CONGREGATION SHAARE EMETH

# IIIIBULLETIN

MARCH & APRIL 2024



Saturday, March 23





SUNDAY, MARCH 24

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#### 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

 ${\it 6 p.m.} \qquad {\it L'Dor VaDor Intergenerational Kabbalat Shabbat Service:}$ 

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 р.т. Тzedek 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

9:30 a.m. Boker Tov Shabbat: Passover Edition, Details on Page 12

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 VADOR 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 VaDor 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,

gotten 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 VaDor 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!

## IIII COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

### THE BLESSINGS OF A BROKEN ANKLE

By Rabbi James M. Bennett

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s 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 encircled 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 mefrom 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."

## IIIIII LETTERS FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

### 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.



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.

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.

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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.

## IIIIII LETTERS FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

# THE CHALLENGES OF COMMUNICATION

#### By Bill Remis, President

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ne 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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his 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.



### 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.

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.co/email.

If you need help, call the temple office at 314-569-0010 or e-mail Valerie at vcundy@sestl.org.

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.

Lauren and Brad Abel Melissa and Jason Adler Linda and Mike Adler Suzi and Alan Bayne Laurie and Sidney Bennett Sheri and Paul Berkowitz Melanie and Mitch Bernstein

Lorry Blath Sue Bohm

Boyd and Laura Bolter

Rachel Bolter Steve Boonshaft Alison Bourev

Teri and Harvey Brandvein

Bebe Brasloff Sandy Brickman

Andrea and Randy Brodsky Nancy and Steven Brody

Ilene Brooks and Dick Scharnhorst

Maggie and Jerry Brooks Sandy and Phil Brooks Laurie and Mark Burstein Melissa Bushman and Stuart Price

Christine and Matthew Cain Judy and Greg Campbell

Lissa and Alexander Chosid

Dave Coblitz

Sharon and Richard Cohen

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Lindsay Grubbs-Bisel and Nikki Bisel

Marci and Jim Hennessy Nancy and Sidney Hirsch Debbie and Kent Hirschfelder

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Les Kaufman

Judy and Steve Kaufman

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Linda Rubin

The Rubin Foundation Rachel Sachs and George Brell Peggy and Alan Schaffer

Leanne and Harvey Schneider Jacci and Rich Schnidman

Susan Schreiber

Judy Schwartz Jaffe and Guy Jaffe

Oscar Schwartz Gloria and Ron Schwartz

Jenn Schwesig and Kevin Mellick

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Barbara Shuman Vicki Siegel

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Jody and Mickey Waldman Wendy and Sandy Wax

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Susan and Robert Weintraub Sharon and Alan Weissman

Judy Willett

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Patti Wright Kathy Zigler

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## I∭II SHIRLEE GREEN PRESCHOOL



# By Brandi Kanoya, Director of Shirlee Green Preschool

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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.



"Because stories are important. People think that stories are shaped by people.

In fact, it's the other way around."

- Terry Pratchett

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.

Nicolopoulou, A. (1999). Play, cognitive development, and the social world: Piaget, Vygotsky, and beyond. In P. Llyod & C. Fernyhough (Eds.), Lev Vygotsky: Critical assessments: Thought and language, Vol. 2, pp. 419—446). Taylor & Frances/Routledge. Subbotsky, Eugene, '4 Magical Thinking and Children's Cognitive Development', Magic and the Mind: Mechanisms, Functions, and Development of Magical Thinking and Behavior (New York, 2010; online edn, Oxford Academic, 1 May 2010), https://doi.org/10.1093/acprof:oso/9780195393873.003.0004, accessed 30 Jan. 2024. Subbotsky E, Hysted C, Jones N. Watching films with magical content facilitates creativity in children. Percept Mot Skills. 2010 Aug; 111(1):261–77.

