INVITE YOURSELF INTO OUR SUKKAH

OCT 8 Yom Kippur

NOV 8 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF Late Shabbat

NOV 13 CASE AGAINST White Nationalism
A Journey Through the Threads that Weave Israeli Cuisine Together: Special Dinner Following One Shabbat Service

**Friday, October 18**

**Members Cost:** $30 for adults / $18 for children 11-18 / $10 for children 4-10

**Non-members Cost:** $40 for adults / $20 for children 11-18 / $12 for children 4-10

Israel is a melting pot interwinding different traditions and cultures. It’s a place that fuses east and west, resulting in the most unique and delicious culinary dishes.

Join us for a Shabbat dinner in the sukkah with noted Israeli Chef Aliza Grayevsky Somekh. While growing up in Jerusalem, Sukkot was always Aliza’s favorite holiday, and living in an apartment building meant that all of the families shared one sukkah, bringing pots full of food to share (many with unfamiliar flavors). Given that nearly every family’s roots were from different places — Morocco, Yemen, Tunisia, Greece, Turkey, Hungary, Poland — there was a mishmash of cultures and tastes. At Sukkot dinner, Aliza and her mother would walk around with spoons, tasting every dish, and later try to recreate what they had eaten in their own kitchen.

Following her dvar at the 6:00 pm One Shabbat service, Aliza will cook some of her favorite dishes from childhood. Enjoy this festive meal in the sukkah, along with an Israeli wine pairing!

**Registration is required.**

This event is sponsored by the Israel Action Committee.

Aliza Grayevsky Somekh of Bishulim SF is an eighth-generation Jerusalemite. Raised in the kitchens of Jerusalem, she grew up cooking and eating everything the city’s streets and markets had to offer. That makes her intimately familiar with Jerusalem’s culinary collision of flavors and cultures. Working here with the abundance of quality produce of California, Aliza brings to her cooking the “best of all worlds.”

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**October Shabbat Calendar**

**Friday, October 4**

5:30 pm, First Friday Under Five Service (Martin Meyer Sanctuary)

6:00 pm, Classic Shabbat Service (Main Sanctuary) **with Guest Speaker Rabbi Lawrence Kushner**

Emanu-El Scholar Rabbi Lawrence Kushner will tell stories about parents & children, life & death, good & evil and, of course, the meaning of life.

**Saturday, October 5**

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

10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service (Martin Meyer Sanctuary)

**Friday, October 11**

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

8:30 pm, Young Adult Late Shabbat Service (Main Sanctuary)

**Saturday, October 12**

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

10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service (Martin Meyer Sanctuary)

**Friday, October 18**

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

**Saturday, October 19**

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

10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service (Martin Meyer Sanctuary)

**Friday, October 25**

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

**Saturday, October 26**

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

10:30 am, Shabbat Morning Service (Martin Meyer Sanctuary)

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**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. For more details, please contact Svetlana Leykin at sleykin@emanuelsf.org or (415) 751-2541 x123.
It is the “Season of our Joy!” Although you may be reading this just prior to Yom Kippur, with its profoundly moving focus on personal and communal atonement, Jewish tradition teaches that Yom Kippur and the Jewish New Year are inextricably linked to Sukkot, which is one of the most joyous festivals of the Jewish calendar. So joyous, in fact, that one is to place the first nail in the sukkah just as Yom Kippur is ending. Even as you are breaking your fast, you are supposed to be preparing for the eight-day festival the rabbis called THE HOLIDAY. Following this custom, in our Courtyard this month as the Day of Atonement comes to a close, you will see us preparing to put up our Emanu-El sukkah.

I know that many of our members will be thinking, “Haven’t we done enough Jewish already? And why should we come back to Temple for the seemingly child-focused holidays of Sukkot and Simchat Torah?” The answer is, according to Jewish tradition, you have not fully experienced Yom Kippur if you do not then enter the sukkah and embrace its joy.

Sukkot reminds us that Judaism is not just about confession and atonement, but also about hope and appreciating moments of joy and celebration.

Beginning just five days after the process of teshuvah during Yom Kippur, which involves denying the physical, Sukkot embraces joyous celebration by sharing food, drink, and stories while dwelling in a festively decorated booth. By placing these holidays so closely together, Jewish tradition makes a very deep point.

