HAVURAH REUBEN CONFIRMATION CLASS
5779/2019

MAY 22 2ND ANNUAL Annual Lag Ba’Omer

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JUNE 28 Pride SHABBAT
Shabbat Calendar

MAY

Friday, May 3
5:30 pm, First Friday Under Five
Shabbat Service
(Martin Meyer Sanctuary)
6:00 pm, Classic Shabbat Service
- honoring Rabbi Lawrence Kushner
(Main Sanctuary)

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

Friday, May 10
6:00 pm, One Shabbat Service
(Martin Meyer Sanctuary)
8:30 pm, Young Adult Late Shabbat Service
(Martin Meyer Sanctuary)

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

Friday, May 17
6:00 pm, One Shabbat Service
- Confirmation (Martin Meyer Sanctuary)

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

Friday, May 24
6:00 pm, One Shabbat Service
(Martin Meyer Sanctuary)

Saturday, May 25
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service
(Martin Meyer Sanctuary)
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service
(Main Sanctuary)

Friday, May 31
6:00 pm, One Shabbat Service
(Martin Meyer Sanctuary)

JUNE

Saturday, June 1
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service
(Main Meyer Sanctuary)

Friday, June 7
5:30 pm, First Friday Under Five Shabbat Service
(Martin Meyer Sanctuary)
6:00 pm, Classic Shabbat Service
(Main Sanctuary)

Saturday, June 8
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service
(Main Sanctuary)
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service
(Main Sanctuary)

Saturday, June 15
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service
(Main Sanctuary)
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service
(Main Meyer Sanctuary)

Saturday, June 22
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service
(Martin Meyer Sanctuary)
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service
(Main Sanctuary)

Friday, June 28
6:00 pm, Pride Shabbat - with guest speaker Tyler Gregory,
Executive Director of A Wider Bridge
(Martin Meyer Sanctuary)

Saturday, June 29
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service
(Chapel)

JULY

Friday, July 5
5:30 pm, First Friday Under Five Shabbat Service
(Martin Meyer Sanctuary)
6:00 pm, Classic Shabbat Service
(Main Sanctuary)

Saturday, July 6
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service
(Chapel)

Friday, July 12
6:00 pm, One Shabbat Service
(Martin Meyer Sanctuary)
8:30 pm, Young Adult Late Shabbat Service
(Martin Meyer Sanctuary)

Saturday, July 13
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service
(Chapel)

Friday, July 19
6:00 pm, One Shabbat Service
(Martin Meyer Sanctuary)

Saturday, July 20
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service
(Chapel)

Friday, July 26
6:00 pm, One Shabbat Service
(Martin Meyer Sanctuary)

Saturday, July 27
10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service
(Chapel)

Join us Shabbat mornings in July for minyan services. This month, when there are no B’nei Mitzvah our clergy will be able to teach, lead meditation and engage you in prayer and Torah discussions that will open the service up to learners and experienced daveners alike.

What a great way to embrace spirituality in the summer!
Join us from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Sponsor an Oneg Shabbat

Sponsoring an Oneg-Shabbat for Friday evening is a lovely way to honor or remember a loved one or to celebrate a Simcha. When you sponsor an Oneg-Shabbat, you help us welcome Shabbat with the warmth and community that are characteristic of our congregation. For more details, please contact Svetlana Leykin at sleykin@emanuelsf.org or (415) 751-2541 x123.
AH... MAY! MY FAVORITE OF ALL MONTHS, WITH ITS BEAUTIFUL LIGHT-FILLED, LENGTHY DAYS AND PLETHORA OF BLOSSOMS. The great flurry of culmination celebrations before the calm of summer: the end of the school year, graduations, Mother’s Day (a personal favorite), Memorial Day weekend, and major league baseball. We pack a lot into this month! My youngest offspring graduates college this May, and my daughter will be ordained as a Rabbi next May. On Friday, May 17 at 6:00 pm, our Emanu-El 12th-graders will lead us in a beautiful graduation Shabbat ceremony. If you have not attended in the past, mark your calendar and join us! The fruits of our Jewish educational labors blossom in May, and this service gives us hope for the future of our people.

Then on to summer when the goal is to slow everything down. Take time off, travel, go to the beach. While we never “close,” during the summer, Emanu-El does take a break from the relentless pace of our diverse and vibrant programming opportunities. We continue to hold services throughout the summer — every Friday night at 6:00 pm and Shabbat mornings at 10:30 am — as well as offer Torah study every Shabbat morning at 9:15 am. When you’re in town, please join us. Our services are relatively short; filled with music, tradition, and innovation; and (usually!) include an inspiring message from the Torah. Our services are a perfect way to frame your weekend.

Additionally, because we all tend to spend less time expressing our Jewish identity at Temple during the summer, it’s a great time to inventory what makes our homes Jewish homes. Your home can be a mini-temple and a center for building Jewish expressiveness, and we are here to help with that. Please let us know if you need assistance in affixing a mezuzah or a recommendation for a few good books to build your Jewish library (for example, *The Golem and the Jinni* by Helene Wecker makes for a fun summer fiction read). There are endless variations on ways to experience Shabbat in your own home. Many of you already have your own Shabbat practice, but if not, start by simply having two Shabbat candles at the ready for Friday nights (pick them up at the local grocery store or online). Select your wine or non-alcoholic fruit of the vine. Make or buy a challah. Invite a friend, or several friends, to your home. Organize a Shabbat potluck at home, or in a park. Change your Friday night or Saturday routine. Why?

