



# THE TEMPLE CHRONICLE



## ANNUAL LUDWIG ALTMAN MEMORIAL CONCERT

### “ELIJAH”

(abridged version)

BY FELIX MENDELSSOHN

Sunday, November 19

4:00 pm

Main Sanctuary

U.C. Berkeley University Chorus  
and guest orchestra directed by Marika Kuzma

Featuring soloists:

**Bojan Knezevic, Bass-baritone - *Elijah***

**Roslyn Barak, Soprano - *Widow***

**Jonathan Smucker, Tenor - *Obadiah***

Narrated by **Henry Leff**

No admission charge  
This concert is sponsored by the  
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## ANNUAL RABBI JOSEPH ASHER LECTURE

### How Do We See Each Other? Classic and Contemporary Views of Jews and Muslims Towards Each Other

**Reuven Firestone**

Professor of Medieval Judaism and Islam  
Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of  
Religion, Los Angeles

Wednesday, November 29

7:30 pm



Admission is free; no reservations necessary.

*This lecture is sponsored by the Rabbi  
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## Thoughts by Our Rabbinic Intern, Jonathan Jaffe

### INTERFAITH DIALOGUE

#### SERMON FOR PARSHAT NITZAVIM

Delivered by Rabbinic Intern Jonathan Jaffe on September 15, 2006



One fall afternoon nearly four years ago, a young man sat on a bus outside of Afula, Israel when he noticed that the passenger in front of him was acting strangely. For one thing, he was wearing a large coat in the middle of September. Second, he thought he saw a wire protruding from the man's coat. Fearing the man was possibly a suicide bomber, he searched for a way to alert the police, but he didn't have a cell phone on him. In a moment of pure *chutzpah*, he asked the man in the coat if he could borrow his cell phone. Even more surprisingly, the man shrugged and quietly obliged, handing it to him. The passenger calmly stepped to the back of the bus and, whispering into the phone, called the police. When the bus stopped in the Arab-Israeli town of Um Al Fachem, the police were waiting. Stepping off the bus, the bomber saw the police and detonated his explosives. Because he was outside of the bus, none of the passengers was killed. It was later revealed that the bomber was planning to transfer to a bus to Tel-Aviv where he hoped to set off his bomb. The bus passenger had saved dozens of lives through his courageous action.

This story is fantastic for so many reasons. First, this passenger had acted so heroically to save his fellow passengers. Second, he had the audacity to borrow the bomber's own cell phone in order to call the police. Yet both of these aspects pale in comparison to the most amazing aspect of the story: The passenger's name was Ra'id Muhammed and he was an Arab Israeli. He had risked his own life to stop a fellow Arab Muslim from killing Israeli civilians.

I read about Ra'id Muhammed while working on an Arab Israeli construction crew at Kibbutz Ginnegar, outside of Afula. It was Sukkot break during my first year of rabbinical studies at Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem. In order to improve my Hebrew, I had volunteered to work at Ginnegar for the two-week break between Hebrew ulpan and classes. Each morning, I would arise at 4:30 am to meet Chabashi, Jamal, and Achmed in the tool shed where we would sip our Turkish coffee and collect our equipment before heading out for the day. One day after work, I read about Ra'id Muhammed in *The New York Times* online. And I saw that he was recovering at the nearby Ha'Emek Hospital from his injuries from the bomb blast. And so I decided that given my proximity and sense of indebtedness to this young man, I would visit Ra'id Muhammed to say "thank you."

I shared my idea with another volunteer on the kibbutz, a British soldier named Danny. Danny had just finished a tour of duty in Kosovo and was looking for some peace and quiet ... and so naturally came to Israel. To say that Danny stood out in Israel would be an incredible understatement. Red-haired and freckled, standing a good 6'4" and weighing at least 250 pounds, he made me look like a small dark midget. But he was looking for something to do and asked to come along on the journey to Ha'Emek Hospital. And so, like George and Lennie from *Of Mice and Men*, we sojourned into the warm evening and set out for Afula.

Upon arriving at the hospital, I realized that I had no idea of what I was supposed to do or say. I went to the hospital's front desk and said that I was hoping to visit Ra'id Muhammed. The clerk asked me why. "I want to say thank you," I replied. And so of course, they called security. After about 20 minutes of questioning, we were given permission and sent to the top floor of the hospital. We strolled past half-lit rooms with wallpaper peeling off the walls, each filled with Arab Israelis, five or six to a room. Each patient lay with their families gathered around them. I turned the corner and saw in the back of the room, two Muslim women in burkas, sitting next to a young boy. There lay Ra'id Muhammed with his mother and sister at either side of him.

I had forgotten that Ra'id was all of seventeen years old. I saw him now and was astonished by how young he looked. He was really just a kid. Danny and I approached Ra'id's mother and sister and, not exactly knowing what to do, managed sort of a half bow, saying "*Salaam Aleikum*". "*Aleikum HaSalaam*" they replied. As Danny didn't speak a word of Hebrew or Arabic, he took a position directly behind me, arms folded behind his back, as if I had brought my own British security guard. Ra'id looked up at me and quietly said hello. He was scrawny with teenage acne and looked tired and dreary. Later, I found out that Ra'id had regained consciousness after the bombing only to find himself handcuffed to his bed as a possible suspect. Being one of two Arabs on a targeted Israeli bus will do that to you. I also found out that his family had received daily death threats from Arabs upset that Ra'id had stopped the bomber. No wonder he looked so exhausted.

After a moment of uncomfortably long silence, I spoke to Ra'id in my best fourth grade level Hebrew. I said,

"Ra'id, thank you for seeing us. My name is Jonathan and I am an American student. I am also a Jew. This is my friend Danny from England. (Danny nodded.) We read about you in the American newspapers and traveled here to say thank you. What you did was incredibly brave and we want to make sure that you know that your deed was noticed and appreciated. There is a teaching in Judaism that to save one life is like saving the entire world. You have preserved all of the potential that comes from that one life. So thank you." I continued, "In America, there are some people who believe that all Arabs and Muslims wish them harm, especially after September eleventh of last year. But I believe this is false. I want you to know that for the rest of my life, when anyone tells me that all the Arabs want to kill the Jews, you will be my refutation. 'Not Ra'id Muhammed', I will say. 'There's one Arab boy who risked everything in order to save a bunch of Jewish strangers - and I'm sure there are many more where he came from'. You forever will be my symbol for the potential for peace and understanding between our religions and cultures. Thank you for what you did. I wish you a speedy recovery and all the best for you and your family."

Ra'id calmly nodded and pointed to the newspaper article I had printed out. "Can we keep it?" his mother asked. I handed it to her. In response, Ra'id's sister, sitting on the other side of his bed, extended a box of chocolates towards me and Danny. We each took one and said thank you. The five of us remained in a moment of silence as Danny and I munched on our chocolates. So there we were, an Arab Israeli family, a Jew from Hawaii and a British soldier, intersecting at the most improbable of moments and places, all nibbling away. It sounds mundane, yet it was a magical moment.



I tell this story now as this past week we observed the fifth anniversary of 9/11, a dark day for our community. This year, the anniversary of the destruction of the World Trade Center falls in the month of *Elul*, a time of reconciliation and forgiveness in the Jewish calendar. It is a season for bridging the chasm between people and for combating hate with dialogue and understanding. As 9/11 moves further into history and we do our best to honor the memory of those who died, we receive instruction from this week's Torah portion. *Parshat Nitzavim* commands us in simple terms, "I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day: I have put before you life and death, blessing and curse. Choose life – so you are your offspring may live." And so, I tell the story of Ra'id Muhammed as an example of one who chose life and, in doing so, inspired me and countless others to do the same.

