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SHABBAT CELEBRATIONS

SECURITY PROVIDED AT FRIDAY NIGHT SHABBAT SERVICES - SERVICES ALSO AVAILABLE ON ZOOM



Friday - June 6, 2025 - 6:30 p.m. - Installation of Officers

Led by Cantor Bern-Vogel with the Congregation Emanu El Choir

Oneg hosted by Dr. Sharon Lang in honor of her friend, Rachel Cane

Saturday - June 7, 2025

Torah Study - 9:15 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Service - 10:00 a.m.

Parashat Nasso - פרשת נשא - Numbers 4:21-7:89

Haftarah - Judges 13:2-25



Friday - June 13, 2025 - 6:30 p.m.

Led by Paul & Chel Zipperstein

Oneg Shabbat hosted Jill and Greg Weissman in celebration of their 29th Wedding Anniversary

Saturday - June 14, 2025

Parashat Beha'alotcha - פרשת בהעלתד - Numbers 8:1-12:16

Haftarah - Zechariah 2:14-4:7



Friday - June 20, 2025 - 6:30 pm - Special PRIDE SHABBAT

Led by Cantor Bern-Vogel

Oneg Shabbat hosted by Karyn & Stephen Lehmann family in appreciation of wonderful family and friends

Saturday - June 21, 2025

Shabbat Morning Service - 10:00 a.m.

Parashat Sh'lach - פרשת שְלַח־לְדָּי - Numbers 13:1-15:41

Haftarah - Joshua 2:1-24



Friday - June 27, 2025 - 6:30 pm

Led by Paul and Chel Zipperstein

Oneg Shabbat hosted by Kathy & Dan Trainor in celebration of their Wedding Anniversary *Saturday - June 28, 2025*

Parashat Korach - פרשת קונח - Numbers 16:1-18:32

Haftarah - I Samuel 11:14-12:22



Shavuot Yizkor Memorial - Zoom Only

Tuesday, June 3, 2025, 10:00 a.m Led by Cantor Bern-Vogel

Cantorial Comments



Dear Friends:

The following is an **extension** of the two-minute statement I will be giving at my Rabbinic Ordination on June 11 at Temple Emanuel in Great Neck, NY [please read to the end!!]

This day has been a long time in coming.... Over the past several years, I have extensively researched, audited classes, and applied to several reform and conservative rabbinic programs from NY to L.A. I wasn't sure how I could achieve my goal of becoming a rabbi before I turned seventy [not for another 2 years!] since my energies and time have been all-consuming as I serve as the main spiritual leader of a congregation in Redlands, CA [where I was hired 16 years ago by then, Rabbi Doug Kohn, who is here today]! In addition to my family, my time is also

devoted to my work as a Board Certified practicing chaplain in L.A.

The website of the Adath Mesifta Wolkowisk Academy in Flushing, NY, states that the Rabbinic Program "...is not for everyone who desires to come into the Rabbinate. It has been designed for the mature Jewish adult, probably already serving the Jewish community, who can readily document competence and expertise in traditional Judaic academic disciplines and significant work experience."

Since my Cantorial ordination 30 years ago at Hebrew Union College in New York, the landscape of the Reform movement in America has changed significantly. So much of the congregational and community work I have been doing over the past three decades is rabbinic. Beyond creative musical programming, organizing concerts, Purimsphiels, and leading worship that I love, my role has broadened to being mostly the sole officiant in services and all manner of life cycle events. I have fully prepared students and adults for bar and bat mitzvah, taught Introduction to Judaism and Adult Education, provided pastoral and healing support and participated in Interfaith programming and dialogue.

Two weeks after my cantorial ordination in May 1995, exactly 30 years ago today, my husband, Ira, and I were married at Lincoln Square Synagogue [also known also by its nickname 'wink n' stare']. I'm so happy that our daughter, Ellie, and old friends could be here today and that, along with my dear chevruta, colleague and friend, Cantor Linda Ecker, we can celebrate our rabbinic ordination together.

These are challenging times in our communities as Jewish leaders. I am grateful and humbled to have reached this milestone on my spiritual journey and pray for the courage to guide with integrity, wisdom, and strength as I continue to evolve and grow personally and professionally.

TO MY REDLANDS CONGREGATION: I am honored to serve Congregation Emanu El in this, my 16th, going on 17th year. As we continue the search for a full-time rabbi who will reside in Redlands, I am committed to helping in their transition so that they can lead our congregation and community into the future.

