Saturday, March 23

A VERY WONKA CANDY COATED PURIM

Sunday, March 24
See Pages 16-18 for All Things Purim
MARCH + APRIL WORSHIP & TORAH STUDY SCHEDULE

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

Friday, March 1, 2024
6 p.m. L’Dor VaDor Intergenerational Kabbalat Shabbat Service: 5th Grade Shabbat + March Blessings: Birthdays & Simchas

Saturday, March 2, 2024
9 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: Bar Mitzvah of Gabriel Bierman, child of Lisa Schechter-Bierman and Richard Bierman
9:30 a.m. Torah Study
11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: Bat Mitzvah of Eliza Katcher, child of Ashley and Jeremy Katcher

Friday, March 8, 2024
6 p.m. Tzedek Kabbalat Shabbat Service: Refugee Shabbat

Saturday, March 9, 2024
9:30 a.m. Torah Study
11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: Bar Mitzvah of Masa Hammerman, child of Amy and Zachary Hammerman

Friday, March 15, 2024
6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, March 16, 2024
9:30 a.m. Torah Study

Friday, March 22, 2024
6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, March 23, 2024
9:30 a.m. Torah Study
11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: Bat Mitzvah of Talia Masin, child of Meredith and Scott Masin
Erev Purim, Details on Page 15

Sunday, March 24, 2024
Purim, Details on Pages 14-16

Friday, March 29, 2024
6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service
6 p.m. Prayer Lab Service in the Kehillah Center

Saturday, March 30, 2024
9:30 a.m. Torah Study
11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service, Bar Mitzvah of Avrom Goldfeder, child of Emily and Adam Goldfeder

Friday, April 5, 2024
6 p.m. L’Dor VaDor Intergenerational Kabbalat Shabbat Service + April Blessings: Birthdays & Simchas

Saturday, April 6, 2024
9:30 a.m. Torah Study
11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: Bar Mitzvah of Lucas Cohn, child of Christine and Brian Cohn

Friday, April 12, 2024
6 p.m. Tzedek Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 13, 2024
9:30 a.m. Torah Study
11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Fischer, child of Irene and Danny Fischer

Friday, April 19, 2024
6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service with Musical Guest, Shakshuka

Saturday, April 20, 2024
9:30 a.m. Torah Study
11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: Bar Mitzvah of Dylan Hudson-Wolf, child of Jason Wolf and James Hudson

Friday, April 26, 2024
6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 27, 2024
9:30 a.m. Torah Study
10:45 a.m. Prayer Lab Service

Monday, April 29, 2024
9 a.m. Passover Yizkor

HOLIDAY BUILDING CLOSURES

The Congregation Shaare Emeth Office and Shirlee Green Preschool will be closed:

Tuesday, April 23 for the first day of Passover and Monday, April 29 for the last day of Passover.
L’DOR VA’DOR
INTERGENERATIONAL
SHABBAT SERVICES

These services are specially designed with our 6–12-year-old community members in mind, but there really is something for everyone. Be sure to come early for Nosh starting at 5:15 p.m. for delicious (and kid-approved) snacks. Services begin at 6 p.m. (grab an activity bag or a book on your way in from the Shabbat Cart to keep littler ones busy) and include special blessings and a shorter, interactive story in place of a traditional sermon.

We usually wrap up by 7:05 p.m. Bring the whole family (grandparents, too!) for a truly intergenerational Shabbat experience.

Many of our L’Dor Va’Dor services include participation from one or more of our Religious School grade levels. Coming up, we’re celebrating:

- 5th Grade Shabbat on Friday, March 1
- 1st & 2nd Grade Shabbat on Friday, May 3

MONTHLY BLESSINGS

Do you have a birthday in March or April? Are you celebrating an anniversary? Or perhaps you’ve recently... gotten a promotion, won an award, lost a tooth, had a new baby or grandchild, had your work published, taken a part in your school musical, recovered from an illness, graduated, etc.

One of the best parts of a community is celebrating each other’s joy. While we’ve traditionally given birthday blessings on the first Shabbat of each month during Friday night services, we want to celebrate all your happy occasions! So, starting on Friday, March 1, during our monthly L’Dor Va’Dor Intergenerational Shabbat Service, we will invite anyone (adults and children!) with a simcha to the bimah for a special blessing and a treat. We look forward to sharing your blessings starting in March!
As many of you know by now, I was hit by a car while walking my dogs in late December. Following a visit to the ER, I had surgery to repair a broken ankle and spent the past couple of months healing and learning to walk again on my own. The dogs are also thankfully doing fine.

I have had plenty of time to reflect on this traumatic experience. Momentarily seeing my life flash before my eyes as a car rolled towards me and now being on the road to recovery has helped me to recognize that it could have been much worse. I have also learned firsthand many important lessons that I now think of as “the blessings of a broken ankle.” Among my renewed insights:

**Life is precious.** Being a rabbi often gives me a front-row seat and allows me to see through the eyes of others facing painful and challenging life experiences. Facing this experience has given me a newfound respect for those who confront their own, often much worse, challenges with grace and dignity.

