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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19
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CELEBRATING CHANUKAH
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HOLIDAY BUILDING CLOSURES
The Congregation Shaare Emeth Office and Shirlee Green Preschool will be closed:

Wednesday, November 22: Shirlee Green Preschool is closed. The Main Office will close at 3 p.m.
Thursday & Friday, November 23 & 24 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Monday, December 25 in observance of Christmas Day.

Monday, January 1, 2024 in observance of New Year’s Day.

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

By Rabbi James M. Bennett
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Israel has the right and the responsibility to fight this just war. Doing so is the most compassionate response in an imperfect world.

Our commitment to compassion should not become an obstacle to seeing that eradicating Hamas is essential to the world we want to help create: a world in which the safety and security of both Jews and Palestinians between the river and the sea is intertwined and guaranteed for both.

Israel has every right to defend itself, to fight to return hostages to safety, and to bring its enemies to justice or eliminate them. There can be no moral equivalence and no justification for Hamas terrorism. The Hamas terrorists forever, and to free the hostages and bring them home safely with as little harm to innocent Gazan civilians as possible.

These acts of terror and murder are the face of unequivocal evil. Let there be no doubt about this. No moral equivalence can justify what has unfolded. Israel and the Jewish people are the victims of a horrific attack upon innocent civilians. Israel’s response is a just war — and as painful as it is, Israel has the right and the responsibility to fight this just war. Doing so is the most compassionate response in an imperfect world.

To quote Yehuda Kurtzer: “It is precisely the commitment to compassion that helps us understand the villainy that Hamas is committing against both Israel and against the Palestinian people — and that strengthens our resolve to defeat it.

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.

Saturday, December 23, 2023
9:30 a.m. Torah Study
11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: Abigail Oglander, child of Julie & Brian Oglander, becomes a Bat Mitzvah
6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, December 22, 2023
6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, December 21, 2023
9:30 a.m. Torah Study
11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: Abigail Oglander, child of Julie & Brian Oglander, becomes a Bat Mitzvah
6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, December 20, 2023
9:30 a.m. Torah Study
11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: Sydney Rosen, child of Bats & Aaron Rosen, becomes a Bat Mitzvah
6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, December 19, 2023
6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, December 16, 2023
9:30 a.m. Torah Study
11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: Evie Newman, child of Margo & Deva Newman, becomes a Bat Mitzvah
6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, December 15, 2023
9:30 a.m. Torah Study
11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: J.J. Imber, child of Melanie & Stuart Imber, becomes a Bat Mitzvah
6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, December 14, 2023
9 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: Emma Barfield, child of Jennifer & Noah Lander, becomes a Bat Mitzvah
11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: Julia Vesper, child of Allyson & Noah Lander, becomes a Bat Mitzvah
9:30 a.m. Torah Study

Friday, December 13, 2023
9 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: John Mertz, child of Allison & Christopher Mertz, becomes a Bar Mitzvah
11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: Abigail Oglander, child of Julie & Brian Oglander, becomes a Bat Mitzvah
9:30 a.m. Torah Study

Friday, December 12, 2023
9 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: Noah Lander, child of Sarah & Max Lander, becomes a Bar Mitzvah
9:30 a.m. Torah Study
11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: Julia Vesper, child of Allyson & Noah Lander, becomes a Bat Mitzvah
9:30 a.m. Torah Study

Friday, December 11, 2023
9 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: Mackenzie Sloan, child of Kimberly & Ted Sloan, becomes a Bat Mitzvah
9:30 a.m. Torah Study
11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: Emma Barfield, child of Jennifer & Noah Lander, becomes a Bat Mitzvah
9 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: John Mertz, child of Allison & Christopher Mertz, becomes a Bar Mitzvah
9:30 a.m. Torah Study

Friday, December 8, 2023
6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service – L’Dor VaDor & Service of Consecration & Chanukah Celebration; Details on page 9

Friday, December 7, 2023
9:30 a.m. Torah Study
11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: Brooke Buck, child of Jennifer & Donald Buck, becomes a Bat Mitzvah
6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service – L’Dor VaDor

Friday, December 1, 2023
9:30 a.m. Torah Study
11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: J.J. Imber, child of Melanie & Stuart Imber, becomes a Bat Mitzvah
6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service – L’Dor VaDor & Service of Consecration & Chanukah Celebration; Details on page 9

Saturday, December 9, 2023
9:30 a.m. Torah Study
11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: Evie Newman, child of Margo & Deva Newman, becomes a Bat Mitzvah
6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, December 8, 2023
6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service – L’Dor VaDor & Service of Consecration & Chanukah Celebration; Details on page 9

