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SHABBAT CELEBRATIONS

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



Friday - November 7, 2025 - 6:30 p.m. - Guest Speaker - Julie Kohner Led by Rabbi Cantor Bern-Vogel

Oneg Shabbat hosted by Margy Spears and Kathy Trainor in honor of their same day birthdays and the US Marine Corp. 250th birthday.

Saturday - November 8, 2025

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

Haftarah - II Kings 4:1-37



Friday - November 14, 2025 - 6:30 p.m. - Veteran's Shabbat

Led by Rabbi Cantor Bern-Vogel

Oneg Shabbat hosted by Amy Ellison in memory of her mother, Elka Ellison's birthday

Saturday - November 15, 2025

Shabbat Morning Service - 10:00 a.m

Led by Rabbi Cantor Bern-Vogel

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

Haftarah - I Kings 1:1-31



Friday - November 21, 2025

Tot Shabbat - 5:30 p.m.

Shabbat Evening Services - 6:30 p.m.

Led by Rabbinic Student Eric Sbar

Oneg Shabbat hosted by Joya Eirew in memory of her husand, Allen Eirew

Saturday - November 22, 2025

Parashat Toldot - פרשת תולדות - Malachi 1:1-2:7

Haftarah - Isaiah 61:10-63:9



Friday - November 28, 2025 - 6:30 pm

Led by Paul Zipperstein

Oneg Shabbat hosted by Ilene Mino in honor of all the women who walk with a brave heart *Saturday - November 29, 2025*

Parashat Vayetzei - פרשת ויצא - Genesis 28:10-32:3

Haftarah - Hosea 12:13-14:10



Rabbi Cantor's Comments



DON'T MISS OUR GUEST SPEAKER: J<u>ULIE KOHNER ON NOVEMBER 7</u> AND THE ARRIVAL OF OUR OWN HOLOCAUST TORAH THAT SAME WEEK!

We're in the month of Cheshvan - that means no Jewish holidays!! While we take a breather for a bit, I thought it would be fun for you to 'get to know' who about our choir singers. Our eclectic choir consists of about ten singers, so we only have space for 2-3 bios at a time. I hope you enjoy getting to know them better over the coming months... Here are some of the prompts I suggested for them:

- 1) How long have you sung with CEE and/or been a member?
- 2) What other work do you do?
- 3) What music [or piece] do you especially love singing with CEE?
- 4) What other interests do you have or choirs have you sung with in the past?
- 5) Share something of interest or humorous about you.

Mary Lynn Stough:

- 1) I started singing for CEE in 1987.
- 2. I am a Professor Emerita in Mathematics. Most of the time, I'm working on my garden, knitting, or learning a new language. I'm incompetent in five so far.
- 3. I prefer to sing when I'm doing something; no particular favorites.
- 4. I am currently studying the science of cooking to see if I can improve the flavor and nutrition of vegan, gluten-free, low-carb diets. Yeah, it's impossible.
- 5. I discovered a two-hundred-year-old manuscript at the Smithsonian that math historians had been trying to find for decades. Because I was reading in Latin and French, the curator asked me to help him place the letter. After reading it, I knew it was the lost letter of Leonard Euler describing the bird's beak example of a continuous function that was not differentiable. It was stunning news.

Michelle Anctil:

I was born in San Diego (in the primitive days before Sea World), moved to Colorado, and back to San Diego, and then to the Inland Empire in 1967, where I have lived ever since, with the exception of a year of graduate study in Germany. I spent the first two years of undergraduate studies as a music major, but my training is in instrumental music, not vocal. My main instrument is the clarinet, but I have also done some work on saxophone, oboe, and French horn (which is what gave me my ability to blow Shofar). My first experience with choral singing was with a church choir in Germany, followed by another church choir when I returned to the U.S. I sang with Canto Bello Chorale and the Community Chorus of Redlands. It was Jerry Ripley who first suggested that I consider joining the CEE choir, and Barb Smith, whom I met at an interfaith Thanksgiving service; she also invited me to join the choir, so how could I turn down an offer like that? My first services with the CEE choir were in late 2009, the last ones held at the E St. location before the move to Redlands. I have sung with the choir since then and during that time, I also converted to Judaism, had a formal b\Bat Mitzvah, studied the chanting of Torah, and took up blowing the Shofar.