**I am profoundly grateful.** I have again witnessed the importance of the loving care of family and friends as we navigate life’s difficulties. My wife, Amy, is amazing, and I am even more grateful than ever for her love and patience. Our children, close friends, and others have circled us and offered constant reminders that we are loved and cared for. The circle of community of this amazing congregation reached out, offering meals, assistance, broken ankle “equipment,” and all sorts of advice and help, reminding us that we are not alone.

The countless tributes, notes, get-well cards, calls, and more were a source of spiritual and emotional sustenance. My colleagues and the temple staff stepped in and seamlessly covered my responsibilities with courtesy, compassion, and without complaint. I cannot overstate the power of the Shaare Emeth community. We are a remarkable, strong, caring community, and for this I am deeply grateful.

**I have felt true chesed, or lovingkindness, beyond the boundaries of family, friendship, and congregation.** The kindness of strangers and neighbors instantly embraced me – from a neighbor we had never met before who came running out of her house to help when she heard the accident, to another neighbor who saw one of our dogs dragging his leash and brought him home, and then returned to find me and our other dog and brought us home too. From these and the many other neighbors who offered us support, we rediscovered the meaning of neighborhood. We live in a world dominated by kindness, even when it appears to be cold and uncaring. I believe that most people are good, and I have witnessed this firsthand.

**We must become more attuned to the needs of those living with disabilities.** I have gained a new respect for and insight into the challenges facing people with all sorts of disabilities. Seeing the world through the eyes of those facing physical challenges has allowed me to gain a new sensitivity to the need for attention to be given to the accessibility of buildings, parking lots, and institutions, and to the way we invite people to participate in Jewish life. We must continue to increase our concern for doing everything we can to make our world accessible to all.

**My faith has grown deeper.** I cannot explain whether it was God’s presence, the presence of an angel, human intervention, my own determination, random luck, kindness and compassion, or something else that has guided me and sustained me through this ordeal, but my faith has deepened over these weeks and months. I know that I am blessed, and I believe we are all blessed. Perhaps it takes something like this to help us appreciate our blessings, and only when the result is for the better. Perhaps a different outcome would have led me to lose my faith instead, or for others to have lost theirs. But I can only react to what my experience has been. I have witnessed the most foundational evidence of the existence of good and kindness and community and hope. In a world where these seem to be in short supply, I am appreciative of the opportunity to think more about how to use my gifts and my life for good. To resist fear, to increase kindness, to oppose hatred, to dream of peace.

The Psalmist teaches that “God is close to the broken hearted and rescues those whose spirit is crushed.” (Psalm 34:19). God often feels distant to me, as to many of us. Lately, I have been feeling less distance - in my life, in my family, in my community, in our congregation. These are some of my “blessings of a broken ankle.”
What’s On My Mind

By Craig Neuman, Executive Director
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By the time you are reading this, I will have been the Executive Director for two months (though I’m writing this after just one month on the job). Stepping into this role has been a privilege and I am grateful for the warm welcome and support I have received from the Shaare Emeth community. I thought the space on this page would be a good opportunity to share with you some of my goals as your new Executive Director.

Over the past few weeks, my primary focus has been laying the groundwork for a strong and vibrant future for our congregation. As we embark on this journey together, my efforts have been concentrated on two key pillars: understanding our community and establishing a robust process for sound decision-making.

One of my top priorities has been to connect with synagogue stakeholders (members, staff, lay leaders) and listening to their stories, concerns, and aspirations. I have had the pleasure of engaging in many meaningful conversations during Friday night noshes, a myriad of Coffees with Craig, and one-on-one meetings. This has provided me with valuable insights into the rich history and tapestry that makes up our Shaare Emeth family.

I believe that a strong community is built on open communication and a shared understanding of our collective goals. In the coming months, I plan to continue these conversations to ensure that every voice is heard, and every perspective is considered.

To ensure that our decision-making processes are transparent, efficient, and reflective of the values we hold dear, I will be working diligently to establish and refine key operational processes. This includes reviewing administrative procedures, financial protocols, and communication channels. By creating clear and well-defined processes, we aim to foster an environment where decisions are made collaboratively, drawing on the diverse expertise within our community.

Additionally, these processes will help build a foundation of trust, assuring everyone that our actions are guided by a commitment to the well-being and growth of our congregation.

Trust is the cornerstone of any successful community, and I am committed to earning and maintaining the trust of each and every member of our synagogue community. Open communication, accountability, and a shared commitment to our values will be integral to this trust-building process.

In the coming months, I will continue to foster an atmosphere of transparency by providing regular updates on our progress, seeking input on key decisions, and ensuring that our actions align with the collective vision of the community.

As we move forward together, I am confident that our synagogue will continue to thrive and serve as a beacon of warmth, inclusivity, and spiritual growth. Your support and engagement are crucial to our success, and I am excited about the journey ahead.

Thank you for entrusting me with the responsibility of leading our beloved Shaare Emeth. I look forward to working with the staff, the Board of Trustees, congregants, and program participants to build a vibrant and flourishing future for our community.
The Challenges of Communication

By Bill Remis, President
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One thing I have come to appreciate as part of my presidency is the challenge of communicating successfully. We, Shaare Emeth’s Board, clergy, and staff, spend an incredible amount of time and effort trying to effectively and efficiently disseminate information to the Congregation, whether it be about the various events occurring here, issues that are relevant to our community, what your child can expect at Religious School this coming Sunday, or even important billing information. Even when we’ve put forth our best effort and feel as though we’ve created a well-crafted and transparent communication, it can quickly be interpreted as the opposite once published. It continues to amaze me how people can find new and different meanings from something that was crafted to be simple, straightforward, and clear.

