

NOVEMBER 2023 CHESVAN-KISLEV 5784 VOLUME LIII - NUMBER 3

#### SHABBAT CELEBRATIONS

All services scheduled to be In Person; Zoom services to be determined pending tech support SECURITY PROVIDED AT ALL IN PERSON SHABBAT SERVICES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



Friday - November 3, 2023 - 6:30 p.m.

Led by Rabbi Hillel Cohn and Chel Zipperstein

Rabbi Cohn will speak on Blessings We Take For Granted

Oneg Shabbat hosted by Margy Spears and Kathy Trainor in celebration of their same day birthday

Saturday - November 4, 2023

Torah Study - 9:15 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Service - 10:00 a.m.

Led by Rabbi Hillel Cohn

Parashat Vayera - פרשת ויֵרָא - Genesis 18:1-22:24

Haftarah - II Kings 4:1-37



Friday - November 10, 2023 - 6:30 p.m.

Led by Cantor Bern-Vogel and featuring our Choir

Special Speaker: Steve Becker will share his thoughts about Service to our Country Oneg Shabbat hosted by Kathy and Dan Trainor and Lisa Wise-Wolk and Kerry Wolk in observance of Veterans Day and in memory of a Special Day

Saturday - November 11, 2023

Tot Shabbat - 9:00 a.m.

**Shabbat Morning Service - 10:00 a.m.** 

Led by Cantor Bern-Vogel

Parashat Chayei Sara - פרשת חַיִּי שָׁרָה - Genesis 23:1-25:18

Haftarah - I Kings 1:1-31



Friday - November 17, 2023 -

... Family Gratitude Shabbat Dinner - 5:00 p.m.

... Shabbat Evening Service - 6:30 p.m.

Led by Cantor Bern-Vogel

Oneg Shabbat hosted by Ethel McAfee in memory of her husband, Tom McAfee

Saturday - November 18, 2023

Torah Study - 9:15 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Service - 10:00 a.m.

Led by Cantor Bern-Vogel

Parashat Toldot - פרשת תולדות - Genesis 25:19-28:9

Haftarah - Malachi 1:1-2:7



Friday - November 24, 2023 - 6:30 p.m.

Led by Cantor Bern-Vogel

"Home for Thanksgiving" with our former students and Aleah Lang on violin

Oneg Shabbat hosted by Jay Donenfeld in memory of his wife, Judge Christy Donenfeld

Saturday - November 25

Parashat Vayetzei - פרשת וַיצא '- Genesis 28:10-32:3

Haftarah - Hosea 12:13-14:10

### **Cantorial Comments**

#### Finding Gratitude amidst Grief



Last month, exactly fifty years after the surprise attack of the Yom Kippur War in 1973, in the early morning hours of October 7<sup>th</sup>, Israel was attacked on the joyous festival of Simchat Torah in the bloodiest massacre of its modern existence. Two hundred fifty beautiful young people celebrating at a music festival were murdered or kidnapped by Hamas. Mothers, children, babies, Holocaust survivors - torn from their homes and their beds in Kibbutz Be'eri.

The Middle East has always been a complex hotbed of tension with occasional eruptions, but these recent heinous acts by Hamas have brought indescribable, unbearable grief and suffering. After the initial shock and horror, especially for

those of us with family and friends in Israel, we feel helpless, broken and angry. Angry at being helpless and angry that humans can be so full of hate that they are capable of carrying out such atrocities.

As I'm writing this in October it is impossible to know what the situation will look like when we will receive the November bulletin. We continue to pray for peace and some kind of speedy resolution. Congregation Emanu El also took action, collecting boxes of socks, thermal underwear, flashlights and more for cargo planes heading to Israel. With the assistance of Jewish Federations across the country, we are sending money to charities like the *Magen David Adom* Ambulance Fund and will continue to have updates as to what the needs will be. We are wearing blue ribbons as a sign that the hostages are kept close to our hearts and light a third Shabbat candle until they are all home or accounted for.

Empathy burnout is common when individuals spend so much of their emotional strength relating deeply to the problems and stress of others that they forget to care for themselves. We have to remember to take care of ourselves, to be able to turn off the TV or stop reading news reports. It takes effort to remind myself that I can be of no use to anyone else if I allow myself to be consumed by the horrors and grief.

