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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10 adar	2 11 adar	3 12 adar HEBREW SCHOOL	4 13 adar EDK WITH RABBI SET UP CARNIVAL & REHEARSE SHPIEL  FAST OF ESTHER MEGILLAH READING	5 14 adar	6 15 adar CHAI SCHOOL CARNIVAL, BBQ, PURIM CELEBRATION & SNS SHUSHAN PURIM	7 16 adar Ki Tisa
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	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				

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				SEARCH FOR CHAMETZ	FIRST SEDER	PASSOVER
5 16 nisan  PASSOVER EASTER	6 17 nisan  INTERMEDIATE DAY	7 18 nisan NO HEBREW SCHOOL  INTERMEDIATE DAY	8 19 nisan  INTERMEDIATE DAY	9 20 nisan SISTERHOOD'S WOMEN'S SEDER  INTERMEDIATE DAY	10 21 nisan NO CHAI SCHOOL  PASSOVER	11 22 nisan TNT  PASSOVER YIZKOR
12 23 nisan	13 24 nisan	14 25 nisan HEBREW SCHOOL	15 26 nisan EMET DOR KEF SILICON VALLEY HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM	16 27 nisan BOARD MEETING LORD'S TABLE  YOM HASHOAH	17 28 nisan CHAI SCHOOL COMMUNITY DINNER SNS	18 29 nisan  <i>Shemini</i>
19 30 nisan  ROSH CHODESH	20 1 iyar  ROSH CHODESH	21 2 iyar HEBREW SCHOOL	22 3 iyar  YOM HAZIKARON OBSERVED	23 4 iyar  YOM HAATZMA'UT OBSERVED	24 5 iyar CHAI SCHOOL  FNL Israeli Independence observed	25 6 iyar  <i>Tazria-Metzora</i>
26 7 iyar	27 8 iyar	28 9 iyar HEBREW SCHOOL	29 10 iyar EMET DOR KEF	30 11 iyar		



# Shabbat Information for the Month of March, 2015

## Shabbat Ki Tisa

March 6-7 16 Adar

Torah portion: Shemot (Exodus) 30:11-34:35

Friday evening candle lighting: 5:47

Saturday night Havdallah: 6:45

**Purim Carnival & BBQ**

**Shabbat Short 'N Sweet 7:15 PM**

## Shabbat Hachodesh

March 20-21 1 Nisan

Torah portion: Vayikra

Vayikra (Leviticus) 1:1-5:26

Friday evening candle lighting: 7:00

Saturday night Havdallah: 7:58

**Shabbat Morning Service - 10:00 AM**

**Mark Levy, Cantorial Soloist**

## Shabbat Parah

March 13-14 23 Adar

Torah portion: Vayakhel-Pekude

Shemot (Exodus) 35:1-40:38

Friday evening candle lighting: 6:54

Saturday night Havdallah: 7:51

**Community Dinner 6:30 PM**

**Shabbat Short 'N Sweet 7:15 PM**

## Shabbat Hagadol

March 27-28 8 Nisan

Torah portion: Tzav

Vayikra (Leviticus) 6:1-8:36

Friday evening candle lighting: 7:07

Saturday night Havdallah: 8:04

**Community Potluck Dinner 6:30 PM**

**Shabbat Short 'N Sweet 7:15 PM**



## 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.





# March Children & Youth Education Programs

## Tuesday Programs

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

### Hebrew School

4:00 -6:00 PM Classroom time

## Wednesday Programs

March 4\*, 18

\*Setup Purim Carnival and rehearse schpiel

### Emet Dor Kef (The Fun Generation)

7:30-9:00 PM Classroom time

## Friday Programs

March 6, 13, 20, 27

### Chai School

5:00 - 6:30 PM Classroom time

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





# **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**



# *SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP*

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

*OPEN ON*

*FRIDAY, MARCH 13*

*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!*





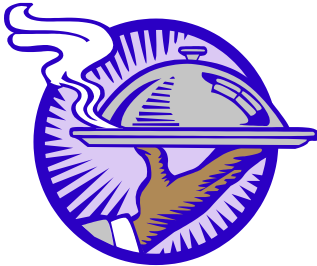
Congregation Emeth is committed to helping feed the needy  
on the third Thursday of each month

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

Lord's Table

St. Mary Catholic Parish

11 First Street, Gilroy



Our next date is: **March 19**

Children accompanied by parents are welcome!

For more information, contact Sandra Jackson

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



# פסח

## PASSOVER IN THE HOME:

*"Let All Who Are Hungry, Come and Eat." (from the Passover Haggadah)*

This year the first Passover Seder is Friday, April 3 and the second Saturday, April 4. Because we were unable to find volunteers to coordinate our community seder, we will not be offering that this year.

However, it is a *mitzvah* (commandment) of Passover to open our homes to others, especially those who need a Seder to attend.