Saturday, November 25, 2023
6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, November 24, 2023
6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, November 23, 2023
6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, November 22, 2023
6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service – Veteran’s Day

Saturday, November 18, 2023
9 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: Moyo Neuman, child of Margo & Deva Neuman, becomes a Bat Mitzvah
9:30 a.m. Torah Study
11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: Julia Vesper, child of Alyssan & Eric Vesper, becomes a Bat Mitzvah

Saturday, November 17, 2023
6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat
6 p.m. Prayer Lab

Saturday, November 11, 2023
9 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: Emma Barfield, child of Jennifer & Tommy Barfield, becomes a Bat Mitzvah
9:30 a.m. Torah Study
11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: Harlow Lander, child of Nicole & Noah Lander, becomes a Bat Mitzvah

Friday, November 16, 2023
9:30 a.m. Torah Study
11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: Abigail Oglander, child of Julie & Brian Oglander, becomes a Bat Mitzvah
6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, November 15, 2023
6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, November 10, 2023
6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service – Veteran’s Day

Friday, November 9, 2023
9:30 a.m. Torah Study
11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: John Mertz, child of Allison & Christopher Mertz, becomes a Bar Mitzvah
6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, November 3, 2023
6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service – L’Dor VaDor

Saturday, November 4, 2023
9:30 a.m. Torah Study
11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: Emma Barfield, child of Jennifer & Tommy Barfield, becomes a Bat Mitzvah
9:30 a.m. Torah Study
11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: Julia Vesper, child of Alyssan & Eric Vesper, becomes a Bat Mitzvah

Friday, November 3, 2023
6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat
Affirming Shaare Emeth’s Role in Challenging Times

By Bill Remis, President
President@sestl.org

All of us have watched in horror and agony the events of the past several weeks. I wanted to take a moment during this time to affirm Shaare Emeth’s role in what has been and will undoubtedly be one of the most challenging periods in history.

- First, please know that we are here for you. Normal life is full of stress and anxiety. During these times, those stress levels are at an all-time high. So many of us have loved ones, family and friends in Israel, seemingly in harm’s way. Anxiety and concern seems at an all-time high, for good reason. Our clergy, staff and lay leadership are here to help. We can provide access to services, a shoulder to lean on, and everything in between. Please do not hesitate to reach out.
- We are doing our part to support Israel. We continue to participate in fundraising spearheaded by our larger community. We are providing support and working to remain in communication with our friends and communities within Israel. Please reach out or watch for information in Shaare Mail about how you can provide support.
- We are working to maintain our values. We know and respect that all of us view the world through different lenses. Yet, we all share common values that inspire each of us to act to try to make the world a better place. In these times, it is vitally important to acknowledge these values that we all share in common. It will help to bind and keep us together and will, I believe, serve as the pathway to guide us through this ordeal.

Of course, we continue to operate and offer the same services we have always offered. Our pre-school and religious school continue to operate at full capacity. We continue to celebrate Shabbat and all other holidays. We continue to offer Torah study and adult education. We continue to support and provide life cycle events for all of our congregants. We continue our advocacy to make the world a better place. In short, we continue to work on fulfilling our mission. I think now, more than ever, when forces in the world threaten our mission and our values seem called into question, living in community that reinforces those values is one of the most important things we all can do together.

Thank you for caring for our community.

Mazel Tov

Thank you so much to everyone who signed up to be a part of our wonderful Chesed (Kindness) Committee. After Rabbi Goldstein’s Kol Nidre sermon, 200 members joined our cohorts of angels committed to bring comfort, kindness, and care to members of our community in their times of struggle and in their times of joy.

We also want to remind our congregational community that if you or someone you love finds themselves needing a bit of extra help (a meal, a ride to appointments or services, help during shiva, etc.) or someone to check in with every now and then, we encourage you to reach out by going to our website at sestl.co/caring (or scanning the QR code) and letting us know. We will do everything we can to meet you where you are and remind you that you are not alone.

Thank you again,
Barb Kramer, Chesed Committee Chair
Debbie Bram and Rabbi Andrea Goldstein

Shaare Emeth Jewish Heritage Trip to Portugal

April 8-18, 2024

Rabbi Bennett is planning a Shaare Emeth Jewish Heritage Trip to Portugal, April 8-18, 2024. The trip will explore the rich and varied Jewish history and culture imbedded in the beautiful country of Portugal, including visits to Lisbon, Porto, Belmonte, Pinhao, Coimbra, and other villages and sites.

Limited space is available. Please contact Stacy Jesperson at jesperson@sestl.org or 314-569-0010 for more information.

Oak Hill Christmas Gift List Goes Live on November 15!

