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OCTOBER 2023

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## OCTOBER WORSHIP & TORAH STUDY SCHEDULE

On Friday evenings, Nosh begins at 5:15 p.m. prior to Kabbalat Shabbat services. Services take place in the Stiffman Sanctuary, unless otherwise noted.

### Friday, October 6, 2023

6 p.m. L'Dor VaDor Kabbalat Shabbat Service  
+ Erev Simchat Torah • See page 4

### Saturday, October 7, 2023

No Torah Study  
9 a.m. Simchat Torah Yizkor Service in the Kehillah Center  
11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: Andrew Sachs, child of  
Susie and Jonathan Sachs, becomes a Bar Mitzvah

### Friday, October 13, 2023

6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat – Tzedek Shabbat

### Saturday, October 14, 2023

9:30 a.m. Torah Study  
11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: Molly Pereles, child of  
Rachel and David Pereles, becomes a Bat Mitzvah

### Friday, October 20, 2023

6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat

### Saturday, October 21, 2023

9:30 a.m. Torah Study

### Friday, October 27, 2023

6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat  
6 p.m. Prayer Lab

### Saturday, October 28, 2023

9:30 a.m. Torah Study  
11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: Charles Gianetto, child of  
Dara Gianetto, becomes a Bar Mitzvah

### Friday, November 3, 2023

6 p.m. L'Dor VaDor Kabbalat Shabbat Service

### Saturday, November 4, 2023

9:30 a.m. Torah Study  
11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: John Mertz, child of Allison  
Paskal and Christopher Mertz, becomes a Bar Mitzvah



## ONLINE RAFFLE: \$50/Ticket

### Prize Packages

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- Reserved parking spot and four reserved seats for the 2024 High Holiday Season
- Weekend at Innsbrook in a modern cabin on a lake with a hot tub + \$250 Dierbergs gift cards

### Clergy Experiences

- **Amy & Rabbi Jim Bennett** will host dinner for six **OR** the opportunity to give a Friday night sermon.
- **Rabbi Rachel Bearman** will lead a Havdalah experience **OR** a private Bark Mitzvah celebration for you and your pet.
- **Cantor Seth Warner** will lead a Bourbon Tasting in your home for up to six guests.
- **Rabbi Lori Levine** will lead a Jewish cooking experience for six guests **OR** your Pre-K-to-6th grader could be our "Director for the Day" at Religious School.

## THERE IS SO MUCH MAGNIFICENCE. . .

By Rabbi James M. Bennett

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In his song “Magnificence,” Peter Makena writes of an ocean of love that exists in the world around us: “There is so much magnificence in the ocean, waves are coming in, waves are coming in...”

The month of October this year begins with our ancient holiday Sukkot, the “Feast of Booths.” The festival of Sukkot invites us each fall to recognize and celebrate this love, and to see it expressed in the natural world around us. Knowing that humans tend to take the beauty and power of our world for granted, our Jewish tradition invented a ritual practice that urges us to leave the comfort of the shelter of our material lives and experience the world as we were intended to do. We eat meals outside, we expose ourselves to the elements, we show gratitude and appreciation of the gifts of the universe in whose midst we exist each day.

The building of a sukkah is one manner of urging ourselves into this more primitive awareness of our world, but the truth is that there are many ways for us to experience this understanding of our own fragility. We can take a walk, have a picnic,

harvest a garden, go apple picking, clean up a corner of the world, look at the beauty of a forest, an ocean, a mountain, or a flower in our own backyard.

The symbols and the rituals of the Sukkot holiday transport us to a time long ago when our ancestors felt the magnificence of the ocean of love in their own world and their lives. Linking our lives to theirs, many of us still today hold the branch of the lulav and the sweet, fragrant etrog and remind ourselves of a simpler time, a time when it was somehow easier to express gratitude for this magnificence.

For us today, it takes more work. We are so busy, so caught up in our lives, our work, our play, our screens that we often miss the miracles that surround us. The effort that is required to be filled with gratitude is worth it. When we open our eyes and take the time to see, we may well realize that all around us there is beauty, magnificence, and yes, love.