We are lucky at Shaare Emeth to have tremendous expertise in our communications and marketing department to help us get the word out on all types of matters. It is a demanding job and not one we should ever take for granted. I am humbled each time I am responsible for authoring and delivering a speech, writing something, or simply conversing with someone knowing that I need to articulate a point. So many things come in to play – word choice, tone, structure, timing of communications, knowing your audience, being prepared for questions – the list goes on.

On the receiving end of communication, I believe we, as a whole, are quick to judge. We perceive things as ineffective, rude, inaccurate, ill-timed, or inappropriate. We question the writer’s motives. We wonder what they are not telling us. We pick apart inconsistencies and look for opportunities to prove ourselves correct. So much of our polarization and argument today comes from a failure to listen and assume good intent. We should always listen critically, seek understanding, and be careful not to judge too quickly or harshly. We should aim to question instead of to accuse. To challenge and disagree, but with respect and decency. Trying to share information or a point of view can be incredibly challenging. I hope we can learn, as a society, to recognize this challenge in ourselves so that we are more inclined to compassionately and respectfully receive communication from others.

The Bulletin: Finding Balance

By Hannah Michelson,
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This Bulletin you hold in your hands (or, perhaps, read online) is a fixture at Congregation Shaare Emeth and it has been for decades. It’s gone through countless changes throughout its existence, from length to layout, frequency to format, and more. This publication must keep up with the times and adapt to the audience it serves.

The Bulletin presents its own unique challenges of communication – in some ways, print media is an admittedly outdated form of communication. In fact, many synagogues around the country have completely done away with their printed newsletters and solely use digital communications. While that approach might work well for some in our community, I again find myself coming back to the question of audience – who is the Bulletin for? Everyone. And what is the best way overall to communicate effectively and efficiently with the total membership of Shaare Emeth?

The key is balance. Trying to find a one-size-fits-all digital solution to communications will inevitably alienate members of our community who rely on the Bulletin to feel connected to their temple. However, for a number of reasons including budget and time constraints, the ten issue per year version of the Bulletin is no longer sustainable. Our solution is a greater emphasis on digital communication – through sending the Bulletin in PDF form ahead of its arrival in print in your mailbox, ShaareMail twice a week, a robust website, and more engagement on social media – and fewer Bulletins. We’re planning double issues for the remainder of 2024, so you’ll receive a new Bulletin every other month.

Here’s when you can expect new Bulletins to arrive this year: May, July, September, and November.

I hope you love them and find them useful, and I genuinely welcome your feedback.
THANK YOU

A Note on Safety & Security

In late January, we sent an e-mail to all Shaare Emeth members and Shirlee Green Preschool families with a security update. It read, in part:

The topic of safety and security is not a conversation we have once a month at Shaare Emeth – it is an ongoing, evolving, omnipresent undertaking that is at the forefront of the minds of our Board of Trustees, Operating Committee, Clergy, and Staff and we take on this responsibility with the highest duty of care. We want our campus to be as secure and safe as possible while still being accessible and inclusive to our community, and we are going to great lengths, seen and unseen, to make that a reality.

We would also like to say a big thank you to those who generously contributed to our Security Funding appeal. These funds are helping to defray unexpected security personnel costs. The off-duty police officers we’ve had on-site have provided peace of mind to those on our campus during these challenging times when tensions are high. Your commitment to the safety and security of our community is deeply appreciated.

A big part of that responsibility includes providing all of you with prompt and relevant communications about security. To that end, we aren’t publishing current security information in the Bulletin. Due to the nature of print publication, it’s difficult, if not impossible, to share up-to-date information with you in this format. Instead, we highly recommend that you ensure you’re getting e-mails from Congregation Shaare Emeth.

If you aren’t receiving e-mails from us, or if you’re not sure, you can always update your profile by going to sestl.org/email. If you need help, call the temple office at 314-569-0010 or e-mail Valerie at vcundy@sestl.org.

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It begins at age 2, the once upon a time time: that time in a child’s life when the world is magical, mystery is everywhere, and curiosity comes careening ‘round the corner. “Godzilla’s in the city, and I have to protect it,” exclaims Arlo, age 4. “I am hammering the buildings back together,” adds Reid, age 3. And over the buildings made of blocks, their friend is leaping, “’Cause I have to keep practicing how to fly.”

From ages 2–7, magical thinking is king. A key role in the themes of children’s play, magical thinking benefits children in important ways. It’s not just make-believe. It’s brain building! Research shows a strong correlation between magical thinking and child development. Children exposed to magical thinking express higher levels of creativity (Subbotsky, 2010), exhibit increased empathy, and are better at complex problem solving (Nicolopoulou, 1999; Subbotsky, Hysted, and Jones, 2010). After all, it is in pretend play that children imagine they are someone else; becoming another allows children to view the perspectives of others and explore situations outside of their day-to-day experiences in the real world.