Shaare Emeth supports Oak Hill Elementary School in St. Louis City, where 99% of the school’s enrolled students are economically disadvantaged. As in past years, our community has the honor of bringing holiday joy to some of the school’s most needy children.

Sign up on November 15 at sestl.co/oakhill23. Unwrapped gifts must be brought to Temple by Friday, December 8.
### November Events

#### Wed

| 1 | CONVERSATIONS & CULTURE #1 | 11/1 + 11/15 + 11/29 + 12/6 + 12/13 • 7:30 P.M. | Join Snir Daggar, our community shulchof, and Naama Herz, our shinshinit, to explore authentic Israeli culture and language! We'll dive deep into music, slang, and Hebrew vocabulary. Prerequisite: Ability to read print Hebrew with vowels & a sense of adventure. Register at sestl.co/conversations |

| 4 | HEART & SOUL: NOW & FOREVER | 7 P.M. AT SHAARE EMETH | Heart & Soul is Congregation Shaare Emeth's biggest fundraiser, celebrating its 13th year in 2023. This year, our honorees are Peggy & Don Lents and the Brandwein Family. RSVPs for the celebration are now closed, but you can still get involved and support this event by making a donation at sestl.co/hs23 |

#### Mon

| 6 | LET IT RIPPLE: TIKKUN MIDDOT | 11/6 + 11/13 + 11/20 • 7 P.M. | Tikkun Middot combines mussar (ethical) study with mindfulness practices to bring deeper meaning to our daily lives. We will be exploring the qualities of humility, perseverance, & gratitude. Must be able to attend all sessions. Registration required at sestl.co/conversations |

#### Tue

| 7 & 14 | TEXTING TUESDAYS | 10 A.M. • RUBIN LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM | **YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE WRONG FOR ME TO BE RIGHT** • With Rabbi Andrea Goldstein |

| 11 | AWE IN THE AFTERNOON | 1:30 P.M. • BOTANICAL GARDENS (4344 SHAW BLVD) | Meet Rabbi Goldstein at the Botanical Gardens with Snir & Naama. Using sources from the Talmud & modern social science, we will explore constructive ways to engage in discussion with those whose views are in stark contrast to our own |

#### Sat

| 11 | SE678 GOES TO UNION STATION | 2–6 P.M. • 1820 MARKET ST. | Join SE678 (open to all current 6th, 7th, & 8th graders) for a fun afternoon at Union Station, including the indoor ropes course, mirror maze, ride the St. Louis Wheel, and have milkshakes at the Soda Fountain. $40 per person covers all activities and Soda Fountain treat. Watch your e-mail for registration. |

| 12 | ROCKIN JUMP WITH SE345 | 2–5:30 P.M. • 7375 WATSON RD. • SHREWSBURY, MO | Join SE345 (open to all current 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders) for a trip to Rockin’ Jump Trampoline Park & Ted Drewes Frozen Custard. $30 per person covers admission, jump socks, and a Ted Drewes concrete! Watch your e-mail for registration. |

### Sun

| 12 | SPIRITUAL PARENTING #1 | 9:30 A.M. • JEWISH MINDFULNESS CENTER | **THE POWER OF NAMES** • Parents of grade school age children are invited to join Rabbi Goldstein to discover what makes parenting a spiritual practice and how Jewish wisdom can help guide us in our role as parents. Three sessions; Free. Register at jmcstl.org |

| 13 | NOVEMBER SENIOR LUNCH | 12–2 P.M. • UNITED HEBREW CONGREGATION | Monthly senior lunch programs are offered in partnership with Congregation Temple Israel, United Hebrew Congregation, and Temple Emanuel. The cost is $10. Information will be sent to all seniors. Don't miss out! Register at sestl.co/g4g23 |

| 15 | SETYG FRIENDSGIVING | 7–9 P.M. • LOITERSTEIN'S HOUSE | Join SETYG (open to all current 9th–12th graders) for a friendsgiving potluck full of games, friendships old and new, gratitude, and togetherness. No cost, but everyone is required to bring a small dish to share. Watch your e-mail for registration. |

#### Thu

| 16 | RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE | 11 A.M. – 3 P.M. • SIMCHA CENTER | The greatest mitzvah anyone can do is save a life, and donating blood is an easy way to do just that! According to the Red Cross, there is currently a national blood shortage; making the need more urgent than ever! Make an appointment at sestl.co/rcbd1123 |

| 19 | GATHERING FOR GRATITUDE | 10–11:30 A.M. • LOITERSTEIN'S HOUSE | **A MORNING OF GIVING BACK** • Everyone of every age is welcome for this intergenerational program. Join us as we gather in a communal expression of gratitude and giving back. Register by November 14 or contribute financially to support the projects at sestl.co/g4g23 |

