#### Facility Use, Adult Education, Emeth, Events, School, Sisterhood, Social Action, Worship, Youth Group, Hebcal Morgan Hill, Holidays in United States

Dec 2017 (Pacific Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
8th of Kislev, 5778	9th of Kislev, 5778	10th of Kislev, 5778	(11th of Kislev, 5778)	12th of Kislev, 5778	13th of Kislev, 5778	14th of Kislev, 5778
		4:30pm - Hebrew School @			4:30pm - Chai School @	Parashat Vayishlach
					4:31pm - Candle lighting @	4pm - MH Holiday Parade
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					6:30pm - Community Dinner @	
					7:15pm - Short 'n Sweet (SnS)	
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15th of Kislev, 5778	16th of Kislev, 5778	17th of Kislev, 5778	18th of Kislev, 5778	19th of Kislev, 5778	20th of Kislev, 5778	21st of Kislev, 5778
4:30pm - EDK		11am - Adult Edu @	1pm - OFFICE OPEN @	7pm - Board Mtg @ Congregation	4:30pm - Chai School @	Parashat Vayeshev
		1pm - OFFICE OPEN @			4:31pm - Candle lighting @	
		4:30pm - Hebrew School @			7:15pm - Friday Night Live (FNL)	
		7pm - Adult Ed @ Congregation				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
22nd of Kislev, 5778	23rd of Kislev, 5778	24th of Kislev, 5778	25th of Kislev, 5778	26th of Kislev, 5778	27th of Kislev, 5778	28th of Kislev, 5778
1:30pm - Community Celebration	6pm - Chanukah Party -	1pm - OFFICE OPEN @	1pm - OFFICE OPEN @	11am - Adult Ed @ Congregation	4:30pm - Chai School @	Parashat Miketz
		4:30pm - Hebrew School @	5:40pm - Chanukah: 2 Candles @	5:40pm - Chanukah: 3 Candles @	4:32pm - Candle lighting @	5:41pm - Chanukah: 5 Candles @
		5:40pm - Chanukah: 1 Candle @		7pm - Adult Ed @ Congregation	4:32pm - Chanukah: 4 Candles @	
					6:30pm - Community Dinner @	
					7:15pm - Short 'n Sweet (SnS)	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
29th of Kislev, 5778	30th of Kislev, 5778	1st of Tevet, 5778	2nd of Tevet, 5778	3rd of Tevet, 5778	4th of Tevet, 5778	5th of Tevet, 5778
4pm - Chanukah Party - EDK @	Rosh Chodesh Tevet	Rosh Chodesh Tevet	Chanukah: 8th Day	4pm - Lord's Table @ Lord's	4:36pm - Candle lighting @	Parashat Vayigash
				4pm - Lord's Table @ Lord's		
5:41pm - Chanukah: 6 Candles @	5:42pm - Chanukah: 7 Candles @	11am - Adult Ed @ Congregation	1pm - OFFICE OPEN @		6pm - Shabbat at Home	
		1pm - OFFICE OPEN @				
		4:30pm - Hebrew School @				
		5:42pm - Chanukah: 8 Candles @				
		7pm - Adult Ed @ Congregation				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
6th of Tevet, 5778	7th of Tevet, 5778	8th of Tevet, 5778	9th of Tevet, 5778	10th of Tevet, 5778	11th of Tevet, 5778	12th of Tevet, 5778
Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	1pm - OFFICE CLOSED @	1pm - OFFICE CLOSED @			Parashat Vayechi
55tillu3 EVC					4:40pm - Candle lighting @	
	4pm - Lords Table @ St Mary				6pm - Shabbat at Home	
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13th of Tevet, 5778	14th of Tevet, 5778	15th of Tevet, 5778	16th of Tevet, 5778	17th of Tevet, 5778	18th of Tevet, 5778	19th of Tevet, 5778
New Year's Eve	New Year's Day	1pm - OFFICE OPEN @	1 pm - OFFICE OPEN @		4:46pm - Candle lighting @	Parashat Shemot
						10am - Torah 'n T'filah (TnT)
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Jan 2018 (Pacific Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed		Thu	Fri	Sat
31		2		3	4	5	6
[ 13th of Tevet, 5778 ]	14th of Tevet, 5778	15th of Tevet, 5778	16th of Tevet, 5778		17th of Tevet, 5778	18th of Tevet, 5778	(19th of Tevet, 5778)
New Year's Eve	New Year's Day	1pm - OFFICE OPEN @	1pm - OFFICE OPEN @			4:46pm - Candle lighting @	Parashat Shemot
							10am - Torah 'n T'filah (TnT)
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		11am - Adult Ed @ Congregation	1pm - OFFICE OPEN @		7pm - Board Mtg @ Congregation	4:52pm - Candle lighting @	Parashat Vaera
		1pm - OFFICE OPEN @				7:15pm - Friday Night Live (FNL)	
		4:30pm - Hebrew School @					
		7pm - Adult Ed @ Congregation					
14	. 15	16	-	17	18	19	20
27th of Tevet, 5778	28th of Tevet, 5778	29th of Tevet, 5778	1st of Sh'vat, 5778		2nd of Sh'vat, 5778	3rd of Sh'vat, 5778	4th of Sh'vat, 5778
	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	1pm - OFFICE OPEN @	Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat		4pm - Lord's Table @ Lord's	10am - Confirmation Retreat	
	10am - Interfaith MLK Service	4:30pm - Hebrew School @	1pm - OFFICE OPEN @		7pm - TIKKUN OLAM MEETING @	4:30pm - Chai School @	Parashat Bo
						5pm - Candle lighting @ Morgan	
						6:30pm - Emeth Dinner @	
						7:15pm - Short' n Sweet (SNS)	
21	22	23		24	25	26	27
5th of Sh'vat, 5778	6th of Sh'vat, 5778	7th of Sh'vat, 5778	8th of Sh'vat, 5778	$\overline{}$	9th of Sh'vat, 5778	10th of Sh'vat, 5778	11th of Sh'vat, 5778
Confirmation Retreat		11am - Adult Ed @ Congregation	1pm - OFFICE OPEN @		7pm - EMETH READS	8:30am - Confirmation Retreat	
4pm - EDK @ Congregation		1pm - OFFICE OPEN @				4:30pm - Chai School @	Parashat Beshalach
4pm - EDK @ Congregation							
		4:30pm - Hebrew School @				5:07pm - Candle lighting @	
		7pm - Adult Ed @ Congregation				6:30pm - Confirmation Ceremony	
						7:15pm - FNL + Confirmation -	
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12th of Sh'vat, 5778	13th of Sh'vat, 5778	14th of Sh'vat, 5778	15th of Sh'vat, 5778		16th of Sh'vat, 5778	17th of Sh'vat, 5778	18th of Sh'vat, 5778
Confirmation Retreat		1pm - OFFICE OPEN @	Tu BiShvat		11am - Adult Ed	4:30pm - Chai School @	Parashat Yitro
4pm - GETTING TO KNOW EMETH		4:30pm - Hebrew School @	1pm - OFFICE OPEN @		7pm - Adult Ed @ Congregation	5:15pm - Candle lighting @	
						5:30pm - TOT Shabbat @	
						6:30pm - Emeth Dinner @	
						7:15pm - Short 'n Sweet (SnS)	
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## **Services Information**

