

*Let Torah be a way of life, and welcome every person as a friend - Pirke Avot*

## *THE WIND BENEATH OUR WINGS*

### **HONORING BARBARA YAZMAN & PAUL CROMPTON**

*Susan Meyers, President*



The Etz Hayim (Tree of Life) Award is being presented to Barbara and Paul at the Annual Meeting on June 1. The Tree of Life Award honors individuals who have served Emeth as the symbolic roots of our Congregation; providing the support that has kept the Congregation strong.

For years Barbara served as a “one woman” recruitment committee. Enumerable members of our Congregation thank Barbara for encouraging them to join and welcoming them when they became members. Her column in our newsletters was always a favorite, with fun anecdotes and wonderful stories about our events and our families. In addition, Barbara taught religious school, and we could always count on Barbara’s contributions to a meal or an oneg to be delicious and plentiful!

Paul has served on our Board of Directors for over 10 years. He has been our President, our gabbai, and a teacher for our religious school and for our teen group, Emet Dor Kef. Although this list is impressive, it is the depth and breadth of Paul’s commitment that characterizes his numerous and generous contributions to Emeth.

## **ERIC CROMPTON ONE OF IDF SOLDIERS HONORED ON ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE DAY**

Israeli leaders gathered in Jerusalem to toast outstanding soldiers for Israel’s 66th Independence Day. Eric Crompton, one of Congregation Emeth’s own, was part of a select group of soldiers honored by President Shimon Peres. Proud parents Barbara Yazmin and Paul Crompton flew to Israel for the occasion.

In his tribute to the soldiers, Peres said, “The bravery of the soldiers of the IDF is worth more than any other resource ... You are the proof that even without quantity, we can reach quality through excellence.”



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu also addressed the soldiers. “I am always proud to be the Prime Minister of Israel but especially so today,” he said. “The outstanding soldiers operate in the air, in the water and on land to ensure the security of the state. I know that we have who to rely upon when we send you on operations. I want to thank your parents who raised and educated you to contribute to the state, thank you on behalf of the citizens of Israel.”

For a complete Times of Israel article about the event, go to

<http://www.timesofisrael.com/watch-live-countrys-leaders-pay-homage-to-soldiers-arik-einstein/#.U2kcJPIWEMk.email>

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## EDUCATION PROGRAMMING: BEIT SEFER CHANGES FOR FALL 2014

*Becky Neto, President Elect*

The Education Committee is always looking for ways to improve our school. Last year, we combined Religious School and Hebrew School into one day. While this format solved some problems, it also created new ones. After carefully assessing the pros and cons, we feel it is in the best interest of the congregation to move Beit Sefer back to the previous format, with different programming on different days. The school is also looking forward to a return to sharing Shabbat rituals and dinner a couple of times a month.

Our former “Religious School” will now be called “Chai School,” as we feel the name better meets our programming objectives: We are teaching what it means to be a Jew, giving guidelines for living a Jewish life. We teach our customs, ceremonies, rituals, history, laws, community, and culture. Since the Hebrew name for life is *chai*, we are calling these classes Chai School.



Hebrew School will remain on Tuesday afternoons and Chai School is moving back to Friday afternoons. As part of the school curriculum, the community Erev Shabbat (Friday night) dinners will be reinstituted on those Fridays when the Shabbat Short ‘n Sweet services are scheduled, about twice per month. Emet Dor Kef, our teen programming, is moving to Wednesday evenings.

### Beit Sefer Schedule 2014-2015

**Hebrew School:** Grade 3 – B’nai Mitzvah Tuesdays 4:15 – 6:00 pm

**Chai School:** Grade Pre-K – B’nai Mitzvah Fridays 5:00 – 6:30 pm

**Emet Dor Kef:** Post B’nai Mitzvah Wednesdays 7:30 – 9:00 pm

The first day of Chai School will be Friday, September 5, 2014. School begins promptly at 5:00 PM, when students come to our Sanctuary to be welcomed! The first day of Hebrew School class will be Tuesday, September 9, 2014. The first day of Emet Dor Kef will be Wednesday, September 10, 2014.

# Mazel Tov TO OUR GRADUATES!



Congratulations to our graduating students and their families:

**Monica Flynn**, daughter of Denise Weyl and Dan Flynn, is graduating from Presentation High School. Monica will be studying Communications Disorders at the University of Oregon in Eugene.