#### Fri

| 28 | TEXTING TUESDAYS | 10 A.M. • RUBIN LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM | **HANDS-ON WITH THE TORAH** • With Cantor Seth Warner • We’ll unroll & explore the Torah: letters, panels, oddities, and beauty of every age is welcome for this intergenerational program. Registration required at sestl.co/conversations |

| 28 | Matriarchs to Mamalas | 4 P.M. • VIRTUAL (ZOOM) | **WOMEN IN LOW-PAYING JOBS** Have we really ‘come a long way, baby’? (Still offensive, isn’t it?) But let’s dig into that question. We will examine the so-called “Pink-Collar” workers among us. Register at sestl.co/mm1123 and you’ll get the reading list. |
December Events

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<td>JEWISH MINDFULNESS CENTER</td>
<td>Spend a fun evening at Shaare Emeth getting ready for Chanukah by hand-making gifts for loved ones with friends old and new. We will start the evening off with a pizza dinner and everyone will leave with two wrapped gifts ready for Chanukah! $20 per person covers all supplies and pizza dinner. Watch your e-mail for registration.</td>
<td>Do you love Chanukah sweets and hanging out with friends? We will learn, compete, and EAT throughout this fun middle school event. Join us to destress before the holidays and create some beautiful (and delicious) desserts! $20 per person covers all supplies and snacks for the afternoon. Watch your e-mail for registration.</td>
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<td>SHAHEM, YAHAVAH, AND THE MEZUZAH • Deepening Our Capacity for Love • Join Rabbi Goldstein for a series exploring the meaning, history, &amp; development of traditional prayers that can be incorporated into a personal prayer practice. Additional info on page 10. Register at jmcstl.org</td>
<td>SONIC SIGNIFICANCE: HOW PRAYER &amp; MUSIC ARE INEXTRICABLY LINKED With Cantor Seth Warner • In this class we will explore how and why music and prayer have evolved together and maybe where we’re headed next.</td>
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<td>BOOK DISCUSSIONS: THE COLOR OF LOVE BY MARRA B. GAD</td>
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<td>IN-PERSON: 12/4 at 10 A.M. • ZOOM: 12/11 at 7-30 P.M.</td>
<td>WOMEN IN THE BOARDROOM</td>
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<td>Our congregant, Melissa Lynn Pomerantz, will lead two discussions (one in-person and one on Zoom) of the book, The Color of Love: A Story of a Mixed-Race Jewish Girl by Marra B. Gad. We look forward to Marra being our Deutches Schollar-in-Residence during Martin Luther King Jr. weekend on January 12 &amp; 13, 2024. Melissa Lynn Pomerantz is a retired English teacher. She taught at Parkway North High School for 30 years where she facilitated countless book discussions. Register and purchase the book at sestl.co/coloroflove</td>
<td>December’s meeting will do an about-face from November’s “Pink-Collar” topic with women in the boardroom. Who are these corporate leaders, and how did they get there? Register at sestl.co/mm1223 and you’ll get the reading list.</td>
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<td>4 P.M. • COVENANT HOUSE</td>
<td>5 P.M. CHANUKAH SHABBAT WITH RICK RECHT</td>
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<td>Join Rabbi Goldstein, Lucy Greenbaum, &amp; Debbie Bram to help residents at Covenant House celebrate the 5th night of Chanukah. We will sing songs together, play games, and enjoy a special Chanukah snack. RSVP by December 6 at sestl.co/chanukahmm</td>
<td>Come celebrate the lights and delight in delicious Chanukah food, savor the sweet Consecration ceremony, and let the beautiful music from Rick Recht, Cantor Seth Warner, Lucy Greenbaum, and Shira Emeth Youth Choir enrich your soul. Join us at 5 p.m. for an extended nosh featuring sizzling latkes! Our service at 6 p.m. includes Consecration, marking the beginning of each child’s new Jewish learning journey, open to all! Invite Kindergarten students and anyone new to Shaare Emeth Religious School. As this is our monthly L’Dor Va’Dor Intergenerational Shabbat, we’ll hear a story, celebrate birthday blessings, and do lots of singing! Take home a special treat afterward. PLEASE REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT AT sestl.co/chanukah23</td>
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<td>Families with 0-5 year-olds Celebrate the Festival of Lights with a lively dance party complete with Chanukah treats and glow sticks galore! Free and open to all. Questions? Contact Emily Cohen, <a href="mailto:ecohen@sestl.org">ecohen@sestl.org</a> or 314-692-5323. RSVP at sestl.co/glowparty3</td>
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<td>CHANUKAH LUNCH FEATURING SHAKSHUKA • Programs are offered in partnership with Congregation Temple Israel, United Hebrew Congregation, and Temple Emanuel! The cost is $10. Information will be sent to all seniors. Don’t get this info? E-mail Valerie at <a href="mailto:vvandy@sestl.org">vvandy@sestl.org</a></td>
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<td>It’s the holiday season! If you have never done Mahj before, come and learn how to play! There will be Mahj for experienced players as well. Mahj is a fun card game played with the Mahjong set. If you would like to purchase a Mahjong set, please contact Debbie Bram at <a href="mailto:dbram@sestl.org">dbram@sestl.org</a>. There will be a cash pool. The winner gets the entry fee, which is $5. No experience necessary!</td>
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**Chanukah Happenings**