Rabbi Naomi Levy has written: "Finding your way in life is not so much about choosing a direction. It's about uncovering the voice of the soul, the call that is already imprinted in you, and then finding the courage to face down your fears and let your true voice be heard."

May our souls and voices unite in the tasks we face ahead together,

Cantor Jennifer Bern-Vogel



Symphonie Jeunesse Youth Orchestra for Strings

Michèle Tacchia, Artistic Director, Conductor Michael Tacchia, Executive Director, Pianist Sunday, June 1, 2025 3:00 p.m.

Erev-Shavuot Celebration

with Symphonie Jeunesse Summer Tour kick-off

Dairy Dessert Reception to follow

Book of Ruth Text Study at 5:00 p.m.

Presidential Perspectives



Thank you to all who came out to our various gatherings to experience Rabbi Jason Rosner. Rabbi Rosner is one of two Rabbinic candidates we are currently considering. I would like to thank Vice-President Scott Wilkie,

who is leading our Rabbinic search along with members Kristin Booth, Steve Becker, Paul Shimoff and myself. Our search committee takes seriously the role of finding our next Rabbi. It's important to know there will be many factors considered in a final decision, and this process may take some time before selecting a final candidate.

It was good to see many of you at our Annual Congregational Meeting on May 15. This is always an important time to come together as a membership to learn the state of our congregation. As reported, we stand on solid ground, but must always remember the importance of staying involved and engaged as a congregation. Through a gift from the Stanley Roshwald estate, we will be able to once again hire a full-time rabbi, pay off the mortgage and reestablish our library and archives.

I'd like to congratulate again, Kathy Trainor, who was awarded this year's President's Award for her dedication to our temple and exemplary volunteerism.

We say so long and thank you to Board of Directors members Margie Orland and Kathy Rosenfeld, and say welcome to Seth Poulin and Kathy Trainor to our board. Welcome also to Ilene Mino who assumes the role of Sisterhood president from Debbie Schwartz.

Finally, I'd like to congratulate Cantor Bern-Vogel on her Rabbinic ordination this month in New York. On behalf of our entire congregation, we send heartfelt Mazel Tov to Cantor on this momentous occasion and accomplishment.

Please stay up to date with temple events either through the Bulletin, Constant Contact, or our various Facebook and Instagram channels.

See you soon!

Greg Weissman

Treasurer's Report



The Budget for our Congregation was approved by the Board of Directors and presented at the Annual Meeting. Remember that a budget is a guideline, it is our best *estimate* of what we anticipate to receive in income and what we expect our

expenses to be. As always, we do our best to limit our expenses wherever possible, while trying to increase revenues. We did implement an across-the-board 5% dues increase.

Dues letters for the Fiscal Year 25-26 will be going out soon. I encourage members to contact me if there are any concerns about their dues.

As we enter the end of this fiscal year, I would like to thank the many volunteers who support our congregation. Most noticeable is our Sisterhood; providing programs, oneg shabbats, fundraising to support or Congregation and so much more. I want to thank them for their continued support and their generosity throughout the year.

I greatly appreciate my fellow Temple Board members who devote many volunteer hours keeping our synagogue functioning and serving our membership. I would like to thank many of our members who volunteer a huge number of hours to support the needs of congregation; Michele and Paul Zipperstein for covering Shabbat Services in the absence of Cantor, Kathy Trainor who covers our office every Tuesday in addition to her work with Sisterhood, Seth Poulin for his expertise and assistance with our security changes, and Brad Hyman who prepares and schedules all our Constant Contact emails and handles recording of all donations made to the various funds for the Temple and Sisterhood. We could always use more volunteers to help out; there is always work to be done! Please contact Judy or I if you are interested in helping out. We would be happy to hear from you!

Julie Strain jbstrain1130@gmail.com

Just a reminder... July 1st will be the beginning of the new fiscal year (2025-2026)

Please make sure your dues and other accounts are current!



Mental Health Awareness in Action Politics and Mental Health

We live in a challenging time. Yes, all times have their challenges, but this time of political polarization, a chaotic new federal administration, dramatic changes to the way government functions when benefits and jobs are threatened, ended without warning, and where tariffs and threats of tariffs are destabilizing the global and local economies. It's all too much for many of us.

More of us are needing some guidance from therapists on how to cope emotionally. More of us are reporting that our sleep and emotional stability are disturbed by politics. Increased anxiety and depression, usually from things going on in our very personal lives, are popping up and increasing as the news of government actions and threats to democracy flare out from Washington and beyond.

