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BULLETIN

FALL 2025



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SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER + OCTOBER + NOVEMBER 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, August 29, 2025

6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service: Labor in the Pulpit with Guest Speaker Richard von Glahn, Policy Director for Missouri Jobs with Justice

Saturday, August 30, 2025

9:30 a.m. Torah Study

Friday, September 5, 2025

6 p.m. L'Dor VaDor Back to School Kabbalat Shabbat Service with September Simcha Blessings

Saturday, September 6, 2025

9:30 a.m. Torah Study

11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: Bat Mitzvah of Olivia Sabin, daughter of Jennifer and Brian Sabin

Friday, September 12, 2025

6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, September 13, 2025

9:30 a.m. Torah Study

11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: Bar Mitzvah of Gavin Siegler, son of Jacquelyn and Jeffrey Siegler

7 p.m. Selichot: The Art of Forgiveness, Program & Service

Friday, September 19, 2025

6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, September 20, 2025

9:30 a.m. Torah Study

Monday, September 22

7:30 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

Tuesday, September 23

9 a.m. Boker Tov Rosh Hashanah

10 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Morning Service

11 a.m. Rosh Hashanah L'Dor VaDor Service

4 p.m. Tashlich at Des Peres Park

Friday, September 26, 2025

6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service: Shabbat Shuva

Saturday, September 27, 2025

9:30 a.m. Torah Study

Sunday, September 28, 2025

11 a.m. Kever Avot v'Imahot Memorial Service of Remembrance at New Mt. Sinai Cemetery Mausoleum

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

7:30 p.m. Yom Kippur Kol Nidre Service

Thursday, October 2, 2025

9 a.m. Boker Tov Yom Kippur

10 a.m. Yom Kippur Morning Service

11 a.m. Yom Kippur L'Dor VaDor Service

12:30 p.m. Yom Kippur Teen Experience

3:30 p.m. Yom Kippur Yizkor Healing Neilah Service

Friday, October 3, 2025

6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, October 4, 2025

9:30 a.m. Torah Study

11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: Bar Mitzvah of Parker Waldman, son of Kami and Evan Waldman

Monday, October 6, 2025

6 p.m. Erev Sukkot Service

Friday, October 10, 2025

6 p.m. L'Dor VaDor Sukkot Shabbat Service with October Simcha Blessings and Visual Sermon from Paper Midrash: Isaac & Rabbi Shawna Brynjegard-Bialik, Deutsch Scholars-in-Residence

Saturday, October 11, 2025

9:30 a.m. Torah Study

11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: Bar Mitzvah of Levi Singer, son of Britt and Jon Singer

Monday, October 13, 2025

6 p.m. Erev Simchat Torah Creative Service with Paper Midrash

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

9 a.m. Simchat Torah Yizkor Service

Friday, October 17, 2025

6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service

SCHEDULE



Saturday, October 18, 2025

9:30 a.m. Torah Study
11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: Bar Mitzvah of
Troxler Brodsky, son of Jennifer Brodsky

Friday, October 24, 2025

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

Saturday, October 25, 2025

9:30 a.m. Torah Study
11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: B'nei Mitzvah of Leo and
Raquel Zajarías, children of Heather and Alan Zajarías

Friday, October 31, 2025

6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, November 1, 2025

9:30 a.m. Torah Study

Friday, November 7, 2025

6 p.m. L'Dor VaDor Kabbalat Shabbat Service
with November Simcha Blessings

Saturday, November 8, 2025

9:30 a.m. Torah Study

Friday, November 14, 2025

6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, November 15, 2025

9 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: Bat Mitzvah of Harper Small,
daughter of Abigail and Jeffrey Small
9:30 a.m. Torah Study
11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: Bat Mitzvah of Madelyn Tasker,
daughter of Shirley and Ryan Tasker

Friday, November 21, 2025

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

Saturday, November 22, 2025

9:30 a.m. Torah Study
11 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service: Bar Mitzvah of
Elliot Cooper, son of Carly and Jeffrey Sparks

Friday, November 28, 2025

6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, November 29, 2025

9:30 a.m. Torah Study

Additional information about all High Holiday services can be found on pages 16 – 27

HOLIDAY BUILDING CLOSURES

Congregation Shaare Emeth's Main Office and Shirlee Green Preschool will be closed:

Monday, September 1 in observance of Labor Day.

Tuesday, September 23 in observance of Rosh Hashanah.

Thursday, October 2 in observance of Yom Kippur.

Thursday & Friday, November 27 & 28 in observance of Thanksgiving.

The Main Office will be closed on:

Tuesday, October 7 for Sukkot.

Tuesday, October 14 for Simchat Torah.

Religious School will not be held on September 21 or 28 in observance of Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur.

The Main Office and Shirlee Green Preschool will close early at 4 p.m. on:

Monday, September 22 for Erev Rosh Hashanah.

Wednesday, October 1 for Erev Yom Kippur.

The Main Office will close early at 4 p.m. on:

Monday, October 6 for Erev Sukkot.

Monday, October 13 for Erev Simchat Torah.

Shirlee Green Preschool will be closed on:

Wednesday, November 26.



COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

FINDING STRENGTH IN THE STRUGGLE: A ROSH HASHANAH MESSAGE

By Rabbi James M. Bennett

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This has been a year that could test the strongest among us. It is hard to think about starting anew, when many feel as if we have just barely made it through the year that has passed. Yet the Jewish new year is approaching, and soon we will say “*Shanah Tovah*” and gather to do the powerful work of *teshuvah* (repentance).

Somehow, this year, the thought of repentance seems more challenging than ever. With so much happening and feeling amiss in the world, it feels almost impossible to think that we will be able to find personal meaning in the traditional work of repentance that our Jewish tradition challenges us to undertake at this time of year.

Regardless of how strong or weak one's faith and belief in God might be, there is something comforting that comes from the teaching of Rabbi Eliezer in the Talmud: “On Rosh Hashanah all creatures pass before God as sheep in a flock.” How, we might ask, would it change us if we genuinely believed that we were all merely passing through such an annual review? Later, Rabbi Eliezer continues, “*Teshuvah* (repentance), *Tefillah* (prayer), and *Tzedakah* (acts of justice and charity) can avert the severity of the decree.”

These ideas are, of course, the essence of the High Holidays – a time when we are seen clearly, individually, and lovingly by God – not just judged but seen and known.

Looking at this differently, though, these teachings remind us that the past, while prologue, must not trap us. We are pure potential, and we have the potential to change ourselves and the world in which we live.

Elsewhere in the *midrash* we read that God says, “Open for Me an opening like the eye of a needle, and I will open for you and opening wide enough for wagons to enter.” All it takes is a small start. All that is required is that we have the will. All that we must do is take a step in the right direction, and we will find that the journey is easier than we expected.

Coming to Temple, for services, classes, programs, volunteering, is like that. If you give us a chance, we will help you find your place. If you take the first step, we promise to be your partner in building a Jewish life that is filled with meaning and purpose. We are here for you.

That, after all, is what Shaare Emeth is all about: a purposeful life. A new year that is filled with meaning. A blessing of community, friendship, and most of all, of peace.

Amy and I wish each of you a year of kindness, generosity, meaning, contentment, friendship and community, and peace.

Shanah Tovah!

SHAARE EMETH'S *Tree of Life*

Jody and Mickey Waldman were looking for a unique way to honor their grandson, Landon Waldman, on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah, and they came across Shaare Emeth's Tree of Life. Located in the Tree of Life hallway outside the Simcha Center, this beautiful piece of art is adorned with plaques honoring all kinds of occasions.

Over the summer, Landon, his Nonnie, and Zadie stopped by to install the plaque in our Tree of Life hallway. Landon was a counselor this summer at Camp Emeth. If you're looking for a special way to honor, show appreciation for, or remember a loved one, consider adding a plaque to our Tree of Life, too! Call the office at 314-569-0010 for more information.





SACRED SPACE, SACRED TIME: KEEPING OUR DOORS OPEN FOR ALL

By Craig Neuman, Executive Director

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As we approach the High Holy Days, I am deeply aware of the privilege and responsibility we share in creating a welcoming, meaningful, and safe experience for everyone in our community. These Days of Awe invite us to pause, reflect on the past year, and commit ourselves to renewal.

For our congregation, this is also a time to think about what it means to truly keep our doors open to all.

