward a healthier, more peaceful life. But I also urge you to explore more deeply our own “homegrown” Jewish spiritual practices that, as my colleague Rabbi Aubrey Glazer notes, are “designed to sustain and improve the intellectual and spiritual potential within each of us, and to inspire us to act as agents of positive change in the world.”

This year, Elul starts on Saturday, August 11, and there are a couple of books I encourage you to read in preparation. In This is Real and You Are Completely Unprepared, author Rabbi Alan Lew (of blessed memory) illustrates with great eloquence the power and potential of Elul’s 29 days of deep intellectual, spiritual, and personal growth as we prepare to make the most out of the High Holy Days. In Preparing Your Heart for the High Holy Days, authors Rabbi Kerry Olitzky and Rabbi Rachel Sabath provide daily guided meditations and an easy way to stay attuned to each day in the month leading up to Rosh Hashanah.

Starting on the first Friday of Elul and continuing throughout the month, we will blow the shofar at each 6:00 pm Shabbat service — to call ourselves to the spiritual task of internal reckoning with God, with our relationships, and with our deepest selves. During this period, we will also pray from a special Elul Shabbat prayer book. Throughout the month of Elul, we are encouraged to study Torah, reach out to individual family and friends, nurture our relationships, meet with a rabbi (or two or three), and engage in social justice work that makes a true difference in the lives of others. Throughout the High Holy Days, books such as the two I mentioned can help us on our spiritual journeys. I also suggest that you peruse the pages of our new High Holy Day prayer book/machzor and even bring a journal to write in during services. It’s okay; you don’t always have to be on the same page as everyone else.

IT’S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME!

Our congregation is thrilled with the recent announcements of our new Director of Education, Lom Friedman, and of Early Childhood Education, Nika Greenberg. Lom comes to Emanu-El having served eight years as director of Camp Tawonga and six years as the Federation’s Jewish Teen Foundations director. Nika has been in our preschool community for the last 3 years, serving as Early Childhood Program Manager before being promoted to interim director and finally being promoted to director this past May.

Sunday, September 16 marks the start of our religious school year for all preschool through 12th grade students, sandwiched between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur; specific dates and times for each grade and program can be found on our website. You can register now (if you are a current member) by visiting your MyEmanu-El portal (https://congregationemanuel.magentrix.com/)

As a focus of our community, the Emanu-El religious school allows our students, of every age, to discover, to question, to take ownership of their own religious journey and find deep connections within our rich Jewish traditions and teachings. Remember that religious school lasts through 12th grade graduation/Confirmation! Stay tuned for more information about our upcoming Teen Accelerator Program.
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 x123.

Thank you to the following for co-sponsoring recent Oneg-Shabbat receptions:

Beatrice Cohen, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of grandson Shaia Saraf
Drs. Jonathan Fuchs and Larry Rand, in observance of the Yahrzeit of Gertrude Fuchs
Abby and Jason Porth, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Jonah Porth
Cherie Golant and Ron Gutierrez in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Rose Galant Gutierrez
Patsy Lurie, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Jack Hsieh
Stephan and Karen Zuercher, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Tobia Zuercher
Stacey and Andy Scott, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Nathan Scott
Sandi Bragar and Jerome Rossen, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Rossen
Shabir and Sarah Imber Safdar, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Moishe Ben Imber Safdar
Maddie and Larry Lesnick, in honor of the baby naming of Ariana Astrid Rose Roach
Joshua and Elizabeth Marx, in honor of the baby naming of Judah Jeremy Marx

SHABBAT CALENDAR

AUGUST

Friday, August 3
6:00 pm, Classic Shabbat Service
(Main Sanctuary)

Saturday, August 4
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service
(Main Sanctuary)

Friday, August 10
6:00 pm, One Shabbat Service
(Main Meyer Sanctuary)

Saturday, August 11
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service
(Main Meyer Sanctuary)

Friday, August 17
6:00 pm, One Shabbat Service
(Main Meyer Sanctuary)

Saturday, August 18
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service
(Main Meyer Sanctuary)

Friday, August 24
6:00 pm, One Shabbat Service
(Main Meyer Sanctuary)

Saturday, August 25
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service
(Main Sanctuary)

Friday, August 31
6:00 pm, One Shabbat Service
(Main Meyer Sanctuary)
Tauber Anshei Mitzvah (Adult B’nei Mitzvah) Program

Sunday mornings (starting Sunday, October 14 and running through Spring 2020), Temple Emanu-El, 4th Floor Library
Cost: $360 (members only)

Congregation Emanu-El is thrilled to offer the Tauber Anshei Mitzvah, our adult bar/bat mitzvah training program. This 18-month program will conclude with a meaningful group b’nei mitzvah service. Content will include practical Torah/Haftarah chanting skills, as well as continued academic study and enrichment with our cantors and rabbis.