Of course, there are those in our society who have been especially affected. Imagine being a person who had a steady, decent job he loved, and suddenly finds himself fired. There are 10's of thousands like him. Or imagine being transgender and consistently finding messages all over the media and from official statements and policies that essentially say you are unacceptable — get out of our military, stop going through accepted medical procedures to help you realize the person you truly are. Or you are a hungry person, a very ill person, overseas, and without warning the food you were getting, the medical treatment you were depending on, are ended, no warning.

We have ways to try to change the situation, but we are often flooded with hard to control emotions, anxiety, depression. Some tips from Syracuse University's professor of psychology, Afton Kapuscinski:

- Control the tendency to fixate on disturbing news that we can't change
- Relax our bodies easing the tension lodged there helps ease our thoughts and opens us up to other things
- Focus on gratitude for what is good in our personal lives

And if we feel overwhelmed by it all, seek out some professional help.

And one more thought, from Nancy – start a beauty journal. Everyday jot down in a little notebook anything you saw, heard, smelled, touched, today that was beautiful, even a thought. It's like a gratitude journal, which is also a good idea. Beauty and gratitude remind us how much of life is precious, even heavenly.

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

Sisterhood Speaks



I am honored to be your next Sisterhood president. I do not have a sister, but I have been part of sisterhoods all of my life: Girl Scouts, B'nai B'rith Girls, and Kappa Delta Sorority. There are many quotes about

sisterhood; one of my favorites is "Sisterhood is mostly about learning about people, making a difference, and is giving without expecting a return."

Our new leadership team has a passion for community service and has been truly inspiring to me. I look forward to our group making a positive impact. Let's all embrace '25-'26 with an open heart and a hopeful spirit to bring new and more activity to Congregation Emanu El.

Our "In & Out" transition training will be June 8th and then we will have a calendar to present to the membership. Here is an addendum to last month's article: In addition to all the wonderful support we received at the Sisterhood Luncheon, Kathy would like to give a special thanks to Jeanne Silberstein for providing the table flowers from her garden.

Here's to new adventures and the wonderful contributions we will make together for our community,

Ilene Mino, Sisterhood President

Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday June 19, 2025 7:00 pm All are welcome

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

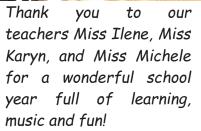
From Our School for Jewish Living

This past year SJL and K'tanim had so much fun. We explored many types of literature, celebrated each holiday, discussed our values and culture, created art, while enjoying our music, some fine art, and of course and ate our wonderful food. Most importantly, we discussed our tefilah, as well as where, when, and how Jews pray. We celebrated that we are created in God's image, b'tzelem Elohim, and the many ways we can honor our Lord. Our focus for the year was that "One person can make a difference."

In closing, I'd like our students to consider what each lesson, story, and prayer asks us to think about. The Shema: there is one true God, and we call that God, Adonai. Modeh Ani: Modeh means thankful - like in hakarat hatov - We are thanking God for another great day. The Hamotzi: We thank God for the blessing of food from the earth.

It has been our pleasure to share Jewish life with our School for Jewish Learning students and families. Best Wishes for a fabulous summer.













Congregation Emanu El Officers and Board of Directors Installation June 6, 2025 at 6:30 pm

President: Greg Weissman Vice President: Scott Wilkie Chief Financial Officer: Julie Strain Secretary: Sidra Knox Immediate Past President - Paul Zipperstein

Board of Directors (Term ending 2026) Stacy Knox

Board of Directors (Term ending 2027) Karyn Lehmann Leah Zipperstein

Board of Directors (Term ending 2028)

Seth Poulin Kathy Trainor

Congregation Emanu El Sisterhood Board Installation

President Ilene Mino

Administrative Services Vice- President Barb Smith

Community Services Vice-President Kathy Trainor

> Programs Vice President Niki Pancer

Membership Vice President Rebecca Sanders

Religion, Education and Youth Vice Presidents Ilene Mino and Karyn Lehmann

> Treasurer Lisa Wise-Wolk

Recording Secretary Gillian Block

Corresponding Secretary Michele Zipperstein

Parlimentarian/Nominating Committee Karyn Lehmann



Congratulations to our Graduates

Tobias Brewster

Son of Dr. Tonya Brooks
Graduating from Academy
for Academic Excellence in
Apple Valley, CA
He will be attending
University of La Verne in the Fall

Lauren Reiter

Daughter of
Lisa DeLorme & Michael Reiter
and
Granddaughter of
Elaina & Marvin Reiter
Graduating from Redlands High
School with honors and will attend
UCLA in the Fall.

