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SHABBAT CELEBRATIONS



Friday - October 31, 2014 - 7:30 pm ☆✳

Rabbi Cohn will speak on "Trick Or Treat"

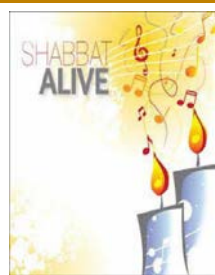
Oneg Shabbat following the service

Saturday - November 1, 2014 ☆✳

Torah Study - 9:15 to 9:45 am - Shabbat Morning Service - 10:00 am

Parashat Lech Lecha - **פרשת לך לך** - Genesis 12:1-17:27 - Haftarah - Isaiah 40:27-41:16

Kiddush Following the Service



Friday - November 7, 2014 - 7:00 pm

SHABBAT ALIVE!

Potluck Shabbat Dinner at 6:00 pm - "Shabbat Alive" Service-in-the-Round at 7:00 pm

Led by Rabbi Jay Sherwood and Charlie Kramer

Saturday - November 8, 2014 ☆

Torah Study - 9:15 to 9:45 am - Shabbat Morning Service - 10:00 am

Parashat Vayera - **פרשת וירא** - Genesis 18:1-22:24 - Haftarah - II Kings 4:1-37

Kiddush Following the Service



Friday - November 14, 2014 - 7:30 pm ☆✳

Rabbi Cohn will speak on "The Art of Gratitude"

Oneg Shabbat following the service in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Sydney Rachel Weissman

Saturday - November 15, 2014 ☆✳

Torah Study - 9:15 to 9:45 am - Shabbat Morning Service - 10:00 am

Sydney Rachel Weissman, daughter of Dr. Jill and Greg Weissman

will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah

Parashat Chayei Sarah - **פרשת חיי שרה** - Genesis 23:1-25:18 - Haftarah - I Kings 1:1-31

Kiddush Following the ☆ Service hosted by Dr. Jill and Greg Weissman



Friday - November 21, 2014 ☆✳

Cantor Bern-Vogel Choir will present "Give me your tired, your poor", a musical tribute to Emma Lazarus and Thanksgiving

Oneg Shabbat following the service

Saturday - November 22, 2014 ☆✳

Torah Study - 9:15 to 9:45 am - Shabbat Morning Service - 10:00 am

Parashat Toldot - **פרשת תולדות** - Genesis 25:19-28:9 - Haftarah - I Samuel 20:18-42

Kiddush Following the Service



Friday - November 28, 2014 - 7:30 pm ☆

Rabbi Cohn will speak on "Leftovers"

Oneg Shabbat following the service

Saturday - November 29, 2014 ☆

Torah Study - 9:15 to 9:45 am - Shabbat Morning Service - 10:00 am

Parashat Vayetze - **פרשת ויצא** - 28:10-32:3 - Haftarah - Hosea 12:13-14:10

Kiddush Following the Service

☆ = Rabbi Cohn officiates

✳ = Cantor Bern-Vogel officiates

Two Special Services for Thanksgiving



Redlands Area Interfaith Council
Thanksgiving Service
Celebrating Redlands Multi-Faith Traditions
with participation of representatives of
Redlands area religious community
Sunday - November 23, 2014 - 4:00 pm
at **Congregation Emanu El**
Reception following service hosted by
Sisterhood of Congregation Emanu El



36th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
sponsored by the **San Bernardino Clergy Association**
with participation of clergy and musicians
of the greater San Bernardino area
Tuesday - November 25, 2014 -
First Presbyterian Church
1900 North D Street - San Bernardino

Rabbinic Reflections



I always look forward to Thanksgiving. Yes, its foods are wonderful! Yes, gathering with family and friends is wonderful! There are always memories of some special Thanksgivings we have experienced. But I also look forward to setting aside a few moments to express true

Thanksgiving.