**Shabbat is a GIFT provided by our Jewish tradition, and there are a million ways to practice it that result in a deeper sense of wellbeing, connection, and spirituality.**

Not religious? No problem. You can still celebrate a day of rest by including an intentional nap and some outdoor time on Saturdays. It’s always great to see you at Temple, but there is so much you can do at home. Our eight Rabbis, two Cantors, and three Jewish educators are all on call to support you in building a Jewish home.

August will be here before we know it. On Friday, August 23, we want all of you to show up to help welcome the Interfaith community at our 6:00 pm service with very special guest, Yemenite refugee Mohammed Al-Samawi, who was rescued by a handful of Jewish and Christian individuals.

But for now, it’s still May. So take a slow, deep breath. Smell the flowers. Celebrate your Mother. And plan to attend our Emanu-El graduation.

*It is all ahead of us...*
Rabbi Ryan Bauer in Conversation with New York Times Columnist David Brooks

*Wednesday, May 1, 7:30 pm, Sydney Goldstein Theater, San Francisco*

David Brooks is an op-ed columnist for the New York Times, and he appears regularly on the PBS NewsHour, NPR’s All Things Considered, and NBC’s Meet the Press. He is the author of several books, including *The Road to Character* and *The Social Animal: The Hidden Sources of Love, Character, and Achievement*. Tickets for this event can be purchased online at www.cityarts.net/event/david-brooks-2/.

Classic Shabbat Service: Celebrating Rabbi Lawrence Kushner’s 50 Years in the Rabbinate!

*Friday, May 3, 6:00 pm*

Please join us for this special Classic Shabbat Service when we will honor Rabbi Lawrence Kushner and hear his sermon entitled “My Half-century as a Rabbi: Some True Stories.”

1969 Confirmation Reunion

*Friday, May 17, 7:00 – 9:00 pm*

Were you confirmed at Emanu-El in 1969? (Hint: you would have graduated high school in 1971). If so, you are invited to your reunion on May 17, when you will be honored at this year’s Confirmation service and treated to dinner! If you haven’t already been contacted — or if you know someone who should be — please call or write Terry Kraus, Director of Membership at (415) 750-7552 or membership@emanuelsf.org.

Shavuot with Congregation Sha’ar Zahav

*Saturday, June 8, 6:30 pm*

We are joining with Sha’ar Zahav in celebrating the holiday of Shavuot with deep learning into the night. Our featured teacher will be Joy Ladin, Gottesman Chair in English at Yeshiva University. Ladin is the first openly transgender employee of an Orthodox Jewish institution. Her memoir, *Through the Door of Life: A Jewish Journey Between Genders*, was a finalist for a National Jewish Book Award.

Rise of Anti-Semitism in America vs. Europe

*Tuesday, June 11, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Martin Meyer Sanctuary*

In recent years, both America and Europe have seen a dramatic increase in anti-Semitic vandalism, acts of violence, and political rhetoric. What was once hidden is now at the forefront of our communities. But are these the same phenomenon? Is what we see in European cities like Paris or Berlin comparable to what happened in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania? How alarmed should we be? What more can we do to counter these incidents?

Be part of this exploration and conversation with two renowned experts on both continents: Seth Brysk, the ADL’s Central Pacific Regional Director, and Rabbi Andrew Baker, the AJC’s Director of International Jewish Affairs.
Classic Shabbat Service with Rabbi Stephen Pearce and Cantor Roslyn Barak

*Friday, July 5, 6:00 – 7:00 pm, Main Sanctuary*

Emanu-El is thrilled to announce that our beloved Senior Rabbi Emeritus Stephen Pearce and Cantor Emerita Roslyn Barak will co-lead this Classic Shabbat service. Mark your calendars now!

Pride Shabbat Service

*Friday, June 28, 5:30 pm Pre-Oneg; 6:00 – 7:00 pm, Martin Meyer Sanctuary*

Join San Francisco’s Jewish and LGBTQ communities at Congregation Eanu-El to meet Tyler Gregory, Executive Director of A Wider Bridge. Tyler will share the important work of A Wider Bridge — the LGBTQ organization building support for Israel and LGBTQ Israelis.

For more information, please contact bgordon@emanuelsf.org

Rabbi Carla Fenves

This past April, Rabbi Carla Fenves was elected to the Board of Directors of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR). CCAR is the Reform Rabbinic leadership organization, the members of which lead the Reform Movement on important spiritual, social, cultural, and human rights issues. CCAR creates and sustains the Judaism of tomorrow. “I am so honored to have been elected to the CCAR Board of Directors,” said Rabbi Fenves. “It is a special opportunity for me to connect with Reform Rabbis throughout North America and to represent Emanu-El at a national level.”

Mazel tov, Rabbi Fenves!
San Quentin Theatre Workshop with Marin Shakespeare Company

Sundays, July 14 and September 22, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Experience the power of rehabilitation through the arts.

Marin Shakespeare Company invites Emanu-El congregants to participate in two Shakespeare workshops at San Quentin State Prison. Each workshop will include theatre exercises and Shakespeare readings by actors who are inmates at San Quentin. After visiting the prison, interacting with inmates, and participating in the workshop activities, you will come away with a new perspective on our criminal justice system and the healing power of the arts! Please plan to arrive at 8:30 am and stay until 12:30 pm.

These free workshops are led by Marin Shakespeare Company’s Lesley Currier. They are open to anyone age 18 or older, but participation is limited, so sign up in advance!

July 14th Workshop — Sign up no later than May 27!
September 22nd Workshop — Sign up no later than August 5!