EARLY PLANNING FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS



If you are interested in reading or chanting Torah at the High Holy Days this year, please contact Rabbi Cantor Bern-Vogel as soon as possible!



Mazal Tov מזל טוב

We extend a Mazal Toy to

Ellie and Jordaniel Wolk on the the birth of their twins

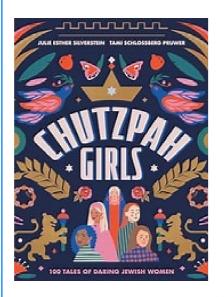
Daughter **Rowen Juniper**

and

Son **Gideon James**

Grandaughter and Grandson of Lisa Wise-Wolk and Kerry Wolk

May they grow in health and strength and ever bring joy and pride to their family.



Summer reading recommendation from The Jewish Book Council

Chutzpah Girls: 100 Tales of Daring Jewish Women Julie Silverstein

Tami Schlossberg Pruwer

In this grand collection, the authors profile one hundred Jewish women who have lived extraordinary lives and accomplished extraordinary things. Some are from ancient times, while others are from modern times; but they all have fascinating stories that exemplify accomplishment, perseverance, and hard work. These women's names and deeds will live on and inspire a new generation of girls to make the most of their own talents and abilities. The book embraces a wide spectrum of Jewish identities — Sephardi, Ashkenazi, Mizrahi, Persian, Ethiopian, Indian, and Bukharian Jewish women all appear within the pages.... Summary from Michal Hoschander Malen (Jewish Book Council)



SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP



School is out for Summer, Father's Day will be celebrated, Summer Fun is on the way

Students are excited that school break has arrived and look forward to family plans for the summer.

Dad's look forward to cards, hugs and kisses from their families, along with some time away from home upkeep, at least for a day!





Yet there are Jewish Holidays even in Summer. Shavuot, the giving of the Torah at Sinai is the first among them. Lisa has fond memories of taking her children to see how the 10 commandments are written in a Torah scroll when she was able to while working.

You can be proud that YOUR Congregation Emanu El Gift Shop is a fully stocked gift shop in our area.



Your Sisterhood Gift Shop is open by appointment only all summer long. Call Lisa at 909-723-3238 to arrange a time for your visit to the gift shop.



Women of Reform Judaism Summer Hebrew Class
Want to Learn Hebrew?
Hebrew Reading Crash Course: Levels 1, 2, & 3



Join us for another round of the Hebrew Reading Crash Courses this summer, taught by Pamela Feldman-Hill!

These classes are offered FREE via Zoom and are in partnership with Congregation Tifereth Israel in Columbus, Ohio, the Women of Reform Judaism, and NJOP (the National Jewish Outreach Project.) All materials will be provided digitally. Past students are encouraged to join us again for a refresher! Registration is required. You can sign up for Hebrew 1, 2 AND/OR 3 with this link: https://tiferethisrael.shulcloud.com/form/2025-hebrew-crash-course.html

CONGREGATION EMANU EL – FUNDRAISING WITH SCRIP PROGRAM SCRIP IS PERFECT FOR GIFTS, TOO!

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Over the next year maintaining physical cards on-hand for scrip that is available as electronic scrip will be phased out. A small stock of cards, such as Stater's, that are not available electronically, or physical cards that can be reloaded electronically will be maintained.

<u>PLEASE</u> go to the RaiseRight website and enroll in our scrip program. You will discover how easy and convenient it is to use scrip for much of your shopping needs. There are restaurants, markets, gas companies, department stores, fast food, coffee shops and so much more!

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.

Did you know you can access your member information through the MEMBER PORTAL from the Congregation Emanu El Website?

Just go to www.emanuelsb.org and click on the Green MEMBER PORTAL button.

You can update your address, home phone, and cell phone information. You can also make payments or donations online.

Soon we will be using new messaging apps to communicate with our members. So please take the time to make sure your information is accurate. If you need assistance, Judy or Julie in the office will be happy to help!

Happy Birthday!!!