# 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.

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#### 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

# Welcome to Our New Director of Youth Engagement



**By Rabbi** Rachel K. Bearman

I am excited to announce that beginning on July Ist, Helena Cooper will begin her new, full-time position as Congregation Shaare Emeth's Director of Youth Engagement. This role is an 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 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 Emeth and Camp Emeth communities for

When you next see Helena, please wish her a heartfelt Mazel Toy!



# 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.



haare 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.

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!



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.



# March Events

1 LIVING ON A PRAYER

10 A.M. • JEWISH MINDFULNESS CENTER

FRI

# SIM SHALOM & OSEH SHALOM: CULTIVATING PEACE

Join Rabbi Andrea Goldstein to explore the meaning, history, and development of traditional prayers that can be incorporated or adapted into a personal prayer practice.

Register at imcstl.org

MON

HAMAN-TASCHEN PRE-ORDERS DUE AT NOON!

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TUE

5 TEXTING TUESDAYS

10 A.M. · LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM

MULTIPLE NARRATIVES: IMPRESSIONS FROM ISRAEL

Debbie Bram will share her experience from her February Jewish educators' mission to Israel. Debbie visited displaced families, Israeli Arab and Israeli Jewish students, and families of hostages.

Register at sestl.co/texttue

TUE

12 TEXTING TUESDAYS

10 A.M. · LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM

#### **ORIGINS & TASTING OF HAMANTASCHEN**

**With Debbie Bram** • A delicious deep dive into hamantaschen. What is the significance of the hamantaschen? Taste different varieties and learn more about the culture behind the recipes.

Register at sestl.co/texttue

TUE

19 TEXTING TUESDAYS

10 A.M. · LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM

# THE QUEENS OF SHUSHAN: ENEMIES OR TWO SIDES OF THE SAME COIN?

**With Rabbi Bearman** • Tradition has tried to pit Vashti and Esther against one another, but contemporary Jewish voices are increasingly asking whether they might actually be better understood as two sides of the same coin.

Register at sestl.co/texttue

**WED** 

20 HAMANTASCHEN PRE-ORDER PICK-UP

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TUE

26 TEXTING TUESDAYS

10 A.M. · LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM

# THE ART OF PRAYER: WESTERN MUSIC AS SYNAGOGUE SOUND

**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.

Register at sestl.co/texttue

TUE

26 MATRIARCHS
TO MAMALAS

4 P.M. ON ZOOM
WOMEN IN QUEER LITERATURE
Register at sestl.co/mm0324

WED

27 LET IT RIPPLE: TIKKUN MIDDOT

7 P.M. • JEWISH MINDFULNESS CENTER

ALSO APRIL 3 & 10 • With Rabbi Andrea

Goldstein & 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. Register at jmcstl.org

# March Events

SETYG SERVICE **PROJECT** 

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#### TIME & LOCATION TBD

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 **HCooper@sestl.org** 

SUN

JYG GOES TO URBAN AIR

#### 2 P.M. · BUS BOARDS AT SHAARE EMETH

#### **OPEN TO ALL 3RD-8TH GRADERS**

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/jvg

SUN

COMMUNICATING IN CRISIS

3 P.M. • ST. LOUIS KAPLAN FELDMAN HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

#### A COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS **WORKSHOP** • For parents, teachers, & teens

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

SAT

SHUSHAN AFTER DARK

7 P.M. AT SHAARE EMETH

WITH COMEDYSPORTZ ST. LOUIS See page 16 for details



SUN

A VERY WONKA CANDY-COATED PURIM

10:30 A.M. SPIEL 11 A.M.-1 P.M. CARNIVAL

See page 17 for details



THU

FRI

**MINDFUL MOVEMENT:** EMBODIED JOY

10 A.M. · JEWISH MINDFULNESS CENTER

#### WITH CERTIFIED YOGA INSTRUCTOR DANI GLASSMAN LMT, RYT-500, MSW

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 imcstl.org

FRI

PRAYER LAB: LOVE IS ALL **AROUND** 

### 6 P.M. IN THE KEHILLAH CENTER

Join Rabbi Goldstein, Lucy Greenbaum, and the Prayer Lab musicians for our monthly nontraditional Shabbat service combining poetry, participatory music, interactive teachings, and time set aside for meditation and personal reflection. All are welcome.

