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# February

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**KAR-BEN**  
PUBLISHING

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 12 shevat	2 13 shevat	3 14 shevat HEBREW SCHOOL	4 15 shevat  <b>TU B'SHEVAT</b>	5 16 shevat GETTING TO KNOW EMETH 7-8:30 PM	6 17 shevat CHAI SCHOOL COMMUNITY DINNER SNS GIFT SHOP OPEN	7 18 shevat  <i>Yitro</i>
8 19 shevat NETO WEDDING HOSTED BY EDK	9 20 shevat	10 21 shevat HEBREW SCHOOL EMETH READS	11 22 shevat Speaker - Child Holocaust Survivor, joint program of Emet Dor Kef and Sisterhood	12 23 shevat BOARD MEETING	13 24 shevat CHAI SCHOOL FNL	14 25 shevat  <i>Mishpatim</i> <b>SHABBAT SHEKALIM</b>
15 26 shevat	16 27 shevat (MH & GILROY school vacation all week)  <b>PRESIDENTS DAY</b>	17 28 shevat NO HEBREW SCHOOL	18 29 shevat	19 30 shevat LORD'S TABLE  <b>ROSH CHODESH</b>	20 1 adar NO CHAI SCHOOL FNL  <b>ROSH CHODESH</b>	21 2 adar  <i>Terumah</i>
22 3 adar	23 4 adar	24 5 adar HEBREW SCHOOL	25 6 adar EMET DOR KEF	26 7 adar	27 8 adar CHAI SCHOOL	28 9 adar Abmont Bat Mitzvah  <i>Tetzaveh</i> <b>SHABBAT ZACHOR</b>

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# March

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8 17 adar	9 18 adar	10 19 adar HEBREW SCHOOL	11 20 adar	12 21 adar BOARD MEETING PURIM	13 22 adar CHAI SCHOOL COMMUNITY DINNER SNS SHUSHAN PURIM	14 23 adar Vayakhel-Pekude SHABBAT PARAH
15 24 adar	16 25 adar	17 26 adar HEBREW SCHOOL	18 27 adar EDK	19 28 adar LORD'S TABLE	20 29 adar CHAI SCHOOL SPRING BEGINS	21 1 nisan TNT Vayikra ROSH CHODESH SHABBAT HACHODESH
22 2 nisan	23 3 nisan	24 4 nisan HEBREW SCHOOL	25 5 nisan	26 6 nisan	27 7 nisan CHAI SCHOOL COMMUNITY POTLUCK DINNER SNS	28 8 nisan Tzav SHABBAT HAGADOL
29 9 nisan	30 10 nisan	31 11 nisan HEBREW SCHOOL				



# Shabbat Information for the Month of February, 2015

## Shabbat Yitro

February 6-7 18 Shevat

Shemot (Exodus) 18:1-20:23

Friday evening candle lighting: 5:19

Saturday night Havdallah: 5:50

**Community Dinner 6:30 PM**

**Shabbat Short 'N Sweet 6:18 PM**

## Shabbat Terumah

February 20-21 2 Adar

Shemot (Exodus) 25:1-37:19

Friday evening candle lighting: 5:34

Saturday night Havdallah: 6:32

**Friday Night Live 7:15 PM**

**Jonathan Marx, Cantorial Soloist**

## Shabbat Mishpatim

February 13-14 25 Shevat

Shemot (Exodus) 21:1-24:18

Friday evening candle lighting: 5:26

Saturday night Havdallah: 6:25

**Friday Night Live 7:15 PM**

**Angela Gold, Cantorial Soloist**

## Shabbat Tetzaveh

February 27-28 9 Adar

Shemot (Exodus) 27:20-30:10

Friday evening candle lighting: 5:41

Saturday night Havdallah: 6:38

**Shabbat Morning Service  
and Bat Mitzvah of Addysen Abmont  
- 10:00 AM**

**Jonathan Marx, Cantorial Soloist**



## Descriptions of Emeth Services

**All evening services begin at 7:15 pm. All morning services begin at 10:00 am.**

**\*Shabbat Morning Service/TNT Torah 'N T'filah:** This service includes reading the weekly Torah portion and a sermon or teaching from the Rabbi. It is a complete Shabbat service.

**\*Friday Night Live:** This Erev Shabbat (Friday evening) service highlights the music of Shabbat. It is a full Shabbat service (no Torah service) with a sermon or teaching from the Rabbi.

