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**JANUARY &
FEBRUARY
2025**



**DR. TOMER
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Yael YECHIELI

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SCHEDULE

JANUARY + FEBRUARY 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, January 3, 2025

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

Saturday, January 4, 2025

9:30 a.m. *Torah Study*

11 a.m. *Shabbat Morning Service: Jonah Chaitman, child of Michelle and Cliff Chaitman, becomes a Bar Mitzvah*

Friday, January 10, 2025

6 p.m. *Kabbalat Shabbat Service*

Saturday, January 11, 2025

9:30 a.m. *Keshet LGBTQ+ Torah Study and Shabbaton*
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Friday, January 17, 2025

6 p.m. *Tzedek & Martin Luther King, Jr. Shabbat with Guest Speaker, Rev Traci Blackmon*
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Saturday, January 18, 2025

9:30 a.m. *Torah Study*

Friday, January 24, 2025

6 p.m. *Kabbalat Shabbat Service*

Saturday, January 25, 2025

9:30 a.m. *Torah Study*

11 a.m. *Shabbat Morning Service: Charlotte Abel, child of Lauren and Brad Abel, becomes a Bat Mitzvah*

Friday, January 31, 2025

6 p.m. *Kabbalat Shabbat Service*

Saturday, February 1, 2025

9:30 a.m. *Torah Study*

Friday, February 7, 2025

6 p.m. *Shabbat Shirah: A Special L'Dor VaDor Intergenerational Kabbalat Shabbat Service, featuring Shir Emeth Youth Choir and our 5th grade Religious School students*
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Saturday, February 8, 2025

9:30 a.m. *Torah Study*

11 a.m. *Shabbat Morning Service: Esther Esses, child of Stephanie Battaglia-Esses and Justin Esses (ז"ל), becomes a Bat Mitzvah*

Friday, February 14, 2025

6:30 p.m. *at United Hebrew Congregation*

Songs at Sinai's Foot: A Musical Community Shabbat featuring Rabbi Noah Diamondstein, Lucy Greenbaum, Charlie Kramer, and Greta Rosenstock

No Shabbat evening services at Shaare Emeth

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Saturday, February 15, 2025

9:30 a.m. *Torah Study*

10:45 a.m. *Prayer Lab with Special Guest Rabbi Noah Diamondstein*
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Friday, February 21, 2025

6 p.m. *Kabbalat Shabbat Service with Deutsch*

Scholars-in-Residence, Dr. Tomer Persico and Yael Yechieli

7:15 p.m. *Shabbat Dinner and Program*

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Saturday, February 22, 2025

9:30 a.m. *Torah Study with Dr. Tomer Persico,*

Deutsch Scholar-in-Residence

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Friday, February 28, 2025

6 p.m. *Kabbalat Shabbat Service*

Saturday, March 1, 2025

9:30 a.m. *Torah Study*

11 a.m. *Shabbat Morning Service: Arianna Wachler, child of Melissa and Brad Wachler, becomes a Bat Mitzvah*

HOLIDAY BUILDING CLOSURES

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

Monday, January 20: in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Monday, February 17: in observance of Presidents' Day.



MAKING OUR REFORM JEWISH VOICES HEARD IN ISRAEL

By Rabbi James M. Bennett

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For the past year, our American Jewish community has appropriately joined in concern for, and interest in, the people, nation and land of Israel with an intensity and commitment that we have not witnessed before in most of our lifetimes. The existential threats we have

witnessed and felt have awakened within many a deep sense of loyalty. We all join in working, praying, and hoping for a better future one that will see Israel and her neighbors at peace. A future in which all who dwell in the land can realize the vision of the Israeli Declaration of Independence that promised peace and justice and equality for all.

At the same time, for the past year, voices have been raised in Israel and in support of Israel that challenge some of our core values as Reform Jews and our vision of Israel as a democratic and pluralistic nation. Ultra-Orthodox rabbis and extreme politicians have managed to gain control of key levers of power and aim to use them and the crisis of the current military actions to seek to relegate Reform Jews, women, LGBTQ+ Israelis, and ethnic minorities to secondary status.

I believe that each of us, as American Reform Jews, has an obligation to make a choice. Do we want to be written out of the story of Israeli and Jewish history, or do we want to be able to join in helping to write these stories.

Now, once again, we have an opportunity to make a difference, and to join thousands of Reform Jews in mobilizing for the **WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS ELECTIONS 2025**.

The World Zionist Congress controls an annual budget of over \$1 billion and represents Jewish communities from around the world, meeting every five years to:

- Set policies that affect the status of Reform Jews in Israel and millions of Israelis
- Make decisions that influence hundreds of millions of dollars in spending
- Influence construction projects and therefore the choice between settlement expansion or a path to peace, and ensuring investment in communities destroyed on October 7th

Registering to vote and make our voice heard is our opportunity to strengthen democracy and equity in Israel. While Israelis fight to keep their borders secure, we can act to secure Israel as a democratic state. Each of our votes directly impacts resources and funding for Reform synagogues, rabbis, and advocacy, ensuring Israel remains a robust democracy, committed to religious pluralism, women's rights, LGBTQ+ inclusion, and a clearer path to peace.

If you would like to learn more or join with me and others in our congregation to help mobilize our community to join in the World Zionist Congress Elections this year, **please add your name to our World Zionist Congress Election list at <https://sestl.co/wzce25>**. We will be in touch with you soon to let you know specifically how you can help, by mobilizing others and especially, by registering to vote in this important election.

Together, we can advocate for an Israel that reflects our commitment to democracy, equality, and inclusion. Our movement, our values, and Israel need each of us to make our voices heard.

WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

Stand up for Reform Values in Israel

- ✓ Protect democracy in Israel
- ✓ Support a path to peace
- ✓ Fight for women's and LGBTQ+ rights

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MARCH 10 – MAY 4, 2025



LETTERS FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

A YEAR IN REVIEW

By Craig Neuman, Executive Director

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I'm not typically a nostalgic type. I'm the parent who (fairly easily) brings themselves to throw away our children's 3rd grade art projects. But as I sit to write this article after witnessing the amazing Gathering for Gratitude for the first time, I find myself wistfully contemplating my first year as your Executive Director. This

year has been filled with moments of profound community connection, organizational growth, and meaningful spiritual engagement. It's been a privilege to work alongside our dedicated staff, clergy, Board of Trustees, and volunteers as we continue to serve as a beacon of Reform Judaism in our community.

While I do enjoy the simple pleasure of looking at photos of my kids when they were young (I'm not a monster), when I generally think about the past, I am focused on what I can learn from it. How can the experiences of the past guide me in the future? How does it impact my decision making? My actions? Did I achieve the goals I had set for myself? To that end, I re-read the bulletin article I wrote in February about my stated goals for 2024. How did I do? What can I learn?

First, I said I was going to connect with synagogue stakeholders. I was blessed to come into this community knowing so many of you already. And I was doubly blessed to meet so many of you for the first time this past year. AND I know that there are still some of you I haven't yet had the pleasure of meeting. Please introduce yourself next time you're here and I'll do the same

for those I don't recognize when I'm at events. Through our interactions, I can/have learned much about the history and culture of our Shaare Emeth community which will inform my actions in the years to come.