**DECEMBER 7-15**

**8 LIGHTS & DELIGHTS CHANUKAH SHABBAT WITH RICK RECHT**

5 P.M. CHANUKAH SHABBAT WITH RICK RECHT

**5 P.M. L’DOR VADOR CHANUKAH CELEBRATION • SERVICE OF CONSECRATION**

Come celebrate the lights and delight in delicious Chanukah food, savor the sweet Consecration ceremony, and let the beautiful music from Rick Recht, Cantor Seth Warner, Lucy Greenbaum, and Shira Emeth Youth Choir enrich your soul. Join us at 5 p.m. for an extended nosh featuring sizzling latkes! Our service at 6 p.m. includes Consecration, marking the beginning of each child’s new Jewish learning journey, open to all! Invite Kindergarten students and anyone new to Shaare Emeth Religious School. As this is our monthly L’Dor Va’Dor Intergenerational Shabbat, we’ll hear a story, celebrate birthday blessings, and do lots of singing! Take home a special treat afterward. **PLEASE REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT AT sestl.co/chanukah23**

RICK RECHT is one of the most influential and celebrated Jewish artists and leaders of our time. Recht is the national celebrity spokesnae for PJ Library and the founder and Executive Director of Songleader Boot Camp (SBLC) – a premiere national leadership training conference. He is also the founder and Executive Director of Jewish Rock Radio (JRR) and Kiva Radio, the first high-caliber, 24/7 international Jewish music radio network.
Two Chances to Welcome Shabbat with the Prayer Lab Community
Friday, November 17 at 6 p.m.
Count Your Blessings
Friday, December 15 at 6 p.m.
Shine Your Light
Join Rabbi Goldstein, Lucy Greenbaum, and the Prayer Lab musicians for this non-traditional Shabbat service combining poetry, participatory music, interactive teachings, and time set aside for meditation and personal reflection.

Spiritual Direction
A CHANCE TO EXPLORE THE HOLINESS OF YOUR LIFE
Monday afternoons with Rabbi Goldstein
By appointment only
Spiritual Direction is a practice that involves meeting with a spiritual director on a monthly basis to cultivate our ability to discern God’s presence, the presence of holiness, in all aspects of our lives – the celebrations, the struggles and each moment in between. Anyone can benefit from Spiritual Direction. You do not need to hold any particular image of God, or a belief in God at all. Rabbi Goldstein offers Spiritual Direction most Monday afternoons.

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.

Living on a Prayer
A MONTHLY SERIES EXPLORING PERSONAL PRAYER
Friday mornings at 10 a.m.
Join Rabbi Goldstein in exploring the meaning, history, and development of traditional prayers that can be incorporated or adapted into a personal prayer practice. To register for one or more of these sessions, visit imcstl.org.

• December 1: Shema, V’ahavta, and the Mezuzah – Deepening our Capacity for Love
• January 5: Nism b’chol Yom – Morning Miracles
• February 2: Yotzer Or – Seeing the World Anew
• March 1: Sim Shalom and Oseh Shalom – Cultivating Peace

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.

Halloween Costumes for Israel Project
By Naama Herz
naamaz2903@gmail.com
Hey everyone, my name is Naama Herz, your Shinshinit. Right after Halloween on October 31st, I will start collecting gently used costumes to donate to a post-hospitalization boarding school in Israel called Shvilim. This boarding school serves children and teens who have experienced psychiatric and psychological health issues and need extra support to learn and recover. My friends in Israel are also doing a year of service before the army just like I am, but at Shvilim, working with these amazing kids! The kids in Shvilim will get to use the costumes for Purim in March. Thank you for helping us make their holiday celebration so special.

What We Need:
• Costumes of all kinds in many different sizes are needed: children’s small up through all teen/adult sizes.
• No baby or toddler costumes please.
• Clothes and accessories (like sunglasses, crowns, wings, etc.) are all needed and welcome!
• They should be clean and in good shape to pass on for someone else to wear comfortably.