**\*Shabbat Short 'N Sweet:** An informal short Erev Shabbat (Friday evening) service. Learn the meaning of the prayers and discuss the Torah portion of the week. Rabbi led, this service is especially 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 community dinner with Shabbat rituals.

**\*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.





# February Children & Youth Education Programs

## Tuesday Programs

February 3, 10, 24

### Hebrew School

4:00 -6:00 PM Classroom time

## Wednesday Programs

February 11\*, 25

\*Child Holocaust Survivor program at 7 PM

Hosted by EDK and Sisterhood

### Emet Dor Kef (The Fun Generation)

7:30-9:00 PM Classroom time

## Friday Programs

February 6, 13, 27

### Chai School

5:00 - 6:30 PM Classroom time

## Sunday, February 8

2:00 PM -- You are invited to the wedding of Andre and Becky Neto, Their first wedding was before a judge 26 years ago, and they are very excited to have a Jewish wedding, officiated by Rabbi Israel and hosted by our teens in Emet Dor Kef (EDK, Emeth's "fun generation") as part of their class on Jewish Life Cycles. The wedding will be treated seriously, and will also include learning opportunities about what

happens in a Jewish wedding and why. This is a program of Emet Dor Kef and Chai School and all children (who are capable of sitting quietly during the ceremony) and adult members of Congregation Emeth are invited! No gifts please, but contributions to our sweet dessert table will be appreciated!

Please RSVP to the evite sent this week! Please dress appropriately for an afternoon wedding.