Students are not required to know the Alef-Bet before entering the class, although it would be helpful. Cantors Attie and Luck will help you learn as you go. We can also recommend fantastic Hebrew tutors should you wish to speed up the process.

Hebrew: Decoding the Alef-Bet with Cantor Marsha Attie

Sundays, September 16 and 23, 9:30 – 11:15 am
Cost: $18 for members, $36 for nonmembers

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. This is great preparation for the Tauber Anshei Mitzvah program as well.

There is a Poet in Everyone—Even You: The Cento Patchwork Poetry Workshop

Taught by Rabbi Stephen S. Pearce
Tuesday evenings, October 16, 23, 30 and November 6, 13, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Cost: $36 for members, $54 for nonmembers

Rabbi Stephen S. Pearce, Taube Emanu-El Scholar, will teach a workshop for the poet in everyone, even the unknown poets among us. That statement might seem odd, but each of us IS a poet, even if we’ve never written a poem, never understood poetry, or always found poetry intimidating. Rabbi Pearce’s poetry workshop will introduce inexperienced, novice, and skilled writers alike to the type of poetry that virtually writes itself — often called found, verbatim, or appropriated poetry.

This traditional literary device known as a Cento, which dates back to the 3rd or 4th century, creates the new meaning from previously written texts! Words, phrases, and sometimes entire passages are taken from other sources and then reframed into a new poem. Think of it as the literary equivalent of a collage. By recycling previously written verses, text is given a new context, pretext, and meaning.

Try your hand at writing a Cento or just enjoy the creations of the other workshop participants. Some of these poems will appear in the Temple Chronicle at a later date. Please bring a favorite (short) poem to share with participants!

Pre-registration is required for all of our featured Adult Education courses. To learn more, visit www.emanuelsf.org/learning/adult-education or contact Ariana Estoque, Director of Adolescent and Adult Education, at (415) 751-2541 x307 or aestoque@emanuelsf.org.
**FALL 2018**

**Jewish Poets of Broadway: A Tribute to Musical Theatre’s Most Gifted Lyricists**
Taught by Musical Theatre Maven Bonnie Weiss

**Tuesday evenings, October 16, 23, 30, and November 6, 7:00 – 9:00 pm**

Cost: $36 for members, $54 for nonmembers

We will explore the rich thought, feeling, wit, and whimsy of some of musical theatre’s most acclaimed and under-appreciated word wizards. And we’ll learn why over 70% of these lyricists were Jews!

In this course, we’ll focus on six verbal virtuosos: Lorenz Hart, Ira Gershwin, Yip Harburg, Dorothy Fields, Sheldon Harnick, and Oscar Hammerstein. We’ll also look at how these artists expressed their experiences and concerns about the Jewish experience in America through their work.

**How to Read the Bible: Bridging the Gap between Ourselves and Our Inherited Texts**
Taught by Lehrhaus Judaica’s new Executive Director, Rabbi Jeremy Morrison

**Tuesday evenings, October 16, 23, 30, and November 6, 7:00 – 9:00 pm**

For many readers today, the Bible often feels impenetrable and outdated, principally because of the manner in which Jewish texts have been taught in religious schools for generations. This course will explore methods of reading sacred texts that are central to liberal Judaism’s orientation but not frequently utilized in a synagogue setting. We will discuss myth and metaphor and the Bible’s literary history to uncover the ancient meanings of several of the Bible’s classic narratives, as well as its laws and codes, and we will explore their relevance to contemporary Jews and the world in which we live.

**Cheshvan Yoga: Yoga for Rest**

**Fridays Noon - 1:15 pm**
**Oct 19, 26; Nov 2, 9, 16**

Members $36; Nonmembers $54

Prepare for Shabbat on all levels of being in this Friday lunchtime weekly series during the month of Cheshvan, the Hebrew month of rest! Integrate mind, body, heart, and spirit and cultivate the quality of rest (menuchah) in a gentle yoga and movement practice rooted in Jewish mystical teachings about Shabbat. This course will be taught by Julie Emden, founder and director of Embodied Jewish Learning.

**Raising a Jewish Child – A Scaffolding for Independence and Responsibility with Rabbi Stephen Pearce**

**Sunday mornings, Beit Midrash**
**October 7, 14, 21, 28, 9:30 – 11:15 am**

FREE, drop-ins welcome

Utilizing both rabbinic education and a doctorate in psychology, Taube Emanu-El Scholar Rabbi Pearce will engage parents by drawing on Jewish wisdom and psychological insights to guide them in raising their children.