Psychologically, the Day of Atonement leading into a time of celebration and gratitude affirms that, for Judaism, the concept of hope is core to our growth as individuals. We are grateful for Yom Kippur and the days preceding it to focus on personal transformation, that which comes from admitting mistakes and then not just asking for forgiveness, but also working to change our behavior. As we sit in the sanctuary on Yom Kippur, free of other responsibilities and distractions like cell phones, we are taught to go deep into ourselves and do real kishke work — work that ultimately leads to an optimism that we can grow, change, bring our values to the forefront, and live a more balanced and loving life. And as we joyously break our fast, we need to reconnect to the world around us, immerse ourselves in nature, be under the stars, and deeply breath in the cool air of hope.

Connecting to the process of the harvest as we sit in the sukkah represents both freedom and connection to the time of the season. The sukkah is reminiscent of the booths where our ancestors would sleep as they quickly harvested the fall crops; with no time to go home to slumber, they spent those nights in the field in order to gather up as much bounty as possible. The sukkah also represents the portable huts that our even more ancient ancestors, the Israelites, who followed Moses into the wilderness, dwelt in as they migrated to the Promised Land.

Entering a sukkah after Yom Kippur affirms that, as we complete our teshuvah, we then go forward with hope. In a time of global warming, it reminds us to work on sustainability. In a time of isolation, it asks us to invite in guests and connect to community. In a time of over-functioning, it asks us to celebrate the beauty of simplicity.

I hope you will join us in celebrating these holidays, as there will be opportunities for members of all ages:
- Erev Sukkot — Festival Celebration
- First Day of Sukkot — Festival Service
- Friday Night during Sukkot — Adult Israeli dinner in the sukkah (or nearby), with Israeli wines
- Simchat Torah — Dinner and hakafot in Guild Hall

Yom Kippur and Sukkot are fundamentally connected, and it’s time for our community to embrace more deeply this entire “Season of our Joy.”
Sukkot

Sunday, October 13 through Sunday, October 20

Throughout Sukkot, bring a lunch or dinner and come shake the lulav! Join us in the Courtyard with your meal and participate in the Sukkot ritual.

[Note: Please check our online schedule in advance to make sure we’re open.]

Visit our online Sukkot page to register for any of the holiday dinners: www.emanuelsf.org/sukkot-2019/

Erev Sukkot + New Members* Welcome Dinner

Sunday, October 13, 5:00 pm, Martin Meyer Sanctuary

We will begin with a short, festive service. Then it’s off to our Courtyard sukkah to welcome in the holiday, shake the lulav and etrog, and enjoy a scrumptious dinner. Enjoy music, sukkatinis, and relaxation in a place of beauty as we celebrate the fall harvest.

Note that reservations are required for dinner.

*All members who have joined in the past five months will receive a special invitation for a pre-service gathering.

First Day of Sukkot: Morning Service and Breakfast

Monday, October 14, 9:00 am, Chapel

Join us on the first morning of Sukkot for a joyous service! Freshly brewed coffee will be served at 9:00 am in the Chapel, where Hallel will be sung by the Cantor. Afterward, we will have a traditional bagels-and-lox brunch. We will eat in the sukkah just as our ancestors did when they left Egypt!
LGBTQ+ Dessert Reception  
**Tuesday, October 15, 6:30 – 9:00 pm, Home of Rabbis Jonathan and Beth Singer**

Sukkot Dinner: The Tribe for Women & The Women’s Group  
**Wednesday, October 16, 7:00 – 9:00 pm**  
**Cost: $18 + bottle of wine or dessert**

Join us for our annual Women’s Group and The Tribe for Women dinner in the sukkah. Enjoy a night of company with other women, lively discussion, and wine. We will be outside, so remember to dress warmly! This event is open to members of Congregation Emanu-El. Please register in advance, and bring your contribution of either wine or a dessert to share with the group.

Young Families Havdalah in Rabbi Carla Fenves’ Sukkah  
**Saturday, October 19, 5:00 – 6:00 pm**

Young families with children ages 5 and under, please join us for a special Havdalah in Rabbi Fenves’ sukkah! The address will be provided after registration.

Yizkor Service  
**Sunday, October 20, 9:30 am**  
Services and a nosh!

Simchat Torah Celebration + Dinner  
**Sunday, October 20, 5:00 pm, Guild Hall**

Please join us as we mark the conclusion of the annual cycle of public Torah readings, consecration of our newest students, and the beginning of a new cycle! This joyful and festive occasion includes a light dinner, dancing, and singing with the Torah. It is the perfect celebration for the whole family! Please register for the dinner.
Integrity First For America

November 13, 7:30 pm (doors open at 7:00 pm)

Do you want to do something about white nationalist violence? Once in a generation, a case comes along that can change history. Congregation Emanu-El is honored to be hosting Integrity First for America (IFA), a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to holding accountable those who threaten longstanding principles of our democracy. IFA is taking on the leadership of the white nationalist movement in a landmark court case to send a clear message that violent hate has no place in our country.