Teachers at Shirlee Green Preschool capitalize on current learning theory in designing the experiences our students have. We use chapter books as one way to bolster and maintain fantastical thinking. The best magical thinking books are whimsical, mysterious, and unexpected.

They have cliff hangers and a little stress. And the reading of them should last at least a month. Long stories, after all, let a child live in the imaginary story world for a while.

At SGP, our chapter books are read before rest time. At home, bedtime is great for cuddling up with new characters and curious adventures.

Starting at 3 years old, children are ready to be wrapped in the world of a chapter book. Here are some of our favorites:

For 3-year-olds: “Hope for the Flowers” by Trina Paulus
For 4-year-olds: “James and the Giant Peach” by Roald Dahl, “The Neverending Story” by Michael Ende
For 5-year-olds: “Nim’s Island” by Wendy Orr, “Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH” by Robert C. O’Brien
For 6–8-year-olds: “Inkheart” by Cornelia Funke, “The Wild Robot” by Peter Brown

The power of magical stories doesn’t end at age 8. Even teens enjoy being read to. Whether your child is young or old, share fantastic, magical worlds with them, because once upon a time is a wonderful place to be.

Our Summer Plans Are Heating Up at Camp Emeth!

2024 CAMP DATES: JUNE 10–AUGUST 2
Sign up for one week, all eight, or anything in between. It’s time to sign up for summer camp! Camp Emeth is for children entering Kindergarten through 8th grade.

CAMP EMETH PROGRAMMING:
Daily activities include swimming, arts & crafts, music, sports, Israel with our shinshin, Naama, shiur (Jewish lessons), chuggim (electives), outdoor activities, and more. We combine a unique blend of traditional camp activities with specialty programming.

SHABBAT AT CAMP EMETH:
Each Friday, we come together to celebrate Shabbat with a special all-camp tefillah service led by Shaare Emeth clergy, Israeli dance, and song session. On select Fridays, we will also have field trips and other special programs such as Yom Israel, Red White & Blue Day, and Yom Sport (our all-camp color wars).

Visit CAMPEMETH.ORG to REGISTER NOW!

Now Hiring for Summer

Camp Emeth is already working to build our team of caring, creative, compassionate, and diverse individuals who will create unforgettable memories for our camp community this summer. We have opportunities for students as young as entering 9th grade up to working professionals and educators looking to be a part of our leadership team in the summer.

Learn more and apply now at CAMPEMETH.ORG
Announcing the Livingston/Grossman Youth Engagement Endowment Fund

Congregation Shaare Emeth is very excited to announce the formation of the Livingston/Grossman Youth Engagement Endowment Fund, established by Jerri & Bill Livingston and Jane & Jim Grossman. The purpose of this fund is to provide Youth Engagement opportunities at Congregation Shaare Emeth. The Livingston and Grossman families have experienced first-hand the impact of the congregation and its many and varied youth programs on their own children, and out of their love for and gratitude to Shaare Emeth, want to leave a legacy that will impact future generations. This fund will help transform their vision of youth engagement and leadership into new programs and experiences as we engage our congregation’s youth in Jewish and communal life. Thank you to Jerri, Bill, Jane, and Jim for your generosity and support!

If you would like to contribute to this new endowment fund, you may make a tribute through the Temple website or office.

Welcome to Our New Director of Youth Engagement

By Rabbi Rachel K. Bearman
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I am excited to announce that beginning on July 1st, Helena Cooper will begin her new, full-time position as Congregation Shaare Emeth’s Director of Youth Engagement. This role is an innovation in our community and is made possible by the generous financial support of the Livingston/Grossman Youth Engagement Endowment Fund.

As Director of Youth Engagement, Helena will be responsible for providing engaging and fun youth group programming for our 3rd – 12th grade members while also helping to lead us into what we hope will be a new chapter of youth engagement for our congregation. We’re grateful to Laura Horton for leading middle school programming this year, and we are looking forward to collaborations between Camp Emeth and our Youth Engagement team in the future. Helena has been a beloved member of the Shaare Emeth and Camp Emeth communities for years now, and we are thrilled that she has accepted this full-time position.

When you next see Helena, please wish her a heartfelt Mazel Tov!
Shaare Emeth Youth

Laura Horton & Helena Cooper participated in the American Camp Association National Conference held February 6-9 in New Orleans, learning from industry experts, networking and brainstorming with their peers, and getting excited for Camp Emeth 2024 and engaging with Shaare Emeth’s youth throughout the year.

SETYG, Shaare Emeth Temple Youth Group for 9th-12th graders, recently enjoyed a festive Chanukah celebration, a trip to Magic Mini Golf and lunch at Fritz’s, and a dinner and trivia lounge night. We’re looking forward to our spring events and attending NFTY’s Missouri Valley + Ohio Valley Wild (Mid)West at GUCI.