There will be a box where you can put your donations in the North Lobby at Shaare Emeth until November 19th.

2024 Summer Camp and Israel Scholarships Available
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**BOARD OF TRUSTEE NOMINATIONS**

Have you ever wanted to take a leadership role in your congregation but didn’t know how to get started? Do you know someone who would be a great asset to our temple leadership? Perhaps you have previously served in a leadership role and would like to re-engage? If the answer to any of these questions is yes, then keep reading.

Each year, the Nominating Committee seeks to add talented and passionate individuals to our Board of Trustees who will participate in setting the direction of Congregation Shaare Emeth and take a hands-on approach, helping Shaare Emeth to achieve its mission as a compassionate and inclusive community that makes Judaism relevant, meaningful, and joyful. Board service is truly sacred work, which can be personally fulfilling and stimulating.

If you would like to submit your name or someone else’s (with their prior consent) for consideration by the Nominating Committee, or if you would like more information about what serving on our Board of Trustees is all about, contact Mike Lefton at Leftonmb@gmail.com. Members of our Board of Trustees serve a minimum two-year term. Please submit names for consideration prior to February 3, 2024.

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**Mah Jongg Cards On Sale**

It’s already that time of year to renew your membership in the National Mah Jongg League and receive your new 2024 card.

The cost of the card is the same as it was last year. A standard-size card costs $14, while a large card is $15.

To order a card or cards, please include your name, address and the number of each size card that you are requesting. Enclose a check for the total amount made out to Congregation Shaare Emeth and mail to:

Sue Propper
747 Old Bonhomme Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63132

All orders must be received by Friday, February 2 – no exceptions.

Thank you for ordering your mah jongg card through the Congregation. Funds received help programs & activities grow.

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**SPECIAL ORDER YOUR HOLIDAY GIFT CARDS TODAY!**

Submit your order to the main office via the order-form below. Questions? Call (314) 569-0010 or Email info@sestl.org

Order by NOV 8th for pick-up on NOV 21st in time for Thanksgiving!
Order by NOV 22nd for pick-up on DEC 7th in time for Chanukah!

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**Have you moved?**

NEW E-MAIL OR PHONE NUMBER? LET US KNOW!

If you’ve had a recent change of address, phone number, or e-mail, be sure to let us know by logging in to your ShulCloud account and editing your contact information. You can also call or e-mail Valerie Cundy at 913-692-5304 or VCundy@sestl.org. Thank you!
Welcome!

NEW MEMBER FAMILIES

Julie & Billy Brown
Elissa & Andrew Davis, with children
Leighton & Siena
Michelle Dunskey
Hannah Green
Barbara & William Greenblatt
Keira & Bryan Kraft, with children, Isaac, Ellis, & Annabel
Kaelen Leavy
Sandra Rich
Carol Rubin & Howard Schlansky
Sydney Scott & Eyal Tiour
Luisa Tirgo & Micael Roufs, with children, Ayler, Mlha, & Eja
Deborah Zimmerman & Jonathan Root

Membership Responsibility

We followed up with some of the families who were profiled in 2019 to see how their connection to Shaare Emeth has evolved over the past four years. We hope you’ve had a chance to see the “Then and Now” posters around Shaare Emeth’s building (two samples can be seen to the left).

Each individual and family contributes something unique to our community. In addition to each of your presence and diverse perspectives, we also count on our members’ financial support. Membership Responsibility (MR) is Shaare Emeth’s annual financial commitment and is the main source of income that allows the synagogue to operate day-to-day. Each household’s MR commitment provides the funding necessary to maintain and grow Shaare Emeth’s excellent clergy and staff, programming, and worship experiences. Every member plays a role in keeping Shaare Emeth strong and able to fulfill our commitments.

Each year, Shaare Emeth’s Board of Trustees establishes a “sustaining amount” for MR that is approximately the cost to operate the synagogue per household. For 2024, this amount is $3,200.

As you think about your MR pledge for 2024, we hope you will find something in these quotes that connects with you; some way Shaare Emeth has touched your life or bettered your community. Whether you are in the building once a year or every day, Shaare Emeth is here for the community year-round. We want to be here for you when you need us.

Most members will have received an email during the week of October 30 with details about their MR pledge for 2024. If we do not have your email address on file, you will receive a hard copy in the mail.

We have streamlined the process a bit. This year, members are not required to fill out an MR renewal form. On your November statement, you will find your suggested commitment. If you wish to contribute more than what is noted or if you need to decrease this amount due to financial hardship, please contact Shaare Emeth’s office by November 8.

On November 15, when you see your statement, log in to Shul Cloud office by November 8.