**Zach Jenkins**, son of Lauren and John Jenkins, is graduating from Oakwood High School. Zach will be participating in Aardvark Israel Gap Year, a 9-month university program in Israel.

**Sarah Langerman**, daughter of Robert Langerman, is graduating from Oakwood High School. Sarah will be joining Shnat Netzer, a 10-month leadership training program for young adults in Israel that develops the skills and knowledge necessary for them to become madrichim (leaders) in the Reform Zionist Youth Movement.

**Jacob Rabin**, grandson of Susan Meyers and Michael Oshan, is graduating from University High School (Fresno). Jacob will be majoring in Economics and Religious Studies at UC Davis.

**Joshua Toch**, son of Katherine Toch and Randy Toch, is graduating from Live Oak High School. Josh will be entering UC Berkeley's College of Letters and Science.

**Andrew Crompton**, son of Barbara Yazmin and Paul Crompton, is graduating from the University of Montana with a BS in Physical Biology. He is hoping to attend medical school in the fall.

**Katie Fernandez**, daughter of Cindy and Raul Fernandez, is graduating from UC Santa Cruz with a BA in Anthropology. Katie will be joining Americorps for the upcoming year.

**Emily Mandel**, daughter of Elizabeth and Peter Mandel, is graduating from Dickinson College (PA) with a double major in International Studies and Economics. Emily will be pursuing a Master's in International and Development Economics at Yale University (CT).

**Ethan Palm**, son of Nancy Altman and Curt Palm, is graduating from UC Davis with a BA in Evolutionary Anthropology. Ethan will be taking time off after graduation to travel.

**Joelle Jenkins**, daughter of Lauren and John Jenkins, is graduating from Quinnipiac University (CT) with a Master's in Pathology Assistance. Joelle is pursuing job opportunities in her field.

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## VOLUNTEER AT EMETH'S PHOTO BOOTH AT THE GILROY GARLIC FESTIVAL JULY 25-27

Join the fun as we provide souvenir photos to festival attendees. Make new friends as we work together to support Emeth.

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# EMETH'S PURIM CARNIVAL: By Kids; For Kids

*Sarah Langerman (senior member of Emet Dor Kef, Emeth's Fun Generation)*

The Purim Carnival held annually at Congregation Emeth in Morgan Hill is not your average carnival. This celebration is unlike any other because instead of being run by adults, it is run by kids, for kids. The temple's youth group, Emet Dor Kef ("Emeth's fun generation"), plans and executes the whole event as a fundraiser for their youth group. **Rabbi Debbie Israel** comments on this event by saying, "Our carnival is held Friday afternoon, and includes Friday night Shabbat rituals and an abbreviated service. It is unique because it is run by our Emet Dor Kef teens, who do the set up and run the booths as a youth group fundraiser. They act out in the Purim shpiel to everyone's amusement! It's a highlight on the Emeth calendar!"

During this year's carnival all of the teens showed up in their costumes, which were pajamas, ranging from onesies to fuzzy pajama pants to embrace their "inner child". They set almost everything up the previous night from the games to the booths, which had been created and built by Emeth's vice president, **Becky Neto**.

On Friday afternoon, the teens showed up early before the children arrived, just to make sure everything was perfect. At 5:00 PM, the children started to show up with their parents to partake in carnival games. The booths included everything from putt-putt golf to face paint! The kids had a blast playing games, winning prizes, and eating delicious hamburgers at some point in between.

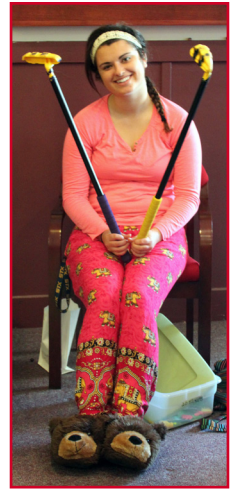
The highlight of the evening was the skit for Purim, with one of the teen boys playing beautiful Esther and one of the girls playing manly Mordechai. This year's skit was better than any of the previous as it was equipped with elegant costumes, proper makeup for the parts, and microphones. After the skit ended, hamantashens were enjoyed to remember the horrible Haman who brought us this holiday.