Join Rabbi Jason Rodich in conversation with the lead attorneys on the case: Roberta Kaplan, who successfully argued for marriage equality before the US Supreme Court; Karen Dunn, an award-winning trial attorney; and Amy Spitalnick, IFA’s Executive Director.

There is no charge for this event, but please RSVP to www.emanuelsf.org/integrityfirst

This event is co-sponsored by Grace Cathedral, the Jewish Center for Justice, the Jewish Community Federation, the Jewish Community Relations Council, the Religious Action Center, the San Francisco Interfaith Council, Sha’ar Zahav, and the Unity Group.

Late Shabbat 20th Anniversary Service

Friday, November 8, 8:30 pm

Late Shabbat is turning 20! After two decades of building Jewish community amongst 20/30-somethings in the Bay Area, we invite the entire Emanu-El community and Late Shabbat-ers, past and present, to come together for an evening of celebration and reflection. Look for full details and a history of Late Shabbat in the November Chronicle.
KOLEINU: Sing for Shalom

*Tuesday, November 19, 7:00 pm, Martin Meyer Sanctuary*

Peace. We hear it in our prayers. We long for it. We sing about it. Now, more than ever. In this evening devoted to music of social justice, eight magnificent voices join together...led by Emanu-El’s two remarkable Cantors. We’ll hear songs ranging from Ladino to Yiddish to Motown and Jacques Brel. We know you’ll want to sing along!

*Koleinu* is funded by a generous donation from the Ingrid D. Tauber Fund.

*Introducing the brilliant array of artists coming to Emanu-El for this year’s Koleinu concert!*

*Top row L to R:* Arik Luck, Sharon Bernstein, Joshua Breitzer, Galit Dadoun Cohen

*Bottom row L to R:* Marsha Attie, Yosef Goldman, Jason McKinney, Jennifer Strauss Klein

[BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY! tinyurl.com/singforshalomtix]
Yom Kippur
Kol Nidre
Tuesday, October 8
5:00 pm - Family Service, Martin Meyer Sanctuary
One hour worship, led in a participatory, educational style by our clergy and musicians. Open to the community. Appropriate for children under age 5.
No One Pass or ticket required

6:00 pm - Early Service, Main Sanctuary

8:30 pm - Late Service, Main Sanctuary

Yom Kippur Day - Stay the Day and Pray
Wednesday, October 9
9:00 am - Early Service, Main Sanctuary
No One Pass or ticket required

10:00 am - Service for Families with Children age 5 and under, Martin Meyer Sanctuary
No One Pass or ticket required

10:00 am - High Holy Day Learning, Guild Hall
Emanu-El Scholar Rabbi Lawrence Kushner: Parents
No One Pass or ticket required

11:30 am - High Holy Day Learning, Guild Hall
Senior Rabbi Emeritus Stephen Pearce: The Development and Transmission of Jewish Law and Lore
If the Bible is the foundation of Judaism, then the post-biblical writing of the Talmud and numerous other collections of Jewish Law (Halacha) and Lore (Aggadah), created by some of the most gifted scholars in Jewish history, was designed to legislate and narrate centuries of Jewish life in times of change, transition, and revolution — texts that created normative Judaism.
No One Pass or ticket required

11:45 am - Late Service, Main Sanctuary
No One Pass or ticket required

2:00 pm - A Panel on San Francisco’s Homeless Crisis
Please join us for a critical discussion and update on the Tzedek Council’s efforts to reduce the number of youth experiencing homelessness in our city. Learn about our successes in serving this population, plans for our social justice work in the coming year, and opportunities for you to get involved.

