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JOIN US

Celebrate Emeth's First 40 Years!

Dinner and Dancing to Live Music

March 5, 6:00 pm

Old City Hall 7400 Monterey Street Gilroy CA 95020

If you missed the deadline for the 40th Anniversary Dinner/Dance and would still like to attend, contact <u>40th@Emeth.net</u> as soon as possible to see if we can get you in.

\$130 Couple | \$65 Individual

RSVP and pay online www.emeth.net/community/40th

> Cocktail attire Live band Dinner wine included No host bar Choice of entrée: prime rib • pasta primavera (vegan) rosemary herb chicken • salmon

> > Questions: <u>40th@emeth.net</u>



Shabbat Information for the Month of March 2016

<u>Shabbat Shekalim</u>

March 4-5 Parashat Vayakhel Shemot (Exodus) 35:1-38:20 Friday evening candle lighting: 5:46 Saturday night Havdallah: 6:44

40th Anniversary Shabbat Friday 7:15 P.M. Mark Levy, Cantorial Soloist See separate flyer

Shabbat Pekude

March 11-12 2 Adar II Shemot (Exodus) 38:21-40:38 Friday evening candle lighting: 5:53 Saturday night Havdallah: 6:50

Shabbat Morning TNT Service 10:00 AM Alisa Fineman, Cantorial Soloist

<u>Shabbat Zachor</u>

March 18-19 Parashat Vayikra Vayikra (Leviticus) 1:1-5:26 Friday evening candle lighting: 6:59 Saturday night Havdallah: 7:57

Purim Carnival & BBQ Shabbat Short 'N Sweet Service See separate flyer

Shabbat Tzav

March 25-26 Vayikra (Leviticus) 6:1-8:36 Friday evening candle lighting: 7:05 Saturday night Havdallah: 8:03

Shabbat Dinner and Program Friday, 6:30 PM

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March Children & Youth Education Programs

<u>Tuesday Programs</u> March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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



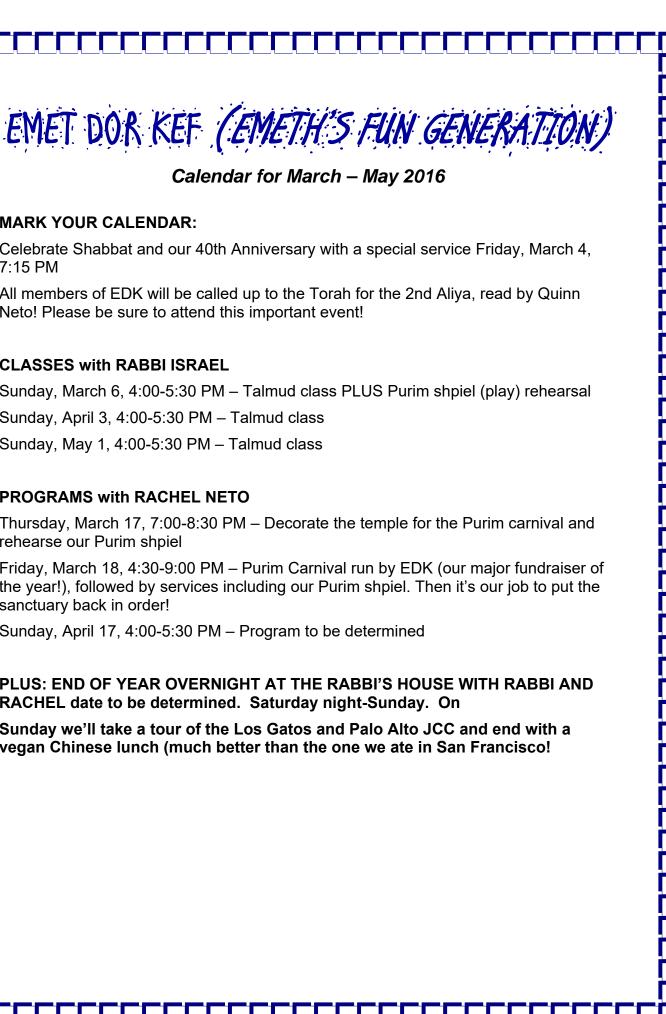
Chai School 4:30-6:30 PM Classroom time

Teen Programs

See separate flyer attached

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





MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Celebrate Shabbat and our 40th Anniversary with a special service Friday, March 4, 7:15 PM

All members of EDK will be called up to the Torah for the 2nd Aliya, read by Quinn Neto! Please be sure to attend this important event!