Preceding the skit, a Purim costume parade took place. Most children and even a lot of adults came in costume, ranging from the traditional Purim characters to a variety of other characters. The congregation's president, **Susan Meyers**, dressed as Alice in Wonderland, and her husband, past president **Michael Oshan**, was the giant White Rabbit. Rabbi Israel dressed as Cat in the Hat, and introduced the Purimshpiel in Dr. Seuss-style rhyme.

All in all, the teens succeeded in running an amazing carnival and everyone went home with smiling faces, a happy tummy, and a face full of paint!

**Editor's notes:** Sarah wrote this article for the April 2014 issue of JValleyNews. More photos are available on Congregation Emeth's Facebook page.



# PRESENTING EMETH'S 5774 B'NAI MITZVAH!

**Kara Bass**, daughter of Sherri and Jeffrey Bass - For my tzedakah project, I selected JewishGen which is a Jewish genealogy site. JewishGen has many records online, including Yad Vashem and helps people research their Jewish heritage. My mom researched our family with the help of this website and we were able to find out the fate of some of our ancestors during the Shoah (Holocaust)—information that was previously unknown. It made this part of history very real and sad, but it made me aware of the sacrifices of my relatives and why I should never forget my Jewish heritage.



**Sam Bass**, son of Sherri and Jeffrey Bass - I selected for my tzedakah project the Jewish Women International Residential Treatment Center Sports Program. The treatment center cares for Israel's most emotionally disturbed children: children damaged by emotional abuse or neglect and parents who are emotionally unstable or addicted to drugs. The sports program is part of their rehabilitation. I think sports can help them learn about teamwork and gain confidence while getting out their aggressions in a constructive way.

**Georgi Braun-Rudin**, daughter of Susan Braun and Arthur Rudin - I have had an interest in and passion for horses since I was a little girl. I started caring for our horse, Biggie Boy, a gypsy drum from Ireland, when I was two years old; I loved to brush and comb the feathers on his legs. I began riding when I was four and especially love jumping. I have donated to two organizations:

- Pegasus is an Israeli foundation which rescues, rehabilitates and re-homes mistreated and abandoned horses and donkeys in Israel.
- For my social justice class at Yavneh I selected DreamPower Horsemanship which provides equine-assisted activities and therapies for children, teens and adults with special needs and is located in Gilroy. I plan to do volunteer work there.



**Nathan Yacono**, son of Robin and Tom Yacono - Because I love sports, I chose the American Friends of the Israel Sports Center for the Disabled as my charity. I am on the Track & Field team, on the Roller Hockey team, play baseball and basketball, have a black belt in karate, and like to do many other sports. I want everyone to have the chance to participate in the variety of sports activities my charity offers for the physically disabled.

I will continue to live Jewishly my whole life and next year will be part of Emet Dor Kef. I will use my Tzedakah box and will give to people in need and keep this box by my bedside.

**Levi Glatt**, son of Rena Dubin and Harlan Glatt - I love doing art, playing in nature, and I enjoy training on the gymnastics team. For my Bar Mitzvah, I will be donating a percentage of my money to Second Harvest Food Bank in Santa Cruz County, that feeds people who are hungry, and Leket Israel, which is Israel's national food bank and largest food rescue network. I am excited for this special event, and I hope you can come and enjoy it with me!





# TEACHING TRADITIONS

## Making Hamentashen for Purim



Students watch as madrich David Miller demonstrates how to fill the cookies.

## Challot Baking - Fun and Delicious!

In March, **MariaElena Jarson** led a challot baking class for PJ Library tots and parents, as well as for members of Emeth. Attendees each made a loaf of challah, from dough to braid, then took it home to bake. MariaElena also taught the six strand braid, which was new to all.



Miriam's challah is ready to bake at home.



## Israeli Dancing for Yom HaAtzmaut

Following an Israeli themed potluck and Shabbat services celebrating Yom HaAtzmaut (Israeli Independence Day), **Rena Dubin** led congregants in Israeli dances.

## Model Seder for Passover



Students learn about Passover as they are guided through their own model seder.

## Mitzvah Makers

*Special thanks to the following members for their leadership on recent special projects:*

- ♥ **Aileen Teren-Foster and Dale Foster** and their committee for organizing the community Seder.
- ♥ **Becky and Andre Neto**, the EDK teens, and their committee for the Purim carnival.
- ♥ **Susan Meyers and Wendy Thowdis** for coordinating the women's Seder.
- ♥ **Arthur Rudin** for setting up a computer for congregant use in library.
- ♥ **Grant Gordon** for improving the downstairs storage area (cleaning, painting the floor, and building shelves).
- ♥ **Aileen Teren-Foster, Daria Ogden, Rena Dubin, and Kathy Coencas** for covering our administrative needs while Debbie Zajac was unavailable.