A prayer or reflection that I recently discovered was written by L. Annie Forester, a retired Unitarian Universalist minister who has put together a volume entitled "For Praying Out Loud." I have shared some of the selections in that book at various community functions over the past couple of years. I especially like this one written by Rev. Forester. You might try sharing it at YOUR Thanksgiving gathering this year:

"SPIRIT OF ALL GIFTS AND GRACE,
We are not ungrateful - not all the time.
We know that life is a precious gift. Though we would appear at times to squander it, remember the ways we do not.
When we are happy, accept our joy as gratitude for all opportunities, accepted and ignored.
When we are broken, accept our tears and anger as gratitude for feeling deeply.
When we reach out to others, accept our compassion as gratitude for conscience and compassion.
When we choose solitude, accept our silence as gratitude for the deepness of spirit we are seeking.
When we act thoughtlessly, accept our mistakes as gratitude for the freedom we have in our lives.
When we act foolishly, accept our lapses as gratitude

for the lessons we have yet to learn.

When we share our stories, accept the telling of our lives as gratitude for community and family

When we worship, accept our ritual mumblings as symbols of gratitude for all they represent.

Spirit of Thanksgiving, when we remember to give thanks for life and love, knowledge and wisdom, for freedom to act and for freedom from oppression, accept our obvious omissions as unspoken gratitude for suffering that brings us compassion, for sorrow that helps us grow, for disappointment that gives us determination, for illness that offers healing, and for death that makes way for new cycles of life and creation.

Amen."

Happy Thanksgiving to one and all.

Rabbi Hillel Cohn

In Memoriam

זכרונם לברכה

The congregation notes with sorrow the recent deaths
of

MALLY CARNEGIE ECHOLS

mother of Shoshana Simon

MYRA MARASHINSKY

sister of Howard Grossman

May the memories of the righteous be for a blessing!

Cantorial Comments



Modim Anachnu lach...

*God of goodness, we give thanks
For the gift of life, wonder
beyond words;*

*For the awareness of soul, our
light within;*

*For the world around us, so
filled with beauty;*

*For the richness of the earth, which day by day
sustains us;*

For all these and more, we offer thanks.

(Mishkan Tefilah)

Baruch atta Adonai,

hatov shim'cha ul'cha ne'eh l'hodot.

Our liturgy includes the 'Modim' prayer for Thanksgiving not only on Shabbat, High Holy Days and Festivals, but every single day of the week. We are forever reminded of the countless blessings that fill our lives even when we are downcast, ill or in need of comfort. It is especially during those times that the recitation or chanting of this prayer can give us renewed strength and courage to face our challenges.

We are looking forward to hosting this year's Redlands Community Interfaith Thanksgiving service on Sunday, November 23rd at 4p.m. with a variety of choirs and faith communities from across Redlands. The opportunity to join our voices in song and praise with members of the wider community is an occasion we are blessed to celebrate for the first time in Redlands. Plan to share your voices and your presence and extend a warm welcome to the many guests who are looking forward to visiting our new synagogue building.

With gratitude to all of you with whom I feel privileged to sing and pray throughout the year. Wishing you and yours a meaningful Thanksgiving holiday,

Cantor Jennifer Bern-Vogel

Member In Need of a Kidney



One of our temple members is in need of a kidney transplant. She is hoping to find a donor so that she can have this vital life-saving procedure. If you are able to donate a kidney or know of someone who is able

to donate a kidney please contact Rabbi Cohn for further information.

Mazal Tov

מזל טוב

We extend a hearty Mazal Tov to
Wendy and Micah Soltz
and

Leslie and Dr. William Soltz
on the birth of their daughter and granddaughter

Eleora Margalit Soltz

May she grow in good health and ever bring joy to
her family and pride to our People.

Unveiling

The service for the dedication of the stone at the grave of the late **Dr. Abram Hodes** will take place on Sunday, November 9th at 12:00 noon at the Home of Eternity Cemetery, 8th and Sierra Way. Family and friends are requested to attend.