May these days of Sukkot and the journey we are on, from summer to fall to winter remind us this year to be grateful. May we travel in gentleness and appreciation of the beauty of this world. May we care lovingly for it. May we heal the planet and nurture it for those who will come after us. For there is so much magnificence... Chag Sameach! Happy Sukkot.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Bill Remis, President

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Why do I enjoy the High Holidays? Lots of reasons! For starters, it is always great to see so many familiar faces at Shaare Emeth during this time. It's a chance to catch up with those I have not seen much throughout the year. It's also an opportunity to meet new people and make some new

connections.

Our worship services were terrific, of course. We were treated to wonderful music by our choir, Cantor Warner, and Lucy Greenbaum. The prayers were thoughtful and poetic. The clergy

tied the whole thing together with thoughtful sermons full of meaning. It was a time for all of us to be together in community, bound by and recognizing our shared values together.

I also found this year's High Holidays to be a time for quiet reflection. Several years ago, I started making a habit of spending all of Yom Kippur afternoon at Temple. There was programming to attend, but also some quiet time. I found moments to walk a bit, outdoors when it's nice. It's a rare opportunity to carve out time in my schedule to be without interruptions, without my cell phone or other distractions.

Thank you to our amazing staff that made the High Holidays so special for our congregants. I hope you had a meaningful high holiday season and I hope to see you at Temple.



# October Events

MON

## 2 SUKKOT FAMILY OPEN HOUSE

3:30–5:30 P.M. • COURT-YARD (NORTH ENTRANCE)

**0-5** A casual opportunity for families with 0-5 year-olds to fulfill the mitzvah of dwelling in the Sukkah. Stop by after school and work to shake the lulav, smell the etrog, and enjoy the harvest festival of Sukkot. **No need to RSVP**, just come as you are!

TUE & WED

## 3 & 4 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL: PIZZA IN THE HUT

6 P.M. IN THE COURTYARD

All 3<sup>rd</sup>–7<sup>th</sup> Graders are invited to stay after Midweek Religious School for a complimentary pizza dinner in our outdoor sukkah. Gluten free & dairy free options available. We'll provide the food & a lulav to shake - just bring yourself! **Click here to RSVP**

AUDIENCE GUIDE

To make it easier to find programs, services, and events most appropriate for you and your family, we've included age recommendations next to most offerings.

0-5

Best for ages 0–5 & their grown-up(s)  
Siblings welcome!

6-12

Best for ages 6–12 & their grown-up(s)

13+

Best for adults & ages 13+

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For adults

ALL

Great for everyone!

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## 5 MAHJ IN THE SUKKAH

1:30–4 P.M. • SHAARE EMETH

**A** What could be better than a crisp, fall day in the Sukkah and a game of mahjong? Join other Shaare Emeth players for an afternoon of fun in the sukkah (outside or inside). Dessert will be served. Bring a mahjong set if you have one. Registration is free at [sestl.co/mahj](http://sestl.co/mahj)

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FRI

## 6 & 13 KEEP CALM & BREATHE

11:30 A.M. • JEWISH MINDFULNESS CENTER

A

**MINDFULNESS & MEDITATION FOR ANXIOUS MINDS • With Rabbi**

**Andrea Goldstein** • Participants will be introduced to Jewish wisdom, mindfulness practices, and meditations that can help calm worry. Register at [sestl.co/keepcalm](http://sestl.co/keepcalm)

FRI

## 6 SHABBAT SHA-BBQ & SIMCHAT S'MORAH

An intergenerational celebration, brought to you by our Traditions with a Twist committee!

**5 P.M. SHABBAT SHA-BBQ DINNER • Simcha Center**

Festivities begin with a buffet dinner and holiday-related activities for all ages. Dinner is \$18 for adults and \$10 for children ages 3–12.

**6 P.M. L'DOR VADOR SERVICE • Stiffman Sanctuary**

A musical, joyful Shabbat + Simchat Torah service with something for everyone, including unrolling the entire Torah in honor of the holiday!