## for the Month of December 2017

#### Shabbat-Vayishlach

December 1 14 Kislev Community Dinner, 6:30 - 7:15 PM Short 'N Sweet, 7:15 PM

#### Shabbat-Vayeshev

December 8 21 Kislev Friday Night Live, 7:15 PM Cantorial Soloist - Angela Gold

#### Shabbat Chanukah

December 15 28 Kislev Potluck Dinner 6:30 - 7:15 PM Chanukah Short 'N Sweet 7:15 PM

#### Shabbat Vayigash

December 22 5 Tevet Shabbat at Home

#### Shabbat Vayigash

December 29 12 Tevet Shabbat at Home

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## **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.



# December Children & Youth Education Programs

<u>Tuesday Programs</u> December 5, 12, 19

Hebrew School4:30 -6:00 PMClassroom time

Friday Programs December 1, 8, 15

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

<u>Teen Programs</u>

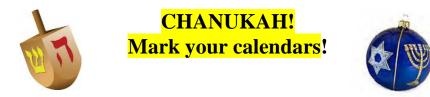
December 3, 17

Emet Dor Kef (The Fun Generation)

December 3 - 4:30-6:00 PM Classroom time December 17 - 5:00 - 6:30 PM Chanukah Party, Gift exchange and Dinner

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





#### Erev Chanukah, the first night of Chanukah, is Tuesday, December 12. The last candle lighting is Tuesday, December 19. The holiday officially ends Wednesday, December 20, at sundown.

**Saturday, December 2, Annual Holiday Parade**. The parade starts at 5:30 in downtown Morgan Hill on Monterey Road between 1st and 4th street on the northbound side. Immediately following the parade at the Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center is the official tree lighting ceremony. Emeth's large Menorah will be lighted!

