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SHABBAT CELEBRATIONS

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Friday - March 1, 2024 - 6:30 p.m. Led by Cantor Bern-Vogel Oneg Shabbat hosted by Marjorie & Jeffrey Henkin in memory of their parents Alex & Anne Luchans and Hyman & Nettie Henkin Saturday - March 2, 2024 Parashat Ki Tisa - פרשת כי תָשָא - Exodus 30:11-34:35 Haftarah - I Kings 18:1-39



Friday - March 8, 2024 - 6:30 p.m.
Led by Cantor Bern-Vogel
Oneg Shabbat hosted byElaina & Marvin Reiter in honor of Marvin's March 2nd birthday
Saturday - March 9, 2024
Tot Shabbat - 9:00 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Service - 10:00 a.m.

<u>Shabbat Morning Service - 10:00 a.m.</u> Led by Cantor Bern-Vogel Parashat Vayakhel - פרשת ויקהל - Exodus 35:1-38:20 Haftarah - I Kings 7:40-50



Friday - March 15, 2024 - 6:30 p.m. Led by Cantor Bern-Vogel Oneg Shabbat hosted by Joya Eirew in memory of her mother Rose Simcoe Saturday - March 16, 2024 Parashat Pekudei - פרשת פְקוֹדֵי - Exodus 38:21-40:38 Haftarah - I Kings 8:10-21



Friday - March 22, 2024 - 6:30 p.m. Led by Cantor Bern-Vogel Oneg Shabbat hosted by Shelley and Joe Bodnar in honor of the wonderful people of Congregation Emanu El Saturday - March 23, 2024 Torah Study - 9:15 a.m. <u>Shabbat Morning Service - 10:00 a.m.</u> Led by Cantor Bern-Vogel Parashat Vayikra - פרשת ויקרא - Leviticus 1:1-5:26 Haftarah - I Samuel 15:2-34



Friday - March 29, 2024 - 6:30 p.m. Led by Rabbi Hillel Cohn with Chel & Paul Zipperstein Oneg Shabbat hosted by Leslie and William Soltz in honor of their 53rd Wedding Anniverary Saturday - March 23, 2024 Torah Study - 9:15 a.m. <u>Shabbat Morning Service - 10:00 a.m.</u> Led by Rabbi Hilel Cohn Parashat Tzav - ' ברשת צו - Ezekiel 36:16-38 Haftarah - Ezekiel 43:10-27

Cantorial Comments

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!!



At the end of this month, we celebrate the highlight of the month of Adar re-enacting the Book of Esther with a 'Shpiel', costumes, and Megillah reading. While Purim is one of the wackiest holidays in our calendar, it could have gone another way completely - descendents of Haman are still with us today. Now more than ever, we need to be aware of the red flags of antisemitism...

2:10 Esther had not revealed her nationality and family background, because Mordecai had forbidden her to do so.

9:22 ... the month had been turned from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into celebration, that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and gifts to the poor.



BARBIE PURIMSPHIEL

Jewish Barbie/Stereotypical BarbieEsther	
Aunt Weird BarbieMordechai (female)	
King KenKing Achashverosh	
Prime Minister Haman KenHaman	
Beauty Queen Barbie Vashti	
KensKing's Advisors	
(Soccer Ken, Basketball Ken, Baseball Ken, Hockey Ken, Football Ken, etc	C.)
Mattel Board of DirectorsHaman's Henchmen	
Evil KensBigthan & Teresh	
King Ken's guardsKing's guards	
(Police Officer Ken, Fire Fighter Ken, Security Guard Ken,	
Referee Ken, etc.)	
Barbies New Queen Contest Contestants (Astronaut Barbie, Business Woman Barbie, Doctor Barbie, 1980's Barbie, etc.)	

Who do YOU want to be?? You can be anything or anyONE!

B'simcha,

Cantor Jennifer Bern-Vogel

Presidential Perspectives



These are very trying times for those of our faith. A terrible war between Israel and Hamas has left many dead and many more injured or displaced. World-wide anti-Semitism affects Jews everywhere, including university

campuses and synagogues. Daily news items give us pause to realize some of the dangers we face.

Your Board of Directors takes these matters seriously. We have a responsibility to protect our congregants and their families when they enter our doors. A recent incident on a Sunday morning has caused us to further enhance our security. While the incident was professionally handled by our security team, we have decided to double up on our protection. We are increasing the ability to handle unusual situations through better communication and clear procedures during an emergency.

