# December

kislev tevet





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# Shabbat Information for the Month of December, 2015

#### Shabbat Vayeshev

December 4-5 23 Kislev Bereishit (Genesis) 37:1-40:23 Friday evening candle lighting: 4:31 Saturday night Havdallah: 5:32

Shabbat at Home

#### <u>Shabbat Miketz</u> <u>Rosh Chodesh/Chanukah</u>

December 11-12 30 Kislev

Bereishit (Genesis) 41:1-44:17 Friday evening candle lighting: 4:32 Saturday night Havdallah: 5:33

Chanukah Potluck Dinner 6:30 PM Shabbat-Chanukah Services 7:15 PM Angela Gold, Cantorial Soloist

#### <u>Shabbat Vayigash</u>

December 18-19 7 Tevet Bereishit (Genesis) 44:18-47:27 Friday evening candle lighting: 4:34 Saturday night Havdallah: 5:35

Shabbat Morning TNT Service 10:00 AM

Meeka Simerly, Cantorial Soloist

#### Shabbat Vayechi

December 25-26 14 Tevet Bereishit (Genesis) 47:28-50:26 Friday evening candle lighting: 4:37 Saturday night Havdallah: 5:39

Chinese Dinner Around the Shabbat Table 6:00 PM and Emeth Movie Night

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# December Children & Youth Education Programs

<u>Tuesday Programs</u> December 1, 8, 15

Hebrew School 4:30 -6:00 PM Classroom time



December 4, 11

Chai School 4:30-6:30 PM Classroom time

## <u>Sunday Programs</u>

#### December 13

Emet Dor Kef (The Fun Generation)

4:00-5:30 PM Chanukah Party!

For education program information, please contact Debbie Zajac at admin@emeth.net or (408) 778-8200





Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley

# Embrace-A-Family This Hanukkah

# Here Is How It Works:

From November 11 to December 18 Pull a dreidel tag from our dreidel board, purchase the item and return the gift and tag to Congregation Emeth

...And put a large smile on someone's face! Thank you for your support.

This year for those that like to shop online, we will have additional wishes on a Target gift registry which can be found at <a href="http://tinyurl.com/2015-Embrace-a-Family">http://tinyurl.com/2015-Embrace-a-Family</a>

Any questions? Contact Lori Cinnamon At 408-357-7467 or Loric@jfssv.org







CHANUKAH! Mark your calendars!



#### Erev Chanukah, the first night of Chanukah, is Sunday, December 6. The last candle lighting is Sunday, December 13. The holiday officially ends Monday, December 14, at sundown.

**Saturday, December 5, Annual Holiday Parade.** The parade starts at 5:30 in downtown Morgan Hill on Monterey Road between 1st and 4th street on the northbound side. Immediately following the parade at the Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center we have a holiday sing along, the official tree lighting ceremony with Mayor Tate, and a holiday performance! This year, for the first time, Congregation Emeth will bring our Menorah and our candles will be lit as well!

Sunday, December 6, Congregation Emeth-PJ Library Festival of Lights Chanukah program, 1:30-3:00 PM, at Booksmart, 80 E 2nd St, Morgan Hill. Dreidels to spin! Stories to tell! Cookies to decorate! Songs to sing! Fun for all! \$5/family. Contact membership@emeth.net

**Friday, December 11, 6:30 PM, Congregation Emeth's annual Chanukah Dinner, Candle Lighting, and Shabbat/Chanukah Services.** Dinner begins after Beit Sefer (Religious School). Contribute to the potluck dinner, and don't forget to make your favorite latkes! We'll have the apple sauce and sour cream. Bring a Chanukiah (Menorah) for your family to light - it's the 6th night of Chanukah so you'll need to bring 7 candles. Angela Gold will be our cantorial soloist.

**Sunday, December 13, 3:00-5:00 PM, Emet Dor Kef's annual Chanukah party.** Bring a "white elephant" gift to exchange. We'll have pizza and latkes - a winning combination!

Sunday, December 13, Chanukah on Santana Row, 3PM-5PM. Activities will take place in Park Valencia and include decorating dreidels, Jewish story time, arts & crafts, and the lighting of the Menorah. Plus, enjoy live music with Lior Ben-Hur! \*In the event of rain, event will be held inside the via between Left Bank & Sino.

**Monday, December 14, Sisterhood Chanukah Party,** 6:00 PM, at Patty Baggese's home. Dinner (no charge for paid up members, \$36 dues; non-members are welcome for \$10) and gift exchange (value no more than \$15). Volunteer fundraising gift: \$18 to benefit a special project of Beit Sefer (Religious School).