In this vein, you were recently be asked to complete a congregational survey as part of our strategic planning process which we are embarking upon. This is an opportunity to ensure that your voice and perspective are heard. Thank you in advance for contributing to the future of our Temple. I look forward to sharing our new strategic plan with you over the summer.

Second, I told you that I would be focused on establishing and refining key operational processes. I am proud to say that as we begin 2025, we do so with new financial software, a new general ledger for our budget, and improved accounting procedures. We do so with additional stakeholder representation on our Board of Trustees, and new Finance, Development, Endowment, Membership, and Engagement Committees. And we do so with an expanded communications department, new HR software procedures, new Temple credit cards, new staff engagement surveys, and a new phone system. To name just a few. I expect that enacting these changes will help our decision-making processes to be more efficient and reflective of our values. I'll certainly be monitoring this over the next several months.

Finally, I had hoped to earn your trust through transparency and open communication. Ultimately, you will be the judge of whether I was able to achieve this goal. As Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks (z'l) said "A world of truth is a world of trust, and vice versa." I will strive to continue sharing the truths of our congregation with you as we journey to the future together.



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WARMTH OF OUR COMMUNITY

By Dana DeBlasi, President

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Winter in St. Louis is certainly cold, and some even say gloomy... but not here at Shaare Emeth.

Shaare Emeth is a place where the community gathers to find warmth and comfort when it is snowy and dark

outside. There is a sharp contrast between the chill outdoors and the welcoming atmosphere inside our walls. Whether the soft glow of our menorah candles, the winter afternoon sun through the Chihuly stained-glass windows in our sanctuary, or the smiling faces as we pass in the halls on the way to programs or services, it gives us a cozy and peaceful feeling.

We come together during this season for the celebration of Hanukkah and all of its traditions including stories, songs, and foods. I have such special feelings about this holiday and this season, I even have collected dreidels for many years.

The inspiration in the stories we are taught of the Maccabees and their courage and perseverance when it seemed impossible, the oil lasting eight days and the vision of being the light unto the world, and the drive to celebrate how fortunate we are by giving to those in need all can be seen in our congregation mission and in the efforts throughout our community.



At Shaare Emeth, we act with courage and persevere when we advocate for causes that represent our Reform Jewish values. We serve as the light unto the world when we confront antisemitism and advocate for human rights. We do acts of Tzedakah, give of our time, talent, and treasure as we did during Gathering for Gratitude, and do throughout the year with Room at the Inn, Immigration Advocacy & Action, Oak Hill Elementary, Peter & Paul and so much more.

While it seems difficult as the cold blanket of winter covers us, it is the time that brings out the best in us. Winter at Shaare Emeth is a testament to the enduring strength and warmth of our community, a reminder that even in the coldest of seasons, there is always light and love to be found.





MEMBERSHIP

YOUR MEMBERSHIP HELPS FULFILL OUR MISSION

By Beth Kodner, Director of Development & Membership, bkodner@sestl.org
And By Emily Cohen, Director of Family Engagement, ecohen@sestl.org



Thank you to our members for committing to Membership Responsibility 2025. Your generosity allows us to fulfill our mission to serve as a compassionate, respectful, and inclusive community that makes Judaism relevant, meaningful, and joyful. Please check your January statement and make sure it reflects the amount and payment schedule you expect.

Reminder: Payment plans do not carry over from one year to the next. Even if you had a payment plan for 2024, you need to set up a new one for 2025. If you would like to continue with automatic payments, login to your ShulCloud account or contact the office for assistance.

Please contact the temple office at 314-569-0010 if you need to make any adjustments or have any questions. We are here to help! Thank you for your support of Shaare Emeth.

HELLO, MY NAME IS...

Beginning in January, you will notice a new fixture at the nosh before Friday night Shabbat services: a name tag table! Everyone will have the option to make a name tag on Friday nights as a way to build community and extend a welcome to regulars and newcomers alike.

In addition to your name, feel free to include your preferred pronouns, years of membership, or anything else you'd like to share.

This new initiative is based on feedback from members and guests who attend services and are looking for ways to deepen their connections at Shaare Emeth. We hope you will join us in our goal to make Shaare Emeth a more welcoming place for all, a place "where everybody knows your name and they're always glad you came!"



Get Your 2025 Mah Jongg Card & Support Shaare Emeth!

It's that time of year to renew your membership in the National Mah Jongg League and receive your new 2025 card. A standard-size card costs \$14, while a large card is \$15.

To order, please fill out the form below and enclose a check for the total amount made out to **Congregation Shaare Emeth** and mail to:

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

All orders must be received by Monday, February 3 – no exceptions.

Thank you for ordering your Mah Jongg card through the Congregation.

Funds received help programs & activities grow.

Mah Jongg Card Order Form 2025

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

STANDARD SIZE CARDS (\$14/EA): _____ # LARGE SIZE CARDS (\$15/EA): _____





Shaare Emeth is the Place to Be in Summer!

By Laura Horton

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I hope your new year has kicked off with lots of enjoyable family time, renewed perspective, and warm beverages. Believe it or not, it's time to start thinking about summer 2025 and I come bearing lots of exciting updates and helpful information for the new year to come for Camp Emeth!

2025 camp information is now posted on our website, campemeth.org, so please take a look and consider joining in on the fun this upcoming summer! It is truly a special place to be, and I will continue to strive to make Camp Emeth a welcoming "home away from home" for kids in the summer as it has been for so many children in our community for more than 36 years now.

Camp Emeth offers eight weeks of day camp for children entering Kindergarten through 8th Grade on the grounds of Congregation Shaare Emeth. Some campers join us for all eight weeks, while others pick the weeks that work for them and their summer schedule. Sign up early to secure your spot, as many grades fill up quickly. When that happens, please join our waitlist so we can reach out as spots become available.

Entering 9th Grade and want to get some great volunteer experience in a fun camp setting?

Apply to be a Counselor-in-Training (CIT) and spend part of your summer learning from our amazing camp staff by working alongside them as part of the Camp Emeth team!

Entering 10th Grade or above and want to help create unforgettable summer memories for kids in our community (and yourself)?

Apply to be a part of the Camp Emeth team and learn how working in a summer camp setting like ours can help you grow as a leader and have fun while doing it! We have a variety of positions available, such as camp counselors and specialists, and will do our best to work around your summer schedule. Camp Emeth at its core is centered around our amazing staff that reflect our community - caring, creative, diverse, and compassionate are just a few of the words I would use to describe our staff. Please reach out if you would like to know more about summer opportunities at Camp Emeth!

I hope you can join us this summer! Please reach out with any questions.



2025 Camp Dates: June 9 - Aug 1
Camp Registration Dates:

Wed. Jan 22 – Priority Registration for
Returning Camper Families

Mon. Jan 27 – Registration Opens to New Families

REGISTRATION!

**For Our Younger Friends,
Ages 6 Weeks to Pre-K:**

Camp Micah & Shirlee Green Preschool
2025-26 Enrollment Opens January 6!

Visit shirleegreenpreschool.org for
additional information



January Events

SUN

5 HEBREW IN A FLASH

9:30–11 A.M.
AT SHAARE EMETH

**DECODING MADE EASY • SIX WEEKS:
JANUARY 5 – FEBRUARY 9**

Ready to unlock the mystery of Hebrew? In just a few weeks, you'll learn to decode Hebrew with ease! No prior experience is needed for this beginner-friendly class. \$60 for all supplies and a very patient teacher (Debbie Bram)!