If you enjoy reading the Bulletin, place an ad in sestl.co/give23 or call 314-569-0010. Thank you for supporting Shaare Emeth.

Celebrate Chanukah in a Giving Way

You and your family can celebrate a night of Chanukah in a giving way. Make a gift in one of the ways below that has meaning for you and your family.

If you watch streaming services regularly, make a gift to the AV Club. To help a child go to camp, make a gift to a scholarship fund. If High Holiday services really moved you, make a gift to our Annual Appeal. Do you have a business you’d like to advertise? Place an ad in our Bulletin. The end of the year will be here before we know it. Make your year-end gift today.

Shaare Emeth benefits from your donation and you benefit from the mitzvah. There are so many ways to give. Gifts can be made via check, credit card, ACH, stock transfers, IRA distributions, and donor advised funds. While donations are tax deductible, please consult with your tax advisor.

To make a gift, go to sestl.co/give23 or call 314-569-0010.

Thank you for supporting Shaare Emeth.

8 NIGHTS • 8 WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR TEMPLE

TRIBUTE OR ENDOWMENT FUNDS: Mark a special occasion, show appreciation, or honor someone’s memory with a tribute to one of our many meaningful funds.

TREES OF LIFE INITIATIVE: Support our recent campaign to remove dead and diseased trees from our campus and replace them with new, indigenous trees.

AV CLUB: Becoming a member of AV Club ensures we can continue to provide online streaming services for our community, near and far.

SCRIP: Select from hundreds of gift cards to purchase and the temple receives a percent back. See page 13.

ANNUAL APPEAL: Our yearly campaign ensures Shaare Emeth is here for generations to come.

HEART & SOUL: Our biggest fundraising event, this celebration spotlights the work we do and members who are making a difference.

BULLETIN ADVERTISING: If you enjoy reading the Bulletin, place an ad in one or multiple issues. Put your business on these pages at an affordable rate.

SECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE: Helps us continue to install up-to-date security equipment and software throughout the campus including cameras, monitors, and hand-held radios.
Weekly Yahrzeit listings can be found online at sestl.org/yahrzeits.

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.

**Condolences**

Arnold Gast • Sanford “Buddy” Lehman

**Sympathy**

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

Arlene Goodman on the death of her life partner, Stanford Towerman

Rabbi Rachel Bearman on the death of her great-aunt, Kay Bearman

**Perpetual Memorials**

A memorial has been established for:

Bernice Susman Lee, Milton Herbert Hicken, Dr. William Bertrand Lee, and Jacob Lee Barenholtz

Established by The Barenholz Family

Nona Rae Barth

Established by Bob & Lynn Barth, Alan & Nan Barth, and Elliot and Rona Barth

Florran Richensoh Kessell

Established by Michael Kessell, Steve Kessell, and Geoff Kessell

Names of those remembered by a Perpetual Memorial are read during Friday Shabbat services and are automatically included with the Perpetual Memorials in our memorial book on Yom Kippur. For more information on establishing a Perpetual Memorial, contact Rick Schuchet at rschuchet@sestl.org or 314-677-5102.

**Rabbis’ Special Fund**

**In Appreciation Of:**

Rabbi Bennett for the stone dedication for Connie Kraus

Linda C. Segal

Rabbi Bennett for his leadership and for helping Zach Begin become a Bar Mitzvah

Reena & Mark Black and Family

Rabbi Bennett and Rabbi Goldstein for their inspiring, motivational and spirited Holiday services

Karen Savel & Oseh Sukkot

Rabbi Bennett and Rabbi Goldstein for their special roles in the baby naming of Marah Keeton Elliot

Judy & Gabe Rosen Elise

Rabbi Bennett, Rabbi Goldstein and Rabbi Bearman for our 50th anniversary blessing

Renee & John Byelman

Rabbi Bearman for her compassion and wisdom

Anna Gottesman

Rabbi Stifflman for officiating at the funeral for Florran Kessell

Michael, Anna and Geoff Kessell

The Clergy of Shaare Emeth for their beautiful and meaningful High Holiday services

Sunday, Allen, Carol & Jay Goldstein, Betty Lepp, Alan Remsen, Stacie & Robert Segal

The Clergy of Shaare Emeth for reaching out with kindness during a difficult time

Joy & Larry Keller, Judy & Stan Keller

**In Honor Of:**

Rabbi Goldstein on the completion of her Doctorate of Ministry, Honorary Doctor of Divinity, 55 years in the Rabbinate

Barbara Pittman, Erin, Gave and Alan Baker, Judy & Greg Kinkel-Reznik, Suzanne Ross Caudle, Andrea Neuwald, Bertha Rauh and Print