CLASSES with RABBI ISRAEL

Sunday, March 6, 4:00-5:30 PM – Talmud class PLUS Purim shpiel (play) rehearsal

Sunday, April 3, 4:00-5:30 PM – Talmud class

Sunday, May 1, 4:00-5:30 PM – Talmud class

PROGRAMS with RACHEL NETO

Thursday, March 17, 7:00-8:30 PM – Decorate the temple for the Purim carnival and rehearse our Purim shpiel

Friday, March 18, 4:30-9:00 PM – Purim Carnival run by EDK (our major fundraiser of the year!), followed by services including our Purim shpiel. Then it's our job to put the sanctuary back in order!

Sunday, April 17, 4:00-5:30 PM – Program to be determined

PLUS: END OF YEAR OVERNIGHT AT THE RABBI'S HOUSE WITH RABBI AND RACHEL date to be determined. Saturday night-Sunday. On

Sunday we'll take a tour of the Los Gatos and Palo Alto JCC and end with a vegan Chinese lunch (much better than the one we ate in San Francisco!

For 40 years, celebrating Shabbat together as a community has been the central activity of Congregation Emeth!

Celebrate Shabbat and our 40th Anniversary with a special service Friday, March 4, 7:15 PM Mark Levy, Cantorial Soloist Celebration Oneg hosted by Board to follow Services

Special surprises throughout the service

Torah service will honor the past, present and future: First Aliya – All Past Presidents will be honored Second Aliya – Our teen community, Emet Dor Kef, will be honored

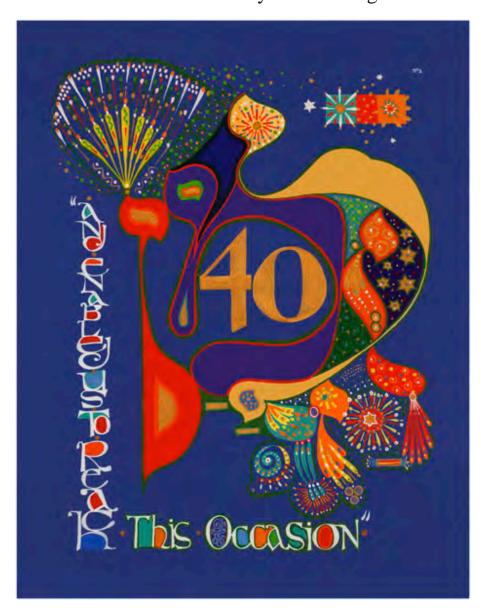
Third Aliya – Our Religious School parents and children will be honored



The 40th Anniversary Shabbat gives all congregants an opportunity to participate in our weekend celebration, whether or not you are able to attend the dinnerdance Saturday night.

> We hope you will join us as we honor the past and celebrate the future!

Lazmahn (This Time) by Mordecai Rosenstein "...enabled us to reach this occasion" from the Sh'he'chiyanu Blessing.



This beautiful piece of art is available for purchase in honor of Congregation Emeth's 40th anniversary. The well-known artist also created the "LAKOACH" (At Full Strength) art in celebration of our 30th anniversary. The glicee print is on display in the temple sanctuary.

Framed piece is \$350; unframed is \$275, plus \$35 shipping and handling. The artist will donate a portion of each purchase to Congregation Emeth.

For further information, contact Susan Braun, <u>gkdragon2000@gmail.com</u>. Payment in full can be sent to Congregation Emeth, 17835 Monterey St, Morgan Hill, CA 95037-3615, with "anniversary art" in the subject line.



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 Purim Gelebration

Friday, March 18, 2016 Classtime – 4:30-5:30 PM Carnival – 5:30-6:30 PM BBQ Dinner* – 6:30-7:15 PM Shabbat Short 'N Sweet Service with Purim Shpiel and Talent Show (all ages!)

7:15 PM

Sanctuary of Congregation Emeth

Games will be run by Emet Dor Kef And all proceeds benefit future youth programs

Dress in clothes suitable for merry making and tomfoolery (costumes for all ages preferred but not required)!