It is now four years since I met Ra'id Muhammed and much has changed. I entered rabbinical school a curious single twenty-something. This May, I will graduate and be ordained as a rabbi. In the process, I have become a somewhat more mature, married thirty-something with our first baby due next month. My friend Danny is serving under the British Army in Iraq, and I receive emails from him, from time to time.

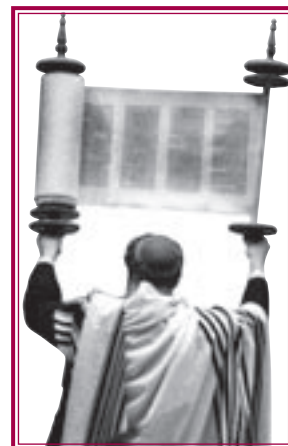
Though much has changed since that fall evening, I still think of Ra'id Muhammed and wonder what ever happened to him. I wish I could speak with him again, to thank him this time for influencing my Israel experience in such a profound way. After meeting with him, I returned to the kibbutz with a new vigor for interfaith dialogue. For the next two weeks, my Arab-Israeli construction crew became an informal discussion group. We painted roofs and poured cement, all the while debating Muslim-Jewish relations and our views on everything from the internet to Jewish and Arab cooking. One day, Achmed asked me how big the World Trade Center was. "Really, really tall," I responded. He asked, "Bigger than the kibbutz dining hall?" I realized then and there that we were worlds apart. But at least we had begun the process of finding common ground.

I wish I could speak with Ra'id Muhammed, now as I reach ordination and look forward to entering the rabbinate. I would say to him,

"Ra'id, I want to thank you again. I am forever indebted to you for influencing me so profoundly. Back in America, our newspapers tell of the daily violence between the West and the Arab world. I wish that more Americans could meet people like you, Arab or Jew, who choose life over religion, commonality over division. Meeting you gave me a sense of optimism that can never be shaken. You remain my proof that we have more in common than we do in opposition. And so for the rest of my career, I will work towards this goal from my side and you from yours. I hope one day we may see each other again, meeting somewhere in between. For now, *Salaam Aleikum* and Shabbat Shalom."

## DOUBLE YOUR DONATION WITH A MATCHING GIFT

Have you ever considered asking your employer for a matching gift for our Annual Giving campaign? Many members are able to take advantage of matching gifts from their employer to double or even triple their gift to the Temple. More than 11,000 American companies have adopted corporate matching gift plans to help support nonprofit organizations. Companies will often match gifts made by employees, officers, directors, and in some cases spouses and/or retired employees, officers, or directors.



Find out if your company has a matching gift program by contacting the Temple's Development Department at (415) 751-2541 x122 or x142 or by contacting your employer.

## THANK YOU:

In addition to the gifts listed in the recent Year of Torah publication, we want to express our sincere thanks and acknowledge gifts from these congregants whose names were inadvertently omitted:

Tad and Dianne Taube	Day of Creation, in honor of Travis and Zachary Taube
Terri, Max, and Hallie Forman	Letter Yud, in honor of Hallie's 18 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
Cantor Roslyn Barak	Verses Exodus 15:1-18, in memory of Harry Jhunever and Lucy Feld
Dr. Ernest and Isadora Rosenbaum	A Letter

We would also like to note the following revisions to gift dedications that were listed incorrectly in the Year of Torah publication:

Myrna and Stuart Aronoff	An Aliyah, in honor of Lucy Hope Aronoff and Zoe Joy Aronoff
Alice Lowe Shaw, Emily Laurel Shaw and Noah Harold Shaw	"Noach" (Noah), in memory of Harold David Lowe, Rosalind Kahn Lowe, and Warren Hansen Shaw

## SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR HIGH HOLY DAY MUSICAL VOLUNTEERS

**Kol Nidre Soloist:** Christian Gehrke

**Kol Emanu-El Volunteer Choir:**

Donna Alban  
Carol Coles  
Joan Dine  
Judy Epstein  
Daniel Goldberg

Tanette Goldberg  
Sandra Gordon  
Joan Green  
Shari Jacobs  
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## OF SOUND MIND

by Judi Leff, Director of Special Projects

Those of us who work here at Temple Emanu-El are indeed privileged to be able to work in such an historical and beautiful building. It was a challenge and an honor for me to be asked to manage the recent bima remodel and sound system project.

The architects were charged with altering the current space to enable worship to become warmer and more intimate as well as to make accommodations for disabled congregants. This change was made to take into account the wishes and needs of our expanding congregation, and enable a wider variety of programming.

The sound system was designed to bring the sound of our services into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, with speakers designed by Meyer Sound - owned by local sound reinforcement pioneers John and Helen Meyer. Our previous pewback system was practical, but we wanted to have a richer and warmer sound with more clarity. The space itself is an acoustical challenge. (A recent book on sound systems in churches and synagogues starts with the stern advice that one should avoid having any type of dome!)

Thanks to our staging vendor Chris Flum, we were blessed to have the new sound system organized by Don Pearson, a Jewish Bay Area sound engineer and the co-founder of UltraSound with another Jewish engineer Howard Danchik. Both Don and Howard had their professional beginnings with the Grateful Dead. Ultra Sound was known not only for its high-quality sound design, but also for its social consciousness, and provided the sound for the Tibetan monks, the pope, both Republican and Democratic conventions, the Three Tenors and many rock bands including Hot Tuna, Jefferson Airplane and the aforementioned Dead. After providing sound for thousands of shows over 25 years, Don became a technical seminar instructor for Meyer Sound, highly respected by all in the sound reinforcement universe.

The acoustical treatment, so necessary to begin to improve the challenging acoustics of the Main Sanctuary, was shepherded by long-time Don Pearson associate Sam Berkow of SIA Acoustics in New York. Sam has worked on Jazz at Lincoln Center, Cirque du Soleil, recording studios and larger multi-purpose venues, amphitheatres and stadiums. Sam also had experience with worship spaces, including the rescue of Central Synagogue in New York after their fire. During that project, Sam met his wife Toby, who has a position similar to mine at Central.

Demetrius Palavos of UltraSound/ProMedia, was responsible for the sound system installation, including our special Meyer speakers, and he was a protégée of Don Pearson, along with our High Holy Days sound engineer Armando Tobriner (whose father and grandfather grew up at Temple Emanu-El,) and Tom Lyon, who does sound for The Dave Matthews Band.

Sadly, this was Don Pearson's final project - he died suddenly in January. This project brought many people with a Don Pearson and/or Jewish connection into a beautiful Jewish worship space, some for the first time in many years. I only knew Don for a few months, yet it was so special for all of us who had been touched by Don's enthusiasm and expertise to see the project come to fruition, and enhance the worship experience for those of us here at Temple Emanu-El.

## BOOMERS+ BUNCH NEWS

The Emanu-El Boomers+ Bunch gets together monthly for programs of speakers and outings (usually) on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month. Enjoy eclectic topics and destinations with new and old friends. Suggestions of activities from the group are always welcome.

**Monday, November 20 (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)**

**Martin Meyer Reception**

**10:30 am Continental breakfast; 10:45 am Program**

### Interactive Discussion on Solving Annoying Consumer Problems

Who hasn't had problems with credit card bills, medical bills, car repairs, home repairs...it goes on and on. Do you have consumer-related issues that you want advice on? For example, are charges appearing on telephone bills for services not requested or telephone calls not made? What should you do when you feel you've been cheated?

Presenter: Marlene Fullmer, part of KRON's former Contact 4 team that investigated consumer complaints. Marlene is a fierce consumer advocate, a long-time Temple member, and a past president of the Emanu-El Sisterhood.