#### Sunday, December 10, Congregation Emeth Festival of Lights Chanukah program,

1:30-3:00 PM, at BookSmart's, 1295 E. Dunne Ave., Suite 120, Morgan Hill. Dreidels to spin! Stories to tell! Cookies to decorate! Songs to sing! Fun for all! \$5/family. Contact membership@emeth.net

Monday, December 11, Sisterhood Chanukah Party, 6:00 PM, at Congregation Emeth. No charge for Emeth Sisterhood members who have paid (or want to pay their \$36 dues that evening). Non-members are welcome for \$18. In addition, for all participants, we will be collecting \$20 as our annual fundraiser, benefitting our needy guests at the Lords Table on December 25, and an Emeth acquisition. Checks should be made payable to Congregation Emeth (please write two separate checks for dues and tzedakah to help our bookkeeping). Lastly we will have our annual Gift Swap for an item that is no more than \$15 in value and is wrapped. RSVP by Friday, December 1 - we must place our catering order.

Friday, December 15, 6:30 PM, Congregation Emeth's annual Chanukah Dinner, Candle Lighting, and Shabbat/Chanukah Services. Dinner begins after Chai School. Contribute to the potluck dinner, and don't forget to bring your favorite latkes! Bring a Chanukiah (Menorah) for your family to light and bring 5 candles.

**Sunday, December 17, 5:00-6:30 PM**, **Emet Dor Kef's annual Chanukah party.** Bring a \$15.00 - or less gift to exchange. We'll have pizza and latkes - a winning combination! We'll also be wrapping gifts for Emeth's participation in the Lords Table Christmas Dinner.

And though it's not Chanukah, it's a holiday mitzvah: Monday, December 25, Congregation Emeth annual food service at Lord's Table



Saturday Night, December 2 Celebrate Chanukah in Downtown Morgan Hill With Congregation Emeth

Annual Holiday of Lights Parade

The parade starts at 5:30 in downtown Morgan Hill on Monterey Road between 1st and 4th street on the northbound side.

Immediately following the parade at the Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center we have the official tree lighting ceremony and Emeth's Menorah lighting with the mayor!

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

<mark>6:00 PM</mark>

## Sisterhood Chanukah Party & Fundraiser!

Please bring:

1.) A gift item worth no more than \$15 for the "Gift Swap";

2.) Money to purchase Chanukah items from our gift shop!

3.) Voluntary donation of \$20.00 to benefit a Lords Table Christmas Gifts and an Emeth acquisition.

4.) \$18.00 dinner contribution (for non-Sisterhood members only). If you haven't paid your dues, bring \$36 for 2017/2018 to enable our Tzed- akah and Mitzvah projects to continue!

NOTES: Donations are welcome even if you are not able to attend!



#### Congregation Emeth Social Hall.



RSVPs are necessary by December 1st for catering count.

RSVP to sisterhood@emeth.net Or 408-778-8200.





A Community Celebration

## Sunday, December 10 from 1:30 – 3:00 PM



Questions? Contact membership@emeth.net



Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley

# Embrace-A-Family This Hanukkah

## Here Is How It Works:

From November 17 to December 23 Pull a dreidel tag from any of our dreidel boards, purchase the item and return the gift and tag to Congregation Emeth

...And put a large smile on someone's face!

## Thank you for your support.

Any questions? Contact Lori Cinnamon At 408.357.7467



# Gift of Reading Morgan Hill

Donate by 12-9-2017

BookSmart Community Retrainings Literacy - Art - Community

Please Donate New & "Like New" Children's Books, for ages 0 to 14. A 20% discount will be offered on "Barrel Books" purchased at BookSmart for this book drive.

> Donation Barrels Located at the Morgan Hill Library and BookSmart

Sponsored by: BookSmart Community Advantage - Edward Boss Prado Foundation - Friends of the Morgan Hill Library -Sonrisa Stables, Morgan Hill Life, and AAUW-Morgan Hill.



## Congregation Emeth is committed to helping feed the needy

on the third Thursday of each month

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

Lord's Table

St. Mary Catholic Parish

11 First Street, Gilroy









## Children accompanied by parents are welcome!

For more information, contact Sandra Jackson

at oursash@yahoo.com





Hosting is an opportunity to share your special occasions with the congregation: Birthdays, Anniversaries, even remembering loved ones on their date of death.

January 6, 12, 26 February 9, 17,23 March 9, 16, 24 April 13, 21, 27 May 4, 19 June 8, 15

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.

Send your preference of date(s) to Charlene Rose <u>admin@emeth.net</u>



## The Lord's Table

Please join Congregation Emeth when we prepare and serve our annual holiday meal for needy families on Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at:

The Lord's Table

St. Mary's Catholic Church (on the corner of Monterey and 1<sup>st</sup> Street in Gilroy). This enables the regular food preparation and serving staff to enjoy the day with their families.

The volunteer day starts at 9:00AM and ends around 2:00 PM and is broken into three overlapping shifts: Volunteers are encouraged to sign up for more than one shift or come early

for the  $2^{nd}$  two shifts or to be able to stay late if there is work to be done. It is a special mitzvah to stay for cleanup. Specific assignments are made on the day of the event and efforts are made to assign people to a job they desire, but please be willing to help where needed.