This four-week course will focus on mitzvot, the Jewish action standards of kehilah—community; sh’lom bayit—domestic tranquility that nurtures a peaceful home; hachnasat orchim—hospitality to strangers; tzedakah—righteous giving; Talmud Torah—Jewish learning; bikur holim—visiting the sick; g’milut hasidim—acts of kindness; neemanut—faithfulness; chesed—benevolent goodness; tikkun olam—perfecting a broken world; and teshuvah—forgiveness. In addition, classes will also focus on discussing God, prayer, self-esteem, coping skills, dealing with disappointment, encouraging independence as well as over and under parenting.

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• FIND MEANING
• EXPERIENCE RENEWAL
• BUILD JEWISH COMMUNITY

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EMANU-EL SF
**High Holy Days**

Soon shofars will be sounding in our sanctuaries, on Baker Beach and in the courtyard as we hear the call to welcome in a new year of hope, of meaning, of rebalance and renewal.

On these pages you will find gateways to connect to these powerful and sacred days of awe.

Bring your loved ones and friends and come to join in the diverse, engaging services and spiritual opportunities Emanu-El offers as we all heed that ancient and ever relevant call to hope and renewal.

Shanah Tovah U’Metuka

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**Classic Service:**
Cantor Luck leads a majestic musical ensemble including strings, clarinet, choir, and keyboards, creating a deeply emotional, uplifting and contemplative experience.

**Contemporary Service:**
Cantor Attie and her musicians lead soulful, spirited, participatory, warm and prayerful services.

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**Rosh Hashanah**

**Erev Rosh Hashanah**
**Sunday, September 9**

5:00 pm - *Family Service, Martin Meyer Sanctuary*
One hour worship, led in a participatory, educational style by our clergy and musicians. Appropriate for children under age 5 and open to the community.

NO ONE PASS OR TICKET REQUIRED

6:00 pm - *Classic Service, Main Sanctuary*
Led by Rabbis Carla Fenves and Jason Rodich.
Sermon by Senior Rabbi Beth Singer.
Music: Cantor Arik Luck, the Emanu-El Choir and organist.

8:30 pm - *Contemporary Service, Main Sanctuary*
Led by Senior Rabbi Jonathan Singer and Rabbi Ryan Bauer.
Sermon by Senior Rabbi Beth Singer.
Music: Cantor Marsha Attie and accompanists.

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**Rosh Hashanah Day**
**Monday, September 10**

9:00 am - *Classic Service, Main Sanctuary*
Led by Senior Rabbi Jonathan Singer and Rabbi Sydney Mintz.
Sermon by Rabbi Ryan Bauer.
Music: Cantor Arik Luck, the Emanu-El Choir and organist.

10:00 am - *Service for families with children ages 5 and under, Martin Meyer Sanctuary*
Led by clergy.
Music: Cantor Marsha Attie and accompanists.

NO ONE PASS OR TICKET REQUIRED

11:45 am - *Contemporary Service, Main Sanctuary*
Led by Senior Rabbi Beth Singer and Rabbi Carla Fenves.
Sermon by Rabbi Jason Rodich.
Music: Cantor Marsha Attie and accompanists.

2:30 pm - *Service for families with children ages 5-10, Main Sanctuary*
Led by Emanu-El clergy.
Music: Cantor Marsha Attie and musician Jonathan Ferris.

NO ONE PASS OR TICKET REQUIRED

3:30 pm - *Community Service led by our Teens, Main Sanctuary*
Come and be inspired by the music, communal singing, and commentaries created and led by our teens.
With Cantor Marsha Attie and accompanist.

NO ONE PASS OR TICKET REQUIRED

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**Tashlich**

5:00 pm - *Baker Beach*
As instructed by the Prophet Micah, we gather to throw breadcrumbs into the water on Rosh Hashanah afternoon. This ceremony is called Tashlich and represents a symbolic casting away of the transgressions of the past year. Dress casually (and warmly), bring some breadcrumbs and join us for this meaningful ceremony of song and personal reflection.
Led by Emanu-El clergy and musicians.