Rabbi Goldstein on the completion of her Doctorate of Ministry, Honorary Doctor of Divinity, 55 years in the Rabbinate and her amazing sermons for the High Holidays

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Advani Jackson, Jennifer and Ross Goldstein

Rick Schuchet for a speedy recovery

Sherry & Fred Segal

**In Memory Of:**

Jon Baker

Sherry & Fred Segal

Sue & Don Gallop

The Gathy Family

Allan Goldburg

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Solomon Muller

Ron & Paul Kandel

Neil Reischman

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Alan Wallach

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**Cantor’s Special Fund**

**In Appreciation Of:**

Cantor Warner for her kindness and help leading Zach Begin to become a Bar Mitzvah

Mary & Stuart Black and Family

Cantor Warner for the meaningful and beautiful High Holiday music

Carol & Jay Goldstein

Cantor Seth & Shanya Warner for performing with Shakshakhs at Festival of Nations

Bitty & Bob Cytron

Cantor Warner for officiating at the wedding of Susan Saxe and Gary Morris and for the funeral service for Gary Morris

Dale Seigel

**In Honor Of:**

Richard Cohn friend, congregant, former board member and life support of the Cantor Warner

Cindy & Gene Kolker

Evan & John Rechman on their fifth wedding anniversary

Stephanie Turner & Will Schuller

Will Schuller for a speedy recovery

Fred Kassit

Stann Towerman for a speedy recovery

Adie Goodman, Stephanie Turner & Will Schuller

**Bema Flower Fund**

**In Honor Of:**

Beverly Kossoff on becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Barb & Larry Tuchman

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**B’nai El Tzedakah Fund**

**In Memory Of:**

Rose Marie Rudolph

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Wendy Flower for having me as her guest at Rosh Hashanah services

Mary Slidell

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Adina Lyon

Sam Bernstein

Sherry & Bruce Tons

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**In Memory Of:**

Robert Brown

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**In Honor Of:**

Rose Gysen for her special 65th birthday

Anna Gottesman, Sue & Joel Pecu

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**In Memory Of:**

Sam Bernstein

Gailers & Mark Kroner

**Anthony B. Lake Scholarship Fund**

**In Honor Of:**

Rabbi Goldstein on the completion of her Doctorates of Ministry, Honorary Doctor of Divinity and 35 years in the Rabbinate

Deb & Michael Price

**Nancy Levin Preschool Fund**

**In Memory Of:**

Donald Levin

Justin Fru

Lorraine Schmidt

Barbara & Ed Karpil

**Lisa’s Star Fund for Camp Emeth**

**In Appreciation Of:**

Laurie Greenbaum for the beautiful and meaningful music for the High Holidays

Carol & Jay Goldstein

**In Memory of:**

Rose Marie Rudolph

Joel Rudolph

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Sue Rit
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The Meyers Family
AUDREY MONTAGUE PRESCHOOL OPERATIONS ENHANCEMENT FUND;
IN MEMORIAM:
Marjorie Boxer
Louise & Edward Oed, Carroll & Ed Cohen
and Family, Jennifer & John McElveen
Robbie & Sondra Miller
OPERATIONS ENHANCEMENT FUND;
IN APPRECIATION OF:
Shaare Emeth for their beautiful and meaningful High Holiday services
live streamed each year.
IN HONOR OF:
Rabbi Goldenstein on the completion of her Doctorate of Ministry, Honorary
Doctor of Divinity and 15 years in the Rabbinate
Shek & Elfie Sagie
Merle Fuss & Jeff Bokshozer on their marriage
Jack & Leslie Katz
Eunice & John Reichman on their 60th wedding anniversary
Sue & David Silverman
Their great-grandchildren, Elizabeth and William and baby
Bennett Tureen
Margaret Gilerman & Mark Schlinkmann
IN MEMORY OF:
Donna Meibom
Michael & Mary Perl
Barry Shafman for a speedy recovery
RON SAKS on his special birthday
EUNICE & JOHN REICHMAN on the birth of Carter Lawrence Hamilton
Kaseigh Lawrence & Blake Hamilton on the birth of Garret Carmen Hamilton
Jaan Seliger
Brynn Pearl for a speedy recovery The Seliger Family
Samantha Solz on her birthday Jaan Seliger
Malory & Alec Schopp on their wedding anniversary Jaan Seliger
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DICK SELIGER
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IN APPRECIATION OF:
Shaare Emeth
Dr. Ronald Miller
IN HONOR OF:
Eunice & John Reichman on their 60th wedding anniversary
Jaan & Seliger
Wendy Flowers on her new home
Helyn Kevrick & Barry LANTZER on the birth of Carter Lawrence Hamilton
IN MEMORY OF:
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Sarah Seliger
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