2:00 pm - Reflection & Renewal in the Redwoods
Prayer, meditation and music led by Rabbi Sydney Mintz. Participants will meet at the front gate of the Temple at 2:00 pm to walk to the Presidio and return in time for the 3:30 pm Community Service led by our teens.
No One Pass or ticket required

2:30 pm - Afternoon Service, Martin Meyer Sanctuary
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, Torah readings and commentaries created and led by our teens with Cantor Marsha Attie and accompanist.
No One Pass or ticket required

4:00 pm - Guided Meditation, Guild Hall
Led by Rabbi Ryan Bauer. Latecomers will not be admitted.
No One Pass or ticket required

4:00 pm - Healing Service, Reuben Rinder Chapel
Led by Senior Rabbi Beth Singer.
No One Pass or ticket required

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’ilat 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 - Yizkor and Neilah Services Main Sanctuary
No One Pass or ticket required

5:30 pm - Yizkor and Neilah Services Martin Meyer Sanctuary
Led by Senior Rabbi Jonathan Singer and Rabbi Jason Rodich. Sermon by Rabbi Carla Fenves. Music: Cantor Marsha Attie and accompanists. Space is limited. Tickets or One Passes are required. Following Neilah - Havdalah and Break-the-Fast, Courtyard
Sukkot and Simchat Torah
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

Celebrate Sukkot at the Temple with a festive outdoor service at 5:00 pm on Sunday, October 13 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.

Throughout Sukkot, bring lunch or dinner to enjoy in the sukkah and come shake the lulav!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13
5:00 pm - 7:30 pm, Sukkot Service + New Members Welcome Dinner
(Courtyard Sukkah)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14
9:00 am, Sukkot Morning Service and Breakfast

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15
6:30 pm, LGBTQ+ Dessert Reception
(Sukkah of Rabbis Beth and Jonathan Singer)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16
7:00 pm, Women’s Sukkot Dinner
(Courtyard Sukkah)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18
6:00 pm, One Shabbat Services, plus Oneg

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19
5:00 pm, Young Families Havdalah
(Sukkah of Rabbi Carla Fenves)

YIZKOR SERVICE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20
9:30 am - Nosh and Service

SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION + DINNER
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20
5:00 pm

Please join us as we mark the conclusion of the annual cycle of public Torah readings, consecration of our newest students, 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.

YOM KIPPUR FOOD DRIVE

Donate Food to the Hungry in October and on Yom Kippur

When you are asked in the world to come, “What was your work?” And you answer, “I fed the hungry,” You will be told, “This is the gate to the Lord, enter into it, you who have fed the hungry.” (Midrash Psalms 118:17)

Would you like to start your new year by helping those in need?

Congregation Emanu-El is the single largest Bay Area donor of non-perishable food to the San Francisco Food Bank. In addition, this will be our second year of donating to the Jewish Family and Children Services food pantry program.

To continue this mitzvah, we need your help! Please remember to bring your donation of non-perishable food (no glass please) to the Temple during Yom Kippur services as well as throughout the month of October.
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**

**Cooking for Congregants**

_Thursdays, October 24 and 31, 9:00 – 11:00 am, Emanu-El Kitchen_

_No charge_

Be one of two volunteers — under the guidance of former restaurant owner Gail Laghi and chef Sari Swig — helping to make meals for congregants in need. Here’s just one of the many expressions of appreciation for this program:

“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.”

While there are limited volunteer slots for Cooking for Congregants due to the layout of our kitchen, you can also help by calling the Temple office whenever you learn of a congregant who is grieving or ill or has become a new parent. By law, hospitals will not release patient information, so clergy and staff rely on YOU to enable us to reach out.

New participants are always welcome. Registration is required on the Temple website by the Tuesday before cooking day. Questions? Contact Rebecca Reiner at (415) 751-2535 x170.

**Scrabble**

_Mondays (except when the Temple is closed), 11:00 am – 3:00 pm, 5th floor_

_No charge; drop in_

Do you love Scrabble and the challenge of putting letters together to form words? Join our scrabble group and play a rousing game or two! Perfect your word skills and expand your social circle. All ages and experience levels are invited.

**Mah Jongg**

_Tuesdays (except when the Temple is closed), 1:30 pm_

_No charge; drop in_

Join us for American Mah Jongg! Open to players at all levels — from beginner to expert — but you must have some knowledge of the game as there will be no teaching at this time. Please arrive in the first half-hour if you have any questions.

**Bridge Club – Lessons and Game**

_Tuesday, October 22, 10:00 am – noon_

_Cost: $20 for members; $25 for friends of members_

_Drop in_

If you are beyond the level of novice, join this monthly group for duplicate-style bridge. Play while improving your game, with pointers from Deborah Murphy, certified bridge instructor and American Contract Bridge League champion.
Congregant Groups & Gatherings

Men’s Group
Sunday, October 27, 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. This month, you will have the opportunity to study with Senior Rabbi Jonathan Singer.