Rabbi Rachel Bearman and Rabbi Lori Levine recently journeyed to Washington D.C. with Shaare Emeth’s Confirmands (10th graders) for the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism’s L’taken Seminar. The final day of the trip includes a visit to Capitol Hill where these teens used their Reform Jewish values to advocate for an issue that they care about. We love that they’re using their voices to change the world!
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<td>ALSO APRIL 3 &amp; 10 • With Rabbi Andrea Goldstein &amp; Eve Dyson • Tikkun Middot combines musar (ethical) study with mindfulness practices to bring deeper meaning to our daily lives. This session will focus on judging others favorably, simplicity, and faith. Participants must be able to attend all three sessions. <a href="#">Register at jmcstl.org</a></td>
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<td>With Cantor Warner • Using Jewish liturgical texts and sounds of worship, we’ll attempt to understand and balance tradition and change. A playlist of music used in the class and extra examples will be available to attendees. <a href="#">Register at sestl.co/texttue</a></td>
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<td>All 9th-12th graders are invited to join SETYG for a social justice project! This can count as two service hours. More information to come via e-mail. Don’t get teen engagement e-mails? Let Helena know at <a href="mailto:HCoope@sestl.org">HCoope@sestl.org</a></td>
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<td>A COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS WORKSHOP • For parents, teachers, &amp; teens</td>
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<td>Junior Youth Group is headed to Urban Air Sunset Hills with an all-access pass to the attractions: trampolines, ropes course, spin zone bumper cars, zipline, and more! $40 per person includes activities, jump socks, and bus. Register at sestl.co/jyg</td>
<td>How do we communicate in moments of crisis? This 90 minute, interactive workshop will help us define antisemitism, navigate challenging conversations, build resilience and support networks, and take further action. Details at sestl.co/courageous</td>
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<td>Discover delight in stretching and strengthening one’s body in honor of the recent Purim holiday. This class will combine playful curiosity with mindful poses, encouraging participants to embrace their joy. Register at jmcstl.org</td>
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**PASSOVER EDITION** |
| 10 A.M. • LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM | 10 A.M. • LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM | 9:30 A.M. • SHAARE EMETH |
| WITH GUEST INSTRUCTOR DR. BOB TAXMAN  
Texting Tuesdays is excited to welcome our first guest instructor - Shaare Emeth member, Dr. Bob Taxman. The topic for this two-part course will be announced in ShaareMail.  
Register at sestl.co/texttue | **EXODUS: BEING HUMAN IN THE TIME OF MIRACLES**  
**WITH RABBI BEARMAN**  
**Discover the human stories that are included with the tales of miraculous happenings in the Passover story. We’ll find these human moments in the text of Exodus, then expand on them through ancient and contemporary midrash.**  
Register at sestl.co/texttue | **WHERE MINDFULNESS MEETS POETRY**  
**WITH SCOTT BERZON**  
**Jewish Mindfulness Center**  
Explore the ways that mindfulness can illuminate poetry and poetry can deepen our mindfulness practice. We will read, discuss, meditate, and even write. No prior experience is necessary. All are welcome; registration required.  
Register at jmcstl.org | **Matriarchs to Mamalas**  
**4 p.m. on Zoom**  
**WOMEN IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT**  
Register at sestl.co/mm0424 |
| **TUE** | **FRI** | **SAT** |
| **TEXTING TUESDAYS** | **MINDFUL MOVEMENT:**  
**FINDING FREEDOM** | **PRAYER LAB:**  
**FREE TO BE**  
**10:45 A.M. IN THE KEHILLAH CENTER** |
| 10 A.M. • LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM | 10 A.M. • JEWISH MINDFULNESS CENTER  
**WITH CERTIFIED YOGA INSTRUCTOR DANI GLASSMAN LMT, RYT-500, MSW**  
During Passover we recall our redemption from Mitzrayim, literally the “narrow place.” In this class we will focus on opening and releasing those tight places in our bodies to help us recall the feeling of freedom.  
Register at jmcstl.org | 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 and personal reflection. All are welcome. |

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<td>Whether you are facing a physical illness, coping with mental illness, feeling spiritually depleted, living with Alzheimer’s or memory loss, caring for someone who is ill, etc. We invite you to join Rabbi Andrea Goldstein and Lucy Greenbaum for an afternoon of music, poetry, prayer, and connection with a community that cares. All are welcome. <strong>Registration is required at jmcstl.org</strong></td>
<td>Our combined Junior Youth Group is headed to Main Event for an afternoon of bowling, challenge course, and arcade games galore. Pizza and soft drinks are included! $45 per person covers all activities, food, shoe rental, and bus. <strong>Register at sestl.co/jyg</strong></td>
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PURIM CELEBRATIONS

Come One, Come All Adults (21+) for a Grown-Up Carnival and Improv Purimspiel with ComedySportz St. Louis

Saturday, March 23

at Congregation Shaare Emeth

7 p.m. Shushan Social Hour with Carnival Games, Purim Cocktails, Mocktails, and Hamantaschen

Will you brave the bounce house?
Or cast your line into the fishing pond and see what bites?

Step right up to Congregation Shaare Emeth’s one-of-a-kind carnival extravaganza – grab your friends, second wives, and mortal enemies for an evening of games, themed libations (alcoholic or non), hamantaschen, and other noshes fit for King Ahasuerus’ feast.