For many, the synagogue is a spiritual home. It is where we gather to celebrate, to mourn, to learn, and to pray. It is a place where children discover the richness of our tradition through Shirlee Green Preschool, Camp Emeth, Religious School, and Youth Groups. It is a place where adults deepen their understanding and commitment through Torah Study, Texting Tuesdays, and the myriad of social action initiatives offered through Shaare Emeth. It is a place where all generations, abilities, and backgrounds find connection and belonging. Ensuring that this home is open, accessible, and welcoming requires thoughtful planning and collective effort.

Preparing for the High Holy Days is an enormous undertaking. It means ensuring our building is ready to receive thousands of worshippers with dignity and comfort. It means investing in security measures that allow us to gather safely without sacrificing the warmth and hospitality that define us. It means training staff and volunteers to greet everyone with compassion and respect. It means offering worship services and programming that meet the diverse needs of our community, whether in person or online.

These efforts reflect our core values, but they also require significant resources. As Executive Director, part of my responsibility is to steward those resources wisely and to be transparent about the needs of our congregation.



The High Holy Days are not only a time for personal reflection, but also a moment when we as a community consider how we sustain and strengthen our synagogue for the year ahead.

Your support makes this possible. Membership contributions, Annual Appeal gifts, and Jubilation (our annual gala) are essential to maintaining our facility, supporting our clergy and staff, delivering meaningful programs, and providing assistance to those who need it most. In a very real sense, the promise to keep our doors open for all depends on the generosity of those who believe in our mission.

As you prepare your own heart for this sacred time of year, I invite you to reflect on what this congregation means to you and to our wider community. Your commitment—through your presence, your participation, and your financial support—ensures that we can continue to be a source of strength, learning, and spiritual nourishment for all who seek it.

I am profoundly grateful for your partnership and trust. Thank you for helping us keep our doors open, our hearts open, and our community strong. May this season of reflection and renewal bring you and your loved ones sweetness, health, and peace.

Shanah Tovah.





LETTERS FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH: LIVING OUR VISION

By Dana DeBlasi, President

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Last Yom Kippur, just a few months into my first year as President, I stood on the bima filled with gratitude—for this remarkable congregation, for the opportunity to serve, and for the many ways we show up for one another in both everyday moments and life's most profound milestones. I invited

us all to lean into those connections even more deeply—and to embark together on a journey of discovery through a new Strategic Planning process.

Today, I'm proud to share how that invitation has evolved into something truly meaningful: a shared vision and roadmap for our future. With deep appreciation for the insights and voices offered along the way, our new strategic plan reflects both the strength of our traditions and the aspirations of our community. Rooted in who we are and guided by who we hope to become, it honors our proud history and expresses our hopes for the journey ahead.

Together, we are moving from strength to strength—reinforcing what makes Shaare Emeth so special, reimagining what's possible, and deepening our impact both within our congregation and in the broader world.

With the strategic plan now complete, the real work—and joy—begins. This plan is grounded in our Reform Jewish values and shaped by the ideas, dreams, and aspirations you shared throughout this process. It offers us an intentional and inspired way forward in a world that continues to grow more complex.

In the face of change, Shaare Emeth will remain a beacon of care, courage, and connection.

At its heart, our plan reaffirms Shaare Emeth as a sacred center of Jewish life:

- **A Beit Tefilah:** a house of prayer—where worship is meaningful, musical, and personal;
- **A Beit Midrash:** a house of learning—where Jewish education is lifelong, enriching, and relevant;
- **A Beit Kehillah:** a house of community—where every person feels seen, welcomed, and valued.



BEIT TEFILAH
HOUSE OF WORSHIP



BEIT MIDRASH
HOUSE OF LEARNING



BEIT KEHILLAH
HOUSE OF COMMUNITY

These pillars guide us toward being a congregation that is spiritually vibrant, intellectually engaged, and deeply connected. We are already seeing this vision come to life, and we look forward to sharing more with you during the High Holidays.

And once again, I offer this as an invitation to show up.

Our Strategic Plan is more than a document. It's a call to action. Whether you attend services, join a class, serve on a committee, make a gift, or simply reach out to someone in need, you are helping us build a sacred community. One of purpose. One of joy. One of hope.

As we enter the High Holy Days, may each of us find renewed meaning in our shared work—of learning, justice, connection, and showing up for one another.

Together, we go from strength to strength.

L'Shanah tovah v'metukah.

MEMBERSHIP

From Strength to Strength:

Look for an e-mail in late October with details about MR 2026.

Membership Responsibility 2026

Membership Responsibility (MR) is a yearly financial donation each family contributes to sustain the day-to-day operations of the temple. Families choose the amount they give toward MR each year. Shaare Emeth's leadership establishes a "sustaining amount," which is the projected expense of running the synagogue per family. The sustaining amount for 2026 will be \$3,600.

We encourage you to consider increasing your gift over your 2025 contribution, if you can. We are proud to live our values through this inclusive model. However, this model only works if people give according to their capacity. This allows Shaare Emeth to remain strong and accessible to everyone.

We understand that finances can change over the years. If you are in a stage of life when finances are tighter, feel free to call Shaare Emeth so that we can work with you. When you have more capacity, we hope you will increase your gift, opening the door for someone else to be part of Shaare Emeth who may not be able to afford the sustaining amount at that time.

The best way to keep SE accessible to all is through our two giving Societies:

Ner Tamid Society

A total Membership Responsibility commitment of \$500 or more above the sustaining level qualifies your family for the Ner Tamid Society. The Ner Tamid, or eternal light, symbolizes God's presence. Your support helps keep our light shining for future generations. **Added benefits for Ner Tamid**

Society members: Members receive recognition in printed and digital signage, invitations to special events with temple leadership, and tribute credits to honor or remember loved ones through Shaare Emeth's funds.

Emet Society

Members who give at least \$18,000 per year are part of the Emet Society. The word Emet, meaning "truth," reflects the lasting impact of these meaningful, one-time annual gifts, supporting both tradition and innovation for generations to come.

In addition to Ner Tamid Society benefits, Emet Society members are recognized as donors for all congregational fundraisers throughout the year.

For questions or to discuss your gift, please contact Beth or Emily in the temple office, (314) 569-0010.

**NEW FOR
2026!**

Auto-Renew Payment Plan Option

You asked, we heard you! Beginning with MR2026, members have the option to set up a payment plan that will carry over from year-to-year. Once you fill out the auto-renew authorization form there is no need to log in every year and set it up again. Regardless of the option you select, members will have the option to review their suggested contribution and edit it each year before charges begin.

We will still offer the option of a one-year payment plan for those who choose.

SHIRLEE GREEN PRESCHOOL *CELEBRATING*



This year, Congregation Shaare Emeth joyfully celebrates 60 years of early childhood education. Since 1965, more than 6,000 children have taken their first steps into learning and Jewish life through the halls of our preschool.

While teaching philosophies and facilities have evolved, the heart of our program remains unchanged: to nurture curiosity, community, and connection in our youngest learners.

Originally known as Shaare Emeth Nursery School, the program was renamed Shirlee Green Preschool in 1996, thanks to the generosity of the Nancy and Randy Green Family. We are deeply grateful for their continued involvement and support in shaping the preschool's future.

Shirlee Green Preschool (SGP) is often the very first connection families have with our congregation—and it continues to be a vital and beloved part of our community.

We're also proud to share that SGP recently became the first Jewish school in Missouri to receive the *Missouri Green School certification*. This honor recognizes schools that are committed to reducing their environmental impact and creating healthier learning spaces for children. Through the leadership of our faculty and support of our families, SGP is building a culture rooted in sustainability, adding new green initiatives each year.

To learn more about our green efforts, please visit shirleegreenpreschool.org.

Join the Celebration!

Thank you for supporting Shirlee Green Preschool and helping us grow toward a greener future.

For more information, contact: Beth Kodner, Director of Development & Membership, at bkodner@sestl.org | 314-569-0010



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at Shaare Emeth



Craig Neuman
Executive Director

Beth Kodner
*Director of Development
& Membership*

**WE'LL BE MARKING THIS
EXCITING MILESTONE WITH
SEVERAL SPECIAL EVENTS
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR:**

**SGP 60th Celebration Shabbat
Friday, September 12**

Join us for a joyful Shabbat service featuring
a slideshow and extended nosh.

Coffee and... Event

Date to be announced later this year.
A casual gathering to reconnect with
friends, families, and fellow alumni.

Make a Tribute Gift

Honor a past or current student or
teacher with a tribute donation to
support our green initiatives.

