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DECEMBER 2020 KISLEV-TIVET 5781 VOLUME L - NUMBER 3



Our building is **closed**, but our hearts are open!

All services are held virtually. Visit https://emanuelsb.org for more information.

Friday, December 4, 6:30pm: Erev Shabbat Service with Rabbi Reznick and Cantor Bern-Vogel

Saturday, December 5, 10:00am: Torah Study with Rabbi Reznick (Zoom Only)

Friday, December 11, 6:30pm: SHABBAT B'YACHAD with Rabbi Reznick and Rick&Addie Lupert

Saturday, December 12, 10:00am: Shabbat Morning Service with Rabbi Reznick and Cantor Bern-Vogel

Friday, December 18, 6:30pm

Erev Shabbat Service and Marriage Reconsecration Service

with Rabbi Reznick and Cantor Bern-Vogel

Friday, November 25, 6:30pm Shabbat K'tsat, a special shorter service

Learn about this week's Torah Portion

Want more information about the Torah portion for the week? The Union For Reform Judaism publishes a weekly guide available at https://reformjudaism.org/learning/torah-study.

If you're reading this online, click on the web address to be taken there now.

Rabbinic Reflections



As I walk in my neighborhood during this pandemic, I notice Christmas lights going up, and it's only November. The 100 degree weather is behind us. This year, as many of us have been hunkered down at home, the world needs the holidays more than ever. I don't remember seeing holiday decorations up this early last year, but I understand. Now we need something to look forward too, a little glitter, cheer, and twinkle lights.

I invite you to bring this cheer into your own homes this year. As the country is preparing to shut down again, Covid-19 cases are raging and hospitals are filling up, we focus on what we can control. We can wear masks to keep ourselves and others safe, science supports this. We wash our hands 100 times a day, and lather up with moisturizing creams. Our homes

become our gyms, our sanctuary is broadcast from our dining rooms, offices, and desks. We've been here before. But we still place our Channukiah in the window, decorate our mantles with dreidels and white lights. We fill up our blow up Channukiah for the lawn decoration. This year we learn to live in joy, even if this health crisis is scary. Despite the fact that the long awaited vaccine isn't out yet, and we return to some strict stay at home orders, we celebrate our holiday of light.

As we approach the darkest time of the year, let's celebrate in Joy, in Hebrew moadim l'simcha. This year we will be having 8 Crazy Nights of Channukah programming. Our goal is to offer a daily opportunity for you to light your Channukiah and lift your spirits. There will be something for everyone. So please join us on zoom as we spread our joy together. When you read this, please go find and your Channukah decorations and put up an extra bit of lights to help spread joy, in the darkest season. The first night of Channukah is December 10th.

Rabbi Lindy Reznick

Presidential Perspectives

It feels like years since it's been here



George Harrison was about 26 years old when he wrote the most-streamed Beatles song, "Here Comes the Sun." He was taking a break from the rest of the band at his friend's Eric Clapton's house when he wrote his most recognizable song. It's about a bright future and the simple moment of seeing something beautiful. "Here Comes the Sun" is the perfect song for what I'm feeling as I write this on Saturday, November 7, 2020.

Mr. Harrison, for his young age, was one of the most recognizable figures on the planet in 1969. If we look at his state of mind then, it brings to mind how I'm feeling today. After years full of strife and anguish, he was looking forward rather than backward. He may have written about his own restful moment away from the spotlight, but his song resonated with a world tired of hatred and division. Today, I feel what he must have felt. I hope you do too.

The world as we knew it half a decade ago was far from perfect. All the problems we've experienced in 2020 were all there waiting to explode. The only difference was that we had no idea. In so many ways we're better off than we were back then.

Yes, I said it. We're better off at the end of 2020. I can the look of confusion from each of you. But, think about it. We know our foes now: racial division, class hatred, ignorance, climate change, and of course a global pandemic. Our eyes are open to the hard work ahead. We stand as a family, as a congregation, a state, and a nation on the edge of resuming the hard work of healing the world. Healing is what we need right now, and working toward healing is a particularly Jewish value.