NO ONE PASS OR TICKET REQUIRED
2ND DAY ROSSHASHANAH  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11  
9:30 am, Reuben Rinder Chapel  
A quiet, meditative, acoustic service led by Senior Rabbi Jonathan Singer and Rabbi Ryan Bauer.  
NO ONE PASS OR TICKET REQUIRED

HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES  
OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY  
NO ONE PASS OR TICKET REQUIRED

ON EREV ROSSHASHANAH  
Family Service 5:00 pm  
Martin Meyer Sanctuary

ON ROSSHASHANAH  
Family Service with children ages 5 and under 10:00 am  
Martin Meyer Sanctuary  
Family Service with children ages 5-10 2:30 pm  
Main Sanctuary  
Community Service led by our teens 3:30 pm  
Main Sanctuary  
Tashlich 5:00 pm  
Baker Beach

ON KOL NIDRE  
Family Service 5:00 pm  
Martin Meyer Sanctuary

ON YOM KIPPUR  
Family Service with children ages 5 and under 10:00 am  
Martin Meyer Sanctuary  
Program on Homeless Youth 1:00 pm  
Reuben Rinder Chapel  
Reflection and Renewal in the Redwoods 2:15 pm  
Meet at front gate  
Afternoon Service 2:30 pm  
Martin Meyer Sanctuary  
Community Service led by our teens 3:30 pm  
Main Sanctuary  
Guided Meditation 4:00 pm  
Guild Hall. No latecomers admitted.  
Healing Service 4:00 pm  
Reuben Rinder Chapel

STUDY SESSIONS, TASTE OF TAUBER*  
Yom Kippur 10:00 am and 11:30 am  
Guild Hall  
* A program of the Madeleine Haas Russell Institute of Jewish Learning

YOM KIPPUR

KOL NIDRE  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18  
5:00 pm - Family Service, Martin Meyer Sanctuary  
One hour worship, led in a participatory, educational style by our clergy and musicians. Appropriate for children under age 5 and open to the community.  
NO ONE PASS OR TICKET REQUIRED  
6:00 pm - Classic Service, Main Sanctuary  
Led by Senior Rabbi Beth Singer and Rabbi Carla Fenves. Sermon by Senior Rabbi Jonathan Singer.  
Music: Cantor Arik Luck, the Emanu-El Choir and organist.  
8:30 pm - Contemporary Service, Main Sanctuary  
Music: Cantor Marsha Attie and accompanists.

YOM KIPPUR DAY - STAY THE DAY AND PRAY  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19  
9:00 am - Classic Service, Main Sanctuary  
Led by Senior Rabbi Beth Singer.  
Sermon by Rabbi Ryan Bauer.  
Music: Cantor Arik Luck, the Emanu-El Choir and organist.  
10:00 am - Service for families with children ages 5 and under  
Martin Meyer Sanctuary  
Led by clergy.  
Music: Cantor Marsha Attie and accompanists.  
NO ONE PASS OR TICKET REQUIRED  
10:00 am - Taste of Tauber* Study Session, Guild Hall  
High Holy Day Learning with Rabbi Lawrence Kushner.  
Malicious talk / L’shon ha-ra / Maimonides on the laws governing speech.  
NO ONE PASS OR TICKET REQUIRED  
11:30 am - Taste of Tauber* Study Session, Guild Hall  
High Holy Day Learning with Taube Emanu-El Scholar Rabbi Stephen Pearce: What Is Your Story?  
Muriel Ruykeser advised, “The world is not made of atoms. It is made of stories.” Accounts from our formative years, called “charter narratives” exert influence in such a way that they take on lives of their own. Charter narratives can elevate or use up our future because they most often shape who we are, even though often people do not realize how a formative episode is responsible for future character. This workshop will provide an opportunity to explore the power of charter narratives to help participants reach back in time to explore such significant episodes at this self-reflective time of the year.  
NO ONE PASS OR TICKET REQUIRED  

*Taste of Tauber is a program of the Madeleine Haas Russell Institute of Jewish Learning.
YOM KIPPUR DAY - STAY THE DAY AND PRAY, CONTINUED
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
11:45 am - Contemporary Service, Main Sanctuary
Led by Senior Rabbi Beth Singer and Rabbi Ryan Bauer.
Sermon by Rabbi Carla Fenves.
Music: Cantor Marsha Attie and accompanists.

NO ONE PASS OR TICKET REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING SERVICES
1:00 pm Homeless Youth in San Francisco, Reuben Rinder Chapel
1300 young people in San Francisco, ages 12-24, will not have a safe place to sleep tonight. The Emanu-El Tzedek Council is committed to making a specific impact in San Francisco’s efforts to support these young people in becoming independent, self-sufficient adults. Please join us for a special opportunity to hear directly from young people who have experienced homelessness in San Francisco, experts who will share important research and opportunities to directly participate in solutions, and Rabbi Rodich who will ground our learning in Jewish tradition connected to our Yom Kippur observance.