**"COME! LET US GO UP TO ZION."**

**-Jeremiah 31:5**

Have you traveled to Israel? If so, we want to know about it and honor you! Traveling to Israel is a great mitzvah.

A special Shabbat Friday Evening Service will take place on Friday, December 15 to acknowledge and celebrate members of all ages of our Emanu-El community who have traveled to Israel.

Among the special programming, we will feature:

- Emanu-El teens who had the Jewish pride, curiosity and determination to go to Eretz Yisrael in the summers of 2005 and 2006,
- a presentation on our sister community, Beit Daniel: The Center for Progressive Judaism in Tel Aviv,
- images and memories of the times Emanu-El members have spent in Israel.

We are gathering a collection of images, diary entries or just random memories and thoughts that we hope to display that evening. Please let us know about your travels to Israel by contacting Abra Greenspan, Director of Youth Education at [agreenspan@emanuelsf.org](mailto:agreenspan@emanuelsf.org). Please send all images and text by December 1, 2006.

**Congregation Emanu-El is featured prominently in the new book *Jewish San Francisco* by our congregant Rabbi Edward Zerin. The book is available at retailers or at Arcadia Publishing (888) 313-2665.**

**"ISRAEL'S BORDERS IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:  
THE SECURITY-DEMOGRAPHY DILEMMA"**

Joseph Heller  
Professor Emeritus, Hebrew University, Jerusalem

Monday, November 6  
7:30 pm  
Martin Meyer Sanctuary

Professor Heller was born in Tel Aviv 1937. He studied Jewish and general history at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (B.A. and M.A. both cum laude), and earned his Ph.D from the London School of Economics in 1971. He has taught at Hebrew University since 1971, and was visiting professor at University College, London, UK, and Yale University from 1995 to 1996. He has been professor of international relations since 1998 and professor emeritus at the Hebrew University since 2003. Professor Heller has published several books on the history of Zionism and Israel: *The Stern Gang 1940-1949: Ideology, Politics and Terror*; *The Birth of Israel 1945-1949: Ben-Gurion and his Critics*; and *From Brit Shalom to Ichud: Judah Leib Magnes and the Struggle for a Binational State*. He is currently at work on *Israel and the Cold War, 1948-1967: The U.S. Soviet Russia and the Struggle for the Middle East*.

This lecture is co-sponsored by the Judah Magnes Museum.

No admission charge; no reservations necessary.

**RABBI JOSEPH ASHER LECTURE**

How Do We See Each Other?  
Classic and Contemporary Views of  
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Reuven Firestone  
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Islamic Studies, Hebrew Union  
College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Los Angeles

November 29  
7:30 pm  
Martin Meyer Sanctuary

Rabbi Firestone is professor of Medieval Jewish and Islamic Studies, HUC-JIR, Los Angeles. He served for eight years as director of HUC-JIR's Edgar F. Magnin School of Graduate Studies and the Jerome Louchheim School of Undergraduate Jewish Studies at the University of Southern California, which offers degrees in cooperation with HUC-JIR. Prior to joining the HUC-JIR faculty, he taught at Boston University and was Yad Hanadiv Research Fellow at the Hebrew University. He received a Center for Arabic Study Abroad (CASA) III research fellowship for the Spring 2006 semester for study at the American University of Cairo, funded by the Fulbright Binational Committee in Egypt and the U.S. Department of Education. In 2000, Professor Firestone was awarded a fellowship for independent research from the National Endowment for the Humanities, and was chosen to be a fellow of the Institute for Advanced Jewish Studies at the University of Pennsylvania in 2002. His specialties are early Islam and its relationship with Jews and Judaism, scriptural interpretation of the Bible and Qur'an, and the phenomenon of holy war.

For more information, call Judi Leff at (415) 751-2541 x 115

*Rabbi Asher served as Congregation Emanu-El's senior rabbi from 1968-1985. This lecture honors his memory as a scholar and a humanitarian.*

**Admission is free; no reservations necessary.**

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**Jonathan Smucker, Tenor - *Obidiah***  
Narrated by **Henry Leff**

No admission charge; for more information call  
Judi Leff at (415) 751-2541 x115

**Elizabeth S. and Alvin I.  
Fine Museum**

*Curators' Choice can be viewed  
in the Martin Meyer Reception  
area, the Chapel corridor and  
Temple Foyer*



### WOMEN OF WISDOM HAVURAH GROUP (WOW)

For women between 50 and 70ish to meet monthly, go places, explore ideas, and share thoughts.

### Potluck and Mikvah Visit

Wednesday, December 13, 6:15 – 8:30

Come and explore Judaism's ritual bath, the mikvah. First, we will enjoy a casual potluck dinner. Make or buy, and bring (for three.) Then we will walk to the mikvah on Sacramento Street (weather permitting). At the mikvah, Batshir Torchio, Jewish educator, will explain this ancient tradition and give us a tour of the facilities.

RSVP is required to Frana @ 751-2541 x151 or fprice@emanuelsf.org



### KRAV MAGA CLASS BEGINS

Thursday, November 2, 7:30 - 8:30 pm  
Ongoing for six weeks (except Thanksgiving)  
Krav Maga, Israeli self-defense, is a great workout and very social! Hope you try it out!  
\$60 for members/\$75 for non-members

### LATE SHABBAT

Friday, November 10, 7:30 pm  
Martin Meyer Sanctuary  
(Late Shabbat is always preceded by a reception at 7:00 pm. Newcomers to our community are especially welcome!)

### YOUNG ADULT TORAH STUDY

with Rabbinic Intern Ryan Bauer  
Sunday, November 12, 10:00 - 11:30 am  
Bazaar Café (California at 21 Avenue)  
Come study some Torah with other young adults this month at the Bazaar Café.

### YA SALON

Tuesday, November 14, 7:00 – 9:00 pm  
YA Salons are a chance for young adults to get together and discuss important issues of the day, helped by intensive but rewarding text study. Email [yacommunity@emanuelsf.org](mailto:yacommunity@emanuelsf.org) to get this month's packet. Led by Rabbinic Intern Ryan Bauer.

### COMEDY WALKING TOUR OF NORTH BEACH

Sunday, November 19, noon  
Join David Spark, a co-chair of the Young Adult Leadership Committee, for a comedian-led walk through North Beach. David is a very funny guy—it's sure to be a good time!



Allison Eisendrath 1986



Allison Eisendrath 2006

### CELEBRATING TWENTY YEARS OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AT CONGREGATION EMANU-EL

Save the dates for these 2007 events:

- Community Art Project: January 28
- Children's Museum Art Show: February 21 – March 11
- Art Show Reception: March 1
- First Shabbat for ECE Alumni: March 2

Help us track down our Alumni -  
Contact: [preschool@emanuelsf.org](mailto:preschool@emanuelsf.org)



### RICK RECHT CONCERT

Annual Concert for Youth & Family Ed Students

JEWISH ROCK 'N ROLL --- YOU BET!  
DON'T MISS THIS AWESOME OPPORTUNITY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12  
10:45 am  
MARTIN MEYER SANCTUARY

## Emanu-Electives

See Emanu-Electives Catalogue of Activities brochure for descriptions and entire Fall schedule.

Emanu-Electives are small groups of members learning and doing together.

The groups are entertaining and enlightening, and a great way to meet other Emanu-El members.

**Registration is required for all electives.** Register online or by contacting Frana Price at (415) 751-2541 x151 or fprice@emanuelsf.org.

**CONTINUING AND NOT TOO LATE****BEGINNING BELLY DANCE****Monday evenings:**

**Nov 6, 13, 20, Dec 4**

**7:00 – 8:30 pm**

For women from all walks of life, and all ages and shapes. It is a healthy means of physical exercise, so shake your belly and move your hips, and chant and drum in a laid-back fun environment.