And though it's not Chanukah, it's a holiday mitzvah: Friday, December 25, Congregation Emeth annual food service at Lord's Table

And back by popular request:

**December 25, 6:00 PM, Chinese food with Shabbat rituals,** followed by movie night! A pre-paid \$10 donation to cover meal costs will be appreciated. Please send your payment in advance; we will not be collecting money on Shabbat. Your check is your reservation.











Last chance to get ready for Chanukah! Select from life cycle greeting cards, ritual items, gifts, jewelry and more OPEN ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

Questions – contact Patty at (408) 842–6876 or <u>pbaggese@garlic.com</u>

4:30-6:30 P.M.

Come on by and SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP!

# Saturday Night, December 5 Celebrate Chanukah in Downtown Morgan Hill With Congregation Emeth

Annual Holiday Parade – The parade starts at 5:30 in downtown Morgan Hill on Monterey Road between 1st and 4th street on the northbound side.

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# JEWISH HERITAGE NIGHT AT THE SANJOSE SHARKS SANJOSE SHARKS

7:30PM AT THE SAP CENTER VS. TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING

# **\$60 UPPER SECTION • \$100 LOWER SECTION** Cost includes ticket, commemorative baseball cap and donation to the Jewish community

# Tickets available at www.jvalley.org/sharks





# A Community Celebration @ BookSmart Sunday, Dec 6 1:30-3pm

## BookSmart MIND FUEL FOR ALL AGES

80 East 2nd, Morgan Hill, CA

Dreidels to spin! Stories to share! Cookies to decorate! Songs to sing! Fun for all!



\$5/family

Questions? Contact membership@emeth.net

# COME LIGHT THE CANDLES WITH US



Celebrate Hanukkah with the Silicon Valley Jewish community at Santana Row. LIVE MUSIC WITH LIOR BEN-HUR, HANUKKAH CANDLE LIGHTING & MORE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2015 3:00-5:00 pm • Park Valencia (near Starbucks) FREE! Info: www.jvalley.org





#### **Monday, December 14**

#### 6:00 PM

# Sisterhood Chanukah Party & Fundraiser!

Please bring:

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1.) A gift item worth no more than \$15 for the "Gift Swap

2.) A \$5 item such as toys, gloves, hats,books, sundries and socks for St. Joseph'sFamily Center in Gilroy to be given at ourEmeth Social Action December 25th dinner;

3.) Money to purchase Chanukah items from our gift shop!

4.) Voluntary donation of \$18 to benefit a special project of Beit Sefer (Religious School).

45) \$10 dinner contribution (for non-Sisterhood members only). If you haven't paid your dues, bring \$36 for 2015/2016 to enable our Tzed-akah and Mitzvah projects to continue!

NOTES: Donations are welcome even if you are not able to attend!



Patty Baggese's home 2885 Bannister, Gilroy



RSVPs are appreciated By December 10 for catering count.

Patty pbaggese@garlic.com Or 408-842-6876





## Congregation Emeth is committed to helping feed the needy

on the third Thursday of each month

from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Lord's Table

St. Mary Catholic Parish

11 First Street, Gilroy







Children accompanied by parents are welcome!

For more information, contact Sandra Jackson

at oursash@yahoo.com

## **Congregation Emeth Adult Education Movie Night**

"Defiance", starring Daniel Craig

Where: Congregation Emeth

When: Saturday, January 23 at 7:00 P.M. (we should end around 10 P.M.) Who: The movie is appropriate for all adults and mature teens (Rated R)

Why: To learn about this extraordinary story and participate in a discussion after the viewing of the film.

#### Drinks and popcorn will be provided!

Brief synopsis of the film.

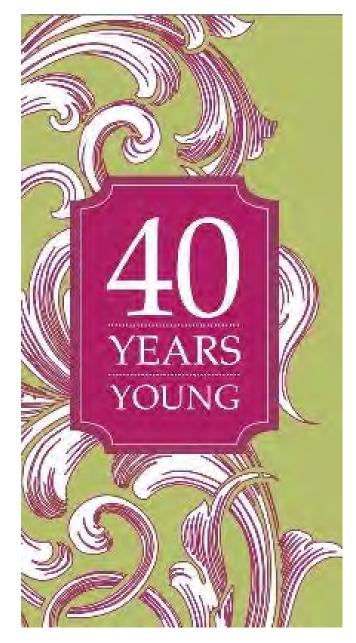
Daniel Craig (James Bond: Quantum of Solace) stars as Tuvia Bielski, an ordinary citizen turned hero, in this action-packed epic of family, honor, vengeance and salvation. Defiance is a riveting adventure that showcases the extraordinary true story of the Bielski brothers, simple farmers -outnumbered and outgunned- who turned a group of war refugees into powerful freedom fighters. Tuvia, along with his unyielding brother, Zus (Liev Schreiber, X-Men Origins: Wolverine), motivate hundreds of civilians to join their ranks against the Nazi regime. Their inspirational story is a true testament to the human spirit. \*David Densby, The New Yorker