Visit sestl.co/green to give.

WE NEED YOUR PRESCHOOL PICS!

To create the slideshow for our SGP
60th Celebration Shabbat, please
find your preschool pics and upload
them to **SESTL.CO/SGPPICS**





Sustaining the World Through the Breath of Our Children

By Rabbi Lori Levine

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As Director of Education here at Shaare Emeth, I am sure that it is no surprise that the back-to-school season is one of my favorite times of year. It is truly my joy to watch our learning community come back to life each year when summer ends. All of the curriculum, resources, schedules, lesson plans,

meetings, and more amount to very little without the people here who make it mean something real.

As I reflected on this core part of my work, it brought to mind one of my favorite texts about Jewish education from the Mishneh Torah, a commentary on Jewish law written by the medieval sage Maimonides (Rabbi Moshe ben Maimon). The Mishneh Torah is meant to be a how-to guide for everything in life, and an entire section is dedicated to instructions on the study of Torah for all ages. Maimonides declares in Chapter 2 that it is the obligation of every city, village, and town to have teachers of Torah for small children available to the families of the area. If the adults of a community do not fulfill this obligation, Maimonides states very clearly that this city deserves to be destroyed because "...the world is maintained only by the breath of school children." Though the ruling for destruction here might be a bit extreme for my liking, I think the essential truth of it stands: our future lies in the breath, the spirits, the laughter, the minds, and the hearts of our children. Our community is sustained for the next generation when we provide opportunities for children of all ages to ask questions, try new skills, and do the work of forming their own Jewish identities as individuals.

The work begins at teacher orientation when our faculty return to the temple building with refreshed energy and vision for their students. These dedicated teachers show up every single week, in addition to their college courses, full-time jobs, family obligations, and more to help create a fun, meaningful religious school experience for our learners. This year's team is amazingly creative, thoughtful, and kind. We are so lucky to have them, and I am grateful for the work they do to bring our vision for Reform Jewish learning to life. Suffice it to say, we have gone above and beyond fulfilling our obligation from Maimonides to recruit teachers of Torah!

Just a few weeks later, when religious school begins, I see again when our students walk through the door that children are the life breath of our community. Each year, our learners take their steps forward into the next phase of their learning journey. A new PreK learner in our JQuest program might be coming to temple for the very first time in their lives. Our kids see their Jewish friends they don't get to see every day at school. A 3rd Grade student eagerly receives the workbook that will unlock the secrets of reading Hebrew text. We create a sense of the sacred every time we join to sing and pray. 7th Graders show up ready to take on the challenge of preparing for b'mitzvah. Our teens in Tikkun start to imagine what their Judaism will mean to them as young adults with the guidance of their rabbis and teachers. We as the educators are here for our students, and we take the obligation of bringing them up in Torah seriously.

I think it is safe to say that we are doing our job of sustaining the world through our children as a community very well! May we be blessed each school year to say the same.

Rabbi Lori



Welcome Naomi Sharon, Shaare Emeth's 2025-2026 Shinshinit!

Hi! I'm Naomi Sharon and I'm 18 years old. I am from Haifa in the north of Israel, where I grew up in a very close-knit neighborhood. In high school, I studied computer science and chemistry. I am part of the Israeli Scouts youth movement, where I participated as a kid and also worked for the last few years as a guide and counselor for middle school and high school students. I love drawing, traveling, and camping in nature. I have a younger sister, Abigail, and a cute dog, and my family and I love to see the world together. I have visited the United States a few times, including when I was a part of the Boston-Haifa teen delegation for the Jewish Agency. I can't wait to meet all of you and to get to know this amazing community!





THE LEGACY OF MARYELLEN MCSWEENEY



Maryellen Katz McSweeney (z'l) was an accomplished scholar and educator. She received her doctorate from the University of California at Berkeley with a specialization in Statistics and Measurement. She was a professor at Saint Louis University's School of Nursing, where she published dozens of research articles that advanced the field. Her career was marked by rigor, curiosity, and a passion for teaching others.

Outside of work, Maryellen was an active and devoted member of B'nai El before joining the Shaare Emeth family when the congregations merged. She was deeply involved in congregational life, serving as a dedicated Sisterhood member and leader. She moderated book club events, co-chaired the gift shop, and helped strengthen the bonds of friendship and learning that were at the heart of the B'nai El/Shaare Emeth communities.

Maryellen moved away from St. Louis over 10 years ago but never truly left our community. When COVID forced us to reinvent how we gather, our livestreamed services became a vital connection for her. She once wrote to Shaare Emeth:

"Another year of inspiration, encouragement and support through lived streamed services and emailed messages from Shaare Emeth. Shaare Emeth's directness and commitment to mission speak to me more meaningfully than does my local congregation. Thank you very much."

Maryellen's words remind us that our mission reaches well beyond the walls of our building. Her connection to Shaare Emeth, despite distance and years, is a testament to the strength of our community and the power of meaningful Jewish life.

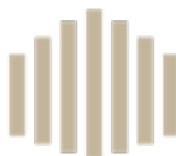
Why do we share this information about Maryellen?

This spring, Maryellen McSweeney passed away. She left a generous legacy gift to Congregation Shaare Emeth. We are humbled and grateful for her trust and vision. Part of her gift is being used to support our day-to-day work, helping us deliver the worship, education, social justice, and pastoral care that defines who we are. The majority will strengthen our general endowment, helping to ensure that Shaare Emeth can continue fulfilling its mission for generations to come.

Maryellen's legacy is a powerful reminder that our congregation's future depends on the generosity and foresight of those who love it. If you have ever found meaning, comfort, or inspiration at Shaare Emeth through services, classes, lifecycle moments, or community connections, we hope you will consider making a gift so that these vital services can continue.

Your support today sustains the work we do each day. A legacy gift ensures that our mission will endure long into the future. If you would like to discuss a donation or legacy commitment, please reach out to our office. Together, we can make sure that Shaare Emeth continues to be a source of strength and Jewish life for all who need it, now and for generations to come.

For more information, please visit sestl.co/legacy.



**THEY MADE HISTORY
SO CAN YOU**
CONGREGATION SHAARE EMETH
ENDOWMENT FUND CAMPAIGN

SEPTEMBER

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ELUL MEDITATION
SERIES



TUESDAY

9-9:30 A.M. VIA ZOOM

Join Rabbi Andrea Goldstein for these special weekly Mindfulness Meditation sittings incorporating teachings, rituals, and symbols of the High Holy Days season.

No meditation experience necessary.



1:30 P.M. TO MEET AT THE PARK
1 P.M. TO MEET AT SHAARE
EMETH AND CARPOOL TO THE PARK

Join Rabbi Goldstein for an awe walk to help us prepare for the upcoming Days of Awe. The afternoon will include moments of learning, prayer, and reflection in a beautiful and unique setting. This event is free, but registration is required. **To register, visit sestl.co/elulawe.**

Fort Belle Fontaine Park is located at 13002 Bellefontaine Rd., St Louis, MO 63138

SUNDAY

7 ELUL AWE
WALK AT
FORT BELLE
FONTAINE PARK



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WAKE-UP CALL:
THE POWER AND
PROVOCATION OF
UN'TANEH TOKEF

WEDNESDAY

7-8:30 P.M. WITH
CANTOR SETH WARNER

Light dessert refreshments will be served

Join us for an evening of learning and reflection on Un'taneh Tokef, one of the High Holy Days' most powerful and stirring prayers. We'll explore the text's enduring questions about judgment, fate, and divine mercy. Can *t'shuvah*, *t'filah*, and *tzedakah* truly change the decree?

In this 90-minute class, we'll delve into the prayer's origins, theology, and emotional resonance.

No prior knowledge is necessary.



10 A.M. • KEHILLAH CENTER

TUESDAY

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AN ESSENTIAL
CONVERSATION
ABOUT ESSENTIAL
CONVERSATIONS
WITH ALAN SPECTOR
& INTRODUCTION BY
RABBI JIM BENNETT

As we grow older, we reflect more deeply on health, independence, and caring for ourselves and our loved ones. This session, held during Elul, a sacred time for reflection and preparation for the High Holy Days, invites us to consider the future we want to shape with intention and love.

Rabbi Jim Bennett and longtime congregant Alan Spector will lead a thoughtful discussion on preparing for the later stages of life. The conversation will offer practical guidance while exploring the emotional aspects of aging, disability, dementia, and even death with honesty, sensitivity, and compassion. Rabbi Bennett will share the spiritual meaning behind this work, while Alan offers wisdom from his book *Essential Baby Boomer Conversations*.

