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# KAR-BEN

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					1 12 iyar  CHAI SCHOOL COMMUNITY DINNER SNS	2 13 iyar   <i>Acharei Mot-Kedoshim</i>
3 14 iyar	4 15 iyar	5 16 iyar HEBREW SCHOOL	6 17 iyar MAHJ TOURNAMENT	7 18 iyar MUSSAR CLASS 11am-12:30  LAG BA'OMER	8 19 iyar  CHAI SCHOOL GIFT SHOP OPEN	9 20 iyar  SHABBAT IN THE REDWOODS - TNT  <i>Emor</i>
10 21 iyar  MOTHERS DAY	11 22 iyar	12 23 iyar JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH CEREMONY HEBREW SCHOOL	13 24 iyar	14 25 iyar MUSSAR CLASS 11am-12:30	15 26 iyar  LAST DAY CHAI SCHOOL - MACCABIAD HOT DOG DINNER SNS EDK OVERNIGHT	16 27 iyar   <i>Behar-Bechukotai</i>
17 28 iyar FAMILY BEACH DAY  YOM YERUSHALAYIM	18 29 iyar	19 1 sivan LAST DAY HEBREW SCHOOL  ROSH CHODESH	20 2 sivan	21 3 sivan MUSSAR CLASS 11am-12:30 LORD'S TABLE BOARD MEETING	22 4 sivan 	23 5 sivan  VALENTINE BAR MITZVAH SHAVUOT OBSERVED  <i>Bemidbar</i> EREV SHAVUOT
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# Shabbat Information for the Month of May, 2015

## Shabbat Acharei Mot-Kedoshim

May 1-2      13 Iyar

Vayikra (Leviticus) 16:1-20:27

Friday evening candle lighting: 7:38

Saturday night Havdallah: 8:39

**Community Dinner 6:30 PM**

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

## Shabbat Behar-Bechukotai

May 15-16      27 Iyar

Vayikra (Leviticus) 25:1-27:34

Friday evening candle lighting: 7:50

Saturday night Havdallah: 8:53

**Community Dinner 6:30 PM**

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

## Shabbat Emor

May 8-9      20 Iyar

Vayikra (Leviticus) 21:1-24:23

Friday evening candle lighting: 7:44

Saturday night Havdallah: 8:46

**Shabbat in the Redwoods - TNT**

**10:30 AM (See flyer)**

**Angela Gold, Cantorial Soloist**

## Shabbat & Shavuot

May 22-23      5 Sivan

Shavuot, Exodus 20:1-15

Friday evening candle lighting: 7:56

Saturday night Havdallah: 8:59

**Shabbat Morning Service and Bar**

**Mitzvah of Jason Valentine 10:00 AM**

**Alisa Fineman, Cantorial Soloist**



## Shabbat Naso

May 29-30      12 Sivan

Bamidbar (Numbers) 4:21-7:89

Friday evening candle lighting: 8:01

Saturday night Havdallah: 9:05

**Friday Night Live 7:15 PM**

**Mark Levy, Cantorial Soloist**



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**\*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.

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# *May Children & Youth Education Programs*

## *Tuesday Programs*

May 5, 12, 19

### Hebrew School

4:00 -6:00 PM Classroom time

## *Wednesday Programs*

May 6

### Emet Dor Kef (The Fun Generation)

6:45-8:30 PM Pizza and work party

## *Friday Programs*

May 1, 8, 15\*

### Emet Dor Kef (The Fun Generation)

\*Overnight at the temple!

### Chai School

5:00 - 6:30 PM Classroom time

**\*Last Day Maccabiad and Hot Dog Dinner!**

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



The background of the entire image is a collage of Mah Jongg tiles. The tiles are scattered and overlapping, showing various patterns including red flowers, green bamboo, black dragons, and white characters. The tiles are set against a light, textured background.

*Emeth is hosting a  
Mah Jongg Tournament  
at the temple  
Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>*

If you are available and interested  
in helping with the setup and/or serving  
and/or cleanup, your assistance  
will be greatly appreciated!