**7 P.M. SIMCHAT S'MORAH: THE AFTER PARTY • Simcha Center**

We'll end the evening with an epic after-party with s'mores, music, and a bourbon tasting.

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR DINNER & AFTER PARTY AT [SESTL.CO/ST23](http://SESTL.CO/ST23)**

ALL



# October Events

TUE

## 10 TEXTING TUESDAYS

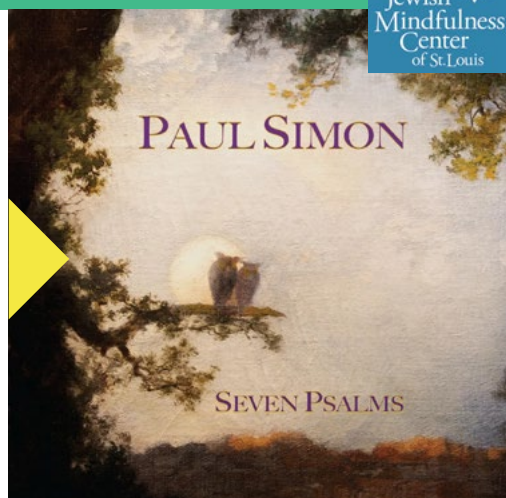
10 A.M. • RUBIN LIBRARY  
CONFERENCE ROOM

**A** **INDICTING GOD: THE DISRUPTIVE HUMANISM & FAITH OF RABBI LEVI YITZCHAK OF BERDITCHEV** • With Rabbi **Jim Bennett** • Exploring the most famous tales of one of the greatest Chasidic leaders of the late 18<sup>th</sup> century. Register at [sestl.co/jll](http://sestl.co/jll)

## 10 EXPLORING YOUR OWN PSALM

7 P.M. • RUBIN LIBRARY  
CONFERENCE ROOM

**A** **WITH THE JEWISH MINDFULNESS CENTER OF STL** • With Dr. Ron Cytron & Cantor Seth Warner • A follow-up to our Yom Kippur session, we'll begin or continue to craft our own personal psalms. Details & registration at [jmcstl.org/programs](http://jmcstl.org/programs)



TUE

## 17 & 24 TEXTING TUESDAYS

10 A.M. • RUBIN LIBRARY  
CONFERENCE ROOM

**A** **PIRKE AVOT'S PEARLS: TIMELESS QUOTES FOR A FULFILLING LIFE** • With Debbie Bram • Delve into the teaching from our ancient Jewish sages that provide invaluable insights into leading a purposeful and enriching life. Register at [sestl.co/jll](http://sestl.co/jll)

WED

## 18 & 25 CONTEMPORARY JEWISH WRITERS

*These are the first two sessions of this eight week course*



11:30 A.M. • RUBIN LIBRARY  
CONFERENCE ROOM

**A** **LUNCH AND LEARN** • With Marcia Moskowitz • During this eight-week class, we'll read and discuss two powerful, evocative, and suspenseful novels, one French and one American. Tuition is \$136. Register at [sestl.co/writers](http://sestl.co/writers)

WED



## 18 & 25

THE SCIENCE &  
SPIRITUALITY  
OF AWE

7 P.M. • JEWISH MINDFULNESS  
CENTER OF ST. LOUIS

**A** **With Rabbi Andrea Goldstein** • Combining ancient texts with modern research, this class will help us understand how awe, as an emotion, developed, and how experiences of awe bring out the best in us & those around us. Register at [sestl.co/awe](http://sestl.co/awe)

SAT

## 21 ABRAHAMIC THREADS

7 P.M. • KEHILLAH CENTER

**A** **STORIES OF UNITY & FAITH** • An **Interfaith Short Story Discussion Group** • Join Intertwine Interfaith for a discussion of three short stories exploring common values & shared experiences between three faiths. Refreshments will be served. RSVP & download the stories at [sestl.co/threads](http://sestl.co/threads)