DRIVE Watch ShaareMail for the sign-up link

# April Events

TUE

TEXTING

# 10 A.M. · LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM

# 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

SUN

WHERE MINDFULNESS MEETS POETRY

# 10 A.M. · LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM

#### 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

SAT

BOKER TOV SHABBAT:

PASSOVER EDITION

### 9:30 A.M. • SHAARE EMETH

Families with children 5 and younger are invited to join Shaare Emeth clergy and educators to celebrate

Shabbat and the upcoming holiday of Passover. Free and open to all!

Register at sestl.co/bokertov41324

TUE

TEXTING TUESDAYS

10 A.M. · LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM

# 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

TUE

16 MATRIARCHS TO MAMALAS

4 P.M. ON ZOOM

WOMEN IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

Register at sestl.co/mm0424



FRI

26 MINDFUL MOVEMENT: FINDING FREEDOM

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** 

SAT

PRAYER LAB: FREE TO BE
10:45 A.M. IN THE KEHILLAH CENTER



Join Rabbi Goldstein, Lucy Greenbaum, and the Prayer Lab musicians for our monthly nontraditional Shabbat service combining poetry, participatory music, interactive teachings, and time set aside for meditation and personal reflection.Allarewelcome.

# April Events

SUN

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# 14 YOU ARE NOT ALONE

# 4 P.M. IN THE KEHILLAH CENTER

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.

Registration is required at imcstl.org

14 JYG GOES TO MAIN EVENT

### 2 P.M. • BUS BOARDS AT SHAARE EMETH

#### **OPEN TO ALL 3RD-8TH GRADERS**

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.

Register at sestl.co/jyg

TUE



SHAARING OUR STORY:

25 PASSOVER 2ND NIGHT SEDER

5:30 P.M. · SIMCHA CENTER

INTERGENERATIONAL COMMUNITY PASSOVER SEDER • See pages 20 & 21.



## **WED**

SETYG TEEN SEDER 7–9 P.M.
SETYG is hosting a teen's only seder for the third night of Passover!

All 9th-12th graders are welcome to join us for a modern take on an ancient tradition, and to come celebrate with friends new and old. More information to come via e-mail.



## TUE

TEXTING TUESDAYS

10 A.M. · LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM

#### **PRAYING & LEARNING WITH OUR FEET**

Join Rabbi Andrea Goldstein and Debbie Bram as they share what they learned on our Congregation's Civil Rights Trip earlier in the month.

Register at sestl.co/texttue



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.

RSVP at sestl.co/purim24

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.



**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** 

## IIIIII PURIM CELEBRATIONS



# 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** to order!

# 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!



# SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

with Rabbi Andrea Goldstein

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-Shaare Emeth members is \$50 per session.

To set up a first appointment contact Stacy Jespersen at sjespersen@sestl.org.



# Weekly Mindfulness Meditation Sits

#### Tuesdays in March and April from 9-9:30 a.m.

The Jewish Mindfulness Center of St. Louis holds free weekly Mindfulness Meditation Sits on Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. via Zoom. Rabbi Goldstein leads these sessions. No previous meditation experience is necessary. To obtain the link contact Stacy Jespersen at sjespersen@sestl.org.



## THANK YOU, AV CLUB!

hank 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



Toin us for an intergenerational 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

# 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** 





Yom HaShoah: May 5–6 Holocaust Remembrance Day

Yom HaZikaron: May 12-13 Israeli Memorial Day

Yom Ha'atzmaut: May 13-14 Israeli Independence Day



### 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

## IIIII MAZEL TOV

# WELCOME, NEW MEMBER FAMILIES!

Linda and Philip Dembo Honorable Audrey and Bruce Fleissig Rachel Goldberg

Channing and Arthur Krichevsky, with children, Wolf and Ronen

Emilie Lytton and Brian Dout, with child, Ruth



Ashley Pollock, with child, Emerson Amanda and Christophe

#### Amanda and Christopher Wang, with children, Ayelet, Korbin, Dimitri, and Leisel

# SIMCHAS



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.

