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FALL 2026

Shanah Tovah!

LOOKING BACK & LOOKING AHEAD

As we enter 5787, we reflect with gratitude on a remarkable year in the life of Shaare Emeth and look forward with hope to all that the new year will bring.



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Office Hours

MON-THU 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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SAT & SUN Hours Vary

Let's Get Digital

The most up-to-date information about all of Shaare Emeth's programs, events, and services is at sestl.org and in **ShaareMail**, our twice-weekly e-newsletter.

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MOMENTS *that shaped us* IN 5786

Upcoming Holiday Hours

DATE	HOLIDAY	TYPE OF CLOSURE
Monday, September 7	Labor Day	Campus Closed
Friday, September 11	Erev Rosh Hashanah	SGP & Office Close at 4 p.m.
Monday, September 21	Yom Kippur	SGP & Office Closed; Building Open
Friday, September 25	Erev Sukkot	Office Closes at 4 p.m.
Friday, October 2	Erev Simchat Torah	Office Closes at 4 p.m.
Wednesday, November 25	Thanksgiving Eve	SGP Closed; Office Closes at 4 p.m.
Thursday, November 26	Thanksgiving	Campus Closed
Friday, November 27	Day After Thanksgiving	SGP & Office Closed; Building Open



*The High Holiday season invites us to reflect on where
we've been as we look toward where we're going.
Before turning the page to a new year, we celebrate some of the
moments, milestones, and connections that shaped 5786.*

It was a remarkable year for our community.

Consider all we've accomplished together:

We announced the retirement of our beloved and esteemed senior rabbi, **Jim Bennett**, while ensuring that our congregation will continue to thrive under the leadership of Rabbi **Andrea Goldstein** as she prepares to assume the mantle.

Dana DeBlasi concluded her term as president after helping to spearhead many of the achievements highlighted here and throughout this issue.

Cantor Seth Warner celebrated 25 years of service to the Jewish community, including 18 years (and counting!) at Shaare Emeth.

After an extensive process of listening, learning, and planning, our leadership finalized the **Strategic Plan**, giving us a renewed roadmap for the future. That work led to new mission and vision statements and a refreshed articulation of the values that define our community.

Shirlee Green Preschool earned national recognition as a Missouri Green Ribbon School and received a Promising Practice designation from Character.org.

We offered blessings and gratitude to **Rabbi Rachel Bearman** (and Hetty) as her chapter at Shaare Emeth came to a close after years of meaningful contributions to congregational life.

We celebrated **Marci Diamond's** retirement and thanked her for 17 years of tireless dedication to Shaare Emeth and more than 30 years of service to the St. Louis Jewish community.

Our Israeli shinshinit, **Naomi Sharon**, shared her home, culture, and experiences with us through stories, meals, and learning opportunities. In turn, she embraced our community and celebrated becoming a Bat Mitzvah under our roof.

We installed **Mark Gubernik** as president. He immediately set an energetic tone with new leadership trainings and an engaged board of trustees that welcomed eight new members.

As the new year approached, we welcomed two new members of our clergy team, Rabbis **Andrew Terkel** and **Morgan Tobey**.

In a world too often marked by division, distrust, and hatred, we chose love, belonging, volunteerism, social justice, and philanthropy. Again and again.

And perhaps most importantly, we showed up for one another. We danced at each other's simchas. We shed tears at each other's shivas. We celebrated, comforted, supported, and cared for one another.

This spirit that binds us together is holy. May we carry it into the new year and help it flourish.

by Hannah Michelson

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At 97, This Shaare Emeth Member Is Still Fighting Antisemitism and Inspiring Action

BY ELLEN FUTTERMAN

For the St. Louis Jewish Light

At nearly 97 years old, **Elsie Shemin-Roth** does not mince words, or energy. She pounds the table for emphasis, wears a red, white, and blue hat, displays an Uncle Sam doll as part of her “whole deal,” and routinely earns standing ovations.

But the force behind her presence is not theatrical. It is moral. For nearly three decades, Shemin-Roth has been on a mission rooted in a love for her father and fueled by a refusal to let antisemitism — past or present — go unanswered.

Today, that mission is less about a long ago battlefield and more about the one she believes exists in classrooms, neighborhoods and civic life across America.

Shemin-Roth’s father, Sgt. William Shemin, was a World War I hero whose bravery went unrecognized after the war, an omission Shemin-Roth later came to understand as rooted in systematic antisemitism. In 2002, after reading that the Department of Defense would review Medal of Honor citations for Jewish soldiers from later wars, she asked a simple question: “What about World War I?”

That question led to a 13-year effort that included congressional legislation extending the review to World War I soldiers. Ultimately, 50 cases were examined. Only one advanced through every level of scrutiny.

In 2015, Shemin-Roth received an unexpected phone call.

“This is Barack Obama,” the voice said.

At a White House ceremony later that year, her father was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor, an acknowledgment of both his valor and the injustice that had delayed it for nearly a century.

For many families, that would have been the final chapter. For Shemin-Roth, who earned a nursing degree at age 54 and is a member of Congregation Shaare Emeth, it was a call to action.

Read the full story at stljewishlight.org

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You can't keep kvetching. The time is now to do something.

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Elsie Shemin-Roth, daughter of Jewish WWI recipient of the Medal of Honor, William Shemin, teaches our 5th grade Religious School students about battlefield, poppies, discussions of antisemitism and racism, and the importance of patriotism, on April 12, 2026.



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"My first Shabbat at Shaare Emeth filled me with an overwhelming sense of joy and gratitude. I had only been part of the team for three days, but I was already beginning to feel at home. The staff and Board of Trustees had gone above and beyond to get me situated and prepared for that first Shabbat- providing me with gift baskets, making introductions, teaching me Shaare Emeth customs and traditions, and bestowing me with the most stunning Disney-themed welcome sign!

Then Friday (July 3) rolled around, and I got to experience how this congregation at large goes above and beyond to make a newcomer feel welcome. The welcome committee prepared an extraordinary Tex-Mex nosh (I was especially blown away by the handcrafted cowboy hat cupcakes), and countless members of this community embraced me, offered guidance and support as I got settled, and reaffirmed that I was joining a really special community. It was such a blessing to see our sanctuary so full, and full of life and joy that evening. Every Shabbat is special, but that one will always hold a particularly special place in my heart."

RABBI MORGAN TOBEY



**"Thank You
for the
Warm
Welcome!"**

"I really loved walking into my new office at Shaare Emeth for the first time and seeing all of the care and creativity that went into the welcome basket of treats, the baseball-themed graphics, and my very own baseball card. I feel proud to be part of Shaare Emeth and honored to be part of many beautiful moments we will create together in the months and years to come. The Shabbat on August 7 was a beautiful example of how Shabbat brings our community together; we celebrate new beginnings, mark transitions, and share our joys and journeys with one another. I look forward to getting to know each of our temple families at Shabbat, life cycle events, learnings, and more."

RABBI ANDREW TERKEL



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COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS



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Opening Hearts, Homes, & Minds

Building Bridges of Understanding

BY RABBI JAMES M. BENNETT

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I recently visited one of my childhood neighborhoods, a neighborhood where I spent my most formative teen years. Driving its streets brought back memories from more than 50 years ago - mostly good, sweet reminders of a mostly happy adolescence.

As we passed the house of my high school friend Roy, a faded memory returned: my family walking down the block to celebrate Christmas with his family, and his family coming to share Chanukah with us. Though I had not thought of Roy in decades, that experience shaped values I still cherish as I accept the challenge of building bridges of understanding with friends, neighbors, and strangers, especially those who live, pray, or believe differently. This work has been one of my most passionate commitments throughout my career.

Such outreach feels harder today. In these challenging and divisive times, many of us have grown used to walls of separation, living in echo chambers with only those who feel familiar and safe.

Our Jewish values call us to live differently: to reach out to the stranger, care for and understand others, welcome them into our homes, and invite them into our holy times. Many of us do, yet often with limits, boundaries, or even litmus tests of how far we will go. Particularly when we confront those who make us feel uncertain, defensive, or even threatened by ideas that challenge our assumptions and narratives.

Our festivals invite us to open our hearts and minds. Passover seders

are richer when we include those who do not share our faith or perspective and seek common ground. Sukkot likewise commands us to welcome guests, including those unfamiliar with a sukkah, and without ideological screening. The ancient Sukkot custom of welcoming guests into our sukkah reminds us of this opportunity every fall.