# October Events

TUE

## 24 MATRIARCHS TO MAMALAS

4 P.M. • ON ZOOM

**A** Have you ever thought about how much would be missing from your life without music? From your mother's lullabies to the theme music of your favorite TV show to your ringtone, you'd be bereft. This book club discussion will be all about Women in Music. Register on Zoom at [sestl.co/mm1023](https://sestl.co/mm1023)

FRI

## 27 Prayer Lab

A MINDFUL SHABBAT EXPERIENCE

6 P.M. • KEHILLAH CENTER

**6+** **(DIS)CONNECT TO (RE)CONNECT** • Join Rabbi Goldstein, Lucy Greenbaum, and the Prayer Lab musicians for our monthly non-traditional Shabbat service combining poetry, participatory music, interactive teachings, and time set aside for meditation. Details at [jmcstl.org](https://jmcstl.org)



SAT

## 28 BOKER TOV SHABBAT

9:30 A.M. • SHAARE EMETH

**0-5** Join Shaare Emeth clergy & educators for a Shabbat morning worship experience designed especially for our littlest friends. We'll pray, sing, and share the joy and peace of Shabbat together. Breakfast will be served after the service. RSVP at [sestl.co/bt102823](https://sestl.co/bt102823)

TUE

## 31 TEXTING TUESDAYS

10 A.M. • RUBIN LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM

**A** **PRACTICAL MAGIC** • With Rabbi Rachel Bearman • We'll explore the ancient practice of using spells and magical items for protection from unholy sources. Can we see remnants of these customs in our own Jewish practice? Register at [sestl.co/jll](https://sestl.co/jll)



## Texting Tuesdays Continues...

**IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER!** Together we will use the wisdom of sacred Jewish texts and continue building a *kehillah kedoshah* that nurtures our minds, hearts, and souls. Join us for as many as you are able.

### UPCOMING TOPICS INCLUDE:

- You Don't Have to Be Wrong for Me to Be Right with Rabbi Goldstein
- Hands-On with the Torah with Cantor Warner
- Sonic Significance – How Prayer and Music are Inextricably Linked with Cantor Warner
- From Judith to Barbie: Female Sexuality as a Source of Power and Strength with Rabbi Goldstein



## KEHILLAH KEDOSHAH: CREATING A SACRED COMMUNITY THROUGH LEARNING

*In addition to the events and programs included in the events calendar on pages 4–6, here's more Adult Learning opportunities to look forward to this year. Join our vibrant community as we create a sacred space to learn, grow, & connect our Judaism to our lives.*

### JOURNEY OF JUSTICE: A CIVIL RIGHTS EXPLORATION

**April 4–7, 2024**

Join Rabbi Goldstein & Debbie Bram for a four-day Civil Rights tour of Atlanta, Montgomery, Selma, and Birmingham. We'll visit the Rosa Parks Museum, Equal Justice Legacy Museum, Lynching Memorial, Edmund Pettus Bridge, King Center, and more. We will also meet with Civil Rights activists, celebrate Shabbat, worship at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, and connect with our Jewish values. Interested? Email [SJespersen@sestl.org](mailto:SJespersen@sestl.org).

### SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY

**9 a.m. Nosh  
9:30 a.m. Torah Study**

Join us for a meaningful Shabbat morning Torah study experience with our clergy. that not only enriches our understanding of sacred text but also cultivates a profound sense of kehillah kedoshah, a sacred community.

**FIND THE LATEST INFO  
ANYTIME AT [SESTL.CO/JLL](http://SESTL.CO/JLL)**

### IYUN CIRCLE: 20s & 30s

All 20s & 30s  
are invited to  
join Shaare  
Emeth's brand



new IYUN Circle which will run from October - December. IYUN Circles are an eclectic collection of folks who gather for a new kind of conversation. The kind where you sit down with a glass and a range of texts—from Bible to Brene Brown—and boldly ask big, messy human questions. If you're interested, reach out to Rabbi Rachel Bearman at [RBearman@sestl.org](mailto:RBearman@sestl.org).