Each household will receive a complimentary copy of the book. We invite you to take this important step for yourself and those you love. **RSVP required at sestl.co/essential.**

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3RD ANNUAL ROSH HASHANAH CHALLAH BAKE



WEDNESDAY

6-7:30 P.M.

Join us for an intergenerational challah-making event! Learn to make a beautiful round challah with expert Carol Rubin. We'll be donating challahs for our Rosh Hashanah Caring Bags for seniors, and you'll get to take home your own dough to bake.

Enjoy pizza, good company, and a meaningful mitzvah. Perfect for all ages! \$36 per family – Register by September 12! **To Register, visit sestl.co/challah.**



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SHAARE-ING SWEETNESS WITH SENIORS

Help us deliver New Year's joy and warmth to homebound seniors and those in senior communities. Join the Chesed/Caring Committee to deliver Rosh Hashanah bags with sweet treats and well wishes. This is a great activity for all ages.

Bag Pick-Up: Starting Thursday afternoon, September 18, at Congregation Shaare Emeth.

Deliveries Due: By Sunday evening, September 21.

To help, email Debbie Bram at dbram@sestl.org. Let's start the New Year by sharing kindness with those who need it most.

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RETURNING HOME: A MINDFUL MOVEMENT CLASS FOR ELUL



FRIDAY

10 A.M.

Join Dani Glassman, LMT, RYT-500, MSW, and Rabbi Goldstein for this embodied teshuvah (returning) practice, where we will practice what it feels like to return to our truest selves as we prepare for the New Year.

To register, visit sestl.co/returning.





YOUR GUIDE TO THE *High Holidays* AT SHAAARE EMETH

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The Holiest Day of the Year

Yom Kippur: Pages 22-23

Our donations to the Harvey Kornblum
Jewish Food Pantry are more critically
needed than ever. See page 19

Details about attending services
on-site or online are on page 24
and at sestl.co/hhd25

The High Holidays

AT CONGREGATION SHAARE EMETH 2025 | 5786

Shanah Tovah u'Metukah שנה טובה ומתוקה

As we enter this sacred season, we're reminded of the strength we find in community and the comfort of shared tradition. The past year has brought both challenges and growth, and through it all, our congregation has remained a place of connection, compassion, and hope.

We invite you to join us for worship services and special events that bring depth and meaning to the High Holidays. May this time of reflection and renewal inspire us to show up for one another and embrace the year ahead with open hearts. Details for celebrating the High Holidays at Shaare Emeth follow. For the latest updates, check ShaareMail weekly and visit: sestl.co/HHD25

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

7:30 p.m. • Stiffman Sanctuary 

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Boker Tov Rosh Hashanah

9 a.m. • Kehillah Center
Families with Young Children (Age 0-7)

Rosh Hashanah Morning Service

10 a.m. • Stiffman Sanctuary 

Rosh Hashanah L'Dor VaDor

11 a.m. • Kehillah Center
Families with Children Ages 8+

Tashlich

4 p.m. • Des Peres Park • All Ages

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Shabbat Shuvah

6 p.m. • Stiffman Sanctuary

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Kever Avot v'Imahot Memorial Service of Remembrance

11 a.m. • New Mt. Sinai Cemetery

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

Yom Kippur Kol Nidre Service

7:30 p.m. • Stiffman Sanctuary 

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Boker Tov Yom Kippur

9 a.m. • Kehillah Center
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Yom Kippur Morning Service

10 a.m. • Stiffman Sanctuary 

Yom Kippur L'Dor VaDor Service

11 a.m. • Kehillah Center
Families with Children Ages 8+

Yom Kippur Teen Experience

12:30 p.m. • Ages 13-18

Yom Kippur Afternoon

12:30-1:45 p.m. • Session One
2-3:15 p.m. • Session Two

Yom Kippur Yizkor Healing Neilah

3:30 p.m. • Stiffman Sanctuary 

 Service includes ASL interpretation

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

Erev Sukkot Supper & Schmooze

5:30-7 p.m. • Courtyard Sukkah

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

L'Dor VaDor Sukkot Shabbat Service with Paper Midrash

6 p.m. • Service • Stiffman Sanctuary
with Visual Sermon & Simcha Blessings

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

Erev Simchat Torah: Creative Service & Mosaic Reveal

6 p.m. • Service • Stiffman Sanctuary

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

Simchat Torah Yizkor Service

9 a.m. • B'nai El Chapel



DESCRIPTIONS
& MORE AT
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SELICHOT: STORIES OF FORGIVENESS & REFLECTION

As we prepare our hearts for the High Holidays, join us for a moving and thought-provoking Selichot program that invites us to reflect on the meaning—and challenge—of forgiveness. We are thrilled to be joined by The Braid: the Go-To Jewish Story Company, where professional actors perform true stories "braided" around a theme.

Saturday, September 13

Program at 7 p.m.

Reception at 8:30 p.m.

Selichot Service at 9 p.m.

The Art of Forgiveness by "THE BRAID"

Presented live, followed by a facilitated discussion with the clergy and directors of Congregation Shaare Emeth.

Is there an art to forgiveness? These stories reveal the secrets to forgiving...but do we ever forget? Find out in this moving

and thought-provoking show that deals with sibling rivalry, challenging parents, ex-husbands, a Holocaust survivor's forgiveness, and one woman's ability to forgive herself. All this and more, will make you laugh and make you cry.

Following the performance, clergy and directors from Congregation Shaare Emeth will guide a thoughtful conversation as we begin the sacred journey of teshuvah—return, repentance, and renewal.

We'll continue with a dessert reception, and conclude with a spiritual, introspective service which ends in quiet candlelight.

RSVP at sestl.co/selichot25

CHEERS TO THE NEW YEAR!

20s & 30s Erev

Rosh Hashanah Dinner

Monday, September 22

6 p.m. in the Courtyard

An annual favorite, all 20s and 30s are invited to join for this informal, Erev Rosh Hashanah dinner where we'll get to know one another and welcome the holiday as a community. Everyone is invited to stay after dinner for the Erev Rosh Hashanah service.



Registration & information about dinner options & pricing is available at sestl.co/rhdinner25

High Holiday Food Drive & Tzedakah

Shaare-ing Sustenance, Nourishing Souls

During this sacred season of reflection and renewal, we are called to open our hearts and our hands. As we prepare ourselves spiritually for the New Year, we are also reminded of our responsibility to care for those in need.

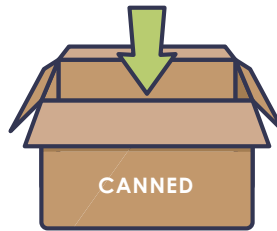
This year, our High Holy Day Food Drive carries even greater urgency. Food pantries around the country have lost significant money from governmental support and are struggling to meet the needs of our neighbors — people in our own community who rely on this food to nourish their families.

The Jewish tradition teaches:

"Lo alecha ham'lacha ligmor, v'lo atah ben chorin l'hibatel mimena"

"It is not your duty to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from it." (Pirkei Avot 2:16)

We may not be able to solve food insecurity alone, but we must not turn away.



How You Can Help!

Donate Non-Perishable Food

You'll receive a paper grocery bag on Erev Rosh Hashanah and Rosh Hashanah morning with a list of the Food Pantry's most-needed items. Please return your filled bag to Temple by Yom Kippur morning.

Give Financially

Monetary donations go even further. We will again use monetary donations to benefit the St. Louis Food Bank, The Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Bank, and Mazon, A Jewish Response to Hunger.

Volunteer

Multiple volunteer opportunities will be available during the High Holidays. We have need for volunteers of all ages to collect and box food. Sign up via the links in ShaareMail.

Continue Donating Each Month

Every month, we will advertise the five most-needed items for the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry. Drop-off is available in the North Lobby Vestibule any time the building is open.

Let us enter the new year by living our values — with compassion, justice, and generosity. Together, we can help ensure no one in our community goes hungry.