8 p.m. Cousin Mordy’s Improv Purimspiel with ComedySportz St. Louis

What do you get when you combine classic Jewish humor with ComedySportz’ action-packed improv games, a Megillah reading, and some liquored-up audience-participation?

We have absolutely no idea.
Come watch and we’ll find out together!

FREE! Bounce at your own risk.
Costumes appreciated but not required.

RSVP at sestl.co/purim24
Sunday, March 24
at Congregation Shaare Emeth

A Very Wonka Candy-Coated Purim

Quiet up and listen down. 
Nope scratch that, reverse it. 
It’s Purim time at Shaare Emeth and we’ve gone Wonka!

10:30 a.m. Wonka’s Sweet Spiel Spectacular in the Stiffman Sanctuary
A Purimspiel for families with children ages 0–12. With candy-coated Wonka charm, we’ll re-tell the story of Purim with costumes, music and singing, and lots of silly jokes. Everyone is invited and costumes are encouraged!

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Willy Wonka’s Joyful Purim Carnival
Watch as Shaare Emeth transforms into a chocolate factory with fun and food for all ages! The trackless train is back by popular demand, plus all your favorite carnival games. Crafts, face painting, balloon animals, snacks, and PRIZES! The amazing Purim Committee will once again be serving up a delicious lunch for purchase.

Wristbands are required for children ages 3 – 4th grade. Wristbands allow unlimited game play and each child receives a large and small prize.

Carnival wristbands are $15 for Shaare Emeth Members or $20 for non-members. Advance purchase recommended at sestl.co/purim24
**Pre-Order Your Purim Hamantaschen from Delectable Dough**

*Enjoy this sweet Purim treat without all the effort!*

Delectable Dough is our baker again this year. Pre-order your hamantaschen now to pick-up the week before Purim.

**All pre-orders are due Monday, March 4 at 12 p.m.**
Pick-up is Wednesday, March 20 between 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. in the North Lobby.

Gluten-free options are available in our online form.

Have a nut allergy? Contact Debbie Bram at dbram@sestl.org for our nut-free selection.

Hamantaschen are $36 a dozen with mix and match options! Visit [sestl.co/purim24](http://sestl.co/purim24) to order!

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**A New Megillah of Esther for Shaare Emeth!**

Congregation Shaare Emeth is grateful for a new Megillat Esther (Scroll of Esther) in a beautiful silver case that we received as a gift from Roz and Gilbert (z”l) Agrest, as well as their children, Adam Minnick and Jessica Hawkins and their families. This beautiful piece of Judaica will be on permanent display in our museum cases and will be used in our Purim celebrations beginning this year.

*Thank you to Roz and her family for helping us to fulfill the mitzvot of Purim in such a beautiful way!*
Thank you to our 2024 AV Club members! Since its inception in 2020, our AV Club members have contributed $24,000 toward our ability to live stream services and upgrade the temple’s audio/visual equipment. Join today for an annual donation of $100 or more through your Shulcloud account or call the temple office at 314-569-0010.

Thanks to our 2024 AV Club members:
- Harry and Susan Burack
- Janice Fishman
- Andrea and Brett Goldstein
- Randall and Nancy Green
- Betsy Kelly
- Dolores Kling
- Terry Lynford
- Louise Mass
- Gary and Marilyn Ratkin
- Lee and Mark Scissors
- Michele and Patrick Siler
- Virginia Weiss
- Alan and Susan Witte
HAPPY PASSOVER

Happy Passover!

Join us for an intergenerational 2nd night seder at Congregation Shaare Emeth.
SHAARING OUR STORY:
A Community 2nd Night Seder
Tuesday, April 23 at 5:30 p.m.

1. **It starts with the people** – at the front of the room and around the tables. Our seder will be led by Rabbi Andrea Goldstein, Cantor Seth Warner, and Lucy Greenbaum, and is truly intergenerational. Sit with your family or dearest friends or we’ll thoughtfully arrange your table for you to meet someone new.

2. **It’s a feast for your senses** – our gourmet Passover meal is expertly crafted by Papa Mark Catering, delighting your taste buds and smelling divine (vegetarian options available). You’ll hear curated readings from traditional and modern haggadot, the beautiful singing voices of Lucy Greenbaum, Cantor Warner, and members of Shir Emeth Youth Choir!

3. **It’s just right for kids but geared toward everyone** – our seder won’t be too long, but it’s also not too short. We plan to serve the meal around 6:30 and Debbie Bram will lead activities for the children throughout the seder to keep them engaged. All children in attendance can take part in the Afikomen Challenge and will leave with Passover goodies (frogs on their heads, perhaps).

4. **We’re weaving in Israel and Tzedek (justice) components.** More details on these to come in ShaareMail and on the website.

$45/adult members • $50/adult non-members (ages 10+)
$25/child members • $30/child non-members (ages 3-10)
*No charge for children under age 3 • Financial assistance for members is available; email Craig Neuman, Executive Director, at CNeuman@sestl.org.*

Register by April 11 at [sestl.co/passover24](http://sestl.co/passover24)

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**Your Four Questions of Passover?**

1. **What Haggadah should we use this year?**
2. **Are there new symbols to add to the Seder plate?**
3. **How can I keep the kids engaged during Seder?**
4. **Do you have any new dessert suggestions for Seder?**

Find our answers to these questions and more at [sestl.co/passover24](http://sestl.co/passover24)
WE'RE GETTING THE BAND CHOIR BACK TOGETHER!