JProStL, an initiative of the Jewish Federation of St. Louis, is the professional association for staff who work at 50 nonprofits affiliated with the St. Louis Jewish community. Rabbi Lori Levine is the current JProStL president and Craig Neuman is a past president.

# MAZEL TOV TO OUR MARCH AND APRIL B'MITZVAH STUDENTS!



Gabriel Bierman Child of Lisa Schechter-Bierman and Richard Bierman



Eliza Katcher
Child of Ashley
and Jeremy Katcher



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



Joshua Fischer
Child of Irene and
Danny Fischer



Oylan Fludson-Wolf Child of Jason Wolf and James Hudson

#### **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 Winters 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 Meagan Applebaum and Andrew Jehle Julie & Jeff Applebaum

Rabbi Goldstein for inspiration and support Patty & Jeff Kaplan

Rabbi Goldstein for officiating the funeral service for Bernard Salky

Molly & Kenny Salky

Rabbi Bearman for officiating at the wedding of Jim & Samantha Winters

Jill & Bradley Winters

Rabbi Lori Levine for performing their 70th wedding anniversary vow renewal ceremony

Berna & Bill Haberman

Shaare Emeth

Roma Wittcoff

#### IN HONOR OF:

Rabbi Bennett for a speedy recovery

Ilene Brooks & Dick Scharnhorst; Gail & Charles
Eisenkramer; Amy & Jim Kalishman: Barb & Rich Kramer;
Carole & Dave Lander; Debbie & Mike Lefton; Amy & Craig
Neuman; Robin & Larry Pevnick; Sherri & Jim Rosen; Susan
Saxe; Linda Vesper; Sue Wallach and Family; Jody &
Mickey Waldman

Amy & Rabbi Jim Bennett on the birth of their granddaughter, Aria Bayla Bennett

Susan & Harry Burack; Vivien Gardner and Family; Arlene Goodman; Amy & Jim Kalishman; Barb & Rich Kramer; Nancy & Harvey Lehrer; Sue Wallach and Family; Karen & Mark Zorensky

Erica & Ethan Bennett on the birth of their daughter, Aria Bayla Bennett

Vivien Gardner and Family

Brenda & Joe Pereles on their granddaughter Molly Pereles becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Karen & Mark Zorensky

Stacy & Jon Jespersen and Gerry Weinman on the birth of Eliana Grace Konradt

Debby, Lee, Marc and Alex Rothman

#### **IN MEMORY OF:**

Ira Bernstein

Carole & David Lander

Frances Hartmann

Ron & Kathy Hartman

Buddy Lebman

Debby, Lee, Marc and Alex Rothman

Ethel Lerner

Ellanie Balber

Brenda Solomon

Merle & Dale Singer

#### **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 MEMORY OF:**

Judy Lee Pogorelsky Fran Poger

#### BROCKMAN-SIEGELMAN GEMILUT HASADIM FUND

#### IN HONOR OF:

Harvey Schneider for continued good health Ashley & Ann Loiterstein

#### IN MEMORY OF:

Helen & Oscar Brockman, Evelyn & Sidney Goldberg, Wilma & Caroline Siegelman & George Siegelman