ROSH HASHANAH



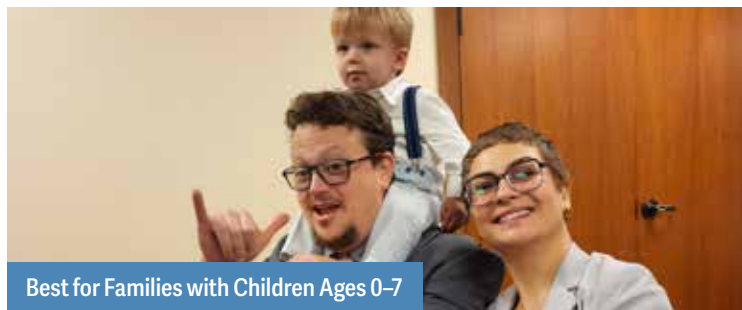
EREV ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE

Monday, September 22

7:30 p.m. • Stiffman Sanctuary

Join us as we begin the High Holiday season at this moving evening service. With the help of Shaare Emeth's clergy, the High Holiday choir, the Mishkan Hanefesh Machzor, and a meaningful sermon, we embark on welcoming the New Year.

Duration: 2 Hours



BOKER TOV ROSH HASHANAH

Tuesday, September 23

9 a.m. • Kehillah Center

Geared toward families with 0-7-year-olds, this service is energetic and joyful. We will sing, dance, and welcome in the Jewish New Year together! We hope you've been practicing your keepy uppies – your friends from **Bluey** may even make an appearance.

Duration: 30 minutes

CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN AGES 6 MONTHS TO 7 YEARS. SEE PAGE 24 FOR DETAILS



ROSH HASHANAH MORNING SERVICE

Tuesday, September 23

10 a.m. • Stiffman Sanctuary

Welcome the New Year with familiar faces, music, and prayers. Enter the High Holy Day season in a beautiful way with our clergy, participation from our High Holy Day choir, prayers from the Mishkan Hanefesh Machzor, and a thought-provoking sermon.

Duration: 2 Hours



ROSH HASHANAH L'DOR VADOR SERVICE

Tuesday, September 23

11 a.m. • Kehillah Center

Our Rosh Hashanah L'Dor VaDor Intergenerational Service is an interactive worship experience filled with blessings, music, and all the main components of a traditional High Holiday Service, but in a more casual setting with a story-based sermon.

Duration: 1 hour



TASHLICH IN THE PARK

Tuesday, September 23

4 p.m. • Des Peres Park

Join us at Des Peres Park for this casual, interactive, and meaningful ceremony of Tashlich. Through music, prayers and poetry we will cast out what's weighing us down and make space for a wonderful new year together.

Duration: 45 minutes

10 DAYS OF TESHUVAH

The ten days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur—known as the Ten Days of Teshuvah—are a sacred time for reflection, repentance, prayer, and charity. The Unetanah Tokef poem reminds us that we can “avert the severe decree” by changing our ways, feeling regret, and striving to repair our misdeeds. However you spend these days, we hope they bring renewal and restoration.

SHABBAT SHUVAH

Friday, September 26

6 p.m. • Stiffman Sanctuary

Shabbat Shuvah falls between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Shuvah comes from the Hebrew word “Teshuvah,” which is often translated as repentance but literally means “return.” Thus, Shabbat Shuvah is the Sabbath of Return. Our service is focused and meditative, highlighting themes of repentance and forgiveness.

Solos Shaare-ing: Opportunities for Engagement

Meaningful connections.

Shared worship.

Engaging programs.



Solos SHAARE-ing is a new initiative created to bring together solo members of our congregation—whether single by choice or circumstance—for community, connection, and companionship. You are always welcome at all Shaare Emeth events, but these upcoming programs will offer opportunities to gather specifically as a group, so you never have to attend alone.

Selichot: Stories of Forgiveness and Reflection

Saturday, September 13 at 7 p.m.

As we prepare our hearts for the High Holy Days, join us for a powerful evening of storytelling and spiritual reflection. See page 18 for a more detailed description.

Tashlich in the Park

Tuesday, September 23 at 4 p.m. at Des Peres Park

See opposite page for more information.

KEVER AVOT V'IMAHOT MEMORIAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Sunday, September 28

11 a.m. • New Mt. Sinai Cemetery Mausoleum

New Mount Sinai Cemetery, Congregation Shaare Emeth and Temple Israel's joint cemetery, will present a Kever Avot v'Imahot service – A Memorial Service Honoring Those Who Came Before Us – in the cemetery's Community Mausoleum.

This service of remembrance is meditative and prayerful, providing comfort and solace for all. Led by clergy of the member congregations and musicians from the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra and others, the service is both reflective and comforting. It is a beautiful way to transition from Rosh Hashanah to Yom Kippur and remember whose shoulders on which we stand.



Erev Sukkot Supper & Schmooze

Monday, October 6 • 5:30–7 p.m. • Courtyard Sukkah

Let's shake, schmooze, and celebrate the season—together!

See page 24 for a more detailed description.

Want to join any of these events as part of the Solos Shaare-ing group? Register at sestl.co/solos

If you have questions, feel free to contact Debbie Bram at dbram@sestl.org or Beth Kodner at bkodner@sestl.org

YOM KIPPUR

KOL NIDRE: EREV YOM KIPPUR SERVICE

Wednesday, October 1

7:30 p.m. • Stiffman Sanctuary

This service features Kol Nidre by Max Bruch, our clergy, choir, and instrumental ensemble, inspiring readings, prayers, and a meaningful sermon. Together, we'll reflect, repent, and renew on the holiest day of the year.

Duration: 2 hours



Best for Adults & Teens

BOKER TOV YOM KIPPUR

Thursday, October 2

9 a.m. • Kehillah Center

Join the clergy for a Yom Kippur experience designed for our youngest friends and their grown-ups. We'll sing, dance, and learn about the true meaning of this important and holy day with the help of the Heeler family.

Duration: 30 minutes



Best for Families with Children Ages 0-7

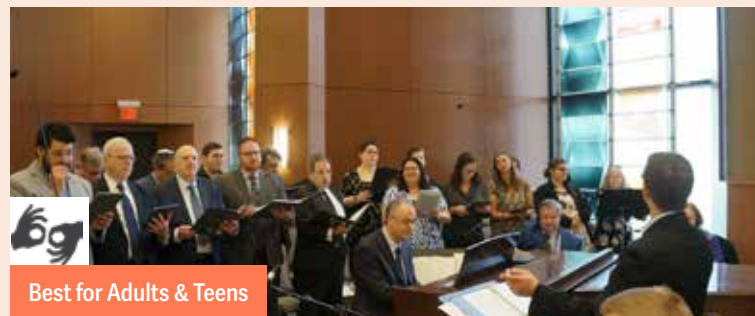
YOM KIPPUR MORNING SERVICE

Thursday, October 2

10 a.m. • Stiffman Sanctuary

This service, accompanied by our High Holy Day choir, beautiful readings and prayers, and a powerful sermon, offers an opportunity for meaningful reflection and repentance.

Duration: 2 hours



Best for Adults & Teens

Childcare is available for children ages 6 months to 7 years. See page 24 for details

YOM KIPPUR L'DOR VADOR SERVICE

Thursday, October 2

11 a.m. • Kehillah Center

Our L'Dor VaDor Intergenerational Service is an interactive worship experience filled with music, blessings, and a story-based sermon. We'll explore the themes of the holiday in a relatable way, inspiring all in attendance to step into the new year with renewed purpose.

Duration: 1 hour



Best for Families with Children Ages 8+

YOM KIPPUR YIZKOR HEALING NEILAH SERVICE

Thursday, October 2

3:30 p.m. • Stiffman Sanctuary

Our closing service includes Yizkor (honoring lost loved ones), Healing (prayers and music for wholeness), and Neilah (a powerful conclusion as we step into the new year). Following the service, enjoy a sweet gift with our wishes for a sweet and healthy new year.

Duration: 2 hours



Best for Adults & Teens

YOM KIPPUR

YOM KIPPUR TEEN EXPERIENCE

Thursday, October 2
12:30 p.m. • Location TBA

Teens, this is your space to connect with Yom Kippur in a real and meaningful way—no parents, no classroom vibes. Reflect on the past year, explore who you want to become, and engage with others in a fresh, teen-focused experience.

Watch your e-mail for the RSVP link



Grades 7–12

YOM KIPPUR *Afternoon*

WE INVITE YOU to make yourself at home at Shaare Emeth throughout the day. Each of our two afternoon session times offer you three opportunities: *Make a Difference, Broaden Your Horizons, and Nourish Your Soul.*

MAKE A DIFFERENCE: SHAARE-ING SUSTENANCE, NOURISHING SOULS

Led by our Tzedek Committee, engage in one or both of these activities to make a difference for those in our community who face food insecurity. Come for as much time as you can.