Setup will be  
Tuesday afternoon, May 5<sup>th</sup>  
Breakfast setup is  
Wednesday morning at 8:00,  
lunch at noon, and cleanup at 4:00.

Contact Susan Meyers  
[smeyers.sjsu@gmail.com](mailto:smeyers.sjsu@gmail.com) to volunteer.



# SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

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

OPEN ON

FRIDAY, MAY 8

LAST SCHEDULED OPENING OF THE FISCAL YEAR!

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!



## 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 Musical Study Session led by Musician/Composer Lior Ben Hur

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

Lior Ben-Hur is a performing artist, music composer and award-winning educator born and raised in Jerusalem, Israel. For the last ten years his home base has been San Francisco, where he has been teaching music, Hebrew and Jewish identity classes at several Bay Area schools and congregations, emphasizing the importance of music in education.



Lior taught the students in our Chai School before the Craig Taubman service, mesmerizing students of all ages. He easily interacted with our preschool children as well as our teens. During the service he had adults and children alike totally engaged. We are bringing Lior back for an uplifting Shabbat in the Redwoods program for children and adults alike!



# **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)

There will be a, \$8.00 fee to enter the park.

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

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.

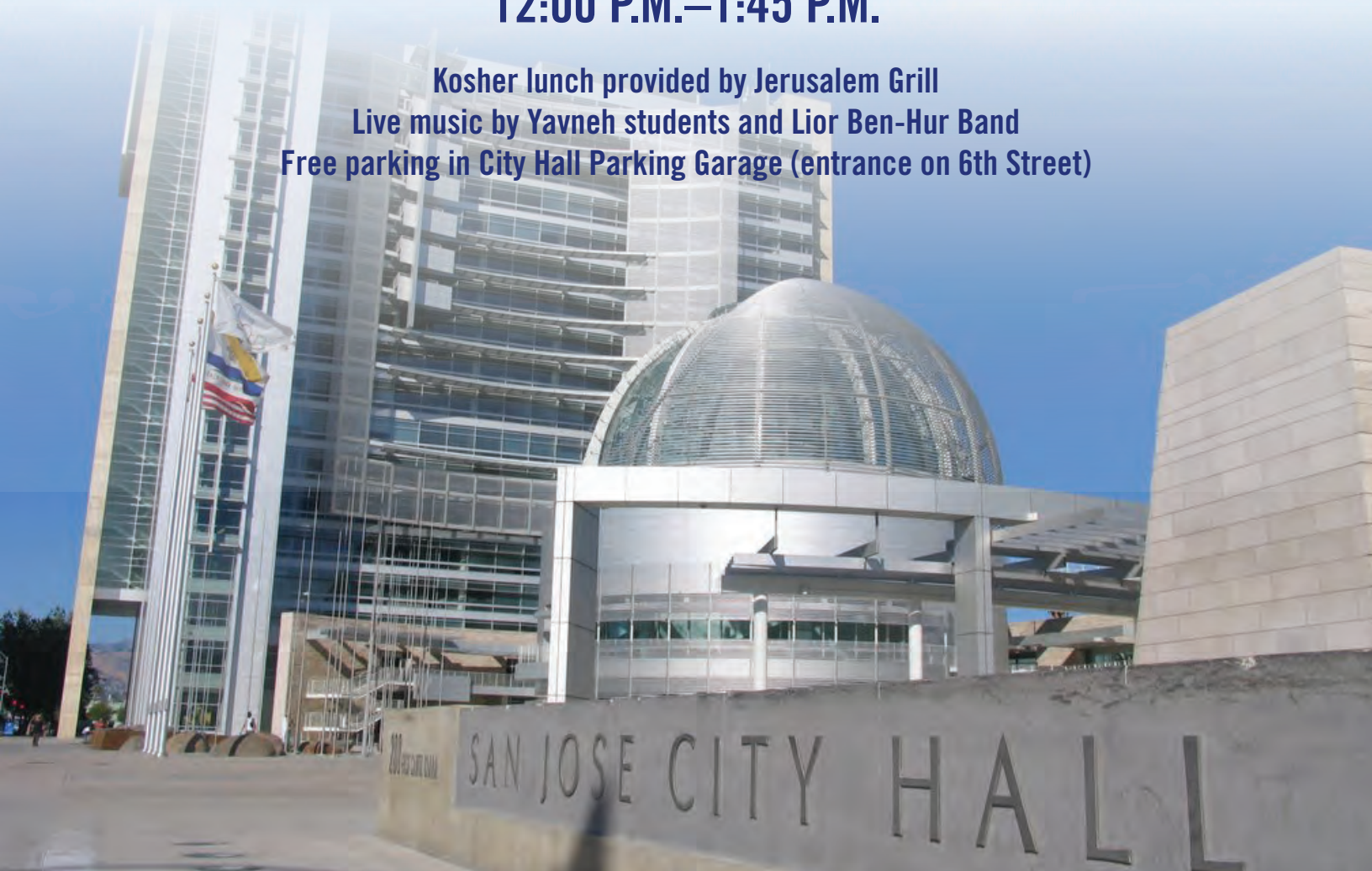
# JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