The film is based on a book of the same title by Nechama Tec, in case you'd be interested in reading the book prior to seeing the film. (Be sure to order it at <u>https://smile.amazon.com/</u> so that Emeth will receive a portion of the purchase price!)

For more information or to RSVP (by January 15, please!):

Jackie at jstevens4@charter.net.





# Save the Date Emeth 40th Year Celebration

Special Friday Night Live on January 29th

Dinner and dancing with a live band on Saturday, January 30 Put on your dancing shoes!





December 11 <sup>(5)</sup> -Chassy/Coleman/Braun December 19 <sup>(2)</sup> December 25 <sup>(5)</sup> -Neto/Meyers January 16 <sup>(2)</sup> -Fernandez January 29 <sup>(3)</sup> - Board February 20 <sup>(2)</sup> -Fernandez March 12 <sup>(2)</sup> March 18 <sup>(6)</sup> April 16 <sup>(2)</sup> - Fernandez April 23 <sup>(7)</sup> - Dubin-Glatt April 29 <sup>(3)</sup> - Mandel May 14 <sup>(2)</sup>) - Cidon June 11 <sup>(2)</sup> June 17 <sup>(3)</sup>

Please select at least one Shabbat service when your family will be the designated hosts.

The Shabbat hosts provide challah and flowers and time before and after the service for setup and cleanup. Why not select a special occasion (for example, anniversary and/or birthday) to host and celebrate with your Emeth family?

Send your preference of date(s) to Debbie Zajac <u>admin@emeth.net</u> or (408) 778-8200





#### Notes:(1) Erev Shabbat Service

- (2) TNT (Torah 'N Tefilah) Morning Service
- (3) FNL Shabbat Service
- (4) TNT Shabbat in the Redwoods
- (5) Shabbat Potluck Dinner
- (6) Purim Carnival and BBQ
- (7) Community Seder



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\*Friday Night Live: This Erev Shabbat (Friday evening) service highlights Kabbalat Shabbat, the introductory prayers. This is a high energy, musical, abbreviated service appropriate for children of all ages as well as adults. It is part of the Religious School curriculum. Prayers for healing and Mourners Kaddish are included. It is preceded by a potluck dinner with Shabbat rituals.

**\*TNT - Torah 'N T'filah:** This Erev Shabbat (Friday evening) service includes reading the weekly Torah portion and a sermon. It is a complete Shabbat service.

\*Erev Shabbat Services: Complete Friday evening services, without a Torah service.

\*Shabbat at Home: On certain weekends during the year, Congregation Emeth does not have community Shabbat services. Resources are available from the Congregation to facilitate a meaningful Shabbat dinner and Torah discussion in your home.

\*Shabbat Morning Service: A traditional Shabbat morning service with Torah and Haftarah readings, and Kiddush lunch to follow. Attire is synagogue traditional (business casual to semi-formal).

#### THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

#### OCTOBER 2015

(donations received after October 31 will be acknowledged in the Januay flyers)

Donations to Congregation Emeth are gratefully accepted. Our membership contributions cover only the minimum annual expenses, not the full costs of running a synagogue. Additional gifts are always needed to help keep our activities going.

Donations of money can be by either check or credit card. Donations can also be made in other forms such as property or securities (like appreciated stocks). All are of course tax deductible. Donation information and a form can be found on our website: http://www.emeth.net/images/PDFs/forms/donation\_form.pdf

#### ALLEN WISOTSKY EDUCATION FUND

The Scholarship Fund assists the children in our Beit Sefer (religious schools) with need-based tuition scholarships.

Gerald & Bette Sallus, in memory of Lauren Jenkins

#### **BIMAH FUND**

Sandy Gabe, capital campaign donation

#### **BUILDING FUND**

We have owned our own building since 2008. Your contribution will support physical improvements to the building and/or will help us pay down our mortgage. We also issue bonds to members and friends of Emeth. For more information about our Emeth bonds, please contact our president, **president@emeth.net**.