*Thank you to all our members for maintaining our commercial kitchen to required standards.*

We recently passed a surprise kitchen inspection by the county; this would not have happened without your support and diligence. Keep up the great work!



*Be a Mitzvah Maker: Volunteer!*

For volunteer opportunities, review the complete list on our website: <http://www.emeth.net/support-emeth/volunteer> or contact **Becky Neto** at [volunteer@emeth.net](mailto:volunteer@emeth.net).

# ADVOCATING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

*Geoff Jackson, Social Action Director*

As a member of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Silicon Valley I have special responsibility for supporting affordable housing programs in Santa Clara County. Four projects I am currently involved in include:

1. As part of an interfaith advocacy group, helping the Sacred Heart Housing Action Committee advocate for the introduction of an impact fee of at least \$17 per square foot on all new luxury home construction in San Jose.
2. Helping "Senior Resources" implement a senior roommate finder program in Santa Clara County (similar to one that has been running successfully in Marin County for 2 years). The program will probably be adopted by the SCC Department of Aging and Adult Services.
3. Monitoring Congress's Sequestration impact on the county's HUD budget. Section 8 (subsidized housing) rents were raised to 35% from 30% of income, an increase that can constitute a week's worth of groceries to a minimum wage earner. Seniors and permanently disabled people can apply for exemption to the increase, but the process is complex.
4. Supporting San Jose council member Nguyen's efforts to obtain a moratorium on trailer park conversion adopted by the city. Residents of the Winchester Ranch Mobile Home Park, near Santana Row, suspect that the park landowner wants to exploit recent San Jose City approved zoning changes to construct luxury housing. The residents, like those in other mobile home parks, comprise primarily seniors (mostly in their 70's and 80's), disabled, and low income people. They are close to hospitals, doctors, shopping, and pharmacies and have a vibrant community that looks after its constituents. Forcing them to move and adapt to new environments at this stage in their lives would be extremely stressful to them. 59 mobile home parks in San Jose, including Winchester Ranch, house 10,000 residents, thus providing a substantial amount of affordable housing.

# SECOND-NIGHT COMMUNITY SEDER

*Aileen Teren-Foster, Committee Co-Chair*

An enthusiastic crowd of approximately 70 members and guests attended Congregation Emeth's traditional second-night community seder. Attendees signed up online for volunteer duties and food assignments and many brought their own traditional seder plates. **Rabbi Israel** led the service and, as always, educated us, while also providing candy treats for correctly answered questions. **Harlan Glatt** led a rousing rendition of the "Story of the Israelites leaving Egypt" to the tune of the popular song "Bye, Bye Miss American Pie." All attendees had a great time, fueled by plenty of delicious food and lots of good tradition.



*Harlan Glatt leads a song*

Dale and I would like to thank our committee members, **Joe Abmont**, **Susan Braun** and **Marby Lee**, financial coordinator **Kathy Coencas**, and the many wonderful volunteers who helped make this possible.

## DONATIONS TO CONGREGATION EMETH

We gratefully accept all donations; they are vital for maintaining and enriching our programs.

**Effective this month, monetary donations will be publicly acknowledged in our monthly flyers.**

Donations may be made to commemorate joyous occasions or in response to troubles or sorrow. You can choose to either make your donation to our general fund or designate it for a particular special fund.

For a [list of special funds](#) and a [donation form](#), go to our website [www.emeth.net/support-emeth/donate](http://www.emeth.net/support-emeth/donate).



# ADULT B'NOT MITZVAH CLASS

*Rabbi Debbie Israel*



**Rabbi Israel**

Several years ago, Aileen Teren-Foster shared her dream to have a bat mitzvah as an adult. Her enthusiasm and determination were the inspiration for beginning an Adult B'nai Mitzvah class two years ago. (B'nai is the plural form for bar mitzvah which is gender inclusive. Since only women signed up for the class, it became a B'not Mitzvah class, the plural of bat—daughter.)

When the class began, the content was generic adult Jewish education, focused more on general Jewish education and especially mastering reading Hebrew. In the second year we focused more directly on bat mitzvah training.