Men's Group events are congregant only and require registration. All events are from 9:30 to 11:30 am, unless otherwise noted. If you have questions, contact Rebecca Reiner at rreiner@emanuelsf.org or (415) 751-2535 x170.

Thanks to a donation from a member of the Men’s Group, the majority of gatherings are now offered for free.

Sukkot Dinner: The Tribe for Women & The Women’s Group
Wednesday, October 16, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Cost: $18 + bottle of wine or dessert

Join us for our annual Women’s Group and The Tribe for Women dinner in the sukkah. Enjoy a night of company with other women, lively discussion, and wine. We will be outside, so remember to dress warmly! This event is open to members of Congregation Emanu-El. Please register in advance, and bring your contribution of either wine or a dessert to share with the group.

The Tribe for Men’s Sukkot
Thursday, October 17

The Men’s Group is an active and committed group of Emanu-El dads ages 30–50 with children ages 0–12, regardless of gender and/or sexual identity. Join us in celebrating Sukkot!

Baby & Toddler Groups Available!

Bagels and Babies
Mondays and Fridays, 9:30 – 11:00 am, Martin Meyer Reception
Cost: FREE for members; $10/session for non-members (first session free)

Drop in with your little one (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.

Side By Side
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 – 11:00 am
Cost: $360 for members; $485 for non-members

Emanu-El’s Side by Side program introduces our youngest children (18 months to 2.5 years) to a preschool environment with their parent or caregiver by their side. Our Side by Side program is rich in Jewish content, celebrating Jewish traditions and holidays. This program is a wonderful introduction to preschool that deepens relationships in our community and launches a meaningful beginning to the school experience for both parents and children.

There are two sessions per week for 8 weeks (16 total sessions). Register now for the fall 2019 session — contact Katie Saleh, Administrative Coordinator, via email at KSaleh@emanuelsf.org!
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. www.emanuelsf.org/youthhomelessness/

A Panel on San Francisco’s Homelessness Crisis
Yom Kippur Day, October 9, 2:00 pm, Guild Hall
Please join us for a critical discussion and update on the Tzedek Council’s efforts to reduce the number of youth experiencing homelessness in our city. Learn about our successes in serving this population, plans for our social justice work in the coming year, and opportunities for you to get involved.

Sunday Dinners at G-House
Sunday evenings, 5:00 – 7:00 pm
Sponsor a Sunday night dinner for youth experiencing homelessness: Cook, eat, and socialize with residents of G-House, a transitional housing program of Larkin St Youth Services. Run by the Larkin Street Youth Services G-House is a 20-bed housing program for San Francisco homeless young adults (ages 18-24, transitioning from adolescence to adulthood). G-House provides residents with tools to remove the obstacles in their life that threaten a successful transition to independent living. Emanu-El has partnered with G House to support the youth integrating into the community by bringing in volunteers on Sunday evenings to cook, eat, and build meaningful relationships with the residents.

Meet Lisa Krim, Our New Tzedek Council Co-Chair!
Lisa Krim is joining Melissa Koenigsberg as co-chair of our Tzedek Council. Welcome aboard, Lisa!

“While my drive to achieve Social Justice began at an early age, the last several years I have been busy with raising my four children and I have missed being a leader of this valuable work. Thankfully, volunteering at Emanu-El and my public school provided me a meaningful bridge during this time. My commitment to Emanu-El flourished through YFE community building and the B’nai Mitzvahs of my three sons, the most recent of which was August 24!

For me, the Tzedek Council is an opportunity to get back to doing what I love within a community that I love. I look forward to working with all of you.”

DO YOU BELIEVE THE REFORM MOVEMENT SHOULD HAVE A STRONGER PRESENCE IN ISRAEL?
Rabbis Jonathan and Beth Singer are the National Rabbinic Chairs of the campaign.
Your Vote will help fund Reform Synagogues in Israel.
Raising a Jewish Mensch — A Scaffolding for Independence and Responsibility
Taught by Taube Scholar, Senior Rabbi Emeritus Stephen Pearce
Tuesdays, October 22 and 29, November 5, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

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

This three-week course will focus on mitzvoth, the Jewish action standards of: kehilah (community); sh’lom bayit (domestic tranquility that nurtures a peaceful home); hach’nasat 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).

Classes will also focus on discussing God, prayer, self-esteem, coping skills, dealing with disappointment, and encouraging independence, as well as over- and under-parenting.

Register online at: www.emanuelsf.org/support-us/.

There is no charge for this course, but contributions to offset the cost of support staff, maintenance, & security are most welcome.