"Enjoy the little things for one day you may look back and discover they were the big things"

Robert Brault

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Rabbi Cantor Jennifer Bern-Vogel

Presidential Perspectives



As we emerge from the sacred Days of Awe, I want to express our deepest thanks to each of you who joined us in prayer, reflection, and community during this meaningful season. Your presence enriched our High Holy Day services and

reminded us of the strength we find in coming together.

We are especially grateful for your generosity during our Kol Nidre Pledge Drive. Because of your continued support, and through a generous gift from the Stanley Roshwald estate, we are proud to share a major milestone: Congregation Emanu El has officially paid off the mortgage on our building. This is a significant achievement — one made possible through your dedication and belief in the future of our congregation.

While we celebrate this accomplishment, we also remain mindful of the ongoing challenges we face, including shrinking membership and a significant shortage of volunteer support. We continue to explore new ways to strengthen the financial health and long-term sustainability of our community. Your involvement — both through giving and through your time — remains essential.

This High Holiday season also marked the arrival of **Student Rabbi Eric Sbar**, who, along with his wife **Melissa (Missy)**, brought warmth, joy, and spirit to our Tot Shabbat and Family Service on October 3. We are excited to welcome Eric back for many more visits, with the next one scheduled for **November 21**.

Thank you for being an essential part of our congregation — in this season and always.

With gratitude,

Greg Weissman

Temple President

Board of Directors Meeting Thursday, November 20, 2025

> 7:00 pm All are welcome

Sisterhood Meeting Sunday, November 2, 2025 at 12:30 p.m.

Treasurer's Report



November is the month of gratitude and thanksgiving. There are several ways to give thanks and appreciation for our blessings. There will be the Redlands Area Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration on Sunday,

November 16th hosted by the First United Methodist Church in Redlands.

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



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 as many turkeys as we can. The need this year is much greater than in the past.

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 or can be made online through our website, www.emanuelsb.org.

Sisterhood Speaks



I hope that everyone is enjoying this Fall season. Sukkot and Simcha Torah were joyful. Both Rabbi Cantor Jennifer and our treasured Lisa Wise-Wolk officiated over meaningful and educational festival services. It was lovely to see so many familiar faces and visit with our

new members.

We had our "Paid-up Brunch" and want to thank all the new members and fabulous sisters who helped to celebrate. If you have a special skill, or talent that you would be willing to share with us please reach out! If you would like someone to reach out to you, please let us know. Mah-Jongg lessons are going well and we still have room for more students. Community Mah-Jongg play is on Thursdays and we have room for more players.

November is a quiet month for us. Hanukkah planning is complete and here is what you can look forward to:

Sunday, December 7th - 12:30 p.m.

Sisterhood meeting

Friday, December 19th - 5:30 p.m. - Shabbat Hanukkah Lights, Laughter, and Latkes Dinner, Saturday, December 20th - 5:00 p.m. - Light Up The Night - Ed Hale Park, Downtown Redlands.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to Lorraine and her team for always being the perfect hosts at our holiday events. Your talent for making every gathering extraordinary is truly remarkable. We are grateful for each and every one of you!

Wishing you a delightful Thanksgiving filled with the warmth of family, the joy of good food, and the laughter of friends. May this special time bring you closer to those you cherish and create beautiful memories that nourish your heart.

Ilene Mino, Sisterhood President

Sisterhood would like to acknowledge and thank all the hard working bakers for the High Holy Days.

They are Karyn Lehmann, Lisa Wilkie,
Margy Spears, Kat Grossman, Roberta Gold,
Sheri Maltzman, Peytra Becker-Kurily,
Margie Orland, Ilene Mino, Gillian Block,
Lisa Wise- Wolk, Kathy Trainor, Stacy Knox,
Barbara Cooper, Sheryl Austin Fisher,
Chel Zipperstein and Jayme Carbaugh.
Thank you!



Mental Health Awareness in Action

1 Degree of Separation

Depression and suicide are no laughing matters. That's obvious. But could a bit of light-hearted comedy play a part in helping to heal? Brad Boner thought so and created an organization based in California called One Degree of Separation. The name indicates how close each of us is to someone who struggles with depression and sometimes suicidal thoughts. A friend, a family member, ourself.