Note that you’ll be required to submit the following info in order to obtain clearance:
• Full legal name
• Date of birth
• Social Security number
• Driver’s license number and state of issue (or other official photo ID such as a passport)

Send your information directly to Lesley Currier at lesley@marinshakespeare.org or call (415) 499-4485. Be sure to mention that you are a member of Congregation Emanu-El!

Third Annual Emanu-El Tahoe Shabbat

Friday, August 2, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, Home of Stuart Corvin and Marissa Wertheimer
Led by Rabbis Beth and Jonathan Singer

This year, Stuart Corvin and Marissa Wertheimer have graciously agreed to host us at their lovely home off the beautiful blue shores of Carnelian Bay in North Lake Tahoe. Please arrive by 6:00 pm (address provided once you have registered). A brief, warm Kabbalat Shabbat service will be followed by dinner provided by Stuart and Marissa. You are welcome to bring a dessert or beverage of your choice to share.

All Emanu-El families and individuals are welcome. Let’s make this a memorable and joyous Shabbat as part of this summer’s festivities!

Dad and Kids Annual Summer Camping Trip (The Tribe for Men)

Friday, August 9 through Sunday, August 11
Camp Cazadero

Details and registration info coming soon — check our website for updates!

The Radically Welcoming Shabbat Service

Friday, August 23, 6:00 pm, Main Sanctuary

Join us for this “back to shul” event at which we will welcome, not only our members, but also our Interfaith partners. This radically hospitable Shabbat service will feature guest speaker Mohammud Al-Samawi.
FACES WITTMAN-ROSENZWEIG
A huge mazel tov to Frances Wittman-Rosenzweig (Pre-K and Curriculum Coordinator for the Congregation Emanu-El Preschool) who has been selected as a recipient of the Helen Diller Family Award for Excellence in Jewish Education! This award recognizes and honors educators offering pre-collegiate programs in Jewish education who have made an extraordinary impact on the youth of our community.

Frances has been part of our preschool community since 1998, and she and her husband Carl have raised their children Hannah, Rachel, and Avram here at Emanu-El. We are thrilled to celebrate this very special and well-deserved honor with Frances. Through incremental, carefully considered, and masterfully executed steps, Frances has shaped the trajectory of our preschool curriculum, Judaic programming, and community engagement. Her impact on our program is evident through the growing expertise and autonomy of teachers and staff as well as the deep internalization of foundational Jewish values in our students and their families. Frances leads and educates with integrity and purpose.

From everyone on the Emanu-El Preschool staff: Thank you, Frances, for all you do. We are so proud of you!

JONATHAN FERRIS
Our member, Jonathan Ferris, who has been playing and singing at our services for almost 20 years, is the recipient of the 2019 Helen Diller award for Excellence in Jewish education. He was nominated by Brandeis Hillel Day School where he has been a teacher for many years. We commend him for all the wonderful work he does enriching Jewish life in our own community and all around our city.

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From left to right: Jordy Bach-Fox, Avram Rosenzweig, Isabel Aks, Ben Jeremy, Nikki Shaw, Ike Beckman, Aliza Mayer, Ulrika Shragge, Marissa Torrano, Charlotte Haber, Ezra Parkhill, Josephine Berler, Eric Mosheim, Sophie Levine, Laurel Nelson, Eleanor Levinson-Muth

(Not pictured: Michael Berler, Kaya Brown, Emma Marino, Hanna Persky, Hezekiah Smithstein, Adrien Stroumza, Wes Wellner)

Join us on Friday, May 17 at 6:00 pm as this class will lead us in prayer and continue the Emanu-El legacy of Confirmation.
Emanu-El Spotlight: Interview with Terry Kraus

By Byron Gordon

Communications/Marketing

On June 3, 2003, Terry Kraus began her duties as Congregation Emanu-El’s Director of Membership. Since then, her presence has loomed large as our congregation has grown in diversity and expanded program offerings. Terry’s history in Temple administration speaks for itself. She earned the Fellow in Temple Administration certification in 1990 and has been a board member and past treasurer of her professional organization, the National Association of Temple Administration (NATA). She has presented at regional and national biennials of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) and at NATA conferences; she was on the faculty of a NATA Institute; and she consulted to synagogues through the URJ/NATA Consulting Service. In 1994, Terry’s NATA colleagues awarded her the Service to the Community Award for her work on hunger projects, and in 1999 they awarded Terry the Myron Schoen Service to Judaism Award for her work with MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger, on whose board she served for 10 years.

Anyone who has met Terry knows how diligently she has worked to make Emanu-El a beacon of welcome for Reform Jews everywhere, which is why we wanted to glean a little insight into Terry’s own Jewish journey before she leaves her post as Director of Membership at the end of June (although she will remain with us as a devoted member of our congregation). Terry made time to sit down with me to discuss what Emanu-El means to her, some pivotal moments that have shaped her Jewish life, her views on Judaism in America today, and even her love of pets.

On June 21, Emanu-El will honor Terry at our One Shabbat Service. Please come!

Byron: Are you ready to retire? It’s a bit of an ugly word, no?
Terry: I think so, but I’ve never retired before. I’ve changed jobs, but this is new for me. I have so many mixed feelings. I just feel like it’s time to step aside and let the “next generation” take over. On the other hand, I very much love what I do. I just can’t do as much of it anymore. So, I’m enthusiastic about trying a few new things, including being a “Jew in the pew” instead of being the one at the back of the room wringing my hands [laughter]. I’m grateful to have had this long, fulfilling career, made possible because of all the dedicated clergy and colleagues I’ve worked with these many years.