To volunteer, go to

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054aacab2eabfe3-lords and select a shift.

#### Here is a description of each job:

#### **Cooking and Setup:**

**Kitchen:** prep potatoes and veggies for cooking, reheat turkeys, set up steam tables, cook stuffing, potatoes, veggies, and make gravy.

**Gym:** set up tables and chairs for dining, set up tables for clothes distribution and toys, wrap any remaining toys and organize toys for Santa. Sort clothes for distribution.

**Serving:** set up serving stations, organize desserts, cut pies, cakes if needed, organize drink station. Serve food to clients. Bus tables as needed. Staff clothing tables, Santa's helpers for toys.

**Cleanup:** wash dishes and prep (start as soon as possible). Break down tables and chairs and return to storage. Take down Christmas tree. Sweep. Clean kitchen. Put all Lord's Table supplies away. Store leftovers.

For questions, contact Curt at <a href="mailto:cpalm@curtpalm.com">cpalm@curtpalm.com</a>

Please also consider donating any of the following:

**Toy Donation:** New toys, age appropriate for babies -16 yrs old. Please drop off toys no later than December 15<sup>th</sup>, so that they are available to be wrapped by EDK teens at their Chanukah party on December 17. Dropoff in Classroom 2. Tag each gift with age and gender.

**Winter Clothing/blanket drive:** New or lightly used (and clean!) winter clothes and blankets. Jackets and socks are always appreciated items, too. Drop-off in donation bin in the synagogue's social hall.

**Turkey Roasting:** volunteers are needed to roast one or two turkeys at home, the day before Christmas. Frozen turkeys, donated by the roasters or provided by the Lords Table, will be delivered to the volunteers' homes

a few days before Christmas Day. Cooked carved turkeys (and pan drippings if possible) need to be delivered to the Lords Table by 10AM on the 25<sup>th</sup>. We will have 15 turkeys, so will need around 15 volunteers to roast turkeys, exact number depends on how many volunteers roast two turkeys.

**Food Donations:** (either delivered to Lord's Table Christmas morning or arrange with Curt Palm for drop off):

30 lb carrots 30 lb broccoli 40 lb potatoes Instant mashed potatoes (150 servings) Instant/ canned gravy (150 servings) Cranberry sauce Dinner rolls Juice boxes, 40-80 (2 cases from Costco etc) Fruit for fruit salad (melons, etc)



#### THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS October 2017

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: <u>http://www.emeth.net/images/PDFs/forms/donation\_form.pdf</u>

**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.

• Susan Meyers and Michael Oshan, in memory of Eddie Strongin

#### ALLEN WISOTSKY EDUCATION FUND

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

- Maureen Chassy, in memory of the father of Raul Fernandez
- Marilyn and Barry Freund, in honor of Wendy Thowdis and Michael Kerner's new granddaughter
- Marilyn and Barry Freund, in memory of the aunt of Marsha Novack
- Marilyn and Barry Freund, in memory of the father of Raul Fernandez
- Mona and Fred Oken, in memory of Mona Oken's Mother and Father

#### **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.

- Becky and Andre Neto, in honor of Mel Weisblatt's High Holiday Assistance
- Nancy Fishman and Ronnie Wilner, in memory of Jean Wilner and in memory of the father of Raul Fernandez
- Kathy and Rick Coencas, in memory of Joseph Cohencas and Bob Hazelton
- Joel and Catherine Levine, in memory of Sylvia and Henry Levine

#### **HIGH HOLIDAY DONATION**

Our High Holiday liturgy reminds us that we have the power and obligation to make a positive different in the world by performing acts of tzedakah, righteousness. Your contribution to High Holiday donations will help enhance our vibrant congregation in the ongoing work of our Rabbi, our educational programs, and maintenance of our sanctuary.

- Lindy Wisotsky, High Holiday Donation
- Jerome Shapiro, High Holiday 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 program.

 Aileen Teren-Foster and Dale Foster, in honor of Wendy Thowdis and Michael Kerner's new granddaughter

#### 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.

#### **BIMAH FUND**

#### B'NEI MITZVAH KIDDUSH FUND 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, <u>president@emeth.net</u>.

#### **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

#### **CEMETERY FUND**

We maintain a Jewish section of a local cemetery. Your donation will go toward upkeep of the cemetery.

#### **CHAI SCHOOL**

Funds programs and equipment for the Religious School, helping to offset expenses not covered by school tuition.

#### 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.

#### GARLIC FESTIVAL

#### **HIGH HOLDAY MACHZOR**

#### LIBRARY FUND

This fund helps maintain our library and enables us to purchase new books for children andadults.

#### KARI MUNOWITCH MEMORIAL

#### LORD'S TABLE

#### OUTREACH

#### PRAYER BOOK

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

#### 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.

#### **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.

**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

YOUTH ACTIVITIES