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

1-June Craig Beasley 18-June Ashleigh Wilkie 3-June Louise Gorenberg 22-June Walt Van Horn 3-June Kimberly Wolfe-Morgan 23-June Rob Vines 6-June Joyce Eskin 24-June Sharon Granowitz 6-June Renee Kress 25-June Samantha Becerra 8-June Joseph Bodnar 26-June Gloria Snyder 13-June Susan Shimoff 27-June Brian Spears 30-June Richard Taylor 18-June Maya Lang

Happy Anniversary!!!

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

2-June Laura & Jon Fenster

6-June Lisa Wise-Wolk & Kerry Wolk

11-June Ira Vogel & Cantor Jennifer Bern-Vogel

11-June Jill & Gregory Weissman

17-June Elaina & Marvin Reiter

19-June Shayne & Seth Poulin

20-June Renee & Michael Kress

21-June Jake Kurily & Peytra Becker-Kurily

22-June Julianne & Mark Strain

24-June Sharon & Richard Granowitz

26-June Kathy & Daniel Trainor

27-June Ann & Asher Sheppard



We Gratefully Acknowledge

We gratefully acknowledge these contributions to our various temple funds:

TEMPLE FUND

In observance of the Yahrzeits of...

Claira Krinsky Fingerut by Ilene Mino Charles Silberstein by Jeanne Silberstein

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Jack Rifkin by Charlotte Rifkin

Raymond Weiner by Barb and Michael Smith

Esther Hanover by Norman Hanover

In Memory of...

Barbara Stahlberg Vibert by Vickie and Steve Becker

For the Recovery of...

Dip Sidhu by Margie Orland

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In observance of the Yahrzeit of...

Abraham Glogas by Ethel McAfee Judyth Buchband by Sheri Maltzman Frances Maltzman by Sheri Maltzman

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CEMETERY FUND

In observance of the Yahrzeits of... **Ida Brill** by Shelley and Barry Silver

In Memory of...

Waldman and Cohen families and Others by Kathy

Lindbergh Cohen and Paul Cohen

WILLIAM RUSSLER MEMORIAL ARCHIVE FUND

In observance of the Yahrzeits of... Willam Russler by Nicole Q. Russler Willam Russler by Libby Anne Russler

Are you missing anything?



It has been our custom to donate any unclaimed items in our lost and found to Redlands Family Services if not claimed within a year. We are past that deadline. Please come in and go through the blue "Lost and Found" box in the hallway by the large SJL classroom to see if anything in it belongs to you. We will be donating the third week in June. Thank you.

Office Staff

Yahrzeits

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

June 6-7	June 13-14	June 20-21	June 27-28
	☆ Raymond Alva	≯ Frieda Amerman	Marjorie Anklam
p Bessie Arbeitsman	⇔ Carl Barkan		Leonard Becker
Samual Berzin		Vita De Mendez	✓ Irmgard Blum
‡ Annie Broter	Ronald Boatman	pring Donenfeld pring Donenfeld	Michael Braviroff
‡ Louis Doros	 	⇔ Herman Eliot	Ryan James Clark
price properties		 Fannie Fish	Eva Emanuel-Westerling
		‡ Ida Fohrman	⇔ Dr. Louis Forman
 ★ Miriam Hirsch		⇔ Howard Forman	Dr. Miriam Gideon
Edith Kaufman Emanuel	 ☆ Max M. Finkleman	Norman Gaynor	⇔ Dora Goldstein
	 Raymond Fox	★Henrietta Greenwald	‡ Edward Gottlieb
p Ruth Davis Levenson	Dorothy Gaynor	⇔ Don K. Harris	Harry Handleman
Ruth McIntosh		⇔ Harold Heller	Shelley Kamzan
 ❖ Anna Mendelsohn		Shirley Hosmann	pr. Leon J. Lapides price = 1
p Rose Modes	 		 ☆ Maurice Lerner
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Caroline Schlesinger	Shirley Hosmann	 Sarah Lerner	 ☆ Mark Myers
	 ★ Max Kater		
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 	‡ Lila Klemtner	Mayfield	
Ruth Smith	Max Millman	 	Paulette Cecilia Stewart
	‡ Rosalie Mitchell	Margret Berzin	
	‡ Paul Newman	 Fannie Russler	⋄ Nathan Zipperstein
		 	
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	Gigi Ryan		
	‡ Lillian Saxon		
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	 George Shane		
	p David Lee Simon		
	≯ Anna Stein		
	⇔ Philip Morris Suchow		
	Silvia Tevelowitz		
	⇔ Philip Weisser		
	Georgia Weissman		,
	‡ Ida Wiseman		



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