Viktor Frankel, Holocaust survivor and author of <u>Man's Search for Meaning</u>, frequently quoted the Talmudic scholar, Hillel, "In a place where there are no humans, one must strive to be human."

We have to model more than ever, what it means to be human, to love, to listen and to learn from one another. To that end, we have some beautiful events coming up this month: the choir will be joining us for our annual Veterans Day Erev Shabbat Service with speaker Steven Becker; Family Shabbat Dinner sponsored by Debbie Schwartz and our SJL families; and our Friday Thanksgiving Shabbat will have special surprises including our favorite young violinist, Aleah Lang!

#### Wishing everyone a peaceful Thanksgiving, Cantor Jennifer Bern-Vogel

Debbie Gutfreund, OCD and trauma therapist, writes: Just for today I'm going to see the opportunity instead of the obstacle. Just for today I am going to recognize the kindness instead of the apathy, the light instead of the dark, the love instead of the hate, the beauty instead of the chaos, the blessing instead of the lack. Just for today, I want to say thank You. For the rising sun and the autumn leaves. For the shelter, the water and the food. For my arms, my legs, my eyes, my heart and for every breath You grant me. For the gift of my children. For the Torah and all the myriad blessings it brings into my life. For all this and for so much more...



Saturday, November 10th
9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Special Shabbat Service for Tots and
SJL Students

Join Cantor Bern-Vogel for Shabbat
morning services.

## **Presidential Perspectives**



There are so many good things happening at the Temple. Our School for Jewish Living has 16 students ranging from our youngest in Kitanim to our 10 year olds. The students are enjoying their classes as well as meeting each other

socially. Our SJL parents have been extremely supportive of the program. We thank Ilene Mino, who has led SJL for the past two years, and Amanda Ramirez (Schwartz) who has been a leader of the parents and a representative from the Board of Directors.

The Boruchin project has been completed and is a beautiful addition to the Temple campus. We will give all of you opportunities to contribute to this project in December by sponsoring signage, planters, trash cans, and a few other final touches. I hope you will participate in this project and join us in the Spring for a grand opening.

We have had pre-service dinners and hope to schedule more. We want you to come to services and programs. As we all know, when food is offered we show up! Do you have other ideas for us to try? We want Emanu El to be a social place as well as a place of worship.

I hope your Thanksgiving is a pleasant one with family, good food, and an abundance of joy.

B'Shalom.

## Paul Zipperstein

#### **Board of Directors**

Thursday, November 16th 7:00 pm All are welcome

Sisterhood Board Meeting Wednesday, November 5, 2023 10:00 a.m.

## Treasurer's Report



You may notice some changes in our office. Eric Beasley, our office adminsitrator. who began working for us on "temporary" basis almost two years ago has found employment in his field of

study. We are very happy for Eric and wish him well in his new career. We are now currently working on finding a replacement for this position. Our goal is to have a new administartor in the position by the end of November. In the interim, I will be handling the Administator duties with assistance from Kathy Trainor and other volunteers. I appreciate Kathy's and others willingness to help out on such short notice.

November is the month of gratitude and thanksgiving. There are several events that focus on giving thanks and appreciation for our blessings. There will be the Redlands Area Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration on November 12th and our Shabbat Dinner on the 17th.

We are once again sponsoring a turkey drive to provide turkeys to families in need. Please contact the temple office to make a donation.

I am grateful for our congregation and our members; I am proud to volunteer and be a part of this synagogue. I am blessed with a wonderful family that brings me love and joy.

I wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving.

### Julie Strain jbstrain1130@gmail.com



# From Our School for Jewish Living

K'tanim and SJL are off to a great start. Our students are making friends, learning prayers, singing songs and having fun. This month we are focusing on hakarat hatov- the Jewish value of recognizing the good in our lives and showing how grateful we are. Our Essential Questions to think about were, "What benefit is there in recognizing the good around us?" and "What are good questions to ask?" We created Thank You notes to show our thanks to: Sisterhood for a new story rug, the Knox family for the gaga pit update, and awesome Schwartz/Ramirez family for hosting a community Sunday School morning. Each of these gifts brought us joy, and the students had fun creating their note cards. Next month we will explore the practice of hachnasat orchim - being a good host and quest.

## Miss Ilene and Miss Karyn



## Sisterhood Speaks



It seems hard to believe that we are moving into the winter months. We have celebrated through the many holidays of Fall and enjoyed them all! We shook our Lulav and had meaningful moments in the Sukkah, and before you know it, it will be Thanksgiving!