We have a lot of hard work to do in the future. It truly has been a long, cold, lonely "winter" these past eight months. But we can move forward together, with compassion and unity of purpose. We won't return to the way things were in 2019. We'll create a future that we can all embrace. And we'll do it as one congregational family. I look forward to the work, don't you? And by the way, if you're reading this electronically, click anywhere in this article to hear The Beatles' "Here Comes the Sun."

Stuart Sweet

Cantorial Comments



Not by might and not by power
But by spirit alone shall we all live in peace
The children sing, the children dream
And their tears may fall, but we'll hear them call
And another song will rise
Another song will rise, another will rise...

Lyrics by Debbie Friedman
Adapted from Zachariah IV:6

At this dark time of year, when the days are short and the nights are long, it is not surprising that regardless what tradition or faith you follow, this season's holidays are celebrated with brilliant displays of light. And in this especially challenging year of 2020, we need as much brightness as we can muster! How fortunate we are to be able to celebrate EIGHT full days and nights of Chanukah, our season of dedication and as you will see, we have all kinds of fun and delightful zoom events to brighten and sweeten every night of Chanukah!

And what would the holiday be without music??! Music is essential to sustain our souls, especially now. I will be part of a **Festival of Music** zoom concert on Sunday, December 6th at 3pm with cantorial colleagues and musicians sponsored by the Jewish Federation of the Greater San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys. On Saturday night, December 12th, I have created a musical evening which will also feature members of our congregational choir! Please mark your calendars for **LATKES to SUFGANIYOT – A Musical Taste of Chanukah**, which will begin with **Havdalah and 3rd Night Candlelighting at 6:30 p.m.**

May the beauty of our sacred lights spread joy, hope and goodness to all of our homes; may it banish some of the dark anxiety and fear we have all been experiencing, as we pray for continued strength, renewal, peace and physical reunions! Truly, another song will rise!

Chag Chanukah Sameach!

Cantor Jennifer Bern-Vogel



Treasurer's Report



Shalom! Taking a break, nothing to report this month.

Have a healthy and happy Thanksgiving!

Kathy Rosenfeld

Sisterhood Speaks



2020 is drawing to a close!

At this time last year, I was ready to kiss 2019 goodbye. I mistakenly thought that 2020 would be better...

Lessons learned.

I am CERTAIN that

2021 will hold wonderful transitions and new opportunities for us in our Congregation Emanu-El community, in our greater Jewish community, in America, our global community and this beautiful planet that we live on!

We are all excited for our holiday programming and new adventures in ZOOM! Please check your weekly emails for updates, there is something for everyone.

As always, if you have ideas or opportunities that you feel Sisterhood should be aware of please email sisterhood@emanuelsb.org

We welcome ideas and input!

Wishing everyone a JOYOUS holiday season and a Bright and Shiny New Year!

שנה טובה! יש לנו נשיא חדש!

In Sisterhood, **Karyn Lehmann** President, Sisterhood,
sisterhood@emanuelsb.org

From Our Director of Education & Youth



Though it's hard to believe, we are already in December and in the Jewish month of Kislev which means – Hannuka is s close. Hanukah is one of my favorite holidays, with its variety of Hanukiot and colorful candles, the tasty Sufganiot (Jelly doughnuts) and Latkes,

which will always remind me of my Baba (yes that's how I called my grandma, probably a short for babushka).

In Israel, while most of the Jewish holidays have restrictions, for example: no Chametz in Passover, no driving on Yom Kippur and closing stores early on Fridays before Shabbat. Hanukkah is a holiday without limitations, it is a festive week, *Hanukiot* with candles are everywhere and the passersby are invited to recite the blessings and light candles.

Every bakery displays trays of the *Sufganiot* that from year to year become more sophisticated and it's very hard to resist the smell of warm fresh Sufganiot.