Brad is a comedian who suffered from depression, and it seemed to him he could use comedy to loosen us up in order to do what is most helpful – to talk about it. He imagined creating a "training program combining comedy with life-saving education."

A typical presentation goes like this: About 4 comedians come on stage or in the center of a room. They each get up and do a few moments of stand-up. Each comedian does what he wants as long as it's funny. Then they all come on together and sit down. They talk about their own difficulties with depression, and they present and answer five questions. As they say, "We laugh at the dark stuff, because laughter releases the pain. We talk about depression because no one should feel shame.....We hope to kill the stigma of depression and share stories of hope, happiness and triumph." Everyone in the audience goes home with a list of the 5 questions:

- 1. What does it feel like?
- 2. What do others do that make it worse?
- 3. What do others do that make it better?
- 4. What do you do that makes it worse?
- 5. What do you do that makes it better?

One Degree of Separation goes all over the country. They've presented before medical people, corporate clients, first responders, dentists, military, and students from 6th grade through college.

As they say, "We aim to bring dialogue, awareness, and acceptance for those suffering from depression through laughter and vulnerability." And the first step to overcoming depression is to talk about it.

Let's talk about it. And let's have a sense of thanksgiving deep in our hearts as we share our real selves.

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

From Our School for Jewish Living

The School for Jewish Living has been very busy. Last month I ended my article with, "See you in the sukkah!" We saw many people in the sukkah throughout the week. Our students made beautiful decorations, our families did an artful job of decorating and setting up the tables. Special thanks to Seth Poulin and Scott Wilkie for building the sukkah and the SJL families for finishing it off with our Harvesting Hope theme.

For Simchat Torah we got up close with an older "unkosher" Torah which Rabbi Cohn shared with us, then made flags for the Simchat Torah parade, and practiced holiday songs with Mrs. Z. and Miss Shaina. October ended with Shaina Martinez joining the teaching team as a K'tanim teacher. Please congratulate and thank her on behalf of the congregation. November is another busy month for the school. K'tanim is working on learning the Aleph-Bet song in Hebrew, and the beginning letters and sounds. K'tanim is also focusing on the theme of "Tikkun Olam." Kristallnacht, The Night of Broken Glass, will be honored with poems, prayers, and discussions. This conversation will be woven into the concept of repairing the world and ways one person can make a difference. Everyone will make a cardboard decorative mezuzah for their home. Our Tot Shabbat and Family Shabbat will be on November 21st; plan for singing and dancing.

Important SJL December dates: Sunday the 14th Hanukkah (1st Night) School party, wear your fun Hanukkah sweater or T.

Shabbat - December 19th at 5:30 - Lights, Laughter, and Latkes dinner - Come Sing! Saturday 20th at 5:00 Light up the Night in downtown Redlands.

May this November fill your home with the beauty and bounty of the season, Miss Ilene, Miss Karyn, & Miss Shaina



NOV. 7, 2025

Guest Speaker

Julie Kohner



Holocaust Educator & Founder Voices of the Generations

Voices of the Generations – A Holocaust Love Story In commemoration of Kristallnacht

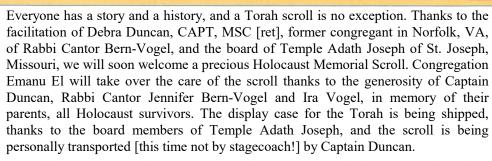
Experience a story that defies hate and time itself.

Holocaust educator Julie Kohner, daughter of survivor Hanna Kohner, shares her parents' remarkable love story – one that endured concentration camps and rebuilt life from the ashes.

Through film and storytelling, Julie brings history to life, reminding us of the power of love, resilience, and memory.

- Fri, Nov 7 7 PM | Reception & Book Signing 8 PM
- · Congregation Emanu El Redlands
- · Also available on Zoom
- For more information, call (909) 307-0400

Congregation Emanu El to Receive Holocaust Torah



Memorial Scrolls Trust (MST) #17 is one of the 1564 Torah scrolls and other scrolls that survived the Shoah in Czechoslovakia. They were saved from further destruction and loss in 1964 by Ralph Yablon z"l, who donated them to the Westminster Synagogue in London, where they arrived in 1964. The Memorial Scrolls Trust was subsequently created as an independent charity to be responsible for them. The Memorial Scrolls Trust has distributed some 1400 scrolls to communities and organizations around the world, from Alaska to New Zealand and Singapore to Buenos Aires.