Talk a bit about your Jewish background.
My cultural Jewish identity was shaped by my family and the city in which I lived until I was 12: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. My grandparents lived in Squirrel Hill and my parents and I lived in a similarly Jewish, but newer neighborhood not far from there. I did not have a formal Jewish education as my family was not affiliated with a synagogue.

Later, you moved to Arizona.
Yes, we moved to Phoenix when I was in the 7th grade, and I went from being in a nearly all-Jewish class to being the only Jew. There was a little bit of teasing, not really anti-Semitism, but just something that I wasn’t used to. My teacher gave me a copy of Leon Uris’ Exodus and that certainly was an eye-opener.

You later joined the B’nai B’rith Youth Organization (BBYO). That must have been an intensely Jewish experience.
Yes, I joined at the beginning of my freshman year in high school. While the religious experiences weren’t as comfortable for me, I was never made to feel inadequate or “less than” about my lack of knowledge. I soaked up the camaraderie and the social justice work we did. I was active as a vice president in my chapter and became a regional president in my senior year. Those were truly four of the best years of my life. I am still close with friends I made during those years.

What led you to a more organized affiliation?
My ex-husband was a bar mitzvah tutor, so we were affiliated with the synagogues where he worked. When we were living in Scottsdale, the Paradise Valley synagogue was getting ready to hire its first executive director. We were friendly with the rabbi and his (then) wife, and he suggested I look at the job description. I had a very young child at the time and was reluctant to take on more in my life, but I also knew that you never get a second chance to be the first. They did a national search and hired me anyway. It was a wonderful opportunity and growth experience for me. I stayed there for 13 years and then moved to California to become the Executive Director of Congregation Beth Am in Los Altos Hill.

What are some observations you’ve made about Judaism as practiced here at Emanu-El?
I’ve learned so much in these last 16 years about how a large, historic synagogue functions. I’ve seen how Judaism and commitment to affiliation has changed over the years. My learning about Judaism really started in my teen years in BBYO, continued with on-the-job training at the previous synagogues I worked for, but I really learned the most here at Emanu-El. It was here that I celebrated my Anshei Mitzvah. What I’ve come to appreciate is how diverse a congregation we are. I love that people here have come from many different religious and ethnic backgrounds and gender identities. The congregation is so welcoming to all.
I keep thinking of what happened at Charlottesville. Do educated but are just seeing one point of view. Jewish community. Hate is passed down, generation to generation. And some of these people might be extremely religious. My mother lit Shabbat candles; we would have family gatherings around the holidays. We were cultural Jews, if you will. But it’s fun to connect people who have other things in common. One of my favorite events that we’ve celebrated for the past 3 years is my “pet” project, the blessing of the animals. I’m very proud of our Cooking for Congregants program because it came out of a plan that didn’t work (neighbors signing up for a meal train). The program is run by two experienced chefs and their helpers who prepare meals to keep in the Temple freezer for those who are new parents, those who are ill and those who are grieving.

The experience of being a Jew in America. How has it affected you? It was so shocking for me to move from my Jewish neighborhood in Pittsburgh to secular Phoenix in 1964. That was the first time I was aware that I was so different than my classmates. And it’s not that my home upbringing was so particularly religious. My mother lit Shabbat candles; we would have family gatherings around the holidays. We were cultural Jews, if you will. But all of a sudden, I wasn’t sure what I was.

Back in 2016, the ADL conducted a poll that showed 14% of Americans or nearly 35 million people hold anti-Semitic views. How does that strike you? It makes me think these people have never met Jewish people. They haven’t been in relationships with the Jewish community. Hate is passed down, generation to generation. And some of these people might be extremely educated but are just seeing one point of view.

I keep thinking of what happened at Charlottesville. Do these peddlers of hate just live in a vacuum? I ask myself, why are the Jews always the scapegoats? Because we stand for ethics and morality? I’ve never been frightened to work at a synagogue. I’ve never felt personally threatened. At Emanu-El, I feel extremely secure because we invest a tremendous amount of resources in keeping our congregants and staff safe.

It’s difficult not to be concerned about how American Jewry is seen today. Nobody can read the newspaper today without being aware of the rise of anti-Semitic acts since the presidential election of 2016. I mean what happened at Squirrel Hill... that was my hometown! That was my grandparents’ neighborhood. My aunt and uncle and cousins worshipped at Tree of Life synagogue. It happened on my birthday. It was just shocking. But there are so many changes in the way Jews look at their Judaism in America now that give me pause. I think we have this deep thirst for community, and yet so many people don’t realize that there is a wonderful community to discover at synagogues.

Yet, you’ve become a strong supporter of intermarriage. With the proviso that children will be raised in a Jewish household. I really believe perspectives from people who didn’t grow up in a Jewish family are important to be heard. I support diluting the Jewish gene pool because there are so many Jewish diseases. I believe that there are plenty of men out in the Bay Area who would love to raise Jewish families if only they knew where to find the wonderful Jewish women we have. But on the other hand, it has to be firmly established before those children come into the world how they will be raised. And should there be divorce down the line, that can be a very contentious issue. I’ve seen families torn apart by how the children will be raised after the divorce between a Jewish and non-Jewish parent.

The majority of Jews today marry outside the tribe. I think there’s a lot that Jews can teach those who weren’t raised Jewish about what Judaism can add to your life. About how Jewish children can be raised in a family where both parents didn’t grow up Jewish. We see it all the time in our Emanu-El community. We have such amazing congregants whom themselves are not Jewish but raised wonderful Jewish families. The capacity for change is always there. We’ve being changed for 5,780 years.

