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Emanu El

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# THE BULLETIN

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## SHABBAT CELEBRATIONS

**SECURITY PROVIDED AT ALL IN PERSON SHABBAT SERVICES - SERVICES ALSO AVAILABLE ON ZOOM**



*New Member Welcome Shabbat and Luncheon*

*Saturday, March 1, 2025*

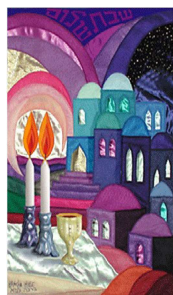
*Shabbat Morning Service - 10:00 a.m.*

*Led by Cantor Bern-Vogel*

*Join us for an abbreviated Shabbat morning service*

*followed by a luncheon sponsored by our Sisterhood*

*welcoming our new members of Congregation Emanu El.*



**Friday - March 7, 2025 - 6:30 p.m.**

**Led by Cantor Bern-Vogel**

Oneg hosted by Cantor Jennifer Bern-Vogel and Ira Vogel in celebration of Iden's birthday

**Saturday - March 8, 2025**

**Torah Study - 9:15 a.m.**

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

**Led by Cantor Bern-Vogel**

**Parashat Tetzaveh - פרשת תצוה - Exodus 27:20-30:10**

**Haftarah - I Samuel 15:2-34**



**Friday - March 14, 2025 - 5:30 p.m. - Purim and Pizza**

**Purim Spiel - Esther Goes Over the Rainbow**

**Led by Cantor Bern-Vogel**

Oneg hosted by Sisterhood and SJL

**Saturday - March 15, 2025**

**Parashat Ki Tisa - פרשת כי תשא - Exodus 30:11-34:35**

**Haftarah - Isaiah 63:17-64:8**



**Friday - March 21, 2025 - 6:30 p.m.**

**Led by Michele and Paul Zipperstein**

Oneg Shabbat hosted by Michele and Paul Zipperstein in honor of Chel's birthday and their 34th wedding anniversary

**Saturday - March 22, 2025**

**Parashat Vayakhel - פרשת ויקהל - Exodus 35:1-38:20**

**Haftarah - Ezekiel 36:16-38**



**Friday - March 28, 2025 - 6:30 pm**

**Led by Cantor Bern-Vogel**

Oneg Shabbat hosted by Barb and Mike Smith in honor of the Sisterhood volunteers who worked so hard for the success of the Mah Jongg Tournament.

**Saturday - March 29, 2025**

**Parashat Pekudei - פרשתפקודי - Exodus 38:21-40:38**

**Haftarah - Ezekiel 45:16-46:18**

## Cantorial Comments



Shabbat Purim featuring Michael Tacchia on piano!  
And music from ye olde Wizard of Oz!







8:15 And Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal apparel of blue and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a garment of fine linen and purple: and the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad.

9:21 To establish this among them, that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar, and the fifteenth day of the same, yearly.

9:22 .... from sorrow to joy, and from mourning into a good day: that they should make them days of feasting and joy, and of sending portions one to another, and gifts to the poor.

One of the challenges we have living as Jews in a secular society is that our lunar calendar does not always line up with the Gregorian calendar. There are school activities, sports, clubs, meetings, etc. but it's always nice, as last year, Hanukkah was celebrated with Christmas and Kwanzaa during school vacation, and Yom Kippur was on Shabbat. How 'convenient' for all of us this year that PURIM begins Thursday night, March 13th so that we can celebrate together on the actual day of Shabbat Purim, March 14th!!! Come one, Come all!!

One of the special customs of Purim is shalach manot - giving of gifts [to the poor] - we certainly look forward to the always fun-filled shalach manot bags lovingly prepared by our dedicated Sisterhood members... How about also giving tzedakah to your favorite charity this year on Purim or making a donation to the fire victims?

Purim is **COSTUMES**  **HAMENTASHEN**  **SILLINESS**  & **FUN**  ! ...but we are also reminded of how we as a Jewish people, despite all the threats of annihilation through the ages and still, today, must stand up to foes to preserve our values and traditions and survive!