Bat Mitzvah

בת מצוה



"My name is Sydney Weissman (Simcha Rachel).

On November 15th I will be called to the Torah becoming a Bat Mitzvah. It's been a long road to get to this point and I'm excited about my big day and what lies ahead.

I'm in 7th grade at Cope Middle School in Redlands where I am involved in Associated Student Body (ASB) and recently made the Honor Roll. I am the younger sister of Alec; my Mom and Dad are Jill and Greg. Family is very important to me and I would choose to spend time with them over almost anything else.

I am a competitive swimmer for the Redlands Swim Team and enjoy a passion for riding, and anything having to do with horses.

My Torah portion is Chayei Sarah, part of which deals with Abraham and Sarah finding a mate for their son, Isaac.

My Mitzvah project involves assembling a variety of care packages for underprivileged children. These will be distributed during the holidays via Santa Claus Inc., a sixty two year old charity started by Mignon Schweitzer, a long-time member of San Bernardino's Jewish Community.

I hope to see all of you on November 15!"

From Our Educator



Aside from Passover and Chanukah, Thanksgiving may be the most observed holiday among American Jews. This makes sense for a number of reasons. Of course, we love holidays that include a celebratory feast - perhaps this is part of why we love Passover and Chanukah so much. More importantly, our connection to Thanksgiving makes sense because giving thanks is a very Jewish thing to do. The Talmud teaches that all Jews should say 100 blessings every day, meaning that we should give thanks 100 times each day. In our Sunday morning *t'fillah*, we have been studying the blessing that gives thanks for our bodies, our souls and our minds. Traditionally, we say a blessing giving thanks before and after every meal.

Many historians believe that the origins of Thanksgiving are found in Jewish tradition. Historical teaches that, before coming to the New World, the Pilgrims lived for nearly a decade among the Sephardic Jewish community in Holland, since Holland was considered a safe haven from religious persecution. In Holland, the Pilgrims observed the rituals of Sukkot, understanding the concept of the Sukkah representing the temporary structures that our ancestors lived in during their wandering in the desert. As we know, the wandering ended when the Israelites entered the Promised Land. The Pilgrims considered themselves to be a "new Israel," headed to a new Promised Land. It is not surprising, therefore, that they used the Fall festival of Sukkot as their model for their giving thanks celebration.

To add an element of Judaism to your Thanksgiving celebration, here are two useful links. The first is a link to various editions of the American Jewish Congress Thanksgiving Haggadah. The second is a link to Psalm 100, the Biblical Psalm of Thanksgiving.

AJC Hagaddah:

http://www.ajc.org/site/c.ijITI2PHKoG/b.2178713/k.59D6/Americas_Table_Get_Copies.htm

Psalm 100 at Machon Mamre:

<http://www.mechon-mamre.org/p/pt/pt26a0.htm>

Kol Tuv,

Rabbi Jay Sherwood

Presidential Perspective



The busy months of September and October are complete. Our thanks go out to Rabbi Jordan Ofseyer and Cantor Jennifer Bern-Vogel for their moving and thoughtful services during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur as well as Cantor Bern-Vogel's leadership in the Taschlich service. We appreciate Rabbi Hillel Cohn and Jerry Ripley who were important participants in the planning and preparation for the High Holy Days. We also thank Les Kushner for leading our Youth Services. We send out a *Todah Rabah* to our Volunteer Choir and our able Administrative staff of Judy Filsinger and Nicole Smith for their outstanding work.

Following the High Holy Days came the building of our Sukkah. We thank David Swedlove and all who assisted him in this task. Sukkot, Simchat Torah, and Shmini Atzeret concluded our holiday and festival period as we ushered in a new year. Dinner and services in the Sukkah and the inspiring unrolling of the Torah on Simchat Torah were highlights of these holidays. Thanks again go to Rabbi Cohn and Cantor Bern-Vogel for making these events special.