RSVP at <https://sestl.co/hebrew25>

SAT

11 KESHET SHABBATON

9 A.M. AT SHAARE EMETH

**A MORNING OF EDUCATION, INSPIRATION,
AND COMMUNITY**

Watch for more information in ShaareMail and emails from Shaare Emeth's Keshet Committee!



11 THE SOUNDS OF REST & PEACE

10:30 A.M. • JEWISH MINDFULNESS CENTER

A SHABBAT SOUND BATH EXPERIENCE

Join Rabbi Goldstein and Olga Gorodetsky, a sound meditation and healing facilitator, for a special sound bath experience focusing on rest and peace. Free of charge; space is limited and registration is required.

RSVP at <https://jmcstl.org>

WED

15 WHAT IS A "GOOD REFORM JEW?"

7 P.M. • VIRTUAL (ZOOM)

**AN INTRODUCTION TO REFORM JEWISH ETHICS • FOUR WEEKS:
JANUARY 15 – FEBRUARY 5**

Is being a "good" Jew defined by Jewish primary acts like prayer, ritual, tzedakah, and study of Torah? Or does it have more to do with character and ethical behavior? Join Rabbi Bennett virtually for an exploration of the moral philosophy that informs our lives as Reform Jews.

RSVP at <https://sestl.co/ethics25>

FRI

17 & 24 & 31

12:30 P.M. • JEWISH MINDFULNESS CENTER

WITH RABBI ANDREA GOLDSTEIN

In these times of political upheaval, global conflicts, climate uncertainty, and rapid technological change, participants will learn practical techniques to help bring anxious bodies and minds back into balance.

RSVP at <https://jmcstl.org>

FINDING BALANCE IN TURBULENT TIMES



SAT

18 SUMMER IN JANUARY POOL PARTY

10 A.M. JCC CREVE COEUR INDOOR POOL

FOR 0–5-YEAR-OLDS & THEIR GROWN-UPS

It may be cold outside, but at Shaare Emeth we are always dreaming of summer! This is a great opportunity to learn about our summer camps: Camp Micah (infants-PreK) and Camp Emeth (K-8th grade). Space is limited!

RSVP at <https://sestl.co/pool125>

TUE

21 & 28 THE ARC OF THE MORAL UNIVERSE

10 A.M. • LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM

A LOOK AT THE WRITINGS OF RABBI ABRAHAM JOSHUA HESCHEL AND THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Join Rabbi Goldstein as we compare the sermons and essays of two of the 20th century's greatest moral leaders, uncovering teachings to inspire us in our own ethical and moral strivings.

RSVP at <https://sestl.co/text>



February Events

TUE

4 COOKING FOR TU B'SHEVAT

10-11:15 A.M. • LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM

TEXTING TUESDAYS

Lorry Blath, owner and chef of Lorry's Fine Foods to Go, will share a delicious recipe with us related to fruits that grow on trees in celebration of Tu B'Shevat. **RSVP at <https://sestl.co/text>**

SAT

8 BOKER TOV TU B'SHEVAT

9:30 A.M. AT SHAARE EMETH

A SPECIAL BOKER TOV SHABBAT

Families with children ages 5 and under are invited to celebrate Tu B'Shevat, the New Year of the Trees, with a musical service and kid-friendly continental breakfast. Free and open to all. **RSVP at <https://sestl.co/bokertov225>**

TUE

11 THE SEASON OF LOVE

10 A.M. • LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM

TEXTING TUESDAYS: CELEBRATING JEWISH LOVE STORIES

Join Rabbi Rachel Bearman for an exploration of inspiring Jewish love stories, from Isaac and Rebecca to David and Jonathon, and more. What can we learn from our biblical ancestors about how (and how not) to love one another? **RSVP at <https://sestl.co/text>**

TUE

11 ROOTS & BRANCHES

7 P.M. • JEWISH MINDFULNESS CENTER

A MINDFUL MOVEMENT & MINDFUL EATING CLASS FOR TU B'SHEVAT

Join Dani Glassman, LMT, RTY-500, MSW, and Rabbi Goldstein for gentle movements to bring the New Year for Trees alive and a mindful eating session incorporating the seven species of Israel. **RSVP at <https://jmcstl.org>**



WED

12 A VERY CHARCUTE-TREE TU B'SHEVAT

7 P.M. AT SHAARE EMETH

Celebrate Tu B'Shevat with delicious food, wines, and teas. Beth Kodner will lead everyone in the creation of their own vegetarian charcuterie boards incorporating the seven species of Israel, leaving you feeling nourished – in body and soul. \$36 per board (serves 1-2 adults). **Reservations required at <https://sestl.co/tree25>**



SAT

15 A WHOLE-HEARTED SHABBATON

9:45 A.M. AT SHAARE EMETH

WITH RABBI NOAH DIAMONDSTEIN

One morning. Three events. Join us for as much as you are able. Details on page 11. **RSVP at <https://jmcstl.org>**

TUE

18 & 25 A TASTE OF ISRAELI LITERATURE

10 A.M. • LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM

TEXTING TUESDAYS

With Marcia Moskowitz as our guide, we'll explore Israeli literature, past and present, as a lens into the culture of the society. Works included by A.B. Yehoshua, Amos Oz, David Grossman, Ayelet Gundar-Goshen, and poetry since October 7. **RSVP at <https://sestl.co/text>**

FRI - SUN

21-23 EXPLORING ISRAEL'S FUTURE

WITH DEUTSCH SCHOLARS-IN-RESIDENCE DR. TOMER PERSICO & Yael YECHIELI

Join us for a transformative weekend of learning and connection. Together, we'll delve into the evolving landscape of Liberalism, Feminism, and Jewish Spirituality in Israel, gaining fresh insights and inspiration for the journey ahead. **See page 12 & 13 for details.**



SPECIAL SHABBATOT

Join Us for Five Themed Shabbatot* in January & February

Saturday, January 11

Friday, January 17

Friday, February 7

Friday & Saturday, February 14–15

Friday & Saturday, February 21–22

* Shabbatot is the plural for Shabbat

MLK Tzedek Shabbat with Rev Traci Blackmon Friday, January 17 | 5:15 p.m. Nosh

6 p.m. Service in the Stiffman Sanctuary and via live stream



Mark your calendars for our annual MLK Tzedek Shabbat Service honoring the memory, work, and enduring legacy of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This year's Tzedek speaker will be Reverend Traci D. Blackmon, the CEO & Founder of HopeBuilds, LLC. She also serves as theologian in residence for Eden

Theological Seminary. Prior to launching HopeBuilds, she served as Associate General Minister and Vice-President of the United Church of Christ for eight years. Recipient of the NAACP Rosa Parks award and St. Louis' 2017 Person of the Year, Reverend Blackmon will be reflecting on how the wisdom and teachings of Dr. King can guide us during this time in our nation's history. *We hope that you can join us.*

Shabbat Shirah Friday, February 7

5:15 p.m. Nosh

6 p.m. Service in the Stiffman Sanctuary and via live stream

The "Sabbath of Song," Shabbat Shirah is a musical Shabbat celebration featuring our Shir Emeth Youth Choir, Lucy Greenbaum, and the intergenerational congregational choir members. This service will be overflowing with song! This is also a special edition of our L'Dor VaDor Intergenerational Kabbalat Shabbat service, so we'll celebrate February blessings for birthdays and other joyous occasions and enjoy participation from our 5th grade Religious School students.