CHAG PURIM SAMEACH!

*Cantor Jennifer Bern-Vogel*

## Presidential Perspectives



Dear Congregation  
Emanu El Family,

I am thrilled to announce the formation of a young adult Chavurah program at Congregation Emanu El. This initiative, spearheaded by Sidra Knox and Leah Zipperstein, promises to bring new energy, purpose, and connection to the next generation, focusing on young Jewish adults within our temple and wider community. Sidra and Leah are working tirelessly to create a meaningful and engaging experience fostering a space where those post High School can engage, grow, and build lifelong friendships. We are incredibly grateful for their leadership and vision, and I encourage all parents to encourage their children to participate in this exciting new chapter.

Additionally, I am pleased to report that progress is being made on the much-needed security fence around our campus. As you know, the safety and well-being of our congregation are of utmost importance. Through a grant from the State of California, we are taking the necessary steps to ensure a secure and welcoming environment for all who visit and worship with us. This project is expected to be completed by early April.

Lastly, I want to address an important aspect of our temple's future: leadership. While we have a devoted group of volunteers who give selflessly to our temple, there is always room, and frankly a great need, for more congregants to step forward. If you have ever thought about becoming more involved in temple leadership, I encourage you to take that next step. Whether it's serving on a committee, joining the board, or contributing your skills in another way, your participation is vital to our continued growth and success. We need your talents, ideas, and passion to help guide us into the future.

As always, I am deeply grateful for each and every one of you who make Congregation Emanu El such a special place. Let us continue to build and strengthen this sacred community together. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any of our leadership team if you have questions or would like to get more involved.

Warm regards,

*Greg Weissman*

## Treasurer's Report



Welcome to March, the month for our Purim celebration. Join Cantor and your fellow CEE members as we celebrate Purim with an Over the Rainbow themed Spiel. This year we will be celebrating at Friday night Shabbat Services on March 14th, starting with a Pizza Dinner. It will be a lot of fun and there will be Hamentaschen afterward!

Passover is just around the corner. Sisterhood will once again host the Community Seder, a traditional seder with a delicious Passover meal on April 13th.

At Shabbat services before Passover, on April 11th, 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 6th.

Another Passover tradition is our Marriage Reconsecration service at Shabbat services during Passover. Letters will be going out to members celebrating 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.

*Julie Strain*

[jbstrain1130@gmail.com](mailto:jbstrain1130@gmail.com)

### Board of Directors

Thursday,  
March 20, 2025  
7:00 pm  
All are welcome

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Sisterhood Meeting  
Sunday, March 2, 2025  
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.  
All are welcome





### Mental Health Awareness in Action

If we were to visit some jails in Japan, looking carefully, we might notice an unexpected number of elderly people, especially women. Japan is noted for being an orderly and non-violent society. How is it possible for so many old women to be in jail?

Recently CNN did a report on this strange reality. Japan is also known for its aging population. We in the U.S. experience that too, when people grow older and older but fewer children are born than in past times. We are relatively okay because of immigration that mostly brings in young people. But Japan has never been a very welcoming country, and their aging population is growing rapidly as a percentage of the total.

Most of the Japanese elder women commit crimes of stealing, some do drugs. Often the women steal from necessity – poverty in this wealthy country is relatively high in this group. They need food and medical care they can't afford. They even need warm places to live. But sometimes, too often, they steal hoping to get arrested and incarcerated because they are isolated and lonely. They are abandoned by their families, without support, love, or friendship. The guards who care for them in jail and the other inmates provide needed human interaction and help. And that also means prison guards have to do things they have never been trained to do – bathe prisoners, feed them, help them walk, even change their diapers.

Some years ago, the Japanese government recognized the society-wide problem of loneliness and created a Ministry of Loneliness. But clearly more is needed. There needs to be support out in society so that old women don't fill the women's prisons. The Ministry of Justice and other parts of government are beginning to address the lack. Japan needs not only funding for affordable apartments, food and medical care, and for organizations that help. It also it needs to encourage people from outside Japan to come and be care workers.