2:15 pm - Reflection & Renewal In the Redwoods:
Prayer, Meditation and Music with Rabbi Sydney Mintz
Meet at front gate to walk to the Presidio

2:30 pm - Afternoon Service, Martin Meyer Sanctuary
Led by Senior Rabbi Jonathan Singer.
Music: Cantor Arik Luck.
3:30 pm - Community Service led by our teens, Main Sanctuary
Come and be inspired by the music, communal singing, and commentaries created and led by our teens. With Cantor Marsha Attie and accompanist.

4:00 pm - Meditation, Guild Hall
Led by Rabbi Ryan Bauer. No latecomers admitted.
4:00 pm - Healing Service, Reuben Rinder Chapel
Led by Senior Rabbi Beth Singer.

YIZKOR AND NEILAH CONCLUDING WORSHIP
A memorial service called Yizkor (Remembrance) is recited near the conclusion of Yom Kippur. It is said by every person who has lost a parent or other loved ones.

Neilah, the full name is Ne’illat She’arim (Closing of the Gates) referring to the daily closing of the Temple gates in Jerusalem, follows Yizkor. On Yom Kippur, this literal closing is symbolically associated with the closing of the heavenly gates that remained open to prayer until sunset. If you wish to wait until the Yizkor service concludes, you may enter the sanctuary at the beginning of Neilah.

5:30 pm - Classic Yizkor and Neilah Services, Main Sanctuary
Led by Senior Rabbis Jonathan and Beth Singer.
Sermon by Rabbi Ryan Bauer.
Music: Cantor Arik Luck, the Emanu-El Choir and organist.

5:30 pm - Contemporary Yizkor and Neilah Services
Martin Meyer Sanctuary
Led by Rabbis Carla Fenves and Jason Rodich.
Sermon by Rabbi Sydney Mintz.
Music: Cantor Marsha Attie and accompanists.

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Havdalah and Break the Fast following Neilah

SELICHOT
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 1,
MARTIN MEYER SANCTUARY
PERFORMANCE: ARISE MY BELOVED AND GO FORTH - EMPOWERING PEOPLE TO DO GOOD IN THE WORLD.

About Jewish Women’s Theatre
In the fall of 2008, Jewish Women’s Theatre debuted in the backyard of a home in California with the expressed purpose of giving voice to Jewish women on stage. Until then, no theater company in America had pledged to welcome and encourage contemporary stories by Jewish women and to adapt them theatrically, giving them life in front of a live audience. “We are a people of the book,” we reasoned. “What if we focused on the word, the text, the story? What if we revived the age-old tradition of salons: women hosting culture of the day in their homes?” Sparing the expense of a theater, sets, costumes, and props meant we could fully focus on presenting powerful stories in unexpected and convenient venues, reaching many more local neighborhoods.

6:30 pm Oneg (Martin Meyer Reception) • 7:00 pm Performance (Main Sanctuary) • 8:15 pm Selichot Service (Main Sanctuary)

NO ONE PASS OR TICKET REQUIRED

PLEASE NOTE: ALL PASSES FOR HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES ARE NON-TRANSFERABLE.
SUkkot
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
Celebrate Sukkot at the Temple with a festive outdoor service at 5:30 pm on Sunday, September 23 followed by dinner in the courtyard. Reservations are required for the dinner; please log in to the MyEmanu-El portal at the top right of our website to register. Please log in to the MyEmanu-El portal at the top right of our website to register.
Throughout Sukkot, bring a lunch or dinner, come sit in the sukkah and shake the lulav.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
Breakfast at 8:30 am
Sukkot service at 9:15 am

YIZKOR SERVICE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
Breakfast at 8:30 am
Yizkor service at 9:15 am

SIMCHAT TORAH
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
6:00 pm, Guild Hall
Join us as we mark the conclusion of the annual cycle of public Torah readings, and the beginning of a new cycle!
This joyful and festive occasion includes a light dinner and dancing and singing with the Torah, and is a perfect celebration for the whole family. Please log in to the MyEmanu-El portal at the top right of our website to register so we know how much food to order.

ONE PASS
With your One Pass, you may attend any service. You will need to show your One Pass for all services except those that indicate “No One Pass or ticket required” or “Open to the Community.” Students are welcome to come showing their school IDs; no passes needed.
Please note: All Passes for High Holy Day services are non-transferable.

SECURITY
For the protection of everyone, security personnel reserve the right to inspect all purses and packages and check identification. In the interest of time, please bring only what you will need during the service. Allow extra time to pass through the security lines.