Keshet Shabbaton Saturday, January 11

9 a.m. Shabbat Morning Nosh

9:30 a.m. Special Torah Study for Keshet Shabbaton

10:30 a.m. Shabbaton Brunch

11–12:15 p.m. Keshet Shabbaton Program with Special Guest Speaker Shira Berkowitz

Mark your calendars and plan on joining Shaare Emeth's Keshet LGBTQ+ Committee for our annual Keshet Shabbaton on Saturday, January 11.

CONGREGATION SHAARE EMETH
Founded in 1867

Keshet Shabbaton

January 11th 2025

9:30am Special Keshet Torah Study
10:30am Brunch
11am What to Expect From the 2025 Legislative Session & How To Be An Effective Advocate for LGBTQ+ Rights with Shira Berkowitz, Promo Missouri's Sr. Director of Public Policy & Advocacy

RSVP TODAY!





Shabbat with Rabbi Noah Diamondstein



Shaare Emeth is excited to welcome Rabbi Noah Diamondstein to St. Louis for Shabbat on February 14 & 15. We hope you will join him at UH on Friday and Shaare Emeth on Saturday for two musical and scholarly experiences.

Rabbi Noah Diamondstein joined the Temple Sinai, Washington D.C. clergy team in the summer of 2020, but he has been a musician all his life. Noah's first album of Jewish music, entitled "Ashira L'Adonai," was released in January of 2019 and produced by Dan Nichols. He is a multi-instrumentalist who crosses genres from folk to jazz to pop to hard rock, and his textual influences span liturgy, TaNaKh, and rabbinic texts. In addition to his musicianship, Noah has had wide ranging experiences as a scholar of Judaism and is an inspirational teacher.

Songs at Sinai's Foot

A Musical Community Shabbat featuring Rabbi Noah Diamondstein, Charlie Kramer, Greta Rosenstock, and Shaare Emeth's Director of Music Engagement, Lucy Greenbaum

Friday, February 14

6:30 p.m. at United Hebrew Congregation

Join us at 6:30 p.m. at United Hebrew Congregation for a special collaborative musical Shabbat for the community featuring musicians from Shaare Emeth and UH, as well as special guest Rabbi Noah Diamondstein. We will welcome Shabbat together, including secular and liturgical music.

**Please Note: Services will only be held at United Hebrew on Friday, February 14, where Shaare Emeth's Kaddish list will be read. There will not be a Shabbat evening service held at Shaare Emeth on February 14.*

A Whole-Hearted Shabbaton with Special Guest Rabbi Noah Diamondstein Saturday, February 15

Join us for as much of this Shabbaton morning as you are able.

Opening Our Hearts: A Special In-Person Mindfulness Meditation Sit 9:45 a.m.

Join Rabbi Goldstein for a loving-kindness practice designed to open our hearts and extend kindness to ourselves and others. No meditation experience necessary. All are welcome.

Prayer Lab 10:30 a.m.

Join Lucy Greenbaum, Rabbi Goldstein, the Prayer Lab musicians, and special guest Rabbi Noah Diamondstein for a very special Shabbat morning service combining contemporary readings, poetry, participatory music, interactive teachings, and time set aside for meditation and personal reflection. The theme for February's service is Whole Heartedness.

Lunch 'n Learn with Rabbi Noah Diamondstein 12 p.m.

Join the community for a delicious Shabbat lunch as Rabbi Diamondstein leads us in a learning session on Jewish Lessons for Heart and Soul. Watch Shaare Mail for information on how to register for this program and reserve and pay for your lunch.

SHABBAT
SHALOM

exploring ISRAEL'S FUTURE

with Deutsch Scholars-in-Residence Dr. Tomer Persico and Yael Yechieli

Join us for a transformative weekend of learning and connection with Dr. Tomer Persico and Yael Yechieli. Together, we'll delve into the evolving landscape of Liberalism, Feminism, and Jewish Spirituality in Israel, gaining fresh insights and inspiration for the journey ahead.

The weekend's programs are sponsored by the Fred and Elsie Deutsch Endowment Fund of Congregation Shaare Emeth. The Congregation would like to thank Roberta and Jim Deutsch, Judy and Larry Deutsch, and their families for their generous support for the Scholar-in-Residence program.

About Our Scholars

Dr. Tomer Persico is an activist for freedom of religion in Israel and has written hundreds of articles on this subjects. He is a Research Fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute, a Rubinstein Fellow at Reichman University, and a Senior Research Scholar at the UC Berkeley Center for Middle Eastern Studies. His fields of expertise include contemporary spirituality, Jewish modern identity, Jewish renewal, and forms of secularization and religiosity in Israel.

Yael Yechieli is an activist, feminist, and proud Jerusalemite at the forefront of social advocacy and democratic initiatives for years. Yael founded the 5050 Initiative in November 2022, with the vision of achieving 50% female representation in all decision-making bodies, striving to ensure equal representation in the next Knesset and government.



Dr. Tomer Persico



Yael Yechieli

SPECIAL SHABBATOT

Israel Shabbat with Deutsch Scholars-in-Residence

Friday, February 21

6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

7:15 p.m. Shabbat Dinner & Program

The first of four opportunities to engage with our Scholars-in-Residence features our Kabbalat Shabbat Service, during which Dr. Tomer Persico will offer a brief d'var torah on **Religion and State in Israel: The End of the Status Quo**. Following the service, join Dr. Persico for a Shabbat dinner and program: **The Crisis of Liberalism in Israel and the United States**.

Dinner Reservations are required by February 17th at <https://sestl.co/future>

Shabbat Morning of Learning

Saturday, February 22 at 9 a.m.

Join us for a continental breakfast and a special learning opportunity with Deutsch Scholar-in-Residence, Dr. Tomer Persico, who will teach on **The Threat of Jewish Fundamentalism in Israel – From the Government to the West Bank**.

RSVPs are appreciated at <https://sestl.co/future>

A Salon Gathering

Saturday, February 22 at 4:30 p.m.

Our program begins with appetizers, followed by our Scholars-in-Residence, Dr. Tomer Persico and Yael Yechieli, joining us in dialogue on the topic **“What We Israelis Have to Say to American Jews: Our Activism in this Dramatic & Difficult Time.”**

RSVPs are required at <https://sestl.co/future>

Israel 2025: A Feminist Perspective

Sunday, February 23 at 9 a.m.

The final opportunity to engage with and learn from our Scholars-in-Residence begins with a continental breakfast at 9 a.m., followed by Yael Yechieli teaching on the topic **“Israel 2025: A Feminist Perspective.”**

RSVPs are appreciated at <https://sestl.co/future>

ADULT EDUCATION

Hebrew in a Flash: Decoding Made Easy

Six Sundays: January 5–February 9 from 9:30–11 a.m.