Finally, I want to thank all of you, our congregants, for making this a special time. I enjoyed the opportunity to greet you and hear your thoughts on services and many other topics. Our Kol Nidre Appeal brought over \$25,000 in pledges. Your generosity continues to sustain our congregation.

Shortly we will begin meeting with congregants through Focus Groups to learn more about your thoughts regarding the future of our congregation and our search for a permanent Rabbi. I look forward to meeting with you.

B'Shalom,

Paul Zipperstein

Adult Jewish Education Lifelong Learning

The Lifetime of the Jew "From the Cradle to the Grave"

3 Tuesday evenings

3rd Session - November 4th - 7:30 to 9:00 pm

"Death and Mourning"

Rabbi Cohn teaches this class which includes visual presentations of the many ceremonies and practices of the Jewish lifecycle.

Sisterhood Speaks...



Shalom!

Sisterhood has been busy this past month feeding us and providing all the sweets for the festivals that we just celebrated. We are having our "Paid-Up- Member" brunch as you are receiving this article and I am sure it will be an informative experience. Book club is going strong and if you are interested please contact Leslie Soltz for details about the current read and meeting dates and times.

Sisterhood just published and released our Sisterhood History book that was researched and written lovingly by Lisa Lewis with much help from Lisa Wise-Wolk and our very own editor Stuart Sweet. It is a wonderful look at where Sisterhood began and how we have become the driving force in this congregation. You may get your copy in the Gift Shop.

I am happy to announce that our membership has again grown and as of today we have 112 members! Thank you to all who have joined and supported Sisterhood.

Looking ahead, we are having our Chanukah celebration and Gift Shop Sidewalk Sale in December and, of course, the popular Casino Night is scheduled for January 24th. This is Sisterhood's most successful and well-attended event. We have great food and a lot of fun. Invite your friends to mark their calendars now and save the date. You do not want to miss out on an evening of fun!

In the next few weeks Sisterhood will again be doing a candle fundraiser in support of our School for Jewish Living. Candles are only \$22 and make great gifts. Please support Sisterhood and the School for Jewish Living by purchasing candles.

As you can see we are very busy doing what we love - serving our community. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining or getting involved in Sisterhood please contact me.

Best Wishes,

Stacy Knox

Sisterhood President

CORRECTION

We apologize for the inadvertent omission of the name of M. STORM WEBB in the listing of names inscribed on the Wall of Perpetual Memorial in the Book of Memory distributed at the Yom Kippur Yizkor service.

Lost & Found



Please come in and go through our Lost and Found during the month of November. There are many coats, sweaters and sweatshirts, as well as, glasses, stuffed animals, shoes, toys, and backpacks. There are even some lovely (and valuable) Jewish ritual objects such as *talleisim*.

Most items have been here for many months. During the first week of December we will be donating all items still remaining in Lost & Found to Cornerstone Church for distribution to those in need.

If you think you may have left something at the temple and cannot come in, call the office and we will look for your item and hold it for you if it is here.

*Thank you,
Your Office Staff*

Special thanks



The congregation expresses its sincere thanks to **Les Kushner** who donated the funds enabling us to acquire a beautiful new Sukkah in memory of the late Nancy Kushner. The Sukkah was used for the first time this year as part of our numerous Sukkot celebrations. We look forward to its being used for many years to come. We also thank **David Swedlove** who picked up the Sukkah from Los Angeles, secured the palm fronds and erected the Sukkah.

We express our appreciation for **Cantor Gregory Yaroslow** for donating the funds that allowed us to purchase a Lulav and Etrog set for this year's Sukkot services.

We also want to express our thanks to **Margie Orland** and **Joanne Singer** who polished all of the various silver ritual objects that are used throughout the year.

Temple Board of Directors Meeting Thursday - November 20 - 7:00 pm at the temple

All members are invited to attend and participate in the deliberations affecting our temple. Your input is truly valued.