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





# *SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP*

*Select from life cycle greeting cards, ritual  
items, gifts, jewelry and more*

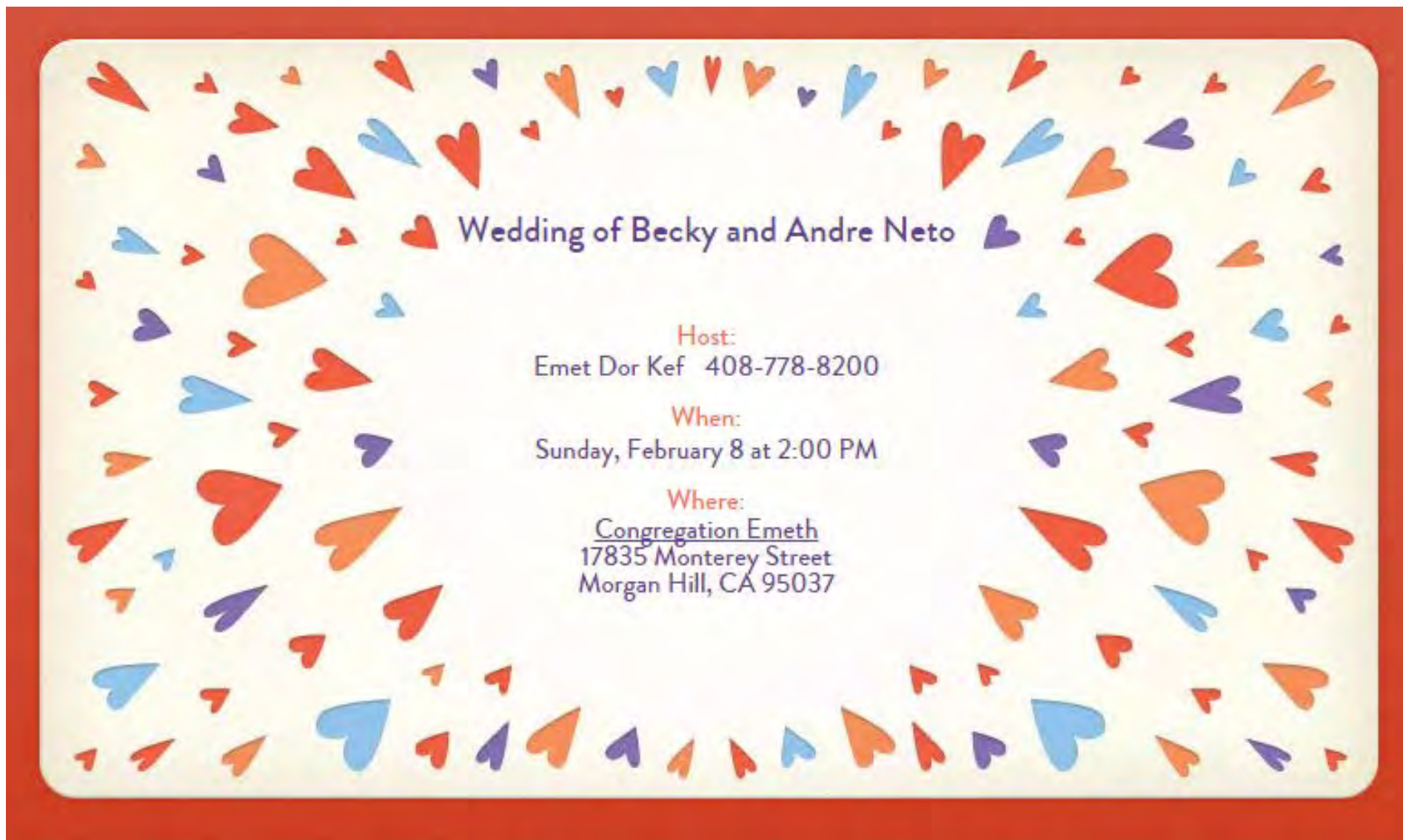
*OPEN ON*

*FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6*

*4:45 – 6:30 P.M.*

*Questions – contact Patty at (408) 842-6876  
or [pbaggese@garlic.com](mailto:pbaggese@garlic.com)*

*Come on by and  
SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP!*



The ceremony will be followed by a reception of sweets and desserts. We would appreciate it if anyone could bring desserts to share. All are welcome to this special occasion, which will also be a wonderful learning experience of a traditional Jewish wedding.

No gifts please!

R.S.V.P. to your Evite or to [netolove@aol.com](mailto:netolove@aol.com) with the number attending.



Please join us for the next

**“Great Reads with a Jewish Theme”**  
**Tuesday, February 10, 7:30 P.M.**  
**at Congregation Emeth**



The book to be discussed is

**The Betrayers, by David Bezmozgis**

We are venturing into a novel this time, with an exciting story line.  
Here is a link for a New York Times review if you would like a preview.

[http://www.nytimes.com/2014/10/19/books/review/the-betrayers-by-david-bezmozgis.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/10/19/books/review/the-betrayers-by-david-bezmozgis.html?_r=0)

All are welcome to join in this discussion, even if you have  
read none or only part of the book!

RSVP to Wendy Thowdis via email [wtinsa@yahoo.com](mailto:wtinsa@yahoo.com)  
or call 315-345-6359



Mark Your Calendar  
for a very special program featuring Ruth Steinfeld  
child Holocaust survivor  
Wednesday, February 11, 7:00 pm



Ruth Steinfeld, from Houston, Texas, was born in Germany. Only 6 when the Holocaust began, she experienced the Holocaust as a young child in Germany and as a hidden child in France.

Her remarkable life journey took her back to Germany and France as an adult.

Ruth is a frequent speaker at schools throughout the Houston area and is a close personal friend of Rabbi Israel, who is bringing her to Emeth for this very special program.

Ruth's presentation is appropriate for older elementary students who have been introduced to the Holocaust, especially to middle school and high school students and all adults of the congregation.

Invite your friends and classmates!

This program is jointly sponsored by our EDK youth group, Sisterhood, and the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund.



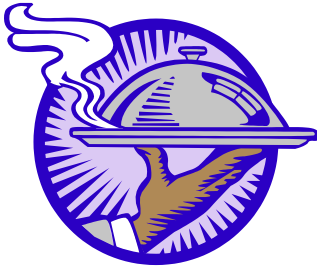
Congregation Emeth is committed to helping feed the needy  
on the third Thursday of each month

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

Lord's Table

St. Mary Catholic Parish

11 First Street, Gilroy



Our next date is: **February 19**

Children accompanied by parents are welcome!

For more information, contact Sandra Jackson

at [oursash@yahoo.com](mailto:oursash@yahoo.com)



**Invites you to attend**

# **Shabbat Morning Services**

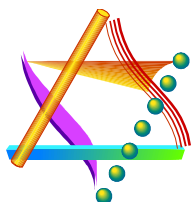
## **Saturday, February 28**

**Parshat Tetzaveh**

**The entire congregation  
is invited as  
Addysen Abmont  
is called to the Torah as  
Bat Mitzvah**



**Services begin promptly at 10:00 a.m.  
Followed by a light Kiddush lunch  
Jonathan Marx, Cantorial Soloist  
RSVP for lunch to [orthospirt@aol.com](mailto:orthospirt@aol.com)**



**To be held at:  
Congregation Emeth  
17835 Monterey Street  
Morgan Hill**





# **Congregation Purim Celebration**

Friday, March 6, 2015

Purim Funtime with Rabbi – students with their families, in costume for storytime, songs –  
5:00-5:30 PM

Carnival – 5:30-6:30 PM

BBQ Dinner\* – 6:30-7:15 PM

Shabbat Short 'N Sweet Service  
with Purim Schpiel – 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.