Jewish Mindfulness  
Center of St. Louis

## SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

### A CHANCE TO EXPLORE THE HOLINESS OF YOUR LIFE

**Monday afternoons with Rabbi Goldstein  
By appointment only**

Spiritual Direction is a practice involving meeting with a spiritual director on a monthly basis to cultivate the ability to discern the holiness, spiritual or sacred in all aspects of life. Rabbi Goldstein completed the Spiritual Direction practicum to become a spiritual director at the Aquinas Institute of Theology in 2018.

There is no cost for members of Congregation Shaare Emeth, though it is customary to make a donation to the Jewish Mindfulness Center of St. Louis after each session. The cost for non-members is \$50 per session. **To set up a first appointment contact Stacy Jespersen at [sjespersen@sestl.org](mailto:sjespersen@sestl.org).**

## WEEKLY MINDFULNESS MEDITATION SITS

**Tuesdays • 9 – 9:30 a.m. • On Zoom**

Join Rabbi Andrea Goldstein for these free, weekly Mindfulness Meditation sits incorporating teachings and stories from the weekly Torah portions, Jewish prayer, and tradition. No meditation experience necessary and all are welcome. You'll find the link in our weekly e-mails. Sign up at [sestl.co/jmcemail](http://sestl.co/jmcemail)



*New Website!*  
Check it out at **[JMCSTL.org](http://JMCSTL.org)**

**See the events calendar on pages 4-6 for more Jewish Mindfulness Center programming!**



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## THE PAINT LAB

By Brandi Cartwright

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**“YES!**

Finally. Because kids need a place with no rules,” said the first little visitor

as she watched our new space getting its finishing touches taped.

We forget how many no’s children live by. No climbing up the slide. No running at the store. No loud voices indoors. No standing on tables...or dancing on them, either. No. No. No. The US child hears, on average, over 8,300 no’s every year. And 23 times a day, their questions are rejected by an adult. What they’re not allowed to do, try, and wonder adds up. It can be exhausting and disheartening to live with so much NO.

Research reminds us that kids who are raised with structure and less-permissive parenting have higher self-worth and feel more empathy towards others. For all the safety and guidance and

good-habit-forming structures, expectations, and standards provide children, there’s still room for every child to revel in freedom, marvel at making choices, and take risks when exploring and experimenting with abandon.

The Paint Lab at Shirlee Green Preschool is the place for Yes. Squirt paint on the floor and watch it pool and puddle and ripple – Yes. Paint your teacher’s face – Yes. Cover your arms with a rainbow of colors – Yes. Get an idea and follow it to a grand, messy, colorful, sloppy, beautiful end – Yes!

In giving this new space to the children of Shirlee Green Preschool, we open a world filled with color, texture, and new sensations. And as they explore paint with their full body, each stroke, each giggle, each soggy handprint on the window and squishy footprint on the door tells a story of the joy and surprise of childhood.

So we have covered the floor, walls, and doors of the Paint Lab with layers of cardboard and thick, brown paper. And we listen as children share with us the importance of paint.





## TURN IT AND TURN IT AGAIN

By Rabbi Lori Levine

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**S**imchat Torah is often the lost child of the fall holidays. By the time we welcome in the new year with Rosh Hashanah, reflect on our actions for Yom

Kippur, and dwell in a temporary booth outside and shake the lulav for seven days, we are exhausted! It is also not a holiday that everyone has had the opportunity to celebrate, as celebrations often take place during the evening and can be hard to access. Despite all the things working against it, Simchat Torah brings up an immediate feeling of joy for me! As a child, I remember going to synagogue and hearing the last verses of the Torah read, followed immediately by the first verses. We celebrated by dancing with the Torahs and gorging ourselves on sweets.

Even if you are not a Torah scholar (I certainly am not!), the lessons of Simchat Torah can still resonate in our lives today. It reminds us that the ancient stories we tell ourselves can always be

made new. Each year, when we approach the Torah to read it from beginning to end, we are different. Our relationship with God is different. Our individual ideas about family, justice, community, and more are ever-evolving, and the life lessons we seek in the Torah change from year to year. It reminds us that we can always go back to the beginning and start again. Simchat Torah calls us to remember that being a Jew is to celebrate our wisdom and our capacity to be joyful, not just our victories over evil forces.