Emanu-El is helping to lead that change, no? Yes. It’s so easy for people to look at this beautiful facility and our long history and think, “oh, you’re just traditional and stuck in time.” But it’s not true. We’re constantly evolving and looking for different ways of worship, different ways of experiencing Judaism, bringing different people in. Emanu-El encourages innovation, change, questioning. Let me share with you a story:

When we had our first Director of Communication/Marketing, she was a member of the senior staff and would attend regular planning meetings. Sometimes there can be heated discussions. I would look across the table and sometimes I’d see a “deer in the headlights” expression on her face as she seemed so bewildered by the back and forth, not being Jewish. I took her aside and showed her a page of Talmud. I pointed out how, across the centuries, rabbis argued with one another and that’s what Jews do. We aren’t afraid to question and challenge.

But, how do we bring that level of comfort to the non-Jew who comes to join our community? We keep trying. We are as welcoming as we can be. We wrestle with the idea of opening that tent widely all the time.
We had a voluntary dues system for years at Emanu-El. It very much depends on the culture of the congregation. do you feel they will survive in today's climate? Synagogues that make this transition, away from mandatory dues structure to a more volunteer payment system. That's an incredible community offers, and the only way you can take full advantage of it is to come and experience it. But then an analysis was done by our leadership and we discovered we weren't generating the revenue needed to keep this institution solvent. The problem with the dues structure is when you give the impression that you are automatically going to pay. I talk about that with my colleagues all the time. Our dues structure encourages young adults to join. The breadth of our programming is a model. But it does come at a very high cost and does have to be supported.

Emanu-El charges dues. I keep telling potential prospects that the dues are what pay for so much of what this incredible community offers, and the only way you can take full advantage of it is to come and experience it. But then I've been reading that many synagogues are moving away from mandatory dues structure to a more volunteer payment system. Synagogues that make this transition, do you feel they will survive in today's climate? It very much depends on the culture of the congregation. We had a voluntary dues system for years at Emanu-El. In fact, when I came here, that was one of the attractive features about working as the Director of Membership in that I didn't have to talk to members about their dues. But then an analysis was done by our leadership and we discovered we weren't generating the revenue needed to keep this institution solvent. The problem with the synagogue, with a membership like ours and structure like ours, is when you give the impression that you are a wealthy synagogue, people figure someone else is supporting it and they may not need to. So not all those who could donate did so until we asked them in a different way. And we're now on much healthier financial footing with a dues structure.

Let's talk about pets. I know you're a BIG FAN of our annual Blessing of the Animals. When did they become such an important part of your life? I've come to learn about animals and their emotional intelligence certainly because of the friends I have in Costa Rica whom I visit twice a year. And by being with their 14 horses, I've come to see how much people can learn about themselves through animals.
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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.

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Weekday Activities at the Temple
Choose one or more and participate!

Cooking for Congregants

Thursdays, May 2, 23, and 30 / June 13 and 27 / July 11, 18, and 25
9:00 – 11:00 am, Emanu-El Kitchen
No charge.

Be one of two volunteers preparing meals for Emanu-El congregants who are facing significant life challenges. You’ll work under the guidance of former restaurant owner Gail Laghi and chef Sari Swig. New participants are welcome! Register at the Temple website by the Tuesday before each cooking day, or call Shelby David at (415) 751 2541 x177.

While volunteer slots for Cooking for Congregants are limited due to the layout of our kitchen, you can help by calling the Temple office when you become aware of congregants who are grieving or ill or have become new parents. By law, hospitals will not release patient information, so clergy and staff rely on the congregant network to enable us to reach out.

Here’s just one of many expressions of appreciation for Cooking for Congregants:

“Thank you so much. Sari just dropped off a week’s worth of meals for my family and me. I can’t tell you how surprised I am by this generosity. Please let the Cooking for Congregants team know that I am so grateful for this lovely gift. With lots of gratitude.”

The Stories of Your Life: Guided Autobiography and Life Review Writing

Mondays, May 6, June 3, July 1, 10:00 am – noon, Room 53
No charge; any skill level welcomed.

This is a great opportunity for self-reflection and the chance to tell your unique story while also getting to know other warm and wonderful members of our congregation. Join this friendly group that meets monthly to share stories on assigned themes. It’s about the story, so no writing experience is necessary.

New participants are always welcome! Online registration is required. For more information, contact the group facilitator Nancy Alpert, LCSW at nalpo@igc.org.

Scrabble

Mondays, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm, Room 57
No charge; drop in; all ages & experience levels welcomed.

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. Scrabble meets every Monday except when the Temple is closed.

Stay tuned to future editions of the Chronicle for information on the following groups:
The Women’s Group (gatherings throughout the year for all adult women of Emanu El)
Interfaith Group (gatherings for Emanu-El Interfaith members and families)
Mah Jongg

Tuesdays, 1:30 – 4:30 pm, Rinder Chapel

No charge; drop in.

These sessions are open to all levels of experience, but you must know the basics as there will be no teaching — play time only! Arrive within the first half hour if you have any questions. Mah Jongg meets every Tuesday except when the Temple is closed.

Bridge Club – Lessons and Game

Tuesdays, May 14 and 28, June 11 and 25, 10:00 am – noon, Rinder Chapel

Cost: $20 for members; $25 for friends of members

Drop in.

If you are beyond the level of novice, join this very popular and lively group for duplicate-style bridge. Play while improving your game. Certified bridge instructor and American Contract Bridge League champion Deborah Murphy is the instructor.

Congregant Groups & Gatherings

Meet other congregants at these weekend and evening get-togethers! Register online! Contact Terry Kraus (tkraus@emanuelsf.org) with any questions.