Bring your own special hamantashen to share for dessert! Other non-dairy desserts will be appreciated as well.

* See pricing next page



Dinner \$7 (hot dog or hamburger, chips, pickle and drink) Extra Drink \$1 Extra Main Course \$3 Wine \$2

> Game Tickets: 25 tickets \$10 12 tickets \$5 2 tickets \$1

Package Deal! Dinner + 10 Game Tickets + Craig Taubman CD (while supplies last!) \$12

> Animal Balloons \$1 Face Painting \$3

Most games cost 1 ticket



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VISIONING FOR OUR BEIT SEFER (RELIGIOUS SCHOOL)

When: Monday, March 21, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Where: Congregation Emeth More info: Paula Marsh, Principal, 408.813.8743 Daria Ogden, Education Chair, 408.847.9730

Dear Parents, Board Members and Congregants – everyone who cares about the future of our educational program,

It has been said before that "it takes a village to raise a child!" To that end, we're calling upon the larger Emeth community to come together for a visioning project for our Beit Sefer. We need your input to clarify our long-range educational goals. We want to identify trends and educational priorities, specific to our Emeth community, which help us answer critical questions (e.g., what are the essential Jewish topics we want our children to learn; what does it mean to give our children a Jewish education; how do we prepare our children to choose to become Jewish adults).

Louise Riddell-Kaufman will be facilitating our visioning experience. She is a wellrespected, longtime Jewish educator who has been the Director of Education at Congregation Beth Israel (Carmel) for almost 20 years. Louise has a long list of impressive credentials, including a Master's in Jewish Education and completion of her Reform Jewish Educator's certificate. She created this type of experience for her own congregation and is looking forward to assisting us on our journey.

Sisterhood is generously and enthusiastically funding this project. We are truly blessed and grateful to have such thoughtful advocates, working toward strengthening the educational charter of our school.

Please expect to see an Evite arrive in your email shortly! We strongly encourage you attend this important gathering so you may share your thoughts about experiences and exceptions, your epiphanies and wisdom.

NOTE: while we urge parents to attend, the input of all congregants will be appreciated and valued! Everyone's opinion will help guide us toward continuing future excellence in education.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR CONGREGATION EMETH'S COMMUNITY SEDER - MOROCCAN STYLE!

Catered Meal includes:

- Moroccan Charoset plus full seder plate
- Moroccan Chicken
- Moroccan Potatoes
- Roasted Vegetables
- Moroccan Eggplant Salad
- Moroccan Carrots or Beets
- Vegetarian Entrée with bean* protein



WHEN: 2nd Night of Passover, Saturday, April 23, 2016, promptly at 6-9:30 PM (please arrive at 5:45 so we can start on time!)

COST FOR CATERED MEAL: Members and their guests - \$36 each adult and teen; \$18 children 12 and under; Non-members \$45 each adult; \$18 children under 12.

WHERE: Congregation Emeth, 17835 Monterey Street, Morgan Hill

RESERVATION DEADLINE: April 15. Because this meal is prepared by an outside caterer, **no exceptions can be made to the deadline**. Any family wishing to attend but unable to pay for the dinner should contact Rabbi Israel in confidence (<u>templerabbi@emeth.net</u>).

HOW TO PAY: Your check is your reservation. Mail or deliver your payment to Congregation Emeth, 17835 Monterey St, Morgan Hill 95037. Be sure to include the reservation form with your payment.

*Congregation Emeth follows the Sephardic style of kosher for Passover which permits *kitniot* (beans, rice, etc.), foods generally prohibited by Ashkenazic authorities. We do not permit *chametz*, the five grains prohibited in Torah: wheat, barley, rye, oats, spelt, or their derivatives, which has leavened (risen).

RESERVATION FORM

Reservation is made by (your name):______ Number of Adults and Teens, Members and guests of members, \$36/pp = \$_____ Number of Children ages 12 and under, \$18/pp = \$_____ Number of Non-member adults \$45/pp = \$_____ Non-member children \$18/pp = \$_____

\$_____ Total amount of payment enclosed (reservation is not complete until payment in full is received).

Mail payment and this reservation form to Congregation Emeth, 17835 Monterey Street, Morgan Hill. Absolute reservation deadline: April 15.

For further information, contact our Seder organizers: Susan Braun, gkdragon2000@gmail.com, or Rena Dubin, fam@furfamily.net.