God Wrestling with Rabbi Jonathan Singer
Tuesdays, October 22 and 29, November 5, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Cost: $25 for members; $40 for nonmembers

How we talked and continue to talk about the Holy, from the very beginning to today. We will look at challenging texts and touch upon the questions raised by the Talmud and Maimonides. See some response from the mystics and contemporary thinkers. To be Yisrael is to struggle with the notion of the One. Join us!

Make ‘em Laugh: Great Comic Songs from the Stage and Screen, taught by Bonnie Weiss
November 19, December 3, 10, and 17, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Cost: $36 for members; $45 for non-members

In this four-part series, we'll explore the development and proliferation of the tunes that tickle our funny bones — from the scintillating to the satiric to the silly. We'll look at how the comedy song emerged on the stage and screen and its many permutations through the years. And, since many of the creators of these comic gems happen to be Jewish, we’ll look at how their religious and cultural heritage influenced their work.

Plus, you’ll view performances of these delightful ditties by such legends as Danny Kaye, Fanny Brice, Eddie Cantor, Bert Lahr, Groucho Marx, and more. Included will be patter songs, charm songs, political satires, and even songs that mock the art of songwriting itself.
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in observance of the Yahrzeit of Edwin Tucker

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in observance of the Yahrzeit of Marcia Shaps

Murry & Marilyn Waldman
in observance of the Yahrzeit of Joanne Klein

FLOWERS FOR THE BIMA — listings are included here

Lisa & Brian Krim
in honor of Miles Krim’s Bar Mitzvah

CANTORS’ MUSIC FUND — supports the Congregation’s music programs and is used for charitable giving at the Cantors’ discretion

Erika & Dovid Coplon
in honor of Daphne Coplon’s Bat Mitzvah

Betty Dvorson
in celebration of Rabbi Sydney Mintz and Ellen Spiro’s marriage

Robert & Jennifer Futernick
in observance of the Yahrzeit of Marylee Futernick

Lisa & Brian Krim
in honor of Miles Krim’s Bar Mitzvah

Fred Levin & Nancy Livingston
in observance of the Yahrzeit of Ben Shenson

Jennifer & Nir Margalit
in honor of Cantor Marsha Attie

EMANU-EL COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND — promotes and supports social action and community service programs

Elyse Blatt
in observance of the Yahrzeit of Jacque Reed

Charles & Lenore Bleadon (2)

Maria Diamond
in observance of the Yahrzeit of Guisa Levin

Sanford & Nancie Garfinkel
in observance of the Yahrzeit of Felice Baum

Scott & Vicki Kahn
in observance of the Yahrzeit of Norman Gothelf

Rita Semel
in celebration of Rabbi Sydney Mintz and Ellen Spiro’s marriage
FOOD PANTRY — supports the Healthy Children Pantry at Roosevelt Middle School

Leslie Friedman & Jonathan Clark (2)
in observance of the Yahrzeit of Ruth Rubinstein Hacker

Edith Kaplan
in celebration of Steve Cohen’s birthday

William & Stephanie Scott (2)
in observance of the Yahrzeit of Anna Bayard Ernst

EMANU-EL LIFE-CYCLE FUND — enables all congregants to celebrate significant milestones, regardless of economic circumstances

Rebecca & Monie Hussain
in honor of Adrienne Dorothy Hussain’s baby naming

Shana Katzman & Gregory Tranah
in honor of Margot Katzman-Tranah’s Bat Mitzvah

Richard Newman
in honor of Lucy May Newman’s baby naming

Sara Osias & Andrew Hanes
in honor of Rabbi Ryan Bauer

Michele Woolfe-Avramov
in observance of the Yahrzeit of Phillip Woolfe

EMANU-EL PRESCHOOL FUND — provides scholarships and support for our Preschool

Caren Alpert

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in honor of Rabbi Ryan Bauer

RABBIS’ DISCRETIONARY FUND — used for charitable giving at the Rabbis’ discretion

James & Karen Wolfe
in celebration of Rabbi Sydney Mintz and Ellen Spiro’s marriage

Jason Bernstein & Jacob Prussky
in appreciation of Rabbi Jason Rodich

Erika & Dovid Coplon
in honor of Daphne Coplon’s Bat Mitzvah

Brenda Friedler
in honor of John Whalen’s recovery from illness

Scott Greenberg
in honor of Rabbi Jason Rodich

Alan & Susie Greinetz
in celebration of Rabbi Sydney Mintz and Ellen Spiro’s marriage