Lag Ba’Omer Sing Along with Cantor Attie & Rabbi Bauer

Wednesday, May 22, 5:30 – 7:30 pm, Terrapin Crossroads, San Rafael

Please join us for our 2nd Annual Lag Ba’Omer sing along, no-host dinner, and drinks at Terrapin Crossroads in San Rafael — Phil Lesh’s (of the Grateful Dead) music mecca! Bring musical instruments and sing songs around the fire with our Cantors. If you’ve never been to Terrapin Crossroads, imagine a warm summer evening of singing in front of a campfire, with the sound of waves lapping at the bay shore and kids playing on a playground.

The Tribes’ Family Fun Day at The Vineyard Club

Sunday, May 19, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm, The Vineyard Club, Geyserville

A joint event of The Tribe for Men and The Tribe for Women — back again by popular demand for the THIRD year!

Join Rabbi Ryan Bauer and Rabbi Carla Fenves and their families, along with other Tribe families, for a special fun-filled day at the Vineyard Club as we celebrate the end of another great year. Relax, mingle, and play! Spend the entire day enjoying the lake and surrounding scenery.

Activities will include swimming, water trampoline, tennis, basketball, and pétanque. There will be a large grassy area for games, a large sandy beach, and a full playground! Please bring your own game balls, as well as other games and toys, kayaks, and stand-up paddle boards.

A taco truck lunch will be provided. Space is limited, so register soon!

The Men’s Group Breakfast

One Sunday a month, 9:30 – 11:30 am

Men of Congregation Emanu-El have a monthly opportunity to socialize and study with a member of the clergy at a private home. This cross-generational group provides a small group experience so important to building community. Men’s Group events are congregant only and require registration. If you have any questions please contact Rebecca Reiner at reiner@emanuelsf.org or (415) 751-2541 x170.

Thanks to donations from two members of the Men’s Group, the majority of gatherings are now offered for free. If you would like to sponsor a Men’s Group breakfast, please let us know.

Two Baby Groups Available!

Drop in with your little one 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: Members FREE; $10/session for non-members (first session free)

Bagels and Babies

Fridays, 9:30 – 11:00 am, Martin Meyer Reception

Mazel Tots! (birth to 18 months)

Mondays, 9:30 – 11:00 am (no session May 27), Martin Meyer Reception
Tzedek Council

What is the Tzedek Council?
The 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.

G-House Dinners
Our Sunday night volunteer dinners at G-House have been so successful, we’re continuing them throughout the spring months!

Run by the Larkin Street Youth Services, G-House — a 20-bed housing program for San Francisco homeless young adults (ages 18 to 24, transitioning from adolescence to adulthood) — provides residents with life tools to remove the obstacles that threaten a successful transition to independent living. Emanu-El has partnered with G-House to support youth integrating into the community by bringing in volunteers on Sunday evenings to provide a warm meal, eat, and build meaningful relationships with the residents.

Visit www.emanuelsf.org/g-house-dinners/ to learn more. Spring dates are open for registration, but volunteer slots fill quickly, so please sign up now!

Driven to Care — Order Online for Delivery to the Temple
Check the drive’s Amazon Wish List and Target Wish List at: www.emanuelsf.org/emanu-el-driven-care/. Thank you for being part of this great mitzvah!

Welcome Baskets to Help Homeless Youth Transition into New Homes
In May, we are compiling “welcome baskets” to help Larkin Street Youth Services (www.larkinstyouth.org) graduates get settled in their new homes. The beneficiaries will have successfully completed Larkin Street’s program, which provides housing, education, employment training, and health and wellness support to help young people get off the street for good. Our goal is to assemble 30 welcome baskets to get these resilient young people off to a good start and ensure that they remain in stable housing for the long-term.

Please refer to the following wish list for the types and numbers of items we need to make the welcome baskets:

- Towels
- Bedding
- Pillows
- Small cleaning supplies – kitchen & bath
- Laundry hamper
- Laundry detergent
- Gift cards so they can purchase items to personalize their new space

Membership Renewal
Yes, it’s that time of year already! Please watch for your bright yellow 6” x 9” envelope with membership renewal information, then log into your MyEmanu-El membership portal on our home page and make your generous commitment for the fiscal year that begins July 1. High Holy Day passes are generated by membership renewal, and it’s a great favor to our hard-working staff to take care of this sooner rather than later. You can set up an installment plan and address any questions to membership@emanuelsf.org.

Thank you!
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- Anonymous (1)
- Tania & Laurence Albukerk
- Leonard & Michelle Brant
- in observance of the Yahrzeit of Sarah Evenchick Padams
- Leonard & Michelle Brant
- in observance of the Yahrzeit of Rebecca Brant
- Mark & Stephanie Breitbard
- in honor of Davis Breitbard’s Bar Mitzvah
- Leela de Souza Bransten & Peter Bransten
- in honor of Arielle de Souza Bransten’s Bat Mitzvah
- Karen Hindin
- in honor of Samuel Pasternak’s Bar Mitzvah
- Sasha & Irina Kovriga
- in honor of Mimi Kovriga’s Bat Mitzvah
- Patricia Kristof Moy
- in honor of Lenore Naxon, in friendship and appreciation
- Karen Poll & Heather Lupa
- in honor of Tessa Poll’s Bat Mitzvah and Herschel Poll’s Bar Mitzvah
- Todd Sisitsky & Holly Hagens
- in honor of Mia Sisitsky’s Bat Mitzvah
- Sheva Tessler & Daniel Perman
- in honor of Elias Samuel Tessler Perman’s Bar Mitzvah
- Cynthia Vaughn & Mark Bloom
- in honor of Isaac Bloom’s Bar Mitzvah