Ronnie & Allen Brockman

Joni Koven

Kenny Schwartz

Fred M. Reichman

Eunice & John Reichman

Lisa Tash

Kenny 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 Kalik

#### **SAM I. GOLMAN ISRAEL FUND**

#### **IN MEMORY OF:**

Charlie Freemont

Nancy Bernstein and Jerry Prod

#### **SHIRLEE GREEN PRESCHOOL FUND**

#### IN HONOR OF:

Sheila Cohen on the birth of her great-grandson Avraham Gavriel Goldstein

Ann Tullman

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

#### DOROTHY LEVITT/BIRDIE FURSTENBERG SUPPORT STAFF FUND

#### IN MEMORY OF:

Norma Rader

Sharyn Levitt, Jennifer Fowler and Stephanie Towe

#### **LIBRARY FUND**

#### IN MEMORY OF:

Brenda Baron Linda & Bill Levin Miriam Dennison Hannah Lee

# STANLEY LYSS & ESTHER LYSS-GREENSTEIN LIFELONG LEARNING FUND

#### IN APPRECIATION OF:

Marcia & Carl Moskowitz for their friendship Ellen Abramson

#### IN MEMORY OF:

Judy Allen

Lynn & Dr. Carl Lyss

Stanley Lyss and Esther Lyss-Greenstein

Harvey Greenstein

Alan Popkin

Lynn & Dr. Carl Lyss



Norma Rader Lynn & Dr. Carl Lyss Bernard Salkey Lynn & Dr. Carl Lyss Geraldine Schiller

Lynn & Dr. Carl Lyss

#### **MANN FAMILY HUNGER FUND**

#### IN HONOR OF:

Judy Wasserman for a speedy recovery Ginny Weiss

#### IN MEMORY OF:

Louis Goldford

Doris Alport

Sharon Silverman

Nancy Bernstein & Jerry Prod; Leanne & Harvey Schneider

#### **MICHAEL MATLOF CONNECTION & COMMUNICATION FUND**

#### IN HONOR OF:

Bill Elliot for his special birthday Sue Matlof

Doris Holtzman for her special birthday Sue Matlof

Sue Matlof for her special birthday Ronnie & Allen Brockman; Carole & David Lander; Marilyn Ratkin; Susan Rich; Susan & Alan Witte

#### **IN MEMORY OF:**

Ruth Kessler

Sue Matlof

Brenda Solomon

Carole & Jay Goldstein

#### **DONNA MEYERS LIBRARY BOOK NOOK FUND**

#### **IN MEMORY OF:**

Leslie Roth

Andrew Meyers

#### **OPERATIONS ENHANCEMENT FUND**

#### IN HONOR OF:

Carole & Jay Goldstein on their 55th wedding anniversary

Nancy & Harvey Lehrer

Craig Neuman on his new position at

Shaare Emeth

Avigail & Steven Rosenzweig

#### **IN MEMORY OF:**

Judy Allen

Sharon & Richard Cohen

Ellen Hiatt

Michael Bobroff

Robert Horowitz

Suzy Elkins & Roberta Goran

Gerald Kraft

Marcia & Steven Feit

Michael Marks

Michael Bobroff

Burney Salky

Deena & David Goran

Geraldine Schiller

Les Kaufman

Michael Scissors

Linda Edelman

Larry Weltman

Sue Wallach and Family

Herman Williams

Susie & Leon Kravetz

#### **GARY & MARILYN RATKIN SOCIAL ACTION EDUCATION FUND**

#### IN HONOR OF:

Stephani Becker for being the recipient of a Healthcare Advocate Award

Marilyn & Gary Ratkin

Marilyn Ratkin on her special birthday

Lary & Lois Kupor; Carole & David Lander; Nancy & Harvey Lehrer; Sue Matlof; Leanne & Harvey Schneider; Susan & Alan Witte

#### IN MEMORY OF:

Bernard Salky

Dana & Vince DeBlasi

#### THE REICHMAN FAMILY MUSIC FUND

#### IN MEMORY OF:

Fred M. Reichman

Tracy, Greg and Allie Kalik

#### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

#### IN HONOR OF:

Rabbi Levine and Rabbi Bearman for taking the 10th grade confirmation class to L'Taken