Leader: Jennifer Kantor, professional teacher, musician, singer, and student of belly-dance, offers drumming and chanting classes at Chochmat Ha Lev.

*Members: \$30 for the series / \$8 per session;*

*Friends of members: \$50 for the series / \$12 per session*

**THE ART OF FRENCH COOKING:**

Shabbat in France

**Monday evenings**

**6:30 – 9:00 pm**

Watch, prepare, and sample the diverse food styles of France. Enjoy the oneg like the French do – the conviviality of friends around memorable Shabbat food.

**Nov 6 - Cuisine Provencale**

Anchoiade, Thon grille avec sauce piperade, Tian de courgettes aux chevre,

Clafoutis aux poires

**Nov 13 - La Cuisine de grande-mere (bubbe)**

La tarte aux poireaux, Daube de boeuf, Macaronade, Petite salade verte, Crème Caramel

Leader: Rebecca Ets-Hokin, CCP, studied culinary arts in France and is a regular contributor to the Joy of Jewish Cooking column for the *J. - The Jewish News Weekly*

*Members: \$25 per session/ Friends of members: \$35 per session*

**YOGA IN THE AM:**

Incorporate the Physical, Mental, and Spiritual

**Wednesday mornings:**

**Nov 1, 8, 15, 29, Dec 6, 13**

**9:15 – 10:30 am**

Yoga improves all aspects of physical health and integrates the mind and body leaving one feeling relaxed yet alert and uplifted.

Leader: Rayner Needleman, certified Yoga teacher and therapist, has taught a faithful Temple following (plus new yoga enthusiasts) at the Temple for many years.

*Members: \$35 for the series/ \$8 per session;*

*Friends of members: \$50 for the series / \$10 per session*

**MORNING FORUM: Focus on Well-Being**

**Thursday morning**

**10:30 am – Noon**

**Nov 16 - Prayer and Spirituality**

An important part of Jewish prayer is the introspection it provides and the perspective of seeing our role in the universe and our relationship to God. Abra will guide us in an exploration of Jewish prayer and how it can provide a path to wholeness, strength, and meaning.

Leader: Abra Greenspan, completed the Educators' Program of the Institute for Jewish Spirituality and is a candidate for a Master's Degree in Jewish Education. She is currently Congregation Emanu-El Director of Youth Education.

*No charge*

**BEGINNING IN NOVEMBER****YIDDISH FILM MELODRAMA: A Portrait of a Culture and its Discontents****3 Thursday evenings:**

**7:00 – 9:00 pm**

Through film clips and discussion, explore the colorful (albeit black and white) world of Yiddish cinema.

**Nov 2** – Focus on the melodrama, the quintessential genre of Yiddish film, with its successful combination of humor, pathos, and schmaltz.

**Nov 9** – Look at the reconstruction of Eastern European life in American Yiddish film, and at the representation of the American dream and reality.

**Nov 16** – Examine gender and family roles (the authoritarian father, the son choosing an American life-style, the daughter looking for a husband, and the self-sacrificing ideal mother.)

Leader: Zehavit Stern, MA with a focus on Yiddish literature and film. "Kleyne Miryam," a short film based on her Yiddish and Hebrew script, was recently shown at the Jerusalem, Toronto, and Berlin Jewish film festivals.

*Members: \$15 for the series / \$7 per session;*

*Friends of members: \$25 for the series / \$10 per session*



## THE WEEKEND POET: A Workshop for Amateur Poets and Those Who Love Poetry

**3 Wednesday evenings**  
**Nov 8, 15, 29**  
**7:00 – 9:00 pm**

Get in touch with your creative muse when you join other recreational poets in a warm, informal setting for a workshop of study and writing. Based on the concept of “see one; do one” – study and practice – the group will have the opportunity to write in the three styles of praise poems, love poems, and lamentations.

Leader: Margaret Kaufman, MFA, is a poet and fiction writer whose most recent book is *Snake at the Wrist*. She has lead poetry workshops at Book Passage and other venues for over 20 years.

*Members: no charge; Friends of members: \$15 for the series / \$7 per session*

## ARE YOU THE PARENT OF A JEWISH CHILD? Jewish Parenting for Jewish and Non-Jewish Parents

**2 Thursday evenings**  
**7:30 - 9:00 pm – November 2 and 16**

This series is meant for all parents raising a Jewish child, but the topics can be especially interesting for a non-Jewish parent. How can we embrace Jewish teachings that will help us navigate the challenges of parenthood? Meet with other parents to discuss raising healthy, joyful human beings within the rich, diverse, life-giving Jewish tradition. Turn some of the choices of raising children into opportunities for expressing and imparting Jewish values. Go home to your family with a renewed sense of competency in your parenting skills.

**Nov 2** - Karen Kushner will highlight topics covered in her book: creating a Jewish space, making community, defining Jewish time, handling conflicts, and actions and challenges at the stages and ages of childhood.

**Nov 16** - Leslie Ticktin will continue the dialogue, including discussion about various Jewish holiday traditions, including the upcoming holiday of Hanukkah.

Facilitators: Karen Kushner, MSW, family educator and therapist specializing in the self-healing power of families, is director of Project Welcome for the PCW region of the Union for Reform Judaism, and author of *How to be a Jewish Parent, a Practical Handbook for Family Life*, co-authored with Anita Diamant and

Leslie Ticktin, MA in Community Counseling, is Congregation Emanu-El Family Programs Coordinator, leading the “Chuppah and Beyond” and “Expectant Parents” classes, and programs for families with young children.

## AN AFTERNOON OF GAMES Sunday, December 3, 3:00 – 5:00 pm, Guild Hall

### BRIDGE BASH

Meet new partners, bring a friend, bring a table or just yourself. Deborah Murphy, our acclaimed bridge teacher will be on hand to form tables and give pointers.

### MAH-JONGG MADNESS

Form a table and play away. Lynn Levi and Joyce Kurtz, our resident mah-jongg experts, will be on hand to form tables and offer help.

Snacks provided

No partner needed. No charge.

RSVP so we know how many tables to set; Frana Price, [fprice@emanuelsf.org](mailto:fprice@emanuelsf.org) or (415) 751-2541 x 151

### ONGOING CLUBS

**Tuesday Morning Bridge**  
**10:00 am on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor**

Tuesday mornings feature lively bridge games and lessons with Deborah Murphy. *Cost for Temple members is \$5.00 per lesson; cost for non-members is \$15.00 per lesson.* For more information, please contact Frana Price at (415) 751-2541 x 151.

**Thursday Afternoon Mah-Jongg**  
**Noon on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor**

Friendly mah-jongg games take place on Thursday afternoons. There is no charge. To be part of the game, contact Lynne at (415) 831-1225 or [lynne.levi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lynne.levi@sbcglobal.net).

### **DR. WILLIAM L. COBB ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – GETTING HEALTHIER EVERYDAY**

The new school year is underway and so is our Healthy Children Pantry at Dr. William L. Cobb Elementary School. This is our third year and again, we have wonderful support from the school staff, Lissa Collier, parent liaison and, parent volunteers as well as Congregation Emanu-El volunteers. This year the school nutritionist, Leigh Rossi, is helping with our food pantry by conducting tastings from the food we receive and supplying recipes for the families. So far, we have tried delicious cabbage coleslaw and sliced watermelon.