Join Congregation Emeth's Exploring Israel Trip with Rabbi Debbie Israel October 26 – November 7, 2016

Optional Eilat Petra Extension November 6-10,2016

A tour planned especially for Members and Friends of Congregation Emeth

Hotels: Metropolitan Tel Aviv, Ramon Inn, Ein Gedi, Nof Ginosar, Dan Panorama, Jerusalem: All breakfasts, 2 Shabbat Dinners, 2 Shabbat Lunches, 6 Weekday dinners and 2 Lunches as per itinerary. Touring with Rabbi Israel and Yoram Preminger, the expert guide who accompanied Emeth's previous tour in a deluxe touring motor coach.

Tour highlights:

Your tour will cover Israel's many wonders o Old Jaffa, Tel Aviv, Mitzpe Ramon, Ein Gedi, Masada, Dead Sea, Jordan Valley, Sea of Galilee. Golan Heights, and Jerusalem, while creating a sense of community along the way. The itinerary is expertly designed as a Congregation Emeth tour with exciting activities for adults of all ages. Your senses will be filled with the life, smells, tastes, sounds and textures of modern Israel, along with an appreciation of the connections of our Jewish roots and bibical history. Enjoy a fantastic tour filled with meaningful experiences and fun! Round trip from SFO Area flights

Land Only \$3555

Land & Air* Package: \$4995 - Per person double room; Single room supplement \$960; Third person in a room subtract \$225 *Fuel surcharge and airport tax are subject to change

Added to the above price are tip for the guide, driver, restaurants and porterage. \$185 per person

View and download itinerary and application at www.israeltour.com/risrael



For additional Information Contact: Rabbi Debbie Israel 408.348-5339 Or email Rabbi at rabbidebbieisrael@gmail.com





Yafa@israeltour.com 800.247.7235www.israeltour.com

Wednesday, 26 October - Depart USA on an overnight flight to Israel

Thursday, 27 October - Entering the Land - Arrive in Israel to be met and assisted by your ITC representative. Shekhiyanu-Welcome ceremony on top of Tel Jaffa overlooking modern Tel Aviv. Tour the alleys of Old Jaffa, the ancient port city once known as the Gate of Zion. Proceed to check-in at the Metropolitan Hotel on Tel Aviv's Mediterranean Coast. Welcome dinner and orientation at Maganda Yemenite Restaurant. Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel or Metropolitian Hotel, Tel Aviv

Friday, 28 October - The Hebrew City and the Jewish State - Relive David Ben Gurion declaring the new State of Israel at Independence Hall. Hear about the establishment of Tel Aviv standing at the Founders' Monument on Rothschild Boulevard and see the Bauhaus architecture for which central Tel Aviv was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit Beit Bialik, the private home of Israel's late poet laureate Chaim Nahman Bialik, and see its etrog shaped dome roof. Lunch on your own and free time to explore the Nachalat Binyamin crafts fair. While there checkout the nearby Carmel Market and bohemian Sheinkin Street - All three of these Tel Aviv icons meet at the same junction. Free time to walk along Mediterrean shore and to get ready for Shabbat. Shabbat evening service on beach with Rabbi Israel. Festive Shabbat Dinner at hotel. Overnight: Metropolitan Hotel, Tel Aviv

Saturday, 29 October - Shabbat in Tel Aviv - Shabbat morning services - To be determined with Rabbi Israel. Visit the "Aliyah Bet" Memorial in London Square to hear the story of the illegal immigration operations which rescued Jewish refugees before the founding of the State of Israel. Shabbat Lunch at hotel. Walking tour of the quaint Neve Tzeddek neighborhood that gave birth to the "first Hebrew city in 2,000 years". Free time to enjoy the beach and beachside promenade - Take in a slice of local life as you see how Tel Aviv spends Shabbat afternoon. Recommendation: Visit the new Israeli Art Wing at the Tel Art Museum then explore the nearby, recently renovated Sarona neighborhood. Havdallah with Rabbi Israel. Free evening. Dinner on own. Overnight: Metropolitan Hotel, Tel Aviv

Sunday, 30 October -Unearthing the Past and Exploring the Desert - Drive to Beit Guvrin in the Judean Foothills.