Marissa & Howard Rosen and Family

#### SAM & GOLDYE ROSEN MUSIC FUND

#### IN HONOR OF:

Bonnie & Steve Rosen on their granddaughter Sydney Rosen becoming a Bat Mitzvah Rita & Barry Worth

#### IN MEMORY OF:

Florence Kempf

Steve & Bonnie Rosen

Hal Rosen

Rita & Barry Worth

#### **HARVEY & LEANNE SCHNEIDER** INTERFAITH FORUM

#### IN MEMORY OF:

Robert Berlinger and Michael Levy

Leanne & Harvey Schneider

John H. Morrison

Bonnie & Norman Solomon

#### **JOAN & HARRY SELTZER FAMILY FUND** FOR IMPROVING WOMEN'S LIVES

#### IN HONOR OF:

Jill Schupp

Cynthia & Garry Seltzer

Joan Seltzer

Cynthia & Garry Seltzer

#### **FAYE H. & ROBERT J. SIEGEL SETYG PROGRAM FUND**

#### IN HONOR OF:

Patti & Bruce Garber on their 50th wedding anniversary

Carole & Zachary Mann

Talia Masin on being accepted to the Joffrey Ballet summer program

Eileen & Mort House

#### **IDA STACK YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

#### **IN MEMORY OF:**

Norman Stack

The Stack Family

#### **RABBI JEFFREY B. STIFFMAN LECTURE FUND**

#### IN APPRECIATION OF:

Rabbi Stiffman for his treasured friendship to their family

Lara & Dan Steinel

#### IN MEMORY OF:

Dorothy Roach

Kelly & Bob Goldman and Susan Guffey

Sarah Zuckerman Wiener

Rita & Barry Worth

#### MARSHALL C. WEISMAN FUND FOR PRESCHOOL SPECIAL **NEEDS CHILDREN**

#### IN MEMORY OF:

Judy Wigdor Krivit Susie & Jeff Horowitz

Bela Mekler Warticovschi

Susie & Jeff Horowitz

#### **KATHY & MARTY ZIGLER FUND** FOR ENRICHMENT OF **PRESCHOOL TEACHERS**

#### IN HONOR OF:

Bonnie & Steve Rosen on their granddaughter Sydney Rosen becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Susan & Neal Kalishman

## Condolences

**Barbara Geller**Wife of Allen Geller

**Bruce Feldacker**Husband of Barbara
Feldacker

**Judy Pogorelsky**Wife of Alan Pogorelsky

Lawrence Weltman
Husband of Judy Weltman

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.

## SYMPATHY

Neal DuBro on the death of his mother, Betti Blumoff

Merle (Greg z"l) 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

#### Anne and Daniel Hilecher

Established by Robin and Larry Pevnick

#### Elaine Margules and Sharon Goldstein

Established by Lawrence Goldstein

#### Norma Lee Rader

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

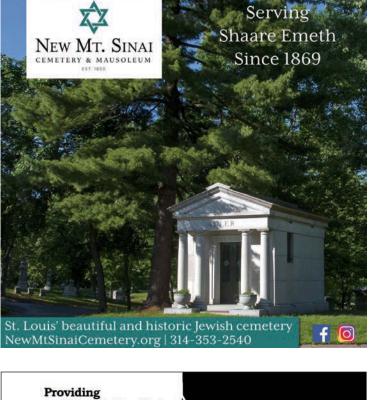
#### Mark G. Weinstein

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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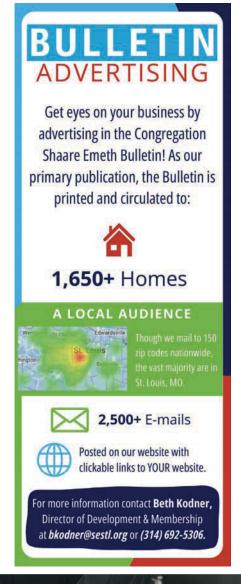


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