David Kremer & Marla Miller
in observance of the Yahrzeit of Beverly Miller

Lisa & Brian Krim
in honor of Miles Krim’s Bar Mitzvah

Alex Levinson & Kim Muth
in celebration of Rabbi Bauer’s promotion

Andrew Loveman

Jerome Rossen & Sandra Bragar
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in observance of the Yahrzeit of Elliot Rivo

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to support the Cantor’s Concert Series

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to support the Peer Connector Program

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to support the Pre-School Scholarship Fund

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to support the student debt relief pilot program
**Mazel Tov to Our Members Who Have Experienced Joy**

Ilana Merlis and Noah Stephens on the birth of their son, Nathan Merlis Stephens
Lisa and Alex Yakubovich on the birth of their daughter, Audrey Evelyn Yakubovich.

**Condolences to Our Members Who Have Suffered Recent Losses**

Jennifer Derrick (Mike) on the death of her mother, and Reily and Nola Derrick on the death of their grandmother, Barbara Kowitt
Nancy Selix on the death of her husband, Daniel Green on the death of his stepfather, Dore Selix-Gabby on the death of her son, John Selix (Dena) on the death of his brother, and Julian Selix on the death of his uncle, Russel (Rusty) Selix
Lauren Goldman (Leo Fuchs) on the death of her father, and Zachary and Jeremy Fuchs on the death of their grandfather, Harold Goldman
Robbi Shveyd (Leo) on the death of her grandmother, and Ray and Rebecca Shveyd on the death of their great-grandmother, Claire Finkel
Julie Jeremy on the death of her mother, and Benjamin and India Jeremy on the death of their grandmother, Marlene Swartz Levinson
Robert Gardner (Gretchen) on the death of his mother, and Mollie and Besse Gardner on the death of their grandmother, Barbara Kahn Gardner

**Congratulations to Our Members on Their Achievements**

Sandra Brager on being elected to the Jewish Community Relations Council Board
Phil Ginsburg on being appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom for a seat on the California State Park and Recreation Commission
Lisa Stern on being awarded the 2018–2019 Bridges Curriculum – Foundations 1 and 2 Teaching Awards at UCSF School of Medicine in the following category: Excellence in Small Group Instruction

**New Members**

Ms. Sarah Beth Anders
Ms. Rachel Balchum
Jolie Behravan
Mr. Jonathan Blavin
Emma Blavin
Zoe Blavin
Ms. Lauren Cantor
Ms. Truth Doyle
Dr. Kathleen Easterbrook
Mr. Aaron Finegold
Ms. Jayme Frieder
Mr. Joe Glass
Mr. Scot Hoffman
Mr. Kevin Holub
Mrs. Amanda Holub
Mr. David Houska
Ms. Joanna Jones
Ms. Ana Keusch
Mrs. Kimberly Knoll
Alana Kochieva
Mrs. Diana Kochieva-Oren
Mrs. Andrea Leibof
Mr. Eric Marcus
Julian Monatlik
Mei Narvid
Mr. Jeffrey Narvid
Nico Narvid
Mrs. Yoko Narvid
Ilan Oren
Yael Oren
Mr. Yuval Oren
Ms. Sophie Paci
Mr. Joel Paul
Ms. Claire Perelman
Mr. Drew Rosenthal
Mr. Adam Rosenthal
Ms. Maxine Schur
Ms. Lauren Sobel
Mr. Justin Trojanowski
Ms. Amanda Wollman
Mr. Michael Wollman
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**Rejoined Members**

Lilah Buckman
Ava Buckman
Mrs. Jewel Buckman
Mr. Arnold Buckman
Mr. Matt Bushell
Other Libi Cap
Max Davison
Samuel Davison
Mr. Ross Davison
Ms. Abigail Davison
Mr. Samuel Fischer
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Mr. Kevin McDonald
Alessandra McDonald
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Mrs. Rebecca Schulman
Mr. Mark Schulman
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Naomi Schulman
Emily Shapiro
Anna Shapiro
Ms. Nicole Shapiro
Mr. Daniel Shapiro
Reflections on Time Spent in Israel

This past summer, Rabbi Jonathan Singer led our congregation’s trip to Israel, exploring the country’s history and presence in today’s Middle East. One of the highlights included the B’not Mitzvah of sisters Maya Dillick and Aliya Dillick. Their ceremony took place at Tel Hatzor, the largest archaeological site in northern Israel. For trip participants, sitting in a surrounding that archeologists date back to King Solomon and hearing two young women talk about their responsibilities as Jews in the 21st century moved many in the audience to tears. The connection between past, present, and future, along with the bond between the Jewish people and Eretz Israel, was palpable. We asked both Maya and Aliya to reflect upon their trip to Israel and we share their words with you.