Ready to unlock the mystery of Hebrew? In just a few weeks, you'll learn to decode Hebrew with ease! This beginner-friendly class will guide you step by step, making the process simple, fun, and rewarding. No prior experience needed—just your enthusiasm to dive in! The cost is \$60 for supplies and a very patient teacher!

Debbie Bram, Director of Jewish Life and Learning, is the teacher.

Register at <https://sestl.co/hebrew25>

What Does It Mean to Be a “Good Reform Jew?”

An Introduction to Reform Jewish Ethics

Four Wednesdays, January 15–February 5 at 7 p.m. on Zoom

Many people think that being a “good” Jew is defined by Jewish primary acts like prayer, ritual, tzedakah, and study of Torah. While admirable, being “good” has more to do with character and ethical behavior than religious ritual. In this four-session Zoom class, Rabbi Bennett will explore insights of Moral philosophy that inform our lives as Reform Jews.

January 15: Introduction to Reform Jewish Ethics – A Moral Philosophy Primer

January 22: Ethics of Community – What Do We Owe Each Other in Community?

**January 29: Ethics of Free Speech – A Reform Jewish Take on “Lashon Harah”
 (“The Evil Tongue”)**

February 5: Ethics of Kindness – Hope for the Future

RSVP at <http://sestl.co/ethics25>

WEEKLY MEDITATION SITS

Tuesdays on Zoom from 9–9:30 a.m.

Incorporating lessons from the weekly Torah portion, as well as stories, rituals and symbols of the season, Rabbi Goldstein leads participants in practices that open our hearts and minds to the possibility of continual growth and change. No meditation experience necessary.

Join us using the Zoom link in the Mindfulness Mondays e-blast. If you don't already get this weekly e-mail, sign up at <https://sestl.co/jmccemail>



Jewish Mindfulness Center of St. Louis

TEXTING *Tuesdays*

Conversations on Jewish Topics that Matter

Join us each Tuesday for lively discussions on Jewish topics that inspire, challenge, and connect us. From culture and history to modern issues and traditions, we'll explore it all in an engaging and accessible way. No experience needed—just bring your curiosity and a love for learning!

Register for Texting Tuesdays at <https://sestl.co/text>



January & February Texting Tuesday Offerings

All Texting Tuesdays begin at 10 a.m. in the Rubin Library Conference Room

The Arc of the Moral Universe: A Look at the Writings of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel and the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Tuesdays, January 21 and 28

Join Rabbi Goldstein as we compare the sermons and essays of two of the 20th century's greatest moral leaders, uncovering teachings to inspire us in our own ethical and moral strivings.

Cooking for Tu B'Shevat with Lorry Blath

Tuesday, February 4

Lorry Blath is a Shaare Emeth member and the owner and chef of 'Lorry's Fine Foods to Go.' Lorry will share a delicious recipe with us related to fruits that grow on trees. This class will end at 11:15 a.m.

The Season of Love: Celebrating Jewish Love Stories with Rabbi Rachel Bearman

Tuesday, February 11

Valentine's Day may have been named after a saint, but that doesn't mean we can't embrace the season of love by celebrating some of the most inspiring Jewish love stories. We'll dive deep into biblical romances between Isaac and Rebecca, David and Jonathan, and more! We'll explore the texts and then ask ourselves: **What can we learn from our biblical ancestors about how (and how not) to love one another?**

A Taste of Israeli Literature with Marcia Moskowitz

Tuesdays, February 18 and 25

Israeli literature past and present is a lens into the culture of the society. Works by A.B. Yehoshua, Amos Oz, David Grossman, Ayelet Gundar-Goshen, and poetry since October 7 will be highlighted in the class.



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Available Flavors

Chocolate	Prune
Cherry	Apple
Apricot	Strawberry
Poppy	Funfetti Strawberry

Save The Date

PURIM IN OZ

EMERALD CITY SPECTACULAR SPIEL & CARNIVAL

Sunday, March 9 at 10:30 am.

Follow the yellow brick road to our Purim spiel and carnival for families with children ages 0–12. We'll re-tell the story of Purim, then party Emerald City-style with games, prizes, and delicious foods. Everyone is invited and costumes are encouraged!

A VERY WICKED PURIM

Thursday, March 13 at 6:30 pm.

It's the most swankified spiel in town! Witness the scandalacious, thrillifying tale of Estherba (Estie, for short!) and her triumph over the Wicked Haman. Your presence is requested before the show so we may rejoice together with abundant libations and nourishments!

Watch ShaareMail for details and registration!

Hamantaschen Orders

Pre-order your favorite hamantaschen flavors for Purim and pick them up at Temple.

Here's everything you knead to know:

- Delectable Dough is our baker again this year.
- We have lots of flavors available, and all of them can be made gluten-free
- Hamantaschen are large and are \$3.00 a piece or \$36.00 per dozen. Mix and Match!
- Contact Debbie Bram at dbram@sestl.org if you have a nut allergy for our special nut-free selection (made in a nut-free kitchen, not by Delectable Dough).

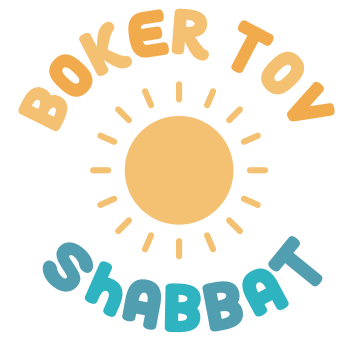
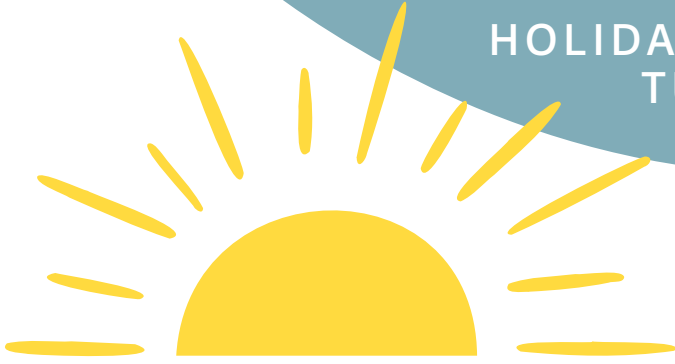
Our online form accepts credit cards only with a 3% transaction fee. To submit your order via check or cash, please send or drop-off payment at the Temple Office by Thursday, February 13.

All pre-orders are due Thursday, February 13 at 5 p.m.

Pick up will be on Wednesday, March 12 from 9 a.m.–8 p.m. in the North Lobby

Order at <https://sestl.co/ht25>

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS: TU B'SHEVAT



Boker Tou Shabbat: Tu B'Shevat Edition

Saturday, February 8

9:30–10:30 a.m. at Congregation Shaare Emeth

Families with children ages five and under are invited to celebrate Tu B'Shevat, the New Year of the Trees, with a musical service, continental kid-friendly breakfast, and more. We'll pray, sing, and share the joy and peace of Shabbat together while celebrating trees! Free and open to all.

RSVPs are appreciated at <https://sestl.co/bokertov225>

Roots and Branches – A Mindful Movement and Mindful Eating Class for Tu B'Shevat

Tuesday, February 11

7 p.m. at the Jewish Mindfulness Center of St. Louis



Join Dani Glassman, LMT, RTY-500, MSW and Rabbi Goldstein in our celebration of the New Year for Trees. This class will begin with gentle movements to bring the holiday alive and conclude with a mindful eating session incorporating the seven species of Israel.