The students studied customs, laws, ceremonies, history, rituals, holidays, life cycle ceremonies, and everyday Jewish living. They had a weekly mitzvah assignment. They read the Five Books of Moses cover to cover, following the weekly Torah readings. Many of them outlined each chapter to improve their learning. They read most of the Bible. When we began, most could not read the Hebrew alphabet. On June 14, they will be chanting from Torah, using the correct musical notations, called trope!

In the process, they became a group of friends who could discuss their innermost thoughts. They challenged Torah concepts and they challenged me. They grew in their learning and knowledge, and their participation in services was an inspiration to everyone attending.

The sages of the Talmud said, "I have learned much wisdom from my teacher, more from my colleagues, and the most from my students." Teaching this class has been my honor and privilege. Frankly, I'm sad it's over. I looked forward to it every week!

*Mazal tov to Shoshi, Ilana, Leora, Shoshana, and Elka. I am so proud of you!*

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## OUR B'NOT MITZVAH EXPERIENCE

*B'not Mitzvah Students: Susan Braun, MariaElena Jarson, Marby Lee, Susan Meyers, Aileen Teren-Foster*



**Aileen Teren-Foster**

I had been wanting to take my religious knowledge (or perhaps I should say, my lack of knowledge) to a higher level for years. After constantly asking Rabbi about an Adult B'nai Mitzvah class; we finally have the first – what an honor and wonderful experience!

We came together as a group of women, looking for different things. We bonded over our Jewish studies and personal discussions - we shared thoughts, beliefs, laughter, and tears. I now feel that I am an active participant in the religious aspect of my life.

Not being much of a singer, the hardest part of class has been learning Torah cantillation or trope; how to chant. The most rewarding portion has been learning to read Hebrew. The thrill of being able to read from the Torah is unmeasurable.

Rabbi Israel is a wonderful teacher; I have a deeper respect for the depth of her knowledge and patience. I would highly recommend this class – I am so proud to be a Bat Mitzvah! - *Elka*



## OUR B'NOT MITZVAH EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

Returning to Emeth, joining the adult B'not Mitzvah class, and completing my own Bat Mitzvah preparations has been an amazing and wonderful experience. As a member of the B'not Mitzvah class - learning, practicing, joining in without reservation - I've found my place in Judaism, my spiritual home at Emeth, and discovered a deep and lasting peace within myself. As a student and as a member of this amazing group of women, I realized that the beauty of the Jewish tradition is that it encompasses all of us, whether we are born Jewish, or found Jewish, or loving Jewish. This path of study, from my soul at Mount Sinai to this very moment as a 38-year-old Bat Mitzvah, has been one of the most rewarding and deeply meaningful transitions in my life. Thank you Rabbi Israel for guiding us. Thank you Susan, Aileen, Marby, and Susan for your encouragement and friendship. And thank you Emeth, for being the place where it all came together. - *Illana*



**Maria Elena Jarson**



**Susan Braun**

I joined the class with no intention of having a Bat Mitzvah; I was looking for Bible and prayer study from a new perspective and, as a new member to Emeth, it was a good way to immerse myself in congregational life and meet members. Somewhere along the way Rabbi Israel asked me if I would participate in the ceremony and I signed up.

I have gained new knowledge and perspective about the contents of the Torah and Jewish thought. Interesting subject matter included the different branches of Judaism, more in depth study of prayer and melodies, and subjects such as rachamim and the soul. What I have found the most challenging is learning trope symbols and associated chanting—during my first bat mitzvah I joined the class late and only learned to chant my aliyah. Lastly, I have been inspired by Rabbi Israel, and I have been fortunate in getting to know wonderful women and being able to feel a part of a rich and supportive community. - *Shoshi*

The day I held the yad and read the words in the Torah that I had studied I fulfilled a promise I made to myself several years ago. When I was 13 this was not possible for me. I am deeply appreciative that I had this opportunity to study with a group of extraordinary women and a Rabbi I admire and respect. - *Shoshana*



**Susan Meyers**

**Rabbi's note:** *I already have one student eager to join the next Adult B'nai Mitzvah class. If you are interested in being part of it, please let me know as soon as possible! Like many of the students in this class, you may begin because you are interested in adult learning, without committing to bar/bat mitzvah. We can begin with an adult Hebrew class. Some of you began learning to read a few years ago and the class only met a few times. We'll start over and this time you will learn to read! We can meet day or evening, depending on the students' schedules/preferences. Whatever your interest in Jewish learning, talk to me and let's see what we can arrange!*



### SAVE THE DATE: WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER

Congregation Emeth's annual wine tasting and fundraiser will be Sunday, September 14, 3-6 pm at Castillo Hillside Shire Winery. Event features will once again include wine tasting, appetizers, music, silent auction, and raffle items. Mark your calendar now for the fun social event! Details at [www.emeth.net/WineTasting](http://www.emeth.net/WineTasting).

# MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

*Susan Braun & Maria Walters, Membership Co-Chairs*

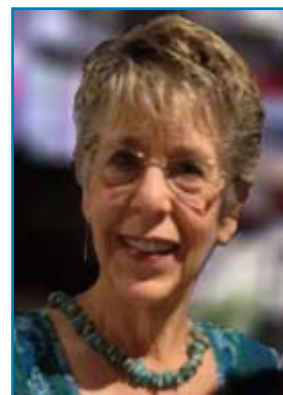
## Valentine Family



Meet Scott, Tracy, Natalie (16), Kelsey (15), and Jason (11). The family relocated to Morgan Hill in August of 2013 from Greensboro, NC after having previously lived in Los Angeles, CA and Raleigh, NC. Scott and Tracy both work for Syngenta and are based out of the Gilroy location. Natalie and Kelsey attend Sobrato High School and Jason will be a student at Oakwood this fall. Everyone is enjoying getting to know our new community, especially the other members at Emeth.

## Joan Meyer

After 37 years teaching in East San Jose, Joan retired to enjoy the fun life! Over the years, since her sister Patty [Baggese] and her family joined Emeth many, many years ago, Joan has enjoyed attending occasional events at Emeth. Once her cousin Susan [Meyers] became president she told her she'd actually join! Joan still spends most her time in the San Jose area, but recently enjoyed attending the wonderful women's seder with Emeth women. She especially appreciates Rabbi Israel, her sister's and cousin's friends, and attending other Emeth events with her family.



## Grabscheid Family

Meet Tamara and Joel Grabscheid. They have three children Isabel (14), Brianna (4) and Rylie (almost 2). They moved to Morgan Hill in 2010 from San Jose. Right around the time that they started looking for a congregation to join, they spotted Congregation Emeth driving through downtown. It was important to them to start their younger kids' religious education. After a few inquiries, they found it to be a good fit and joined.



Tamara works in the accounts department of Stryker, a medical devices company. Joel works for the county probation department as a probation counselor at the Boys Ranch in Morgan Hill. He also happens to know quite a bit about security, and was kind enough to stop by one of the board meetings, and give the Board some advice on how to improve our building security.

In their free time the Grabscheid family enjoys traveling, good food, camping trips, and the outdoors in general.

## Ludmila & Yuri Khersonsky

Ludmila and Yuri moved to Northern California to be closer to children and grandchildren. In 2008 they bought their home Morgan Hill.

Ludmila taught the Russian language in a middle school program for gifted children, at community college and in a course for engineers that she developed. For five years she taught at CSU Fullerton in the Foreign Languages department.

After retiring as Vice-President of Technology and Business Development of Power Paragon Inc. Yuri continued working as a consultant to Office of Naval Research, a position which required frequent trips to Washington, D.C. Since last fall they have finally been enjoying their full retirement, spending time with their grandchildren, reading books, and listening to classical music. Yuri continues to write professional papers and they still participate in IEEE conferences.



## NEW MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

### Perera Family

Stephanie and Mike Perera have three children, Daniela(10), Zachary (8) and Malia (6). They moved to Gilroy from Cary, NC in August of 2011. They wanted to get their kids into religious school and after visiting Emeth they decided that it was the place for them. Mike is a VP at IBM and Stephanie is a stay-at-home mom. They love traveling, camping, horseback riding and cooking together as a family.

### Sandy and Art Reidel

Sandy and Art moved from Palo Alto to San Martin in 2011, following Sandy's love of rural living and her desire to have her horses in her backyard. Sandy is an orthopedic surgeon, practicing at Kaiser San Jose, and Art is a (not quite) semi retired technology executive and investor. Sandy enjoys ceramics, gardening, horses, and traveling, while Art enjoys hiking, electronics, and maintaining Sandy's ranch. Sandy and Art are both active with the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), and Art is a member of ADL's National Executive Committee.