## VICE MAYOR ROSE HERRERA CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE 2015 FLAG RAISING & PROCLAMATION CEREMONY

**TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2015**  
**SAN JOSE CITY HALL**  
**200 E. SANTA CLARA STREET**  
**12:00 P.M.—1:45 P.M.**

Kosher lunch provided by Jerusalem Grill  
Live music by Yavneh students and Lior Ben-Hur Band  
Free parking in City Hall Parking Garage (entrance on 6th Street)



# LAST CHAI SCHOOL SESSION, MACCABIAD AND BBQ!

## Friday, May 15



Schedule:



5:00 PM – Maccabiad in the back parking lot

6:30 PM – Hot Dog Shabbat Dinner (vegetarian tofu pups available)

7:15 PM – Last Short 'N Sweet Shabbat Service of the year

All to be followed by Emet Dor Kef  
sleepover at the temple!



# FAMILY BEACH DAY!

## Sunday, May 17

To be provided:

Bottled water

Chips

Cookies/sweets

Please bring your own:

Picnic lunch

Umbrellas, chairs, sand toys

Sunscreen!

Activities to be determined based on participants, but may include Frisbee, sand castle building, or your ideas!



Check HaMadrich for location,  
time and more details!

More information or to RSVP

Robin [rtyacono@comcast.net](mailto:rtyacono@comcast.net)

or 408-219-4284





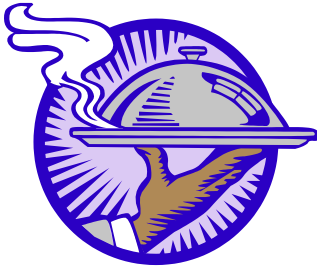
Congregation Emeth is committed to helping feed the needy  
on the third Thursday of each month

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

Lord's Table

St. Mary Catholic Parish

11 First Street, Gilroy



Our next date is: **May 21**

Children accompanied by parents are welcome!

For more information, contact Sandra Jackson

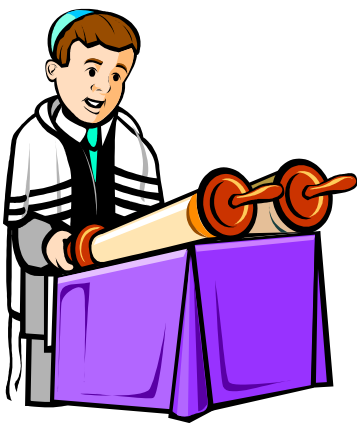
at [oursash@yahoo.com](mailto:oursash@yahoo.com)



**Invites you to attend**

# Shabbat Morning Services Shavuot Observed Saturday, May 23

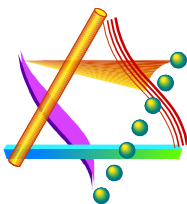
**Special Shavuot Reading – The Ten Commandments**