The story of Hannukah, in one short sentence, is the triumph of the few and powerless over the numerous and powerful. As a teacher in Israel, I used to teach my young students the power of light over darkness. And we always sang the song "Banu hoshech legaresh" that talks about chasing away the darkness with one small light and that one alone is a small light but all together we are a big strong light.

That is also the importance of community, we are always stronger together and we have learned it during these harsh times of the pandemic. We feel better and stronger when we are together even if it is through zoom.

Chag Hannukah Sameach,

Marcela Lavi

Director of Education & Youth, sil@emanuelsb.org

Temple Board of Directors Meeting

Board of Directors Meeting Thursday, December 17, 7:00pm, via Zoom All are welcome

Contact Sisterhood President Karyn Lehmann for Sisterhood meetings.



Mental Health Awareness in Action
The Me2 Orchestra is orchestrating change.

What kind of change? They're changing lives – the lives of their musicians, the lives of the families of their musicians, the lives of their audiences.

If you play an instrument, can play classical music, and have a diagnosed mental illness – or not – you are eligible, no audition necessary. But you do need to get to Burlington, Vermont or Boston, Massachusetts. Or Portland, Oregon, Manchester, New Hampshire, and soon the Music Director expects to create Me2 orchestras all over the country.

He is Ronald Braunstein. He was a brilliant, budding young conductor, a Jewish boy from Pittsburgh, when stigma against his bi-polar disorder tossed him out of his chosen life path. So, he started his own orchestra, "a stigma-free zone." Along the way, he found a loving wife who is co-founder and manager of the orchestra, Caroline Whiddon. And together with their musicians they perform in many places, including prisons, and especially in youth detention centers, where they know many struggle with mental problems.

For many, this is the first place in their lives where they are fully accepted, understood, and respected. Sometimes the musicians have crises, even may be hospitalized, but they know they will be welcomed back when they're ready.

As a French horn player says: "I am not defined by my illness – I am so much more." And now they belong, have "an identity, a sense of purpose" says a bass player. "I have bipolar disorder or I have schizophrenia – and I'm alive!" Alive and growing, becoming better musicians. As Caroline says, they are "changing people from a place of darkness to a place of strength and confidence."

With every note, they expertly bring the message: "Don't shut us out!"

There's a wonderful documentary about Ron, Caroline and their musicians, "Orchestrating Change," the film, shown recently on KVCR-TV.

Heidi Nimmo and Nancy Sidhu, Co-Chairs, Mental Health Awareness In Action (MHAIA)

SISTERHOOD CHAT

Are you tired of the "new normal" and miss connecting with people?



Join Sisterhood to socialize on Zoom-no agenda, just time to chat!

Splendid Sociable Sunday: December 20 @ 4:00 pm

Watch your e-mail for a ZOOM invite or contact us at sisterhood@emanuelsb.org

Zoom link will also be in the Weekly News email from Congregation Emanu El.



Let's Talk Turkey! It's Turkey Donation Time Again! We Need Your Help



For many years, our Congregation has partnered with Cornerstone in providing turkey dinner for families in need during the holiday season.

This year we have pledged to supply 72 turkeys (that's quadruple chai!).

Donations of \$25 per turkey can be made to meet this pledge and provide turkeys to families in need through our Annual Turkey Fund Drive.

Donations are now being gratefully accepted. Checks may be sent to the temple office or donate online at emanuelsb.org

Hanukkah Trivia Night - Looking for Donations



Sisterhood is sponsoring a Hanukkah Trivia Game one night of Chanukah. We will be giving away prizes, and would appreciate donations. Will you bake a batch of cookies, make a special dinner entree, have a handicraft or any other item you can think of that we can give away in a COVID safe manner. We will need to hear from you by December 6th. Leslie Contact Soltz at Ihsoltz@gmail.com or 714-813-1792 to donate or for more information.