This fall, Shaare Emeth has a special opportunity through the Harvey and Leanne Schneider Interfaith Forum to do just this. **On Friday, September 25, as we begin our celebration of the festival of Sukkot, we encourage members of Shaare Emeth to invite a non-Jewish friend or neighbor less familiar with our congregation or Judaism to join us for Shabbat services and a complimentary Shabbat dinner as we build bridges of understanding and deepen relationships. Registration for dinner is required by September 17 at sestl.co/sharesukkot.**

This is only a beginning. Throughout this year and beyond, I hope we will all seek to overcome the challenging sense of division that seems to have engulfed us in our conversations, our relationships, our faith commitments, and our politics, and seek to find a better way. I hope this gentle, intentional outreach will help us become more open-minded, generous in spirit, proud of our faith, respectful of others, and committed to a more inclusive, harmonious world.



Voting as a Sacred Obligation

There are twelve Hebrew months in the Jewish calendar, and the month of Tishrei is the busiest of them all. Tishrei begins with Rosh Hashanah and also includes the holy days of Yom Kippur, Simchat Torah, and the week-long celebration of Sukkot. This means that one-third of the days of Tishrei are devoted to times of celebration with our community – and that's not even counting Shabbat!

Interestingly, the Hebrew month following Tishrei, Cheshvan, contains **no holidays** other than Rosh Chodesh (the celebration of the new month) and Shabbat. Because of this, Cheshvan is sometimes referred to as MarCheshvan. In Hebrew, the word “mar” means bitter, and Cheshvan's lack of special holy days made it the least pleasant month in the eyes of our ancient rabbis.

But if we consider our lives in America today, Cheshvan contains at least one day which we, as Jews, should feel obligated to observe. The month of Cheshvan almost always overlaps with the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November – Election Day. I believe that as American Jews, it is important for us to claim Election Day as a sacred day as well.

As we are celebrating America's 250th anniversary and all of the ways that Jewish communities and individuals have contributed to our democracy, I have been thinking quite a bit about the words of Professor Deborah Barer, a senior faculty member of the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America, who wrote earlier this year about American citizenship as a covenant that binds us to other citizens. She writes that America today is marked by:

“polarization, civic distrust, and rising illiberalism on both the left and the right.

While overt antisemitism is on the rise, so is what Yael Silverstein calls ‘ambient antisemitism,’ a social climate ‘where mainstream cultural and institutional cues signal that Jewish identity is less legitimate, less protected, or less welcome.’ An increasing number of American Jews describe themselves as feeling politically homeless. In an era marked by distrust of institutions, intensifying ideological sorting, and renewed debates about minority belonging in American public life, the question of what binds us together as citizens is newly urgent. As American Jews, our tradition offers unique resources to navigate this moment—not simply as Jews, but the Jewish idea of covenant offers a powerful framework for reimagining American citizenship today, one that anchors political belonging not in agreement, but in mutual obligation.... Thinking of citizenship as a covenant between citizens can help to generate a sustained commitment to the American project, despite its burdens and disappointments.”

Voting is one of the ways we maintain this covenant with our fellow citizens. We learn about the issues and the candidates and make choices that impact not only ourselves and our families, but also the greater communities of which we are a part. We use Jewish values to discern which amendments, people, and policies will help move our nation toward greater equity, compassion, safety, and peace. We show up, even when our more cynical selves might challenge the impact of what our one vote will have, because we choose to obligate ourselves to our democracy and to one another.

In order to embrace Election Day this year (**Tuesday, November 3**) as a

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sacred day for our community, I offer this blessing, which can be read before you cast your vote. It is adapted from two blessings written by Rabbi Laura Novak and Rabbi David Seidenberg.

Behold, I am intending through my vote to seek peace for this country, as it is written:

“Seek the peace of the city where I cause you to roam and pray for her to God, for in her peace you all will have peace” (Jer. 29:7). May it be Your will that my vote be counted as if I had fulfilled this verse with all my power.

May You give a listening heart to whomever we elect and with Your help may we elect a government that will bring healing, justice and peace to all living in this land and to all the world, a government that will honor the image of God in all humanity and in Creation.

Just as I have participated in the election, so may I merit to do good works and to repair the world through all my efforts.

Blessed are you, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe, who expects us to engage as citizens in our country. Amen.

May this Election Day, and any work we do to educate ourselves and others about the issues and about the importance of fair access to voting (**see page 29**), bring a sense of sweetness to MarCheshvan and remind us of the covenant of citizenship to which we all belong.

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LETTERS FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

Renewal Through Community

The High Holidays remind us that renewal doesn't happen in isolation. It happens when we come together to pray, reflect, celebrate, and support one another. Over the first few months of my presidency, I've had the privilege of seeing that spirit of community come alive throughout Shaare Emeth, and it has filled me with optimism for the year ahead. What has moved me most isn't how much work goes into leading a congregation; it's how many people are eager to share in that work.

I have been inspired by watching so many members of our Board of Trustees and congregation come together to welcome Rabbi Terkel and Rabbi Tobey. From planning our First Shabbat celebrations and organizing meals and baked goods to having events and opportunities for members to get to know our new rabbis, I've been reminded that what makes Shaare Emeth special extends far beyond what happens on Shabbat or during the High Holidays. It's the kindness, generosity, and sense of community we share every day. Those acts of kindness and generosity remind me why Shaare Emeth is such a special place and why it is such an honor to serve as your president.

Another source of encouragement has been the energy and enthusiasm of our new Board of Trustees. Every member brings unique experiences, ideas, and perspectives, yet we have quickly come together with a shared commitment to



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strengthening our congregation and supporting its future. What impressed me most wasn't simply how much we accomplished - it was the spirit in which it was done. Rather than asking, "What do we need to do?" the question quickly became, "What more can we do?" That willingness to go above and beyond is a reflection of the values that continue to make Shaare Emeth such a welcoming and caring community.

That spirit of shared responsibility will matter even more in the year ahead. The High Holidays remind us that every new year brings an opportunity to begin again. They encourage us to reflect on how each of us can strengthen our relationships, deepen our connections, and contribute to something larger than ourselves. As I look around our congregation, I see those values being lived every day - in the generosity of our volunteers, the dedication of our leadership, and the warmth with which we welcome one another. That is what gives me such confidence in our future.

As we enter 5787, I wish you and your loved ones a year filled with health, happiness, peace, and meaningful connection. Thank you for the opportunity to serve this remarkable congregation.

L'Shanah tovah u'metukah.

The Power of Showing Up

One of the things I love most about Judaism is that it recognizes the power of ordinary moments. The High Holidays are extraordinary. The sanctuary is full, the music is moving, and the prayers challenge us to reflect on who we are and who we hope to become. We leave inspired to make changes in our lives and to strengthen our relationships with God, our families, and our community. But as meaningful as those moments are, I have come to believe that a community is not built on extraordinary days alone. It is built by showing up.

Showing up is a simple concept, but it is remarkably powerful. It is coming to a random Friday night service in November. It is volunteering at a social action project, serving on a committee, or helping to welcome a new member. It is taking the time to check in on a fellow congregant who might need a friendly voice.

None of these actions may seem particularly significant on their own. Yet, time and again, I have witnessed how these seemingly small acts create something much larger. When people show up consistently, relationships form. Trust grows. A sense of belonging develops. What begins as a collection of individuals becomes a community.

Over the past few years, I have had the privilege of getting to know many members of Shaare Emeth. I have met people who attend services regularly, people who volunteer behind the scenes, people who participate in educational programs, and people who quietly step forward whenever help is needed. What these individuals have in common is not the amount of time they contribute or the particular activities they choose; rather, it is their willingness



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to be present. They show up. And because they do, our congregation is stronger.

As Executive Director, I spend a great deal of time thinking about programs, facilities, budgets, and operations. All of those things matter. They help create the framework that allows our congregation to thrive. But the truth is that buildings do not create community. Programs do not create community. Even the most carefully crafted plans do not create community. People do. Community is created when people decide that this place matters and then demonstrate that belief through their presence.

As we settle into the rhythm of a new year, I encourage each of us to consider how we might show up for one another. Perhaps it means trying something new. Perhaps it means returning to an activity you once enjoyed. Perhaps it means taking a small step toward deeper involvement.