Here we have a difficult situation that arises from real practical needs and also from the mental and emotional suffering of isolation. It causes shame, a powerful negative in Japanese culture, and its solution, though not easy or cheap to remedy, is quite clear. Support and care, people to people. We all need that.

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

## Sisterhood Speaks



Sisterhood's 2025 Mah Jongg Tournament was a TREMENDOUS success! We had 60 registered paid-up participants with a waiting list! This was possible with the help of 24+ Sisters volunteering their time and cooking and baking abilities. Our biggest fund raiser was made possible with the leadership of Julie Strain, Lori Fenster, Stacy Knox, our chefs and bakers, which I don't have room to list; plus, our donors of items for our Gift Baskets. They know who they are and we are immensely grateful as they made this Tournament possible.

March is a busy month beginning with Purim celebration at Shabbat services Friday, March 14th. Shalach Manot Bags will be distributed to all members with Hamantaschen and goodies spearheaded by Jill Weissman and her team. We are planning to bake Hamantaschen March 9th in our kitchen during SJL class time from 10:00 until done. Please come join us in this traditional mitzvah. It's fun.

Please mark your calendar now for our Community Seder on April 13th beginning at 5:45. See the announcement on page 8 for more details.

Our very own Lisa Wise-Wolk has returned from her trip to New Zealand and we are so grateful she is back. There will be an upcoming Zoom program for our Pacific District of Women of Reform Judaism March 5th at 7:00 p.m. Lisa will be moderating this program on Midrash and Antisemitism. The District Newsletter link is <https://www.wrjpacific.org> for the Chai Line connection.

The Sisterhood Board meeting will be March 2nd at 12:00. Please join us.

In Sisterhood,  
Kathy Trainor, Community Services  
(While Debbie is Away)

Host an Oneg  
Shabbat

*Oneg Shabbat Hosts  
Needed for April and  
May*

Contact Kathy Trainor at  
[kdtrainor@msn.com](mailto:kdtrainor@msn.com) or  
909-659-3518



## From Our School for Jewish Living

**Gevurah:** *The philosophy or teaching which includes our inner and outer strength, our spiritual courage, and our willingness to take risks knowing there will be consequences.*

**Gevurah** is our focus for March. Our students will learn that gevurah goes beyond physical strength and acts of bravery, because it incorporates the idea that we all can be heroic in our everyday lives by doing what is right and just. Purim is an example of sticking their neck out for others, withstanding peer pressure, and taking a leadership role when needed. In February the students decorated family Tzedakah boxes to harvest coins to donate to the Pasadena congregation, so they can replant trees. They practiced Tefilah and did an excellent job with it at the Tu B'Shevat Seder. Please "save the date" of Friday, March 14th and celebrate Purim with us. Our congregational spiel is based on the Wizard of Oz this year. Throughout March, students will compare the bravery of different characters in literature and discuss what can be learned from them. We will celebrate the joy of Purim and the bravery of Queen Esther (after all she did save the fate of our people). *And, just like Esther, increasing Jewish pride "is a proven antidote to the destructive power of hate" (B. Freeman 2024) and will help our children feel secure in themselves.*

With a loving ❤️,  
Miss Ilene & Miss Karyn



## **ANNOUNCING** **Adult Ed - 2025**

### **END OF LIFE SERIES or 'Where there's Will....there's a Way.'**

**March 9th, 10:30 a.m.-12 noon** - Past President and Cemetery Chair, Paul Zipperstein, will discuss and answer any and all questions related to cemetery planning and arrangements.

**April 6th, 10:30 a.m.-12 noon** - Cantor Jennifer Bern-Vogel and Congregation Emanu El member Nancy Sidhu will be co-leading the long-awaited Death Cafe. At a Death Cafe people drink tea, eat cake and discuss death, with the aim of increasing awareness of death without any objectives, themes or agenda.

## **Upcoming Wall of Perpetual Memorial Dedication**

### **Shabbat Services April 11, 2025**



**All names to be included in the upcoming dedication need to be arranged by March 6, 2025**

Please contact Judy in the temple office to make arrangements.