**Flowers for the bima — listings are included here**

- Leela de Souza Bransten & Peter Bransten
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- Karen Hindin
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- Karen Poll & Heather Lupa
- in honor of Tessa Poll’s Bat Mitzvah and Herschel Poll’s Bar Mitzvah
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EMANU-EL COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND — promotes and supports social action and community service programs
The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Inc.
Allen Bennett in memory of Blossom Levin
Elyse Blatt in observance of the Yahrzeit of David Salven
Charles & Lenore Bleadon (3)
Stuart & Debra Eisendrath in observance of the Yahrzeit of Marvin Eisendrath
Robert & Jennifer Futernick in observance of the Yahrzeit of Jerry Ornstein
Joy Goldstein in appreciation of Rabbi Bauer’s presentation at the Jewish Poverty Convening. Very inspiring!
David Rubenstein in memory of Isaac Khory
Rita Semel in observance of the Yahrzeit of Miriam Rohen Resnick
Rita Semel in observance of the Yahrzeit of Max Semel

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Helene Ettelson in memory of George Ettelson

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Tania & Laurence Albukerk
Stella Daniels in observance of the Yahrzeit of Murray Goldstein
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Mark & Stephanie Breitbard in honor of Davis Breitbard’s Bar Mitzvah
Alison Datz & Joel Kamisher in observance of the Yahrzeit of Gennady Govzman
Leela de Souza Bransten & Peter Bransten in honor of Arielle de Souza Bransten’s Bat Mitzvah
Tod & Marion Hindin in honor of Samuel Pasternak’s Bar Mitzvah

Sasha & Irina Kovriga in honor of Mimi Kovriga’s Bat Mitzvah
Marjorie Krausz in honor of Sean Krausz and Courtney Lentz’s wedding on October 27th
Cathy Manshel & Bill Rusitzky in honor of Isabel Manshel Rusitzky
Cindy Morris in celebration of Steve Goddard’s birthday
Meta Pasternak in honor of Stephen Goddard’s birthday
Sheva Tessler & Daniel Perman in honor of Elias Samuel Tessler Perman’s Bar Mitzvah
Cynthia Vaughn & Mark Bloom in honor of Isaac Bloom’s Bar Mitzvah

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Lucia Matzger in observance of the Yahrzeit of Paul J. Matzger

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Tania & Laurence Albukerk in memory of Ariela Braverman
Gedalia Braverman in memory of Ariela Braverman
Mark & Stephanie Breitbard in honor of Davis Breitbard’s Bar Mitzvah
Stephanie & Mark Buller in honor of Rabbi Carla Fenves
Eleanor Coffman in celebration of Ruth & Bernard DeHovitz’s birthdays!
Leela de Souza Bransten & Peter Bransten in honor of Arielle de Souza Bransten’s Bat Mitzvah

Benjamin Elkin
Where does your Jewish journey take you now?
I’m going to have more time on my hands, to be sure, and I plan to spend a good deal of it at the JCCSF. I’m on the staff as a water aerobics instructor, having been a water aerobics student for more than 20 years. In November, I took the certification exam for the Aquatic Exercise Association, and in January I was hired by the JCC. I plan to keep coming to our wonderful Shabbat services. I’d like to find some seasonal work, but not High Holy Days [laughter].

You’ve been in a loving relationship with Mark Sugarman for the past 18 years. How did you two meet?
He found me on JDate even when I forgot I still had a profile on JDate [laughter]. We had a not-so-good phone conversation at the beginning. I was living in Los Altos Hills.
Donate Online!

Making a contribution to Emanu-El is a meaningful way to honor friends and family while supporting the synagogue. Please visit our website (www.emanuelsf.org/support-us/), select “Donate Now or Annual Giving,” and follow the steps to make a gift. You will receive an electronic confirmation, followed by an acknowledgment letter in the mail. If you need assistance, contact Talia Rothman in the Development Office at trothman@emanuelsf.org or (415) 750-7554.

Appreciated Stock Gifts

Did you know that you could make charitable gifts — including your Emanu-El Membership Dues and Impact Fund gifts — by donating your appreciated stock? This is a great way to avoid capital gains taxes while supporting the Congregation.

If you are making a stock gift, please use the following information:

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Many Bay Area companies 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.

Thank you to the following companies for matching our member’s donations:

EMANU-EL SF 17
Mazel Tov to Our Members Who Have Experienced Joy

Alina Katz and Jason Friend on the birth of their daughter, and Janie and Donny Friend on the birth of their granddaughter, Josephine Leigh Friend

Samuel and Jessica Lessin on the birth of their son, Maverick Lessin

Jorie Waterman and Laurence Jurdem on the birth of their son, Elliot Jurdem

Elisette Weiss and Jacob Bockelmann on the birth of their son, Judah Fleisher Bockelweiss

Julie Overdorff on the birth of her son, Cole Muir Overdorff

Erika and Matthew Warren on the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Warren

Rachel and Efrem Bycer on the birth of their daughter, Becca Miri Bycer

Betty Dvorson on the birth of her grandson, Etai Maxwell Fisher

Condolences to Our Members Who Have Suffered Recent Losses

Mark Bloom (Cynthia Vaughn) on the death of his mother, and Isaac Bloom on the death of his grandmother, Erika Heiss Bloom

Alex Buchler (Lora) on the death of his stepmother, and Sofia, Rachel, and Benjamin Buchler on the death of their step-grandmother, Marlys Buchler

Karen Schiller, Congregation Emanu-El Accounting and Benefits Manager, on the death of her mother, Bobbi Schiller