Board of Directors Highlights

These are some of the highlights of the Board of Directors meeting held on October 16th:

- Reviewed and clarified membership dues expectations.
- Considered various options available for meeting the long-term financing needs of the new temple building.
- Adopted policies, including fees, for advertising in the Temple Bulletin.



**Inland Empire Post 512
Jewish War Veterans
of the United States of America
welcomes all Jewish veterans who
have served in peace or in war!**

Meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 10:00 am in the Emergency Building Room 4A05A at the Jerry Pettis Memorial Veterans Administration Hospital in Loma Linda. Refreshments are served beginning at 9:30 am.

Dues are \$45.00 per year.

Why You Should Join...

- Continue a proud tradition of Jewish-American patriots
- Ensure that our returning veterans and all who came before them receive the benefits and care which they have earned
- Help poor and homeless veterans to assume their rightful place in our community
- Affirm Jewish military service to our country for over 350 years
- Fight anti-Semitism at home and abroad
- Stay informed on the latest developments in veterans affairs, foreign affairs, and Israel through JWV press releases and our award-winning member publication, The Jewish Veteran
- Benefit from a myriad of programs, including scholarships for descendants of JWV members, a network of Veterans' Service Officers, member life and health insurance coverage and a prescription program, audio-visual library resources, a well-stocked supply department, the JWV disaster relief fund, care packages to service personnel, and a host of other programs that will make a difference in your life and the lives of others.
- Because you are a Jewish Veteran

Mental Health Awareness In Action



Every single one of us experiences mental illness either personally or through a friend or family member. In spite of this, we don't talk readily about the mental illness struggles that affect us. In fact, we often struggle alone because of the societal stigma surrounding mental illness.

Our Social Action Program, **Mental Health Awareness In Action**, is dedicated to making Congregation Emanu El a safe place to discuss mental illness concerns and to offer hands-on opportunities for congregants to support people who have mental illness.

You may have seen the bright spring green awareness ribbons worn by congregants. This green ribbon indicates solidarity with those who struggle with mental illness and wearing it is an opportunity to break the stigma.

Watch the weekly Emanu El-electronic news for specific information on how you can become involved in our congregational effort to eliminate the stigma of mental illness. If you would like to know more about our effort, email Heidi Nimmo at miriamruth@me.com

*Heidi Nimmo and Nancy Sidhu, Co-chairs,
Mental Health Awareness In Action*

"SHABBAT ALIVE" On Friday, November 7th



"Shabbat Alive" is a congregational Shabbat celebration held on the first Friday of each month beginning on Friday, November 7th. Adults and children of all ages will enjoy worshipping together at this service. This Shabbat celebration features participatory traditional and contemporary music.

The service will be jointly led by Rabbi Jay Sherwood, our Director of Education, and Charlie Kramer. Charlie is a senior student at the University of Redlands and is now in his second-year of teaching and leading music for our School for Jewish Living. This summer he served as the head song-leader at Camp Hess Kramer in Malibu.

"Shabbat Alive" will begin at 6:00 in the Social Hall with a Shabbat Potluck dinner during which there will be singing as well as the traditional Erev Shabbat table ceremonies. It will be followed by a "service-in-the-round" in the sanctuary. The service will use the new prayer book compiled by Rabbi Cohn.

NEWS FROM OUR YOUTH GROUPS TYGER and TYGER 678



TYGER, our high school youth group (Grades 9-12) is getting ready for a super fun month! On Sunday, November 16th TYGER will be going Zip-Lining! We will be going to Skull Canyon in Corona. We will be leaving the temple at noon and stopping for lunch on our way. The cost for the event is \$35. RSVP by Wednesday, November 12th by calling the temple office. Don't miss this fun activity.

NFTY SO CAL (the Southern California division of the National Federation of Temple Youth) will be holding the Social Justice Kallah at Congregation B'nai Tzedek in Fountain Valley from November 21st-23rd. Registration closes November 10th.