The Board of Directors wishes to thank Julie Strain for her hard work in creating our bulletin every month!

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES AT CONGREGATION EMANUEL

It's easier than ever to donate to Congregation Emanu El.

Donate safely and securely while staying at home. Just go to our web page, emanuelsb.org/donate and fill out the amount you want to donate.

Don't forget to fill out the reason for the donation.

You can pay via Credit Card or Paypal, and it's so easy!

GIWING
TUESDAY

December 1. It's the perfect time to support your congregation!

Join us for something special every night!



Thursday, December 10 at 5:30pm: "First Night Light" with Rabbi Reznick

Friday, December 11, 6:30pm: "Crazy" Shabbat B'Yachad
A Chanukah-themed service with Rick and Addie

Saturday, December 12, 6:30pm:

"Latkes and Sugfaniot: A Musical Taste Of Chanukah" featuring Cantor Bern-Vogel and Jerry Ripley Come for the Havdalah, stay for the candles

Sunday, December 13, 5:30pm:

SJL Consecration and Chanukah Party Join us for Chanukah songs and games!

Monday, December 14, 5:30pm:

Sisterhood Chanukah Trivia Night Fun and prizes galore!

Tuesday, December 15, 5:30pm:

Chanukah Cooking Demonstration with Dr. Elizabeth Raskin

We dnesday, December 16, 5:30pm:

Social Justice Storytelling Hear stories that will inspire you to find your inner Maccabee

Thursday, December 17, 5:30pm:

"Light Up The Night" (at home) Interfaith Community Menorah Lighting Event

SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

Chanukah Hamukkah Chanukkah Hammukah

No matter how you spell it December's here!!!! Your HANNUKAH shopping HAVEN is the CEE gift shop.



TOYS, DECORATIONS, HANUKKIAHS

, JEWELRY, TABLEWARE, SOCKS, CANDLES,





FAMILY GAMES, SOCKS, TOYS, DECORATIONS, CANDLES, FAMILY GAMES, SOCKS

Through Year's End, EVERY \$5.00 SPENT for ANY Gift Shop purchases will enter your name in a DRAWING for a \$50 gift shop certificate!!!!!

Until December 9th your name will ALSO be entered for a special Chanukah drawing.

Use your 5% temple member discount for purchases. Double dip to your hearts content.

If your SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP is VERIFIED AS RENEWED or just STARTED your 15% discount kicks in.

This is to **thank you for joining your CEE sisterhood.**Just one of the **benefits of your membership**

ALL ITEMS IN YOUR GIFT SHOP ARE AVAILABLE FOR CONTACTLESS DELIVERY

Payments by check or exact cash at this time.

Call Lisa Wise-Wolk for special orders/details/questions. (909) 723-3238

Happy Birthday!!!

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

4-December	Joshua Rosenfeld	18-December	Samuel Longoni (11 years old)
5-December	Paul Zipperstein	19-December	Ethel McAfee
5-December	Trent Olmstead		Jayden Basley (14 years old)
7-December	Laura Fenster	21-December	James Bauer (9 years old)
11-December	Joseph Karps	23-December	Ahna Roesch
13-December	Jennifer Posalski	24-December	Sharon Bauer
13-December	Sydney Weissman	24-December	Charles Robinson
16-December	Judith Smith	24-December	Elise Wilkie (5 years old)
17-December	Roy Nierman	28-December	R. Weston Hayden
18-December	Neil Brown	28-December	Paolo Longoni
18-December	Joanne Singer	29-December	Erin Holder
18-December	Nancy Sidhu	30-December	Shauna Van Horn
18-December	Michael Paisner	31-December	Bernie Barrad

Happy Anniversary!!!