We continue to support the school's efforts in the area of academics, nutrition, and physical activity. We sponsor the food pantry and donate school supplies annually. We will also support Dr. William L. Cobb's after school program, participants in the mayor's Challenge - Shape Up San Francisco- Shape Up Walking Challenge. For twelve weeks, students will walk twice a week with the goal of walking over 1000 miles, collectively, along the coast of California. The students will track their progress on the [www.shapeupsf.org](http://www.shapeupsf.org) website illustrating the distance they have walked along the California Coast.

The Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) [MyPyramid.gov](http://MyPyramid.gov) recommends that people participate in a physical activity 60 minutes a day. Regular physical activity and physical fitness make important contributions to one's health, sense of well being, and maintenance of a healthy body weight. However, the barrier often given for a failure to be physically active is lack of time. By participating in Walking Challenge, Cobb School is taking on this barrier, creating opportunities for students to physically active, academically sound, and nourished.

#### **How do you start to become more active?**

Walking has tremendous benefits:

- Walking regularly can build aerobic fitness, balance and strength, which reduce the risk of chronic diseases such as heart problems and diabetes and also reduce the risk of falls and fractures.
- Regular exercise such as walking improves mood and relieves depression and stress.
- Walking with other people builds community and social support for physical activity.
- Foot traffic brings business to local stores and creates a feeling of safety in a neighborhood.
- Walking improves the environment by reducing dependency on cars, easing traffic congestion, and creating less air pollution and noise.
- Walking is free!

### **BACK ON TRACK PROGRAM LOOKING FOR TUTORS**

The Back on Track Tutoring Program, founded in 1987 as a cooperative effort between Third Baptist Church and Temple Emanu-El, is really, *really* in need of volunteer tutors. This great program helps San Francisco students K-12 who definitely need and appreciate one-on-one tutoring.

Volunteers for all academic subjects are very much welcome! You will be expertly matched with a highly motivated student, meeting at Third Baptist Church, McAllister and Pierce Streets, on a weekday afternoon or evening. Your two hour commitment will be a highlight of your week!

This is a great chance to help *tikkun haolam* (repair of the world). In the process, you will be building bridges between communities and getting to know some truly wonderful people. The first step to making a real difference in a young person's life, while doing a *mitzvah* and helping your student to get "Back on Track," is to email Regina Herbert, Membership Coordinator, at [regina@backontracksf.org](mailto:regina@backontracksf.org) or call her at (415) 346-9316 (24 hour voice mail if no one can answer). Be sure to leave your name and address.

There is also a website at [www.backontracksf.org](http://www.backontracksf.org) that has detailed information, with pictures and more to engage your interest. See you at Third Baptist!

### **TURKEY DRIVE RETURNS!**

Our annual Turkey Drive to benefit the San Francisco Food Bank, our partner in fighting hunger, is in full swing. This is such a simple mitzvah; we hope we can count on you to participate in helping 150,000 neighbors to have a good meal at the holidays.

It's not hard to believe that there is so much hunger in our community; given the choice of paying rent or buying food, families are in tough straits. The Food Bank needs our help to purchase 2,000 turkeys and 9,000 chickens to distribute to over 400 agencies and pantries serving low-income residents during November and December. We are asking all members to help feed another family this holiday by making a donation to the Food Bank for holiday birds. Your donation makes a big difference - with just \$12 the Food Bank can provide a turkey to feed up to 15 people. To help, just send your tax-deductible donation to Congregation Emanu-El, P.O. Two Lake Street, SF 94118 by November 15. Checks should be made payable to the San Francisco Food Bank, and reference the "Congregation Emanu-El Turkey Drive". You can also donate online at [www.sffoodbank.org/donate](http://www.sffoodbank.org/donate). Please be sure to choose the Temple Emanu-El Turkey Drive at the bottom of the page..

### **SHABBAT DINNER PROGRAM LOOKING FOR NEW CHEFS**

The Temple Emanu-El Caring Community is seeking new chefs for its Shabbat Dinner Program. Volunteer chefs prepare and deliver a Friday night dinner to Temple members who are ill, mourning a loved one, or adjusting to the arrival of a new child. In addition to the joy of doing mitzvot, participating chefs enjoy working in pairs and getting to meet their fellow congregants. Participation is flexible. Each spring, summer, and fall, chefs notify the program coordinator which weeks they are available for meal preparation.

On average, a volunteer chef contributes a portion of a meal twice during each calendar interval.

For further information, call 751-2541 x 116 or email us at [caringcommunity@emanuelsf.org](mailto:caringcommunity@emanuelsf.org).

**HELP THE ELDERLY ON THANKSGIVING**

Congregation Emanu-El and Little Brothers-Friends of the Elderly are partnering again this year to serve elderly San Franciscans on Thanksgiving Day. Little Brothers-Friends of the Elderly serves isolated, homebound and "family-less" seniors throughout San Francisco, with all program services carried out by volunteers. On Thanksgiving Day, and the day before, volunteers are needed to prepare food, gift packages, and most important, deliver the packages and visit with the elders who would otherwise spend the holiday alone. This is a convenient volunteer opportunity for congregants. All pre-Thanksgiving at Emanu-El activities will be based in Guild I and II. If you want to volunteer, please call Little Brothers-Friends of the Elderly at (415) 771-7957 or visit their website at [www.littlebrothers.org/sanfrancisco](http://www.littlebrothers.org/sanfrancisco).

**Thanksgiving Eve – Wednesday, November 22**  
**Meal and Package Preparation**  
**10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

**Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 23**  
**Pick-Up Meals at Temple Emanuel and Package Deliveries: 10:00 am – Noon**  
**(delivery and visits will take between 1-3 hours depending on how many elders the volunteers want to visit)**



*San Francisco Food Bank Food Drive and Events Coordinator Tiffany Moore poses in front of some of the food collected on Yom Kippur.*

**DARFUR CONTINUES TO NEED YOUR HELP**

We thank the numerous Congregation Emanu-El members who have participated in efforts to end the genocide in Darfur, Sudan and have made donations for humanitarian aid. Unfortunately, we cannot stop now. Despite the UN Security Council resolution authorizing multinational peacekeepers and recent international outcry, the 45-month-old genocide rages on. The situation in Darfur is worse than ever as the government of Sudan intensifies its actions while the world community fails to intervene effectively.

If you would like to help, please contact the San Francisco Bay Area Darfur Coalition, [www.darfursf.org](http://www.darfursf.org) or (415) 221-8400 to find out what you can do.

**TEEN ROSH CHODESH – FOR EMANU-EL'S YOUNG WOMEN 14-18 YEARS OLD**

***Kedushat HaGuf – The Holiness of the Body***  
**Addressing Self-Destructive Behavior**

**Tuesday, November 14**

**6:30 – 9:00 pm**  
**Light dinner provided**

*Kedushat HaGuf*, "The Holiness of the Body," is a curriculum created by the Union for Reform Judaism addressing the issues of self-destructive behavior in our teen population. This program will address questions, promote open and educational dialogue, and foster caring and strength within our congregation community. TRC will pilot this program and the voices of Emanu-El young women will help guide the development of the project

Self-destructive behavior refers to self-mutilating actions such as cutting or burning of the skin, and other harmful conduct like binge drinking and binge eating, self-starvation, and extreme risk taking. Teens, parents, camp counselors and youth workers confirm the reports of experts that these behaviors are increasing and are far more common than previously thought, occurring as frequently within the Jewish community as anywhere else.

Whether you are engaging in self-destructive behavior, know someone who is, or just want to be more informed, this is a very important workshop for all teen girls to attend.