On Friday, May 10, we will gather for Kol Yisrael Shabbat – “All of Israel” or “Voice of Israel” – during the week of Israel’s national holidays (see dates in the sidebar).

We are requesting the powerful presence of the Shaare Emeth Choirs at this special Shabbat service. The adults and the children sang so beautifully at Shabbat Shirah in January that we’re combining forces to create the Congregation Shaare Emeth Intergenerational Choir. The sound of all your voices filling the sanctuary is unlike any other, and we can’t get enough of it! Please e-mail Stacy at SJespersen@sestl.org if you’re interested and we will share rehearsal information as soon as it’s available. We will also include rehearsal dates and times in upcoming editions of ShaareMail.

CALLING ALL JEWISH SCOUTS

The Jewish Committee on Scouting of the Greater St. Louis Area Council Scouting is seeking all interested Jewish scouts to assist with a unique service project. The project will take place on the evening of May 2, 2024, and will last between 1–1 ½ hours. If you are interested in participating, please contact Stacy Jespersen at 314-569-0010 or SJespersen@sestl.org.

SAVE THE DATE

CONGREGATION SHAARE EMETH’S 157th Annual Meeting

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024 AT 6 P.M.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT TO FOLLOW IN THE MAY/JUNE BULLETIN & IN SHAAREMAIL
Welcome, New Member Families!

Linda and Philip Dembo
Honorable Audrey and Bruce Fleissig
Rachel Goldberg
Channing and Arthur Krizhevsky, with children, Wolf and Ronen
Emilie Lytton and Brian Dout, with child, Ruth

Ashley Pollock, with child, Emerson
Amanda and Christopher Wang, with children, Ayelet, Korbin, Dimitri, and Leisel

Eliza Katcher
Child of Jeremy and Ashley Katcher

Gabriel Bierman
Child of Lisa Schechter-Bierman and Richard Bierman

Masa Hammerman
Child of Amy and Zachary Hammerman

Talia Masin
Child of Meredith and Scott Masin

Avrom Goldfeder
Child of Emily and Adam Goldfeder

Lucas Cohn
Child of Christine and Brian Cohn

Joshua Fischer
Child of Irene and Danny Fischer

Dylan Hudson-Wolf
Child of Jason Wolf and Jenna Hudson

Mazel Tov to our March and April B’mitzvah Students!

Mazel tov to Emily Bornstein on being named a Wexner Field Fellow. The Wexner Foundation announced Class 8 of the Wexner Field Fellowship in January, and Emily is one of 15 Jewish professionals across North America selected for the most prestigious program in the Jewish professional world. The three-year intensive program involves learning from experienced faculty to develop tools for enhancing leadership while addressing pressing issues in the St. Louis Jewish community. Wexner Field Fellows also join a selective cohort of lifelong professional learners, receiving leadership guidance from Jewish educators, professional coaching, and funding for customized professional development opportunities.

Emily is the first Wexner Field Fellow from St. Louis. Emily serves as the Chief of Staff for the Jewish Federation of St. Louis and is a Shaare Emeth member, along with their spouse, Amy, and two children, Evan and Ari.

Mazel tov to Joe Pereles on receiving the JProStL Partnership Award. This annual award honors an outstanding volunteer leader who serves on boards and committees for one or multiple Jewish organizations. Joe was chosen as someone who brings out the best in his professional partners and the volunteers he leads, demonstrates a commitment to the Jewish community as a whole by promoting understanding, dialogue, and collaboration, and inspires others through ethical leadership, philanthropic endeavors, acts of kindness, excellent communication, and Jewish learning. Former Partnership honorees from Congregation Shaare Emeth include Debbie & Mike Lefton, Marilyn Ratkin, and Julie & Greg Yawitz. This is the only award of its kind in the country.

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RABBIS’ SPECIAL FUND
IN APPRECIATION OF:
Rabbi Bennett for preparing Jim & Samantha Winters for their wedding
Jill & Bradley Winters
Rabbi Bennett for helping Samantha Griffin through her conversion to Judaism
Jill & Bradley Winters
Rabbi Bennett to support and encourage the leadership of the clergy, specifically in support / of Rabbi Bennett’s message, “Finding Unity In Our Differences”
Michael Rubin and Joan McKerrow
Rabbi Goldstein for officiating the wedding of Ira Bernstein and Ruth Kessler
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IN MEMORIAL OF:
Sheila Cohen on the birth of her great-grandchild
Avraham Gavriel Goldstein
Ann Tullman

CANTORS SPECIAL FUND
IN APPRECIATION OF:
Cantor Warner to support and encourage the leadership of the clergy, specifically in support of Rabbi Bennett’s message, “Finding Unity In Our Differences”
Michael Rubin and Joan McKerrow

IN MEMORIAL OF:
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Michael Rubin and Joan McKerrow