We also enjoyed the Sisterhood paid up brunch with new member and guest speaker Kristen Booth who works with the National Council of Jewish Women. A tremendous thank you to Kathy Trainor for arranging the logistics for the brunch, and all the sisters that helped out. It was a lovely spread, and a wonderful time together to learn about the NCJW.

It is never too late to join Sisterhood! Without you, we are one member short!

Our book club has been meeting via zoom and in October discussed "Banyan Moon" by Thao Thai. Members rotate choosing books and leading discussions; participation is open to everyone! This is a wonderful way to learn and share. Contact Leslie Soltz to be added to the list.

The gift shop is having an early Hanukkah sale starting November 19th

Things you can do to support Sisterhood ( and by extension the greater temple community)

- 1. Host an Oneg; contact the office or Kathy Trainor to participate in this mitzvah.
- 2. Donate to the flower fund.
- 3. Volunteer your time and/or expertise.
- 4. Participate in an event, or event planning.
- 5. Participate in a fundraiser, or help facilitate one!
- 6. Join Sisterhood.
- 7. Shop in our gift shop.

Sisterhood will hold our November board meeting Sunday November 5th at the temple at 10am. Please join us!

#### Karyn

Sisterhood President



Oneg Shabbat Hosts Needed for January and February

Contact Kathy Trainor at kdtrainor@msn.com or 909-659-3518



# Mental Health Awareness in Action Brain and Gut

Do we have any idea how complex a human is? We are body, including all our organs and our all-important brain. We are emotional, social, spiritual beings. And we have within us living microbes that are intimately involved in our well-being. And it is those not-human parts of us that science has been studying increasingly in recent years.

Including one scientist, Calliope Holingue at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health who is investigating our gut microbiome and its affect on our mental health. She was interviewed on National Public Radio this summer.

Those tiny living things in our intestines make chemicals, vitamins, and serotonin for our bodies and brains. They influence our metabolism and the workings of our immune systems. And it seems there's a connection also to our mental state. The complexities of that connection are just beginning to be explored. Dr. Holingue is focusing now on investigating possible links between the gut microbes and autism. Others have been experimenting on rats — making them depressed when given the microbiome from rats who are depressed. (Maybe you didn't know that rats could be depressed. We didn't.)

A lot of careful, long term studies will need to be conducted going forward. But it is already clear that what living creatures we have in our gut – and we each have a somewhat different set – influence a whole array of body functions, including our brains and our feelings, our emotions. Don't most of us know about butterflies in our stomachs in times of stress? We know there's some connection.

And we are just beginning to deal with the old chicken-and-egg problem. Do mental states cause changes in our gut microbiome? Or do those little critters bring about our mental condition? The thinking now is that it goes both ways. And then there's the exciting probability of using them to help alleviate some problems. If we can make some rats depressed by changing their biome, can we eliminate depression or other mental illness with favorable microbes?

Let's keep tuned in – these explorations have a long way to go. Dr. Holingue isn't waiting for all the answers, though – she's eating some healthy probiotics every day.

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



All are invited to attend the Redlands Area Interfaith Council 14th Annual Thanksgiving Celebration

# "We Are Family"

An inspiring service bringing together the diverse faith community of Redlands and adjoining communities to prepare for Thanksgiving.

Sunday November 12, 2023 4:00 pm

hosted by
Trinity Episcopal Church
419 S. 4th Street
Redlands

Clergy and choir members of various religious institutions (including Congregation Emanu El) will be participating



Thank you to everyone who brought donations to support Israel and the IDF.

It was very much appreciated!



Congregation Emanu El Friday November 17, 2023

5:00 p.m. Dinner & Celebration with our school children

6:30 p.m. Shabbat Services

"Give Thanks to God"

Join our School for
Jewish Living students
as we celebrate
Shabbat with songs
and prayers while
enjoying dinner
together

Followed by Oneg Shabbat Sponsored by Sisterhood

ALL ARE WELCOME!