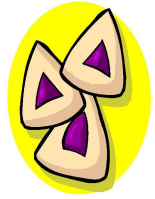
### ***Passover Marriage Reconsecration Friday, April 18th***



*On Friday, April 18th, during our Shabbat service, we will honor couples who are celebrating quinquennial wedding anniversaries during 2025 (5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th, etc.) All 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.*

### ***Come get your Shalach Manot Bags!***



Shalach Manot bags for **all** families will be available at the temple for pick up at Shabbat Services on **Friday, March 14th, Sunday, March 16th**, and at the Seniors for Seniors Lunch on **Wednesday, March 19th**. They will also be available for pick-up during temple office hours **March 17th - 21st**.

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.





Friday Night

March 14th, 5:30 p.m.

Pizza and Purim Spiel

# ESTHER GOES OVER THE RAINBOW

Join us for dinner, spiel and

Shabbat services

(Coming in costume is encouraged!)

## A 20 MINUTE MEGILLAH



**2nd Night of Passover  
Community Seder**

**Sunday, April 13, 2025 at 5:45 p.m.**

*Sponsored by Sisterhood of Congregation Emanu El*

*You're  
Invited*



**Led by Cantor Jennifer Bern-Vogel**

**Dinner and Seder Foods**

**Adults - \$40.00**

**Children 4-13 - \$20.00**

**Under 4 - Free (Reservation still required)**

**Advance Payment Required by check payable to:  
Sisterhood**

**1495 Ford Street, Redlands, CA 92373**

**Reservation Deadline is April 1, 2025**

**Names of those attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Ages of those attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**We wish to be seated with:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SENIORS  
for  
SENIORS**

*Save the date!*

**March 19th,  
11:45 a.m.**

**Senior Luncheon**

**Watch you mail and email  
for upcoming details**

**Community Gathering in Support  
of the Legal System**

We are sharing information about an upcoming public gathering on March 12 from 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM in front of the George Brown Federal Building & Courthouse in Riverside.

This gathering is an opportunity for community members to come together in support of judges, prosecutors, and FBI agents who uphold the law with integrity and fairness.

The event is intended to affirm the importance of a justice system that remains impartial and free from external pressures, ensuring that the fundamental rule of law is enforced without fear or favor.

**Location:** 3470 12th St, Riverside, CA

**Date:** Wednesday, March 12, 2025

**Time:** 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

This is an open gathering for those who wish to attend and show their support.

Please feel free to share this information with anyone who may be interested.

# SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

If you are contemplating **purchasing** your 1st Tallis or a new(er) one, please peruse through GABRIELI TALLIT or EMANUEL-JUDAICA-ISRAEL websites. You can also stop into the shop to see the new tallit we have in stock!

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.

Your Sisterhood Gift Shop Team

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

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into fundraising dollars

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Formerly ShopWithScrip

### **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](mailto:scrip@emanuelsb.org).

## Happy Birthday!!! יום הולדת שמח

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

2-March Marvin Reiter  
2-March Donna Spears  
2-March Tobias Brooks (18 years old)  
3-March Kyle Hyman  
5-March Lori Fenster  
6-March Barry Eskin  
11-March Elaina Reiter  
16-March Iden Vogel

17-March Amanda Ramirez  
22-March Nancy Justice  
22-March Jeffrey Spears  
23-March Sherri Vines  
24-March Michele Zipperstein  
26-March Ian Snyder  
26-March Joe Tevelowitz  
30-March Isabel Lehmann

## Happy Anniversary!!!

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

12-March Ellen & Stan Weisser  
14-March Lillian & Jim Gaunt  
21-March Karen & Robin Uffer  
21-March Cindy & Michael Douglas

21-March Sherri & Rob Vines  
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...*

**Isadore Lebowitz** by Nancy Justice  
**Dr. Abraham Goldschlager** by Harriet Herman  
**Benjamin Axelrod** by Fay and Harold Axelrod  
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**Margaret Tancos** by Margie Orland  
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**Hugo Blum** by Sonia Lavitt  
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*In Memory of...*