Questions? Or to RSVP, please contact Ariana Estoque, Director of Adolescent Education, at (415) 751-2541 x 307 or at [aestoque@emanuelsf.org](mailto:aestoque@emanuelsf.org)

**CAFÉ (COMMUNITY AND FAMILY EDUCATION)**

"1-2-3 Jewish Me"...A Jewish education program for families with children of all ages. The class is designed to introduce families to the joys of celebrating Shabbat and other Jewish holidays in a hands-on, fun, friendly environment. 1-2-3 Jewish Me provides an opportunity for families to experience and explore the traditions, customs, and foods associated with Jewish holidays. Each session contains arts and crafts, music, Hebrew language, parenting discussions, and take home information geared towards the specific unit topic or holiday. Each session we will celebrate Havdalah and enjoy dinner with new and old friends.

**Dates and Topics:**

**Saturday, November 18 4:30 - 6:00 pm Shabbat**  
**Saturday, December 2 4:30 - 6:00 pm Hanukkah**

*Cost per family: (includes supplies and dinner)*  
*\$10 member/\$15 non-member per session*

Space is limited. Please contact Leslie Ticktin at [lticktin@emanuelsf.org](mailto:lticktin@emanuelsf.org) or (415) 751-2541 X 167 to register.







**TERRY DAVID CASTLEMAN**, son of Robin Wolaner and Steve Castleman, and brother of Bonnie Castleman, will become a Bar Mitzvah on November 4. He will chant verses one through seventeen in the portion of *Lech Lecha*, telling the story of the Covenant Between the Pieces, which involves God telling Abram about the future of the Jewish people.

Terry finds this interesting because some of the predictions do turn out the way they are stated in the Torah. Terry's hobbies include playing the guitar, listening to music, and playing soccer. He is a seventh grader at Marin Country Day School. Terry has been working at the Emanu-El Food Pantry distributing groceries to needy seniors in our community.



**ZOE MARCELLA PRESSMAN**, the daughter of Wendy Brown and the late Jack Pressman, and the sister of Abe Pressman, becomes a Bat Mitzvah on November 4. She is thrilled with her Torah portion, *Lech Lecha*, and wants to tie it together with other parts of the Torah that support her ideas. Zoe is in the seventh grade at Nueva School where she plays lacrosse. When not at lacrosse games or practices, doing homework, at school, at a friend's house, eating, or sleeping, Zoe uses her creativity to write games and music on the computer. Zoe has been working in our Mitzvah Kitchen preparing meals for Emanu-El's Caring Community.



**ALEXANDER JAMES COHEN** will become a Bar Mitzvah on November 11. He is the son of Susan and Mitchell Cohen and grandson of Dr. Lawrence and Lois Cohen and James and Mary Oberhelman. Alex is a seventh grader at Marin Country Day School with his younger brother Josh and sister

Rebecca. Alex enjoys playing basketball, lacrosse, and especially soccer where he is team goalie. He is excited to read his Torah portion, *Vayera*, which tells the story of Sodom and Gomorrah. He looks forward to celebrating this special day with his family and friends.



**HANNAH ROSE GITTLEMAN** will become a Bat Mitzvah on November 11. Hanna is the daughter of Elliot Gittleman and Vicky Dayan, sister of Sam, and grand daughter of Dr. Ralph and Sarah Dayan and the late Dr. Solomon and Lillian Gittleman. Her family is proud of her dedicated efforts in preparing for this

great day. Hannah is in the eighth grade honors program at Presidio Middle School. She enjoys spending time with family, volunteering, and reading. Her Torah portion is *Vayera*, the story of the Binding of Isaac. This Torah portion is important because it teaches people to value the importance of life. Last year, Hannah worked in the Mitzvah Kitchen preparing hot meals for Koret Family House, a home away from home for seriously ill children and their families.



**MELANIE ANNE FRIEDMAN** will become a Bat Mitzvah on November 18. Her parents, Mitchell and Christina, her sister Rose, brothers Nikolai, Benjamin, and Beau are very proud of how much effort she has put into her Bat Mitzvah preparation.

She is a seventh grader at Marin Primary School in Larkspur. Her Torah Portion is *Haye Sarah*. Melanie worked at the Emanu-El Peah Garden, planting and harvest organic fruits and vegetables for the San Francisco Food Bank. She is very excited to share this special day with her large family and friends.



**JOSHUA LAURENCE BAER**, son of Laurence and Pamela Baer, will become a Bar Mitzvah on November 18. Josh attends seventh grade at San Francisco Day School. He likes to play baseball, basketball and golf. Josh has three younger siblings: Jonathan, Zachary and Alana. His Torah

portion is *Haye Sarah*. It recounts the story of Abraham sending a servant to get Isaac a wife from the city of Nahor. Josh finds this story intriguing because of the trust Abraham places in his servant. Josh is excited to share this story on his Bar Mitzvah. Josh has been working at the Emanu-El Food Pantry distributing groceries to needy seniors in our community.



**JENNA LYNNE LEMBERG** will become a Bat Mitzvah on November 25. She is the daughter of Tonya and Eric, and little sister to Eli and Alex. Jenna is an eighth grader at Cunha Intermediate School in Half Moon Bay. She enjoys playing softball and basketball. Jenna loves spending time at the

beach, playing with her dog Coal, listening to music and im-ing her friends. Her Torah portion, *Toledot*, describes the thoughts and actions of Isaac's adult years. Jenna appreciates that so many friends and relatives from near and far will be celebrating this special day with her. Jenna worked in our Mitzvah Kitchen preparing meals for Emanu-El's Caring Community.

### MAZEL TOV!:

To **Jennifer and Tony Smorgon** on the birth of their son, Evan Alexander Smorgon

To **Shirley Pollock** who has just welcomed her 7<sup>th</sup> great grandchild, Avi Briskin

To **Carey and Noah Wintroub** on the birth of their daughter, Bennett Grace Wintroub.

To **Mary Jane and David Rockman** on the birth of their son, Noah Jordan Rockman

To **Gayle Zahler** who has been appointed director of Jewish Family and Children's Services' Marin branch. Gayle, a 25-year veteran of the agency, was formerly director of the JFCS Émigré Program.

To **Barbara and Mike Marshall** on the engagement of their daughter Jennifer to Scott Pesetsky.

To **Frances Wittman-Rosenzweig and Carl Rosenzweig** on the birth of their daughter, and **Regina and Robert Rosenzweig** on the birth of their granddaughter, Rachel Miriam Rosenzweig.

To **Rabbi Edward Zerim** on the publication of his book *Jewish San Francisco*.

### IN MEMORIAM:

Leonard Curtis Brown  
Lucille F. Dorfman  
Janet Lynn Goldenberg  
Shamsi Khordian  
Eve Kurlon  
Sarena Levine  
Bobbe Matross  
Catherine Jane Rolf Metcalf

Gloria Minkoff  
Frank Morris  
Henry R. Rolph  
Beatrice Schimmel  
Marjorie Stern  
Bruce Teck  
Theodore Williams  
Nancy Wolfe