You do not have to do everything. You do not have to have all the answers. You simply have to show up. Because every meaningful connection, every lasting friendship, and every vibrant congregation begins in the same way: one person deciding to be present.

I am grateful for all the ways our members show up for Shaare Emeth and for one another. Together, those acts of presence create a community that is caring, welcoming, and resilient. And that is something truly extraordinary.

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MEMBERSHIP

Building Community Through Relationships

MARIANNE CHERVITZ & ELLEN MOSES

Co-Chairs, Membership Committee

EMILY COHEN

Director of Member Engagement

As we welcome in the Jewish New Year, Shaare Emeth's Membership Committee is gearing up for an exciting 5787!

The committee's main charge is reaching out to prospective members, welcoming and onboarding new members, and engaging current members. We strive to do this in ways that are creative and personal. Here are some of the initiatives we are launching and growing in the coming year:

- **Shaare Emeth Circles (Affinity Groups):** A new way to “find your people” at Shaare Emeth, small groups of Shaare Emeth members who gather about once-per-month to build connections through a shared interest, hobby, life stage, etc. Our hope with Circles is to help members find community that can create long-time bonds with individuals that can spark deeper engagement with Shaare Emeth and with their own Jewish identities. We plan to start some pilot groups in early 2027. Keep an eye on Shaare Mail and the Bulletin for more information. Thanks to Stefanie Greenberg, Marty Schoen, and Rachel Tabak for co-chairing this effort.
- **Outreach to Newlywed & Adult Children of Members:** We have done a listening campaign of sorts with people who already have a connection with Shaare Emeth because they grew up here or chose to have Shaare Emeth's

clergy officiate their wedding. From these informational interviews, we gathered feedback about what these people are looking for and what would help them more deeply engage with Shaare Emeth. We look forward to putting these ideas into action in the new year.

- **Stewardship of Current Members:** Shaare Emeth's members are special. Without their contributions of time, funds, and active presence, we could not do the important work we do each day. So of course we want each member to feel appreciated. Some examples of efforts we have started since the Membership Committee began two years ago include Member Appreciation Events (keep an eye on Shaare Mail and the next Bulletin for information about our Winter event) and handwritten cards on milestone anniversaries of member join dates.

This work is not only exciting and energizing, but it further aligns with the strategic plan Shaare Emeth adopted for 2025-2028. A significant part of this plan involves building a community based more on relationships and meaning, a vision we are thrilled to help bring to life. Thank you for your support and we look forward to sharing more with you as things unfold. If you have ideas, questions, or would like to become more connected to Shaare Emeth, please reach out to any of us.

Aligning Our Team for Shaare Emeth's Future

In 2025, Shaare Emeth adopted a new strategic plan after a monthslong process of thoughtful listening and visioning. This plan builds on Shaare Emeth's already solid foundation and guides us in becoming a more relational community that deeply engages its members. **You can see the full plan at sestl.co/strategicplan.**

Over the summer, several staff roles evolved to better align with the priorities of this new strategic plan.

STAFF UPDATES:

Emily Cohen is now our full-time Director of Member Engagement, ensuring everyone at Shaare Emeth can find their place within the congregation. Her work includes prospective member

outreach, new member onboarding, and creative ways to help current members more deeply connect with Shaare Emeth (see the opposite page for details!).

Beth Kodner is now our full-time Director of Development, focusing on fundraising, stewardship, and ensuring Shaare Emeth can financially support all of the important work we do for years to come.

Tanya Spivey is the new Assistant Director of Education and Family Learning, a role that supports our PreK–12th grade learners, teachers, and families, with a special focus on family programs, Hebrew, and guiding JQuest (our PreK–1st grade Sunday learning program) as it enters its fifth year. **Learn more about Tanya on page 17.**

CLERGY UPDATES:

Rabbi Andrea Goldstein officially became Successor Senior Rabbi on July 1. She, Rabbi Bennett, and many others are planning for a smooth transition when Rabbi Bennett retires and becomes Rabbi Emeritus on January 1, 2028. We are filled with gratitude for all of Rabbi Bennett's contributions to Shaare Emeth and look forward with excitement as Rabbi Goldstein prepares to lead the congregation from strength to strength.

With the arrival of Rabbi Morgan Tobey in July and Rabbi Andrew Terkel in August, our clergy team is complete, and we look forward to all the ways their leadership will grow and support our diverse programs, committees, and communities.

Shaare Emeth's Mission, Vision, & Values

our mission

At Congregation Shaare Emeth, we come together to strengthen relationships, connect with Jewish tradition, deepen spiritual engagement, and act to repair our world.

our vision

Congregation Shaare Emeth is a vibrant, inclusive center of Jewish life where every person can find a sense of belonging, meaning, joy, and hope.

our values

Kehillah **Community**

We are a vibrant, multigenerational community where relationships flourish and every person is valued. We honor the Divine in each individual, and welcome all who seek connection and a home in Jewish life.

Torah **Lifelong Learning**

At all ages and stages of life, we engage deeply with Jewish wisdom, allowing timeless teachings to guide and impact our lives today.

Avodah **Sacred Service**

Through prayer, ritual, and holiday and life cycle celebrations, we seek and create moments of holiness in our lives and in the life of our community.

Tikkun Olam **Repairing the World**

We act with compassion and moral courage to stand for justice, pursue peace, and heal our world.

Hineni **Presence & Responsibility**

We choose to be present, offering our time, resources, and care to one another, to our St. Louis community, to the Jewish people here and in Israel, and to those who struggle around the world.

Beyond Benefits: The Meaning of Member Responsibility

BETSY KELLY

Vice President, Development

As someone who has been a member of Shaare Emeth for more than 40 years, another who grew up at Shaare Emeth, and as two women who have spent a lifetime in Jewish communities, we understand why some members hesitate to give the suggested Member Responsibility (MR) contribution when they believe they use few of the services offered. It is natural to wonder whether the cost is justified and how it benefits us personally. Yet synagogue membership has always represented something greater than receiving benefits. It is an opportunity to strengthen the Jewish community we cherish.

The Jewish ideal of *kehillah* reminds us that a community thrives because its members willingly sustain it together. For generations, Jews have built and maintained synagogues, schools, charitable organizations, burial societies, and agencies serving local, national, and international needs. These institutions have endured not because everyone used every service, but because each person understood that Jewish life flourishes when we all contribute according to our ability.

This commitment is also an expression of *tzedakah*. Often translated as charity, *tzedakah* is more accurately understood as righteousness or justice, the obligation to use our resources to strengthen the community and care for others. Supporting a synagogue is one way we fulfill that mitzvah.

BETH KODNER

Director of Development

MR helps ensure that clergy are available to guide us through worship, learning, and the milestones of our lives, both joyous and difficult. We may not need pastoral support, a wedding officiant, or funeral services this year, but we take comfort in knowing they will be there when we do.

MR also sustains the physical home of our community. Our beautiful campus supports countless opportunities for connection, learning, worship, and celebration. Within its walls and across its grounds, members gather for Shabbat and High Holy Days services, Torah Study, Religious School, B'Mitzvah training and celebrations, weddings, funerals, baby namings, anniversary blessings, summer day camp, our award-winning early childhood program, outdoor spaces for meditation and healing, preparing lunches for those in need, civic engagement and voter education programs, and celebrations of our members and their accomplishments.

Whether we attend every week or only occasionally, we all benefit from knowing that our synagogue stands ready to serve our community. Giving MR is not simply meeting a financial obligation; it is participating in a sacred partnership. It is a tangible way to express gratitude for those who sustained Jewish life before us and to ensure that a vibrant, compassionate *kehillah* will be here for our children, our grandchildren, and all who seek a Jewish home. Through *tzedakah*, each of

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We know there are many worthy causes competing for your support, and every household makes thoughtful decisions about where to direct its charitable giving. As you determine your MR this year, we hope you will do so with pride, knowing that your contribution sustains the Shaare Emeth community today and helps ensure its future for generations to come. By supporting our *kehillah*, you are performing the mitzvah of *tzedakah* and strengthening the Jewish home that connects us all.

Todah Rabah!

Thank You For Donating to Our Safety & Security Campaign

Together, we exceeded our goal for the Secure Our Future Campaign. Your generosity demonstrates the strength and commitment of the Shaare Emeth community.