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*In Honor of...*

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*In observance of the Yahrzeit of...*

**Harvey Fannin** by Kathy and Dan Trainor  
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*In observance of the Yahrzeit of...*

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*In observance of the Yahrzeits of...*

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*In observance of the Yahrzeits of...*

**Jack Gard** by Vickie and Steve Becker  
**Rebecca Uhvitz Solter** by Vickie and Steve Becker



# Yahrzeits

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

March 7-8	March 14-15	March 21-22	March 28-29
★Selmar Anker Betty Arlein ★Randy Greg Aronoff ★Leonard Baum ★Jack Becker Harvey Fannin ★Irving Gimble ★Rose Greenberg ★Jack Greenwood ★Lynette Halevy ★Etta Halpern ★Judith Harmon ★Norman Haydis Harvey Hosmann ★Frances Katzeff Henry Lerner David Lipsky ★Bennet Meyers ★Rachel Mitchell ★Lillian Rabenstock Max Ruben ★Barry Rubinstein ★Albert Sanders Maria Sandoval ★Annie Shvemar ★Benjamin Stein ★Michael Stelzer ★Hershel Swedlove ★George Weinstein	★Morris Bellman ★Esther Belovsky ★Aaron Brill ★Pearl Dvoskin Ellen Ebert ★Hilde Erlanger ★Betty Lu Earnstein ★Lillian Finkleman ★Jay Robert Friedman ★Joseph Gordon ★Herman Harris ★Samuel Hodes ★Rose Jacobs ★Rebecca Kirshbaum ★Leonard Koren ★Philip Korengold ★Joseph Langer ★Marcus Langer ★Cherrie R. Lubey ★Ethel Margolis ★Maurice Mertens Sam Millman ★Harriet Mueller ★Helga Nadel ★Noel Novack ★Mollie Olenick ★Edith Pasman ★Judge David Press Darell Prestidge ★Walter Reissman ★Rose Robin ★Sam Robinson ★Coral Scherba H. Leonard Schlesinger ★Allen Schwartz ★Charles Shamrock Rose Simcoe ★Benhamin Smith ★Elizabeth Starr ★Albert Tilton ★Clara Weintraub ★Anita Weissman Dora Yaffee ★Eleanor Young	★Isadore Abramson ★Jacob Blaiss ★Harold Cohen ★May Gainsboro ★Sarah Galper ★Bilbert M. Filbert ★Minnie Helfman Marvin Herschberg ★Dr. Emanuel Jacobson ★Justice Marcus Kaufman ★Isabel G. Klein ★John A. Leinen ★Abe Lerner ★Mollie Lerner ★Ronald P. Lubey ★Eugene Mink ★Alex Novack Steve Poulin ★Louis Press ★Brett Rifkin ★Clara Rubinstein ★David Schlein Daniel Silver ★Alfred Slabodkin ★Florence Teirsten ★Sally Unickel ★Hyman Weitzman	★Mark H. Birnkrant ★Goldye Budd ★Bertha Chudacoff ★Emma Cohn ★Max Cohn ★Morris Davis ★Nathan Drayer ★David Drumlevitz ★Pauline Eckstein ★Oscar Eckstein ★Esther Eisenberg ★Herbert Feinberg ★Nic Fish Howard Foist ★Anna Frenland ★Jacob Gallin Simon Getzoff ★Rose Goodman ★Louis Greenberg ★Saide Helman Leone Hyman ★Sophie Joseph ★Lester Kantor ★Shirley Kaufman James Knox William Lamb ★Esther Lerner Martha Leviant Phillip Liebman ★Joseph Litsky ★Annette Meyer ★Lewis Meyers Abe Minkoff ★Mary C. Newman ★Feodore Robbins ★Boris Rubinstein ★Sam Rubinstein Ethel Sheppard ★Jerome Sorkin ★Orville S;pears ★Leon Sperber Lillian Stillerman ★Morris Swedlove Felix Tuchband ★Isaac Vitsky ★Ben Wixen



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