We extend a hearty *Mazal Tov* to the following whose wedding anniversaries occur in the month of December:

1-December Lori & Gary Fenster 16-December Penny & Leon Schwartz 25-December Judith & G. Bud Charlick 25-December Rita & Rabbi Hillel Cohn 27-December Mara Winick & Jeffrey Lewis 29-December Jerry & Lynn Mathews



Grow a Leaf on Our Simcha Tree

Do you have a special occasion to commemorate?
Anniversary? Bar/Bat Mitzvah? Birthday? Graduation?
Celebrate it with the entire
Congregation Emanu El community!
Purchase a leaf on our beautiful
Simcha Tree for your special occasion.
Call the temple office to order your leaf today!

We Gratefully Acknowledge

We gratefully acknowledge these contributions to our various temple funds:

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In observance of the Yahrzeits of...

Martin Lebowitz by Nancy Justice

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In observance of the Yahrzeit of...

Richard Simon by Bonnie Konowitch

On occasions of joy or sorrow a contribution to one of our temple funds is always appropriate.

Contribution can be made to the following funds:

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Cherrie Lubey Sisterhood Pulpit Flower Fund

Yahrzeits

The following Yahrzeits will be observed during the month of December: Those with a (*) are inscribed on the Wall of Perpetual Memorial:

December 4-5	December 11-12	December 18-19	December 25-26
			Marian Arnold
 		Herman Adams	Leon Arnold
Ben Amdursky	Ruth Becker		Esther Bauman
⇔ Herbert Anker		 	
Jarrod Autterson	Itzik Blumen	 	‡ Eva Berman
Ruth Becker		Barbara Carlin	Edward Bresnick
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William Christian	‡ Theodore Cohen	George Ehrlich	Robert Davis
‡ Esna Cohen		Harry Einbinder	Philip Einbinder
Zisle Degin	Rebecca Finkler	p Rose Eliot	‡ Aaron Fohrman
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Garcia	Jacob Hankin	Joel Frank	
Herbert Joe Garelick	Everett Haydis	⇔ Benjamin Gilbert	Kathryn Gootel
⇔ Benjamin Grossman		≯ Flora Goldstein	⇔ Rose Grossman
	Ralph Hertz	 Claire Gottlieb	Samuel Halpern
Tillie Hill	Barbara Jacobson	William Greenberg	
☆ Kate Hirsch		p Louis Guttman	 ★ Melville Harris
Virginia Joyce	Ruben Joseph		Hal Herman
‡ Faye Kaplan	Charles Kahn	Gilbert Kurman	Mildred Hiller
⇔ Geraldine Kronick	Marion Kaner	 ☆ Max Levin	Jacob Katzeff
 ☆ Morrie Krupnick		Marisa Lewis	‡ Bob Kipper
Roger Krupnick	Elaine Loveday	 ❖ Ann Miller	Abe Kitay
Calvin Leidner		Phyllis Miller	Barbara Lanthier
Morris Lichtenstein	Chassie Nelko		 ☆ Maxine Lerner
 ☆ Max Moschel	Elaine Nussbaum	Chlotile Nachman	Decie Londoner
⇔ Benjamin Nordman		Rose Rosenberg	‡ Anna Magid
‡ Leon Penso	Rose Petrushkin		Lester Meyer
⇔ Philip Philipson	William Ross	 	Blanche Meyers
Richard Pick	Roberta Sax Allen		Samuel Nelko
Lester Pollen	Yetta Schwartz	Nathan Sabbath	Milton Powell
Sam Schwartz			 ★ Matthew Raynes
	☆ Matilda Siddel		
‡ Harry Selwyn	Herman Silverman		
Ruth Sherman		 	
Louis Snider	Ethel Stein	‡ George Siddel	Leah Sagal
	Anita Strenger	Frank Siemion	 ★ Morris Shane
Robert Sukenik	‡ Anna Vitsky	Wanda Siemion	
‡ Annie Swedlove	Sol Wallach	Richard Simon	
⇔ Bessie Uffer	Bella Weinstein		Robert Wenker
‡ Jacob Wayman		Lea Sosnowicz	Wil Wolfson
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		‡ Louis Sussman	
		☆ Albert Weiss	
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