To register, visit jmcstl.org



A VERY *Charcote-Tree* TU B'SHEVAT

Wednesday, February 12

7 p.m. at Congregation Shaare Emeth

Join us for the celebration of Tu B'Shevat, the new year for the trees, with delicious food, wines, and teas. Beth Kodner will lead everyone in the creation of their own vegetarian charcuterie boards incorporating the seven species of Israel. This evening will leave you feeling nourished – in both body and soul.

The cost is \$36 per board (serves 1–2 adults) to cover all supplies.

Reservations are required at <https://sestl.co/tree25>



NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

WELCOMING OUR NEWCOMERS

On Wednesday, December 4, Ismail (father), Fedwa (mother), Insaf (8-year-old daughter), and Ikbal (5-year-old daughter) all arrived safely in St. Louis. Members of Shaare Emeth's Neighbor-to-Neighbor Committee greeted the family at the gate at Lambert airport. The family seemed happy and tired after long flights from Ethiopia.

Adam from STL Sudanese also came with us to help interpret and be a friendly face. Coincidentally, Ismail and Adam are from the same region of Sudan (about 90 miles away from each other), so they had a lot to chat about.

The girls were eager to show off their knowledge of the English alphabet. Adam's wife made a feast for their arrival and they were happy to eat the food. Members of our committee were gracious servers and made the family feel welcome at their temporary Airbnb housing.

On Saturday, December 7, dozens of Shaare Emeth members helped unload the storage POD full of donations to set up the family's new apartment in Manchester.

Thank you to the following families: Dahl, Falke, Flusser, Frank, Glucroft, Holtzman, Lammers, Peck, Picus, Pomerantz, Reppy, Schmidt, Shanker, Terkel, Willett, Winkle, and Zuckerman for unloading, building, decorating, and cleaning. You all made the apartment feel very welcoming!

The family moved in on Sunday and was delighted with their new home.

Since then, we've had a busy few days of getting Insaf enrolled in school and introducing the family to shopping in America. They made their first Costco and Walmart trips and got some staples to get them through the week.

Each volunteer of the Neighbor to Neighbor committee has a specific role:

- Melissa Lynn Pomerantz:** Committee Chair
- Debra Solomon Baker:** Volunteer Coordinator & Cultural Orientation
- Joelyn Levy:** Education (Adults and Children)
- Michelle Gralnick:** Documentation Services & Benefits
- Jodi and Jeffrey Miller:** Transportation
- Marti Zuckerman:** Housing
- Judy Willett:** Basic Needs
- Julie Winkle:** Basic Needs
- Sharon Remis:** Legal Assistance
- Stefanie Greenberg:** Cultural Orientation & Social Organizer
- Temple Staff:** Debbie Bram and Rabbi Andrea Goldstein

We will continue to post updates and request for needs in Shaare Mail.





PAC Presents

RETRO REWIND



Trivia Night

*Kicking off our celebration of **60 Years** of Early Childhood Education at Congregation Shaare Emeth! Stay tuned for more events and opportunities to get involved.*



SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

**RAFFLES!
PRIZES!
SILENT
AUCTION!**

**Watch Tidbits
& ShaareMail
for details!**





GATHERING for GRATITUDE

Over 300 people participated in Gathering for Gratitude, a morning of giving back. We provided needed supplies for 13 organizations which included 125 Thanksgiving meals for Monarch Immigrant Services. We've already heard from The Bennett Project and Monarch with gratitude for the work we did:

“Please extend our appreciation to all of the volunteers who prepared and helped deliver the Thanksgiving meals. The seniors love the food and the thoughtfulness! Looking forward to next year! Have a blessed Chanukah and New Year's season!”

From Ellen Sherman, Volunteer Coordinator, and Shima Badawy, Senior Center Director, at Monarch Immigrant Services

Organizations We Served:

- Humane Society of Missouri
- Doorways / Cooper House
- Peter and Paul
- Winter Patrol
- A Red Circle
- The Bennett Project
- Room at the Inn
- Monarch Immigrant Services (formerly BIAS)
- Oak Hill Elementary School
- Ronald McDonald House St. Louis
- Helping Hand Me Downs
- St. Louis Diaper Bank and Period Project
- Metro Trans Umbrella Group

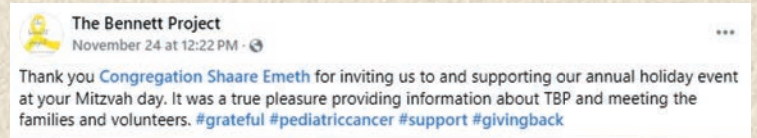


A Huge Todah Rabah / Thank You to:

Co-Chairs: Sue Picus and Marcene Menendez

Chairs-in-Training: Jamie & Scott Berzon

Project Captains: Stephanie Battaglia-Esses, Vera Emmons, Esther Esses, Joe & Staci Gerchen, Holly Goldblum, Ted & Jen Houser, Natalie Kalmar, Beth Kodner, Leslie & Steve Masaki, Grace Minnick, Gloria Minnick, Liz & Craig Nathanson, Heather Peck, Jordan Peck, Max Peck, Sharon Remis, Jennifer Rosenthal, Johanna Schillinger, Michele Siler, and Kathy Wiesman.



SMILES OF THE SEASON

At Gathering for Gratitude, Shirlee Green Preschool's Family Sing-Along and in-classroom Chanukah learning, Shir Emeth Youth Choir's Chanukah Tour (to The Gatesworth, McKnight Place, and Brookdale), the Chanukah Glow Party, Chanukah Senior Lunch, and Chanukah celebrations at Religious School and JQuest.



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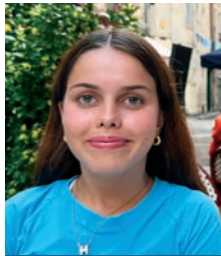
Mazel Tov to Meredith and Jeremy Keller on the addition of their son, Hampton Jack Keller. Congratulations to big sister, Margot, and grandparents, Cheri and Robert Keller.

MAZEL TOV

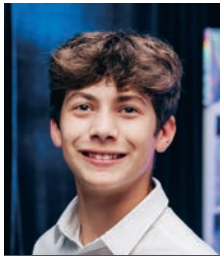
to our January and February
B'Mitzvah students!



Charlotte Abel
*Child of Lauren and
Brad Abel*



Esther Esses
*Child of Stephanie Battaglia-
Esses and Justin Esses (ז"ל)*



Jonah Chaitman
*Child of Michelle and
Cliff Chaitman*

Welcome, New Member Families!

Sarah April and Yehuda Feigenbaum

**Robin Chang, with children,
Rosalie and Risa**

**Melissa and Wade Forrester,
with child, Sara**

Chuck Mitchell

Sarah Pearce

Michael Schneider

Kathy and Jim Weidenbaum

**Andrea and Nathan White,
with children, Kasen and Myles**

2024 IDA STACK AWARD RECIPIENT

Angela Higgins was recently named the 2024 recipient of the Ida Stack Award at Congregation Shaare Emeth's Religious School. The award was established in 1997 and is given annually to a sixth grader who demonstrates dedication and enthusiasm for Jewish learning. These attributes epitomize the essence of Ida Stack, who inspired generations of students in her 50-plus-year teaching career at Shaare Emeth. Angela is the daughter of James and Anna Higgins of Chesterfield, MO. Angela attends Parkway West Middle School, and she loves crafting and spending time with her friends.