We are deeply thankful to all who contributed and to **Mona and Larry Swedroe**, whose matching gift helped amplify the impact of every donation.

Although we've reached our campaign goal, investing in the safety and security of our campus is an ongoing responsibility. There is still time to support this important effort at sestl.co/givesecurity.

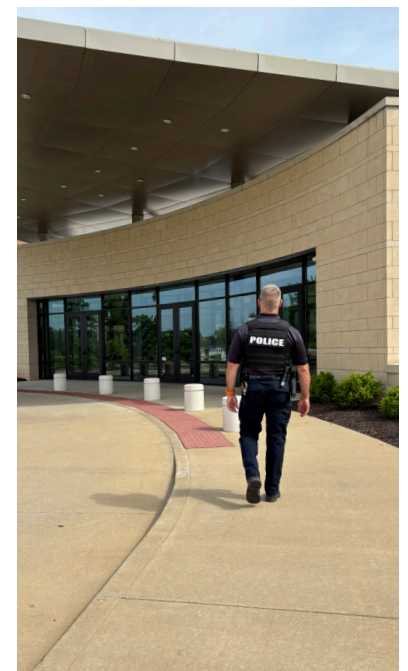
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Johanna & Bob Schillinger
Leanne & Harvey Schneider
Donna & David Segal
Sheri & Fred Seigel
Andy & Stan Shanker
Linda & Neal Shapiro
Karen & Barrie Sher
Sandy Sher
Janice & Gary Sherman
Michele & Patrick Siler
Karen & Gary Silverman
Monica Simon
Merle & Dale Singer
Susan & David Slavney
Bonnie Solomon



Myra & Irl Solomon
Ashley & Michael Specter
Ashley & Matthew Specter
Peggy Steinberg
Karen Suroff & Oscar Schwartz
Mona & Larry Swedroe
Jane & Sandy Thal
Brooke Timmons & David Kramer
Madeleine Elkins & Harvey Wallace
Cantor Seth & Shayna Warner
Wendy & Sanford Wax
Sarah Weinman
Susan & Mark Wolf
Pat & Lynn Wolgamot
Dr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Zuke
Jalie & Alan Zvibleman

The Pedagogy of Space at Shirlee Green Preschool

The last few years at Shirlee Green Preschool have been a bustle of activity as we began the first steps of reenvisioning our learning environments for young children. And as we re-worked spaces, we have been led by one guiding question – ***“How do we reveal our image of the child through our use of space?”***

Though our work toward this effort is not yet done, we have made important progress and identified rights of children within their learning spaces that ground each thoughtful change.

Within Shirlee Green Preschool, we believe children have the right to:

Dwell

Build & Practice Community

Beauty

Inspiration

Nature

Challenge

Sustainability & Health

In this making of space and place, we have worked to reveal our commitment to the rights of children and afford them to every child of every age at Shirlee Green Preschool.

This year, in coordination with the Operations Department of Congregation Shaare Emeth and the robust Parent Advisory Council of Shirlee Green Preschool, we have taken a huge leap in our journey. With a focus on quality indoor spaces, LED lights were added to the gym, the art studio, and office spaces as we continue to add green and sustainable

features to the preschool. Carpeting was removed from the preschool hallways to enhance indoor air quality for our students' young lungs. And a teachers' lounge was created to allow our preschool faculty space to work and re-energize for their busy teaching schedules.

But the indoors aren't the only preschool spaces that have changed. Outdoor spaces allow children to see the world with wonder and potential. We have filled the outdoor *kitah* (classroom) with movable parts, open-ended materials, and natural elements to bring curious creatures and fascinating plants into relationship with children. It has become a learning space that acknowledges their rights to play and wonder. This year, outdoor student garden spaces were increased to add new butterfly habitats that support beauty and science connections. And the student food gardens have expanded and have been vigorously producing cucumbers, cantaloupes, and watermelons for our students. (Throughout July, preschool campers harvested 10-30 cucumbers a day!)

As we move into colder months, we will continue to reflect on the ways children contribute to space. We will ask ourselves, “What are the needs of the community of children at Shirlee Green Preschool?” and “How do we create fullness in their learning environment – indoors and outdoors?”



BY BRANDI KANOYA
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“We value space, to create a handsome environment and its potential to inspire social, affective, and cognitive learning. The space is an aquarium that mirrors the ideas and values of the people who live in it.”

Loris Malaguzzi



Welcome, Tanya!

This summer, Tanya Spivey joined the Congregation Shaare Emeth staff as our new Assistant Director of Education and Family Learning! Tanya officially started her role on June 30, and she hit the ground running by contributing new ideas and refreshed perspectives to start off the school year. We are so excited for everyone to meet her and get to know her this year.

We reimagined our Assistant Director role to focus on a few different key areas as we invest in the next chapter for our learning programs, so here is what we want you to know as we approach the 2026-2027 school year:

Tanya will be the leader of our flagship JQuest program for Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1st Grade. You can feel free to reach



out to her to say hi, or as a JQuest parent or staff member, she might reach out to you to get to know our community better.

In addition, Tanya will also be taking ownership of our signature family learning experiences that invite our families to learn and create memories with their child throughout the school year for all grades. When you are here in the building for those programs, Tanya will be one of your hosts!

She will also be working closely with our Hebrew teachers and Rabbi Levine to oversee our 2nd–5th Grade Hebrew curriculum on Sundays and for Midweek. She will support our teachers to make sure they are prepared to create the individualized, hands-on learning that we know and love.

Here is a bit more about her, and we hope you get to meet her and say hello very soon!



BY RABBI LORI LEVINE

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Get to Know Tanya...

What do you appreciate most about Shaare Emeth? The warmth of the staff and the congregants, along with the excitement that everyone is bringing to this time of new beginnings and transitions in the congregation.

Favorite Color: Purple

Favorite Jewish Holiday: Tu B'Shevat because I love celebrating all the different types of trees and this kind of festival is so unique to Judaism.

Best Jewish Memory: Attending Camp Ben Frankel for almost ten summers!

Favorite Office Supply: Post-Its (more colors preferred)

Fun Fact: I love big hats, Disney, and photography!

New Year's Wish for 5787: In a world of separation, I hope this year is a year of more connecting. I love connecting with people, and I want to create more of that in the year for everyone.

Tanya Spivey was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri. She has a Bachelor's in Digital Film Production from Missouri State University as well as a Masters in Tourism, Hospitality, and Event Management from the University of Florida. Tanya's tenure working in the Jewish Community began after her Bat Mitzvah when she assisted with High Holy Day programming. She spent three years as Yearbook Editor at Camp Ben Frankel, a decade

at Congregation B'nai Amoona as their Data and Technology Manager, and two years as the Assistant Director in their religious school. She also served on the JProStL Board as the Special Events Chair from 2023-2025. Most recently, Tanya was the Director of Operations at Congregation Kol Ami in Tampa.

Tanya has been married for over 15 years and is excited to be a part of the community at Congregation Shaare Emeth.

MOMENTS *that shaped us* IN 5786

Thank you campers, counselors,
parents, staff, clergy, and friends
for an unforgettable summer!



Bringing the Joy of Jewish Camp Home

As part of the vision for a full-time Director of Youth Engagement, we asked ourselves: What are the most impactful Jewish experiences for our young people? We kept coming back to one answer: **sleepaway camp**.

For so many children, sleepaway camp is their happy place. It is a home away from home, a place where lifelong friendships are formed, independence grows, and Jewish identity comes alive. For many campers, it is also where they experience some of the deepest moments of spiritual connection. It quickly became clear that visiting our children at camp needed to be a priority.

Throughout the summer, I had the opportunity to visit three of the major Jewish camps our families attend: Camp Ben Frankel, Camp Sabra, and Goldman Union Camp Institute. Each camp is helping young people build meaningful relationships, connect with Jewish life, and grow into confident Jewish adults. Although they share a common mission, each has its own unique culture and strengths.

I was inspired by Camp Ben Frankel's commitment to inclusion and the many different ways campers could experience prayer. I loved the incredible *ruach* at Camp Sabra, where

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Director of Youth Engagement

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the connections between campers and staff were unmistakable, and I am always moved by the campers' creative expressions during Shabbat services. At GUCI, I was especially impressed by the intentionality behind every aspect of camp life. From inspiring worship to engaging mini *chuggim*, the quality of programming reflects a deep commitment to creating meaningful Reform Jewish experiences.