Bring your filled PUSHKES\* FOR PURIM FOR A PLAYGROUND!  
(\*Tzedakah box)

\* 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**



# High Holiday Machzor Dedication Opportunity

Congregation Emeth is taking dedications for our new Machzorim (prayer books for the High Holidays.).

This is a wonderful way to honor an accomplishment of a friend or loved one, celebrate a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, or in memory of those we have lost. The donation for each dedication is \$40, which will provide book plates in the High Holiday Machzors.

Please fill out the form below, and mail it with your check made out to  
Congregation Emeth to :

Marby Lee  
Attn: Machzor Dedication  
15850 La Prenda Ct.  
Morgan Hill, CA 95037

Please indicate on the notation line that it is for Machzor Dedication. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Marby Lee at 408-779-2824 or [marbles@garlic.com](mailto:marbles@garlic.com).

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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check out to  
“Congregation Emeth” and indicate  
that is it for a Machzor Dedication.

Thank you!

☐ In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_



# SHABBAT HOSTS NEEDED

## For the coming year!

February 13 <sup>(3)</sup> - Maskell  
February 20 <sup>(3)</sup> - Coencas  
March 21 <sup>(2)</sup> - Valentine  
April 11 <sup>(2)</sup> - Thompson  
April 24 <sup>(3)</sup> - Lee

May 9 <sup>(4)</sup> -  
Thowdis/Kerner  
May 29 <sup>(3)</sup> - Sinizer-  
Hopkins  
June 5 <sup>(3)</sup>

June 12 <sup>(1)</sup>  
June 19 <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**  
**[admin@emeth.net](mailto:admin@emeth.net) 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





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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

### DECEMBER 2014

*(donations received after December 31 will be acknowledged in the March 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](http://www.emeth.net/images/PDFs/forms/donation_form.pdf)

#### 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.*

Emily & Shachar Shem-Tov, General Fund donation  
Kathy & Rick Coencas, in memory of Julius Drezovsky

#### ALLEN WISOTSKY EDUCATION FUND

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

Joe & Denise Abmont, Emeth school scholarship  
Lindy Wisotsky, in memory of Marcia Reid

#### HIGH HOLIDAY DONATION

*Our High Holiday liturgy reminds us that we have the power and obligation to make a positive difference 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.*

Bernice Alaniz, High Holiday donation

#### HIGH HOLIDAY MACHZOR

Daria & Michael Ogden, Machzor Donation  
Joel & Catherine Levine, Machzor Donation  
Lindy Wisotsky, Machzor Donation  
Patty & Jim Baggese, Machzor Donation  
Paula Marsh & Harold Welsh, Machzor 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.*

Robert Langerman, Rabbi's Discretionary Fund 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.*

Iris & Alan Kabert, Challah cover and book binder  
Kathy & Rick Coencas, Challah cover and book binder  
Lindy Wisotsky, Challah cover and book binder  
Marilyn & Barry Freund, Challah cover and book binder  
Maureen Chassy, Challah cover and book binder  
Natalie Abmont, Challah cover and book binder  
Patty & Jim Baggese, Challah cover and book binder  
Susan Meyers & Michael Oshan, Challah cover and book binder

## **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.*

Nona & Jack Sheff, Emet Dor Kef donation  
Kathy & Rick Coencas, Emet Dor Kef donation  
Marby & Bryson Lee, Emet Dor Kef donation  
Marilyn & Barry Freund, Emet Dor Kef donation  
Susan Meyers & Michael Oshan, Emet Dor Kef donation  
Wendy Thowdis & Michael Kerner, Emet Dor Kef 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.*

## **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](mailto: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.*

## **KARI MUNOWITCH MEMORIAL**

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

## **OUTREACH**

### **PRAYER BOOK**

*This fund purchases new worship materials, including our Shabbat prayerbook, Mishkan T'fila 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*

### **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.*

## **WINE EVENT DONATION**

**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.*