CONDOLENCES

Ken Burkett
Husband of
Jill Burkett

Marcia Denenholz
Wife of Howard
Denenholz

William Greenblatt
Husband of
Barbara Greenblatt

Roberta Horwitz
Wife of Lester Horwitz
and sister of
Ellen (Larry) Paskar

Marcy Connell-Johnson
Wife of David Johnson

Mimi Klamen
Mother of Karin Plattner
and sister of Linda Vesper

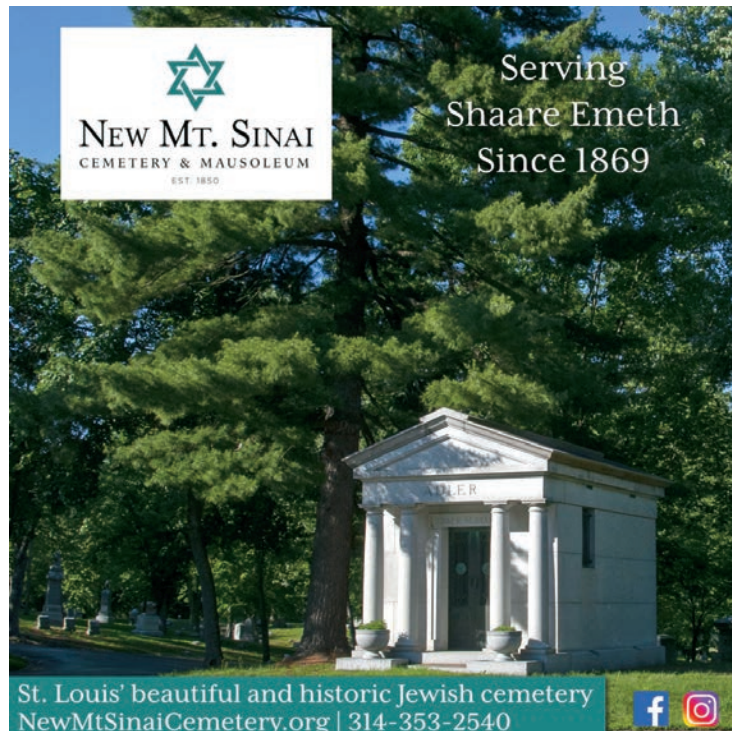
Mayer Levy, Jr.

Jacob Lite
Father of Donna
(James) Jeffe

Lester Seligman

Mark Zerman
Husband of Debra
Zerman and son of
Adele Zerman

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

Merle Fox on the death of her father-in-law, **Sam Fox**

John (Diane) Kalishman and Jim (Amy) Kalishman on the death of their mother, **Nancy Kalishman**

Randee (Andrew) Rimmel and Robert (Cheri) Keller and Lisa (Todd) Berger on the death of their father and grandfather, **Phillip Keller**

Jacquelyn (Richard) Schnidman on the death of her sister, **Janet Frank**

Michael Sherberg (Simeon Prager) on the death of his sister, **Deborah Levinson**

Bob (Carolyn) Suffian on the death of his sister, **Simone Goldberg**

Sharon Silverstein and Heather Stuteville on the death of their granddaughter and niece, **Alyssa Calkins**

PERPETUAL MEMORIALS

A memorial has been established for:

Goldie Dembo, Josef Dembo, and Rachel Goldberg
Established by Linda and Philip Dembo

Ronald B. Schwartz
Established by Gloria Schwartz



Weekly Yahrzeit listings can be found online at sestl.org/yahrzeits.

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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.

RABBIS' SPECIAL FUND
IN APPRECIATION OF:

Rabbi Bennett, Rabbi Goldstein, Rabbi Bearman, & Rabbi Levine for all that they do for the congregation
Jan Carp

Rabbi Bennett for the beautiful baby naming ceremony for grandchildren Harlan Feit and Maya Lalezari
Marcia & Steve Feit

Rabbi Bennett for the beautiful baby naming ceremony for Eden Harter
Karie Friedman & Jack Harter

Rabbi Bennett for a happy and healthy new year, and for his inspiring High Holiday sermon
Debbie & Kent Hirschfelder

Rabbi Bennett and Shaare Emeth for support and officiating the funeral of Elinore "Jackie" Kasnetz
The Family of Jackie Kasnetz

Rabbi Bennett for officiating the wedding ceremony of Abby & Steven Paster
Bob Paster and The Paster Family

Rabbi Bennett for officiating at the funeral service of Gerhard Silberstein
Zilla Pohle

Rabbi Bennett for visiting David Victor in the hospital
Barbara & David Victor

Rabbi Bennett and Rabbi Stiffman for officiating at the funeral service for Gerhard Silberstein
Janice & David Rifkin

Rabbi Bennett and Rabbi Stiffman for their care and concern, and for officiating at the funeral service for Judge Melvyn Wiesman
Marcia Wiesman and Family

Rabbi Goldstein for her visit
Suzi & Alan Bayne

Rabbi Goldstein and clergy for supporting Alex Fine as he prepared to become a Bar Mitzvah
Amy & Jason Fine; Dick & Dianna Fine

Rabbi Goldstein for officiating and making a special wedding day for Bella Gross & Ben Kraus
Shari & Gil Gross

Rabbi Goldstein for her terrific high holiday sermon
Debbie & Kent Hirschfelder

Rabbi Goldstein for comfort and officiating at the funeral of David Wolf
Jason Wolf & James Hudson

Rabbi Goldstein for helping and guiding Miriam Wallace to become a Bat Mitzvah
Madeleine Elkins & Harvey Wallace

Rabbi Bearman for her guidance and inspiration, guiding Grace Minnick to become a Bat Mitzvah
Gloria & Adam Minnick

Rabbi Bearman for supporting Naomi Sherman through her Bat Mitzvah preparation
Jane & Seth Sherman

Rabbi Stiffman for performing the stone dedication of Melford Berns
Suzy Berns and Julie Lipsom

The Clergy of Shaare Emeth for meaningful and inspiring High Holiday services
Steve Brickman; Ilene Brooks; Carole & Jay Goldstein; Betty M. Levy

The Clergy of Shaare Emeth
Roma Witcoff

Good friends, Diane & John Kalishman
Lori & Tony Gould

IN HONOR OF:

Mark Koritz on his special birthday
Stephanie & Will Schachter

Jerry Sandmel for a speedy recovery
Sharon Barnholtz

Linda Sandmel on being recognized as an *Unsung Hero* by the St. Louis Jewish Light
Sharon Barnholtz

Matthew Virgin on becoming a Bar Mitzvah
Fran & Jeffrey Pollock

IN MEMORY OF:

Alvin Appelbaum
Esther Appelbaum, Sheryl & Doug Weber, Gail & Murray Appelbaum and Jeff Appelbaum