QUESTIONS
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE HIGH HOLY DAYS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR HIGH HOLY DAYS OFFICE AT (415) 751-2541 X138 OR EMAIL HHD@EMANUELSF.ORG.

PARKING CHANGES
Due to the steep decline in use, the Presidio parking and shuttle service to the Temple has been discontinued. For seniors and disabled members residing in San Francisco, we offer transportation for the 6:00 pm Classic Erev Rosh Hashanah service on Sunday, September 9, the 6:00 pm Classic Kol Nidre service on Tuesday, September 18 and the 5:30 pm Yizkor service on Wednesday, September 19, at a heavily subsidized price. Our transportation provider is SilverRide, a company that specializes in transportation for older adults.
Reservations for the subsidized SilverRide service can be made through the Temple, and the firm deadline is Friday, August 17. To reserve and pay, please log in to the MyEmanu-El portal at the top right of our website or contact Director of Member Services Terry Kraus, membership@emanuelsf.org or (415) 750-7552. The cost is $25 per person for each round trip.
If you would like to look for street parking around the Temple, we have obtained waivers of time limits and street cleaning for both sides of the following streets:
Lake from Arguello to 4th Ave.
2nd Ave., 3rd Ave. and 4th Ave. from Lake to California
Arguello from Jackson to California
Sacramento, Clay, Washington and Jackson from Arguello to Spruce
Cherry, Maple and Spruce from Jackson to Sacramento

CHILD CARE
Child care is offered during the morning services on both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, from 2:00 – 5:00 pm on Yom Kippur afternoon, and during Yizkor and Neilah. There is no evening child care. Child care is for children 2 - 10 years old. A form must be submitted in advance to enroll your child(ren) for child care.
Please log in to the MyEmanu-El portal at the top right of our website to find the form.
If you choose to bring a young child to the Classic or Contemporary services, please be sure that your child is able to sit through the entire service (approximately two hours) so as not to disturb other worshippers. Otherwise, please register for child care when offered, or make other arrangements. A donation of $10 per child is suggested for child care/per service.

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DAYTIME PROGRAMS AT THE TEMPLE

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

All Daytime Events listed are at Temple Emanu-El

Cooking for Congregants
Thursdays, August 2, 9, 23, 9:00 – 11:00 am, 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. August 13 and September 17, 10:00 am – Noon
Join this free and friendly group that meets monthly to share stories on assigned themes — for example, “Your Relationship with Israel,” “Treasured Objects,” or “Your Greatest Accomplishments.” This is an opportunity for self-reflection and the chance to tell your unique story while also getting to know other members of our congregation. No writing experience is necessary! For more information, contact the group facilitator Nancy Alpert, LCSW at nalpo@igc.org.

Scrabble
No charge; drop in; all ages and experience levels welcomed. Mondays, August 6, 13, 20, 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. Rinder Chapel Tuesday afternoons, August 7, 21, 1:30 – 4:30 pm Tuesday evenings, August 14, 28, 6:00 – 9:00 pm
These sessions are for play time only, no teaching. So if you’re an experienced Mah Jongg player, come join us!

Bridge Club – Lessons and Game
Drop in; Cost: $15 for members, $20 for friends of members. Tuesdays in September, 10:00 am – Noon
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.

CONGREGANT GROUPS & GATHERINGS

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

MISHPACHA
Programs for families with children ages 0-5.

Got Shabbat?
Saturday, August 25, 10:15 – 11:30 am, Martin Meyer Sanctuary
Families with young children (birth to 5 years old) are invited to join Mimi Greisman, Early Childhood and Family Educator, in celebrating Shabbat with family and friends. Activities will include a Torah parade, songs, musical instruments, fun toys, Shabbat stories, a puppet show, parachute, and bubbles! Plus a light nosh!

Baby Groups on Mondays and Fridays
Drop in with your little ones (birth to 2 years) and spend time with other parents. Join us as we prepare to welcome Shabbat on Fridays and celebrate Havdalah on Mondays. Enjoy music, stories, puppets, and more with Early Childhood Educator Mimi Greisman! Take advantage of a wonderful opportunity to connect with other parents and create lasting friendships.
Cost: No charge for members; $10/session for nonmembers (first session free)

Mazel Tots!
Mondays throughout the year, 9:30 – 11:00 am, Martin Meyer Sanctuary
Note: There will be no session on August 10.

Bagels and Babies
Fridays throughout the year, 9:30 – 11:00 am, Martin Meyer Sanctuary
Note: There will be no session on August 6.
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. Please 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.