### NAMED AND BLESSED:

Mia Ariel Sisitsky, daughter of Holly Hagens and Todd Sisitsky

### Member News

#### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

- Susan Almeida  
 Danny & Bolette Ashkenazy  
 Ms. Shoshana A. Baars-Stanton  
 Anthony & Bridget Barron  
 Mr. & Ms. Evan D. Barshack  
 Ms. Janet L. Benu  
 Dr. & Ms. Gregory I. Berk  
 Mr. & Mrs. Casey B. Berman  
 Mr. Michael A. Blaustein  
 Ms. Hannah R. Blitzer  
 Dr. Stephanie Bloom  
 Mr. & Mrs. Eric H. Bluestein  
 Ms. Janet Blumenfeld  
 Ms. Jennifer Bolson  
 Mr. Frank C. Brodsky  
 Ms. Jaclyn M. Brodsky & Mr. Russell M. Simon  
 Ms. Genna B. Brodsky  
 Ms. Kari H. Burge & Mr. Todd R. Combellick  
 Alex Butwick & Sarah Husokowski  
 Ms. Julie E. Chaiken & Mr. J. Scott Grigsby  
 Ms. Marnina B. Cherkin  
 Dr. Stephanie Cohen and Mr. Adam Keats  
 Judge Donald B. Constine  
 Sarah Cooper  
 Mr. & Mrs. Aaron H. Darsky  
 Drs. Benjamin & Sarah Davies  
 Ms. Amy S. Doppelt & Mr. Stephen J. Scheier  
 Mr. & Mrs. Igor Dubrovsky  
 Timothy and Isabella Ehrlich  
 Ms. Aliza L. Eisdorfer  
 Ms. Beverley Epstein  
 Tami and Howard Epstein  
 Mr. Hal Ersner-Hershfield  
 Jarry & Dana Evans  
 Miss Courtney M. Evans & Mr. Shale A. Butler  
 Mr. Josh D. Ferenc  
 Tammy-Jay Fisher  
 Ms. Lauren B. Fisher  
 Mr. Jared Fliesler  
 Dr. Andrew J. Freinkel  
 Robert & Denise Freinkel  
 Ms. Carrie L. Fry  
 Melissa Frydman  
 Ms. Shiri Gamon  
 Debra & Daniel Gipsman  
 Nicole Glassel  
 Dana Glassel  
 Jay & Nori Gleeman  
 Jessica Goldberg  
 Betsy Goldenberg  
 Mr. Andrew M. Goldfarb & Mr. Robert A. Rohr  
 Mr. Darren S. Goldman  
 Dr. Ruth B. Goldstein  
 Sarah L. Gorback  
 Ms. Corin A. Greenberg  
 Carol & Benjamin Greenspan  
 Mr. Joe Greenstein  
 Ms. Inna Grimberg  
 Mr. William N. Guertin & Ms. Jill K. Silverman  
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 Richard & Roberta Intrater  
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 Ms. Dina Jacobs  
 Ms. Jillian Joss  
 Mr. Gary M. Kaplan & Ms. Nina Robin  
 Bruce & Joanne Kapsack  
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 Raymond & Deborah Keeve  
 Carley Kopecky & Daniel Miller  
 Leon Kramer  
 Kevin & Marla Krantz  
 Ms. Rebekah Krell  
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 Mr. David S. Lachtman  
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 Ms. Tessa L. Wells & Mr. Robert J. Stocker  
 Mr. Harold A. Wilson  
 Mary Woten & Paul Salazar  
 Mr. Joshua Zaretsky  
 Mr. Michael A. Zell  
 Ms. Gabrielle T. Zybelman

### THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Congregation Emanu-El will be part of the second annual CITY WIDE INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE which will take place this year at Grace Cathedral, California and Taylor Streets, on Thursday, November 23 at 10 am. The San Francisco Interfaith Council will hold this service annually, moving it to a different locale and faith tradition each year.

### A BIG "THANK YOU" TO OUR HIGH HOLY DAY VOLUNTEER USHERS

Our High Holy Days at Temple Emanu-El would not be the same without you. Whether you were extending a warm *Shanah Tova* greeting, helping fellow members to their seats, or standing at the door, your smiles made Temple Emanu-El a welcoming community for our members.

Many thanks to the following ushers:

Christina C. Arroyo  
Shoshana C. Asher  
Julie Bannerman  
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Jacqueline M. Berg  
Marilyn Brown  
Alyce Brown  
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Heather Coffman  
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Adam L. Eisendrath  
Rebecca M. Ets-Hokin  
Max R. Forman  
Terri Forman  
Paula B. Freedman  
Linda J. Gallanter  
Werner M. Gleitzman  
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Joshua L. Guggenheim  
Marsha Guggenheim  
Kathy Hibbs  
Marilyn Higuera  
Lawrence D. Israel  
Rachel Israel  
Jeffrey M. Judd  
Svetlana Kristal  
Fern Kruger  
Gail G. Laghi  
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Leah M. Siegel  
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Yefim Sverbilov  
Richard L. Swig  
Roza Trilesskiy  
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Alan M. Warshaw  
Caroline K. Werboff  
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Andrew A. Zittell

## FRIDAY

### EVENING SHABBAT SERVICE

An intergenerational worship opportunity supplemented by Shir Emanu-El, our youth choir on the first Shabbat of the month; and Kol Emanu-El, our adult volunteer choir on the third Shabbat of the month. The last Shabbat of each month features a jazz ensemble composed of Temple members.

EVERY FRIDAY EVENING at 5:30 pm in the Meyer Sanctuary

### FIRST FRIDAY SHABBAT SERVICE

The First Friday service is for preschool families, older young adults, young adult couples on their way to parenthood or those just yearning for a less single-ish atmosphere. The First Friday service will be at 6:00 pm, followed by the already established Simchat Shabbat dinner.)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3 at 6:00 pm in the Main Sanctuary

### THE LATE SHABBAT

A unique Shabbat experience in the Jewish Community for young adults in their 20s and 30s.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10 at 7:30 pm in the Main Sanctuary  
(Newcomers reception is at 7:00 pm)

### PRESCHOOL FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10 at 5:00 pm.

A joyous introduction to Shabbat and Jewish spirituality for preschool age children and their families.

## SATURDAY

### SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

EVERY SATURDAY MORNING at 10:30 am in the Main Sanctuary

### SHABBAT MORNING MINYAN

EVERY SATURDAY MORNING at 10:30 am in the Meyer Sanctuary

### LAY-LED MINYAN

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4 at 10:30 am in the Reuben Rinder Chapel

## November Torah Portions

4 November	Parashat Lekh Lekha	Gen. 12:1-17:27
11 November	Parashat Vayera	Gen. 18:1-22:24
18 November	Parashat Haye Sarah	Gen. 23:1-25:18
25 November	Parashat Toledot	Gen. 25:19-28:9