We continue to do all we can to keep our Temple a safe place for our congregants. Our Board of Directors is made up of a variety of congregants, including some who have children in our school. It is through our open discussions that changes are brought forth to improve our current practices. It is important that you feel safe when attending services and other events at Emanu El. Please continue to cooperate with our security officers as they ensure safety in our parking lot as well as our building.

B'Shalom

Paul Zipperstein

Board of Directors Thursday, March 21, 2024 7:00 pm All are welcome

Sisterhood Board Meeting Sunday, March 3, 2024 10:00 a.m.

Treasurer's Report



Welcome to March, the month for our Purim celebration. Join Cantor and your fellow CEE members as we celebrate Purim with a Barbie themed Shpiel.

Passover is just around the corner. Sisterhood will once

again host the Community Seder; a traditional seder with a delicious Passover meal.

At Shabbat services before Passover we will be dedicating names added to our Wall of Perpetual Memorial. If you have a family member or loved one you wish to add to the Wall, please contact Judy in the office by March 22nd.

Another Passover tradition is our Marricage Reconsecration service at Shabbat services during Passover. Letters will be going out to members celecrating quinquennial anniversaries (5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, etc.). If you are celebrating one of these anniversaries and don't receive a letter, please contact Judy. It is a beautiful tradition to once again stand under the Chuppah with your beloved.

This month, the Budget Committee will meet to begin our financial planning for the next fiscal year. Next month we plan to publish in the Bulletin a draft budget, with a final budget ready to be presented at the Congregation's annual meeting in May.

As always, I am available to discuss any of your financial concerns.

Happy Purim! *Julie Strain* jbstrain1130@gmail.com



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From Our School for Jewish Living

In February we talked about the values of appreciating our community, being grateful for what we have, and asking questions about how to help. Pirkei Avot (from Ethics of the Ancestors) said, "Those who are content with what they have are rich." Our students are enjoying listening to traditional folk tales and discussing how they relate to today. In a sweet allegory about a community symphony, the children discover that faith and pulling together can make a difference. We ended the month learning about how our Jewish calendar is lunar- each new month begins with a new moon over Jerusalem. We read Laila Tov, Moon and made an edible chart with oreos. We enjoyed art, music, games and of course a little drama. Next month we will have a pj party and celebrate Purim.

Shalom aleichem,

Miss Ilene and Miss Karyn



Sisterhood Speaks



March will be full of PURIM! If you have not yet sent in your check to support Schlach Manot please do so NOW!

Schlach Manot will be distributed this year with homemade hamentashen and are sure to be a welcome gift from Sisterhood and our greater

temple community! This mitzvah is being spearheaded by the lovely Jill Weissman! Please thank her for stepping up to ensure that this tradition continues!

The plan is for the school community to be baking on Sunday March 10th while school is in session. This will be a hands-on communal experience that is not limited to school families. Anyone is welcome to join!

A HUGE thanks to the Sisters that made the Maj tournament successful. I don't want to leave anyone out so I am lazy- blanket thanking all of you.

The book club continues to meet thanks to Susan Damron who has taken on the role of facilitator.

The next Sisterhood Board meeting will be on Sunday, March 3rd at 10:00 a.m. while SJL is in session.

If you would like to join, have ideas for future programs or would just like to be a part of something, please join us.

B'Shalom *Karyn* Sisterhood President



Shalach Manot bags for <u>all</u> families will be available at the temple for pick up at the Senior for Senior Lunch on Wednesday, March 20th Shabbat Services on Friday, March 22nd, and on Sunday, March 24th, at the Purim Fun and Shpiel. They will also be available for pick-up during temple office hours March 25th - 29th.

For *local* congregants who are unable to pick up their Shalach Manot, due to physical or health concerns, please call the temple office to arrange delivery.



Mental Health Awareness in Action Chatty Bench

Out for a nice walk in a park when you notice a bright yellow bench where there wasn't one before. And there's a sign on it saying: "Chatty Bench – Stay Connected – Sit here if you are happy to chat with passers by." Would you sit? Would you call out to others walking by, saying hello, how are you today?

All over the United Kingdom, people are doing just that. Worried about growing personal loneliness, some people got the idea to encourage simple conversation in order to improve peoples' lives. That was cooked up by the Mid and East Antrim Loneliness Network. And volunteers went out with brightly painted benches and signs. And all around the park, people sit for a bit and chat.