While one camp may be a better fit for one family than another, there is no single "best" camp. Each is creating an extraordinary summer experience for its campers. During my visits, I witnessed laughter, tears of joy, campfires, spirited singing, Israeli dancing, energetic meal times, and countless moments of connection.

These visits also gave me the opportunity to reflect on what each camp does so well and to think about how we can bring that same sense of joy, belonging, and intentionality back to our own youth programs at Shaare Emeth. Most importantly, I was able to step into our children's happy places for a few days and remind them that Shaare Emeth can be a happy place for them all year long.



Mazel Mazel Mazel!

Mazel tov to *Deborah Aronson* and *Melissa Lynn Pomerantz* on being named 2026 Unsung Heroes by the St. Louis Jewish Light. The 17th annual Jewish Light Unsung Heroes celebration will be on Thursday, November 19, at 7 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center (Creve Coeur). Tickets are available at sestl.co/unsungheroes

Mazel tov to *Dr. Brad Becker* on his promotion to Division Chief of Pediatric Allergy and Immunology at the Saint Louis University School of Medicine and SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital.

Mazel tov to *Lisa + Larry Carson* on their 25th wedding anniversary.

Mazel tov to *Helena Cooper-Bruch + Max Bruch* on their wedding.

Mazel tov to *Marsha + Ernie Demba* on their 80th birthdays.

Mazel tov to *Charlene + Jeff Gubitz* on their 50th wedding anniversary.



Mazel tov to *Marc + Carmella Hale* on the birth of their daughter, *Daniella Ruth Hale*. Also, mazel tov to grandmother *Farilyn Hale-Berger*.

Mazel tov to *Nancy + Sidney Hirsch* on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mazel tov to *Dr. David Holtzman* on receiving a WashU Medicine Dean's Medal for Innovation and Commercialization. Dr. Holtzman and his colleague, Dr. Randall Bateman, founded C2N Diagnostics, a WashU startup advancing blood-based tests for accurate and earlier diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease.

Mazel tov to *Stacy + Jon Jespersen* on the engagement of *Madison Jespersen* to *Brynant Bailey*. Also, mazel tov to grandmother, *Gerry Weinman*.

Mazel tov to *Meredith + Jeremy Keller* on the birth of *Matilda Frances Keller*. Also, Mazel tov to big sister *Margot*, big brother *Hampton*, and grandparents *Cheri + Robert Keller*.

Mazel tov to *Gray Lancaster* on completing the conversion process. **Baruch Ha'bah** - welcome to the tribe!

Mazel tov to *Kaitlin + Molly LePage* on the birth of their daughter, *Elizabeth (Elsie) Jane LePage*. Also, Mazel tov to grandparents *Sandy + Jane Thal*.

Mazel tov to *Matteo Lipsitz* and his mother, *Julie Lipsitz*, on his Hebrew naming.

Mazel tov to *Bill Livingston* on celebrating his 80th birthday.

Mazel tov to *Dr. Jacob + Ashley Perera* on the birth of *RuthAnne (Ruthie) Alice Perera*. Also, Mazel tov to grandparents *Beth + Jaime Perera* and *Julie + Brian McGrath*.

Mazel tov to *Erin Schreiber* on her appointment as the new Director of Development at the National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis (NCJWSTL).

Mazel tov to *Lee + Mark Scissors* on their 60th wedding anniversary.

Mazel tov to *Lily + Andrew Sher* on the birth of their daughter, *Maxine Audrey Sher*, born on May 8, 2026. Mazel tov to her grandparents, *Debbie + Brian Sher*, and great-grandmothers, *Sandra Sher* and *Rachael Pennick*. Maxine has one sibling, *Zoey*, who is 3 years old.

Mazel tov to *Kimberly + Joel Sher* on the birth of their daughter, *Sadie Nichole Sher*, born on June 11, 2026. Mazel tov to her grandparents, *Debbie + Brian Sher*, and great-grandmothers, *Sandra Sher* and *Rachael Pennick*.

Mazel tov to *Jennifer + Ken Stanfield* on their 35th wedding anniversary.

Mazel tov to *Brody Sklander* and his parents, *Kylie + Michael Sklander*, on his Hebrew naming.

Are you (or someone you know) celebrating a major milestone or accomplishment?

Let us know so you can be featured on this page in a future Bulletin. Feel free to include a photo! E-mail Hannah at hmichelson@sestl.org.



Mazel Tov to the **67 teenage Jewish athletes** from around **St. Louis** who competed in the JCC Maccabi Games in Kansas City and Toronto, including **18 Shaare Emeth members**:

- **Noah Murov** (Gold Medal, 17U Boys Basketball)
- **Zach Kuznetsov, Lucas Lazarus, Jake Rosenblum,** and **Charlie Seltzer** (15U Boys Basketball 5v5)
- **Henry Ryan** (Gold Medal, 15U Baseball)
- **Gabe Bierman, Micah Freistein, Drew Rosenblum,** and **Evan Sagett** (Bronze Medal, 17U Baseball)
- **Jonah Chaitman** and **Levi Koritz** (Boys Ice Hockey)
- **Kyla Spiegelglass** (Girls Volleyball)
- **Jeran Freistein** and **Austin Heideman** (Boys Soccer)
- **Zoe Berger, Quinn Rauner,** and **Stella Settler** (Girls Soccer)

Mazel Tov to *Marilyn + Gary Ratkin* on receiving the **2026 Jane and Whitney Harris St. Louis Community Service Award from Washington University!** The annual award recognizes couples who contribute to the culture and welfare of the greater St. Louis region.

Harris Award recipients are honored with a cash gift made in their name to St. Louis-area charitable organizations of their choice. **Thank you,** Gary & Marilyn, for naming Congregation Shaare Emeth as one of your beneficiaries.



Welcome, New Member Families!

Lindsay & Nikki Bisel, with children, Ethan & Oliver

Arlene Caplan & Joe Tripodi, Jr.

Bobbi Dveris

Anna & Kyle Griffiths, with children, Eloise, Juliette, & Noelle

Elana & Robert Hacker, with children, Joie & Rylan

Elise & Steven Harowitz, with child, Hadley

Lexi & Erik Isbell, with child, Sutton

Emily Israeli, with child, Naomi Zoole Winden

Tracy & Steve Mondschein

Julia & Deja Osuch

Michelle & Bret Otto, with children, Aiden & Sadie

Dani & Colin Pajda, with children, Emi Lou & Fiona

Lauren & Josh Rudolph, with children, Riley & Arlo

Rachel Sachs & George Brell, with children, Gary & Abby

Danielle & Josh Shapiro, with children, Jordan & Logan

Fran Silver

Lindsay Turner, with child, Lila Drake

Laura Vermeire, with child, Dylan

Samantha & Jim Winters, with children, Wesley & Preston

Ashley & Mike Zboray, with children, Brady & Zoey



*The High Holidays
remind us that every
ending is also a
beginning.*

*Having celebrated the
blessings of 5786, we
now turn our attention
to the opportunities
before us.*

5787

*The future of Shaare
Emeth will be shaped
not only by plans and
programs, but by the
people who bring them
to life. As you explore
the pages ahead, we
hope you'll share our
excitement for what's
to come and find your
place within the sacred
work of building the
year ahead together.*

Shanah Tovah!



Visit sestl.co/hhd26 for detailed High
Holiday service and event information.