Sara Osias (Andrew Hanes) on the death of her grandmother, Irene Osias

Andrew Parker-Rose (Flavio Epstein) on the death of his mother, and Carina Rose on the death of her grandmother, Arlene Parker

Diane Scheiman on the death of her uncle, and Ian Scheiman on the death of his great-uncle, Franklyn Scheiman

Rabbi Sydney Mintz on the death of her father, Eli and Gabriel Newbrun-Mintz and Sienna Mintz on the death of their grandfather, Arthur Mintz

Adam Behrens (Elle) on the death of his father and Benjamin and Katherine Behrens on the death of their grandfather, Myles Michael Behrens

Elizabeth Ozer (Cliff Staton) and Emily Ozer (Tony Fields) on the death of their father and Samuel, Max and Emilia Ozer-Staton and Benjamin and Elena Fields on the death of their grandfather, Mark Ozer

Congratulations to Our Members on Their Achievements

Rabbi Carla Fenves on her election to both the board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Jewish Welfare Board

Alexandra Corvin and Alia Gorkin on being selected as new board members of the J Weekly

Aaron Tartakovsky on receiving the Lloyd R. Sankowich Award for Young Leadership from the American Jewish Committee

John Rothmann on his return to a five-day-a-week program on KGO radio

Vicki Kahn on receiving the Pam Judd award for tireless volunteer efforts at the Susan G. Komen Visionary Awards Luncheon

Richard Sax on receiving the first annual Richard Sax Distinguished Service award from the San Francisco Association of Realtors for his many achievements in the field of real estate and his prolific volunteerism

Judge Alexandra Gordon on being appointed to the San Francisco Superior Court

Welcome New Members! (as of April 10)

Mr. Michael Granat
Ms. Marissa Klein
Ms. Vanessa Mambrino
Mr. Robert Smith
Ms. Alyssa Taubman

Mr. Ronald Winchell
Mrs. Barbara Winchell
Ms. Ellona Yagudayeva
Mr. Ilya Yusupov

Welcome Back Rejoined Members!

Eliza Varady
Nathan Varady

Mr. Eric Varady
Mrs. Sarah Varady

Celebrating a Shehecheyanu Moment?

Congregation Emanu-El is a partner in the transitional moments of our members’ lives. Be it a baby naming or brit milah, bar or bat mitzvah, conversion or wedding ceremony, or a recovery from illness, the Temple clergy and staff strive to ensure that each sacred “Shehecheyanu Moment” is deeply fulfilling and personal. A donation to the Emanu-El Life-Cycle Fund is a lovely way to mark a personal life-cycle experience, to honor friends or family celebrating a happy milestone or in gratitude for the services, the clergy provide during these profound moments.

Please donate online at www.emanuelsf.org/donate-now/ or call the Development office at (415) 750-7554.
**B’NEI MITZVAH**

**MAY**

**Isadora Vermut**  
Bat Mitzvah: May 4  
Parents: Aaron and Adriana Vermut  
Torah Portion: Ahare

**Tessa Pell and Herschel Pell**  
B’nei Mitzvah: May 4  
Parents: Karen Pell and Heather Lupa, and Dave and Gina Pell  
Torah Portion: Ahare

**Rin Fudemberg**  
Bat Mitzvah: May 11  
Parents: Jay Fudemberg and Judith Hayes  
Torah Portion: Kedoshim

**Eva Rivitz**  
Bat Mitzvah: May 11  
Parents: Matthew Rivitz and Blythe Lang  
Torah Portion: Kedoshim

**Tessa Fastiff**  
Bat Mitzvah: May 18  
Parents: Eric Fastiff and Rebecca Arons  
Torah Portion: Emor

**Alexa Prosnitz**  
Bat Mitzvah: May 18  
Parents: Eric Prosnitz and Courtney Klinge  
Torah Portion: Emor

**Michael Boussina**  
Bar Mitzvah: May 25  
Parents: Nersi and Eileen Boussina  
Torah Portion: Behar

**Noah Hirson**  
Bar Mitzvah: May 25  
Parents: Ron and Lorie Hirson  
Torah Portion: Behar

**JUNE**

**Marina Keller**  
Bat Mitzvah: June 1  
Parents: Jeffrey and Sylvia Keller  
Torah Portion: Behukkotai

**Katie Sugar**  
Bat Mitzvah: June 8  
Parents: Brian and Lisa Sugar  
Torah Portion: Bemidbar

**Madeleine Frieman**  
Bat Mitzvah: June 8  
Parents: Josh and Dana Frieman  
Torah Portion: Bemidbar

**Asher Ballon**  
Bar Mitzvah: June 15  
Parents: Jonathan Ballon and Sabra Ballon  
Torah Portion: Naso

**Benjamin Haims**  
Bar Mitzvah: June 15  
Parents: Joshua Haims and Kendra Haims  
Torah Portion: Naso

**Dylan Walsh**  
Bat Mitzvah: June 22  
Parents: Mark Walsh and Sabrina Eliasoph  
Torah Portion: Behaalot’cha

**Ella Akin**  
Bat Mitzvah: June 22  
Parents: Alexander and Tracy Akin  
Torah Portion: Behaalot’cha

**July**

**Maya and Aliya Dillick**  
B’nei Mitzvah: July 4  
Parents: Steven and Stephanie Dillick  
Torah Portion: Korach
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CELEBRATE ISRAEL WITH KOOLULAM
Sunday, June 2, 3:00 pm, Temple Emanu-El
In an experience you’ll never forget, join hundreds of voices raised together in song, for a memorable afternoon of commonality, sharing, and celebration.

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