TYGER 678 (for youths in grades 6-8) will be participating in the NFTY 678 program on November 8th! It is being held at Temple Israel in Long Beach. The event is from 2:30-7:00PM. The cost is \$36.00. You can register by going to the website: NFTY.org

For more information about any of the youth activities call Jessica Aceves, TYGER advisor, at (951) 505-0801 or the temple office (909)307-0400.

Sun Lakes Discussion Group

Tuesday - November 19 - 7:30 to 9:00 pm

Rabbi Cohn will lead the discussion on
"Jewish Ethics and Contemporary Society"



OPEN ON
SUNDAYS - 9AM TO 12 NOON
WEDNESDAYS - 4 TO 6 PM
OR BY APPOINTMENT

Welcome to Our New Members ברוכים הבאים

We are delighted to welcome the following who
have recently joined our congregational family:

Abigail Byman and Victor Cushing

Dr. Richelle and Johnny Ghazal

Esther and Jay Hodes

Sylvia Joseph *

Dr. Ina and Aaron Katz *

Lester Kushner *

Mindy and Paolo Longini

Elaina and Marvin Reiter *

Lisa and Jared Shimoff

Richard Simon and Bonnie Konowitch *

Susan and Philip Stillerman

Roberta and Sheldon Toll

Saralyn Tossetti

Ashleigh and Scott Wilkie

* = returning member

LET'S SHOW OFF!!!

Bakers Needed for Thanksgiving Service Reception on November 23rd



Our congregation is hosting the annual Thanksgiving of the Redlands Area Interfaith Council. This is a service to which the greater Redlands community

is invited and we expect hundreds to attend. The service will be held on Sunday, November 23rd at 4:00 pm. It will include brief presentations from representatives of the Buddhist, Christian (Catholic and Protestant), Islamic, Sikh communities as well as our own Jewish participation. There will be magnificent music provided by combined choirs of the religious community.

The one-hour service will be followed by a reception hosted by our Sisterhood. We hope to have a wonderful array of home-baked goodies to serve our guests. If you can volunteer to make some of your prize cookies or cakes please call the temple office by November 15. We prefer to have all of the sweets served to be home-baked. This will be a wonderful opportunity for you to show off your baking skills.

Chanukah-Shabbat Dinner sponsored by Sisterhood



**The 4th Night of Chanukah
Friday - December 19, 2014
6:00 pm**

**The Dinner will be followed by an
abbreviated Erev Shabbat service**



Adults - \$14.00 - Children 4-12 - \$8.00
**Bring your own Menorah and join us in
celebrating Chanukah with food and friends.**
**Watch the mail for invitations and more
information.**

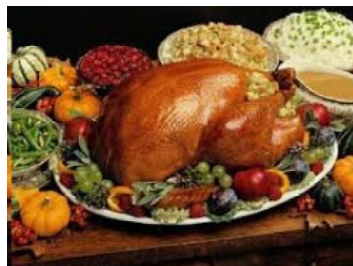
Happy Anniversary מזל טוב!

We congratulate and extend a Mazal Tov to the following whose wedding anniversaries occur during November:

Karen & Alan Hodes
Vickie & Steven Becker
Jeanne & Jeffrey Raynes



Help Others to Have a Happier Thanksgiving



Believe it or not Thanksgiving is just around the corner! (November 27th). As you think about how you will be celebrating Thanksgiving this year, we especially urge you

to think about the many who will not have a Thanksgiving meal - UNLESS we help them. Each year we collect funds that enable us to buy dozens of turkeys to be given to families in our greater Inland Empire community who are unable to afford to buy turkeys and other traditional Thanksgiving foods.

We suggest donations in denominations of \$25.00 or more. We would like to receive all contributions by November 19th to allow ample time for the purchase and distribution of the turkeys prior to Thanksgiving. Make your checks payable to Congregation Emanu El and please note on your check that it is for the Turkey Fund.