2026 5787 High Holiday & Shabbat WORSHIP SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

KABBALAT SHABBAT: LABOR-IN-THE-PULPIT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

SELICHOT: WISDOM TO LIVE

Program at 6:45 p.m. • Service at 9 p.m.
RSVPs Appreciated

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

EREV ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE

7:30–9:30 p.m. • Stiffman Sanctuary
Adults & Teens • ASL Interpreted
Sermon by Rabbi Tobey

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

BOKER TOV ROSH HASHANAH

9–9:30 a.m. • Kehillah Center
Families with 0–7-year-olds

ROSH HASHANAH MORNING SERVICE

10 a.m.–12 p.m. • Stiffman Sanctuary
Adults & Teens • ASL Interpreted
Sermon by Rabbi Goldstein

ROSH HASHANAH REMIX

10 a.m.–12 p.m. • Kehillah Center
Grades 2–6 • RSVPs Required

TASHLICH IN THE PARK

4–5 p.m. • RSVP for Location • All Ages

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

KEVER AVOT V'IMAHOT MEMORIAL SERVICE

11 a.m. • New Mount Sinai Cemetery

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

SHABBAT SHUVAH

5:15 p.m. Nosh • 6 p.m. Service

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

EREV YOM KIPPUR / KOL NIDRE SERVICE

7:30–9:30 p.m. • Stiffman Sanctuary
Adults & Teens • ASL Interpreted
Sermon by Rabbi Bennett

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

BOKER TOV YOM KIPPUR

9–9:30 a.m. • Kehillah Center
Families with 0–7-year-olds

YOM KIPPUR MORNING SERVICE

10 a.m.–12 p.m. • Stiffman Sanctuary
Adults & Teens • ASL Interpreted
Sermon by Rabbi Terkel

L'DOR VADOR YOM KIPPUR SERVICE

11 a.m.–12 p.m. • Kehillah Center
Families with 2nd–6th Graders

YOM KIPPUR TEEN EXPERIENCE

12:30–2 p.m. • Room 23/25
RSVPs Encouraged

YOM KIPPUR YIZKOR & NEILAH SERVICE

4:15–5:30 p.m. • Stiffman Sanctuary
Adults & Teens • ASL Interpreted

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

EREV SUKKOT SHABBAT: THE MITZVAH OF
SHARING SUKKOT WITH FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

5:15 p.m. Nosh • 6 p.m. Service in the Stiffman Sanctuary,
Followed by a Complimentary Dinner Program
See page 26 for details

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

L'DOR VADOR SIMCHAT TORAH & SHABBAT
SPECTACULAR WITH SHAKSHUKA

5:15 p.m. Nosh • 6 p.m. Service
See page 27 for details

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

SIMCHAT TORAH YIZKOR

9 a.m. B'nai El Chapel

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

KABBALAT SHABBAT & PRAYER LAB

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

KABBALAT SHABBAT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

KABBALAT SHABBAT WITH DENISE LIEBERMAN,
Director and General Counsel of the Missouri
Voter Protection Coalition (MOVPC)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

KABBALAT SHABBAT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

L'DOR VADOR INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICE
WITH SIMCHA BLESSINGS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

KABBALAT SHABBAT & PRAYER LAB

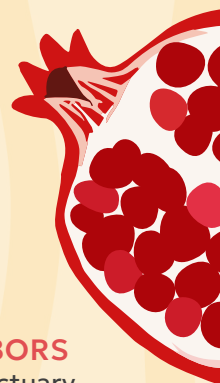
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

KABBALAT SHABBAT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

KABBALAT SHABBAT

*Kabbalat Shabbat: Every Friday in the Stiffman Sanctuary
5:15 p.m. Nosh • 6 p.m. Service*



MAZEL TOV, B'Mitzvah Students!



THE BAT MITZVAH OF

Ellia Wachler

SEPTEMBER 26 @ 11 A.M.

Daughter of Melissa & Brad Wachler

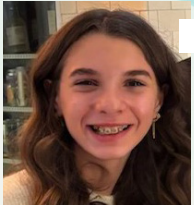


THE BAT MITZVAH OF

Bridget Lampert

OCTOBER 3 @ 11 A.M.

Daughter of Heather & Jake Lampert



THE BAT MITZVAH OF

Skylar Weinhaus

OCTOBER 10 @ 11 A.M.

Daughter of Emily & Corey Weinhaus



THE BAR MITZVAH OF

Gavin Holtzman

OCTOBER 17 @ 9 A.M.

Son of Lori & Ryan Holtzman



THE BAR MITZVAH OF

Ascher Phillips

OCTOBER 17 @ 11 A.M.

Son of Jessica & Christopher Phillips



THE BAT MITZVAH OF

Alexis Larson

OCTOBER 24 @ 11 A.M.

Daughter of Stephanie & Derek Larson



THE BAT MITZVAH OF

Vivienne Zucker

OCTOBER 31 @ 11 A.M.

Daughter of Rachel Pepe and Bryce Zucker

Shabbat morning worship is on these Saturdays in the Stiffman Sanctuary.



THE BAT MITZVAH OF

Elliana Bunsick

NOVEMBER 7 @ 9 A.M.

Daughter of Mara & Brett Bunsick

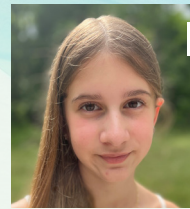


THE BAT MITZVAH OF

Margo Esses

NOVEMBER 7 @ 11 A.M.

Daughter of Stephanie Esses & Julia Partin

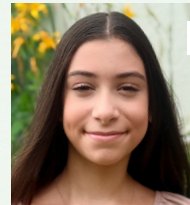


THE BAT MITZVAH OF

Audrey Cohn

NOVEMBER 14 @ 9 A.M.

Daughter of Christine & Brian Cohn



THE BAT MITZVAH OF

Brianna Bernier

NOVEMBER 14 @ 11 A.M.

Daughter of Jennifer & Ismael Bernier



THE BAR MITZVAH OF

Chase Hudson-Wolf

NOVEMBER 21 @ 9 A.M.

Son of Jason Wolf & James Hudson



THE BAR MITZVAH OF

Sawyer Silvermintz

NOVEMBER 21 @ 11 A.M.

Son of Chelsea & Benjamin Silvermintz

Looking Ahead, Listening Now

We often speak of young people as the future of the Jewish community. But Jewish tradition invites us to see something more: not only what our teens will become, but what they can teach us right now.

As we enter a new year, our teenagers remind us of the gifts that can be easy to lose with age: imagination, moral clarity, hope, and the courage to believe that the world can be different from what it is today. Their willingness to question the status quo and dream bigger is not naïveté. It is a sacred kind of wisdom.



During our Yom Kippur Teen Experience last year (2025 / 5785), we asked our teens the simple question:

What do you wish for the world in the year ahead?

Their answers follow.

May their words inspire us to approach the future with renewed curiosity, openness, and determination to help build the world they imagine.

I WISH FOR...

*people to stop
comparing
themselves to others.*

*peace and safety between
Israel and Gaza.*

a less divided country.

*the world to be a
place where every
person can be who
they are without fear.*

climate change to stop.

*the Jewish
community
to be safe.*

*human health and
animal welfare.*

*everyone to be kind
to each other so we
can live in peace.*

less hatred in the world.

*people to stop being
rude to one another and
to realize everyone's
feelings are valid.*

*peace in Israel
and for the safety
of everyone there.*

everyone to be equal.

THE MITZVAH OF SHARING
SUKKOT WITH FRIENDS
AND NEIGHBORS:

A SHARED INTERFAITH SHABBAT

Friday, September 25

5:15 p.m. Nosh | 6 p.m. Service

**7:15 p.m. Complimentary
dinner and program**

*Sponsored by The Harvey and
Leanne Schneider Interfaith Forum*

**In the spirit of Sukkot, The Harvey
and Leanne Schneider Interfaith
Forum invites adult members of the
congregation to bring an adult friend,
neighbor, colleague, or family member of
another faith tradition to a special Sukkot
Shabbat service and dinner on Friday,
September 25.**

Sukkot teaches us the value of hospitality and reminds
us that life's most meaningful moments are shared. The
sukkah is intentionally open on all sides, reminding us to
welcome guests and make connections.

Together, we will share Shabbat services and an interfaith
Shabbat dinner and program, celebrate community and
friendship, and learn from one another in a warm and
welcoming environment.