On Friday, October 6, we will celebrate Shabbat and Simchat Torah! It falls on a Friday evening this year, and I do hope you'll take the time to join us. We have envisioned a multi-generational evening with Torah, sustenance for your tummy and your spirit, and music to touch and inspire us. In the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses says that the Torah is not far away from us or something too holy for humans to touch. It is a living, breathing body of stories and laws that belongs to all of us. We can reach out and touch it as we unroll the scroll and bring it back to the beginning again. We can't wait to see you there!

## SE345 & SE678 UPDATE

By Laura Horton

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**A**s the temperatures cool and we transition into fall, I am excited to share an update from my neck of the woods.

While my main focus will remain planning for the 2024 season

at Camp Emeth, I will also be heading up programming for SE345 and SE678. My goal is to engage students in grades 3-8 by planning a series of fun and creative programs throughout the fall and winter that will create new connections between students and their peers, and deepen existing connections, through new experiences. Stay tuned to our social media and e-mail for upcoming events and programs!

## Welcome, Naama!



Hi! My name is Naama Herz and I am the new Shinshinit at Congregation Shaare Emeth!

I'm from Kibutz Ramot Menashe which is in the Partnership Region in the north of Israel. At home, I have two younger sisters and my crazy dog Bella. In my free time I like working out. I like doing all kinds of workouts, from Crossfit to pilates. I also like running, hiking, and traveling the world.

I am so excited to meet you all and become a part of the Shaare Emeth family.

## Membership Update

**IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR 2024 MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITY.** Each fall, Shaare Emeth members confirm their MR pledge for the coming calendar year. **Check your e-mail later in October for details.**

*To help explain your choices for financial commitment to Shaare Emeth, here is more information about our three options:*

### Membership

#### MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITY

Membership Responsibility (MR) is a yearly financial commitment each family contributes to sustain day-to-day operations of the temple. It is a collective responsibility that allows Shaare Emeth to remain strong and accessible to all. **In 2024 the sustaining amount for Membership Responsibility is \$3,200.**

Each year, Shaare Emeth's leadership establishes a "sustaining amount" based on the average expense of running the synagogue per family. This "sustaining amount" is encouraged as it allows our congregation to maintain a high level of clergy, staff, and programming. Our model allows congregants to commit within their financial means.

#### FOR QUESTIONS AND MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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**Emily Cohen** at 314-692-5323  
or [ecohen@sestl.org](mailto:ecohen@sestl.org)

### Ner Tamid

#### NER TAMID SOCIETY

Once your family has committed to the sustaining membership responsibility level of \$3,200, you can become a member of the Ner Tamid Society by contributing an additional amount of at least \$500.

The flame of the Ner Tamid – the eternal light in our Sanctuary – symbolizes God's presence in our lives. By being a member of the Ner Tamid Society, you play a crucial role in our ability to tend to this flame now and for generations to come.

**FLAME OF HONOR** \$500 - \$1,999

**FLAME OF GRATITUDE** \$2,000 - \$3,999

**FLAME OF JOY** \$4,000 - \$6,999

**FLAME OF GOODNESS** \$7,000 - \$9,999

**FLAME OF GENEROSITY**  
\$10,000 - \$15,000

#### Ner Tamid Society Member Benefits:

recognition in printed and digital signage, invitations to special recognition events with temple leadership, and tribute credits to use throughout the year to thank, honor, or remember loved ones through one of Shaare Emeth's funds.

### Emet Society

#### EMET SOCIETY

For more than 150 years, our name, Shaare Emeth or "Gates of Truth" when translated from Hebrew, has served as our guiding light, our foundation. The word, Emet, or "truth," was selected to reflect the importance that these significant contributions will have, allowing us to maintain our traditions and innovate for the future, this year and for generations to come.

In addition to the Ner Tamid Society benefits, a unique benefit of the Emet Society is that **these one-time yearly gifts are all-inclusive**. Emet Society members are included as donors for all congregational fundraisers throughout the year.