Happy Birthday!!! יום הולדת שמח!!!

We rejoice with those whose birthdays occur in November and wish them a *Mazal Tov*:

Jacqueline Russler
Victor Fenster
Mildred Hiller
Marylou Hanover
Margy Spears
Leona Aronoff-Sadacca
Harriet Briant
Cyril Kaicener
Bernie Goler
Lynn Mathews
Shelley Bodnar
Paul Shimoff
Kathy Trainor
Roger Getzoff
Leonard Michelson
Mary Stough
Leone Hyman
Michele Miller
Michelle Ancil
Roberta Klein

Fredric Rabinowitz
Julianne Strain
Chuck Hepner
Karen Kartun
Sharon Lang
Saralyn Tossetti
Samita Needelman
Sara Maltzman
Ethan Mink
Karina Rabinowitz
Jacob Fenster
Leah Zipperstein
Louis Eirew
Benjamin Hiller
Faye Katzman
Brandon Braverman
Leia Needelman
Samuel Acevedo
Mia Arient

**Sisterhood
invites all to attend its annual**

**“Paid-Up Member” Brunch
Sunday - November 2nd
9:30 am - Temple Social Hall**



**Dr. Tracy J. Covington
will speak on
“Sisterhood...
What We Can Become”**

Dr Tracy J. Covington is a licensed Clinical Psychologist who uses an interdisciplinary approach as she helps people deal with chronic pain and chronic diseases. She has presented research nationally and internationally. She is in private practice with a specialty in “executive consciousness” coaching and teaching others the possibilities in the human endeavor.

All Sisterhood members whose dues for 2014-2015 are paid will be guests of Sisterhood for this delectable Brunch. Others are certainly welcome to attend.

When you attend a Sisterhood event you are assured of:

**Having Good Food
Seeing Old Friends
Making New Friends
Learning Something Valuable**

As 2014 Draws To A Close



As we come closer to the end of 2014 it's time to think about our financial situations. As you consider your own situation, we respectfully suggest that you think about the following:

- It may be well to think about the advantages that come from making charitable contributions in this year that will benefit from the tax incentives. You may want to make a special contribution to our congregation. If you would like to underwrite (or partially underwrite) a special project or provide a furnishing or ritual object that may be on the temple's "wish-list" please feel free to contact Rabbi Cohn. He will gladly share with you some of the special giving opportunities.

- This would be a good time to pay the balance that might be due on your temple membership dues. Or, you might even consider paying in advance toward your dues for 2015-2016. You may want to discuss with your tax advisor the advantages of making a larger payment to the temple in this tax year. Also, please consider paying off your Capital Fund campaign pledge or increasing that pledge which will, in turn, relieve the congregation of some of its mortgage costs.

- If you have not recently reviewed your own will this would be an appropriate time to do so and to consider how you might insure the future of Jewish life through a bequest to Congregation Emanu El. This is not only something that will enable you to leave a lasting legacy but it will be a wonderful lesson for you to impart to your family as to what was important to you in your lifetime.

- Please give some thought to designating Congregation Emanu El as a full or partial beneficiary of one of your retirement accounts or other investments.

- Consult your investment counselor as to how you can turn over stocks and bonds to the congregation and how this will enable you to minimize your tax liability and, at the same time, benefit your congregation.

- You might want to take this opportunity to arrange for the inscription of names of loved ones on the Wall of Perpetual Memorial.

Please consider the many ways in which you can be of help to your temple as the year comes to an end. We are all fortunate that our government through its tax laws encourages us to make charitable contributions.