Another area, another park, with just very old benches, they put up signs saying "The Happy Bench – Sit here if you don't mind someone stopping by and saying Hi. Nobody needs to feel lonely."

Sound quirky? Science backs it up. Researchers in Chicago explored peoples' attitudes toward talking with strangers on the daily mass transit commute. They found most people thought they wouldn't enjoy talking with their fellow travelers, but some agreed to be part of a study. And some were assigned to start up chatting with people next to them. They found that they had been mistaken. They enjoyed the chats much more than they expected.

Most of us tend to have an unspoken belief that others won't want to talk to us and that they won't like being talked to. But it's not so. Both the one who reaches out with friendliness and the one who receives that friendliness have positive thoughts and feelings about each other. Such brief connections add pleasure to our daily lives. Afterall, we're social beings.

Over the past few years, starting before 2019, the "Happy To Chat" Benches have been gaining ground. Canada, US, Australia, Switzerland, Ukraine even, and Sweden where Gothenburg has 20 such benches.

And the idea expands, so Chatty Cafes spring up, where people are encouraged to talk with strangers. If you enter such a café, everyone knows permission is the norm for mingling and getting to know each other.

Loneliness is recognized more and more around the world as a problem that causes us suffering in our mostly urban lives. The UK and Japan have Loneliness Ministers in their national governments. The US Surgeon General is repeatedly raising the alarm. The World Health Organization is doing likewise.

Of course, chatting on a park bench is not a cure, but it makes possible a kind of connection we all need. A light chat can also lead to a deep personal reveal. If someone is willing to listen. We all need to be seen and accepted.

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

INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM CONVERSION CLASSES

Saturdays - Noon (Following Shabbat Morning Services)

March. 9th March. 22nd

Congregation Emanu El -Raynes Learning Center

Our INTRO to Judaism course explores Jewish history, tradition, ideas, and culture. We come together from many walks of life to learn, explore and grow through study and open hearts. Wherever you come from. Wherever you are going. May your Jewish journey begin here!

Cantor Jennifer Bern-Vogel

In Memoriam זכרונם לברכה

We note with sorrow the recent death of

Dr. Jack Peter Schwartz June 26, 1930 - February 4, 2024

He is survived by: daughter Anne (Edwin) Carlson, son Mark (Naomi) Schwartz, step-brother Michael Schwartz, and five grandchildren Sophie, Dyllon, Duncan, Ezra, and Hillel

He was predeceased by his wife Jocelyne Schwartz

May the memories of the righteous be for a blessing

Mazal Tov מזל טוב

We extend a Mazal Tov to

Kaley and Sean Murray on the birth of their daughter **Delaney May Murray**

Granddaughter of Wynee and David Orland Great-granddaughter of Margie Orland

May she grow in health and strength and ever bring joy and pride to her family.

Host an Oneg Shabbat Oneg Shabbat Hosts Needed for April and May

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

Upcoming Wall of Perpetual Memorial Dedication

Shabbat Services April 19, 2024



All names to be included in the upcoming dedication needs to be arranged by March 22, 2024.

Please contact Judy in the temple office to make arrangements.

Passover Marriage Reconsecration Friday, April 26th



On Friday, April 26th, during our Shabbat service, we will honor couples who are celebrating quinquennial wedding anniversaries during 2024 (5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th, etc.) All of the couples will stand beneath the chuppah once again to reconsecrate their wedding vows.

We look forward to honoring them as they repeat some of the acts of the traditional Jewish marriage ceremony. Come wish the "brides" and "grooms" well as they celebrate their milestone anniversaries. If you are celebrating a quinquennial anniversary and would like to be included in the ceremony, please notify the temple office.