BROCKMAN-SIEGELMAN GEMILUT HASADIM FUND
IN HONOR OF:
Harvey Schneider for continued good health
Ashley & Ann Lotstein
IN MEMORY OF:
Helen & Oscar Brockman, Evelyn & Sidney Goldberg, Wilma & Caroline Siegelman & George Siegelman
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IN MEMORY OF:
Kerry Schwartz
Fred M. Reichman
Eunice & John Reichman
Lisa Tash
Kenya Schwartz

MICAH DAVIS MEMORIAL FUND
IN MEMORY OF:
Richard Benkof
Pam Davis and Norm Davis
Ruth Kessler
Andy & Stan Shanker

ESSMAN-SCHAEFFER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND
IN HONOR OF:
Craig Neuman on his new position as Executive Director at Shaare Emeth
Marty & Merle Oberman

AL & EVA FLEISCHER HEALING FUND
IN MEMORY OF:
Fred M. Reichman
Tracy & Greg Kikis

SAM I. GOLMAN ISRAEL FUND
IN MEMORY OF:
Charlie Freemont
Nancy Bernstein and Jerry Proz

SHIRLEE GREEN PRESCHOOL FUND
IN HONOR OF:
Sheila Cohen on the birth of her great-grandchild
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The tributes listed here are those made for $10 or more and processed January 1–31, 2024. A tribute gift made in another’s name is a lovely way to honor a friend for a recent simcha (joyous occasion), to honor the memory of a deceased loved one on their yahrzeit (anniversary of death), or to show appreciation for someone. To make a tribute donation, visit sestl.org/give. Hard copy forms are available in the Shaare Emeth North lobby vestibule or you may email JMcginty@sestl.org.

ALAN GREENBERG EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND
IN MEMORY OF:
Ruth Kessler
Stefanie & Chris Virgin

ANTHONY B. LAKE SCHOLARSHIP FUND
IN MEMORY OF:
Melinda Segal
Susan & Harry Burack

NANCY LEVIN PRESCHOOL FUND
IN MEMORY OF:
Marsha Heligman
Judy & Bob Beckerman

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IN MEMORY OF:
Norma Rader
Sharyn Levitt, Jennifer Fouler and Stephanie Toove

LIBRARY FUND
IN MEMORY OF:
Brenda Baron
Linda & Bill Levin
Miriam Dennisson
Hannah Lee

STANLEY LYSS & ESTHER LYSS-GREENSTEIN LIFELONG LEARNING FUND
IN APPRECIATION OF:
Marcia & Carl Moskowitz for their friendship
Ellen Abrams
IN MEMORY OF:
Judy Allen
Lynn & Dr. Carl Lyss
Stanley Lyss and Esther Lyss-Greenstein
Harvey Greenstein
Alan Popkin
Lynn & Dr. Carl Lyss
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Gerald Kraft
Marcia & Steven Feit
Michael Marks
Michael Bobroff
Burney Salky
Dena & David Goran
Geraldine Schiller
Les Kaufman
Michael Scissors
Linda Edelman
Larry Weltman
Sue Wallich and Family
Herman Williams
Sue & Leon Krawitz,

JUDY WASSERMAN FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY

IN MEMORY OF:
Louis Goldford
Dora Alport
Sharon Silverman
Nancy Bernstein & Jerry Prod; Leanne & Harvey Schneider

RUDY SALKY

IN MEMORY OF:

Norma Rader
Lynn & Dr. Carl Lys
Bernard Salky
Lynn & Dr. Carl Lys
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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.

**Condolences**

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Husband of Barbara Feldacker

Judy Pogorelsky  
Wife of Alan Pogorelsky

Lawrence Weltman  
Husband of Judy Weltman

**Sympathy**

Neal DuBro on the death of his mother, Betti Blumoff

Merle (Greg ḥtz) Fox on the death of her mother-in-law, Marilyn Fox

Farilyn Hale on the death of her mother, Ruth Kessler

Cathy (Mark) Litow and Evelyn (Louis) Cohen on the death of their sister and sister-in-law, Judy Allen

Amy (Jason) Pollock on the death of her father, Barry Lasky

Jerry (Mara) Rosenthal on the death of his brother, Stephen L. Rosenthal

**Perpetual Memorials**

A memorial has been established for:

Melford Berns  
Established by Suzan Berns and Julie Lipson

Ronald Allen Ellis  
Established by Eugene Ellis

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Established by Robin and Larry Pevnick

Elaine Margules and Sharon Goldstein  
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Established by Ed Rader, Nancy Inhofe, Jeff Rader and Dan Rader

Sandra Bernice Rosenberg  
Established by Renee & Sam Silverstein and Kathi & Stuart Rosenberg

Ronald E. Steiner  
Established by Cindy Steiner, Laura Steiner, and Dan & Klare Stein and family

Rose Pearl Waldman

Mark G. Weinstein  
Established by Dan & Dana Weinstein, Boyd Weinstein, and Ric & Cindy Weinstein

Names of those remembered by a Perpetual Memorial are read during Friday Shabbat Services. They will also be remembered by yahrzeit date reminders sent to designated family members’ homes and are automatically included with the Perpetual Memorials in our memorial book on Yom Kippur. For more information on establishing a Perpetual Memorial, contact Stacy Jespersen at SJespersen@sestl.org or 314-692-5302.

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