Unearth Israel's past in a hands on archaeological excavation in a cave next to biblical Tel Maresha with Dig for a Day. Travel south across the Negev Desert. Enjoy Lunch, Bedouin hospitality and camel riding and at Sfinat Hamidbar ("Desert Ship"). Look out at the majestic Zin Valley, David Ben Gurion's gravesite in Sde Boker and hear about his vision for developing the Negev. Stop on the rim of Makhtesh Ramon ("Ramon Crater") to look out and see a stunning desert landscape. Check in to the Ramon Inn in Mitzpe Ramon. Dinner at hotel. Overnight: Ramon Inn, Mitzpe Ramon

Monday, 31 October Nature, People and Development in the Negev - Jeep tour of Makhtesh Ramon to discover magnificant desert landscapes and a fascinating window into the earth's past. Visit Yerucham and hear about its transformation from a downtrodden development town to a dynamic growing community. Lunch with Kitchen Queens of Yerucham - a true gastronomic experience. Study session on "Why was the Torah given in the desert" with Debbie Golan at Bamidbar, a Yerucham based educational and social action center. Travel to Dead Sea region. Check-in to Ein Gedi Hotel. Dinner at hotel. Israeli singing with Dror Sandalon, Kibbutz Ein Gedi. Overnight: Ein Gedi Hotel

Tuesday, 1 November - Masada and the Dead Sea - Guided tour of Kibbutz Ein Gedi's Botanical Gardens. Ascend Masada by cable car to tour the ruins of Herod's palace and the last outpost of Jewish independence 2,000 years ago: Discussion: Which Jewish Legacy - Masada or Yavne? Swim in the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth at the Ein Gedi Spa, where you can also try out sulfur baths and the cosmetic properties of Dead Sea mud. The spa also has a fresh water pool. Massages available by prior reservation at own expense. Lunch on own. The Ein Gedi Spa has a cafeteria and snack bar. Travel north through the Jordan Valley. Discover Ethiopian Jewish culture at the Germachin Center in Beit Shean. Hear a personal account of this community's modern day Exodus story and about the challenges facing the Ethiopian Israeli community today. Check-in to the Nof Ginosar Hotel on Kibbutz Ginosar by the Sea of Galilee. Dinner at hotel. Overnight: Kibbutz Nof Ginosar.

Wednesday, 2 November - The Sources of the Jordan and the Strategic Golan Heights - Tour the Golan Heights to visit former Syrian bunkers where the Syrian army used to look down at Israel in the valley below. Ascend to the peak of strategic Mt. Bental to look out at the border and gain a special perspective on Israel's complex geopolitics. Guided tour and wine tasting at the boutique Bahat Winery. Lunch on own. Time permitting: Walk in the lush Tel Dan Nature Reserve, one of the sources of the Jordan River, where you'll discover biblical intrigue and one of the oldest arches in the world. Late afternoon visit Agmon Hahuleh Nature Park to watch thousands of migrating birds land to roost for the night. Barbeque dinner on an Israeli army base with young soldiers who are giving some of the best years of their lives to the defense of Israel. Overnight: Kibbutz Nof Ginosar Please note: Order of day may change according to location of army base.

Thursday, 3 November - Mystical Tzfat and the Road to Jerusalem - Tour the old synagogues and picturesque alleys of the mystical city of Tzfat -Discover the origins of our Friday night service where Lecha Dodi was written. Free time to explore on own and shop in the marketplace of Tzfat's Jewish Quarter. Visit the studio of a Kabbalistic artist to hear how Jewish spirituality has impacted on his art. Lunch on own. Tour of Nahal Me'arot Nature Reserve. Drive to Jerusalem on Trans Israel Highway - View and discuss Israel's Security Fence en route. Hear about the struggle for the road to Jerusalem in the War of Independence as you drive on the highway through Shaar Hagai/Bab El Wad, and see the remains of convoys that tried to break the siege on Jerusalem. Look out over the Old City of Jerusalem from the Haas Promenade. Check-in to Dan Panorama Hotel Free evening. Dinner on own. Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel Jerusalem