**The entire congregation  
is invited as  
Jason Valentine  
is called to the Torah as  
Bar Mitzvah**



**Alisa Fineman, Cantorial Soloist**  
**Services begin promptly at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Followed by a light Kiddush lunch**  
**RSVP for lunch to [tvalentinell@bellsouth.net](mailto:tvalentinell@bellsouth.net)**



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



# JEWISH AMERICAN CULTURAL *celebration*



SPONSORED BY VICE MAYOR ROSE HERRERA AND JEWISH FEDERATION OF SILICON VALLEY

**LIVE REGGAE/WORLD MUSIC BY  
LIOR BEN-HUR AND SOL TEVEL**

**SUNDAY  
MAY 31  
3-5 PM**

*City Hall Plaza  
200 E. Santa Clara St.*

**FOOD TRUCKS  
FISH TACO WABO  
AND SCOOPSSJ**

**FREE ADMISSION**

*Bring your  
family, friends  
and neighbors -  
all are welcome!*

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IN THE CITY  
EMPLOYEE LOT  
AT 5TH ST. AND  
SANTA CLARA ST.**

**Info: [jvalley.org/jah](http://jvalley.org/jah)**



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# **Congregation Emeth Dinner and Annual Town Hall Meeting Sunday, June 7 4:00 PM**

## **Agenda:**

Brief Review of Past Year and Plans for 2015-2016

Presentation of the Tree of Life Award

Installation of the Board of Directors

Board-hosted Dinner



# JEWISH HERITAGE NIGHT EARTHQUAKES™

— SAN JOSE 1974 —

SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH, 4:00PM AT AVAYA STADIUM

TICKET PRICES: ENDZONE: \$35, SIDELINE: \$45

Ticket price includes the ticket and a special Jewish Heritage Night Quakes t-shirt

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Enter special offer code "jvalley" as the promotion code  
(must be entered to receive shirt)



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# SHABBAT HOSTS NEEDED

For the remainder of the year!

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





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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.

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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).

## THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

### MARCH 2014

*(donations received after March 31 will be acknowledged in the June 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.*

Cathy & Pi Silverstein, in memory of Joan Morris  
Lisa Sinizer & Rick Hopkins, in appreciation of Rachamim  
Steve Miller, in memory of Leonard Miller

**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.*

MariaElena & Aaron Jarson, in gratitude for Mussar Class

#### 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 Betty Bloom  
    in memory of Sam Wisotsky  
MariaElena & Aaron Jarson, in honor of Addysen Abmont's Bat Mitzvah  
Sandy Gabe, in memory of Jerry Gabe

#### 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).*

Cheryl Thompson, in memory of Rodney Abramson  
Raul & Cynthia Fernandez, Building Fund donation

#### PLAYGROUND

Marilyn & Barry Freund, in memory of Mollie Axelrod  
Marsha & Gerry Novack, in memory of Barbara Grossman

### **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.*

Lisa Sinizer & Rick Hopkins, in honor of Rabbi Israel leading minyan  
Patty & Jim Baggese, Craig Taubman concert

### **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.*

Marilyn & Barry Freund,  
in memory of Samuel Freund  
in memory of Adolph Axelrod  
Patty & Jim Baggese  
in honor of Natalie Abmont's speedy recovery  
in honor of Falcon's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary

### **HIGH HOLIDAY MACHZOR**

Denise Weyl, Machzor donation  
Raul & Cynthia Fernandez, Machzor donation  
Sandy Gabe, Machzor donation  
Wendy Thowdis & Michael Kerner, Machzor donation

### **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.*

Joyce & Jay Maskell, in memory of Madeline Maskell

### **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.*

Natalie Abmont, in honor of Marilyn Freund

### **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.*

Sandy Gabe, in memory of Abe Frey

### **ADDITIONAL DONATION OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **AUTOMOBILE DONATION**

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

**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.*

**KARI MUNOWITCH MEMORIAL**

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

**LORD'S TABLE**

**OUTREACH**

**PRAYER BOOK**

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

**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**