Session One • 12:30–1:45 p.m.

Join us as we **box up the food donations** for The Harvey Kornblum Food Pantry and learn why, especially this year, our monthly food donations are vital. All ages are welcome.

Session Two • 2–3:15 p.m.

Write postcards to our congregants with personal messages encouraging monthly donations of food and personal care items to support the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry.

NOURISH YOUR SOUL: JEWISH MINDFULNESS CENTER & OUTDOOR EXPLORATION

The Jewish Mindfulness Center of St. Louis (located across from the Main Office) will be open all afternoon as an oasis of quiet where you can rest, meditate, or pray. You may also wish to spend time at the Labyrinth (information about how to use the Labyrinth as a spiritual practice will be available) or walking the grounds.



Service includes ASL interpretation.



EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS: LEARNING SESSIONS

Each afternoon session also allows you the opportunity to learn something new and engage in dialogue with our clergy and other members of our community.

Session One • 12:30–1:45 p.m.

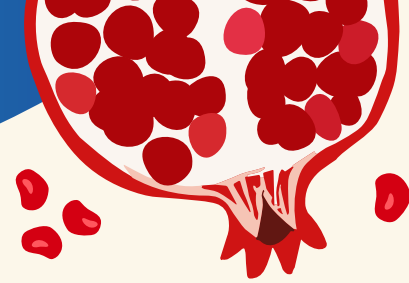
Themes of the High Holidays
Visit sestl.co/yomkippur for more information

Session Two • 2–3:15 p.m.

Jewish Values & Current Events: How Can They Co-Exist and Thrive Together? A dialogue between Rabbi Jeffrey Stiffman and Rabbi Jim Bennett



MORE HIGH HOLIDAY



For Those Attending On-Site

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE

Congregation Shaare Emeth is pleased to be able to offer childcare during Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur morning services. For more information, call Brandi Kanoya at 314-692-5321.

WHO: Children ages 6 months – 7 years

WHEN: Tuesday, September 23, and Thursday, October 2, from 9:30–12:30 p.m.

WHERE: Drop-off and pick-up in the preschool hallway

COST: \$5 per child per holiday

Advance registration is required. Space is limited: register early!

VISIT [SESTL.CO/CARE25](https://sestl.co/care25)

PARKING LOCATIONS & SHUTTLE

In the event our lot fills, overflow parking and shuttles are provided. Arrive early to allow time to park or relocate to overflow parking.

Overflow Parking Locations:

EREV ROSH HASHANAH (6:30-9:30 P.M.):

Scott Properties, 456 and 522 N. New Ballas Road

ROSH HASHANAH (8:30 A.M.–2 P.M.):

Elks Lodge #9, 12481 Ladue Road

EREV YOM KIPPUR (6:30-10 P.M.):

Scott Properties, 456 and 522 N. New Ballas Road

YOM KIPPUR (8 A.M.–7 P.M.):

Elks Lodge #9, 12481 Ladue Road

For Those Attending Online

PRAYERBOOK PICK-UP

If you are planning to attend services by live-streaming, you may borrow the Mishkan Hanefesh Machzor two-volume set to use at home. Get your set(s) at one of the pick-up times listed below.

At pick-up, you will be asked for your credit card number. If your books are not returned by Monday, October 13, you will be charged \$50. No credit cards will be processed before October 14.

Pick-up Dates & Times in the North Lobby

Sunday, September 14 from 9 a.m.–Noon

Tuesday, September 16 from 10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 4–7 p.m.

Friday, September 19 from 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Monday, September 22 from 9 a.m.–Noon

LIVE STREAMING

Congregation Shaare Emeth is proud to offer online viewing options for all of our High Holiday services again this year.

Access all live streams at sestl.co/stream

Log on early! If at any time you're experiencing difficulties accessing the livestream, please wait a few minutes and try reloading the page, or try sestl.org/upcoming-services.

Detailed instructions are provided with your prayerbook pick-up instructions.

Living Our Values: WELCOMING ALL

At Congregation Shaare Emeth, we are so pleased to invite you to join with us to usher in the year 5786. It is our tradition to extend the warmest possible "Welcome!" as we open our doors to all who wish to join us during the High Holidays and throughout the year. All members of the Congregation and all guests and visitors are welcome to join us for our services; no tickets are necessary. Those unable to attend in our building are encouraged to join us via live stream at sestl.co/stream.



SUPPER AND SCHMOOZE

in the Sukkah

Monday, October 6
5:30–7 p.m. • Courtyard Sukkah

An All-Ages Erev Sukkot Celebration

Start the joyful festival of Sukkot with a sweet and spirited evening for all ages! Join us in the sukkah for a delicious dinner, hands-on activities, and a tasty twist—lulav shakes for dessert!

At 6 p.m., our clergy will lead a brief but meaningful ritual to help us welcome the holiday together. Come early, stay late—dinner and activities will be available before and after the gathering.

This event is free and open to all, so bring your family, friends, and festive spirit. Let's shake, schmooze, and celebrate the season!

RSVPs are required by October 1
at sestl.co/sukkot25



MAHJ *in the Sukkah*

Thursday, October 9

**1–3:30 p.m. • North Lobby,
Courtyard Sukkah**

Join other Shaare Emeth mahjong players for an afternoon of fun in the courtyard sukkah or North Lobby. Treats will be served. Players of all levels are welcome!

RSVP at sestl.co/mahj



Order Your Own
**LULAV AND
ETROG SET**



SUSHI *in the Sukkah*

Thursday, October 9

7 p.m. • Courtyard Sukkah

The women of Shaare Emeth are invited to join KeSHER for Sushi in the Sukkah. Watch your e-mail for information and the link to RSVP. Not sure if you're getting KeSHER e-mails?

Contact Stacy at
SJespersen@sestl.org



Enjoy Sukkot with your own lulav and etrog. No sukkah is required to bring the smells and sounds of Sukkot into your home. Support the independent farmers in Hadera, Israel, who grow the etrogim (plural of etrog). Parts of the lulav are grown in Egypt, and other parts in New York. Sets are \$40 each.

Order by September 11 at sestl.co/lulav

DEUTSCH SCHOLARS-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND WITH ISAAC & RABBI SHAWNA BRYNJEGARD-BIALIK

PAPER MIDRASH



Friday, October 10 –
Monday, October 13
Worship • Create • Learn • Celebrate

Join us for a four-day journey of Torah through art with Isaac and Rabbi Shawna Brynjegard-Bialik, the creative duo behind Paper Midrash. Blending sacred text, modern media, and spiritual insight, they'll guide us through hands-on learning and artistic expression for all ages. The weekend culminates in a powerful, visual Simchat Torah celebration. Don't miss this chance to explore where Torah meets imagination and community becomes art!

L'DOR VADOR SUKKOT SHABBAT SERVICE WITH PAPER MIDRASH

Friday, October 10
Nosh at 5:15 p.m.
Service at 6 p.m.

Start the weekend with a visually stunning and intellectually rich Shabbat service. Isaac & Rabbi Shawna will offer a unique "Visual Sermon"—a multimedia exploration of the weekly Torah portion infused with pop culture, humor, and deep Torah wisdom. Plus, experience their innovative Visual T'filah, co-created with the CCAR, featuring Isaac's artwork and a refreshing approach to prayer.

For All Ages

STREET ART PROPHECY

Saturday, October 11
Continental Breakfast at 9 a.m.
Program from 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Explore the bold messages of the prophets alongside the vibrant energy of Tel Aviv graffiti. After a short text study and visual presentation, participants will design stencil art and add to a collaborative "wall."

For Adults (18+) - Limited to 40 people
RSVP required at sestl.co/streetart





ISAAC & RABBI SHAWNA
BRYNJEGARD-BIALIK

HAVDALART

Saturday, October 11
4–5 p.m.

Families with young children are invited to close Shabbat with Havdalah and art-making. Create vibrant fingerprint mosaics inspired by Torah, which will become part of a collective art installation at the Temple. Includes a special Havdalah snack.

For Families with Young Children
(Ages 0–5) • RSVP required at
sestl.co/havdalart



CREATE YOUR OWN GOLEM: PAPERCUTTING WORKSHOP

Sunday, October 12
4–6 p.m.