Yahrzeits

The Yahrzeits of the following whose names are inscribed on the Wall of Perpetual Memorial will be observed during November:

November 7-8, 2014

William Klemtner
Louis Rowelsky
Lore Blumenthal
Rosa Blumenthal
Jenny Rosenbaum
Ruth Rowelsky
Rena Knopf
Solomon Helfman
Lilyan Liss
Celia Joseph
Lillian Levine
Sophie Goldberg
Abraham Kavovit
Celia Mishkin
Joseph Allen
Stephen Ginsberg
Yetta Abrams
Celia Kustin
Diane Doros
Herman Stelzer
Anna Harris
Samuel Feldstein
Sue Simon

A1C Keir Johnson
Martha Kaplan
Lillian Brill
Barney Finkleman

November 21-22, 2014

Lena Levenson
Harry Kramer
Sprinza Korengold
Nathan Mishkin
Louis Stein
Dorothy Levy
Samuel Brill
William Becker
Israel Gold
Leonard Eckstein
Max Hanover
Lily Drantch
Lise Rundberg
Max Rosen

November 28-29, 2014

Samuel Birnkrant
Sarah Blumenthal
Johanna Harris
Irving Schwimmer
Dr. Abram Hodes
Jack Lampel
Sara Ansill
Abbot Robbins
Regina Kleinman
Henry Binder
David Ellman
Elsie Hoelzl
Mae Cohen
Norman Earnstein
Lena Marcus
Jack Fremland
Rose Greenwood
Ruth Mathews
Louis Helfman
Rose Burstin
Louis Greenberg
Faye Kaplan

November 14-15, 2014

Herbert Lubell
Nat Pinsky
Jacob Fletcher
Aaron Miller
Leona Soltz
Edith Abramson
Sidney Vines
Rebecca Helfman
Harold Simon
Bertha Silverman
Flora Sentob
Burton Brin
Gabriel Brill
Nat Levin
Rudolph Greenhood
Lillian Meyer
Benjamin Feit
Arnon Michael Dotan
David Hoffman
Sam Joseph

Rabbinic Search Update

As the members of our congregation know, this is a momentous year in the life of our historic congregation as we search for a new rabbi to lead our congregation. While Rabbi Hillel Cohn has generously and graciously come forward to serve as our spiritual leader for 2014-2015, it was clear that he had made a commitment for a maximum of one year.

Thus, our Rabbinic Search Committee is now engaged in the search for a rabbi. As a member of the Union for Reform Judaism, and in accordance with our own By-Laws, this search is being done through the Rabbinic Placement Commission which is a joint commission of the Union for Reform Judaism, the congregational arm of the reform movement, and the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the rabbinic arm, of the movement. A lengthy and comprehensive application was filed with the RPC on October 22nd and we are now listed as a congregation in search of a rabbi.

Our Rabbinic Search Task Force was chaired until recently by Jeffrey Spears. Just recently Jeff asked to be relieved of this and some other responsibilities so that he could devote more time to his family and business obligations. The co-chairmanship of the Rabbinic Search Task Force is now held by Cheryl Sukenik and Stacy Knox. The Task Force is made up of congregation members who represent the wide spectrum of age, affiliation with Congregation Emanu El, and other factors.

Once the Task Force begins to receive expressions of interest from rabbis throughout the country it will consider each one of them and eventually narrow the process down to those who seem most suited to serve our congregation. The next step will be to arrange conversations (on Skype or phone) with candidates and, ultimately, to invite candidates to visit our community and to be introduced to the congregation. Concurrent with this process the Rabbinic Search Task Force is now in the process of organizing "focus groups" that will endeavor to meet with all members of the congregation to solicit their views on what qualities we would most like to have our new rabbi possess.

In keeping with the rules of the Rabbinic Placement Commission, all communication with potential candidates must be done through them and through our own Rabbinic Search Task Force. While you might know of rabbis who might meet the needs of our congregation, you are not at liberty to communicate with them on your own.

Please direct any and all questions or suggestions to the co-chairs of the Rabbinic Search Task Force. Be assured that the congregation will be kept informed throughout the process on the progress that is being made. The vote on a new rabbi will be by the membership at a special meeting following the receipt of recommendations from the Task Force to the Board of Directors and from the Board to the membership.

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