### Adam, Estelle & Jake Green

Adam and Estelle moved in July from LA to the "Jewish section" of Gilroy (across the street from Alan & Iris Kabert and around the corner from Jim & Patty Baggese). Baby Jake was born in September. Originally from Australia, Estelle works as a video product manager at Apple. Adam works for Apple's marketing communications division as a video and audio engineer. Jake loves riding in his stroller, sucking on his pacifier, and laughing at his two King Charles Cavalier Spaniels. The family hopes to meet other couples their age and become part of the local Jewish community.

### Coleman Family

Meet Kelly and Eric Coleman. They have two kids, Ari (4) and Jaylin (1). After having lived all over the country they finally settled down in Gilroy in 2009. They wanted to put roots down in the Jewish community, and start their kids' religious education. Since Kelly grew up at Emeth as the daughter of Maureen and Joel (of blessed memory) Chassy, it was only natural that they join.

Kelly is an acute care physical therapist at San Jose Kaiser. Eric is a splicer tech for AT&T. They love to travel and be outdoors or spend time in their mountain cabin. Eric is into classic cars and motorcycles, and they are both huge San Jose Sharks fans.

## Sisterhood News

*Marilyn Freund, Sisterhood Co-President*

Emeth's Sisterhood has had a fun and productive year. Here are some highlights:

- Our December Chanukah Dinner and Fundraiser enabled us to purchase new oneg tablecloths for Emeth.
- We were honored for our leadership and service to Emeth at a Shabbat service in January. Special recognition was given to Rachamim chair **Marsha Novack**, who coordinates many Sisterhood members in reaching out to congregants during difficult times.
- In March we supported a challah-baking class led by **Maria Elena Jarson**.
- All Emeth women were invited to the Women's Passover Seder in April, organized by Sisterhood.
- Emeth's gift shop also keeps us busy as we shop, stock, and sell Judaic items.

We are compiling an Emeth cookbook. It is not too late to contribute! Submit your special recipe online by going to our website, [www.emeth.net/community/emeth-cookbook](http://www.emeth.net/community/emeth-cookbook).

Planning for next year is well underway. In addition to our usual monthly activities, look for an Emeth Cookbook Tasting event on November 10.

### EMETH'S WOMEN PARTY!

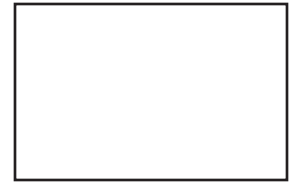


L-R: Rabbi Israel, Rena Dubin, Barbara Yazmin, Marby Lee, Debbie Zajac, Linda Stahl, Patty Baggese, Robin Yacono, Elizabeth Mandel, Susan Braun, Susan Meyers, Ginette Nehamkin, Aileen Teren-Foster, Becky Neto, Pamella Gallo, Marilyn Freund





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## EMETH RESOURCES TO KEEP YOU INFORMED

*Elizabeth Mandel, Communications Director*

At Congregation Emeth, we strive to provide complete and timely information to our members. Resources routinely made available to you include:

- ✓ **Weekly eNews, HaMadrich**, the best source for specifics of upcoming events, including Shabbat details and special programming. It also includes the Rabbi's weekly message.
- ✓ **Monthly Flyers**, providing a list of services for the upcoming month, next month's calendar, and flyers for special events. If you misplace your flyers, find them on our website: [www.emeth.net/news/monthly-flyers](http://www.emeth.net/news/monthly-flyers).
- ✓ **Kol Emeth Newsletter**, published occasionally and intended primarily for community building and celebration of our successes, providing information about our members to our members. Note: while printed and mailed to all members, it is also available in color on our website: [www.emeth.net/news/kol-emeth-newsletter](http://www.emeth.net/news/kol-emeth-newsletter).
- ✓ [www.emeth.net](http://www.emeth.net) containing the above information and much more. Here you can find forms, brochures, photos, our Google calendar, board and volunteer information, Rabbi Israel's blog, our history, holiday observance resources, donation options, fundraising information, education programming detail, and additional resources.

Having recently redesigned our website and edited this newsletter, I am particularly interested in your feedback. Please send me your input for future articles and/or photos for the website and newsletter; I want to highlight the achievements of our membership to the Emeth community! I particularly welcome your suggestions for additional, improved means of communication with you, our members. Email me at [communication@emeth.net](mailto:communication@emeth.net).