**PLATINUM** \$50,000

**GOLD** \$36,000

**SILVER** \$25,000

**BRONZE** \$18,000



# Simchas



Mazel Tov to Board of Trustees member **Richie Gallant** (*top left*) for being accepted to the Levy Fellows Board Development Program, a Millstone Leadership Initiative of Jewish Federation of St. Louis.



Mazel Tov to **Mike Geigerman** (*bottom left*) for being named the 2024 "Lawyer of the Year" by Best Lawyers in America for his expertise in Mediation in St. Louis.

Mazel Tov to **Caleigh Lawrence and Blake Hamilton** on the birth of their daughter, **Carter Lawrence Hamilton**. Also, Mazel tov to grandparents, **Dede and Garry Seltzer** and **Becky and Rob Lawrence**.

Mazel Tov to **Amy Kuo Hammerman** and **Sue Picus** for being honored as 2023 Unsung Heroes by the St. Louis Jewish Light. Mazel Tov also to event co-chairs and former Unsung Heroes, **Marilyn Ratkin** and **Stan Shanker**.

Mazel Tov to (*from left to right*) **Andrew Sachs**, child of Susie and Jonathan Sachs, **Molly Pereles**, child of Rachel and David Pereles, **Charles Gianetto**, child of Dara Gianetto, and **John Mertz**, child of Allison Paskal and Christopher Mertz, on their upcoming B'nei Mitzvah!



# Welcome!

## NEW MEMBER FAMILIES

Aimee and Elie Bachar

Stephanie and Andrew Berdy, with children, Elizabeth, Benjamin, and Charlotte

Jamie and Scott Berzon, with children, Madelyn, Quinn, and Simon

Michelle and Jeffrey Cohen, with children, Anne and Jane

Adrienne Levin Coleman

Jorie and Jeff Gold, with children, Aya and Sylvie

Abigail and Sam Kahn

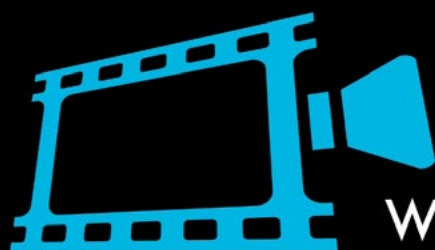
Kimberley and KC Rosburg

EA and Brad Schneider

Rene and Joe Serot, with child, Teddy

Karen and Thomas Stern

Angie Tozer & Obie Peeples, with child, Penelope Peeples



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*We express condolences to Shaare Emeth members and families who have recently lost a loved one and sympathy to Shaare Emeth members who have had a death in their extended family.*



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Husband of Sue Wallach & father of Josh (Stacey) Wallach

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Lorne Baker on the death of his brother, **Jon Baker**

**Mark (Barbara) Bernstein and Bruce (Jill) Bernstein**

on the death of their father, **Dr. Samuel Bernstein**

**Carol (Bruce) Canis** on the death of her brother, **Sheldon Enger**

**Cindy (Dan) Heymann** on the death of her father, **Robert Brown**

**Annie (Daryl) Jacobs** on the death of her mother, **Mary Scherl**

**Larry (Joyce) Kolker and Stanely (Judy) Kolker** on the death of their brother, **Alan Kolker**

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**Robert Mentle (Jenny)** on the death of his father, **Henry Mentle**

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**Mark (Karen) Zorensky** on the death of his sister, **Deborah Zorensky**

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*A memorial has been established for:*

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Established by Sue Bohm

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Established by Stuart Goldenberg and Edward Goldenberg

### Donald L. Levin

Established by David Levin, Adrienne Coleman, and Hilary Levin

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Rabbi Bennett for performing the stone dedication for Phyllis Harber

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Rabbi Bennett for officiating at the funeral service for Don Levin

*The Levin Family*

Rabbi Goldstein for officiating at the funeral service for Richard Marcus

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### IN HONOR OF:

Amy Hammerman on being named an Unsung Hero by the Jewish Light

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*The Levin Family*

Cantor Warner for his beautiful participation at the funeral service for Richard Marcus

*Alan Needle*

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