Friday, 4 November - The Old City of Jerusalem - An Ancient Jewish Legacy - Drive to the Old City of Jerusalem. Explore the City of David using the Bible and archaeology to make Jerusalem's stones tell the story of the city's ancient past. Wade through Hezekiah's Tunnel - A still flowing ancient water system that saved the city of Jerusalem 2,700 years ago (dry option available). Visit the Western Wall to connect with an ancient Jewish legacy. Explore the raucous Machane Yehuda Market and take in a slice of local life as you see Jerusalemites prepare for Shabbat. En route see the picturesque Nachalaot neighborhoods. Lunch on own in Machane Yehuda Market. Tour of Herodian. Shabbat evening services at Kol Haneshama - A local Reform congregation. Festive Shabbat Dinner at hotel. Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel Jerusalem

Saturday, 5 November - And on the Seventh Day... in Jerusalem - Shabbat morning services with Rabbi Israel. Location to be determined. Traditional Shabbat Lunch at hotel. Visit to the Israel Museum to see the Dead Sea Scrolls in the Shrine of the Book and the Model of Jerusalem in the first century. Free time to explore additional exhibitions on own - Recommendations: Modern Israeli art, Synagogue interiors in the Judaica section and the Archaeology Wing. Free time to relax, enjoy hotel pool or explore on your own. Havdallah with Rabbi Israel at the historic Montefiore Windmill in Mishkenot. Shaananim, the first neighbourhood built outside the walls of the Old City. Free evening - Dinner on own. Recommendation for the evening: Visit the First Station Compound, Jerusalem's restored Ottoman railway station turned restaurant - cafe area. Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel Jerusalem

Sunday, 6 November - Holocaust, Remembrance and Continuity - Tour of Yad Vashem Israel's national Holocaust memorial and museum, including the Historical Museum and Children's Memorial. Lunch on own. Walk through the Western Wall Tunnels to discover underground Jerusalem. Tour of Jewish Quarter including the Cardo, Broad Wall and Rooftops followed by free time to shop and explore on own. Late check-out Farewell Dinner at Medita Restaurant. Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport - See you again soon!

Monday, 7 November - Arrive in USA Begin planing your next trip with Rabbi Isrrael and ITC Tours





Only a couple more openings!

March 12 ⁽²⁾ -Braun/Freund March 18 ⁽⁶⁾ April 16 ⁽²⁾ - Fernandez April 23 ⁽⁷⁾ - Dubin-Glatt April 29 ⁽³⁾ - Mandel May 14 ⁽²⁾ - Cidon June 11 ⁽²⁾ - Weyl June 17 ⁽³⁾

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.

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*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).



Shabbart-in-the-Redwoods



Mt. Madonna County Park / Redwood Grove

Save the Date!

10:30 am-12:00 pm 12:00 pm-12:45 pm 12:45 pm- 2:15 pm Shabbat Service Family picnic (Bring your own food & a dessert to share) Study Session (TBA)

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SHABBAT IN THE REDWOODS PARK INFORMATION

Mt. Madonna County Park 7850 Pole Line Rd Watsonville, CA 95076 (408) 842-2341

This year we invite all congregants and their families to spend Shabbat with us on Friday night, August 5th as well as joining us for our Saturday program on August 6th. After a brief Shabbat service at 6:00 pm, we will share a potluck dinner in the woods. Camping overnight is encouraged, but not necessary to join us for Shabbat. The brief Shabbat service and meal will be held at Valley View #1 Campsite 120N. For more information contact Wendy Thowdis (wtinsa@yahoo.com)

To book a campsite go to: www.gooutsideandplay.org

See the following website for a map of the park.

http://www.sccgov.org/sites/parks/parkfinder/Documents/MtMadonnaGuideMap.pdf

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

JANUARY 2016

(donations received after January 31 will be acknowledged in the April 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.

Sandy Gabe, in memory of Abe Frey

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Kathy & Rick Coencas, Capital campaign donation Maria& Jonathan Walters, Capital campaign donation Rabbi Debbie Israel & Jerry Dubin, Capital campaign donation Susan & Jay Latin, Capital campaign donation - roof

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.

Marilyn & Barry Freund, car 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.

Sandy & Art Reidel, Rabbi's discretionary donation Steve Miller, in memory of Leonard Miller Yigal & Hana Cidon, in memory of Rudolf Zobel

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.

Barbara & Bob Morrison, in honor of Cathy Silverstein's birthday

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.

BIMAH FUND

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**.

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.

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.

HIGH HOLIDAY MACHZOR

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

PLAYGROUND

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.*

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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

TORAH FUND

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

WINE EVENT DONATION

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.