**THE TRIBE FOR WOMEN**
The Tribe for Women is for moms with children ages 0–18.

**Sonoma Gathering**
*Saturday, August 18, 10:00 am – 10:00 pm*
Please join us for a special Tribe for Women gathering at a congregant’s home near Healdsburg (75 to 90 minutes from San Francisco) in Sonoma County for a day of relaxation, wine-tasting, and other fun activities! If you are interested in joining us, please contact Rachel Schonwitter at rschonwitter@emanuelsf.org, and she will connect you with the host!

**THE TRIBE FOR MEN**
A group of active and committed Emanu-El dads ages 30–50 with children ages 0–12, regardless of gender and/or sexual identity.

**The Tribe’s Annual Summer Camping Trip**
*Friday, August 17 – Sunday, August 19, Bort Meadow at Anthony Chabot Regional Park, Oakland*
Cost: $136/family
Join the Tribe for Men’s fourth annual camping trip!
Rabbi Bauer and Cantor Luck welcome you to our annual camping trip when Emanu-El kids (3+ recommended) and their dads enjoy nature and a weekend of fun camp activities. This summer our guitar playing, queso and s’more-making extravaganza will take place in the East Bay at the Bort Meadow campground in Anthony Chabot Regional Park. All meals are included in the cost per family. Information on what to pack and the weekend itinerary will be available after registration.

Stay tuned to future editions of the Chronicle for information on our:
- Women’s Group (gatherings throughout the year for all adult women of Congregation Emanu-El)
- Interfaith Group (gatherings for Emanu-El Interfaith members and families)
- Men’s Group (group for Emanu-El men focused on Torah Study and socializing)

**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/

**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.

**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.

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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.

NEW DAYTIME OFFERING:
Cheshvan Yoga: Yoga for Rest
Fridays Noon - 1:15 pm
Oct 19, 26; Nov 2, 9, 16
Members $36; Nonmembers $54
Prepare for Shabbat on all levels of being in this Friday lunchtime weekly series during the month of Cheshvan, the Hebrew month of rest! Integrate mind, body, heart, and spirit and cultivate the quality of rest (menuchah) in a gentle yoga and movement practice rooted in Jewish mystical teachings about Shabbat. This course will be taught by Julie Emden, founder and director of Embodied Jewish Learning.

Your child’s religious school education does NOT end with the bnei mitzvah, in fact, it is truly just beginning.
We want YOUR TEEN to be an Emanu-El Fellow!
CALLING ALL 8TH – 12TH GRADE STUDENTS FOR OUR TEMPLE EMANU-EL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM (TEF)
Sundays from 10:30 am – 12:00 pm, brunch included
TEF is a five-year program where our teens explore their Jewish identity, tradition, and history. They are challenged with contemporary ethical considerations through group study as well as service learning. Students reflect on their Jewish legacy in order to shape their future. The goal of TEF is to produce tomorrow’s Jewish leaders: dedicated and well informed individuals, prepared to encounter a modern, diverse society through a Jewish ethical lens.

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 Talia Rothman in the Development Department at trothman@emanuelsf.org or (415) 750-7554.
“Make for yourself a mentor, acquire for yourself a friend and judge every person as meritorious.” — Pirkei Avot 1:6

What is the purpose of the summer break from school? We used to think this vacation time originated from the need for child labor on family farms during the sunniest time of the year. But further research has revealed that summer break arose in response to the majority population shift that occurred in America in the 20th century — from rural areas to urban centers, where classrooms were too uncomfortably hot in summertime for both students and teachers. (Obviously, the research study did not include a visit to San Francisco during the summer!) Nowadays, everyone — including teachers, families, and students — recognizes the academic, social, and personal benefits of summer vacation. This doesn’t mean that learning has to stop during the longest days of the year. Rather, summertime activities — summer camps (both overnight and day programs), family trips, and even less structured time — can all serve to stimulate our brains and spirits in different (yet important) ways. Unfortunately, parent schedules don’t always adjust to school closures so easily! While kids are cheering “School’s out for summer!,” parents are struggling to make sure they have each week’s schedule covered, between play dates, carpools, day camps, and trips to see grandparents. But beyond these logistics, it is wise to slow down and appreciate what type of learning can happen over the summer.

Rabbi Arthur Lelyveld was the senior rabbi at my childhood synagogue (Fairmount Temple in Beachwood, Ohio), although he’s more well known for having met with President Truman in the 1940s to move him to recognize the State of Israel, for his civil rights work in Mississippi in the 1960s registering black voters, and for serving as guest chaplain for the U.S. House of Representatives. As a Sunday school student and bar mitzvah, I was not aware of my rabbi’s superstar credentials! But I always knew we could expect him to address the entire student body on the last day of school in a large Sunday program like Emanu-El’s. Every year he would send us off for the summer with “homework” as he instructed us to “read a new book, sing a new song, and make a new friend.” Our families took his words to heart! As the weeks of July and August swam by, my parents would check in on Rabbi Lelyveld’s three assignments in a way that was both playful and encouraging. And Jewish summer camp was especially helpful in accomplishing the second and third assignments.