Trustee of the Holocaust Memorial Scrolls in London, Jeffrey Ohrenstein, writes: "MST#17 is recorded as being written c.1800. It is one of 25 scrolls in our collection that were taken from (unknown) communities in and around Prague and put initially in the Malvazinky cemetery chapel for safe-keeping. They were later moved to the Jewish Museum in Prague. In 1958, all the scrolls were moved by the communists to a warehouse on the outskirts of Prague that had been the Michle Synagogue."

MST#17 was allocated to Temple Adath Joseph in 1993.





IT'S A NEW YEAR!!! and especially a NEW YEAR FOR OUR

SEMBES

A program for seniors of the greater San Bernardino - Redlands - Highland - Banning - Mountains and surrounding communities

2025-2026 promises to be a year of many enjoyable gatherings with memorable programs, delicious lunches, and a time to renew old friendships and make new friends!!!

Our year begins on

WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 19th - BEGINNING AT 11:45 AM

in the Shimoff Social Hall of Congregation Emanu El 1495 Ford Street - Redlands

Featuring the Funny and Amazing Comedy Magician

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\$15.00 per person
Reservations for the Catered Luncheon need to be made by
Friday - November 14th
by calling Congregation Emanu El (909)307-0400 or emailing at
cee@emanuelsb.org
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS - of any age - TO JOIN YOU!!!



In Memoriam זכרונו לברכה

We note with sorrow the recent death of or our member

ROBIN UFFER April 23, 1958 - October 14, 2025

He is survived by his wife, Karen Uffer; daughter and son-in-law Kimberly and Andrew Berger; and grandson Maverick Berger.

Hi is survived by his sister-in-law Carol Uffer and nieces and nephew Amanda (James) Moore and Sara (James) Ruyle and Daniel (Amber) Uffer

He was predeceased by his parents Herbert and Rena Uffer and brother Mark Uffer

Memorial/Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, November 9, 2025 11:00 a.m. at Congregation Emanu El

May the memory of the righteous be for a blessing



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The last of the la

Our time has Fallen Back but your Gift Shop is Moving Forward! Decorating for Autumn Holidays?

Your Monthly Special is 30% Off our Luke Adams Large Hand Blown Glass pumpkins, the beautiful hand decorated Golden Fall Leaf Vase from Badash on the top shelf of our window case.

We are offering 30% off select necklaces also. You can browse through the gift shop during SJL on Sunday mornings or by appointment.

Mark your calendars now our Hannukah sale at the gift shop December 7th through December 14th.

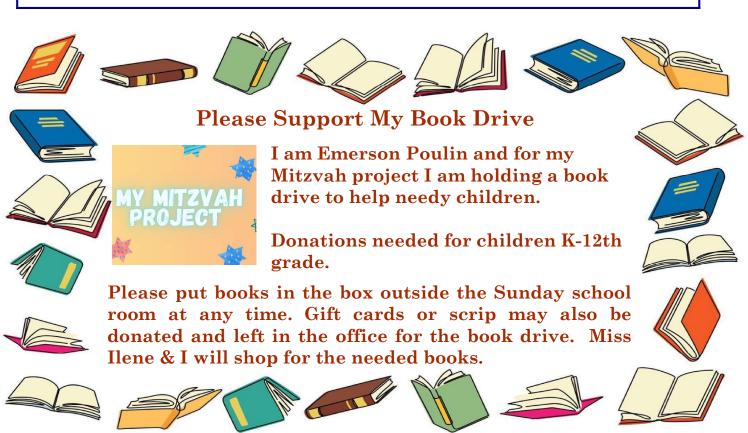
New Toys, Decorations, Family Games, Candles and other Gifts There is so much to choose from!

Purchasing gifts from your gift shop helps to support Sisterhood activities year round, including those for our SJL children.

Spending your holiday budget with National and On Line retailers only benefits their bottom line.