Harry Dalin
Barbara & David Furman

Arthur Carl Foster
Karen & Nelson Foster

Simon Goldberg
Andy & Stan Shanker

Marie Goldman
Janet Goldman & Herbert Goldman

Arline Inger
Judy & Jerry Shanfeld

Hal Kamin
Sherri & Rick Goldman

Marvin Kenkel
Rina & Paul Kenkel

Louis Kohn
Michael Kohn

Maury Furman
Barbara & David Furman

Meyer (Bud) Inger
Judy & Jerry Shanfeld

Stuart Katz
Judy & Jerry Shanfeld

Louis M. Kohn
Linda & Philip Dembo

The tributes listed here are those made for \$18 or more and processed from October 1 to November 30, 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, please visit sestl.org/give/. Hard copy forms are available in the Shaare Emeth North lobby vestibule or you may email jmcginty@sestl.org

Solomon Muller
Rina J. & Paul B. Kenkel

Ann Poger
Frances Poger

Jessica Reif
Ann & Frederic Reif

Marty Rothman
Gail & Charles Eisenkramer; Sherry & Barry Shafman and Family

Isadore Rosen
The Baron Family

Neil Stein
Judy & Jerry Shanfeld

Stanford B. Towerman
Arlene Goodman

Judge Melvyn W. Wiesman
Dana & Vince DeBlasi

**CANTOR'S SPECIAL FUND
IN APPRECIATION OF:**

Cantor Warner for all that he does for the congregation
Jan Carp

Cantor Warner and Shaare Emeth Religious School teachers for helping Alex Fine become a Bar Mitzvah
Amy & Jason Fine; Dick & Dianna Fine

Cantor Warner and musicians for the beautiful music for the high holidays
Ilene Brooks; Carole & Jay Goldstein

Cantor Warner for singing at the wedding of Bella Gross & Ben Kraus
Shari & Gil Gross

Cantor Warner for guidance and support to help Grace Minnick become a Bat Mitzvah
Gloria & Adam Minnick

Cantor Warner for his unwavering support and friendship
Bob Paster

Cantor Warner for officiating at the funeral service for Gerhard Silberstein
Janice & David Rifkin; Zilla Pohle

Cantor Warner for supporting Naomi Sherman through her Bat Mitzvah preparation
Jane & Seth Sherman

Cantor Warner for helping and guiding Miriam Wallace to become a Bat Mitzvah
Madeleine Elkins & Harvey Wallace

Cantor Warner for the beautiful music and officiating at the funeral service for Judge Melvyn Wiesman
Marcia Wiesman and Family

IN HONOR OF:

Richard Cohen on the occasion of the Jewish New Year 5785
Gene Kahn

Lynne Fogel for her friendship
Leslie & Clifford Will

Debbie & Mike Lefton on receiving the Harris Frank Community Service Award
Arlene Goodman

IN MEMORY OF:

Scott Arnold
Matt Markus

Brandel Minoff
Paula & Mike Geigerman

Marty Rothman
B'Yachad Rosh Chodesh Group; Ann Fendelman; Linda & Bill Levin; Rickey & David Martin; Marcia & Carl Moskowitz; Sheri & Fred Seigel

Jane Schachter
Arlene Goodman, Will Schachter and Family

Benton Taylor
Susan T. Allen

BEMA FLOWER FUND
IN HONOR OF:

Jonah Chaitman on becoming a Bar Mitzvah
Bari & Scott Garfield and Gloria & Bernard Chaitman

IN MEMORY OF:

Pearl L. Soffer
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Ronnie & Allen Brockman

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IN HONOR OF:

Sharon Weissman on being recognized as an Unsung Hero by the St. Louis Jewish Light
Louise Mass

SADIE & SIDNEY S. COHEN MUSIC FUND

IN APPRECIATION OF:

Marilyn & Dick Brickson for their kindness and transportation
Jackie & Marty Lipsitz
Lucy Greenbaum for the beautiful High Holiday music
Carole & Jay Goldstein

MICAH DAVIS MEMORIAL FUND

IN HONOR OF:

Bob Costas on his Lifetime Achievement Award
Pam Davis & Norm Davis

IN MEMORY OF:

Micah Davis
Norm Davis; Andy & Stan Shanker
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Pam Davis & Norm Davis
Helen Louise Williams Fogel
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IN APPRECIATION OF:

The birthday wishes from Shaare Emeth
Adrienne Lyss

IN MEMORY OF:

Joyce Finkelstein
Monica Simon & David Fuselier
David Harrison
John Brandvein
Gerhard Silberstein
Sherri & Bruce Tons

ALBERT & RUTH KOPOLOW BEAUTIFICATION FUND

IN HONOR OF:

Debbie & Mike Lefton on receiving the Harris Frank Community Service Award
Karen & Gary Silverman

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IN APPRECIATION OF:

Shaare Emeth for live streaming the beautiful and inspiring High Holiday live stream services
Robin Fine

IN MEMORY OF:

Marsha Schwesig
The Schwesig Family

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BUDDY & HADASSAH LEBMAN/ MOSHE FUND FOR SHINSHINIM AND ISRAEL ENGAGEMENT

IN HONOR OF:

Leiba & Ken Levine on Becca Levine & Ryan Graham's marriage
Barb & Rich Kramer

IN MEMORY OF:

William Saul Robinson
Sarajane & John Schwartz

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IN HONOR OF:

Dr. Norman Druck on his retirement
Debbie & Kent Hirschfelder

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IN HONOR OF:

Rob Mann on his 70th birthday
Leanne & Harvey Schneider
Sharon & Alan Weissman on the marriage of Randi & David Weissman
Judy & Malcolm Barnett

IN MEMORY OF:

Florence Bleich
Marci & Jim Hennessy

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IN APPRECIATION OF:

The live stream services
Rhonda Starkman

IN HONOR OF:

Wendy Flusser on being recognized as an Unsung Hero by the St. Louis Jewish Light
Barbara & David Furman; Susan Rich & Harlan Rich

Ellen Gross for a speedy recovery
Barbara & David Furman

Joyce & Larry Kolker on their granddaughter Dani's marriage to Mitchell
Barbara & David Furman

Nancy & Harvey Lehrer on having two grandsons become Bar Mitzvah
Barbara & David Furman

Karen & Dr. Oscar Schwartz on their marriage
Barbara & David Furman

Sharon Weissman on being recognized as an Unsung Hero by the St. Louis Jewish Light
Barbara & David Furman

IN MEMORY OF:

Leonard Bushman & Selma Wax
Wendy & Sanford Wax, Tama Bushman and Gloria Schwartz

Maxine Harris
Toby & Rich Cremer; Sherry & Barry Shafman and Family

Rachel Goldberg
Sherry & Barry Shafman

Lenora Sachar
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DONNA MEYERS CHILDREN'S BOOK NOOK FUND

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IN APPRECIATION OF:

Hashem for safe return home after travels
Linda & Bill Levin

Sue Wallach for having them as her guests at the Jubilation gala
Sue Ellen & Larry Maneson; Jo Ellen & Mark Rubenstein

IN HONOR OF:

Esther Appelbaum on her special birthday
Brenda & Joe Pereles

Ken Katzif on his special birthday
Sherri & Rick Goldman

Mark Koritz on his special birthday
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