Betsy & Ed Schreiber, High Holiday donation Sheila & Stan Weinberg, in memory of Lauren Jenkins Susan Meyers & Michael Oshan, in memory of Lauren Jenkins

#### **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

Becky & Andre Neto, capital campaign donation Gary Zatkin, capital campaign donation Kathy & Rick Coencas, capital campaign donation Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, capital campaign donation Steve Miller, capital campaign donation

#### **GENERAL FUND**

Contributions to this fund offset everyday operating expenses for religious school, adult education, youth activity, ritual, programming, etc. thus keeping dues and tuition lower.

Barbara Yazman & Paul Crompton, automobile donation David Bohbot, general fund donation Terry & Lanny Seeberg, in honor of Becky Neto

#### **HIGH HOLIDAY DONATION**

Our High Holiday liturgy reminds us that we have the power and obligation to make a positive different in the world by performing acts of tzedakah, righteousness. Your contribution to High Holiday donations will help enhance our vibrant congregation in the ongoing work of our Rabbi, our educational programs, and maintenance of our sanctuary.

Aileen Teren-Foster & Dale Foster, High Holiday participation Alexander Khainson & Elena Dachkova, High Holiday donation Judith Lessow-Hurley & Michael Hurley, High Holiday donation Marianne & Kris Snook, High Holiday donation

#### **HIGH HOLIDAY MACHZOR**

Maureen Chassy, Machzor donation Randy Toch, Machzor donation

#### PLAYGROUND

Sandy Gabe, capital campaign donation

#### **RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

This fund enables our Rabbi to make donations to people in need, arrange for programs that she deems worthy, and contribute to other charitable causes she wishes to support. The fund is never used for the Rabbi's personal benefit.

Gloria & Buzzy Bluestone, High Holiday donation

#### SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood assists with special holiday receptions, develops a booklet to assist families with upcoming bar/bat mitzvah celebrations, offers programs to the women of Congregation Emeth, and provides philanthropic support to a variety of causes. Donations help fund each year's programs.

Cathy & Robert Silverstein, Sisterhood donation

#### **ADDITIONAL DONATION OPPORTUNITIES**

**ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE -** Donations to Adult Education support the creation of programs and courses of studies geared for adults. Annual mainstays for this program include adult Hebrew classes, Shabbat in the Redwoods Scholar in Resident, the Adult B'nai Mitzvah program, lectures and films.

#### AUTOMOBILE DONATION

**BEIT SEIFER SCHOLARSHIP FUND -** The Scholarship Fund assists the children in our Beit Sefer, religious schools, with need-based tuition scholarships.

#### **BETTY MEYER CAMPERSHIP FUND**

Reform Jewish summer camps and trips to Israel are valuable means for children to reinforce their Jewish identity. Your contribution will help a student attend who might not otherwise have this opportunity.

**CEMETERY FUND -** We maintain a Jewish section of a local cemetery. Your donation will go toward upkeep of the cemetery.

#### **COMMUNITY DINNER DONATIONS**

Part of Emeth's culture is coming together for a Shabbat potluck or community dinner twice a month, prior to Shabbat Short 'N Sweet services. Your contribution enables us to continue this community building.

#### KARI MUNOWITCH MEMORIAL

**LIBRARY FUND -** This fund helps maintain our library and enables us to purchase new books for children and adults.

#### LORD'S TABLE

#### OUTREACH

#### **PRAYER BOOK**

This fund purchases new worship materials, including our Shabbat prayerbook, <u>Mishkan T'fila</u> and the new Reform High Holiday Machzor.

#### **RACHAMIM FUND**

Funds and defrays costs for our loving support of members by providing meals and other services for families in need, including new parents, members who are ill, and members who have sustained a loss of a loved one.

#### **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

Funds programs and equipment for the Religious School, helping to offset expenses not covered by school tuition

**RITUAL FUND -** *Provides funding for cantorial soloists, purchasing supplies to build our Sukkah, and offering special holiday programs, such as our Purim carnival and Chanukah community celebration.* 

#### SOCIAL ACTION

This committee supports a broad range of activities to help enable congregants to repair the world including serving a monthly meal at the Lord's Table for the homeless.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### **TORAH FUND**

Congregation Emeth has two Torahs. Funds are occasionally needed for repairs to our sacred scrolls.

#### YOUTH GROUP (EMET DOR KEF)

Emet Dor Kef members annually participate in both a retreat and a field trip to Jewish Los Angeles. The teens work hard to raise funds to cover expenses for these special events, but your additional support will make a difference.

#### WINE EVENT DONATION