A Unique Experience
By Maya Dillick

This summer, I had the opportunity to join a protest at the Western Wall led by the group Women at the Wall, who seek equality and women’s rights throughout Israel. Their primary mission is to secure equal rights for women worshipping at the Western Wall. Even today, women are not allowed to pray out loud by the women’s section of the Wall, whereas the men have a microphone to lead their prayers and services in their area. Women at the Wall is trying to make it so both sides have the same rights.

At the specific protest I attended, the leaders and founders of Women at the Wall were leading a service. We sang, prayed, and smiled while all around us men and women were yelling at us to stop. What really struck me from this experience was how women my age were protesting against us. They were right in the middle of the huddle of people trying to silence us, even when these counter-protesters started shoving us and our supporters.

At the end of the service we all walked out, singing one of the prayers we had sung during the service. Lining the walkways were angry men and boys, kicking dirt and saying things to us. There were little kids, no more than six or seven years old, wearing the same angry expressions as their fathers. I could not believe how many people showed up just to attempt to get us to stop praying, the same thing they had been doing all morning.

Chanting to make a difference in the world was a unique experience. I felt so connected to all the women around me, even if we did not come from the same time zone or speak the same language. I’m so glad I had the chance to join Women at the Wall this summer. I know I won’t forget it.

The Eye of the World
By Aliya Dillick

Israel is a place of wonder, beauty, and such wisdom that even someone with all the knowledge in the world would not be able to explain it. Ancient and modern collide, to create this awesome place that we call Israel. The place of our ancestors. The land of milk and honey.

When you think of this place, you may think of one thing in particular. That something may be a religion that is significant in your life; it may be a place that you learned about in school, or something that is part of your personal life that you may not be able to explain to other people.

When I visited Israel for the first time, it felt to me as some sort of homecoming. It was like I was returning to my ancestors, to the place of my family. This was significant when I first entered Jerusalem. The wall was the first thing that struck me. At first, it just seemed to me like, well, a wall. But then I saw the way that some of the adults looked at it, like it was made of gold. That’s when it struck me. Many people are not able to come here, to make aliyah. I was so incredibly fortunate to be here. This is a place of gold. It is a City of Gold, the “Eye of the World.”
Generosity and Gratitude

Congregation Emanu-El’s Development Committee is grateful for all congregants who contribute their time and provide financial support to help make our community stronger. This month, we are featuring Melissa Koenigsberg, who exemplifies this spirit of generosity. We are very grateful to Melissa Koenigsberg and her husband, Billy Lee, who contribute their time and energy to ensure that our community thrives.

Melissa and Billy have been members for seven years, after moving from Washington DC to San Francisco with their son, Cooper, who was 18 months at the time. Melissa describes her family, now including three children, as San Francisco transplants. However, after learning more about Melissa’s involvement in Emanu-El programs, one would think that they have been part of the Emanu-El family for decades. Melissa believes that “You get out of the Temple what you put into the Temple.” The Koenigsberg and Lee family have celebrated numerous multicultural lifecycle events at Emanu-El, and are grateful for the strong embrace of their Korean-American customs.

Melissa is a dedicated Tzedek Council member who helped plan and garner support for the Light of Giving event last December to aid homeless youth. Through this initiative, congregants assembled 300 backpacks filled with supplies to meet some of the basic needs of homeless youth in San Francisco. Melissa has also participated in other social justice activities at Emanu-El, is an active member of the Tribe for Women and engages deeply with our preschool.

Melissa relishes the opportunity to live her Jewish values by focusing her time and energy on serving our greater community. Melissa believes that in order to live tikkun olam, she must be an advocate for those in need and teach her children to do the same. “Philanthropy means contributing in a way that is meaningful, monetarily and through your time. Showing up and volunteering your time both deepens your commitment to the Temple and enriches the fabric of the Temple.” Melissa has also sat on the board of Rising Sun Center for Opportunity for the past six years, a Bay Area nonprofit working at the intersection of climate resilience and economic equity. Although the impetus to join Emanu-El may have begun on a quest for community, Melissa has become a salient member of the Emanu-El community. We are grateful for Melissa’s continuing support of so many Emanu-El programs and initiatives over the years.

By Talia Rothman
Development Associate

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