No Charge
RSVP to temple office by November 13 th
CEE@emanuelsb.org or 909-307-0400



For seniors of the greater San Bernardino-Redlands-Banning-Mountain and surrounding Jewish communities

## JOIN US FOR ANOTHER ENJOYABLE LUNCHEON & A UNIQUE AND MEMORABLE PROGRAM

## WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 15th - 11:45 AM

at Congregation Emanu El Social Hall - 1495 Ford Street - Redlands



# NICOLO MASERATI

Mentalist - Mind Reader

Nicolo Maserati will amaze us with his close-up mentalism. Not only are Nicolo's mentalism and mind-reading abilities top-notch, he is also known for his charm and sense of humor. He will delight us with his extraordinary abilities.

Luncheon - \$15.00 per person

Reservations need to be made by Friday, November 10th by calling the temple office (909-307-0400) or

emailing: cee@emanuelsb.org

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN YOU!!!

# SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19TH - 10AM TO 1PM DURING AND AFTER SJL PRE-HANUKKAH GIFT SHOP SALE



Need a new family Hanukiah and candles from S'fat Isreal and Jewish companies in the USA?

Small toys and family games? Gifts for friends and family? Mom and Dad? Fun socks?

As I write this, ISRAEL was attacked by militant inhumane terrorists and we are at WAR. I am getting urgent pleas from our Israeli vendors to order their products now in order to help keep the economy there going during this unprecedented time.

For us to do so, we need you, ALL OUR CONGREGANTS and friends, to clear our shelves of products produced in Israel that we still have on hand so we can order more inventory from our dedicated vendeos during this most devastating and difficult time for our Jewish state.

Please consider doing so now and not later. Our congregation Stands with Israel.

We hope you do as well.

Am Israel Chai.

As always, we are open by appointment for your convenience.



# CONGREGATION EMANU EL – FUNDRAISING WITH SCRIP PROGRAM SCRIP IS PERFECT FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS!

### RaiseRight: Simply the right way to fundraise.

Raise funds by buying gift cards from RaiseRight to pay for your everyday shopping and spending year-round. Groceries, dining out, home improvement, and everything in between. It's the most convenient and effective way to fundraise because earning becomes part of your everyday life. Plus, gift cards are great for helping you to set and keep a weekly budget. It's never been easier to create opportunities for what matters most to you. No extra money spent. No extra time wasted.

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Turn everyday shopping into fundraising dollars



#### Get started today!

Create a free fundraising account on the RaiseRight mobile app or at RaiseRight.com.

Congregation Emanu El - Our Enrollment code is 477F26554739.

Have questions? Contact: Julie Strain at scrip@emanuelsb.org.

# Happy Birthday!!!

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

1-November	Paul Shimoff	19-November	Marylou Hanover
2-November	Sharon Lang	22-November	Leah Zipperstein
5-November	Calum Becker-Kurily (7 years old)	24-November	Cyril Kaicener
8-November	Margy Spears	24-November	Luisa Cohen (14 years old)
8-November	Kathy Trainor	26-November	Lynn Mathews
11-November	Michael Martinez	229-November	Shelley Bodnar
14-November	Michelle Anctil	30-November	Julianne Strain
14-November	Fredric Rabinowitz		



### 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 wall.

## Happy Anniversary!!!

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

26-November Vickie & Steve Becker 27-November DJ & Jeffrey Raynes



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



For many years, our Congregation has partnered with local non-profit agencies in providing turkey dinner for families in need during the holiday season.

This year we are trying to supply <u>72 turkeys</u> (that's quadruple chai!).

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

Donations are now being gratefully accepted in the temple office.

### We Gratefully Acknowledge

We gratefully acknowledge these contributions to our various temple funds:

#### **TEMPLE FUND**

In observance of the Yahrzeits of...

Rae Adelson Meyers by Roberta and Phil Gold

Terrie Ramos by Tim Plueger

Leslie Levine by Charles Levine

Helen Mishook by Anita Lampel

Anna and David Fisher by Norman Hanover

 $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$  Lt. David Bernstein KIA Iraq by Vickie and Steve

Becker

SPC Jacob Fletcher KIA Iraq by Vickie and Steve

Becker

Martin Phillip Lebowitz by Nancy Lebowitz Justice

Lillian Rhein by Linda and Peter Rhein

In memory of...

**Stanley Roshwald** by Vickie and Steve Becker **Jerry Ripley** by Ann and Asher Sheppard

In appreciation of...

High Holy Day Services by Rachel Strout

#### CHERRIE LUBEY SISTERHOOD FLOWER FUND

In observance of the Yahrzeits of...