2nd Night of Passover Community Seder Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 5:45 p.m. Sponsored by Sisterhood of Congregation Emanu El	Names of those attending:
Here by Cantor Jennifer Bern-Vogel	Ages of those attending:
	Address:
Dinner and Seder Foods	Autros
Adults - \$40.00 Children 4-13 - \$20.00 Under 4 - Free (Reservation still required)	City/State/ZIP:
	Phone Number:
Advance Payment Required by check payable to: Sisterhood	
1495 Ford Street, Redlands, CA 92373	We wish to be seated with:
Reservation Deadline is April 12, 2024	
For seniors of the greater San Bernardino-Redlands-Ba	anning-Mountain and surrounding Jewish communities
JOIN US FOR ANOTHER ENJOYABLE LUNCH	EON & A MARVELOUS MUSICAL PROGRAM
WEDNESDAY - MARCH	20, 2024 - 11:45 AM
at Congregation Emanu El Social I	
P	IANOS PLUS TRIO Six hands at ONE Piano featuring
Nelda St	uck, Mary Lou Jones & Sally Rehfeldt
Three outstanding pianists from the Redlands community will pres many years and has served as an accompanist at First Congregat Redlands Daily Facts - Mary Lou Jones has served as Executive church pianist and frequent accompanist - Sally Rehfeldt has been Music for Community Baptist Church and First Baptist Church of R	uck, Mary Lou Jones & Sally Řehfeldt sent a stirring musical experience. Nela Stuck has taught piano for tional Church in Redlands as well as serving as Arts Editor of the Director of the Redlands Symphony Association and has been a a faculty member at University of Redlands as well as Director of tedlands.
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INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN YOU!!!

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SEVENTH ANNUAL RABBI HILLEL COHN ENDOWED LECTURE ON THE CONTEMPORARY JEWISH EXPERIENCE AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SAN BERNARDINO (CSUSB)

Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove, PhD

Senior Rabbi of Park Avenue Synagogue, New York City



will speak on the Contemporary Jewish Experience - Where we are? Where we are Going?

Rabbi Elliot J.Cosgrove, PhD, is one of the leading voices of American Judaism and among the top leaders of Conservative Judaism. Ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1999, Rabbi Cosgrove earned his PhD at the University of Chicago Divinity School. He is the author of 15 collections of selected sermons and the editor of Jewish Theology in Our Time. He is deeply involved in interfaith activities. The weekly services of Park Avenue Synagogue, one of American Judaism's premier synagogues, are watched throughout the world. Rabbi Cosgrove's sermons and lectures are filled with wisdom, insight and always delivered with passion.

TUESDAY – MARCH 26, 2024 – 6:00 pm California State University San Bernardino Campus San Manuel Student Union North

The Rabbi Hillel Cohn Endowed Lecture on the Contemporary Jewish Experience was established at CSUSB in recognition of Rabbi Cohn's many achievements as a religious and community leader. Rabbi Cohn served as rabbi of Congregation Emanu El in San Bernardino 1963-2001, 2014-2015 and is now rabbi emeritus of that historic congregation now located in Redlands. In 2017 he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters by CSUSB.

The lecture is open to the public at no charge.



Purim Fun! A Very Barbie Purim Sunday, March 24th at 10:00 a.m.

For Everyone!

Time to leave the Dream House and get in your Barbie Mobile and join your friends at a Very Barbie Purim.

There will be the Purimshpiel, costume parade, the megilla reading, yummy hamentashen, and more!

> Wearing costumes is encouraged!

SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

If you are contemplating **purchasing** your 1st **Tallit** or a new(er) one, please peruse through GABRIELI TALLIT or EMANUEL-JUDAICA-ISRAEL websites. Find something that suits your fancy and come into the shop to **see Lisa**.



It's not too early to **Prepare for Passover** next month.

Do you need an easy clean Melamine **Passover plate for young** ones?

A New family Passover plate?

Family Haggadot and Froggie Straws, Passover socks?

Your gifts shop stocks them all.



GIFT CERTIFICATES are also available if you want your sweet one to

choose her own Mother's Day gift(s).

See you soon,

Lisa Wise-Wolk, Barb Smith, Margie Henkin, your all volunteer gift shop team

Happy Birthday!!! יום הולדת שמח

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

2-March	Marvin Reiter	17-March	Delores Eirew
2-March	Donna Spears	17-March	Amanda Ramirez
2-March	Tobias Brooks (17 years old)	22-March	Nancy Justice
3-March	Kyle Hyman	22-March	Jeffrey Spears
5-March	Lori Fenster	24-March	Michele Zipperstein
6-March	Barry Eskin	25-March	Carol Uffer
11-March	Elaina Reiter	30-March	Isabel Lehmann
16-March	Iden Vogel		

Happy Anniversary!!!