**Registration for dinner is required at
sestl.co/sukkot26 by September 18**



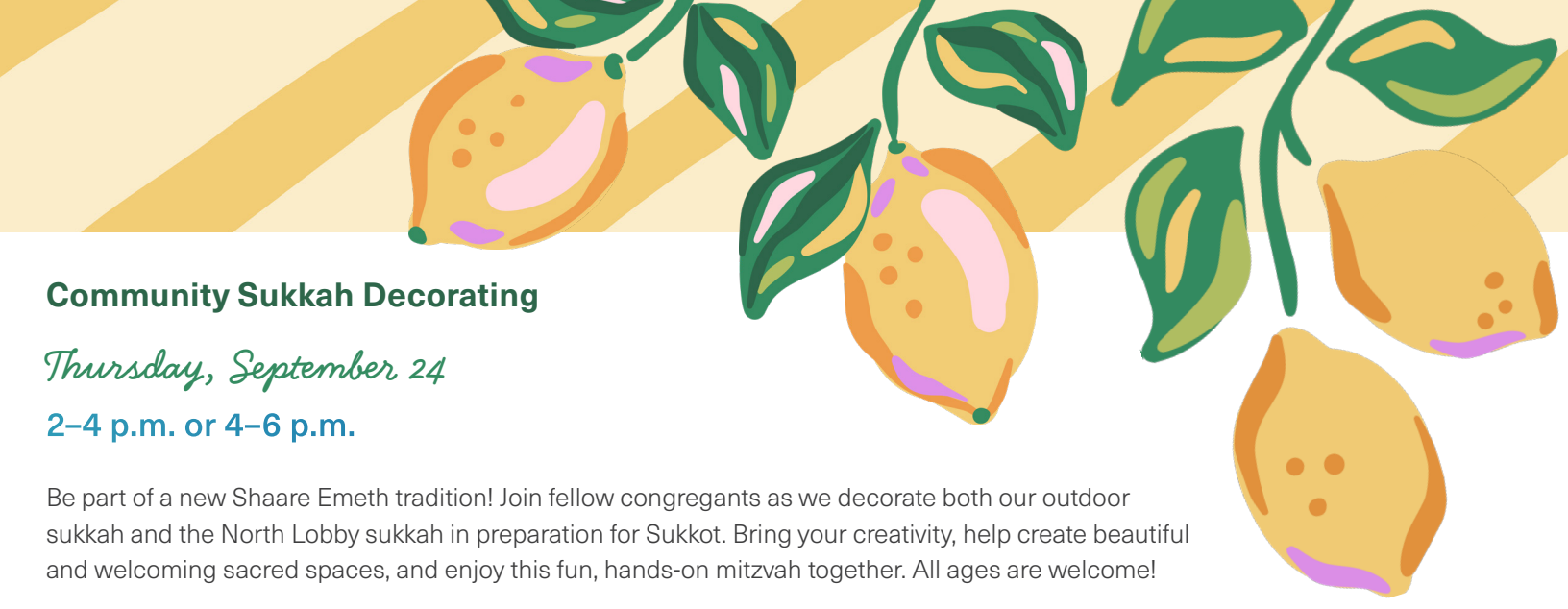
BRING A FRIEND
OF ANOTHER FAITH TRADITION
TO SHARE THE EVENING TOGETHER.

CONGREGATION

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Community Sukkah Decorating

Thursday, September 24

2–4 p.m. or 4–6 p.m.

Be part of a new Shaare Emeth tradition! Join fellow congregants as we decorate both our outdoor sukkah and the North Lobby sukkah in preparation for Sukkot. Bring your creativity, help create beautiful and welcoming sacred spaces, and enjoy this fun, hands-on mitzvah together. All ages are welcome!

RSVP's appreciated at sestl.co/decorate



Simchat Torah

L'Dor VaDor Simchat Torah & Shabbat Spectacular with Shakshuka

Friday, October 2 at 5:15 p.m.

Celebrate the end of Sukkot and the joy of Simchat Torah with an evening of family-friendly activities, music, and community. Create your own soft Torah and edible Torah treat, explore a hands-on journey through the Five Books of the Torah, and add your story to the experience. Then join our clergy team and Shakshuka in the Stiffman Sanctuary for a spirited Simchat Torah and Shabbat service filled with music, joy, and Torah.

Simchat Torah Yizkor Service

*Saturday, October 3
9 a.m. • B'nai El Chapel*

Jewish mourning is both a private and public practice, and Yizkor services are public observances for the community of the bereaved. Yizkor means “may God remember” and it is recited four times a year on Yom Kippur, Simchat Torah, Passover, and Shavuot. All are welcome to join us for this service in memory of our loved ones.



Free; open to all. RSVP required: sestl.co/birthday26.

Questions? Contact Emily Cohen, ecohen@sestl.org or 314-692-5323.

Simchat Torah "Birthday of the World"

Saturday, October 3 at 9:30 a.m.

Shaare Emeth • For Families with 0-5 year-olds

On Simchat Torah, we celebrate the Torah, our sacred text that tells the story of the Jewish People beginning with the creation of the world. This year, we are so lucky to have a new way to experience this creation story, an interactive performance of "Birthday of the World" from the Alliance Theater Company in Atlanta who is visiting St. Louis for a few special shows. This immersive performance brings a timeless and timely story to life through gentle storytelling, visual wonder, and sensory play. You have never seen theater OR Torah like this!

Contemporary Jewish Writers with Master Teacher Marcia Moskowitz

Lunch + Learn! Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

October 7, 14, 21, & 28

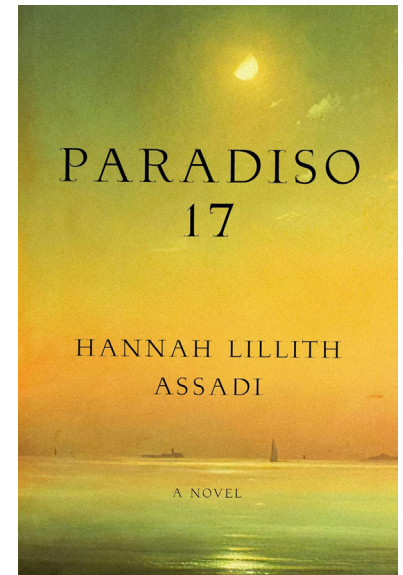
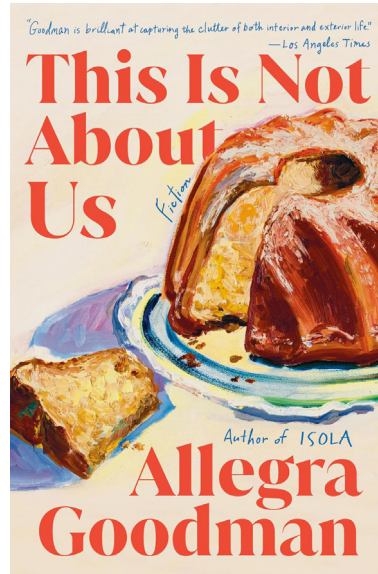
November 4, 11, & 18

December 2

Explore two outstanding contemporary Jewish novels through engaging discussion led by master teacher Marcia Moskowitz. Together we'll examine themes of identity, family, faith, belonging, and the complexities of modern Jewish life while enjoying thoughtful conversation over lunch.

Tuition: \$144 for all eight sessions

Find the reading schedule and RSVP at sestl.co/writers26 by Sunday, October 4



Texting Tuesdays: America at 250

Tuesday Mornings, October 6–November 17, 2026

10–11 a.m. in the Rubin Library Conference Room

To mark the 250th anniversary of the United States, our Texting Tuesdays series will offer an opportunity for our clergy and directors to reflect with the community on the meaning of this milestone through a Jewish lens.

RSVPs are appreciated so that we can have the correct number of supplies available.

RSVP at sestl.co/text

Topics for October + November:

10/6 & 10/13 Celebrating 250 Years of American Music and American Jewish Music with Cantor Seth Warner

10/20 For the Welfare of the Nation: Judaism and American Patriotism with Helena Cooper, Director of Youth Engagement

10/27 Love the Stranger, for You Were Strangers: The Jewish-American Immigration Story with Rabbi Morgan Tobey

11/10 Disrupters & Dreamers: Jewish Women Who Shaped U.S. History with Rabbi Lori Levine

11/17 What is Jewish About Thanksgiving? with Rabbi Andrea Goldstein; Co-sponsored by the Jewish Mindfulness Center of St. Louis



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LEARN. ENGAGE. VOTE.

The More You Know

Understanding What's on the November 3rd Ballot and More

Tuesday, September 29 at 7 p.m.

The upcoming November 3 election will include several important ballot measures that could significantly impact Missourians:

- Amendment 3 would repeal the reproductive-rights amendment approved by Missouri voters in 2024 and again ban abortion in almost all cases, while also placing a ban on gender affirming medications and surgeries for minors into the state constitution.
- The redistricting referendum and the Respect MO Voters initiative petition, which affects Missouri's citizen initiative process.

Join the Voting Rights Committee as **Dr. David Eisenberg**, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Chief of the Division of Complex Family Planning at WashU Medicine, helps us understand Amendment 3. If the referendum and/or the Respect MO Voters initiative are on the ballot, **Jon Schmid**, ACLU-MO Policy Counsel, will help us understand those measures.