Uncover the mystical legend of the golem through text and imagery, then bring it to life with your own hands. Participants will explore traditional Jewish sources before designing and cutting out their very own paper golem. Co-sponsored by The Jewish Mindfulness Center.

For Adults (18+)
- Limited to 30 participants
RSVP required at sestl.co/golem

EREV SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION CREATIVE SERVICE + COMMUNITY MOSAIC REVEAL Monday, October 13 | 6 p.m.

Celebrate the joy of Torah with a service unlike any other! We'll unveil the fingerprint mosaic art created by members of our community throughout the weekend—each piece inspired by B'reishit, the first chapter of Torah we begin anew. This is a visual and spiritual Simchat Torah celebration for the whole congregation.
For All Ages

RSVP LINKS AND FULL DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT SESTL.CO/PAPERMIDRASH

The Scholar-in-Residence Program is made possible through the Fred and Elsie Deutsch Endowment Fund. The Congregation would like to thank Roberta and Jim Deutsch, Judy and Larry Deutsch, and their families for their continuous generous support for the Scholar-in-Residence program.



You're *Invited* to

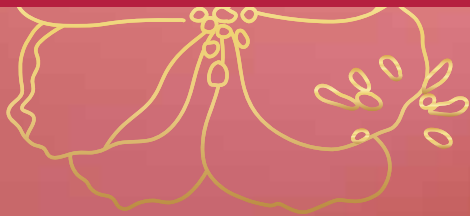
JUBILATION

Saturday
11.1.25

AT THE
Reverie

6:30 *to* 9:30 P.M.

Join us for an unforgettable evening as we celebrate and support **CONGREGATION SHAARE EMETH** and honor our members, Madeline Elkins & Harvey Wallace as this year's Harris Frank COMMUNITY SERVICE Award honorees.



Madeleine Elkins
& Harvey Wallace



Please visit
sestl.co/jubilation
to become a sponsor, purchase
tickets or make a donation

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER EVENTS

Community October 7 Commemoration

Sunday, October 5

The Jewish Federation of St. Louis invites you to join our community as we mark two years since the October 7, 2023, attacks. We will honor the memory of the lives lost and stand together in tribute to the strength and resilience of the Israeli people.

All are we come to this interactive and meaningful gathering, designed to unite our community in remembrance, solidarity, and hope. **Watch ShaareMail for additional information.**



Prayer Lab Returns

Friday, October 24 at 6 p.m.

Prayer Lab returns with Rabbi Goldstein, the Prayer Lab musicians, and Zoey Waldman-Schein. Join us for this non-traditional Shabbat service combining contemporary readings, poetry, participatory music, interactive teachings, and time set aside for meditation and personal reflection. The theme for this month's service is **Courage**.



Wise Aging with Debbie Bram and Rabbi Andrea Goldstein

Fridays from 10–11:30 a.m.

October 17 & 31, November 14 & 21, December 5 & 19

Wise Aging is a 6-session program which enables participants to discover the possibilities for living the years ahead with joy, resilience, and spirit. Wise Aging combines Jewish texts and practices with poetry, secular writings and heartfelt dialogue, to challenge participants to develop their own sense of what it means to “number their days” and “grow a heart of wisdom.” This program is facilitated by Rabbi Andrea Goldstein and Debbie Bram and co-sponsored by the Jewish Mindfulness Center of St. Louis.

Cost: \$45 for members • \$60 for non-members
(cost includes book)

Register at sestl.co/wiseaging

Texting Tuesdays Returns with: A Taste of Talmud with Rabbi Jim Bennett

Tuesdays from 10–11 a.m.

October 21 & 28, and November 4 & 11

Join Rabbi Bennett in an introductory journey into the pages of Talmud, the 2000 year old collection of Jewish legal and folkloric teachings and opinions. Together, we will encounter Talmud, learn how it came to exist, sample some of its arguments and teachings, and begin to understand how they apply to our contemporary Jewish lives.

No previous experience necessary. Come and Learn!



OCTOBER & NOVEMBER EVENTS

Celebrate Sigd with Beejhy Barhany In Partnership with the St. Louis Jewish Book Festival

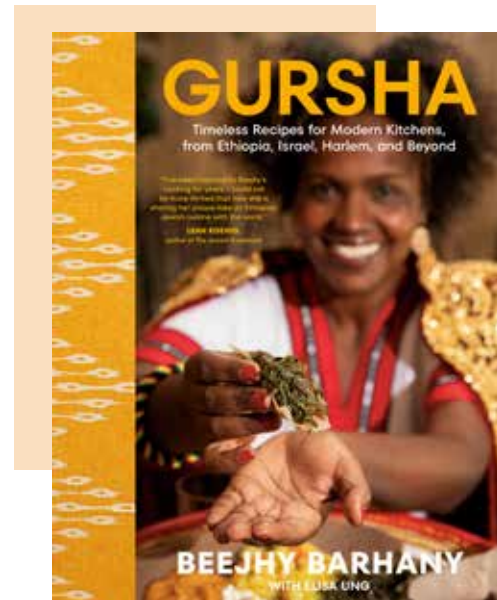
Thursday, November 13 at 7 p.m.

At Congregation Shaare Emeth

\$18 for Shaare Emeth Members | \$36 for Non-Members

Get ready for a flavorful and unforgettable evening with chef, entrepreneur, and Tsion Café founder Beejhy Barhany in celebration of Sigd, the ancient Ethiopian Jewish holiday that honors both communal unity and the giving of the Torah. Observed 50 days after Yom Kippur, Sigd is a time of reflection, renewal, and connection to heritage. Barhany will share stories and recipes from her debut cookbook, *Gursha: Timeless Recipes for Modern Kitchens, from Ethiopia, Israel, Harlem, and Beyond*, bringing to life the rich flavors and cultural traditions of her Ethiopian-Jewish roots through food, storytelling, and conversation. Light refreshments will be served!

Stay tuned for the link to purchase tickets, and check out jccstl.org for more information about the St. Louis Jewish Book Festival!



Anshei Mitzvah

Sundays from 9:15–11 a.m.

October 12, 2025 – February 7, 2027

Ceremony on Friday, February 12, 2027

Adults of all ages are invited to embark on a sacred journey of learning and discovery culminating in a milestone ceremony you might have missed in childhood. Gathering together weekly, participants study Hebrew, explore Jewish traditions and texts, and reflect on their personal relationships with faith and tradition. Don't miss this opportunity to grow spiritually in a joyful community of new learners and friends. You can still fully participate even if you had a B'Mitzvah as a child!

Register by contacting Stacy Jespersen at sjespersen@sestl.org

ANSHEI 
MITZVAH

CONGREGATION SHAARE EMETH'S
ADULT B'MITZVAH PROGRAM



GATHERING *for* GRATITUDE

A Morning of Giving Back

Sunday, November 23
from 10–11:30 a.m.

*Deeds of giving are the very foundation
of the world. Pirke Avot 1:2*

Join us as we gather in a communal expression of gratitude and giving back, benefiting multiple non-profit organizations doing vital work in our community. Every one of every age is welcome to this intergenerational program. We will once again have special projects for our preschool age children and families, and we have added new projects for organizations in need.

Watch ShaareMail for the link to register!

Registration will be open from November 2–19.

If you are unable to attend, consider donating \$18, which will help provide supplies for many of the organizations.

*This program is brought to you by the Tzedek Committee
and Gathering for Gratitude Co-Chairs: Jamie Berzon
and Scott Berzon*



Come Volunteer With Us at Shaare Emeth

At Shaare Emeth, one of our greatest gifts is the strength of community. Every smile, helping hand, and kind gesture shapes the heart of our congregation. Judaism calls us to repair the world—*tikkun olam*—and we live that through acts of care: comforting others, feeding the hungry, and supporting those in need. However much time you can give, it truly makes a difference.

Peter & Paul Shelter

- Serve dinner to 150 men every other month
- Volunteers needed to prepare, drop off, and serve food

Donation & volunteer sign-ups are in ShaareMail.

Oak Hill Elementary in St. Louis City

Shaare Emeth has been the faith partner with Oak Hill School in south city for over 10 years. Our congregation has provided school supplies, teacher appreciation gifts and events, attendance prizes, etc. Each year we collect holiday gifts for the neediest families. **Watch Shaare Mail for requests from the school.**

Oak Hill School Year Volunteer Opportunities

- Tutor English learners – Contact Debbie Bram: dbram@sestl.org
- Library help – Contact Sue Picus: picushome@earthlink.net
- Food Pantry (weekly) – Stock shelves or fill orders; no background check needed.