Isidore Rundberg by the Monique Coleman

In honor of...

100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Ellen Isaak by Monique Coleman

#### **CEMETERY FUND**

In memory of...

Waldman and Cohen family members by Kathy Waldman Cohen

#### CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of...

173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade Paratroopers and 10<sup>th</sup> Group Special Forces Green Berets KIA Iraq and Afghanistan by Vickie and Steve Becker

## RABBI HILLEL AND RITA COHN CAMPERSHIP FUND

In appreciation of...

**Rabbi Hillel Cohn visiting the grave of Richard Simon** by Bonnie Konowitch

#### MORTGAGE REDUCTION FUND

In memory of ...

Bernard Zeldin by Joyce and Barry Eskin

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

Contribution can be made to the following funds:

Temple Fund
Mortgage Reduction Fund
School For Jewish Living Fund
Home of Eternity Cemetery Fund
Cantor Bern-Vogel Discretionary Fund
Temple Security Fund
Landscape Fund
William Russler Memorial Archives Fund
Leone Hyman B'rit Olam Fund
Lionel Heller Music Fund
Gloria Cutler Meal of Condolence Fund
\*Cherrie Lubey Sisterhood Pulpit Flower Fund
\*Rabbi Hillel & Rita Cohn Campership Fund
\*Sisterhood Funds - donations payable to Sisterhood

# **Yahrzeits**

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

November 3-4	November 10-11	November 17-18	November 24-25
<b>‡</b> Yetta Abrams	<b>‡</b> Edith Abramson	<b>‡</b> Henry Binder	<b>‡</b> Sara Ansill
	<b>⇔</b> William Becker	Samuel H. Birnkrant	<b>‡</b> H. Ted Bial
<b>⇔</b> Gabriel Brill	Margaret Bender	<b> ❖</b> Sarah Blumenthal	<b>⇔</b> Rose Burstin
<b>⇔</b> Burton Brin	Samuel Brill	<b>‡</b> Lillian Brill	<b> </b>
	<b>‡</b> Diane Doros		<b>⇔</b> Rose Doros
	Marie Miller		
Paul E Gustafson	<b> ⇒</b> Sophie Goldberg	<b>p</b> David Ellman	
<b>⇔</b> Rebecca Helfman		<b>⇔</b> Benjamin Feit	
<b>‡</b> David Hoffman	Michael Hosmann	<b>p</b> Barney Finkleman	<b> ☆</b> Malvina Guttman
<b>⇔</b> Sam Joseph	Douglas Hosmann		<b> ☆</b> Max Hanover
Rose Karen		<b>❖</b> A1C Keir Damon	<b> </b>
Edith Keller	<b>⇔</b> Abraham Kavovit	Johnson	<b>‡</b> Louis Helfman
price pric			
<b>‡</b> Louise S. Levine	<b>‡</b> Celia Kustin	<b>p</b> Nat Levin	Robert Kaplan
<b> </b>	Martin Lebowitz	Thomas McAfee	Regina Kleinman
<b>‡</b> Lilyan Liss		<b>‡</b> Lillian Meyer	<b>⇔</b> Dorothy Levy
	<b>‡</b> Lillian Levine		
	⇔Herbert Lubell	Horace Nahm	Bert Medoff
Fredrick S Rosenfeld		Alex Rudd	Loretta Nave
Elmer Scharf	<b>⇔</b> Celia Mishkin	Evelyn Schnitzer	Emile Ohayon
<b>⋩</b> Edward J. Seeman	<b>⇔</b> Burt A. Orland	Edna Schnitzer	Eddy Patay
	Jerome Pasternak		<b> </b>
<b>⇔</b> Harold F. Simon	<b>⇔</b> Nat Pinsky	Rebecca Steinberg	<b>⇔</b> Abbot Robbins
<b>‡</b> Leona Soltz	<b>⇔</b> Flora Sentob		<b> ☆</b> Max Rosen
	Sue W. Simon		Sgt. David Roten Jr.
<b>‡</b> Sidney Vines	<b>‡</b> Louis Stein		
Irvin Yaff			Robert Allen Soltz
			<b>‡</b> Hyman Weisser
			<b>‡</b> Caroline Wolfenson
			Max Yaffe



### Cantor Jennifer Bern-Vogel Hillel Cohn, Rabbi Emeritus

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