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

7-March	Leslie & William Soltz
14-March	Lillian & Jim Gaunt
21-March	Karen & Robin Uffer
21-March	Cindy & Michael Douglas

24-March	Michele & Paul Zipperstein
24-March	Scott & Ashleigh Wilkie
25-March	Rodgir & Jennifer Cohen

We Gratefully Acknowledge

We gratefully acknowledge these contributions to our various temple funds:

TEMPLE FUND

In observance of the Yahrzeits of ... Aaron Kattan by Elaina and Marvin Reiter Muriel Kattan by Elaina and Marvin Reiter Harold Hanover by Marylou and Norman Hanover Harold Hanover by Marsha and George Hanover Rabbi Norman F. Feldheym by Carol Press Pristoop and Thelma Press & Family Renee Joseph Moonshine by Carol Press Pristoop and Thelma Press & Family Abraham Goldschlager by Harriet Herman Evelyn Cohen by Dorene and David Cohen Stanley Cohen by Dorene and David Cohen Guenther C. Rimbach by Michelle Anctil David Lipsky by Michelle Anctil and Judith Smith Harvey Fannin by Kathy and Daniel Trainor Harvey Hosmann by Michele and Paul Zipperstein Marcia Kravitz by Cynthia Brasington

In Memory of ...

Loved Ones by Margy Spears Dr. Jack Schwartz by Margie Orland Dr. Jack Schwartz by Linda and Edward Serros

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In observance of the Yahrzeits of... Howard Grossman by Kathleen Grossman James Darling by Nancy Darling Anne Darling by Nancy Darling

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In observance of the Yahrzeits of... **Ruth Donenfeld** by Jay Donenfeld **Max Rubin** by Jay Donenfeld

CEMETERY FUND

In observance of the Yahrzeits of... **Dr. Elliott B. Slutsky** by Bonnie Konowitch

SCHOOL FOR JEWISH LIVING FUND

In observance of the Yahrzeits of... **Evelyn Berger** by Cynthia and Philip Berger

Yahrzeits

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

March 1-23	March 8-9	March 15-16	March 22-23	March 29-30
	☆ Selmar Anker	Betty Arlein	☆ Goldye Budd	Morris Davis
☆ Frieda Aronoff	‡ Jack Becker	‡ Joseph Berenbaum	‡ Harold Cohen	✿Nathan Drayer
✿Randy Aronoff	☆ Fred Cammack	☆Aaron Brill	☆ Hilde Erlanger	☆ Esther Eisenberg
Beth Bernstein	Isadore Charson	☆Pearl Dvoskin	✿Herbert Feinberg	Benard Fagan
✿Mary Black		Ellen Ebert	 \$ Judith Harmon	
	Samuel Eckhaus	Betty Ernstein		☆ Rose Goodman
Samuel Braman	☆Pauline Eckstein	Herman Harris		Marvin Herschberg
	Harvey Fannin	☆ Rosa Hertz	☆ *Isabel Klein	Leone Hyman
✿Haskell Davidson			☆Philip Korengold	Shirley Kaufman
✿May Gainsboro		☆Marc Lubey	☆ Esther Lerner	William Lamb
☆ Sarah Galper	☆ Lynette Halevy	Cherrie Lubey	☆ Ronald Lubey	
‡Lea Gilad	Harvey Hosmann		Sam Millman	☆ Abe Lerner
☆ Gilbert Gilbert	Ernest Ischi	☆Maurice Mertens	Eugene Maurice Mink	☆ Mollie Lerner
George Groupp		☆Harriet Mueller		☆ Rae Magid
Jacqueline Guzik	Isadore Lebowitz	☆ Helga Nadel	☆ Edith Pasman	Lewis Meyers
¢Etta Halpern	Henry Lerner	☆Noel Novack	☆ David Schlein	Steve Poulin
	☆ Annette Meyer	✿Mollie Olenick	☆ Allen Schwartz	
☆ Norman Haydis	Bennet A. Meyers		Beverly Steinhorn	☆Sam Robinson
☆ Minnie Helfman	Stanley Paleg	Darell Prestidge	¢Clara Weintraub	
		¢Walter Reissman	🌣 Anita Weissman	Lillian Stillerman
			☆ Hyman Weitzman	
		H. Leonard	Dora Yaffe	⇔ Ben Wixen
¢Louis Meyer	Maria Sandoval	Schlesinger		
	David Siperstein	Charles Shamrock		
		Daniel Silver		
⇔ Brett Rifkin		Rose Simcoe		
☆ Evelyn Rose		Benjamin Stein		
	Gerson Wolk	Hershel Swedlove		
Barry Rubinstein	Lillian Zlatin	☆Enia Tabatchnik		
		☆ Albert Tilton		
*Alfred Slabodkin				
Michael Stelzer		-		



Cantor Jennifer Bern-Vogel Hillel Cohn, Rabbi Emeritus

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