# MONTHLY CALENDAR

EVENTS AND PROGRAMS FOR NOVEMBER 2006

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<p><b>FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE TEMPLE AT 751-2535 OR VISIT <a href="http://WWW.EMANUELSF.ORG">WWW.EMANUELSF.ORG</a></b></p> <p>All programs listed are at Temple Emanu-El, unless noted.</p> <p>The calendar for Youth and Family Education can be found at: <a href="http://www.emanuelsf.org/edstudy.htm">www.emanuelsf.org/edstudy.htm</a></p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>9:15 am Yoga</p> <p>10:00 am Building Blocks</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>10:30 am Focus on Well-Being</p> <p>12:00 pm Mah Johng Club</p> <p>7:00 pm Bridge</p> <p>7:00 pm Yiddish Film Melodrama</p> <p>7:30 pm Jewish Parenting</p> <p>7:30 pm YA Krav Maga</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>10:00 am Stepping Up</p> <p>5:30 pm Service</p> <p>6:00 pm First Friday Shabbat</p> <p>6:45 pm Simchat Shabbat Dinner</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>9:00 am Trope Workshop</p> <p>9:15 am Kolel</p> <p>9:15 am Family Torah Study</p> <p>9:30 am Shabbat Exchange</p> <p>10:30 am Lay-Led Minyan</p> <p>10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service - Terry Castleman BM</p> <p>10:30 am Shabbat Morning Minyan - Zoe Pressman BM</p>		
<p><b>5</b></p> <p>9:30 am Anshei Mitzvah</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>6:30 pm Conversion Group</p> <p>6:30 pm Cooking</p> <p>7:00 pm Belly Dance</p> <p>7:30 pm Israel's Borders in Historical Perspective</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>10:00 am Tuesday Morning Bridge</p> <p>7:00 pm "The Birth of Israel"</p> <p>7:00 pm The Course</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>9:15 am Yoga</p> <p>10:00 am Building Blocks</p> <p>7:00 pm The Weekend Poet</p> <p>7:00 pm WOW</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>12:00 pm Mah Johng Club</p> <p>7:00 pm Bridge</p> <p>7:00 pm Tauber</p> <p>7:00 pm Yesod - Gimel</p> <p>7:00 pm Yiddish Film Melodrama</p> <p>7:30 pm YA Krav Maga</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>10:00 am Stepping Up</p> <p>5:30 pm Service</p> <p>7:00 pm YA Newcomers Reception</p> <p>7:30 pm Late Shabbat Service</p> <p>8:30 pm Late Shabbat Oneg</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>9:00 am Trope Workshop</p> <p>9:15 am Kolel</p> <p>10:30 am Davening in Hebrew</p> <p>10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Alexander Cohen BM</p> <p>10:30 am Shabbat Morning Minyan Hannah Gittleman BM</p>
<p><b>12</b></p> <p>9:30 am Anshei Mitzvah</p> <p>10:45 am YA Torah Study</p> <p>10:45 am YE - Rick Recht Concert</p> <p>7:00 pm Interfaith Movie Series</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>6:30 pm Cooking</p> <p>7:00 pm Belly Dance</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>10:00 am Tuesday Morning Bridge</p> <p>12:00 pm Kabbalah for Beginners</p> <p>6:30 pm Teen Rosh Hodesh Group</p> <p>7:00 pm Digital Course: "The Birth of Israel"</p> <p>7:00 pm Kabbalah for Beginners</p> <p>7:00 pm The Course</p> <p>7:00 pm YA Next Book Salon</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>9:15 am Yoga</p> <p>10:00 am Building Blocks</p> <p>7:00 pm The Weekend Poet</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>10:30 am Focus on Well-Being</p> <p>12:00 pm Mah Johng Club</p> <p>7:00 pm Tauber</p> <p>7:00 pm Yesod</p> <p>7:00 pm Yiddish Film Melodrama</p> <p>7:30 pm Jewish Parenting for Jewish and Non-Jewish Parents</p> <p>7:30 pm YA Krav Maga</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>10:00 am Stepping Up</p> <p>5:30 pm Service</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>9:00 am Trope Workshop</p> <p>9:15 am Family Torah Study</p> <p>9:15 am Kolel</p> <p>10:30 am - Davening in Hebrew</p> <p>10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Melanie Friedman BM</p> <p>10:30 am Shabbat Morning Minyan Joshua Baer BM</p> <p>4:30 pm 1-2-3- Jewish Me</p>
<p><b>19</b></p> <p>9:30 am Anshei Mitzvah</p> <p>Noon YA Walking Tour of North Beach</p> <p>4:00 pm Altman Concert</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>10:30 am Emanu-El Boomers +</p> <p>7:00 pm Belly Dance</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>10:00 am Little Brothers</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>10:00 am Little Brothers</p> <p>10:00 am Interfaith Thanksgiving Service - Grace Cathedral</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED THANKSGIVING</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>5:30 pm Service</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED THANKSGIVING</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>9:00 am Trope Workshop</p> <p>10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Jenna Lemberg BM</p> <p>10:30 am Shabbat Morning Minyan</p>
<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>10:00 am Tuesday Morning Bridge</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>9:15 am Yoga</p> <p>10:00 am Building Blocks</p> <p>7:00 pm The Weekend Poet</p> <p>7:30 pm Asher Lecture</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>12:00 pm Mah Johng Club</p> <p>7:00 pm Bridge</p> <p>7:30 pm YA Krav Maga</p>		



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## The Madeleine Haas Russell Institute of Jewish Learning: Winter Trimester

### *The Course: Winter Trimester*

**Space and Place: The Holy Land, Diaspora, and Community**

SENIOR FACULTY

**Tuesdays 7:00 – 9:00 pm**

**January 9, 16, 23, 30 February 6, 13, 27 March 6**

**Email: [thecourse@emanuelfs.org](mailto:thecourse@emanuelfs.org),  
or register online at [www.emanuelfs.org](http://www.emanuelfs.org)**

### *Wednesday Evening Arts and Lectures*

**Ethnicity and Religion in the Modern Middle East**

PAUL LIPTZ

**Wednesday, January 31  
7:30 pm**

Professor Paul Liptz is a social historian who lectures in the Department of Middle Eastern and African History at Tel Aviv University, and in European and Israel Studies at the Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem.

*No admission charge - open to the public*

***Holy Times of the Jews: Sunday Morning Teachings  
Light in the Darkness: Hanukkah & Christmas***

RABBI LAWRENCE KUSHNER

**Sunday, December 10  
10:00 – 11:30 am**

No admission charge - open to the public

### *Lunchtime Talmud*

**The Talmudic Critique of Power and Authority**

RABBI PERETZ WOLF-PRUSAN

Downtown Lunchtime Talmud

**Wednesdays, Noon – 1:00 pm**

**January 10, 17, 24, 31 February 7, 14, 21, 28 March 7**

Midtown Lunchtime Talmud

Presented in cooperation with the Jewish Community Center of San Francisco

**Thursdays, Noon – 1:00 pm**

**January 11, 18, 25 February 1, 8, 15, 22 March 1, 8**

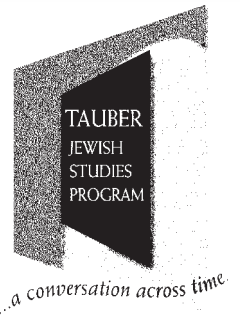
### *Davening in Hebrew*

RABBI LAWRENCE KUSHNER

10:30 – 11:30 am

**November 18: Yotzer Or  
December 16: Ahava Raba**

For registration information on the preceding courses, please contact Irina at (415) 751-2541 x 129, or email [adultlearning@emanuelfs.org](mailto:adultlearning@emanuelfs.org)



## Tauber Jewish Studies Program

### *RaMBaM on How to be a Mensch*

RABBI LAWRENCE KUSHNER

**Thursdays, 7:00 - 9:00 pm**

**January 11, 18, 25 February 1, 8, 15 March 1, 8**

You may continue this class if you were enrolled in the Fall 2006 session

***Comparative Wisdom Literature: Insights for Living  
Readings from Ecclesiastes, Proverbs and Pirke Avot***

RABBI HENRY SHREIBMAN

**Thursdays, 7:00 - 9:00 pm**

**January 11, 18, 25 February 1, 8, 15 March 1, 8**

***The Sabbath According to Abraham Joshua Heschel***

RABBI JANE LITMAN

**Thursdays, 7:00 - 9:00 pm**

**January 11, 18, 25 February 1, 8, 15 March 1, 8**

### *Modern Jewish Life: Texts of the Jewish World*

Come explore Jewish texts over time and around the world with the Jewish Studies faculty of San Francisco State University. Jewish Studies Director Fred Astren: *Medieval Jewish Life in Islamic Society*;

Professor Kitty Millet: *Spanish Language Texts of Jews in Central and Southern America*; and Goldman

Professor Marc Dollinger: *A Re-interpretation of Contemporary American Jewish Life*.

**Tuesdays, 7:00 – 9:00 pm**

**January 9, 16, 23, 30 February 6, 13, 27 March 6**

**“The Heritage of Modern Israel:  
The Zionist Dream and the State”**

KEN COHEN

Presented in cooperation with Lerhraus Judaica

**Tuesdays, 7:00 – 9:00 pm**

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