We know there are many of our congregants who have at least one and maybe two Seders in their homes. We also know there are some of our congregants who are not comfortable in leading a home Seder or have no one to share it with. So this year, we are going to try to match up those families:

- If you normally have a home Seder and would be willing to invite some of our congregants who may not have any place to go, please let us know. We need to know which night you can welcome guests and how many.
- If you have never led a Seder or it has really been a long time and you are not sure what to do, just contact Rabbi Israel at [RabbiDebbielIsrael@gmail.com](mailto:RabbiDebbielIsrael@gmail.com) and she will give you guidance on how to do it at your comfort level. We have a lot of Haggadot at the temple that you are welcome to borrow. Then, if you are willing to be a host, just let us know. OR, if you know of families who you would like to personally invite, don't wait for us to match you up, just call and extend that invitation.
- If you have no family with whom to share your Seder or you would like an invitation to another member's home, we can help.

IF YOU NEED OUR HELP AND WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONGREGATION'S SEDER MATCHING PROGRAM, SEND AN EMAIL TO [probus@charter.net](mailto:probus@charter.net) and tell us.

### If you can host please tell us:

How many guests you can accommodate  
Which night or nights you can have congregation members as your guests

### If you would like an invitation, please tell us:

How many in your family, and the ages of the children.  
Which of the two nights would work best for you.

Please do not wait until the last minute. Deadline for us to find places for all our congregants is March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Remember it is a mitzvah to make sure everyone who wants to attend a Seder has a place to go. If you have any questions, contact either Rabbi Israel at [RabbiDebbielIsrael@gmail.com](mailto:RabbiDebbielIsrael@gmail.com) or Mel Weisblatt at [probus@charter.net](mailto:probus@charter.net).



## Shabbat-in-the-Redwoods

# Saturday, May 9

**Mt. Madonna County Park / Redwood Grove**  
**(See attached directions and park information)**

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

With the beauty of Mt. Madonna Park surrounding us,  
Rabbi Israel will lead us in a Shabbat service.

This year we invite all congregants and their families to spend Shabbat with us on Friday night, May 8th as well as joining us for our Saturday program on May 9th. 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 Yurt site #132. For those who would like to camp together, the following tent sites are available (at the time this document was printed) and located in the Mt. Madonna Valley View #1 Campground near Yurt site #132.

Closest tent sites: 126N, 127N, 129N, 133N, 136N  
Next closest tent sites: 120N, 121N, 122N, 123N

- All tent sites cost \$32, which includes the \$8.00 park entry fee
- Maximum of 8 persons per campsite

Please join us for any or all of the community events this weekend.  
For more information, contact Wendy Thowdis at  
[wtinsa@yahoo.com](mailto:wtinsa@yahoo.com) or call (315) 345-6359



# **SHABBAT IN THE REDWOODS PARK INFORMATION**

**Mt. Madonna County Park  
7850 Pole Line Rd  
Watsonville, CA 95076**

**(408) 842-2341**  
[parkinfo@prk.sccgov.org](mailto:parkinfo@prk.sccgov.org)

See the following website for a map of the park.

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

The park is located on Highway 152 (Hecker Pass Highway), ten miles west of Gilroy. From the east, use Highway 101, and take the Highway 152 West exit. From the west, use Highway 1, and take the Highway 152 East exit. The entrance to the park is located at the summit of Highway 152 at Pole Line Road.

Once you enter the park, follow Pole Line Road past the guard house & up the hill. Stay to the left on Pole Line Road & continue past the Manzanita Group Camp. You will see the Tan Oaks area on the right & shortly after that, make a left turn onto a small dirt road by the sign that says, "Redwood Grove." Travel just a little ways & you will see a parking area on the left by the Redwood Grove picnic area.

There will be a \$6.00 fee to enter the park.



# 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.

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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 remainder of the year!

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>

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





## THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

### JANUARY 2014

*(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](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.*

Patty & Jim Baggese, automobile donation

#### ALLEN WISOTSKY EDUCATION FUND

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

Lindy Wisotsky, in memory of Ann Wisotsky

#### 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.*

Barbara Nicoara, in honor of Craig Taubman service

Brigit & Perry Strongin, Rabbi's Discretionary Fund donation

Hana & Yigal Cidon. in memory of Ralph Zobel

Lauren & John Jenkins, Rabbi's Discretionary Fund donation

Marti Jacobs, in honor of Craig Taubman service

Steve Miller, in honor of David Miller's speech at Craig Taubman service

Steve Miller, in honor of Rabbi Israel's participation in EDK L.A. trip

#### 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.*

Steve Miller, in honor of Patty Baggese

#### 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 CAMBERSHIP 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.*

## **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.*

## **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.*

## **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*

**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.*

**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.*



## Descriptions of Emeth Services

All evening services begin at 7:15 pm. All Erev Shabbat (evening) dinners begin at 6:30 pm.

**\*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.

**\*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).