Gain the knowledge you need to make an informed decision on these important ballot measures before you enter the voting booth.

This program is co-sponsored by Grace United Methodist Church, Parkway United Church of Christ (PUCC), NCJWSTL, Women's Voices Raised, the League of Women Voters, and JCRC.

RSVP appreciated at sestl.co/ballot929

Tzedek Shabbat: Voting Rights in Missouri

Friday, October 23 at 6 p.m.

Join us for Shabbat Services as Denise Lieberman, Director and General Counsel of the Missouri Voter Protection Coalition (MOVPC), speaks about voting rights in Missouri and what voters need to know as Election Day approaches.

Voter Protection Volunteer Training: Help Protect the Vote

Sunday, October 25 at 1:30 p.m.

Get the training you need to serve as a volunteer to help protect the vote during the November 3 election.

RSVP required at sestl.co/votertraining



GATHERING *for* GRATITUDE

Sunday, November 22 • 10–11:30 a.m.

Come together for a meaningful morning of gratitude, generosity, and community! Gathering for Gratitude is an opportunity for people of all ages to roll up their sleeves and make a difference. This year, we'll bring back some of our beloved annual projects while introducing new hands-on ways to help our neighbors and strengthen our community.

Together, we'll turn gratitude into action and kindness into community.

Registration opens November 2.

Watch for more information in ShaareMail and on the website about this year's projects and opportunities to participate.

A Morning of Giving Back

Gathering for Gratitude is generously funded through the Ida & Harris Kramer Social Action Endowment Fund.

A program of the Tzedek Committee of Congregation Shaare Emeth.

Gathering for Gratitude Co-Chairs: Jamie Berzon and Scott Berzon

Great Teamwork! ►

For Gathering for Gratitude in 2025, our Religious School students and our youngest members decorated vases and made bouquets which were delivered to residents at Covenant Place and Crown Center for Senior Living who have no family in town, letting them know we are thinking about them.

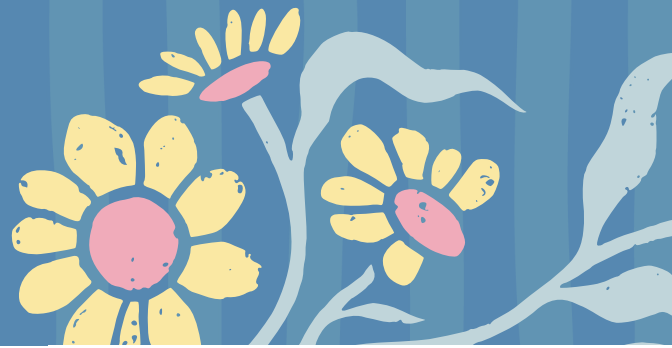




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Meet Mattan

Our 2026-2027 Israeli Shinshin

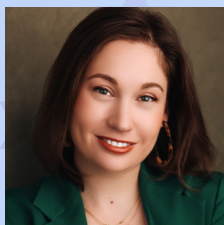
Hello! My name is Mattan, and I'm from Herzliya, Israel, near Tel Aviv. Next year, I'll be spending a year in St. Louis as a Shinshin with the Jewish Agency, and I'm very excited for this opportunity. I have a younger brother and a younger sister. In my free time, I love playing sports, going to the gym, hiking, listening to music, and watching movies. I've been highly involved in the Israeli Scouts since grade 4. I'm really

looking forward to meeting the St. Louis community, getting to know new people, building meaningful relationships, and sharing this special experience.



Save the Date for These Upcoming Visiting Scholars- & Musicians-In-Residence

Congregation Shaare Emeth is excited to welcome these esteemed scholars and musicians to our community in early 2027. **Mark your calendars now and stay tuned for additional information.**



Amy Spitalnick + Rabi Rori Picker Neiss

January 28–30, 2027

Amy Spitalnick, CEO of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA), and Rabi Rori Picker Neiss, Senior Vice President and Rabbi in Residence at JCPA, will join us for a weekend of interfaith bridge-building, thoughtful discussion, and Jewish wisdom. The Jewish Council for Public Affairs is the national convener of Jewish coalitions working to build a just and inclusive democracy.

Lucy Greenbaum

February 5–7, 2027

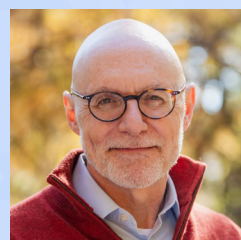


Lucy Greenbaum, our beloved former Director of Music Engagement and current HUC Cantorial

student, will be our Musician-in-Residence with appearances at Kabbalat Shabbat services, Shabbat morning Torah Study, Religious School on Sunday morning, and more.

Jeffrey B. Stiffman Lecture with Andrew Rehfeld

Tuesday, March 30, 2027



Andrew Rehfeld, Ph.D., is the 10th President of Hebrew Union College. Appointed in April of 2019,

Rehfeld has bridged the academic and Jewish professional worlds as a tenured faculty member in Political Science at Washington University in St. Louis (2001-2019) and as President and CEO of the Jewish Federation of St. Louis (2012-2019).

Rabbi Geoff Mitelman, Deutsch Scholar- in-Residence

April 16–18, 2027



Rabbi Geoffrey A. Mitelman is the Founding Director of Sinai and Synapses, an organization that bridges

the scientific and religious worlds, and is being incubated at Clal – The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership.

Condolences

Dr. Richard Aach

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Carolyn Suffian

Wife of Robert Suffian and mother of
Brent (Dr. Lisa) Suffian

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

Sympathy

Zachary (Julie) Fleck on the death
of his mother, **Dorothy Fleck**

Harvey (Wilma) Gerstein on the death
of his brother, **David Gerstein**

Sheri (Barry) Glantz on the death of
her stepmother, **Ileene Morrison**

Barrie (Karen) Sher on the death of
his sister-in-law, **Shelly Sher**

Renee (Sam) Silverstein on the death
of her brother, **Stuart Rosenberg**

Cheryl (Richard) Spalding on the
death of her sister, **Toby Keane**

New Perpetual Memorials

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

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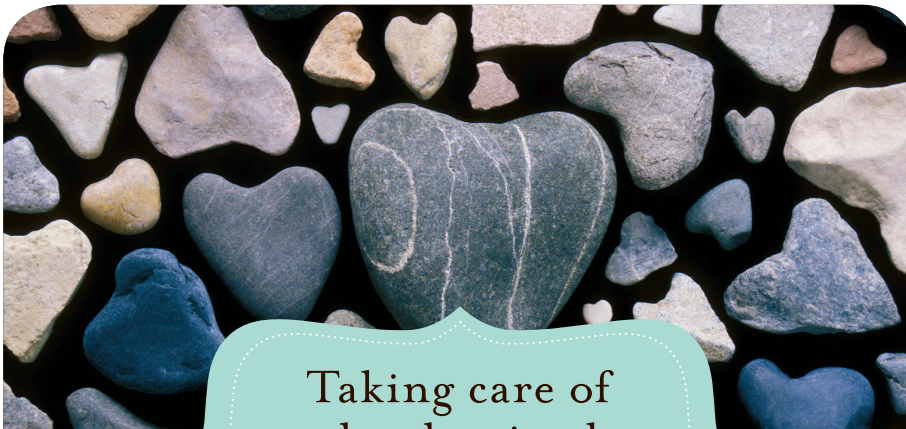
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If you have any questions, please let us know. Thank you for supporting Congregation Shaare Emeth this holiday season!

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Prayer Lab is a non-traditional Shabbat evening service combining contemporary readings and poetry, participatory music, time set aside for meditation, and more. Worshippers are encouraged to come with open minds and open hearts.

All are welcome!

This year, our service themes are based on specific prayers of the Shabbat liturgy. We can't wait to explore these expressions and prayers with all who can join.

Upcoming Prayer Lab Dates:

Friday, October 9
Friday, November 13
Friday, December 18
Saturday, February 6,
Time TBD

Friday, March 19
Saturday, April 24
at 10:30 a.m.
Friday, May 28



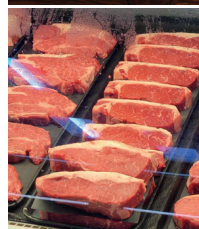
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