Watch ShaareMail or contact Sue Picus at picushome@earthlink.net

Room at the Inn

- We provide dinner on the first Monday of each month
- Volunteers needed to donate meal items and deliver food.

Watch ShaareMail or contact Debbie Bram at dbram@sestl.org

Chesed/Caring Committee Opportunities

- Shiva Team – Support grieving families with visits or errands
- Get Well Cards – Write weekly notes to congregants
- Caring Rides – Drive members to appointments or events
- Delightful Dinners – Provide a meal to those in need
- Newborn Gifts – Deliver gifts to families with new babies
- Holiday Bags – Pack and deliver to homebound members

For more information about these opportunities and more, visit sestl.co/volunteer



Mazel Tov

to our September, October & November B'Mitzvah students!



Olivia Sabin
daughter of Jennifer and
Brian Sabin
10/6/25



Gavin Siegler
son of Jacquelyn and
Jeffrey Siegler
10/13/25



Parker Waldman
son of Kami and
Evan Waldman
10/4/25



Levi Singer
son of Britt and
Jon Singer
10/11/25



Leo Zajarias
son of Heather and
Alan Zajarias
10/25/25



Raquel Zajarias
daughter of Heather and
Alan Zajarias
10/25/25



Madelyn Tasker
daughter of Shirley and
Ryan Tasker
11/15/25

Troxler Brodsky
son of Jennifer Brodsky
10/18/25

Harper Small
daughter of Abigail and
Jeffrey Small
11/15/25

Elliot Cooper
son of Carly and
Jeffrey Sparks
11/22/25

Simchas

Mazel Tov to **Lisa Bornstein**, MSW, who has joined the board of Crown Center for Senior Living. Lisa was a practicing geriatric social worker prior to retirement and also serves on the board of the St. Louis J Associates, facilitates support groups for the Alzheimer's Association, and volunteers at PROMO.

Mazel Tov to **Phil and Sandy Brooks** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Brody Jack Cohen, son of Laurie and Todd Cohen.

Mazel Tov to **Blake Hamilton** who has been appointed the Chief Executive Officer of the International Institute of St. Louis, after serving as the organization's Interim CEO for seven months.

Mazel Tov to **Tom Henderschedt**, husband of **Erin Rovak Henderschedt** and son-in-law of **Louise and Rick Rovak**, who has been promoted to the rank of Vice Admiral, (three star),

and assigned to be the Director for Intelligence for the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Most recently, Tom served as Director on of Integration, Associate Director of Military Affairs- Central Intelligence Agency. Just prior to that position, he served as Director of Intelligence for the Indo Pacific Command.

Mazel Tov to **Phylis Kahn** on the birth of her great-grandson, **Jordan Joseph "JJ" Kahn**; son of **Gabby and Drew Kahn**. Also, Mazel Tov to grandparents, **Marci and Rob Kahn**.

Mazel Tov to **Sydney E. Scott**, associate professor of marketing at Olin Business School at Washington University in St. Louis, on being named one of Poets & Quants' "Best 40-under-40 MBA Professors" for 2025.



Welcome, New Member Families!

Brenda Manlin Applebaum

Jacqui Benson and Rob Winner, *with child, Gwen Winner*

Rachael and Joel Brightfield, *with children, Roz, Ollie, and Max*

Lindsay and Ryan Cohen, *with children, Layla and Jayden*

Danny Cohn and Andrew Miller, *with child, Nora Miller-Cohn*

Debbie and Marc Copilevitz, *with children, Leah, Abby, and Zach*

Renee and Alan Fredman

Meagan and Steven Gerchen

Leslie and Ron Gubitz, *with children, Nola and Ruby*

Emily Kelly, *with children, Charles Tryson and Penelope Tryson*

Anita Korman

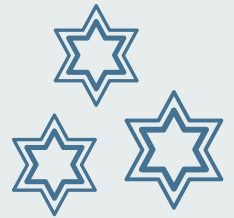
Debbie and Aaron Krimbel, *with child, Adelynn*

Jon Meador

Ruth and Scott Ogilvie, *with child Mara*

Joel Rich

Brian Thal

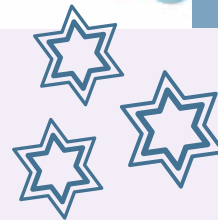
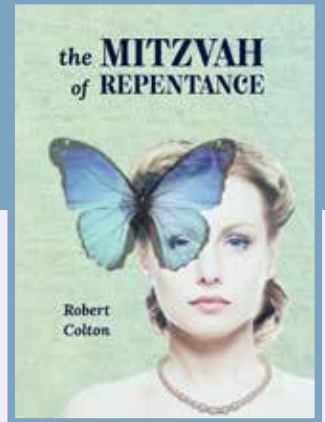


Welcome to the World Henrietta "Hetty" LEO BEARMAN

Mazel Tov to Rabbi Rachel Bearman
and her family on the arrival
of Hetty!

Mazel Tov

Mazel Tov to Robert Colton,
Shaare Emeth's Director
of Operations, on the
publication of his new book,
'The Mitzvah of Repentance.'
Available now on Amazon
and in the Rubin Library at
Congregation Shaare Emeth.



Mazel Tov to all of the 2025 Unsung Heroes,
including Shaare Emeth members Marti Zuckerman,
Holly Bernstein, and Deborah Hirschfelder!

Ten standout individuals will be recognized as the 2025
Jewish Light Unsung Heroes on Sunday,
Oct. 26 at 3:30 p.m. This year's 16th annual
event will take place at Jewish Community Center
near Creve Coeur and will be co-chaired by
Debbie Lefton and Amy Fenster Brown.

Tickets are \$36 and available for purchase at
stljewishlight.org/unsung-2025.



We Need *You* To Be Our Eyes and Ears!



Please help us to be aware of members of our Shaare Emeth community who are in the hospital, nursing home or facing illness at home. Today's

HIPAA rules protect all of our privacy but also prevent us from learning about members of the congregation who might need our pastoral care or support. We are grateful when you let us know when your friends or family could use a pastoral call or visit. Just call Stacy Jespersen, Executive Assistant to the Clergy, at 314-569-0010 or email her at sjespersen@sestl.org and we will do the rest. Thank you!



It's Not Too Late to Contribute to Our 2025 Annual Appeal

Earlier this year, we launched our first spring annual appeal. Well, it's not too late to donate! We hope you will be here for Shaare Emeth and contribute a meaningful gift in honor of this year's High Holidays.

To make your gift now, please
visit sestl.co/give or scan the QR code.
Thank you for your generosity.



Questions? Contact Beth Kodner at
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(Katelyn) Tash and
Alex (Lupe) Tash

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

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.



SYMPATHY

Julie (Scott) Cohn

on the death of her father,
Robert Bohm

Kayla Ellis and Jessica

(Jeff) Schlager on the death
of their grandfather,
James Ellis

Ken (Jackie) Kleban and

Betsy (Spencer) Garland
on the death of their mother,
Joyce Kleban

Ryan (Shirley) Tasker

on the death of his sister,
Cindy Anderson

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

The tributes listed here are those made for \$18 or more and processed from **June 1, 2025 to July 31, 2025**. 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 www.sestl.org/give/. Hard copy forms are available in the Shaare Emeth North lobby vestibule or you may email jmcginty@sestl.org

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IN APPRECIATION OF:

Rabbi Bennett for his spiritual guidance
Jamie Berzon

Rabbi Bennett for performing the stone dedication for Lloyd Forester
Sandi Rich

Rabbi Bennett for his visits to Brookdale
Mark Margolies

Rabbi Bennett and Rabbi Stiffman for officiating at the memorial service for Donald Soffer and caring and concern for the family
Lois Soffer and Andy Kanefield, Mary Beth & Allen Soffer, Patte & Gary Ackermann and their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren

Rabbi Goldstein for guidance and support in helping Clara Dahl become a Bat Mitzvah
Linda & Ed Dahl

IN HONOR OF:

Rabbi Rachel Bearman on the birth of her daughter, Henrietta
Sharee & Mark Feldman; Marilyn & Gary Ratkin

Jay Goldstein on his special birthday
Judy & Jerry Kreisman

The birth of their granddaughter, Charlotte Chabot
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Stella & Fred Wohlfarth on their special recognition by the Missouri Torah Institute
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The Bertish Family

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Dan Geigerman's Cantorial Ordination
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