Shop Local..... At your Sisterhood Judaica Gift Shop Doing so benefits your entire Congregational Community.

Please contact Lisa Wise-Wolk at 909-723-3238 or Barb Smith at 909-801-4436



Happy Birthday!!! יום הולדת שמח

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

1-November	Paul Shimoff	14-November	Michelle Anctil
1-November	Stanley Weisser	14-November	Fredric Rabinowitz
2-November	Sharon Lang	19-November	Marylou Hanover
5-November	Calum Becker-Kurily (7 years old)	22-November	Leah Zipperstein
8-November	Margy Spears	26-November	Lynn Mathews
8-November	Kathy Trainor	28-November	Mary-Lynn Stough
10-November	Josh Mozer	29-November	Shelley Bodnar
10-November	Samuel Acevedo	30-November	Julianne Strain

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



We Gratefully Acknowledge

We gratefully acknowledge these contributions to our various temple funds:

TEMPLE FUND

In observance of the Yahrzeits of...

Anna Fisher by Marsha and George Hanover

Lillian Rhein by Linda and Peter Rhein

Leslie Levine by Julian Charles Levine

Solomon Buchband by Sheri Maltzman

George Wixen by Francine Wixen

Shirley Norian by Celia Norian

Irving Moss by Annette Novack

Lawrence Chudacoff by Lawrence Novack

Bernard Domroy by Michelle Anctil

David Fisher by Marsha and George Hanover

Harold Levin by Deanna and Mark Levin

Sam Schnitzer by Denise and Mark Schnizter

Milton Lefton by Lisa Lefton-Wilkie

In memory of...

173rd Paratroopers and 10th Group Green Berets KIA in

Iraq and Afghanistan by Vickie and Steve Becker

Joanne Singer by Vickie and Steve Becker

G. Bud Charlick by Sheri Maltzman

Louise Gorenberg by Carol Gorenberg

G. Bud Charlick by Jack McGinnis

In honor of...

Phyllis Newman's birthday by Francine Wixen **Vickie Becker's birthday** by Francine Wixen

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of...

Hadassah Rozansky by Ellen Weiss

Hadassah Rozansky by Vicke and Steve Becker

CHERRIE LUBEY SISTERHOOD FLOWER FUND

In observance of the Yahrzeit of...

Tobi Lefton by Lisa Lefton-Wilkie

Maurice Soltz by Leslie and William Soltz

Gertrude Altheimer by Nancy Darling+

RABBI CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In appreciation of...

Rabbi Cantor Bern-Vogel's leadership of this year's High Holy Day services by Michelle Anctil and Judith Smith

In honor of...

Rabbi Cantor Bern-Vogel by Vickie and Steve Becker Joyce and Barry Eskin's 60th Anniversary by Judy and Marty Handleman

In memory of...

G. Bud Charlick by Judy Charlick

CEMETERY FUND

In memory of...

My parents, Charles and Nellie Richter, and my brother, Andrew Richter by Heddy Richter

SCHOOL FOR JEWISH LIVING FUND

In memory of...

1st Lt. David Bernstein KIA in Iraq by Vickie and Steve Becker

Yahrzeits

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

November 7-8	November 14-15	November 21-22	November 28-29
			\$\psi Sara Ansill\$ \$\psi H. Ted Bial\$ \$\psi Mae Cohen\$ \$\psi Arnon Michael Dotan\$ \$\psi David Kennedy Ellman\$ \$\psi Norman Ernstein\$ \$\psi Jack H. Fremland\$ \$\psi Louis Greenberg\$ \$\psi Rose Greenwood\$ \$\psi Malvina Guttman\$ \$\psi Johanna Harris\$ \$\psi Louis Helfman\$
	★Sprinza Korengold ★Harry Kramer Martin Phillip Lebowitz ★Lena Levenson ★Nat Levin ★Herbert Lubell Thomas McAfee ★Lillian Meyer ★Nat Pinsky ★Flora Sentob ★Bertha Silverman ★Harold F. Simon	Dorothy Levy Nathan Mishkin Horace Hamilton Nahm Max Rosen Sgt. David Roten Jr. Lise Rundberg Irving Sidney Schwimmer Louis Stein	



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