In my first weeks here at Emanu-El, the building has been a little quieter than usual, but we are as busy as ever reflecting on the past year and building and brainstorming for the start of the next school year. With all of the creative programs offered for every grade, I’ve had plenty to read! But if parents are looking for any recommendations, I suggest The Blue Mountain by Meir Shalev (a novel about early kibbutzniks in Israel) and A Whole New Mind by Daniel Pink. And if you’re looking for a new song, I invite you to join us on Friday night! The music rising out of the Martin Meyer Sanctuary reminds me that Shabbat has begun; it pulls me away from the computer to start the weekend on the right foot. As for new friends, I’m having a wonderful time meeting everyone I can in this new home and community. On that note, please do not hesitate to knock on my door or send me an email at lfriedman@emanuelsf.org.

Have a wonderful summer and we’ll see you soon!

Lom Friedman
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Susan Rothenberg (Alan) on the death of her cousin, Jeremy Safran

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Jane Graham on the death of her husband, and Joan Titus on the death of her brother-in-law, Philip Graham

Jenna Satovsky on receiving The Frederick S. Nathan Judaica Award presented annually by Brandeis Hillel Day School to an 8th grade student.

Deborah Newbrun, Senior Jewish Educator and Director Emeritus at Camp Tawonga, on being named one of three exceptional Jewish educators in the United States to receive a 2018 Covenant Foundation Award.

Rachel Levin, a food and travel writer, contributing writer to San Francisco magazine, and restaurant critic for Eater.com, on the publication of her book Look Big about how to survive encounters with animals.

Tad Taube on being awarded an honorary doctorate degree by Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland, for being the founding benefactor of the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews and the Jewish Heritage Initiative in Poland.

Maribelle and Stephen Leavitt, Phyllis Moldaw, and Roselyne Swig on being honored by the Contemporary Jewish Museum for their longtime support, at Illuminate, the museum’s 10th anniversary celebration.

Jonathan Fuchs, MD, on being promoted to full professor at the University of California, San Francisco.

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YOU SPOKE, WE LISTENED:
UPDATE ON THE URJ CONGREGATIONAL BENCHMARKING AND ASSESSMENT PROJECT

We know that Emanu-El operates best when our members help steer our direction, which is why we sent out a request for feedback in February; we wanted to hear from you! At the beginning of this year we embarked on a new project with the Union for Reform Judaism to implement a “congregational benchmarking and assessment project giving congregations the opportunity to take an inward look in a way that is consistent with other congregations, provides a basis for comparison with congregations of similar demographics, and empowers them to act upon the data.” We collected responses earlier this year from over 500 Emanu-El congregant households, and we’re now comparing them to the responses from 100 other congregations across the country that also participated in this project.

As we continue to analyze the results, here are a few intriguing data points:

Where we excelled:

• When looking at all 100 congregations, we ranked in the top decile for the question: “What is your perception of the quality and strength of our synagogue’s programs compared to those offered by other local synagogues, JCCs, or other Jewish organizations?” In addition, 75% of our survey respondents feel that our program offerings are stronger (or much stronger) than those of other local synagogues, JCCs, or other Jewish organizations.

Where we are on target:

• The responses show that we are effective in helping congregants develop a deeper sense of belonging to a community and feel part of something larger than themselves. When comparing our data to others, we ranked higher than other large (1,000+ member) urban congregations in the west (excluding Los Angeles) and on par with the overall average. When compared to other large synagogues, our congregants are more likely to recommend Emanu-El to their peers.

• Over 63% of respondents agreed (or strongly agreed) that our synagogue has supported or inspired members to be more involved in the area of social justice.

How else can we grow?

• Your responses illuminated two areas for improvement: making sure that our congregants feel they can influence decisions made by the synagogue, and becoming more transparent with our finances.

Thank you to all who took the time to fill out this survey. We will continue to learn from the quantitative data and open-ended responses. Please keep an eye out for how we plan to utilize this information to improve your experience at Congregation Emanu-El in the coming months.
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.

ELUL PRAYER BOOK

Throughout the month of Elul (starting August 10 and running through September 7) — in preparation for the High Holy Days — our weekly Friday night services will be conducted with this special prayer book!